

PENINSULAR MALAYSIA: POOR HOUSEHOLDS¹⁹ BY RURAL AND URBAN STRATA, 1970-90²⁰

	1970				1980				1990			
	Total household-holds (000)	Total poor household-holds (000)	Incidence of poverty (%)	Per-centage among poor	Total household-holds (000)	Total poor household-holds (000)	Incidence of poverty (%)	Per-centage among poor	Total household-holds (000)	Total poor household-holds (000)	Incidence of poverty (%)	Per-centage among poor
RURAL:												
Agriculture	852.9	582.4	68.3	73.6	915.1	576.5	63.0	69.0	957.5	471.8	49.3	51.4
Rubber smallholders ..	350.0	226.4	64.7	28.6	396.3	233.8	59.0	28.0	423.4	169.4	40.0	22.0
Oil palm smallholders ..	6.6	2.0	30.3	0.3	9.9	0.9	9.1	0.1	24.5	2.0	8.2	0.3
Coconut smallholders ..	32.0	16.9	52.8	2.1	34.4	17.5	50.9	2.1	34.0	16.0	47.1	2.1
Padi farmers	140.0	123.4	88.1	15.6	148.5	114.3	77.0	13.7	150.1	109.6	73.0	14.2
Other agriculture ²¹ ..	285.9	185.6	64.9	23.5	284.4	183.8	64.6	22.0	283.0	152.7	54.0	19.9
Fishermen	38.4	28.1	73.2	3.5	41.6	26.2	63.0	3.1	42.5	22.1	52.0	2.9
Other industries	350.5	123.5	35.2	15.6	433.6	153.4	35.4	18.4	543.2	174.9	32.2	22.8
Sub-total (Rural) ..	1,203.4	705.9	58.7	89.2	1,348.5	729.9	54.1	87.4	1,500.7	646.7	43.1	84.2
URBAN:												
Mining	5.4	1.8	33.3	0.2	5.3	2.0	37.7	0.2	5.4	1.7	31.5	0.2
Manufacturing	84.0	19.7	23.5	2.5	120.4	21.0	17.4	2.5	181.1	25.4	14.0	3.3
Construction	19.5	5.9	30.2	0.7	25.5	6.1	23.9	0.7	33.8	6.8	20.0	0.9
Transport and utilities	42.4	13.1	30.9	1.7	64.4	13.8	21.4	1.7	84.5	14.6	17.3	1.9
Trade and services ..	251.3	45.4	18.1	5.7	337.4	62.3	18.5	7.5	465.0	73.1	15.7	9.5
Sub-total (Urban) ..	402.6	85.9	21.3	10.8	553.0	105.2	19.0	12.6	769.8	121.6	15.8	15.8
TOTAL ..	1,606.0	791.8	49.3	100.0	1,901.5	835.1	43.9	100.0	2,270.5	768.3	33.8	100.0
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¹⁹ The poverty line income employed to distinguish poor households from other households is a monthly income that is necessary to cover minimum nutritional requirements and essential non-food expenses to sustain a decent standard of living.

²⁰ The statistical bases for the estimates and projections include: the Post Enumeration Survey of the 1970 Population Census; the Labour Force Surveys of the Department of Statistics; and socio-economic surveys on specific poverty groups undertaken by various agencies including the Ministries of Agriculture, Primary Industries, Labour and Manpower and Housing and Village Development and the Socio-Economic Research and General Planning Unit of the Prime Minister's Department.

²¹ The category includes agricultural households in urban areas, agricultural labour, estate workers and mixed farmers.

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