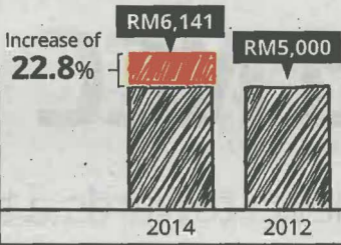


Households in Malaysia

Average monthly income of households



Poverty rate

The poverty rate is the percentage of households with monthly incomes that lie below the following poverty lines:

Peninsular Malaysia

RM930

Sabah

RM1,170

Sarawak

RM990

The poverty rate **dropped** by 1.1% from 2012 to 2014

Year	Poverty rate (%)
2014	0.6%
2012	1.7%

However, there are still pockets of poverty in Malaysia...



11.7% of households earn less than RM2,000 and are vulnerable to financial shocks like unemployment and physical impairment.

The income gap

■ The **income gaps between urban and rural households** are closing, with the Gini coefficient (a measurement for inequality), dropping from 0.431 in 2012 to 0.401 in 2014.

■ However, **wealth inequalities persist** and remain high, with sources of wealth including savings and property holdings.

Rising food prices

■ Malaysia's **food price inflation** is higher than overall inflation.

■ Between 2011 and 2015, food price inflation was **3.6% on average**, whereas overall inflation was 2.4% over the same period.

Source: Khazanah Research Institute's The State of Households II report

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