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## MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE STATISTICS, MALAYSIA, 2020

### MARRIAGE

#### Number of marriages and Crude Marriage Rate (CMR)

The number of marriages decreased 1.2 per cent from 206,352 (2018) to 203,821 (2019). Thus, CMR declined from 6.4 (2018) to 6.3 (2019) per thousand population.

The number of Muslim marriages recorded in 2019 was 147,847, decreased 1.5 per cent as compared to 150,098 (2018). CMR decreased from 7.6 (2018) to 7.4 (2019) per thousand Muslim population. Similarly, Non-Muslim marriages declined 0.5 per cent from 56,254 (2018) to 55,974 (2019). Thus, CMR declined from 4.5 (2018) to 4.4 (2019) per thousand Non-Muslim population.

**Table 1: Number of marriages and Crude Marriage Rate (CMR), Malaysia, 2018 and 2019**

| Year        | Number of marriages |         |            | Rate<br>(per 1,000 population) |        |            |
|-------------|---------------------|---------|------------|--------------------------------|--------|------------|
|             | Malaysia            | Muslim  | Non-Muslim | Malaysia                       | Muslim | Non-Muslim |
| <b>2018</b> | 206,352             | 150,098 | 56,254     | 6.4                            | 7.6    | 4.5        |
| <b>2019</b> | 203,821             | 147,847 | 55,974     | 6.3                            | 7.4    | 4.4        |

#### Median age at marriage

The median age of grooms remained at aged 28.0. Meanwhile, the median age for brides increased from 26.0 years to 27.0 years. The median age of grooms and brides for Muslim and Non-Muslim remained unchanged.

**Exhibit 1: Median age at marriage by sex, Malaysia, 2018 and 2019**



## DIVORCE

### Number of divorces and Crude Divorce Rate (CDR)

The number of divorces increased 12.0 per cent from 50,862 (2018) to 56,975 (2019). Thus, CDR increased from 1.6 (2018) to 1.8 (2019) per thousand population.

The number of Muslim divorces recorded in 2019 was 45,502, increased 13.0 per cent as compared to 40,269 (2018). CDR increased from 2.0 (2018) to 2.3 (2019) per thousand Muslim population. Similarly, Non-Muslim divorces increased 8.3 per cent from 10,593 (2018) to 11,473 (2019). Therefore, CDR for Non-Muslim increased from 0.8 (2018) to 0.9 (2019) per thousand Non-Muslim population.

**Table 2: Number of divorces and Crude Divorce Rate (CDR), Malaysia, 2018 and 2019**

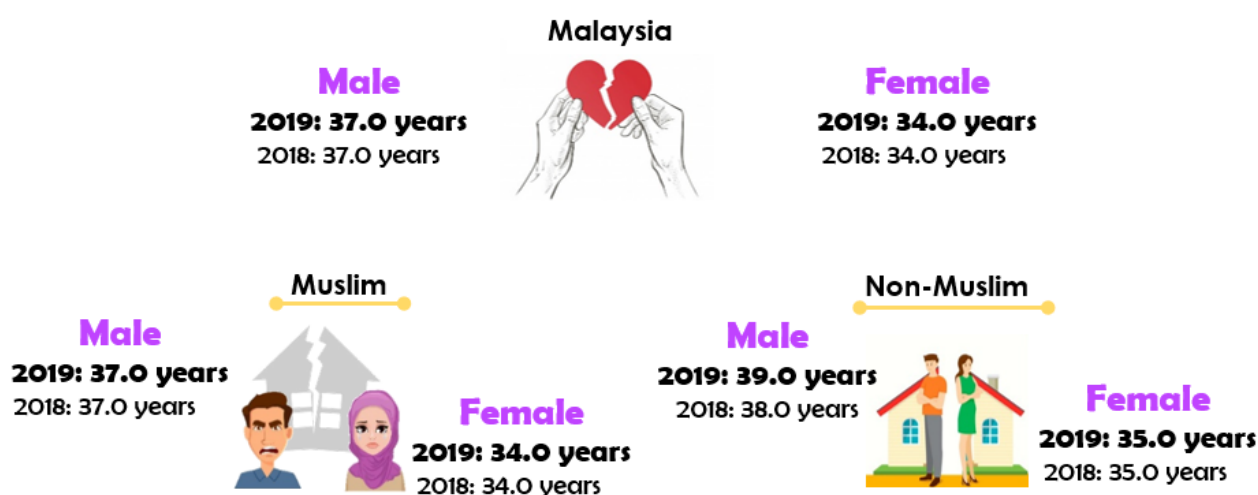
| Year | Number of divorces |        |            | Rate<br>(per 1,000 population) |        |            |
|------|--------------------|--------|------------|--------------------------------|--------|------------|
|      | Malaysia           | Muslim | Non-Muslim | Malaysia                       | Muslim | Non-Muslim |
| 2018 | 50,862             | 40,269 | 10,593     | 1.6                            | 2.0    | 0.8        |
| 2019 | 56,975             | 45,502 | 11,473     | 1.8                            | 2.3    | 0.9        |

### Median age at divorce

#### Median age at divorce shifted for Non-Muslim males

The median age at divorce for males and females remained at 37.0 and 34.0 years, respectively. Similar pattern was also observed for Muslim divorcees. Meanwhile, the median age for Non-Muslim male shifted from 38.0 years to 39.0 years.

**Exhibit 2: Median age at divorce by sex, Malaysia, 2018 and 2019**



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