**Malaysia**

**SOURCE**

**Name of source:** Population census

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**Type of source:** Population census

**Periodicity:** Every ten years

**Objectives:** To obtain comprehensive statistical information related to the population and housing units in Malaysia at a point of time.

**COVERAGE**

**Disabilities:** Seeing difficulties, hearing difficulties, speaking difficulties, learning difficulties, behavioural difficulties

**Population groups:** All age groups

**Total population covered:** 100 per cent

**Economic activities:** All economic activities

**Sectors covered:** All sector

**Labour force status:** Employed persons

**Status in Employment:** Employees, employers, own-account workers

**Geographic areas:** Whole country

**Establishments:** Types/sizes of establishments excluded: co-operatives and the enquiry is household based

**Other limitations:** Na

**TERMS AND DEFINITIONS**

**Term used to denote ‘disability’:** ‘Disabled person’

**Definition of this term:** A disabled person is a person who experience loss, change or abnormalities of any parts of the body, nervous system, organ functions or limitation of physical/mental abilities. A disability may be present from birth, or occur later in life and may be permanent or temporary in nature (more than six months). This condition prevents the
person to participate fully and effectively in performing basic activity functions, living and interacting in a society and cultural environment.

**Source of this definition:** Definition for disability is adapted from the definition used by the Department of Social Welfare under the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development

**Questions used to identify persons with disabilities:** ‘Do you experience any form of disabilities as follows: seeing, hearing, speech, physical, slow learner, mental (multiple answers accepted)?’ Possible answers: yes, no.

**Minimum duration to be considered as a person with disability:** No

**CLASSIFICATION**

**Classifications:** Sex, age, level of education, other personal characteristics (e.g. marital status), type of living arrangements (e.g. in a household, institution), status in employment, occupation, economic activity, type of disability

**Cross-classifications:** E.g. by age/sex and type of disability, by age/sex and status in employment

**REFERENCE PERIOD:** Na

**DISSEMINATION**

**National publications:** Statistics on disabilities are not published and are not released to the public. It is only available for the use to policy makers.

**Website:** No