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## MALAYSIA HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX (MHDI) 2025

### Malaysia Human Development Index (MHDI) in 2025 remained at a very high level with a score of 0.824

**PUTRAJAYA, 17TH NOVEMBER 2026** – The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) has published the **Malaysia Human Development Index (MHDI) 2025 Report**, to measure the level of human development which is the main criteria in measuring the progress of a country aside from economic aspects. The MHDI is built on three dimensions, namely a long and healthy life, access to knowledge, and a decent standard of living. These dimensions reflect our holistic approach to measuring development, ensuring that no aspect of human well-being is overlooked.

In a statement today, the MHDI performance in 2025 was at a very high level, with a score of 0.824. Analysis by dimension indices shows that the GNI Index recorded the highest score in 2025 at 0.897 (2024: 0.891), followed by the Life Expectancy Index at 0.843 (2024: 0.837) and the Education Index at 0.740 (2024: 0.751). In terms of development levels, both the GNI Index and Life Expectancy Index were classified as very high, while the Education Index was classified as high.

The **Life Expectancy Index** recorded an increase of 0.006 index points, from 0.837 (2024) to 0.843 (2025). This improvement was driven by a reduction in the number of deaths recorded during the 2023 to 2025 compared to the 2020 to 2022 period, which had experienced excess mortality during the COVID-19 pandemic. The **Education Index** recorded a decrease of 0.011 index points, from 0.751 (2024) to 0.740 (2025). The change in the index value is influenced by developments in the expected duration of education and the educational attainment of the population. Meanwhile, The **GNI Index** recorded an increase of 0.006 index points, from 0.891 (2024) to 0.897 (2025). This improvement was in line with the positive economic performance, as reflected by the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth of 5.2 per cent in the same year.

At the state level, ten states recorded a very high level of human development in 2025, with W.P. Kuala Lumpur recording the highest score of 0.883. This was followed by W.P. Putrajaya (0.878), W.P. Labuan (0.852), Pulau Pinang (0.849), Selangor (0.849), Melaka (0.830), Negeri Sembilan (0.827), Sarawak (0.822), Pahang (0.810) and Johor (0.808). Meanwhile, the remaining six states were classified as having a high

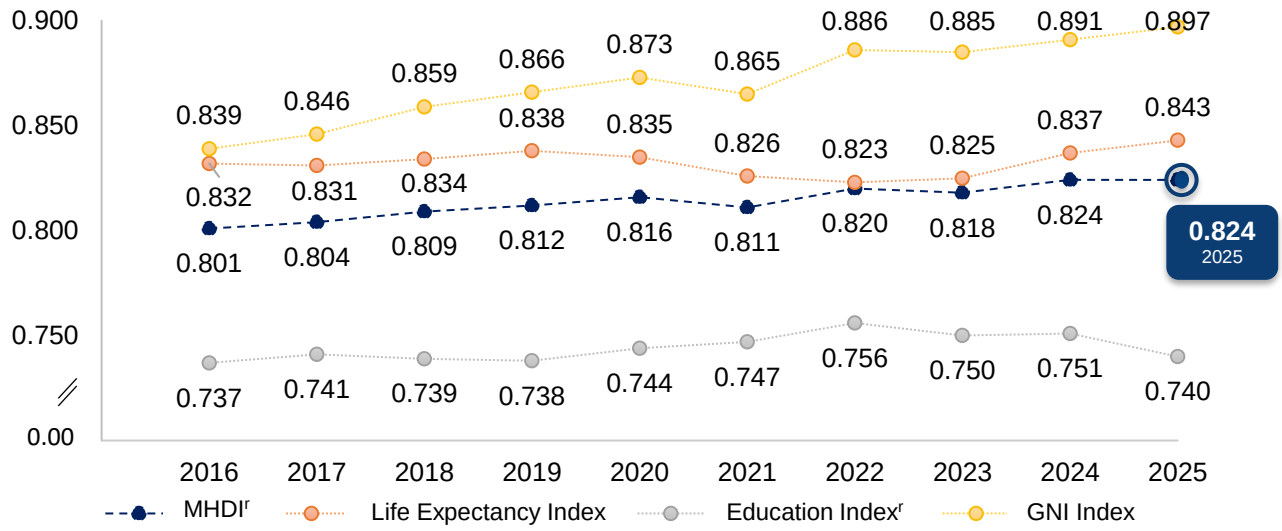
level of human development, namely Perak (0.798), Terengganu (0.794), Perlis (0.784), Kedah (0.779), Sabah (0.767) and Kelantan (0.765).

A comparison of index scores between 2025 and 2024 shows that 12 states recorded improvements, except W.P. Kuala Lumpur, W.P. Putrajaya, Selangor and Johor. Perlis recorded the highest increase of 0.005 index points, followed by W.P. Labuan (0.004 index points). Melaka, Negeri Sembilan, Pahang, Terengganu and Kelantan each recorded an increase of 0.003 index points, while Pulau Pinang, Sarawak, Perak, Kedah and Sabah recorded the smallest increase of 0.002 index points each. In contrast, W.P. Putrajaya recorded the largest decline of 0.025 index points, from 0.903 (2024) to 0.878 (2025).

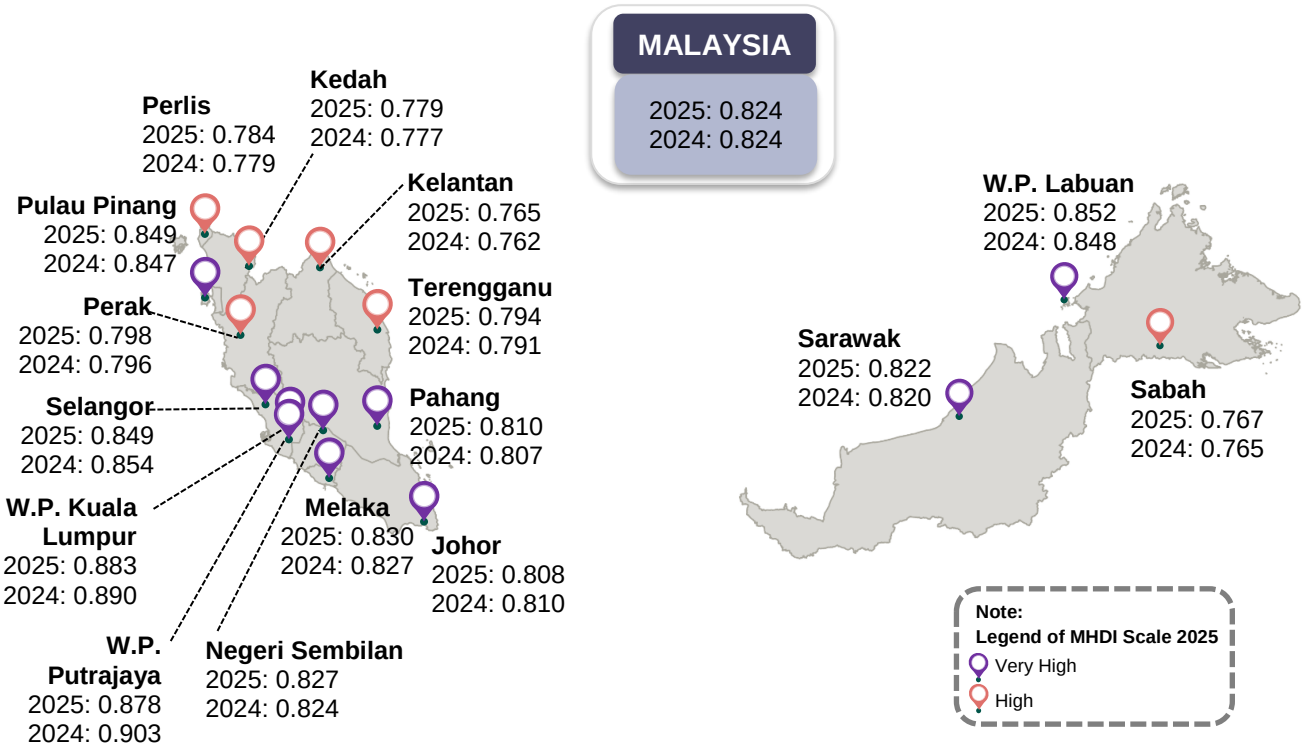
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## Chart 1: Malaysia Human Development Index (MHDI), 2016-2025




## Chart 2: MHDI by State, 2024 and 2025




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