

COUNTRY PROFILE

MALAYSIA



Location: Southeastern Asia, peninsula bordering Thailand and northern one-third of the island of Borneo, bordering Indonesia, Brunei, and the South China Sea, south of Vietnam

Capital: Kuala Lumpur

Government Type: Federal Constitutional Monarchy

Area:

Total: 329,847 sq km

Land: 328,657 sq km

Water: 1,190 sq km

Population: 30,949,962 (July 2016 est.)

Population Density (per sq KM) 92 (2015)

Population Growth Rate: 1.4% (2016 est.)

Population below Poverty Line: 3.8% (2009 est.)

Ethnic Groups: Malay 50.1%, Chinese 22.6%, indigenous 11.8%, Indian 6.7%, other 0.7%, non-citizens 8.2% (2010 est.)

Climate: Tropical; annual southwest (April to October) and northeast (October to February) monsoons

Natural Resources: Tin, petroleum, timber, copper, iron ore, natural gas, bauxite

Languages: Bahasa Malaysia (official), English, Chinese (Cantonese, Mandarin, Hokkien, Hakka, Hainan, Foochow), Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Panjabi, Thai

Religions: Muslim (official) 61.3%, Buddhist 19.8%, Christian 9.2%, Hindu 6.3%, Confucianism, Taoism, other traditional Chinese religions 1.3%, other 0.4%, none 0.8%, unspecified 1% (2010 est.)

Land Use:

Agricultural Land: 23.2% (arable land 2.9%; permanent crops 19.4%; permanent pasture 0.9%)

Forest: 62%

Other: 14.8% (2011 est.)

Natural Hazards: Flooding; landslides; forest fires

Literacy: 94.6%

GDP - Real Growth Rate: 4.3% (2016 est.)

GDP - Per Capita (PPP): \$27,200 (2016 est.)

Exports: \$167.3 billion (2016 est.)

Export Commodities: semiconductors and electronic equipment, palm oil, petroleum and liquefied natural gas, wood and wood products, palm oil, rubber, textiles, chemicals, solar panels

Improved Drinking Water Source: 98.2% of population

Improved Sanitation Facility Access: 96% of population