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MALAYSIA HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX (MHDI) 2024

OBJECTIVE

MHDI is developed to measure the level of human development that comprises of three dimensions namely long and healthy life; access to knowledge and a decent standard of living

MHDI BY DIMENSION, 2023 AND 2024

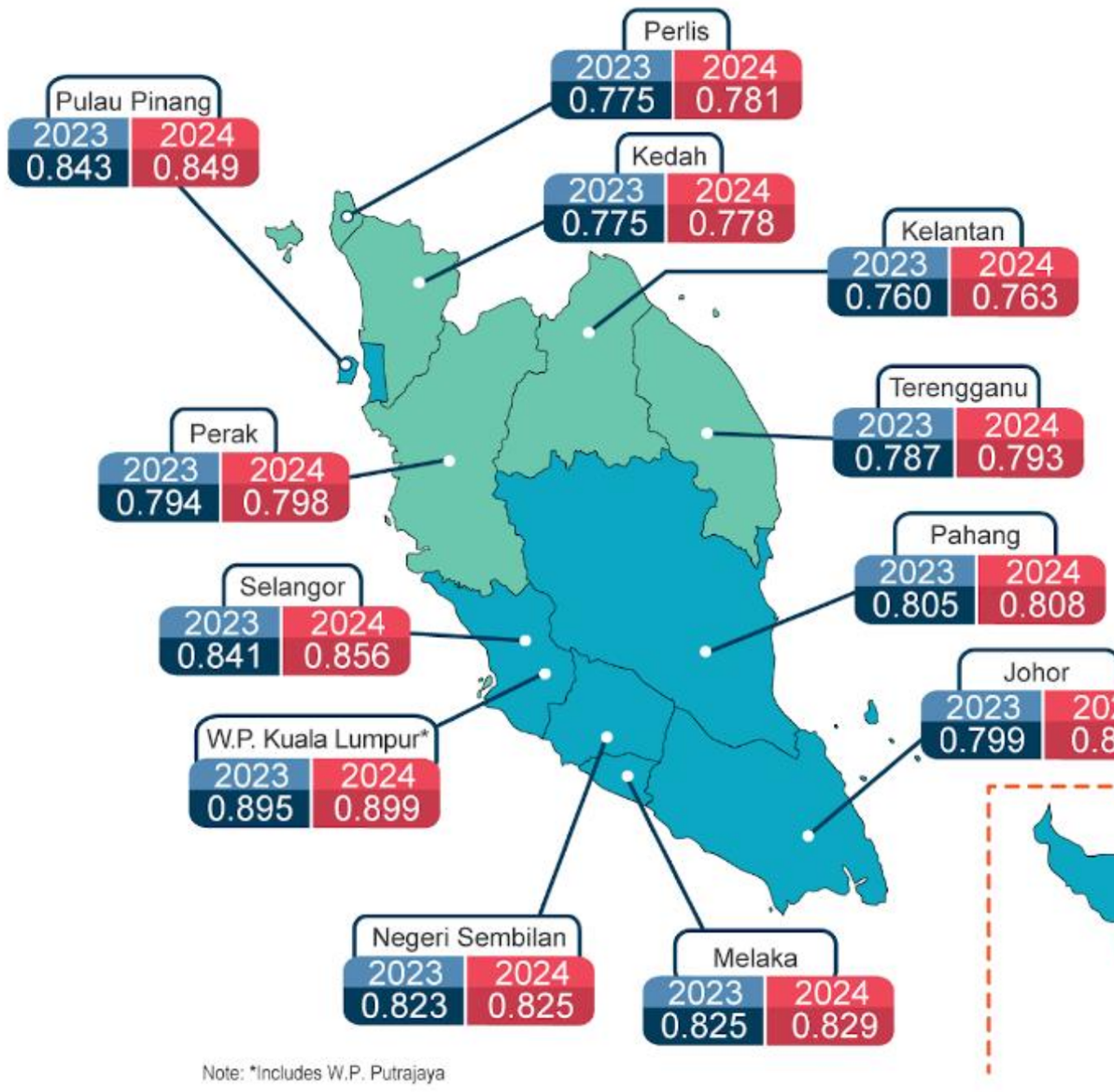
DIMENSIONS	INDICATORS	DIMENSION INDEX
2024 : 0.838 2023 : 0.825 Very High — Long and healthy life	Life Expectancy at Birth	Life Expectancy Index
2024 : 0.755 2023 : 0.754 High — Access to knowledge	• Expected Years of Schooling • Mean Years of Schooling	Education Index
2024 : 0.890 2023 : 0.885 Very High — A decent standard of living	Gross National Income (GNI) per capita	GNI Index

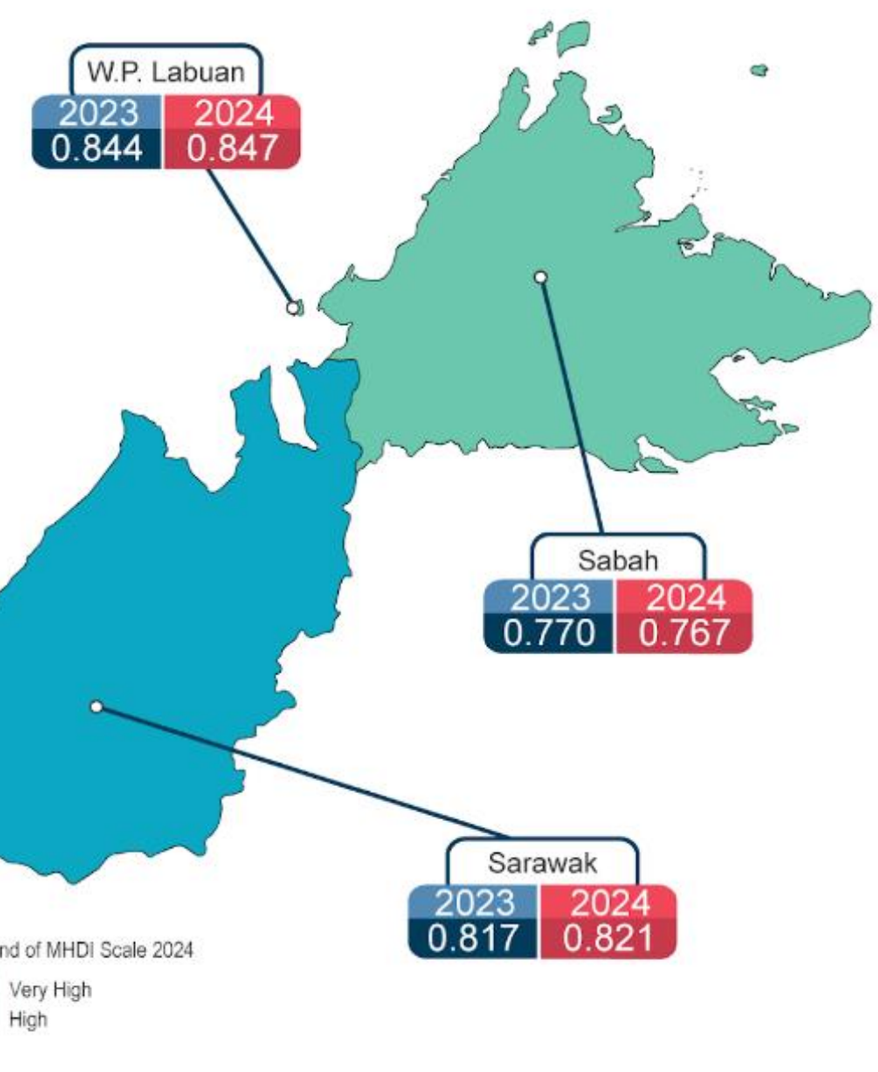
Malaysia Human Development Index (MHDI)

MHDI score

MHDI 2023	0.819	MHDI 2024	0.826

MHDI BY STATE, 2023 AND 2024





Source: Malaysia Human Development Index 2024, Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM)

Balanced progress: MHDI rises to 0.826 as all dimension's indices improve

- ***Malaysia's overall MHDI*** *score for 2024 stands at 0.826, placing the country in the category of very high human development. Among the three dimensions measured, the Gross National Income (GNI) Index recorded the highest score at 0.890, followed by the Life Expectancy Index (0.838) and the Education Index (0.755). All three dimensions showed improvement as compared to 2023.*

- *The* ***Life Expectancy Index*** *rose by 0.013 index points, from 0.825 in 2023 to 0.838 in 2024. This increase is largely attributed to a reduction in mortality rates, due to the excess deaths recorded during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021 and 2022. The* ***Education Index*** *saw an increase of 0.001 index points, reflecting gains in expected years of schooling and continued progress in educational access. Meanwhile, the* ***GNI Index*** *improved by 0.005 index points, supported by Malaysia's economic growth with Gross Domestic Product (GDP) expanding by 5.1 per cent.*

- *At the* ***state level****, nine states achieved very high human development status in 2024. W.P. Kuala Lumpur led with the highest score of 0.899, followed by Selangor (0.856), Pulau Pinang (0.849), W.P. Labuan (0.847), Melaka (0.829), Negeri Sembilan (0.825), Sarawak (0.821), Johor (0.811) and Pahang (0.808). Six other states were classified as having high human development namely Perak (0.798), Terengganu (0.793), Perlis (0.781), Kedah (0.778), Sabah (0.767) and Kelantan (0.763).*

- ***All states recorded improvements*** *in their MHDI scores as compared to the previous year, with the exception of Sabah. Selangor registered the highest increase of 0.015 index points, rising from 0.841 to 0.856. Johor followed with a gain of 0.011 index points, moving from 0.799 to 0.811 and elevating its classification from high to very high development. Negeri Sembilan recorded the smallest increase of 0.002 index points, while W.P. Labuan, Pahang, Kedah and Kelantan each saw a rise of 0.003 index points. Sabah experienced a slight decline of 0.003 index points, dropping from 0.770 in 2023 to 0.767 in 2024.*