



CURRENT POPULATION ESTIMATES, MALAYSIA, 2021



32.7 million POPULATION OF MALAYSIA

0.2 per cent Annual population growth rate



Citizen
30.0 mil.
(91.8%)
29.7 mil.
(91.1%)



Non-Citizen
2.7 mil.
(8.2%)
3.0 mil.
(8.9%)

POPULATION BY AGE GROUP



| 0 - 14 years | 15-64 years | 65+ years |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 7.5 mil. 23.0% | 22.7 mil. 69.6% | 2.4 mil. 7.4% |
| 7.6 mil. 23.3% | 22.7 mil. 69.7% | 2.3 mil. 7.0% |

29.6 years Median age increased from **29.3 years** in 2020

POPULATION BY SEX



16.8 mil.

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Sex ratio:
106
males per
100 females



15.9 mil.

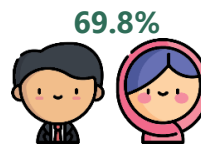
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POPULATION AGED 60 YEARS AND OVER

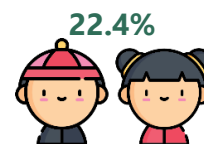


2021^e
3.6 mil.
11.2%
2020
3.5 mil.
10.7%

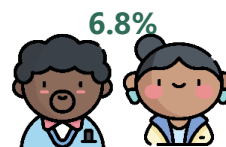
PERCENTAGE OF CITIZEN BY ETHNIC GROUP



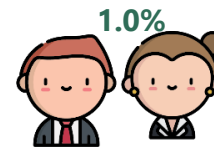
69.8%
69.6%



22.4%
22.6%



6.8%
6.8%



1.0%
1.0%

Note:

^e Estimates

The added total may differ due to rounding



2021^e



2020

TOP FIVE (5) MOST POPULOUS STATE

| | | | |
|----|----------|-----------|-------|
| 1. | Selangor | 6.56 Mil. | 20.1% |
| 2. | Sabah | 3.83 Mil. | 11.7% |
| 3. | Johor | 3.79 Mil. | 11.6% |
| 4. | Sarawak | 2.82 Mil. | 8.6% |
| 5. | Perak | 2.51 Mil. | 7.7% |

5 STATES THAT RECORDED A HIGH MEDIAN AGE

| | | |
|----|-------------------|------------|
| 1. | W.P. Kuala Lumpur | 34.0 years |
| 2. | Pulau Pinang | 32.7 years |
| 3. | Selangor | 31.7 years |
| 4. | Perak | 30.8 years |
| 5. | Johor | 30.1 years |

TOP FIVE (5) MOST POPULOUS STATE BY AGE STRUCTURE

YOUNG AGE

| | State | 0-14 years |
|----|----------------|------------|
| 1. | W.P. Putrajaya | 33.4% |
| 2. | Terengganu | 30.1% |
| 3. | Kelantan | 29.3% |
| 4. | W.P. Labuan | 25.6% |
| 5. | Pahang | 24.4% |

YOUTH AGE

| | State | 15-30 years |
|----|------------|-------------|
| 1. | Sabah | 36.9% |
| 2. | Kelantan | 31.7% |
| 3. | Sarawak | 30.9% |
| 4. | Pahang | 30.1% |
| 5. | Terengganu | 30.0% |

OLD AGE

| | States | 60+ years | 65+ years |
|----|-----------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. | Perak | 16.3% | 11.4% |
| 2. | Perlis | 14.2% | 9.8% |
| 3. | Pulau Pinang | 14.0% | 9.4% |
| 4. | Negeri Sembilan | 13.3% | 8.9% |
| 5. | Melaka | 13.1% | 8.9% |

SEX RATIO

Two (2) States that recorded more females than males

| | | |
|----|----------------|----|
| 1. | W.P. Putrajaya | 87 |
| 2. | Perlis | 99 |

For every 100 females

TOP FIVE (5) DENSELY POPULATED STATE

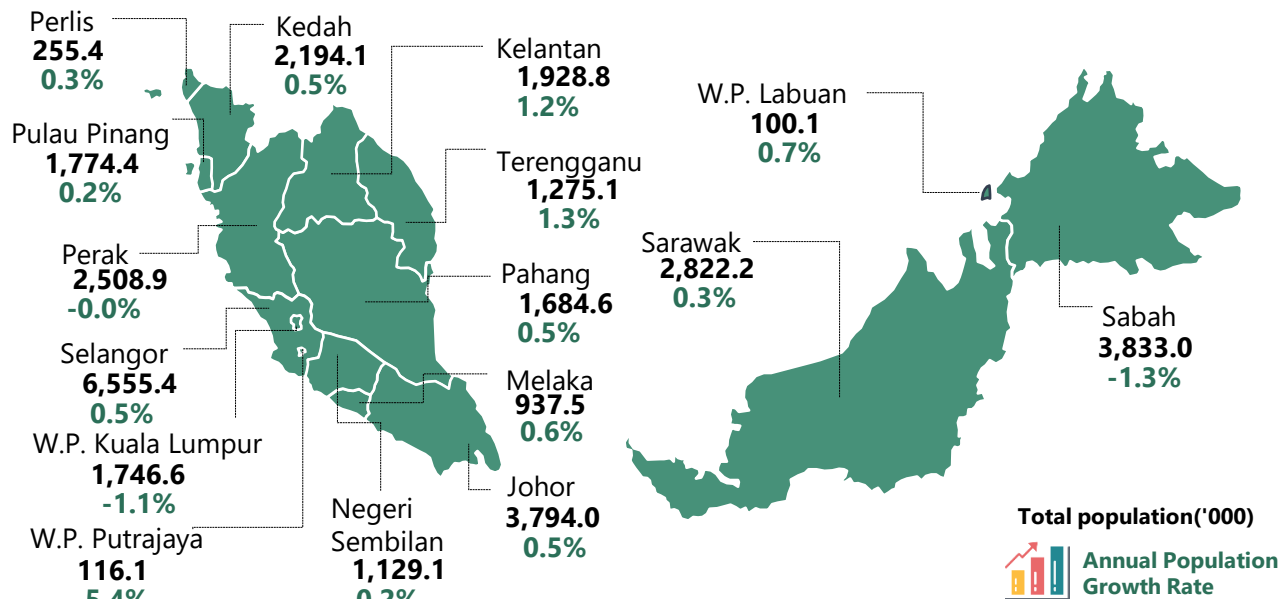
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|----|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | W.P. Kuala Lumpur | 7,188 km ² |
| 2. | W.P. Putrajaya | 2,354 km ² |
| 3. | Pulau Pinang | 1,691 km ² |
| 4. | W.P. Labuan | 1,088 km ² |
| 5. | Selangor | 824 km ² |

Note:

° Estimates

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TOTAL POPULATION AND ANNUAL GROWTH RATE BY STATE, 2021^e



PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF POPULATION BY STATE, 2021^e



^e Estimates



Males ('000)



Females ('000)



Sex ratio (Males per 100 females)



Density (km²)



Median age (years)

Population and Key Demographic Indicators

| States | No. of Population (Million) | | | Annual Population Growth Rate (%) | | | Natural Increase | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 ^e | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 ^e | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 ^e |
| Malaysia | 32.52 | 32.58 | 32.66 | 0.43 | 0.19 | 0.22 | 340,517 | 329,914 | 314,211 |
| Johor | 3.76 | 3.77 | 3.79 | 0.31 | 0.33 | 0.54 | 40,423 | 39,967 | 38,322 |
| Kedah | 2.17 | 2.18 | 2.19 | 0.50 | 0.41 | 0.53 | 22,361 | 21,091 | 20,122 |
| Kelantan | 1.88 | 1.90 | 1.93 | 1.24 | 1.11 | 1.25 | 27,919 | 27,044 | 25,349 |
| Melaka | 0.93 | 0.93 | 0.94 | 0.64 | 0.37 | 0.60 | 8,866 | 8,981 | 8,544 |
| Negeri Sembilan | 1.13 | 1.13 | 1.13 | 0.30 | 0.08 | 0.18 | 10,967 | 10,879 | 10,245 |
| Pahang | 1.67 | 1.68 | 1.68 | 0.40 | 0.32 | 0.46 | 18,294 | 17,760 | 16,611 |
| Perak | 2.51 | 2.51 | 2.51 | 0.22 | -0.04 | 0.04 | 16,791 | 15,269 | 14,181 |
| Perlis | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.26 | 0.22 | 0.25 | 0.29 | 2,443 | 2,329 | 2,050 |
| Pulau Pinang | 1.77 | 1.77 | 1.77 | 0.34 | 0.09 | 0.23 | 10,737 | 9,496 | 9,267 |
| Sabah | 3.90 | 3.88 | 3.83 | 0.16 | -0.56 | -1.29 | 38,809 | 39,085 | 38,193 |
| Sarawak | 2.81 | 2.81 | 2.82 | 0.51 | 0.25 | 0.32 | 24,537 | 22,796 | 22,448 |
| Selangor | 6.51 | 6.52 | 6.56 | 0.48 | 0.28 | 0.47 | 77,254 | 74,738 | 67,511 |
| Terengganu | 1.24 | 1.26 | 1.28 | 1.31 | 1.12 | 1.31 | 20,863 | 21,143 | 19,676 |
| W.P. Kuala Lumpur | 1.78 | 1.77 | 1.75 | -0.40 | -0.93 | -1.10 | 16,527 | 15,750 | 18,217 |
| W.P. Labuan | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.33 | 0.13 | 0.67 | 1,438 | 1,404 | 1,369 |
| W.P. Putrajaya | 0.10 | 0.11 | 0.12 | 6.33 | 5.88 | 5.42 | 2,288 | 2,182 | 2,106 |

| State | Crude Birth Rate (per 1,000 population) | | | Crude Death Rate (per 1,000 population) | | | Total Fertility Rate (per woman aged 15-49 years) | | |
|-------------------|---|-------------|-------------|---|------------|------------|---|------------|------------|
| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| Malaysia | 15.9 | 15.5 | 15.0 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| Johor | 16.5 | 16.3 | 16.0 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| Kedah | 17.1 | 16.5 | 15.8 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.6 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.1 |
| Kelantan | 21.4 | 20.6 | 19.5 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 2.8 |
| Melaka | 15.8 | 15.6 | 15.2 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 6.0 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.8 |
| Negeri Sembilan | 16.2 | 16.2 | 15.5 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.0 |
| Pahang | 16.7 | 16.2 | 15.4 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.0 |
| Perak | 14.0 | 13.5 | 13.1 | 7.2 | 7.4 | 7.5 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.8 |
| Perlis | 17.6 | 17.2 | 15.9 | 8.0 | 8.1 | 7.8 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.0 |
| Pulau Pinang | 12.3 | 11.7 | 11.4 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| Sabah | 13.6 | 13.6 | 13.5 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Sarawak | 13.6 | 13.1 | 13.0 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Selangor | 16.3 | 15.8 | 14.6 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.6 |
| Terengganu | 23.1 | 23.0 | 21.7 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.9 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 2.9 |
| W.P. Kuala Lumpur | 13.8 | 13.5 | 15.2 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.7 |
| W.P. Labuan | 17.3 | 17.1 | 16.8 | 2.5 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| W.P. Putrajaya | 28.8 | 24.7 | 22.3 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 3.3 |

| State | Life Expectancy at Birth (Year) | | | Crude Marriage Rate (per 1,000 population) | | | Crude Divorce Rate (per 1,000 population) | | |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|------------|------------|---|------------|------------|
| | 2018 | 2019 ^p | 2020 ^e | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| Malaysia | 74.6 | 74.7 | 74.9 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.3 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.8 |
| Johor | 74.3 | 74.4 | 74.4 | 7.5 | 7.2 | 7.1 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.9 |
| Kedah | 73.1 | 73.3 | 73.7 | 5.9 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.8 |
| Kelantan | 72.4 | 72.6 | 72.8 | 8.2 | 7.9 | 7.7 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.7 |
| Melaka | 74.7 | 74.8 | 75.1 | 7.4 | 7.6 | 7.4 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 2.2 |
| Negeri Sembilan | 73.5 | 73.7 | 74.1 | 8.1 | 7.8 | 7.7 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.2 |
| Pahang | 73.6 | 73.7 | 74.1 | 7.5 | 7.4 | 7.1 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 2.1 |
| Perak | 74.0 | 74.1 | 74.2 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.9 |
| Perlis | 72.0 | 71.9 | 72.3 | 7.3 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.6 |
| Pulau Pinang | 75.2 | 75.4 | 75.9 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.6 |
| Sabah | 74.3 ^a | 74.3 ^a | 74.4 ^a | 3.6 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.0 |
| Sarawak | 76.4 | 76.4 | 76.4 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.3 |
| Selangor | 75.4 ^b | 75.6 ^b | 75.9 ^b | 6.1 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.8 |
| Terengganu | 72.1 | 72.1 | 72.2 | 8.9 | 8.6 | 8.1 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.3 |
| W.P. Kuala Lumpur | 76.7 | 76.9 | 76.8 | 6.7 | 6.6 | 6.4 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 2.1 |
| W.P. Labuan | - | - | - | 6.2 | 5.6 | 6.3 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.8 |
| W.P. Putrajaya | - | - | - | 5.5 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 2.8 | 2.2 | 2.5 |

Population and Key Demographic Indicators by Census Year

| States | No. of Population (Million) | | | | | Crude Birth Rate (per 1,000 population) | | | | | Crude Death Rate (per 1,000 population) | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 1970 | 1980 | 1991 | 2000 | 2010 | 1970 | 1980 | 1991 | 2000 | 2010 | 1970 | 1980 | 1991 | 2000 | 2010 |
| Malaysia | 10.88 | 13.88 | 18.55 | 23.49 | 28.59 | 32.4 | 30.6 | 27.6 | 22.9 | 17.2 | 6.7 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.6 |
| Johor | 1.33 | 1.65 | 2.19 | 2.76 | 3.36 | 33.8 | 30.8 | 26.6 | 24.3 | 16.7 | 6.3 | 5.1 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.8 |
| Kedah | 0.99 | 1.12 | 1.37 | 1.67 | 1.95 | 33.0 | 30.5 | 27.1 | 24.5 | 18.0 | 7.1 | 6.0 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 6.0 |
| Kelantan | 0.71 | 0.90 | 1.23 | 1.36 | 1.59 | 36.3 | 36.8 | 34.6 | 29.7 | 22.6 | 9.7 | 6.4 | 5.1 | 5.6 | 6.2 |
| Melaka | 0.42 | 0.47 | 0.54 | 0.65 | 0.82 | 34.5 | 29.3 | 26.7 | 23.7 | 15.8 | 7.3 | 6.1 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.4 |
| Negeri Sembilan | 0.50 | 0.58 | 0.73 | 0.87 | 1.03 | 32.5 | 29.4 | 25.3 | 22.2 | 16.5 | 7.1 | 6.1 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.6 |
| Pahang | 0.52 | 0.80 | 1.08 | 1.30 | 1.50 | 34.0 | 45.4 | 28.9 | 22.8 | 17.3 | 7.1 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 5.1 |
| Perak | 1.63 | 1.81 | 2.00 | 2.09 | 2.38 | 26.1 | 28.2 | 26.1 | 23.2 | 15.1 | 7.5 | 6.3 | 5.7 | 6.3 | 6.5 |
| Perlis | 0.13 | 0.15 | 0.19 | 0.21 | 0.24 | 28.1 | 24.4 | 21.2 | 22.4 | 17.4 | 6.9 | 6.3 | 5.5 | 6.3 | 7.1 |
| Pulau Pinang | 0.81 | 0.96 | 1.13 | 1.33 | 1.58 | 33.4 | 29.6 | 24.3 | 20.5 | 13.4 | 6.9 | 6.1 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.8 |
| Sabah | 0.70 | 1.06 | 1.81 | 2.60 | 3.26 | 35.2 | 39.1 | 34.4 | 18.9 | 16.6 | 5.5 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 2.0 | 2.3 |
| Sarawak | 1.04 | 1.35 | 1.72 | 2.07 | 2.49 | 29.5 | 27.7 | 26.5 | 23.1 | 16.7 | 4.9 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 4.2 |
| Selangor | 1.70 | 1.52 | 2.43 | 4.19 | 5.50 | 30.2 | 28.4 | 26.4 | 21.9 | 17.9 | 5.2 | 4.4 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 3.4 |
| Terengganu | 0.42 | 0.54 | 0.81 | 0.90 | 1.06 | 34.9 | 37.4 | 33.1 | 27.5 | 23.0 | 9.0 | 6.1 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 5.6 |
| W.P. Kuala Lumpur | - | 0.98 | 1.26 | 1.42 | 1.67 | - | 27.6 | 24.9 | 20.8 | 14.6 | - | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| W.P. Labuan | - | - | 0.05 | 0.08 | 0.09 | - | - | 32.5 | 19.7 | 18.5 | - | - | 3.3 | 2.2 | 2.8 |
| W.P. Putrajaya | - | - | - | - | 0.07 | - | - | - | - | 33.1 | - | - | - | - | 1.3 |

| States | Total Fertility Rate (per woman aged 15-49 years) | | | | Life Expectancy at Birth (Year) | | |
|-------------------|--|------------|------------|------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 1980 | 1991 | 2000 | 2010 | 1991 | 2000 | 2010 |
| Malaysia | 4.0 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 2.1 | 71.2 | 72.2 | 74.1 |
| Johor | 4.1 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 71.3 | 72.1 | 73.9 |
| Kedah | 4.1 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 2.6 | 71.1 | 69.8 | 72.8 |
| Kelantan | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 3.7 | 70.5 | 69.4 | 71.1 |
| Melaka | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 2.1 | 70.7 | 71.3 | 73.6 |
| Negeri Sembilan | 4.0 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 2.3 | 71.1 | 71.2 | 72.9 |
| Pahang | 4.5 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 2.5 | 70.7 | 71.2 | 72.6 |
| Perak | 4.0 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 2.3 | 70.5 | 70.9 | 73.4 |
| Perlis | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 2.6 | 71.8 | 71.4 | 72.4 |
| Pulau Pinang | 2.9 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 1.6 | 71.1 | 74.1 | 74.3 |
| Sabah | 5.5 | 4.2 | 2.4 | 1.8 | 71.5 ^a | 74.8 ^a | - |
| Sarawak | 3.8 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 2.2 | 73.2 | 73.7 | 75.6 |
| Selangor | 3.3 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 1.9 | 71.1 ^b | 73.8 ^b | 75.1 ^b |
| Terengganu | 5.4 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 3.5 | 70.6 | 69.6 | 71.1 |
| W.P. Kuala Lumpur | 2.9 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 1.5 | 71.6 | 72.2 | 75.5 |
| W.P. Labuan | - | - | 2.3 | 2.0 | - | - | - |
| W.P. Putrajaya | - | - | - | 2.4 | - | - | - |

- Not available

Note: Life expectancy data for Sabah for the year 2010 was not published due to under reporting of death registration in Sabah.

^a Include W.P. Labuan

^b Include W.P. Putrajaya