

## **Census: Average salary in KL double that of Kelantan**

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The average salary in Kuala Lumpur (RM4,193) is double that of Kelantan (RM2,070), the Economic Census 2023 found.

According to the report of the census findings, the territories with the highest average incomes are KL, Selangor (RM3,544) and Penang (RM3,496).

They are followed by Labuan (RM3,491), Malacca (RM3,115), Sarawak (RM3,077), Negeri Sembilan (RM3,025), Putrajaya (RM2,994), Johor (RM2,987), Terengganu (RM2,793), Kedah (RM2,721), Perak (RM2,679), Pahang (RM2,628), Sabah (RM2,381), Perlis (RM2,253) and Kelantan.

This places the national average salary at RM3,332.

The report broke down the three states with the highest income further by identifying sectors with the highest salaries.

In KL, these were the telecommunications sector (RM9,457), programming and broadcasting (RM8,629) and financial intermediary (RM6,946).

In Selangor, the industries were telecommunications (RM7,580), information services (RM7,186) and computer programming (RM7,112).

Whereas in Penang they were electrical, electronic and optical products (RM4,790); petroleum, chemical, plastic and rubber products (RM 3,828) and non-metallic mineral products (RM3,571).

As for the average household income, Putrajaya had the highest (RM13,473), followed by KL (RM13,325) and Selangor (RM12,233).

They are followed by Johor (RM8,517), Penang (RM8,267), Labuan (RM8,250), Malacca (RM8,057), Terengganu (RM7,248), Negeri Sembilan (RM6,788), Sarawak (RM6,457), Sabah (RM6,171), Perak (RM5,779), Pahang (RM5,777), Perlis (RM5,664), Kedah (RM5,550) and Kelantan (RM4,885).

The national average household income is RM8,479.

### **Business demographics**

Meanwhile, chief statistician Mohd Uzir Mahidin said that the Department of

Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) will soon release data on business demographics.

“We have developed a statistical business register,” he said at a press conference in Putrajaya today after launching the census findings.

The data in the register will be updated constantly and can be used by those who wish to perform studies or research, he added.

Besides that, DOSM will also launch a business demography.

“It will show how many companies are around and how many have been shuttered.

“It will be an indicator for the economy,” Uzir added.

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