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MALAYSIA HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX (MHDI) 2024 NOVEMBER 2025

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

PUTRAJAYA, NOVEMBER 12, 2025 – The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) today announced the release of the **Malaysia Human Development Index (MHDI) 2024 Report**, marking its third publication since the index was introduced in 2023. The MHDI serves as a comprehensive measure of national progress, capturing the quality of life and well-being of Malaysians beyond traditional economic indicators.

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.

Commenting on the national performance, Chief Statistician Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin said, "This year's MHDI results reaffirm Malaysia's commitment to balanced development. We are not only seeing economic growth, but also meaningful progress in health and education outcomes."

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.

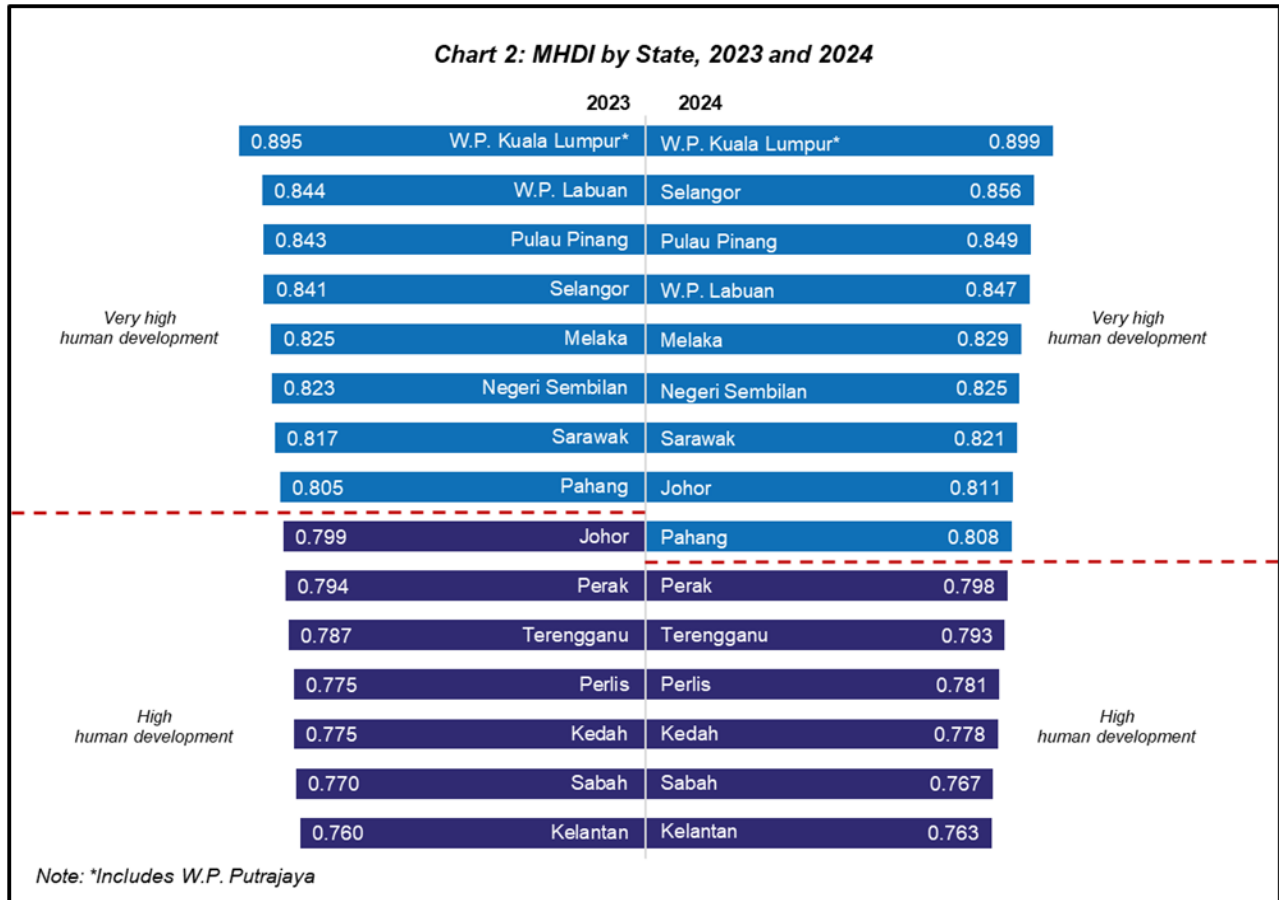
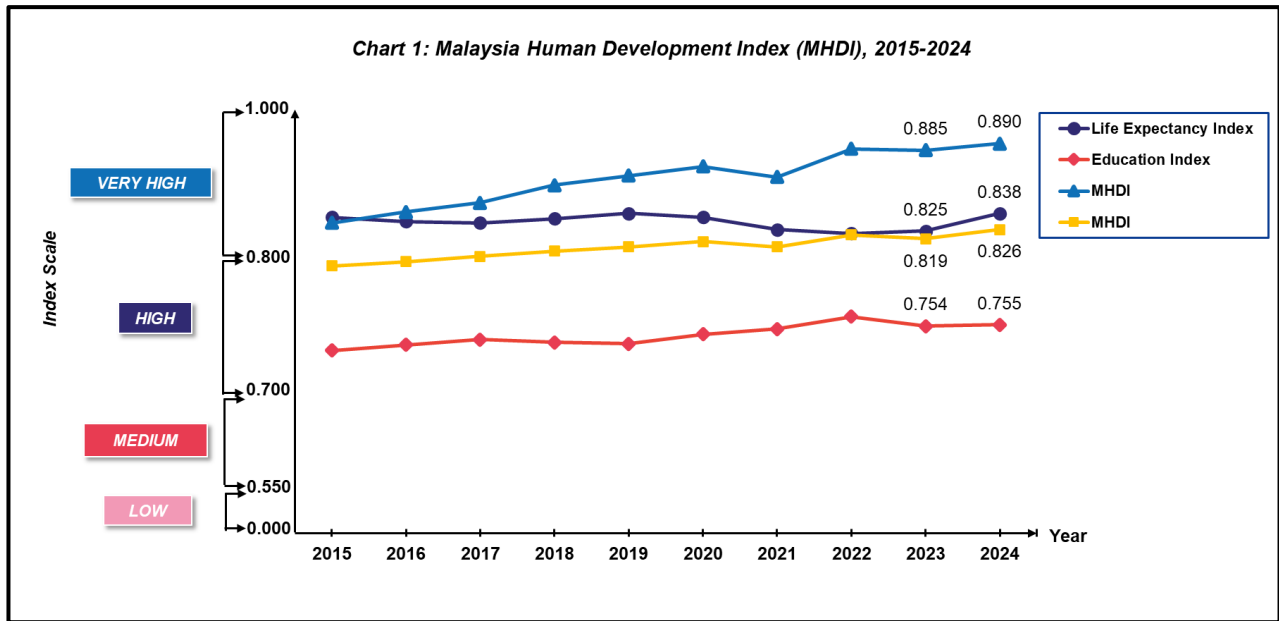
Explaining the methodology behind the index, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir added, "The MHDI is built on three pillars namely a long and healthy life, access to knowledge and a decent standard of living. These dimensions reflect our holistic approach to measuring development, ensuring that no aspect of human well-being is overlooked".

The MHDI 2024 Report reflects Malaysia's ongoing commitment to inclusive and balanced development, ensuring that progress is measured not only by economic growth but also by improvements in health, education and living standards.

The full report of Malaysia Human Development Index (MHDI) 2024 can be downloaded for free on the Department of Statistics, Malaysia portal (www.dosm.gov.my).

Malaysia, for the first time, ranked as number one (1) globally in the biennial Open Data Inventory (ODIN) 2024/25 report released by Open Data Watch (ODW), surpassing 197 other countries. This achievement marks a significant leap from its 67th position in the ODIN 2022/23 assessment.

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