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MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE STATISTICS, MALAYSIA, 2021

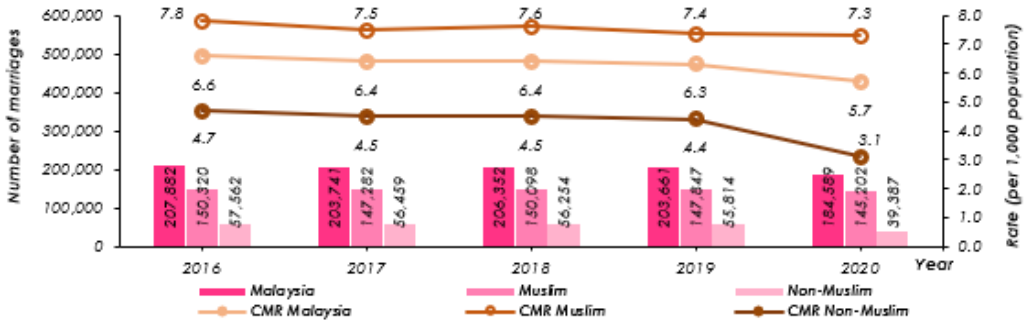
MARRIAGE

Number of marriages and Crude Marriage Rate (CMR)

The number of marriages decreased 9.4 per cent from 203,661 (2019) to 184,589 (2020). Thus, CMR declined from 6.3 (2019) to 5.7 (2020) per thousand population. The number of marriages are affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and many couples have to put their wedding on hold following the Movement Control Order (MCO) implementation. During MCO, the solemnization is carried out via online and subject to permission from the National Registration Department and the State Islamic Religious Department.

The number of Muslim marriages recorded in 2020 was 145,202, decreased 1.8 per cent as compared to 147,847 (2019). CMR decreased from 7.4 (2019) to 7.3 (2020) per thousand Muslim population. Similarly, Non-Muslim marriages declined 29.4 per cent from 55,814 (2019) to 39,387 (2020). Thus, CMR declined from 4.4 (2019) to 3.1 (2020) per thousand Non-Muslim population.

Chart 1: Number of marriages and Crude Marriage Rate (CMR), Malaysia, 2016-2020



Median age at marriage

The median age of grooms remained at aged 28.0. Meanwhile, the median age for brides decreased from 27.0 years to 26.0 years. The median age of grooms and brides for Muslim and Non-Muslim remained unchanged.

Exhibit 1: Median age at marriage by sex, Malaysia, 2019 and 2020

DIVORCE

Number of divorces and Crude Divorce Rate (CDR)

The number of divorces decreased 19.2 per cent from 56,624 (2019) to 45,754 (2020). Thus, CDR decreased from 1.7 (2019) to 1.4 (2020) per thousand population.

The number of Muslim divorces recorded in 2020 was 37,853, decreased 16.8 per cent as compared to 45,502 (2019). CDR decreased from 2.3 (2019) to 1.9 (2020) per thousand Muslim population. Similarly, Non-Muslim divorces decreased 29.0 per cent from 11,122 (2019) to 7,901 (2020). Therefore, CDR for Non-Muslim decreased from 0.9 (2019) to 0.6 (2020) per thousand Non-Muslim population.

Chart 2 (a): Number of divorces, Malaysia, 2016-2020

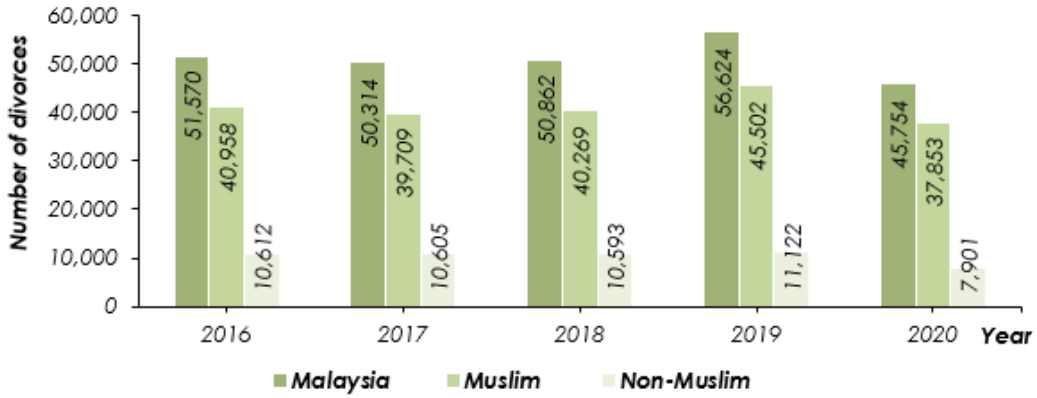
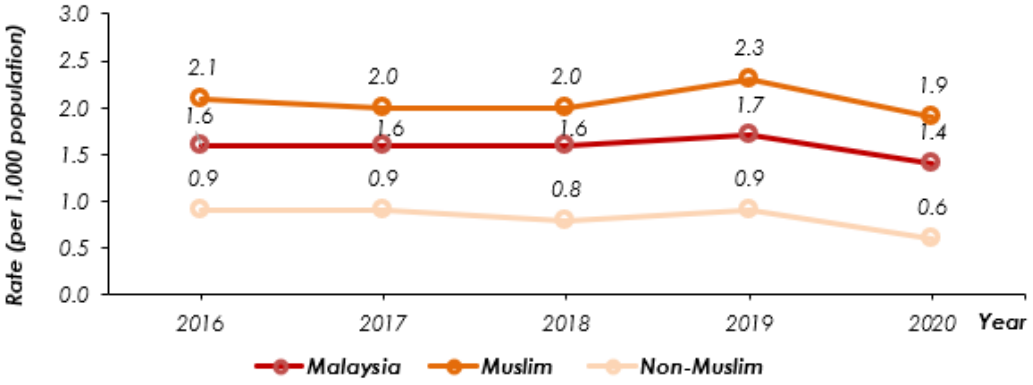


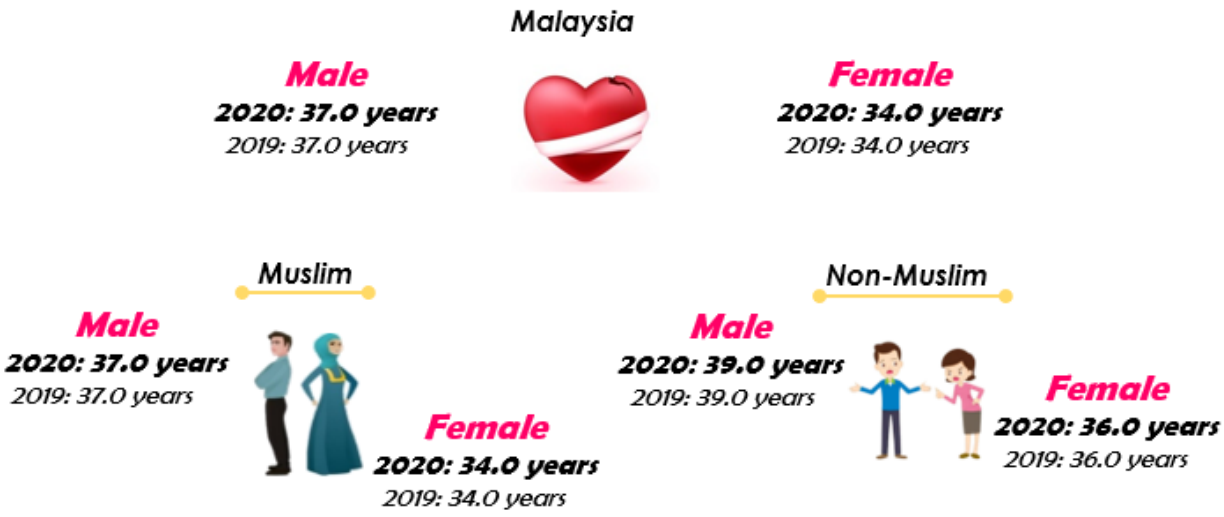
Chart 2 (b): Crude Divorce Rate (CDR), Malaysia, 2016-2020



Median age at divorce

The median age at divorce for males and females remained at 37.0 and 34.0 years respectively. A similar pattern was also observed for Muslim and Non-Muslim divorcees.

Exhibit 2: Median age at divorce by sex, Malaysia, 2019 and 2020



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MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES, MALAYSIA, 2021

MARRIAGES

2020: 184,589
2019: 203,661
9.4%

Crude Marriage Rate
5.7
per 1,000 population

General Marriage Rate

GROOM	BRIDE
45.6	41.7
per 1,000 population of unmarried males aged 18 years and over	per 1,000 population of unmarried females aged 16 years and over

Median age at marriage

GROOM	BRIDE
28.0 YEARS	26.0 YEARS

The highest number of marriages at age group
25 - 29
YEARS
for both sexes

Oldest age of groom and bride

GROOM	BRIDE
92.0 YEARS	84.0 YEARS

DIVORCES

2020: 45,754
2019: 56,624
19.2%

Crude Divorce Rate
1.4
per 1,000 population

General Divorce Rate

MALE	FEMALE
5.8	6.1
per 1,000 population of married males aged 18 years and over	per 1,000 population of married females aged 16 years and over

Median age at divorce

MALE	FEMALE
37.0 YEARS	34.0 YEARS

The highest number of divorces at age group
30 - 34
YEARS
for both sexes

The divorce statistics cannot be compared with the current year marriage statistics. The divorce statistics refer to the date of order issued by Syariah or Civil Court.

Source: Marriage and Divorce Statistics, Malaysia, 2021
Department of Statistics Malaysia

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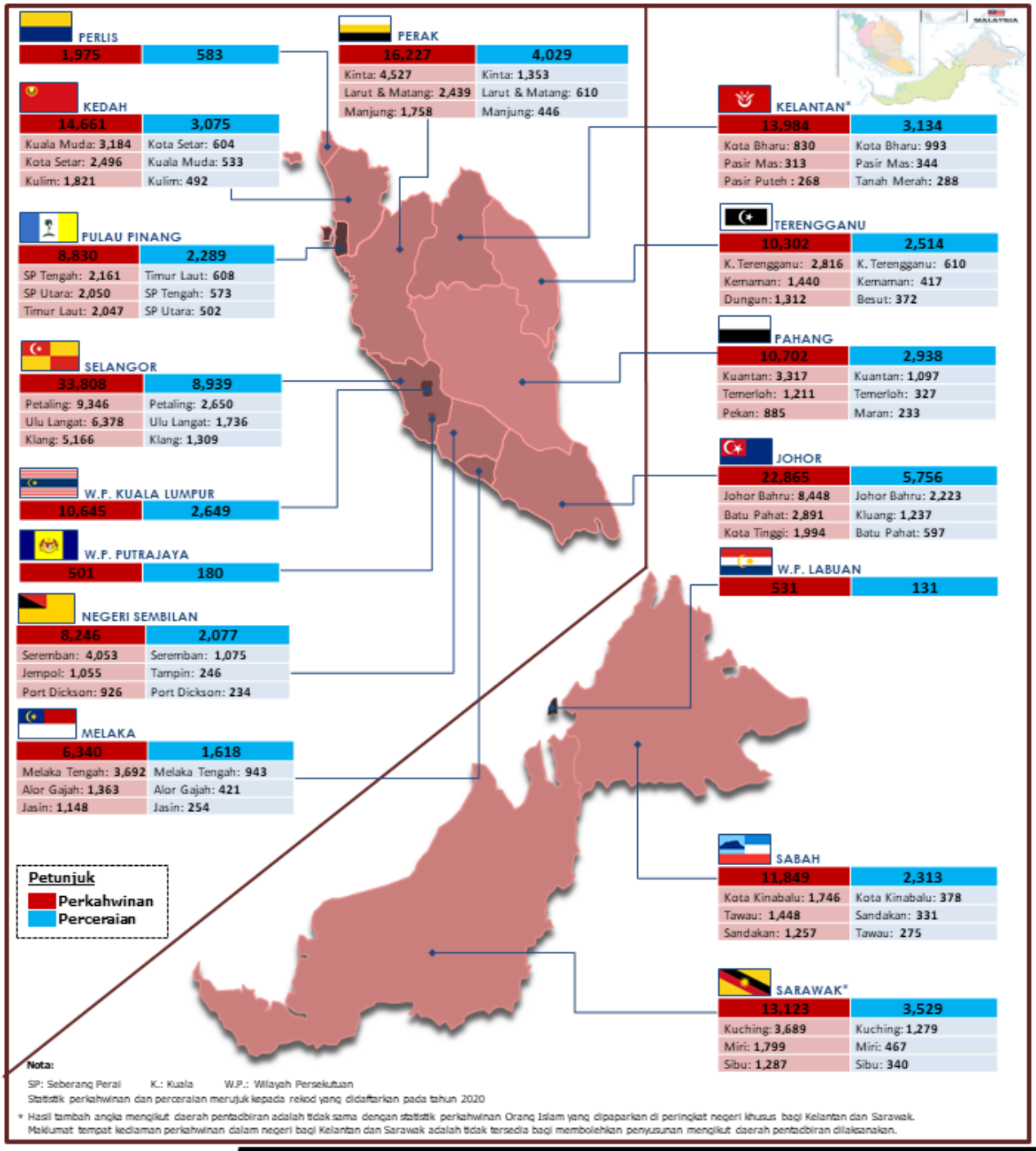
TIGA PERKAHWINAN DAN PERCERAIAN TERTINGGI MENGIKUT DAERAH PENTADBIRAN, MALAYSIA, 2021



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Statistik perkahwinan dan perceraian merujuk kepada rekod yang didaftarkan pada tahun 2020

* Hasil tambah angka mengikut daerah pentadbiran adalah tidak sama dengan statistik perkahwinan Orang Islam yang dipaparkan di peringkat negeri khusus bagi Kelantan dan Sarawak. Maklumat tempat kediaman perkahwinan dalam negeri bagi Kelantan dan Sarawak adalah tidak tersedia bagi membolehkan penyusunan mengikut daerah pentadbiran dilaksanakan.

Sumber: Perangkaan Perkahwinan dan Perceraian, Malaysia, 2021
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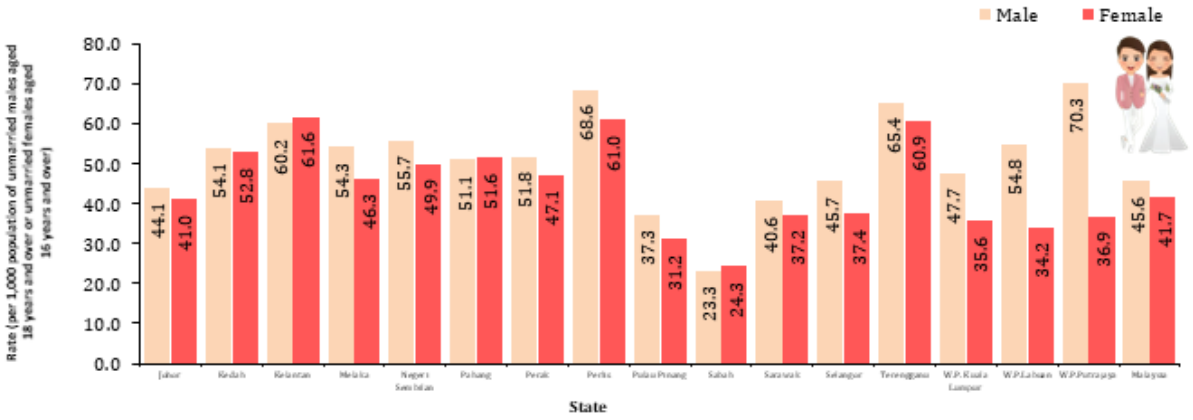
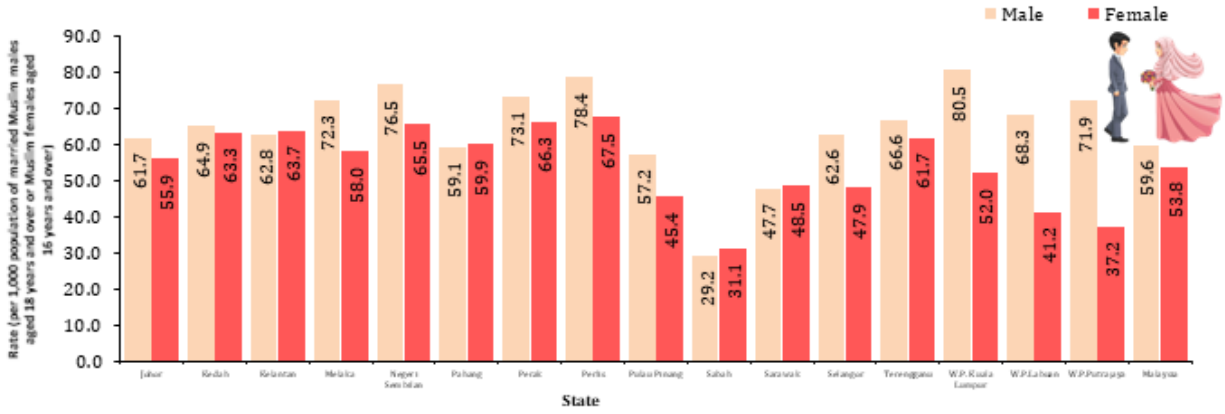
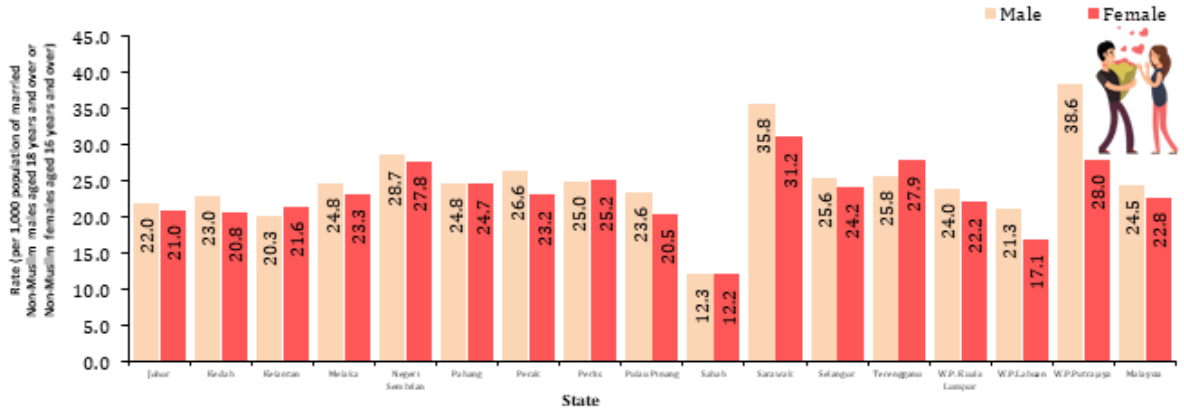
GENERAL MARRIAGE RATE (GMR) FOR MUSLIM AND NON-MUSLIM, MALAYSIA, 2021







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W.P.: Wilayah Persekutuan

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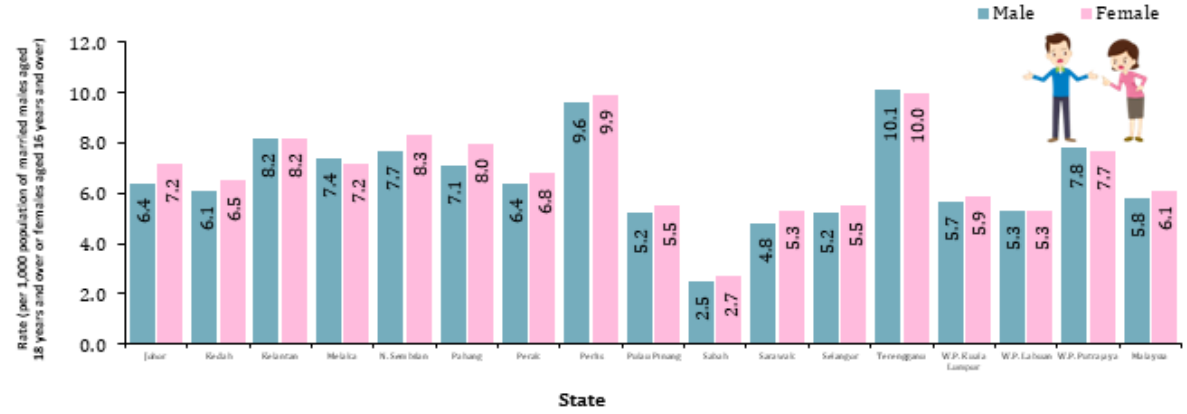
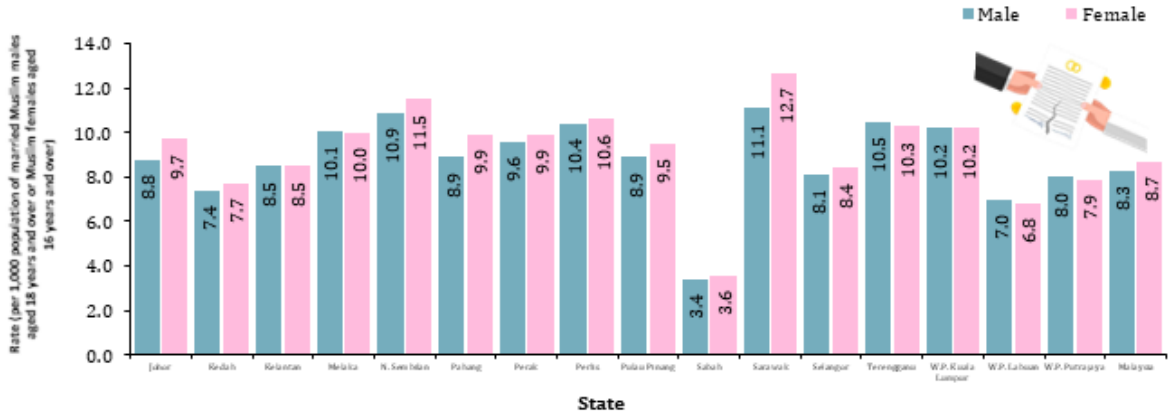
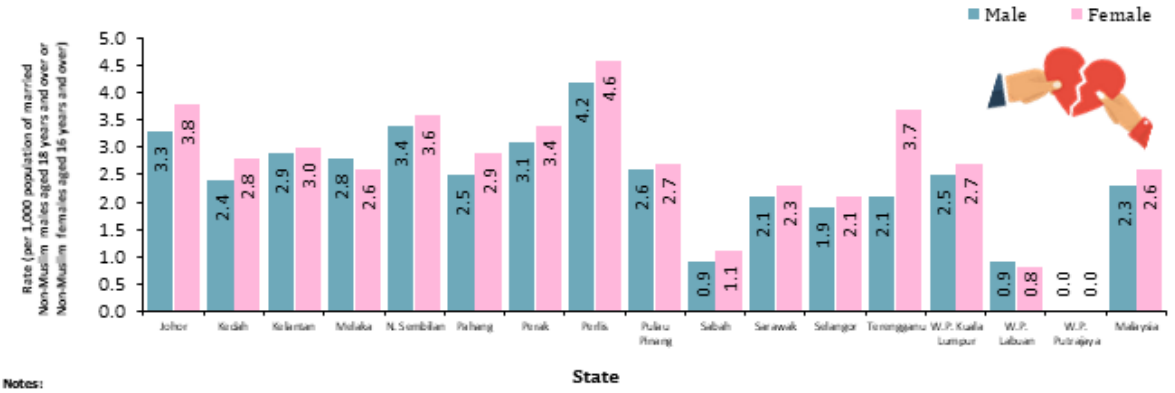
GENERAL DIVORCE RATE (GDR) FOR MUSLIM AND NON-MUSLIM, MALAYSIA, 2021







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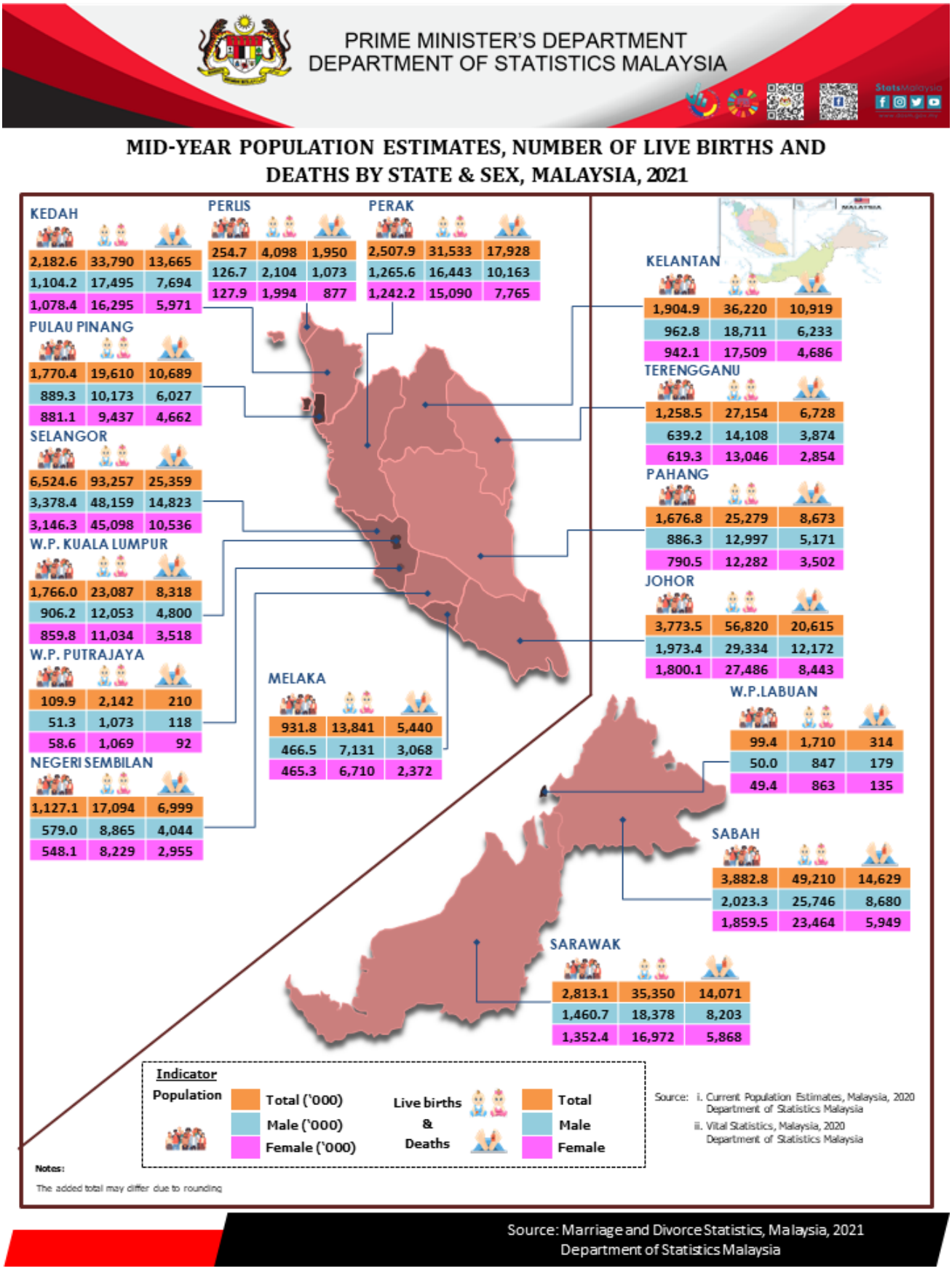

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