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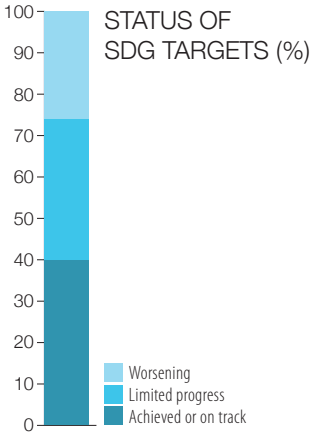
East and South Asia

OVERALL PERFORMANCE

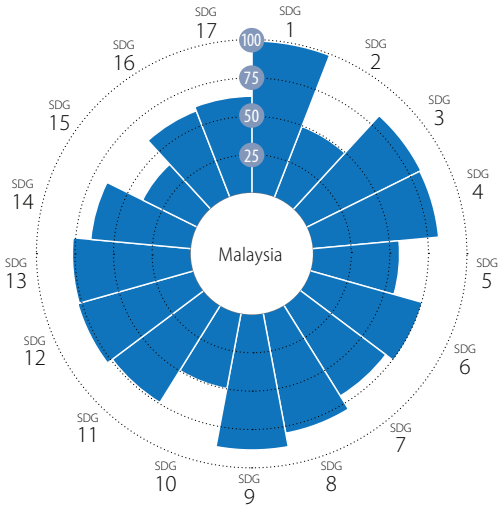
COUNTRY RANKING **79**/167

COUNTRY SCORE **69.3**

REGIONAL AVERAGE: 66.5



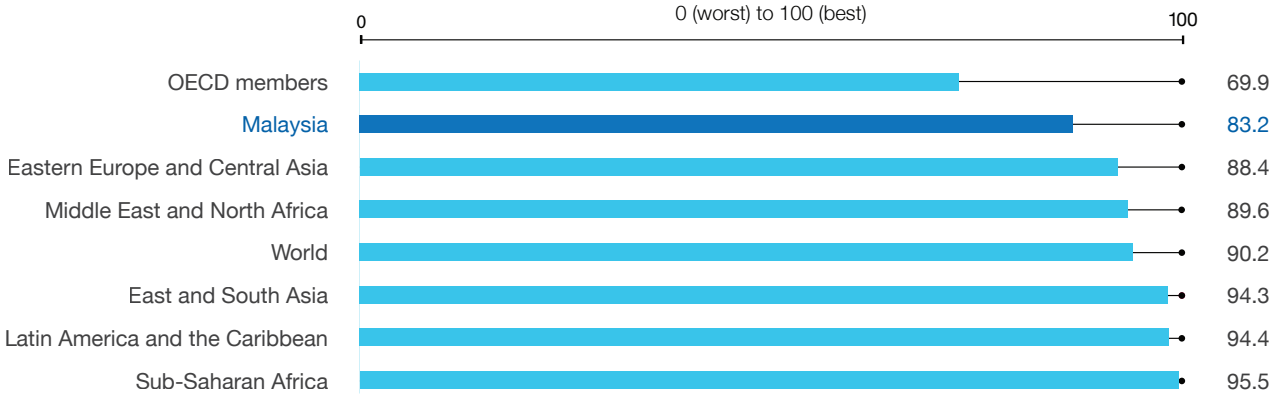
AVERAGE PERFORMANCE BY SDG



SDG DASHBOARDS AND TRENDS

Note: The full title of each SDG is available here: https://sdgs.un.org

INTERNATIONAL SPILLOVER INDEX



STATISTICAL PERFORMANCE INDEX

MISSING DATA IN SDG INDEX

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Performance by Indicator

SDG1 – No Poverty	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Poverty headcount ratio at $2.15/day (2017 PPP, %)	0.5	2024		
Poverty headcount ratio at $3.65/day (2017 PPP, %)	0.8	2024		
SDG2 – Zero Hunger				
Prevalence of undernourishment (%)	2.7	2021		
Prevalence of stunting in children under 5 years of age (%)	21.8	2019		
Prevalence of wasting in children under 5 years of age (%)	9.7	2019		
Prevalence of obesity, BMI ≥ 30 (% of adult population)	22.1	2022		
Human Trophic Level (best 2–3 worst)	2.4	2021		
Cereal yield (tonnes per hectare of harvested land)	3.8	2022		
Sustainable Nitrogen Management Index (best 0–1.41 worst)	0.4	2018		
Exports of hazardous pesticides (tonnes per million population)	163.5	2021		
SDG3 – Good Health and Well-Being				
Maternal mortality ratio (per 100,000 live births)	21.1	2020		
Neonatal mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	4.4	2022		
Mortality rate, under-5 (per 1,000 live births)	7.8	2022		
Incidence of tuberculosis (per 100,000 population)	113.0	2022		
New HIV infections (per 1,000 uninfected population)	0.1	2022		
Age-standardized death rate due to cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, or chronic respiratory disease in adults aged 30–70 years (%)	18.5	2019		
Age-standardized death rate attributable to household air pollution and ambient air pollution (per 100,000 population)	76	2019		
Traffic deaths (per 100,000 population)	13.9	2021		
Life expectancy at birth (years)	74.9	2021		
Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 females aged 15 to 19)	6.0	2022		
Births attended by skilled health personnel (%)	99.8	2022		
Surviving infants who received 2 WHO-recommended vaccines (%)	96	2022		
Universal health coverage (UHC) index of service coverage (worst 0–100 best)	76	2021		
Subjective well-being (average ladder score, worst 0–10 best)	5.9	2023		
SDG4 – Quality Education				
Participation rate in pre-primary organized learning (% of children aged 4 to 6)	83.5	2022		
Net primary enrollment rate (%)	95.3	2022		
Lower secondary completion rate (%)	83.1	2022		
Literacy rate (% of population aged 15 to 24)	NA	NA		
SDG5 – Gender Equality				
Demand for family planning satisfied by modern methods (% of females aged 15 to 49)	* 59.0	2024		
Ratio of female-to-male mean years of education received (%)	99.0	2022		
Ratio of female-to-male labor force participation rate (%)	66.2	2023		
Seats held by women in national parliament (%)	13.5	2024		
SDG6 – Clean Water and Sanitation				
Population using at least basic drinking water services (%)	97.2	2022		
Population using at least basic sanitation services (%)	96.0	2022		
Freshwater withdrawal (% of available freshwater resources)	3.4	2021		
Anthropogenic wastewater that receives treatment (%)	12.6	2020		
Scarce water consumption embodied in imports (m^3 H_2O eq/capita)	1,472.6	2024		
SDG7 – Affordable and Clean Energy				
Population with access to electricity (%)	100.0	2021		
Population with access to clean fuels and technology for cooking (%)	93.8	2021		
CO_2 emissions from fuel combustion per total electricity output ($MtCO_2$/TWh)	1.5	2022		
Renewable energy share in total final energy consumption (%)	5.8	2020		
SDG8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth				
Adjusted GDP growth (%)	-0.8	2022		
Victims of modern slavery (per 1,000 population)	6.3	2022		
Adults with an account at a bank or other financial institution or with a mobile-money-service provider (% of population aged 15 or over)	88.4	2021		
Unemployment rate (% of total labor force, ages 15+)	3.6	2024		
Fundamental labor rights are effectively guaranteed (worst 0–1 best)	0.58	2022		
Fatal work-related accidents embodied in imports (per million population)	0.9	2018		
Victims of modern slavery embodied in imports (per 100,000 population)	33.6	2018		

SDG9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Rural population with access to all-season roads (%)	97.6	2024		
Population using the internet (%)	97.4	2022		
Mobile broadband subscriptions (per 100 population)	127.4	2022		
Logistics Performance Index: Infrastructure score (worst 1–5 best)	3.6	2023		
The Times Higher Education Universities Ranking: Average score of top 3 universities (worst 0–100 best)	51.2	2024		
Articles published in academic journals (per 1,000 population)	1.2	2022		
Expenditure on research and development (% of GDP)	1.0	2020		
SDG10 – Reduced Inequalities				
Gini coefficient	41.2	2018		
Palma ratio	1.9	2021		
SDG11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities				
Proportion of urban population living in slums (%)	NA	NA		
Annual mean concentration of PM2.5 (µg/m^3)	15.2	2022		
Access to improved water source, piped (% of urban population)	99.0	2022		
Population with convenient access to public transport in cities (%)	38.5	2020		
SDG12 – Responsible Consumption and Production				
Municipal solid waste (kg/capita/day)	1.2	2014		
Electronic waste (kg/capita)	11.1	2019		
Production-based air pollution (DALYs per 1,000 population)	1.3	2024		
Air pollution associated with imports (DALYs per 1,000 population)	5.2	2024		
Production-based nitrogen emissions (kg/capita)	32.7	2024		
Nitrogen emissions associated with imports (kg/capita)	21.8	2024		
Exports of plastic waste (kg/capita)	0.7	2023		
SDG13 – Climate Action				
CO_2 emissions from fossil fuel combustion and cement production (tCO_2/capita)	8.6	2022		
GHG emissions embodied in imports (tCO_2/capita)	3.3	2021		
CO_2 emissions embodied in fossil fuel exports (kg/capita)	3,099.5	2023		
SDG14 – Life Below Water				
Mean area that is protected in marine sites important to biodiversity (%)	19.7	2023		
Ocean Health Index: Clean Waters score (worst 0–100 best)	58.6	2023		
Fish caught from overexploited or collapsed stocks (% of total catch)	23.3	2018		
Fish caught by trawling or dredging (%)	29.4	2019		
Fish caught that are then discarded (%)	0.7	2019		
Marine biodiversity threats embodied in imports (per million population)	0.2	2018		
SDG15 – Life on Land				
Mean area that is protected in terrestrial sites important to biodiversity (%)	37.0	2023		
Mean area that is protected in freshwater sites important to biodiversity (%)	32.5	2023		
Red List Index of species survival (worst 0–1 best)	0.69	2024		
Permanent deforestation (% of forest area, 3-year average)	1.1	2022		
Imported deforestation (m^2/capita)	12.9	2022		
SDG16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions				
Homicides (per 100,000 population)	0.7	2021		
Crime is effectively controlled (worst 0–1 best)	0.77	2022		
Unsentenced detainees (% of prison population)	39.3	2021		
Birth registrations with civil authority (% of children under age 5)	NA	NA		
Corruption Perceptions Index (worst 0–1 best)	50.0	2023		
Children involved in child labor (%)	NA	NA		
Exports of major conventional weapons (TIV constant million USD per 100,000 population)	0.0	2019		
Press Freedom Index (worst 0–1 best)	52.1	2024		
Access to and affordability of justice (worst 0–1 best)	0.59	2022		
Timeliness of administrative proceedings (worst 0–1 best)	0.55	2022		
Expropriations are lawful and adequately compensated (worst 0–1 best)	0.50	2022		
SDG17 – Partnerships for the Goals				
Government spending on health and education (% of GDP)	6.0	2022		
For high-income and all OECD DAC countries: International concessional public finance, including official development assistance (% of GNI)	NA	NA		
Other countries: Government revenue excluding grants (% of GDP)	15.1	2021		
Corporate Tax Haven score (best 0–100 worst)	* 0	2021		
Statistical Performance Index (worst 0–100 best)	76.6	2022		
Index of countries' support to UN-based multilateralism (worst 0–100 best)	83.1	2023		

* Imputed data point, ** Not applicable
NA = Data not available