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POPULATION



Total population¹
34.1 million



Cumulative number of PWD
805.5 thousand

Note:
¹Data refers to the mid-year current population estimates based on Population and Housing Census of Malaysia 2020

Percentage of registered PWD by disability category



37.1%
Learning



35.6%
Physical



8.5%
Visual impaired



7.8%
Mental



6.1%
Hearing



0.5%
Speech

Source: Department of Social Welfare

HEALTH

Number of PWD receiving services treatment at health clinic

Infants < 1 year old who are detected as having disability

781 persons

An 18-month-old child is suspected of having autism

1,685 persons

PWD in Community Based Rehabilitation Programme (CBR)

18,136 persons

Source: Ministry of Health Malaysia

EDUCATION

Number of special education schools, teachers and pupils

	Primary school	Secondary school
School	28	7
Teacher	835	495
Pupil	1,773	1,114

Notes:
i. Refers to special education government & government-aided school
ii. Data as at 31st October of the reference year

Source: Ministry of Education Malaysia

EMPLOYMENT

Percentage of civil servant PWD by services group



Top Management	0.2%
Management & Professional	33.9%
Support	65.9%

Source: Department of Public Services

INCOME

Monthly household gross income by household with PWD



Median	RM5,104	Mean	RM6,540
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SPORT



Number of disabled athlete by type of sports

Athletics	27
Boccia	18
Swimming	13
Badminton	11
Table tennis	11
Powerlifting	9
Archery	8

Source: National Sports Council of Malaysia

WELFARE SERVICES



Taman Sinar Harapan	
Institution	7
Resident	870

Pusat Latihan Perindustrian dan Pemulihan	
Institution	1
Resident	137

Bengkel Daya	
Institution	2
Resident	119

Source: Department of Social Welfare



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Person with Disability Statistics, Malaysia, 2024, a comprehensive publication that presents selected indicators on persons with disabilities. The report covers statistics on population, health, education, employment, income and expenditure, welfare services and sports. The compilation of these statistics is based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD).

- In 2024, Malaysia recorded 805,509 registered persons with disabilities (PWD), representing 2.4 per cent of the national population. This underscores the importance of inclusive policies to ensure equal rights and opportunities for all Malaysians.
- Within the **disability categories**, learning disabilities recorded the highest number of registrations in 2024, with 299,128 persons or 37.1 per cent. This was followed by physical disabilities with 286,634 persons or 35.6 per cent. Visual impairment accounted for 68,665 persons or 8.5 per cent, while speech disabilities recorded the lowest number of registrations with 4,136 persons or 0.5 per cent.
- From the **education** perspective, the number of Students with Special Educational Needs (MBPK) in 2024 increased across all types and education levels as compared to 2023. Special Education Schools (SPK) recorded growth at every level with rising by 5.6 per cent at pre-school, 11.0 per cent at primary and 4.6 per cent at secondary level.
- **Employment** among civil servants with disabilities also showed positive growth. There were 4,209 civil servants with disabilities in 2024, representing an increase of 7.9 per cent as compared to 3,901 persons in 2023. Negeri Sembilan recorded the highest increase at 20.1 per cent from 169 persons in 2023 to 203 persons in 2024. Sabah recorded an increase of 17.2 per cent, while Kedah recorded an increase of 13.2 per cent.
- **Household income and expenditure** among households with PWD also improved. The median monthly household gross income rose from RM4,390 in 2022 to RM5,104 in 2024, while the mean monthly household gross income increased from RM5,679 in 2022 to RM6,540 in 2024. At the same time, mean monthly household consumption expenditure grew from RM3,974 in 2022 to RM4,545 in 2024.
- In terms of **welfare services**, a total of 262,618 persons benefited from the Department of Social Welfare (JKM) assistance amounting to RM1.1 billion. The largest category of assistance was assistance for PWD who are incapable of work, which reached 120,844 persons. This was followed by the PWD worker allowance supporting 106,055 persons and assistance for the care of bedridden/ chronically ill PWD which benefited 34,476 persons.

- **Sports** participation among persons with disabilities also recorded encouraging growth. The number of disabled athletes increased by 36.6 per cent, rising from 71 persons in 2023 to 97 persons in 2024. Of this total, 76 were male athletes while 21 were female athletes.

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