



CHILDREN STATISTICS, MALAYSIA, 2025

POPULATION^P



The composition of children under 18 years of age in 2025 is 26.4 per cent, or 9.0 million of the total population of 34.2 million

Note:

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i. The data refers to the mid-year current population estimates based on the Population and Housing Census Malaysia, 2020

ii. The added total may differ due to rounding

Number of children by sex



HEALTH

Number of live births, 2024

415.0 thousand

Boys

214.0 thousand



Girls

201.0 thousand

Number of deaths, 2024

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3.3

Perinatal

1.9

Neonatal

3.0

Infant

0.6

1 - 4 years

3.6

Under-5 years

Source: Ministry of Health Malaysia

EDUCATION



Transition rate of enrolment, 2024

Primary to lower secondary level

91.8%

Lower secondary to upper secondary level

97.6%

Upper secondary to post-secondary level

18.0%

Note:

Refers to government and government-aided school

Source: Ministry of Education Malaysia

CHILD PROTECTION

Child in need of care and protection, 2024



9,624 persons



Number of registered centers and inmates in childcare centers, 2024



Center

1,517 units



Inmate

38,955 persons

Source: Department of Social Welfare

CHILDREN INVOLVED IN CRIME

The four highest type of offences children involved in crime, 2024

Crime relating to human

711 persons

Traffic offences

466 persons

Crime relating to property

465 persons

Drug

347 persons



Source: Department of Social Welfare



Children in need of care and protection up 12.7 per cent in 2024

- According to the 2025 population estimates, Malaysia is home to 9.03 million children under the age of 18, representing 26.4 per cent of the total population of 34.23 million. Of these, 4.66 million are boys and 4.37 million are girls. Children under five years of age total 2.31 million.
- W.P. Putrajaya recorded the highest percentage of children under 18 (39.9%), followed by Kelantan (33.5%) and Terengganu (32.9%). Selangor recorded the highest number of children at 1.81 million, while W.P. Labuan recorded the lowest at 0.03 million.
- In terms of health, infant immunisation coverage declined in 2024 across all five major immunisations. Coverage for Polio, DTP, Hib and Hepatitis B each fell by 6.1 percentage points, while BCG declined by 0.3 percentage points.
- The number of registered Child Care Centres (TASKA) increased by 1.4 per cent to 3,198 in 2024. Johor recorded the highest growth at 29.4 per cent, while W.P. Putrajaya experienced the largest decrease at 21.0 per cent. Government and government-aided school enrolment declined by 0.2 per cent, with a 3.0 per cent drop at the upper secondary level. Private school enrolment also decreased by 0.3 per cent, primarily due to a 3.4 per cent decline in kindergarten enrolment.
- The number of children in need of care and protection rose by 12.7 per cent to 9,624 cases in 2024. Girls accounted for 6,031 cases, while boys saw a sharper increase of 15.2 per cent as compared to 11.3 per cent among girls.
- The number of children involved in crime decreased by 4.2 per cent to 2,627 cases. Bumiputera children made up the majority at 82.2 per cent, followed by Chinese (9.0%), Indians (4.9%) and Others (4.1%).

