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CURRENT POPULATION ESTIMATES, MALAYSIA, 2014-2016

POPULATION SIZE AND GROWTH

In 2016, total population of Malaysia is estimated at 31.7 million persons, an increase of 0.5 million persons as compared to 31.2 million persons in 2015 with 1.5 per cent population growth rate for the same period.

ETHNIC COMPOSITION

Among Malaysian citizens, ethnic Bumiputera recorded the highest percentage with 68.6 per cent, followed by Chinese (23.4 %), Indians (7.0 %) and Others (1.0 %). The percentage of non-Malaysian citizen in 2016 was at 10.3 per cent out of total population in Malaysia.
AGE STRUCTURE

Distribution of population by age groups in 2016 showed no major difference as compared with the year 2015. Population in group 0-14 years old decreased 0.4 percentage point at 2016 (24.5%) as compared to 2015 (24.9%).

Working age population, 15-64 years old, increased by 0.2 percentage point at 2016 as compared to 2015. Subsequently, population aged 65 years and above was also increased by 0.2 percentage points at the same period.

POPULATION COMPOSITION BY AGE GROUP AND MEDIAN AGE, MALAYSIA, 2014-2016

Selangor recorded the highest percentage of population in 2016 (19.9%) followed by Sabah (12.0%) and Johor (11.5%). While W.P. Labuan and W.P. Putrajaya recorded the smallest percentage of population with 0.3 per cent respectively.
2016 CURRENT POPULATION ESTIMATES

31.7 MILLION
28.4 MILLION
3.3 MILLION

ANNUAL GROWTH RATE
1.5%

107 MALES PER 100 FEMALES
SEX RATIO

DEPENDENCY RATIO
44.0
PERSON TO THE 100 PERSONS IN THE WORKING AGE POPULATION (15-64 YEARS)

28.0 YEARS
MEDIAN AGE

% ETHNIC GROUP OF MALAYSIAN CITIZENS

0-14 YEARS → 24.5%
15-64 YEARS → 69.5%
65+ YEARS → 6.0%

Further information can be obtained from website www.statistics.gov.my

*Note:
Estimates

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