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## MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE STATISTICS, MALAYSIA, 2022



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#### MARRIAGES

**2021: 214,943**

**2020: 186,297**

**↑ 15.4%**

**DECEMBER**  
most popular  
month of  
marriage



#### General Marriage Rate

GROOM

**45.8**

per 1,000 population of  
unmarried males aged  
18 years and over



BRIDE

**47.4**

per 1,000 population of  
unmarried females aged  
16 years and over

#### Median age at marriage

GROOM

**28.0**

YEARS



BRIDE

**26.0**

YEARS

#### The highest number of marriages at age group

**25 - 29**

YEARS

for both sexes

#### Oldest age of groom and bride

GROOM

**92**

YEARS



BRIDE

**84**

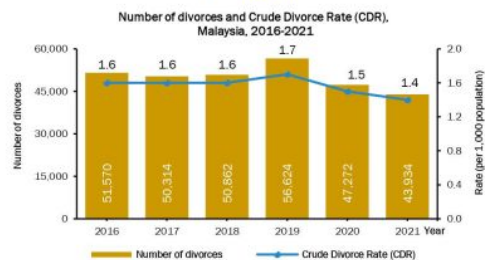
YEARS

#### DIVORCES

**2021: 43,934**

**2020: 47,272**

**↓ 7.1%**



#### General Divorce Rate

MALE

**6.1**

per 1,000 population of  
married males aged  
18 years and over



FEMALE

**6.2**

per 1,000 population of  
married females aged  
16 years and over

#### Median age at divorce

MALE

**38.0**

YEARS



FEMALE

**35.0**

YEARS

#### The highest number of divorces at age group

MALE

**35 - 39**

YEARS

FEMALE

**30 - 34**

YEARS

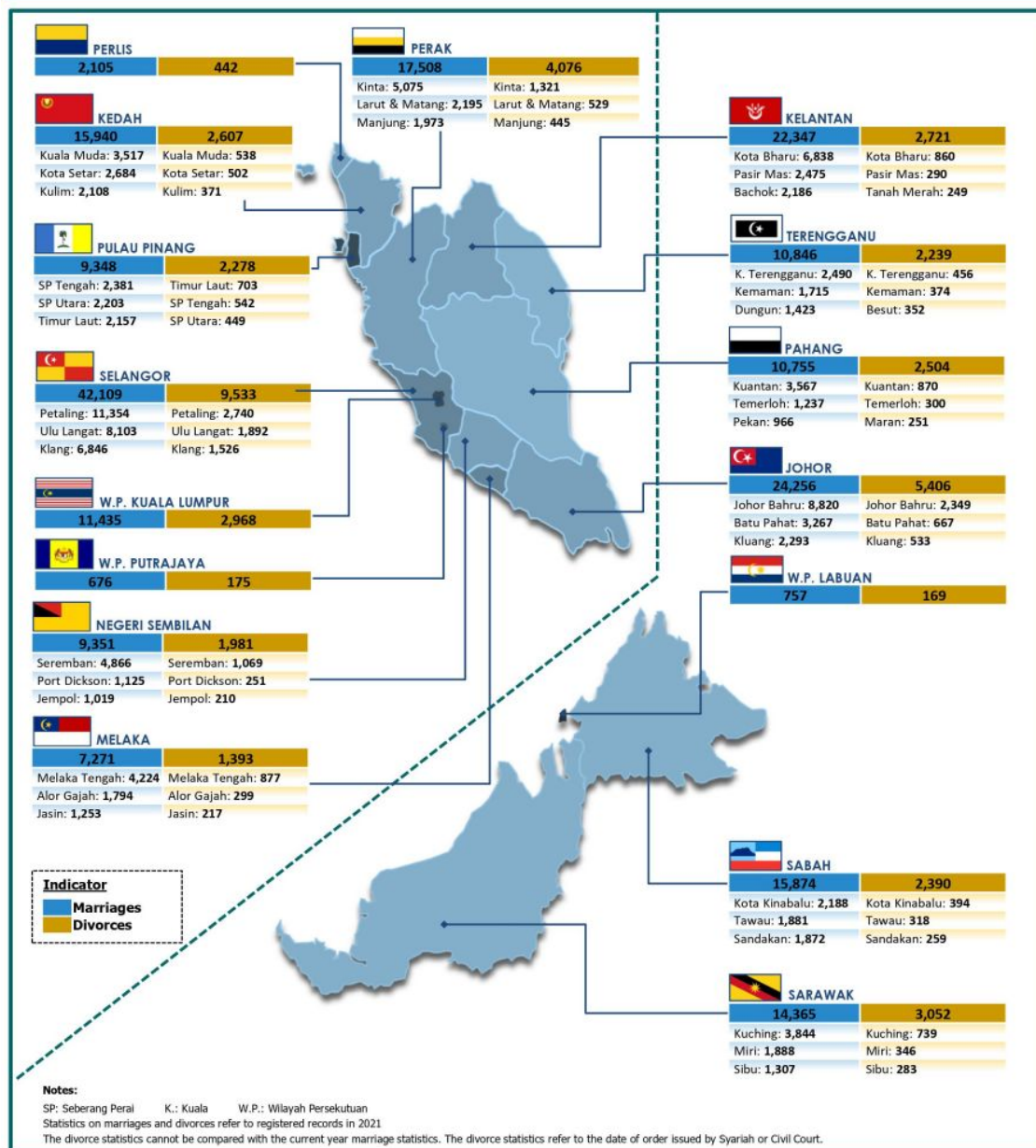
The divorce statistics cannot be compared with the current year marriage statistics. The divorce statistics refer to the date of order issued by Syariah or Civil Court.

Note:

Marriage and divorce data for 2016-2020 have been updated taken into account late registration in National Registration Department (NRD), Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (JAKIM), State Religious Department (JAIN), Department of Syariah Judiciary Malaysia (JKSM) and Native Customs & Traditions (MAIS)



## MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES STATISTICS BY THREE HIGHEST ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT, MALAYSIA, 2022



## MUSLIM MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES STATISTICS, MALAYSIA, 2022

### MARRIAGES

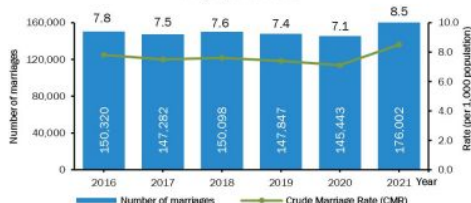
2021: 176,002

2020: 145,443

↑ 21.0%

DECEMBER  
most popular  
month of  
marriage

Number of Muslim marriages and Crude Marriage Rate (CMR),  
Malaysia, 2016-2021



### General Marriage Rate

GROOM

60.4

per 1,000 population of  
unmarried Muslim males  
aged 18 years and over



BRIDE

62.0

per 1,000 population of  
unmarried Muslim females  
aged 16 years and over

### Median age at marriage

GROOM

27.0  
YEARS



BRIDE

26.0  
YEARS

The highest number of marriages at age group

25 - 29

YEARS  
for both sexes

### Oldest age of groom and bride

GROOM

90  
YEARS



BRIDE

84  
YEARS

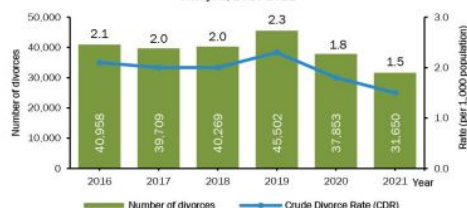
### DIVORCES

2021: 31,650

2020: 37,853

↓ 16.4%

Number of Muslim divorces and Crude Divorce Rate (CDR),  
Malaysia, 2016-2021



### General Divorce Rate

MALE

7.1

per 1,000 population of  
married Muslim males  
aged 18 years and over



FEMALE

7.3

per 1,000 population of  
married Muslim females  
aged 16 years and over

### Median age at divorce

MALE

37.0  
YEARS



FEMALE

35.0  
YEARS

The highest number of divorces at age group

30 - 34

YEARS  
for both sexes



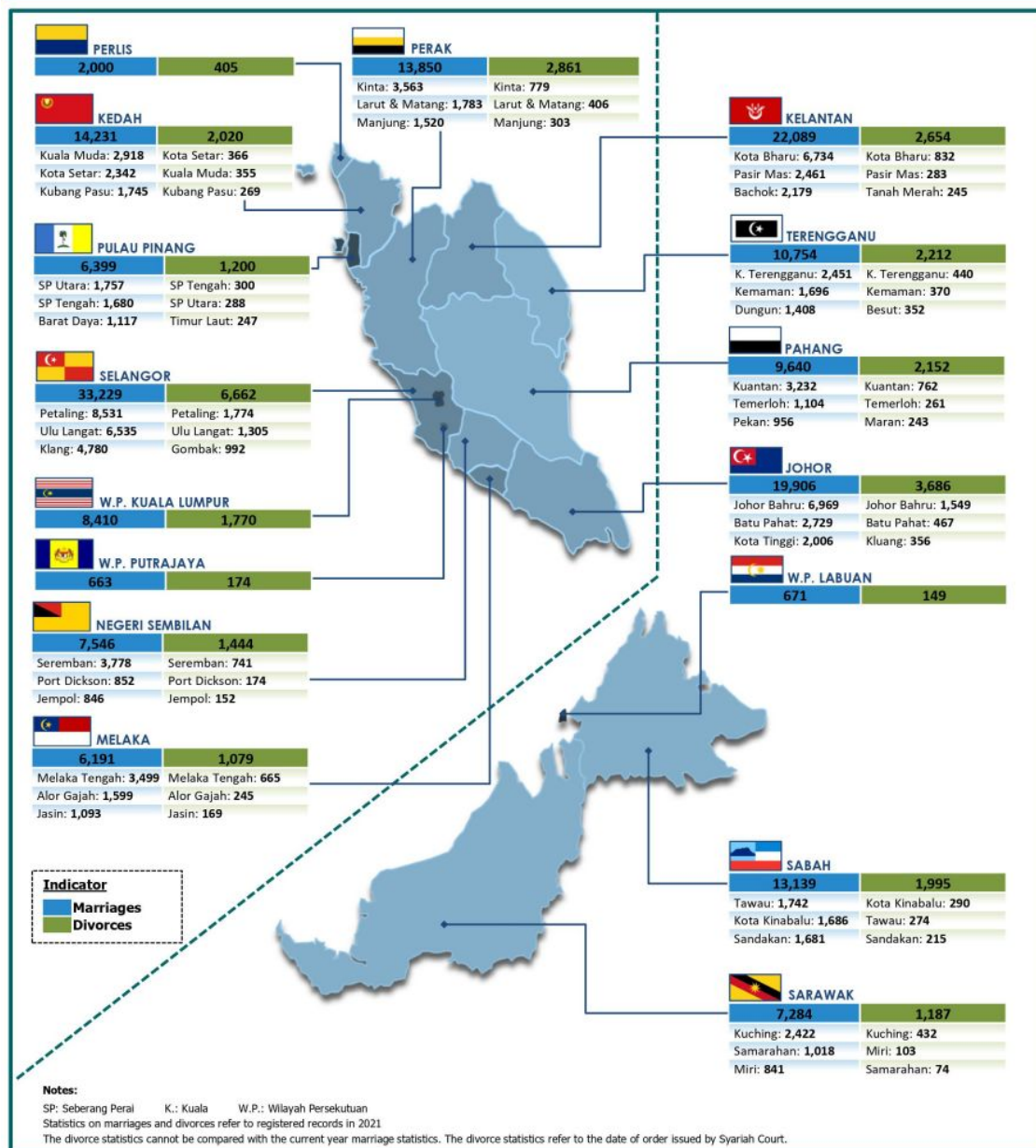
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## MUSLIM MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES STATISTICS BY THREE HIGHEST ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT, MALAYSIA, 2022



## NON-MUSLIM MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES STATISTICS, MALAYSIA, 2022

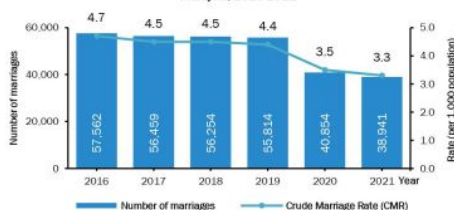
### MARRIAGES

2021: 38,941

2020: 40,854

↓ 4.7%

Number of Non-Muslim marriages and Crude Marriage Rate (CMR), Malaysia, 2016-2021



### General Marriage Rate

GROOM

21.9

per 1,000 population of  
unmarried Non-Muslim males  
aged 18 years and over



BRIDE

23.0

per 1,000 population of  
unmarried Non-Muslim females  
aged 16 years and over

### Median age at marriage

GROOM

30.0

YEARS



BRIDE

28.0

YEARS

The highest number of marriages at age group

25 - 29

YEARS

for both sexes

### Oldest age of groom and bride

GROOM

92

YEARS



BRIDE

77

YEARS

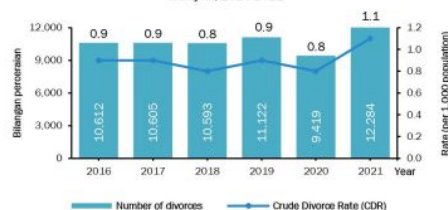
### DIVORCES

2021: 12,284

2020: 9,419

↑ 30.4%

Number of Non-Muslim divorces and Crude Divorce Rate (CDR), Malaysia, 2016-2021



### General Divorce Rate

MALE

4.4

per 1,000 population of  
married Non-Muslim males  
aged 18 years and over



FEMALE

4.5

per 1,000 population of  
married Non-Muslim females  
aged 16 years and over

### Median age at divorce

MALE

39.0

YEARS



FEMALE

36.0

YEARS

The highest number of divorces at age group

MALE

35 - 39

YEARS

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FEMALE

30 - 34

YEARS



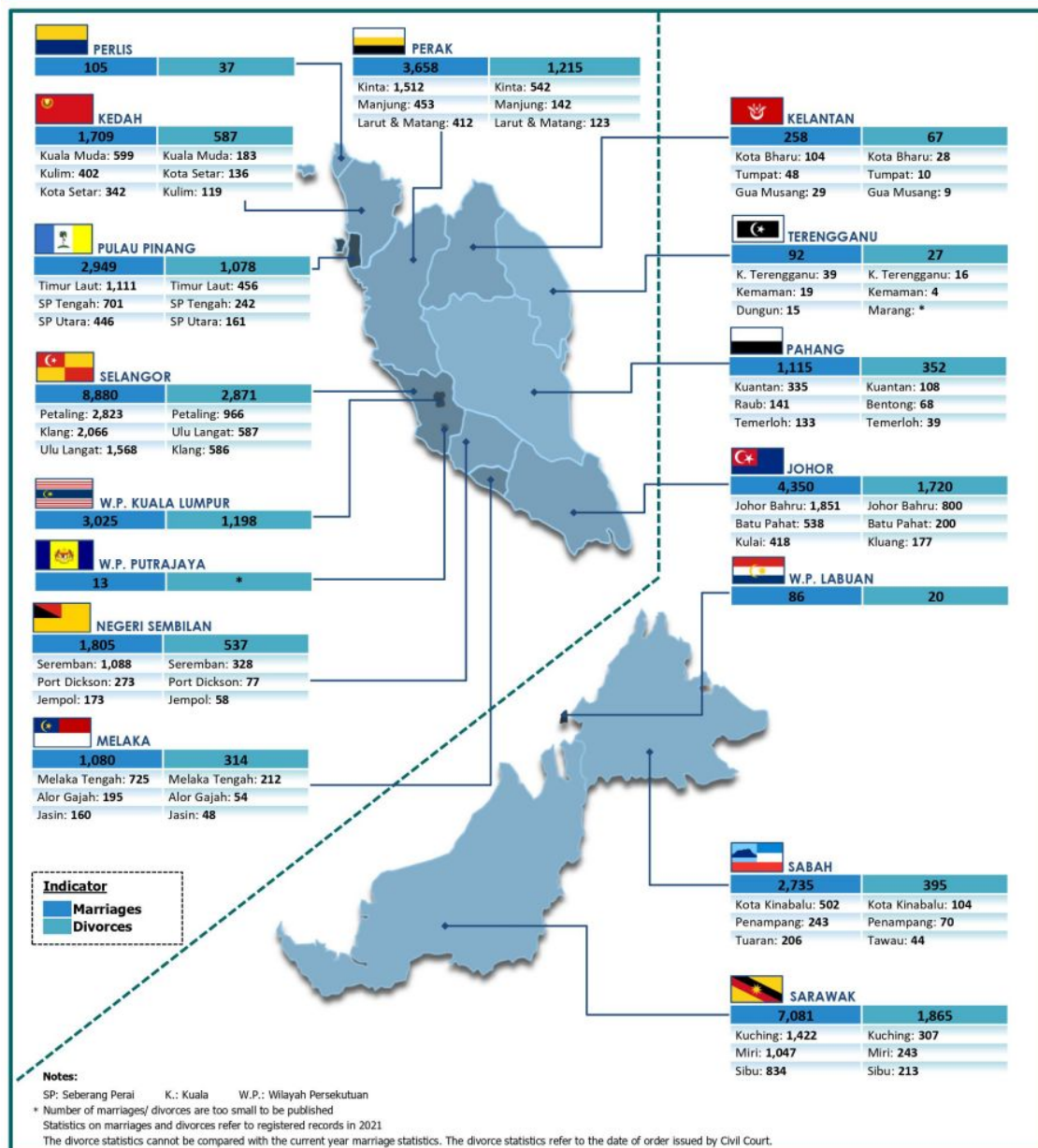
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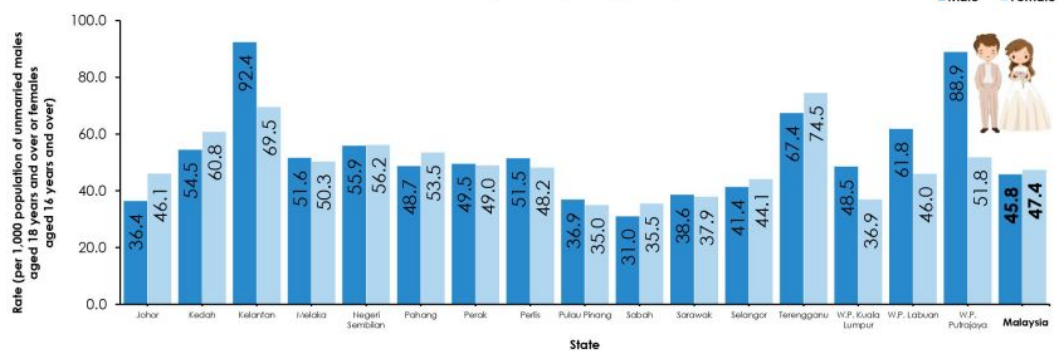
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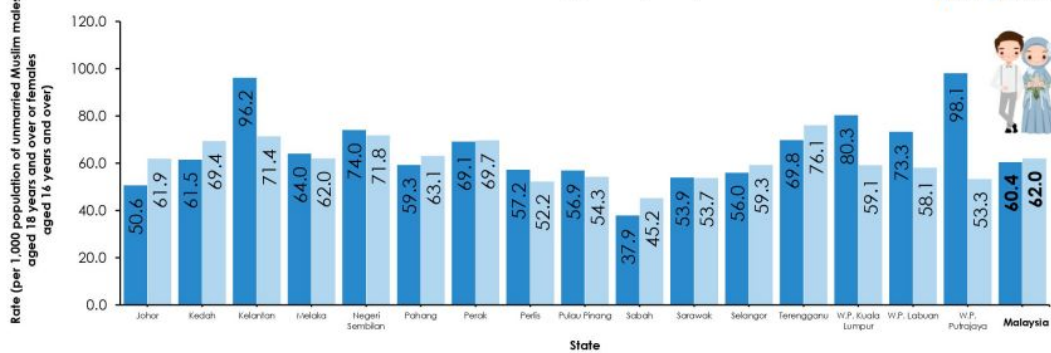


## GENERAL MARRIAGE RATE (GMR), MALAYSIA, 2022

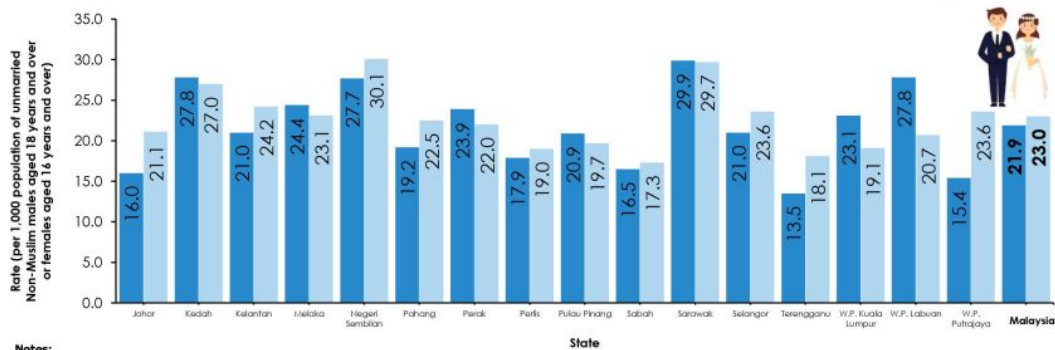
General Marriage Rate (GMR), Malaysia



Muslim General Marriage Rate (GMR)



Non-Muslim General Marriage Rate (GMR)

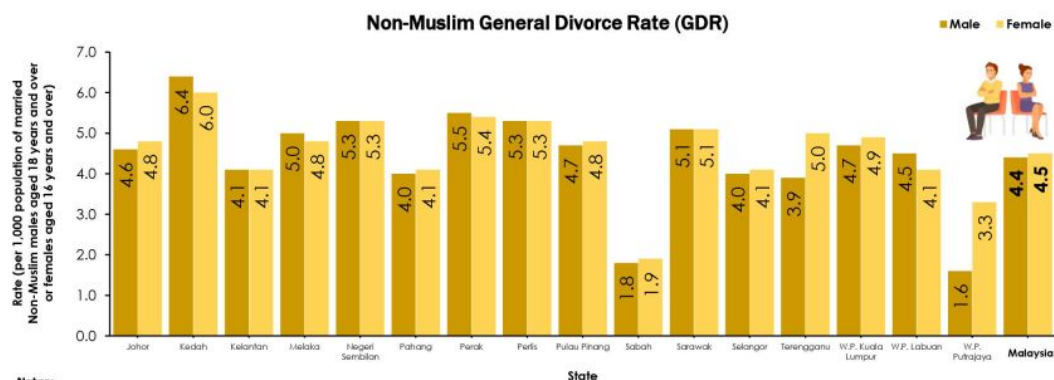
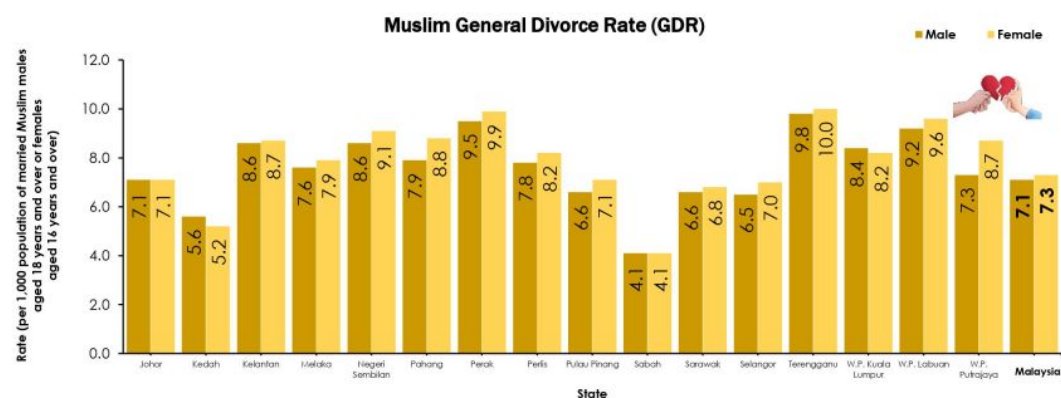
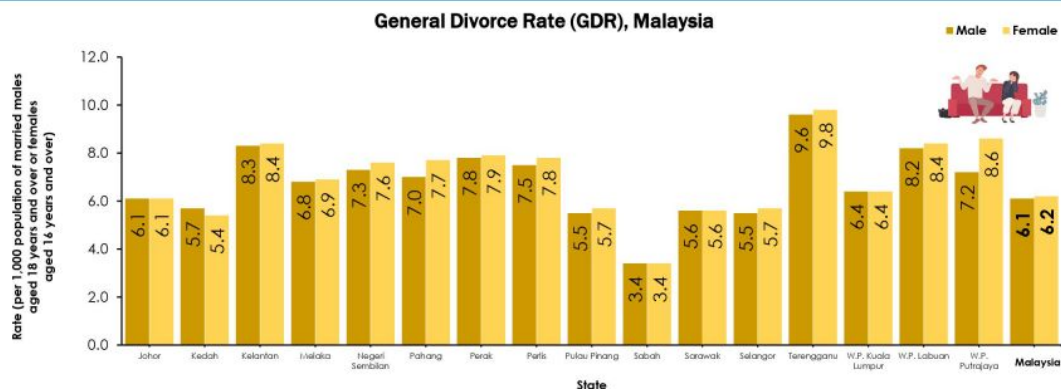


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Statistics on marriages refer to registered records in 2021



## GENERAL DIVORCE RATE (GDR), MALAYSIA, 2022

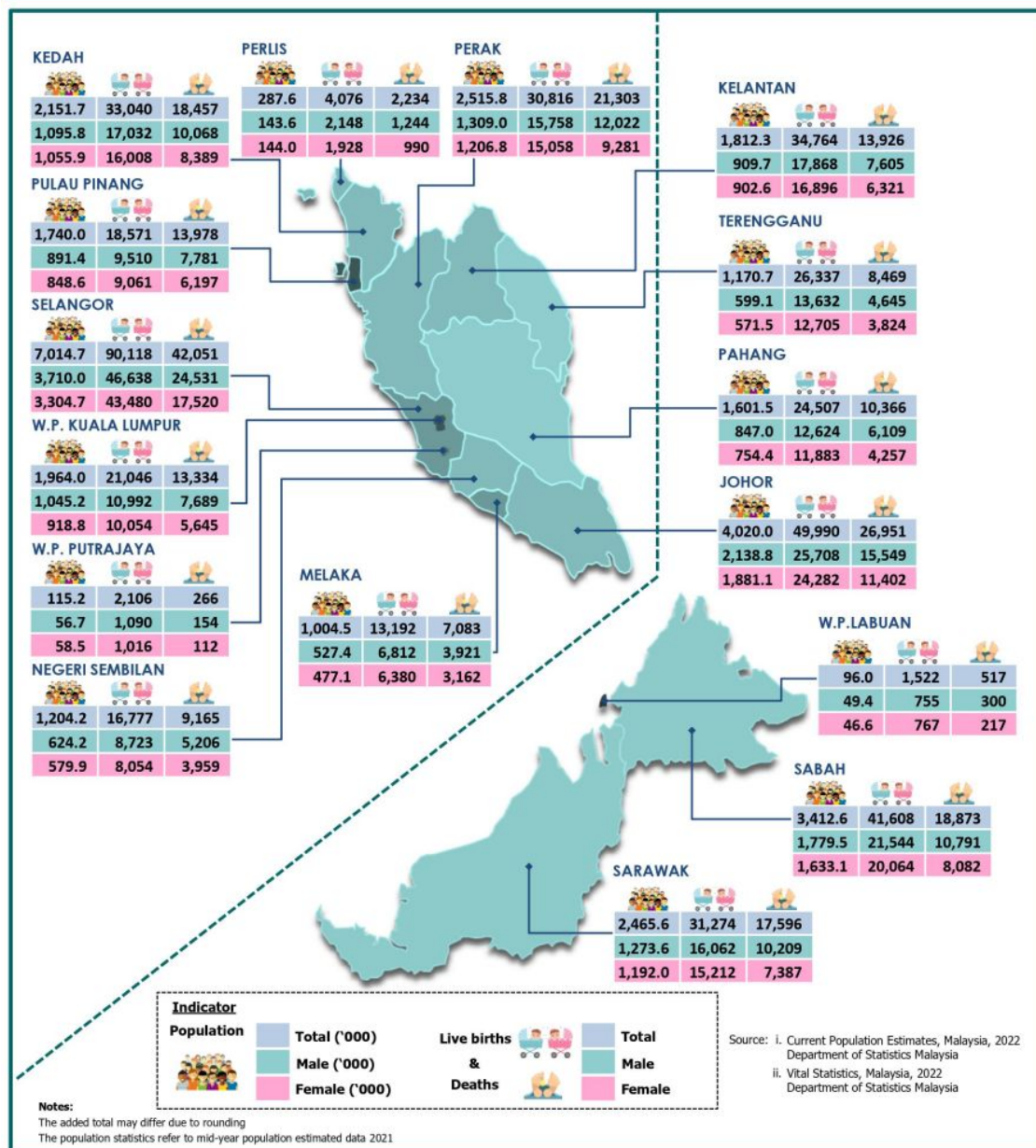


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## MID-YEAR POPULATION ESTIMATES, NUMBER OF LIVE BIRTHS AND DEATHS BY STATE, MALAYSIA, 2022



### **Number of marriages increased in 2021**

- The number of marriages increased 15.4 per cent from 186,297 (2020) to 214,943 (2021). Meanwhile, the number of divorces decreased 7.1 per cent from 47,272 (2020) to 43,934 (2021).
- In tandem with the increase in the number of marriages, general marriage rate for grooms increased from 42.8 to 45.8 per thousand population of unmarried males aged 18 years and over. A similar trend was also recorded for brides, which increased from 44.6 to 47.4 per thousand population of unmarried females aged 16 years and over.
- The general divorce rate at national level for males improved to 6.1 from 6.7 per thousand population of married males aged 18 years and over. A similar trend was also reported for females, improved to 6.2 from 6.9 per thousand population of married females aged 16 years and over.
- The median age of grooms and brides remained at aged 28.0 and 26.0 in 2021.
- The oldest groom and bride in 2021 were 92 and 84 years old.
- December was the most popular month of marriage. Meanwhile, June was the least popular for Muslim and Non-Muslim marriages in 2021.

The full publication of the Marriage And Divorce, Malaysia, 2022 can be downloaded from [eStatistik](#) portal.

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