



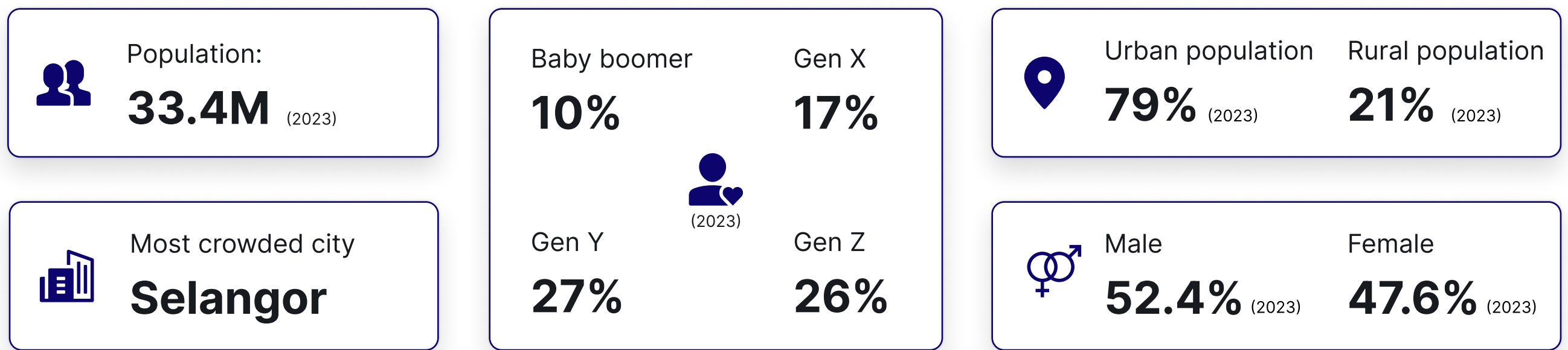
Malaysia consists of two regions: Peninsular Malaysia, situated between Thailand and Singapore, and the states of Sabah and Sarawak on Borneo. Peninsular Malaysia lies just above the equator, while Borneo is just below it. Borneo is shared with Indonesia (called Kalimantan) and Brunei, and borders the Philippines to the north by sea.

Highlights

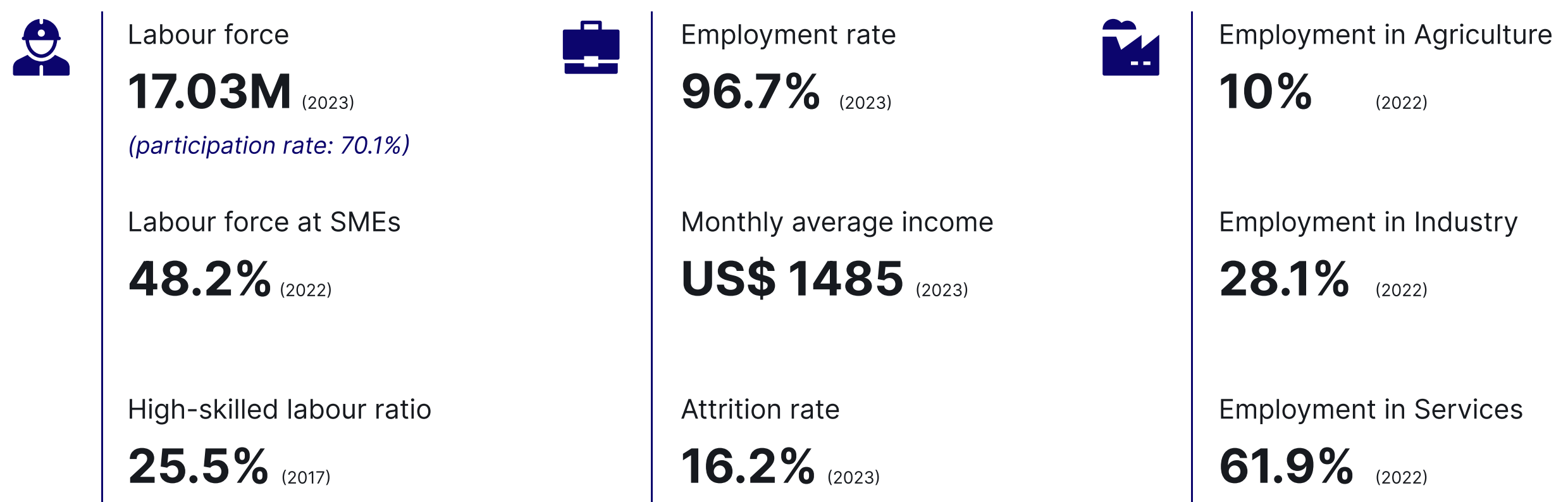
Income group: Upper middle income
Region: Southeast Asia
Capital: Kuala Lumpur
Currency: Malaysian Ringgit (MYR)

Administrative divisions: 13 states and 3 federal territories
Mainland area: 329,960.22 km²
Internet penetration rate: 97.4%
Mobile phone penetration rate: 129.2%

Demographic profile



Employment profile






Economic profile








FDI inflows
US\$ 8.8B (2023)

Export turnovers
US\$ 312.7B (2023)

Leading FDI sectors



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|  | Services: #1. Information and communication #2. Financial and insurance sub-sector | 83.7% |
|  | Manufacturing: #1. Electrical, transport equipment and other manufacturing sub-sectors | 13% |
|  | Mining & quarrying | 3.3% |

Top exports

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|  | Electrical and electronics products | 40.4% |
|  | Petroleum products | 10.1% |
|  | Chemicals products | 5% |
|  | Palm oil (agriculture) | 4.9% |
|  | Liquefied natural gas | 4.2% |

Number of newly-registered companies and businesses (2023)

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|  | Local companies | 51,928 |
|  | Foreign companies | 35 |

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|  | Total business | 321,826 |
|  | Total limited liability partnership | 3,547 |

Doing business in Malaysia

Northern Corridor Economic Region (NCER)

Agriculture, Education, Tourism, Logistics, Manufacturing

Greater Kuala Lumpur

Commercial services (Engineering construction, aerospace), Financial services, Knowledge process outsourcing, Oil & gas

Iskandar Malaysia in Southern Johor

Creative industry, Education, Financial services, Medical treatment & health, Logistics, Tourism

East Coast Economic Region (ECER)

Agriculture, Education, Manufacturing, Oil & gas, Petrochemical, Tourism

Sabah Development Corridor (SDC)

Agriculture, Education, Logistics, Manufacturing, Oil & gas, Palm oil, Tourism

Sarawak Corridor of Renewable Energy (SCORE)

Aluminum, Agriculture, Fishery Glassmaking, Marine industry, Palm oil, Renewable resources, Petrochemical

Opportunities

- Large domestic demand, high per capita income
- Robust services sector (retail, transport, communication,...)
- Large-scale R&D
- Sound banking sector
- Travel hub, exchange rate flexibility

Challenges

- Political uncertainties and instability
- Uncertain political situation; antagonism between rural and urban populations
- High household debt levels
- Regional disparities
- Ethnic and religious disputes