

Table 2 Mid-year population estimates and annual growth rate, Malaysia, 1963–2023

Year	Population (thousands)	Exponential growth rate (%)
1963	9,020.7	3.0
1964	9,270.4	2.7
1965	9,540.4	2.9
1966	9,838.4	3.1
1967	10,115.1	2.8
1968	10,362.0	2.4
1969	10,610.9	2.4
1970	10,881.5	2.5
1971	11,159.7	2.5
1972	11,441.3	2.5
1973	11,719.8	2.4
1974	12,001.3	2.4
1975	12,300.3	2.5
1976	12,588.1	2.3
1977	12,901.1	2.5
1978	13,200.2	2.3
1979	13,518.3	2.4
1980	13,879.2	2.6
1981	14,256.9	2.7
1982	14,651.0	2.7
1983	15,048.2	2.7
1984	15,450.3	2.6
1985	15,882.7	2.8
1986	16,329.4	2.8
1987	16,773.5	2.7
1988	17,219.1	2.6
1989	17,662.0	2.5
1990	18,102.4	2.5
1991 ^a	18,547.2	2.4
1992	19,067.5	2.8
1993	19,601.5	2.8
1994	20,141.7	2.7
1995	20,681.8	2.6
1996	21,222.6	2.6
1997	21,769.3	2.5
1998	22,333.5	2.6
1999	22,909.5	2.5
2000	23,494.9	2.5
2001	24,030.5	2.3
2002	24,542.5	2.1
2003	25,038.1	2.0
2004	25,541.5	2.0
2005	26,045.5	2.0
2006	26,549.9	1.9
2007	27,058.4	1.9
2008	27,567.6	1.9
2009	28,081.5	1.8
2010	28,588.6	1.8
2011	29,062.0	1.6
2012	29,510.0	1.5
2013	30,213.7	2.4
2014	30,708.5	1.6
2015	31,186.1	1.5
2016	31,633.5	1.4
2017	32,022.6	1.2
2018	32,382.3	1.1
2019	32,523.0	0.4
2020 ^b	32,447.4	
2021 ^c	32,576.3	0.4
2022 ^c	32,698.1	0.4
2023 ^p	33,379.5	2.1

Sources of data:

1963-1990: *Vital Statistics Time Series, Malaysia, 1963-1998* (Putrajaya: Department of Statistics Malaysia, 2001), pp. 35, 105, 167 and 227.

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2011-2019: *Current Population Estimates (based on 2010 Census), Malaysia, 2021* (Putrajaya: Department of Statistics Malaysia, 2021)

2020-2023: *Current Population Estimates (based on 2020 Census), Malaysia, 2023* (Putrajaya: Department of Statistics Malaysia, 2023)

Notes:

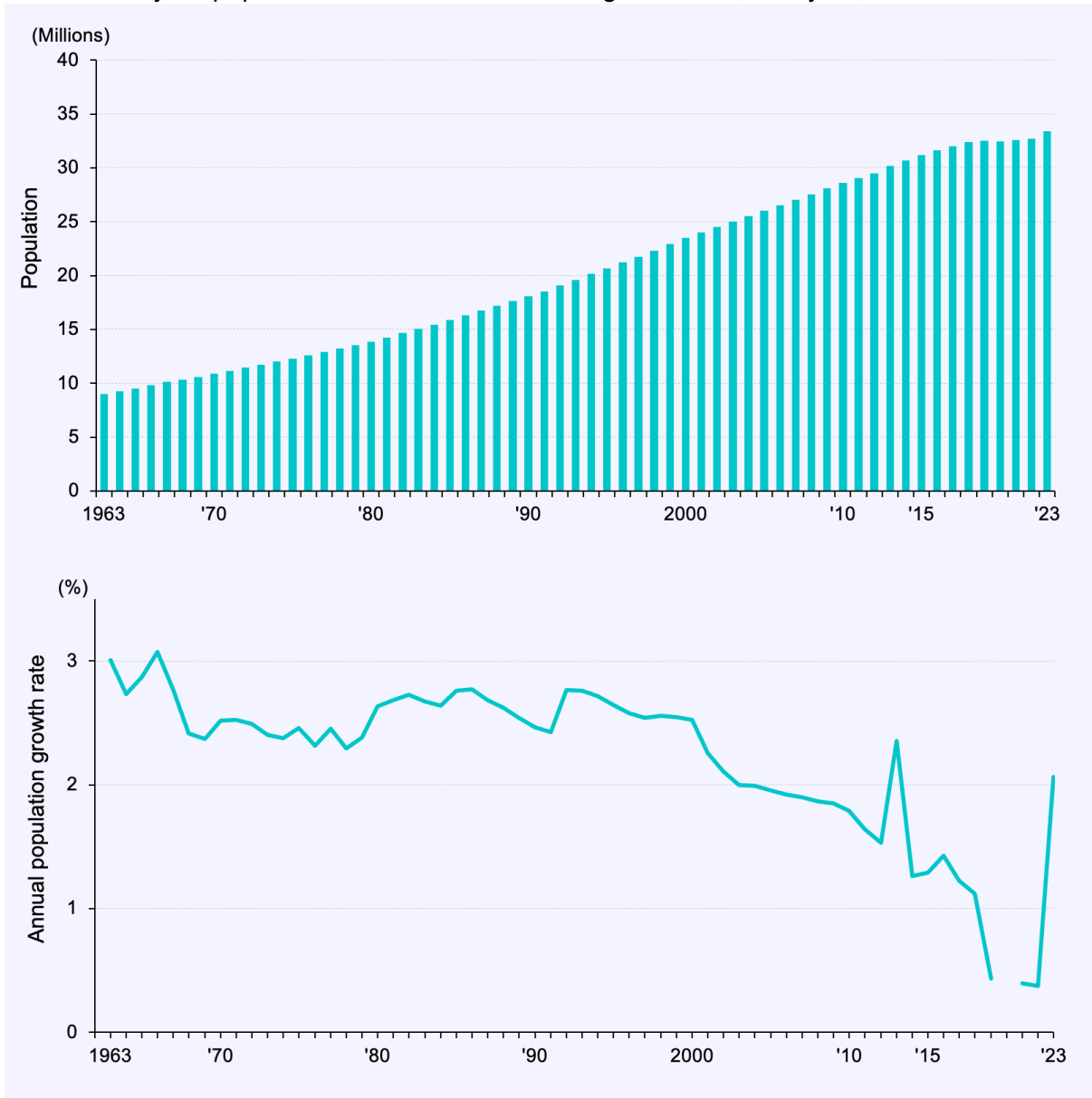
^a Population data for and after 1991 include non-Malaysia citizens.

^b Unadjusted 2020 Census data, adjusted Post Enumeration Survey data have not yet been published.

^c Population estimates based on 2020 Census.

^p Preliminary

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Notes:

- (1) The population data for 2011 to 2019 are estimated based on 2010 Census, while 2020 and after 2020 are based on the latest 2020 Census.

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