

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: 34,308,525 WDI-2023

Rural Population: 7,302,226 (2023)

Population Density: (per sq KM) 102.18 2021 WDI

Population Growth Rate: 1.08% 2023 WDI

Population below Poverty Line: 6.2% (2022) WDI

Ethnic Groups: Bumiputera 63.8% (Malay 52.8% and indigenous peoples, including Orang Asli, Dayak, Anak Negeri, 11%), Chinese 20.6%, Indian 6%, other 0.6%, non-citizens 9% .

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) 63.5%, Buddhist 18.7%, Christian 9.1%, Hindu 6.1%, other (Confucianism, Taoism, other traditional Chinese religions) 0.9%, none/unspecified 1.8%.

Land Use:

Agricultural Land: 26.1% (2022) FAO. (Arable land 9.6% (2022) FAO/ Permanent crops 87.0% (2022) FAO/ Permanent meadows and pastures 3.3% (2022)

Forest: 58.02% 2021 WDI

Other: 15.88%

Natural Hazards: Flooding; landslides; forest fires.

Literacy: 95% World Population Review 2019

GDP - Real Growth Rate: 3.68% WDI 2023

GDP - Per Capita (PPP): \$11,691.36 WDI 2023

Exports: RM112.8 billion. 2023.DoSM.

Exports 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: 97.15% of population (2022) WDI.

Improved Sanitation Facility Access: 95.99%. of population (2022) WDI