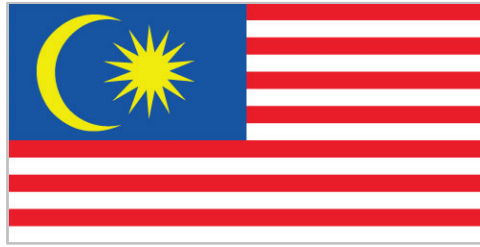




# MALAYSIA



## INTRODUCTION

The British colonized the area that is now Malaysia during the late 18th and 19th centuries. In 1948, the British-ruled territories on the Malay Peninsula (except Singapore) formed the Federation of Malaya, becoming independent in 1957. Malaysia was formed in 1963 when the former British colonies of Singapore, Sabah, and Sarawak joined the Federation. Singapore was expelled in 1965.

## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

King Sultan IBRAHIM ibni al-Marhum Sultan Iskandar

### Head of Government

Prime Minister ANWAR Ibrahim

### Government Type

federal parliamentary constitutional monarchy

### Capital

Kuala Lumpur

### Legislature

bicameral Parliament or Parlimen consists of the Senate or Dewan Negara (70 seats) and the House of Representatives or Dewan Rakyat (222 seats)

### Ambassador to US

Ambassador Mohamed NAZRI Bin Abdul Aziz

### US Ambassador

Ambassador-designate Edgard KAGAN

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

total: 329,847 sq km

Land: 328,657 sq km

water: 1,190 sq km

### Climate

tropical; SW monsoons (April to October) and NE monsoons (October to February)

### Natural Resources

tin, petroleum, timber, copper, iron ore, natural gas, bauxite

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

upper middle-income Southeast Asian economy; implementing key anticorruption policies; major electronics, oil, and chemicals exporter; trade sector employs over 40% of jobs; key economic equity initiative; high labor productivity

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$884.1 billion (2021 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$26,300 (2021 est.)

**Industries** - rubber and oil palm processing and manufacturing, petroleum, natural gas, light manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, medical technology, electronics and semiconductors

**Agricultural products** - oil palm fruit, rice, poultry, eggs, vegetables, rubber, coconuts, bananas, pineapples, pork

**Exports** \$256.7 billion (2021 est.)

integrated circuits, refined petroleum, palm oil, rubber apparel, natural gas, semiconductors (2021)

**partners:** Singapore 15%, China 14%, US 13%, Hong Kong 6%, Japan 6% (2021)

**Imports** \$230.2 billion (2021 est.)

integrated circuits, refined petroleum, crude petroleum, coal, gold, semiconductors (2021)

**partners:** China 29%, Singapore 11%, Japan 6%, US 6%, Taiwan 6% (2021)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

34.2 million (2023 est.)

### Population Growth

1.01% (2023 est.)

### Ethnicity

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% (2013 est.)

### Language

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

### Religion

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% (2020 est.) as of February 2024