

MALAYSIA



- **Capital City:** Kuala Lumpur
- **Official Language:** Bahasa Malaysia (Malaysian)

1) Geographical Features:

- Area: 329,847 sq km
- Geographical Coordinates: 2 30 N, 112 30 E
- Climate: uniform temperature, high humidity, copious rainfall, light winds; tropical; annual southwest (April to October) and northwest (October to February) monsoons
- Topography Type: Primarily mountainous, interspersed with rainforests. Beaches and mangroves are prominent features; coastal plains rising to hills and mountains

2) Political Features:

- Government Type: Federal representative democratic constitutional monarchy
- Head of State: King Sultan Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah (since January 24, 2019)
- Head of Government: Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad (since May 10, 2018)

3) Economic Features:

- Total GDP: \$ 312.4 billion (2017 est.)
- GDP Growth Rate: 5.9% (2017 est.)
- GDP per Capita: \$ 29,100 (2017 est.)
- GDP (PPP): \$ 933.3 billion (2017 est.)
- Sectoral Composition of Economy (2017 est.):

- » Agriculture: 8.8%
- » Industry: 37.6%
- » Services: 53.6%
- Currency and Exchange Rate: Malaysian Ringgit \$1= 4.343 (2017 est.)
- Exports: \$187.9 billion (2017 est.)
- Biggest Exporting Partners: China 12.6%, Singapore 15.1%, Japan 8.2%, US 9.4%, Thailand 5.7%, Hong Kong 4.2% (2017)
- Imports: \$160.7 billion (2017 est.)
- Biggest Importing Partners: China 19.9%, Singapore 10.8%, Japan 7.6%, US 8.4%, Thailand 5.8%, South Korea 4.5%, Indonesia 4.4% (2017)

4) Social and Demographic Features:

- Population Size: 31,809,660 (2018 est.)
- Main Languages Spoken: Upto 134 living languages, including Malaysian, Chinese and Indian dialects; Bahasa Malaysia (official), English, Chinese (Cantonese, Mandarin, Hokkien, Hakka, Hainan, Foochow), Tamil, Telegu, Malayalam, Panjabi, Thai
- Main Religions Followed: Islam (official) 61.3%, Buddhism 19.8%, Christianity 9.2%, Hinduism 6.3%, Confucianism, Taoism, other traditional Chinese religions 1.3%, other 0.4%, none 0.8%, unspecified 1% (2010 est.)
- Biggest Ethnic Groups: Bumiputera 62% (Malays and indigenous peoples, including Orang Asli, Dayak, Anak Negeri), Chinese 20.6%, Indian 5.7%, other 0.8%, non-citizens 10.3% (2017 est.)
- Total Employment (millions; ages 15+): 14.6 (2016)
- Sex Ratio: 1.03 male(s)/female (2018 est.)

5) Military and Defense:

- Total Defense Expenditure: \$3208 m (2018)
- Defense Expenditure as a % of GDP: 1.0% (2018)
- Military Obligation: (yes/no) No
- Military Strength (Active manpower): 110,000 (2018)

6) Important Rankings:

- GDP Ranking (Nominal): 36 (2018)
- HDI Ranking: 57 (2018)
- Global Peace Index: 25 (2018)
- KOF Globalization Index: 27 (2018)
- Military Strength Ranking: 41 (2018)
- Where-to-be-born Index: 36 (2013)