

POVERTY LINE INCOMES¹, 1995-1999
(RM per month per household)

	<i>1995</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>
Semenanjung Malaysia ²	425	460	493	510
Sabah ²	601	633	667	685
Sarawak ²	516	543	572	584

Notes:

- ¹ Estimated based on the minimum requirements of a household for three major components, namely food, clothing and footwear, and other non-food items such as rent, fuel and power; furniture and household equipment; medical care and health expenses; transport and communications; and recreation, education and cultural services. For the food component, the minimum expenditure was based on a daily requirement of 9,910 calories for a family of five persons while the minimum requirements for clothing and footwear were based on standards set by the Department of Social Welfare to welfare homes. The other non-food items are based on the level of expenditure of the lower income households, as reported in the Household Expenditure Survey. The poverty line income is updated annually to reflect changes in the levels of prices by taking into account changes in the Consumer Price Indices.
- ² Adjusted based on an average household size of 4.6 in Semenanjung Malaysia, 4.9 in Sabah and 4.8 in Sarawak.