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CRIME STATISTICS, MALAYSIA, 2023

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# INTRODUCTION

The Crime Statistics, Malaysia, 2023 publication presents nine selected crime statistics covering Crime Index, Violence & Sexual Crime, Drugs, Corruption, Environment Compliance, Traffic Offences, Commercial Crime, Maritime Crime and Correctional Facility. These released statistics are based on administrative records obtained from various agencies

## CRIME INDEX

Crime index in 2022 recorded a decrease of 4.1 per cent to 50,813 cases from 52,974 (2021). The crime index includes assault crimes and property crimes. Both crimes showed a decrease of 10.0 per cent and 2.4 per cent, respectively to 10,348 cases and 40,465 cases in 2022.

**Table 1: Crime Index by type of crime, Malaysia, 2021 and 2022**

Type of Crime	2021	2022	Percentage change (%)
Assault crime	11,495	10,348	-10.0
<i>Murder</i>	243	240	-1.2
<i>Rape<sup>a</sup></i>	1,553	1,712	10.2
<i>Robbery<sup>b</sup></i>	5,636	4,589	-18.6
<i>Causing Injury</i>	4,063	3,807	-6.3
Property crime	41,479	40,465	-2.4
<i>House break-in &amp; theft</i>	11,352	10,585	-6.8
<i>Vehicles theft</i>	13,432	14,446	7.5
<i>Other thefts</i>	16,695	15,434	-7.6
Total	52,974	50,813	-4.1

**Notes:**

<sup>a</sup> Rape case involving Section 376 of the Penal Code

<sup>b</sup> Includes gang robbery with firearms, gang robbery without firearms, robbery with firearms and robbery without firearms

**Source:** Royal Malaysia Police

## COMMERCIAL CRIME

The number of commercial crime cases reported by the Royal Malaysia Police in 2022 recorded a decrease of 3.0 per cent to 30,536 cases from 31,490 cases (2021). All type of offences recorded a decrease except offences related to

counterfeit money and cyber crime which are increased at 280.4 per cent and 44.3 per cent, respectively in 2022. Fraud offences recorded the highest number of 27,247 cases (89.2%) followed by criminal breach of trust (911 cases; 3.0%) and offences under the Money Lenders Act 1951 (832 cases; 2.7%).

**Table 2: Number of commercial crime cases by type of offences, Malaysia, 2021 and 2022**

Type of offences	2021	2022	Percentage change (%)
Fraud	28,842	27,247	-5.5
Criminal breach of trust	942	911	-3.3
Money Lender Act 1951	847	832	-1.8
Cyber crime	400	577	44.3
Counterfeit money	204	776	280.4
Forgery	115	81	-29.6
Misuse of property	57	28	-50.9
Case of VCD/ DVD without certificate B <sup>a</sup>	21	7	-66.7
Other cases <sup>b</sup>	62	77	24.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,490</b>	<b>30,536</b>	<b>-3.0</b>

**Notes:**

<sup>a</sup> Film Censorship Act 2002

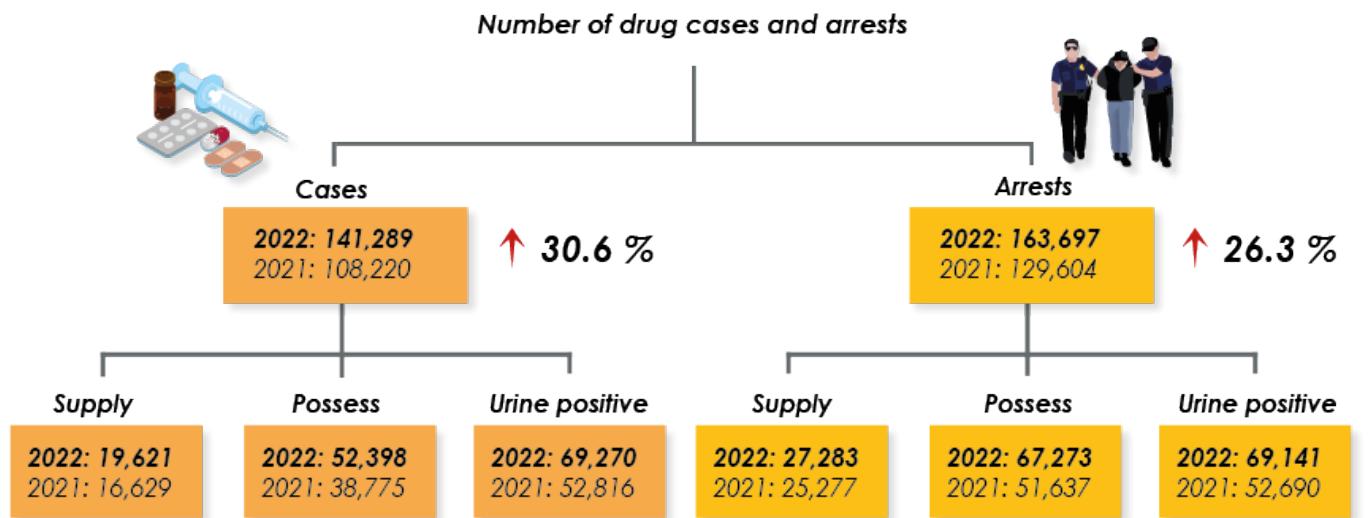
<sup>b</sup> Minor Offences Act (Act 336), Immigration Act (Act 155), National Registration Act (Act 78), Passport Act (Act 150), National Bank Act (Act 519), Customs Act (Act 235), Legal Profession Act (Act 166), Printing Presses And Publishing Act (Act 301), Mortgagee Act (Act 81), etc

**Source:** Royal Malaysia Police

## DRUGS

The cases related to drugs which include supply of drugs, drug possession and positive urine test showed an increase of 30.6 per cent to 141,289 cases in 2022. Supply offenses increased by 18.0 per cent, possession of drugs increased by 35.1 per cent and positive urine tests increased by 31.2 per cent as compared to 2021. The number of arrests related to drugs increased 26.3 per cent to 163,697 arrests in 2022 as reported by the Royal Malaysia Police.

**Exhibit 1: Number of drug cases and arrests, Malaysia, 2021 and 2022**



## CORRUPTION

The number of investigation papers opened by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) recorded a decrease of 1.0 per cent to 820 cases (2022) from 828 cases (2021). Investigation papers for all types of offences in 2022 recorded a decrease except for false claims and giving bribes offences which increased by 41.1 per cent and 17.9 per cent, respectively.

**Table 3: Investigation papers and arrest by type of offences, Malaysia, 2021 and 2022**

Type of offences	Investigation paper			Arrest		
	2021	2022	Percentage change (%)	2021	2022	Percentage change (%)
Accepting bribery	343	293	-14.6	419	354	-15.5
Giving bribery	67	79	17.9	115	92	-20.0
False claims	192	271	41.1	175	292	66.9
Misuse of position	105	95	-9.5	89	79	-11.2
Other offences	121	82	-32.2	53	92	73.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>6.8</b>

**Source:** Malaysia Anti-Corruption Commission

## ENVIRONMENT COMPLIANCE

The number of summonses issued for black smoke emissions by the Department of Environment (DOE) in 2022 recorded an increase of 119.1 per cent to 631 summonses from 288 summonses (2021). Summonses issued to buses and cars/vans showed a decrease of 12.5 per cent and 5.6 per cent, respectively. The highest summonses issued were for lorries (550 summonses) followed by light

trucks (50 summonses), cars/ vans (17 summonses) and buses (14 summonses).

## Exhibit 2: Number of summonses issued for black smoke emissions by type of vehicles, Malaysia, 2021 and 2022



**Source:** Department of Environment  
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