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### **BUMIPUTERA STATISTICS 2025**

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***The Bumiputera labour force expanded to 9.9 million in 2024, increased by 1.4 per cent.***

**PUTRAJAYA, DECEMBER 2, 2025** – The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) today released **BUMIPUTERA STATISTICS 2025**, a comprehensive report detailing the social and economic profile of Malaysia's Bumiputera community. The publication presents a wide array of data spanning demographics, labour force, household income and expenditure, health, tourism, registered professions, welfare and real estate from 2016 to 2025. This report serves as an essential reference for policymakers, businesses and researchers seeking insights into the Bumiputera community.

Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician of Malaysia stated, "The Bumiputera **population** in 2025 grew by 0.9 per cent, reaching 21.8 million or 63.6 per cent of Malaysia's total population. The male population slightly exceeded the female population, with 11.0 million males compared to 10.8 million females, resulting in a sex ratio of 102 males for every 100 females."

*In 2024, the Bumiputera **labour force** increased by 1.4 per cent to reach 9.9 million, comprising 6.0 million males and 3.9 million females. The labour force participation rate (LFPR) stood at 67.4 per cent, with male LFPR remaining high at 80.8 per cent, while female LFPR increased to 53.8 per cent. The increase highlights continued participation in the workforce, with more Bumiputera entering various sectors of the economy, contributing to overall national productivity and economic development. Meanwhile, the unemployment rate continued to decline to 3.4 per cent, with 3.3 per cent for males and 3.5 per cent for females. Among employed Bumiputera, 57.1 per cent had attained secondary or equivalent education, while 37.1 per cent had tertiary education.*

*The report also presents key **demographic** trends, offering a more comprehensive understanding of Malaysia's social and economic landscape. In 2024, the Bumiputera registered 324,700 live births compared to 363,102 in the previous year. The total fertility rate decreased to 1.6 children per woman aged 15-49 as compared to 2.1 children in 2023. Meanwhile, the life expectancy at birth for males and females in 2025 is estimated at 72.1 years and 77.0 years, respectively. The increase indicating positive trends in longevity and quality of life for both genders.*

*Further commenting on **graduate** statistics, in 2024, the number of Bumiputera graduates recorded 3.7 million, consisting of 1.6 million males and 2.1 million females. The graduate LFPR stood at 86.0 per cent, with males at 89.5 per cent and females at 83.3 per cent. The graduate unemployment rate fell to 3.4 per cent, with 3.2 per cent for males and 3.6 per cent for females, reflecting improved employment opportunities in the labour market.*

*Regarding the number of selected Bumiputera **professionals** registered with professional bodies as of 2025, there were 12,794 registered accountants, 9,480 registered lawyers, 9,538 pharmacists, 3,392 registered quantity surveyors, 1,089 registered engineers, 1,030 registered architects and 365 licensed land surveyors. In terms of annual growth, the number of registered Bumiputera engineers recorded a double-digit increase of 13.9 per cent. Meanwhile, the share of Bumiputera professionals*

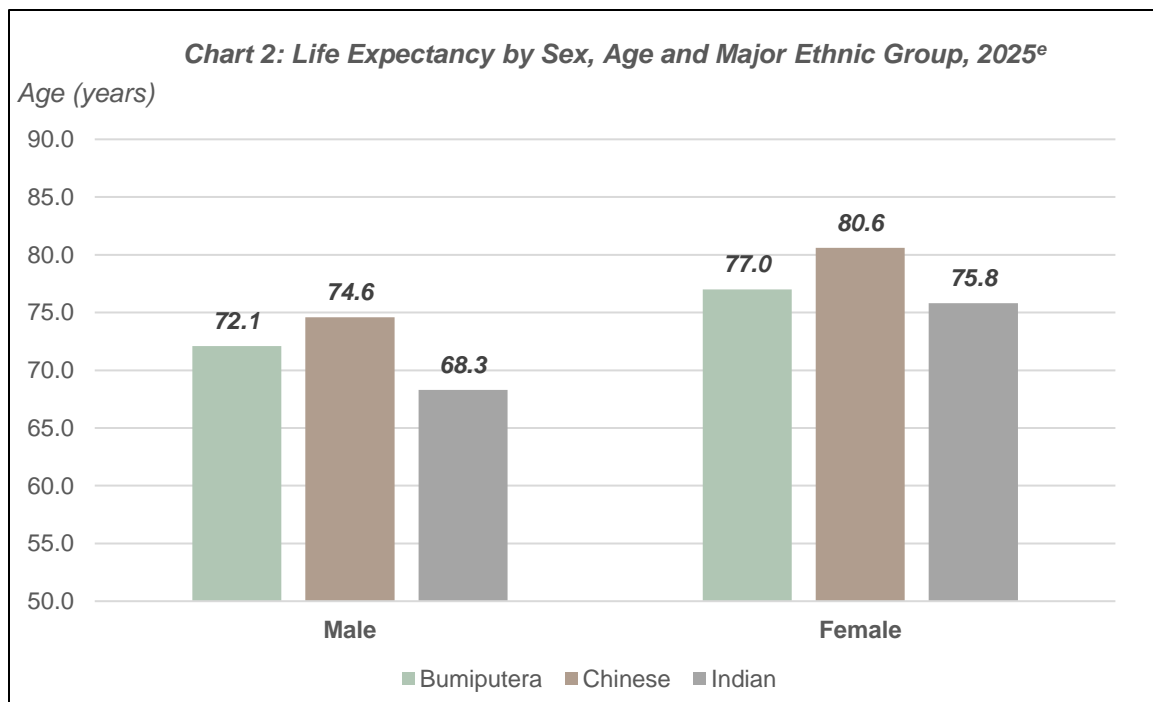
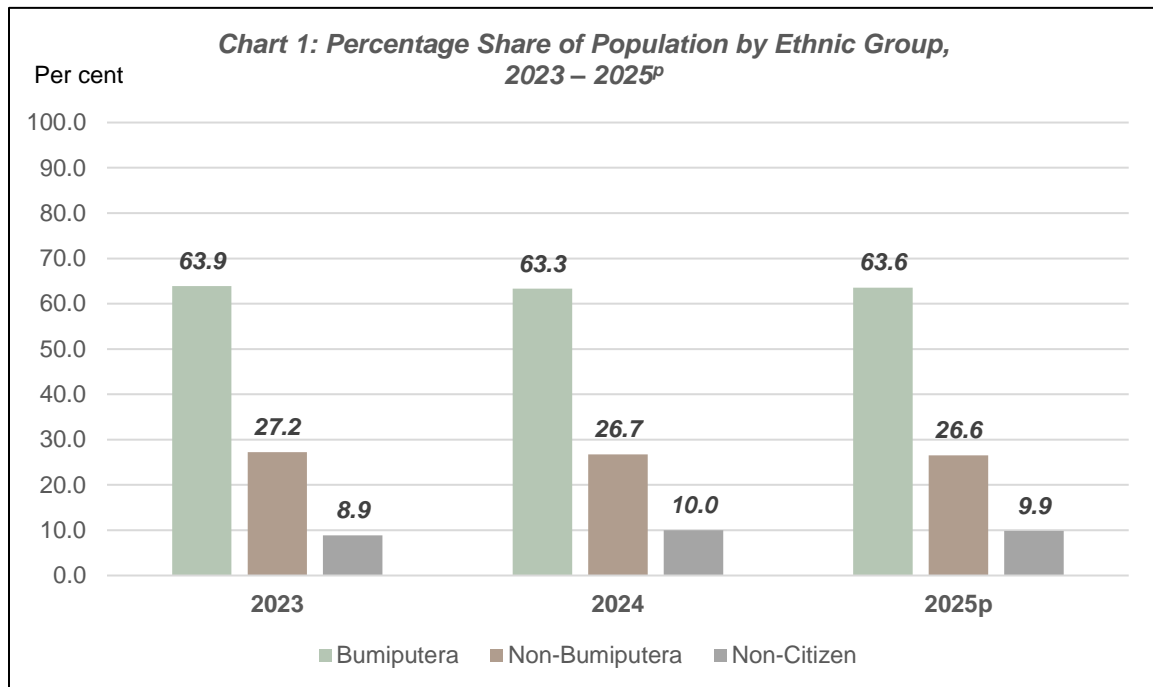
to the total number of registered professionals in each field in 2025 was 32.0 per cent for accountants, 40.5 per cent for lawyers, 43.5 per cent for pharmacists, 66.3 per cent for quantity surveyors, 75.1 per cent for engineers, 40.9 per cent for architects and 62.7 per cent for land surveyors.

**Real estate** statistics from the publication highlight the Bumiputera community's active participation in property ownership and transactions. In 2024, Bumiputera individuals accounted for 49.7 per cent of total residential property transactions, valued at RM37.7 billion out of RM103.9 billion. In the commercial property segment, Bumiputera transactions increased from RM2.3 billion in 2023 to RM2.8 billion in 2024.

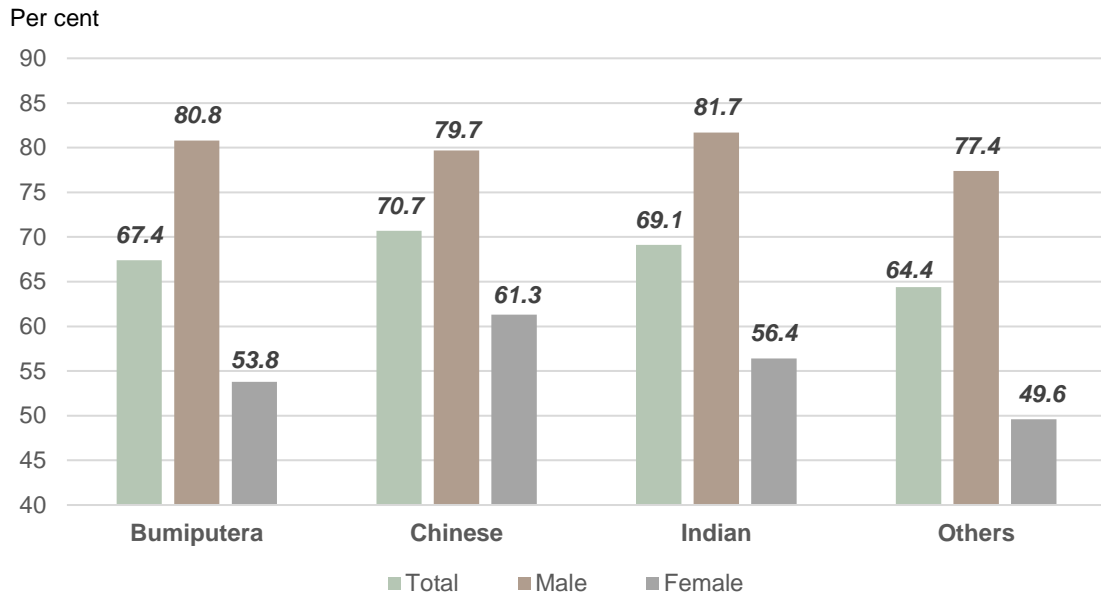
Looking forward, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir underscored the importance of these data for economic planning. "Understanding the Bumiputera socio-economic trajectory is key to formulating policies that boost productivity, expand high-skill employment, and improve income mobility. These insights offer a strategic platform to accelerate growth and ensure opportunities are shared across society."

Malaysia has, for the first time, successfully secured the top position 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.

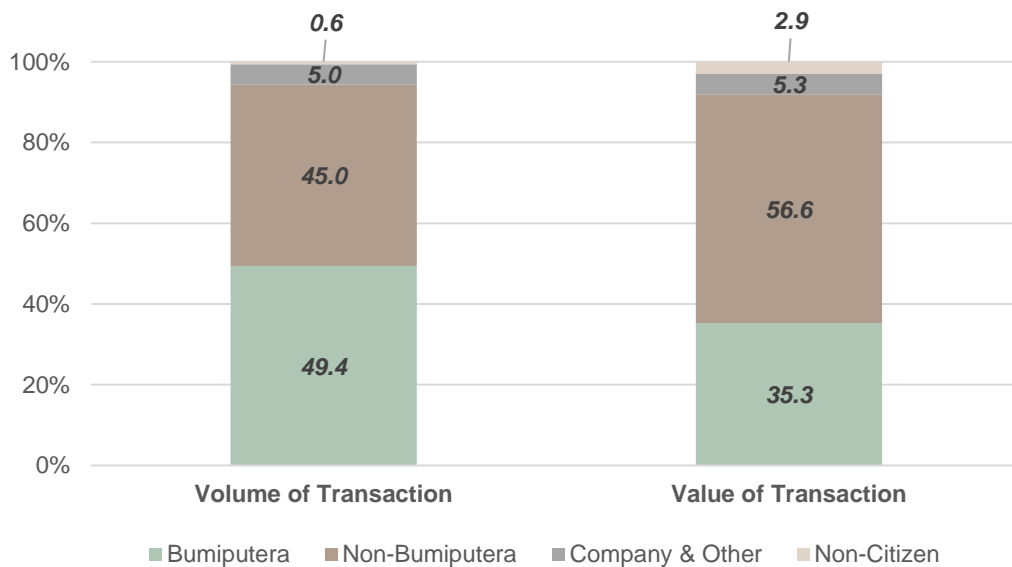
OpenDOSM NextGen is a medium that provides data catalogue and visualisations to facilitate users' analysis and can be accessed through <https://open.dosm.gov.my>.

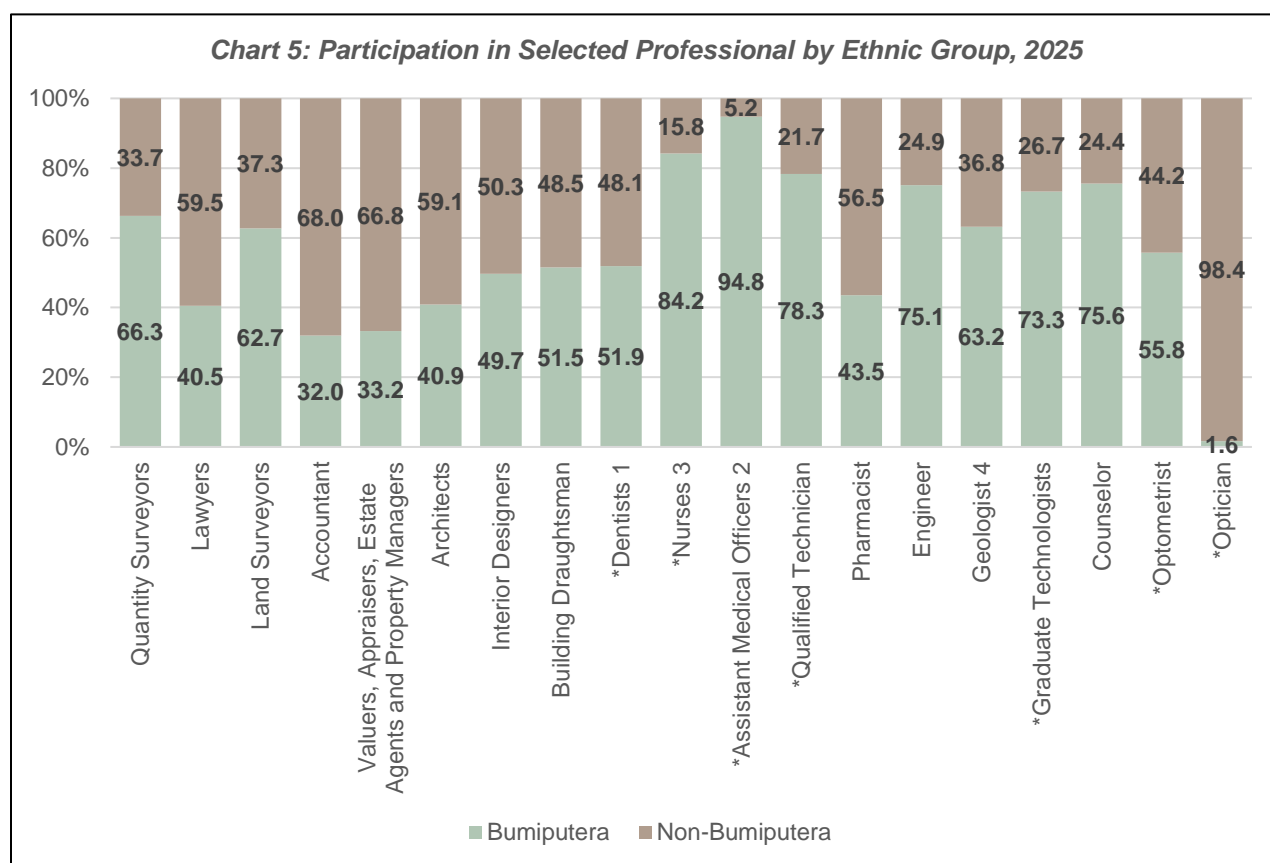


**Chart 3: Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) by Sex and Ethnic Group, 2024**



**Chart 4: Percentage Share of Residential Property Transaction Volume and Value by Ethnic Group, 2024**





**Note:**

<sup>1</sup> Public and Private Dentist

<sup>2</sup> Public and Private Assistant Medical Officer

<sup>3</sup> Public and Private Registered Nurse and Community Nurse

<sup>4</sup> Registered Geologist and Professional Geologist

\* Statistics 2024

**Source:**

Malaysian Dental Council, Malaysian Institute of Accountant, Board of Architects Malaysia, Ministry of Health Malaysia Board of Quantity Surveyors Malaysia, Board of Valuers, Appraisers, Estate Agents & Property Managers, Malaysian Bar Council, Sabah Law Society, The Advocates Association of Sarawak, Land Surveyor Board, Sabah Surveyors Board, Land Surveyors Board Sarawak, Board of Counsellor Malaysia, Board of Geologist Malaysia, Malaysia Boards of Technologist, Malaysian Optical Council, Pharmacy Board Malaysia and Board of Engineers Malaysia.

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