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ABRIDGED LIFE TABLES, MALAYSIA, 2023-2025

Life Expectancy of the Malaysia's Population Continues to Increase in 2025: Babies Born This Year Are Expected to Live for 75.3 Years, with Baby Girls Living 4.8 Years Longer than Boys

PUTRAJAYA, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 – The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) releases publication on ***Abridged Life Tables, Malaysia, 2023-2025*** today. This publication contains abridged life tables by age group, ethnic group and sex at Malaysia and state level for the year of 2023-2025. For the first time this publication presents abridged life tables by 156 administrative districts which cover age group and sex.

In a statement today, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician Malaysia said, "A baby born in 2025 on average is expected to live until 75.3 years. On average, a baby girl born is expected to live up until 77.9 years, 4.8 years longer than a baby boy at 73.1 years".

The highest life expectancy at birth for males and females by state for the period of 2023 to 2025 was recorded in Selangor, while Terengganu recorded the lowest life expectancy for the same period. There are four states that exceeded the national level life expectancy for 2025 namely Selangor, W.P. Kuala Lumpur, W.P. Labuan and Sarawak.

According to Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, "Samarahan, Sarawak recorded the highest life expectancy at birth for 2023 (79.8 years), 2024 (80.4 years) and 2025 (80.9 years). Meanwhile, the lowest life expectancy at birth was recorded in Kecil Lojing, Kelantan for 2023 (63.6 years), Kuala Penyu, Sabah for 2024 (66.5 years) and Kanowit, Sarawak for 2025 (66.5 years)". Overall, 30 out of 156 districts surpassed national life expectancy. The life expectancy at birth was highest for males in Kinabatangan, Sabah (79.8 years) and females in Telupid, Sabah (82.8 years).

For the period of 2015 to 2019, life expectancy at birth increased by 0.2 years. Male life expectancy remained unchanged at 72.5 years, while female life expectancy increased by 0.3 years. However, from 2020 to 2022, life expectancy at birth decreased by 0.9 years with males decreased by 1.0 year while females decreased by 0.8 years. For 2023 to 2025, life expectancy at birth recorded an increase of 1.3 years. The increase in life expectancy is due to the lower number of deaths for year 2023 to 2025 as compared to the 2020-2022 period which was attributed to excess deaths during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Males who reach the age of 15 and 60 years in 2025 are expected to live for another 58.8 years and 18.8 years, respectively. This indicates that males aged 15 and 60 years in 2025 is expected to live until the age of 73.8 years and 78.8 years, respectively. On the other hand, females in the same age groups are expected to live for another 63.6 years and 21.6 years, with life expectancy of 78.6 years and 81.6 years, respectively.

Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician Malaysia commented, "Chinese continues to register the highest life expectancy at birth in the year 2025, with 77.3 years. In contrast, the lowest life expectancy at birth is recorded by Indians with 71.8 years for the same year. At the state level, life expectancy at birth for Malay and Chinese was the highest in Selangor as compared to other states in 2025".

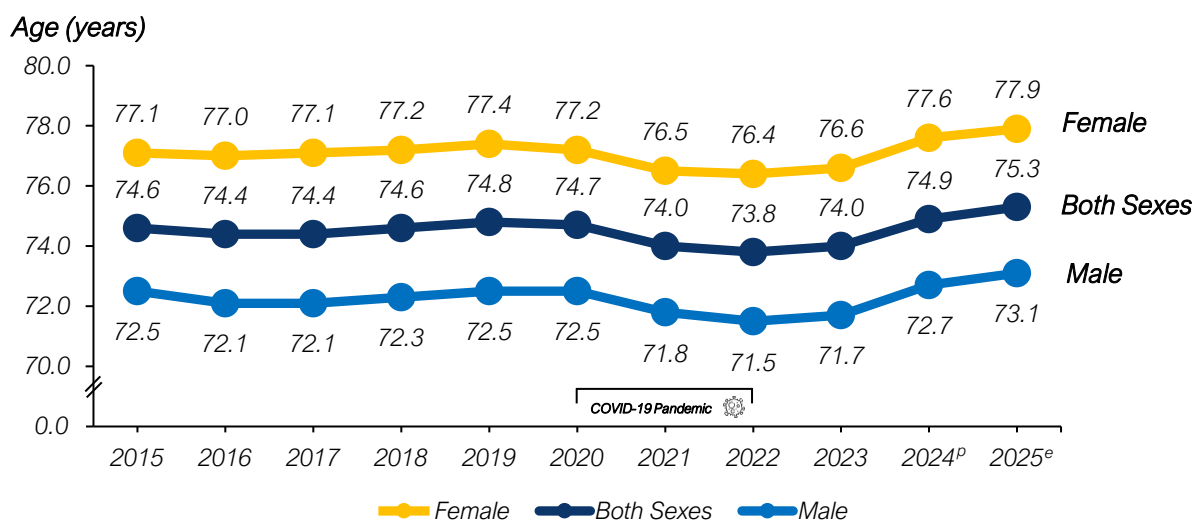
ASEAN-Malaysia 2025 Chairmanship: The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) will chair the 15th ASEAN Community Statistical System Committee (ACSS15) which aims to strengthen the statistical cooperation towards sustainable regional development.

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.

The Government of Malaysia has declared October 20th as National Statistics Day (MyStats Day), with the theme 'Statistics is the Essence of Life'. Meanwhile, the Fourth World Statistics Day will be celebrated on 20th October 2025, with the theme 'Driving Change with Quality Statistics and Data for Everyone'.

OpenDOSM NextGen is a medium that provides data catalogue and visualisations to facilitate users' analysis and can be accessed through <https://open.dosm.gov.my>.

Chart 1: Life expectancy at birth by sex, Malaysia, 2015-2025

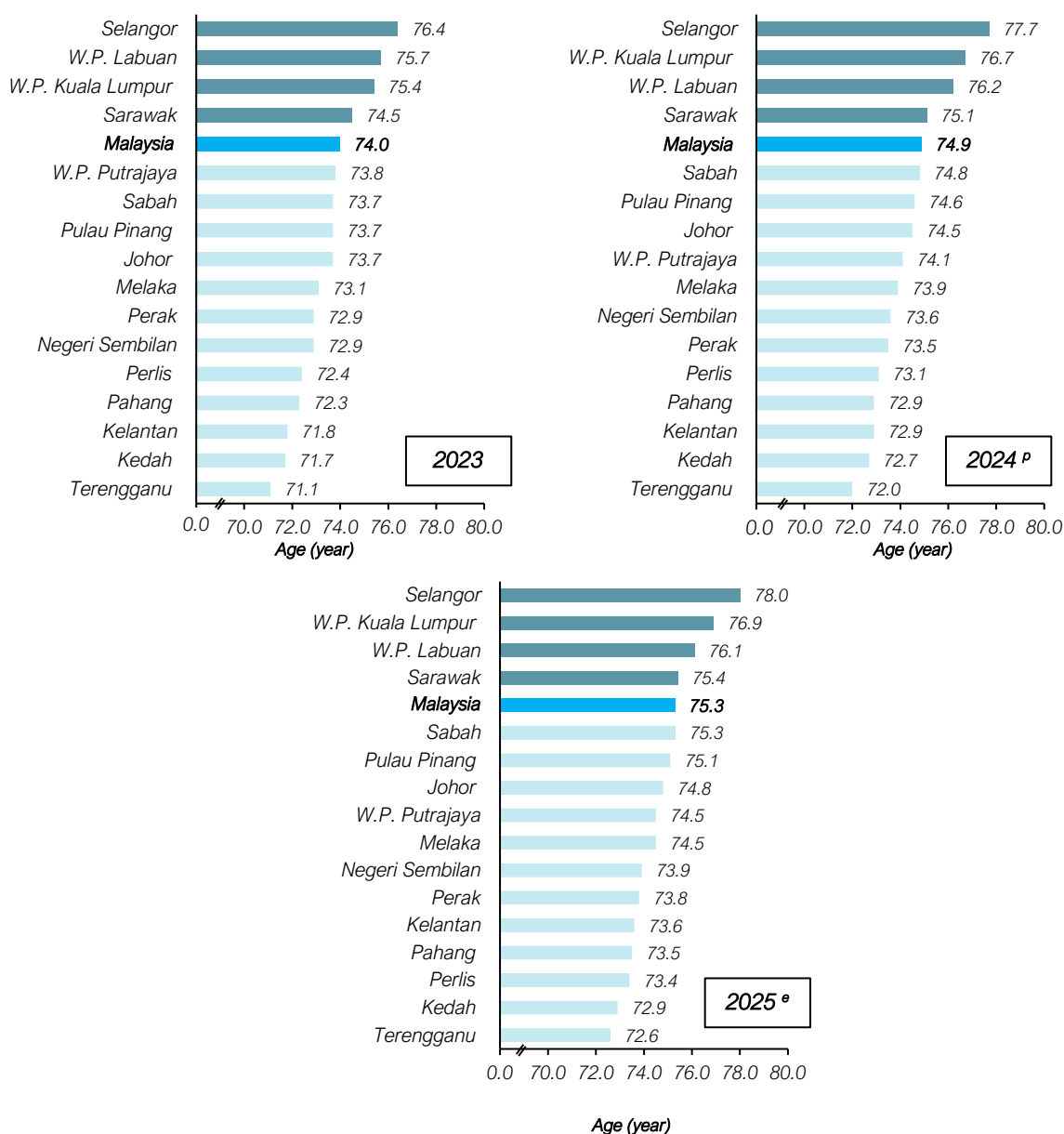


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Chart 2: Life expectancy at birth by state, Malaysia, 2023-2025



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**Table 1: Top five districts with highest life expectancy at birth by sex,
Malaysia, 2023-2025**

Year	Both Sexes		Male		Female	
	Administrative District	Life Expectancy at Birth	Administrative District	Life Expectancy at Birth	Administrative District	Life Expectancy at Birth
2025 ^e	Samarahan, Sarawak	80.9	Kinabatangan, Sabah	79.8	Telupid, Sabah	82.8
	Kinabatangan, Sabah	80.2	Samarahan, Sarawak	79.7	Nabawan, Sabah	82.5
	Petaling, Selangor	80.1	Petaling, Selangor	78.3	Samarahan, Sarawak	82.2
	Telupid, Sabah	79.7	Sepang, Selangor	77.6	Petaling, Selangor	82.2
	Penampang, Sabah	79.2	Telupid, Sabah	77.4	Tebedu, Sarawak	81.8
2024 ^p	Samarahan, Sarawak	80.4	Samarahan, Sarawak	79.4	Petaling, Selangor	82.2
	Petaling, Selangor	80.0	Petaling, Selangor	78.1	Samarahan, Sarawak	81.4
	Kinabatangan, Sabah	79.0	Kinabatangan, Sabah	78.0	Telupid, Sabah	81.2
	Sepang, Selangor	78.8	Sepang, Selangor	76.9	Sepang, Selangor	80.9
	Ulu Langat, Selangor	77.8	Kalabakan, Sabah	75.8	Tongod, Sabah	80.4
2023	Samarahan, Sarawak	79.8	Samarahan, Sarawak	78.4	Samarahan, Sarawak	81.2
	Petaling, Selangor	78.7	Petaling, Selangor	76.8	Petaling, Selangor	80.8
	Kinabatangan, Sabah	77.4	Kinabatangan, Sabah	76.4	Sepang, Selangor	79.4
	Sepang, Selangor	77.4	Sepang, Selangor	75.8	Telupid, Sabah	79.2
	Kota Kinabalu, Sabah	76.9	Bintulu, Sarawak	75.0	Tongod, Sabah	79.2

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**Table 2: Top five districts with lowest life expectancy at birth by sex,
Malaysia, 2023-2025**

Year	Both Sexes		Male		Female	
	Administrative District	Life Expectancy at Birth	Administrative District	Life Expectancy at Birth	Administrative District	Life Expectancy at Birth
2025 ^e	Kanowit, Sarawak	66.5	Kanowit, Sarawak	61.5	Kecil Lojing, Kelantan	69.3
	Selama, Perak	67.1	Selama, Perak	64.2	Beaufort, Sabah	69.4
	Tanjung Manis, Sarawak	67.3	Sabak Bernam, Selangor	65.1	Song, Sarawak	69.5
	Song, Sarawak	67.3	Song, Sarawak	65.2	Tanjung Manis, Sarawak	70.2
	Sabak Bernam, Selangor	67.7	Tanjung Manis, Sarawak	65.2	Selama, Perak	70.6
2024 ^p	Kuala Penyu, Sabah	66.5	Kanowit, Sarawak	62.6	Kecil Lojing, Kelantan	66.5
	Kecil Lojing, Kelantan	66.9	Kuala Penyu, Sabah	63.5	Beaufort, Sabah	69.7
	Song, Sarawak	67.0	Song, Sarawak	63.8	Kuala Penyu, Sabah	70.3
	Kanowit, Sarawak	67.7	Sabak Bernam, Selangor	65.3	Song, Sarawak	70.4
	Beaufort, Sabah	67.7	Selama, Perak	65.9	Pitas, Sabah	70.5
2023	Kecil Lojing, Kelantan	63.6	Kuala Penyu, Sabah	61.2	Kecil Lojing, Kelantan	65.0
	Kuala Penyu, Sabah	64.3	Kanowit, Sarawak	62.4	Kuala Penyu, Sabah	68.2
	Song, Sarawak	67.2	Kecil Lojing, Kelantan	62.4	Bukit Mabong, Sarawak	69.6
	Kanowit, Sarawak	67.3	Song, Sarawak	63.0	Beaufort, Sabah	69.9
	Beaufort, Sabah	67.4	Sabak Bernam, Selangor	65.3	Pitas, Sabah	70.0

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Chart 3: Changes in life expectancy at birth by sex, Malaysia, 2015-2019, 2020-2022 and 2023-2025

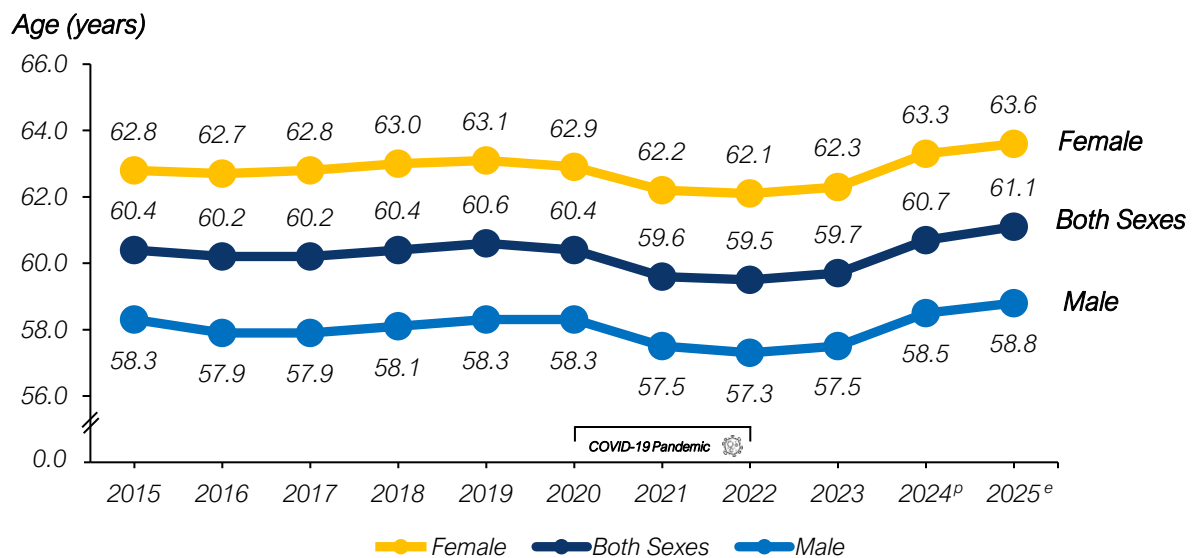


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2015-2019: Based on Population and Housing Census of Malaysia 2010

2020-2025: Based on Population and Housing Census of Malaysia 2020

Chart 4: Life expectancy at the age of 15 years by sex, Malaysia, 2015-2025

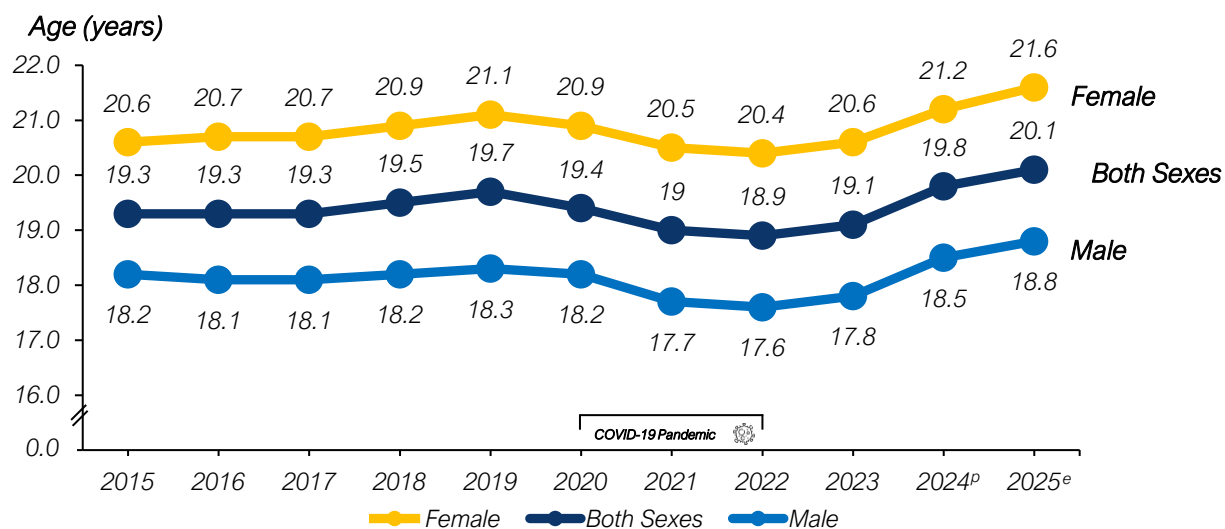


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Chart 5: Life expectancy at the age of 60 years by sex, Malaysia, 2015-2025

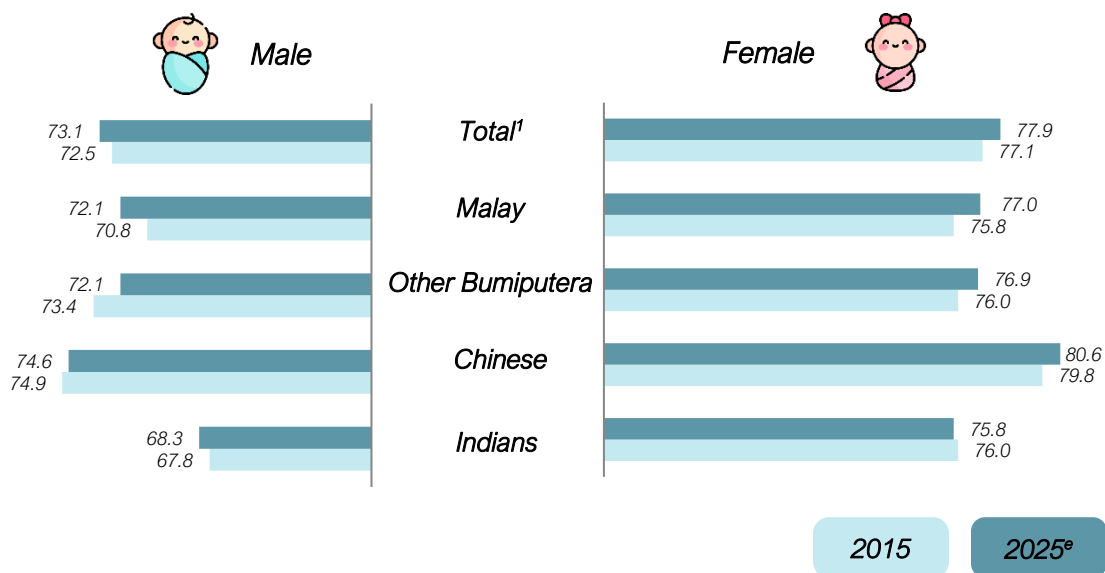


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Exhibit 1: Life expectancy at birth by ethnic group and sex, Malaysia, 2015 and 2025

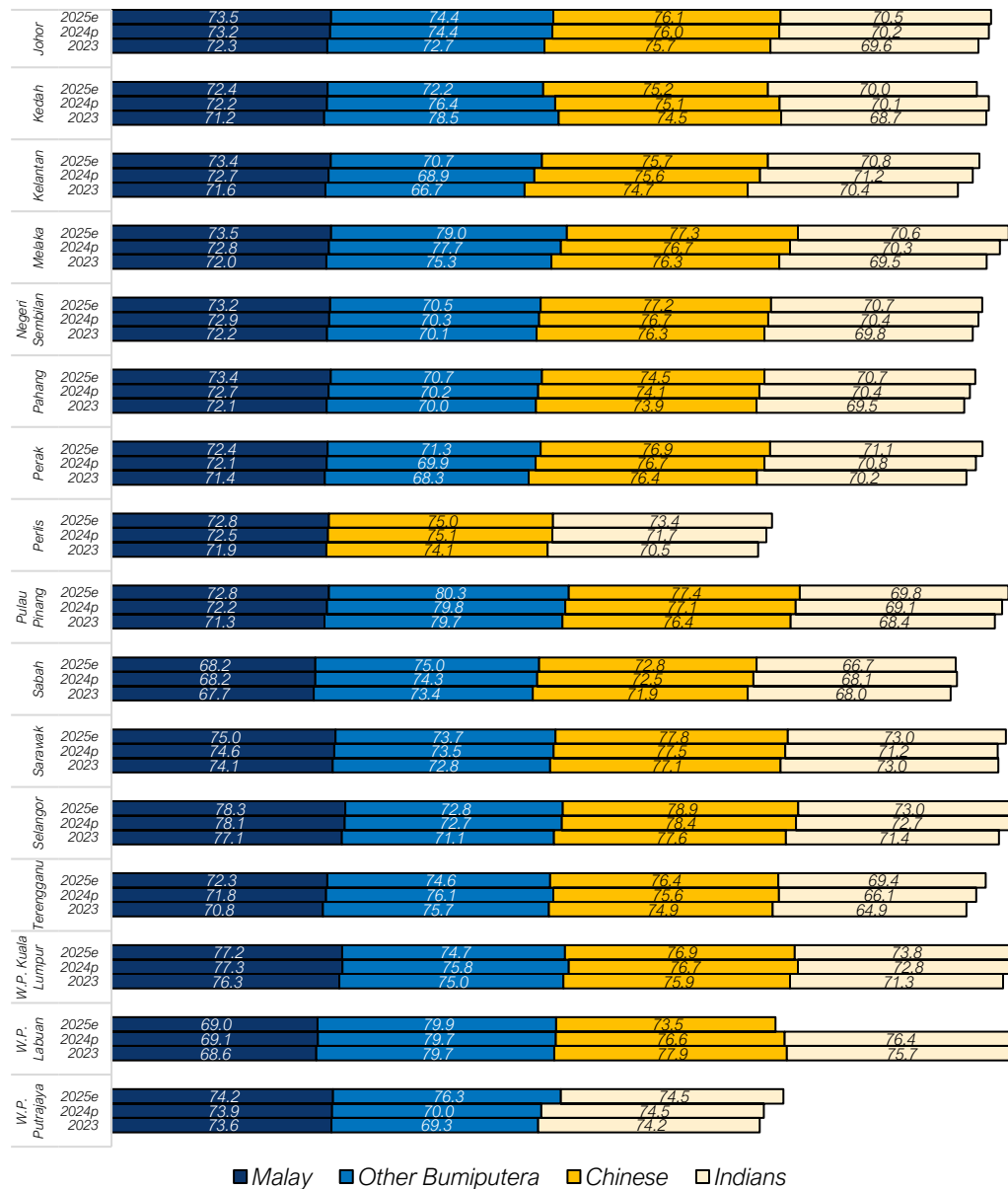


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¹ Includes Others (Citizens) and Non-citizens

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Chart 6: Life expectancy at birth by ethnic group, states, Malaysia, 2023-2025



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For the period of 2023 to 2025, life expectancy at birth for Other Bumiputera in Perlis and Chinese in W.P. Putrajaya cannot be calculated due to insufficient data. Meanwhile, life expectancy at birth for Indians in W.P. Labuan for year 2025 cannot be calculated due to insufficient data.

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