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#### **OVERVIEW**

The Agenda Nasional Malaysia Sihat (ANMS) is a groundbreaking government initiative designed to promote the health and well-being of Malaysians by fostering a culture of healthy living and creating a supportive environment for wellness. As a national roadmap, ANMS integrates elements of sustainability and health promotion to build a healthier, more resilient Malaysia. Through the collective efforts of policymakers, healthcare professionals, and the public, ANMS emphasizes health as a shared responsibility, prioritizing prevention and wellness to ensure lasting benefits for future generations.

Given that the ANMS initiative is set to span a decade, continuous evaluation is crucial to its success. A critical assessment of ANMS's initiatives will help gauge their effectiveness in disseminating key messages, enhancing community comprehension, and determining the public's willingness to adopt and sustain positive behavioural changes.

#### AIMS

This study aims to evaluate overall influence of the ANMS on promoting and sustaining a culture of healthy living among Malaysians.

#### **METHODOLOGY**

Study Design :Online Cross-Sectional Study

Sampling :Purposive Sampling

Data Collection :November 2023 - February 2024

Target Populations : Malaysian citizens aged 18 and above who have participated in any

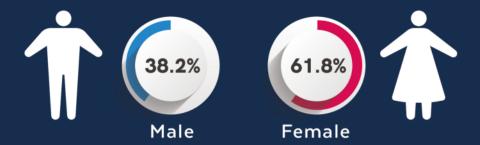
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#### **RESPONDENTS PROFILE**

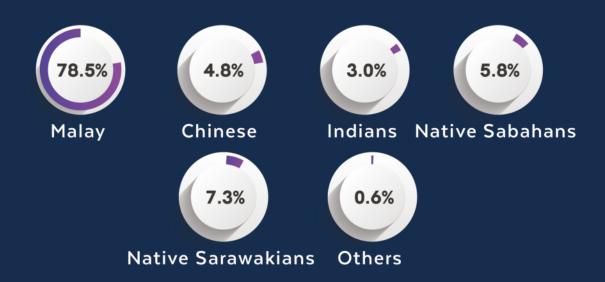
## Gender



### Age Group



## **Ethnicity**



## **Education Level**



Never attended school



Primary School



Secondary School



Certificate/ Diploma



Bachelors/ Postgraduate

### **Employment Status**



Unemployed



Student



Retiree



Government Servant



Private-Sector Employee



Selfemployed



Semigovernment

#### Income Level





B40



M40



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# 2.0% Underweight Normal DMI 37.1% Overweight Obese

## BMI Distribution across age groups

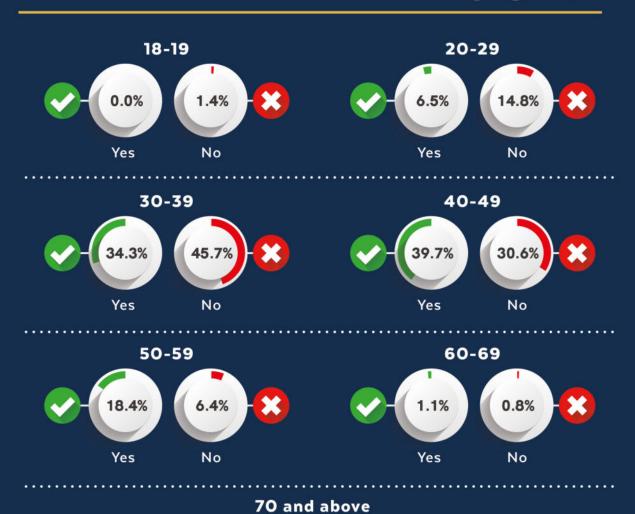


Age Groups	ВМІ	
18-19	Underweight Normal Overweight Obese	5.0% 1.8% 0.5% 0.6%
20-29	Underweight Normal Overweight Obese	42.5% 17.6% 9.3% 9.7%
30-39	Underweight Normal Overweight Obese	27.5% 46.5% 40.2% 43.9
40-49	Underweight Normal Overweight Obese	22.5% 25.6% 37.8% 35.5%
50-59	Underweight Normal Overweight Obese	0.0% 7.0% 11.2% 9.7%
60-69	Underweight Normal Overweight Obese	0.0% 1.3% 0.9% 0.4%
70 and above	Underweight Normal Overweight Obese	2.5% 0.1% 0.0% 0.2%

## Perceived Known illness



## Perceived health status across age groups



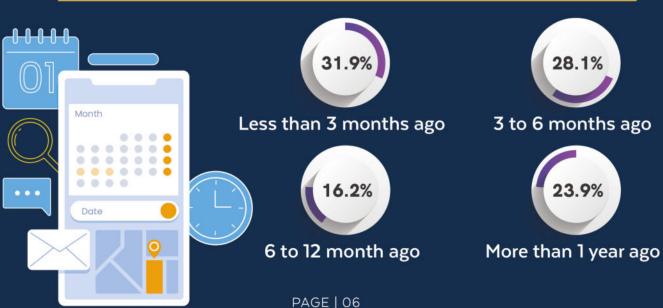


#### **FINDINGS**

## Participation in Healthy Living Culture Initiative of the ANMS

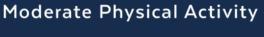
Health Campaign Programs (Wellness Month, Jelajah ANMS)	68.35%	
Cultivating healthy lifestyle activities (at Wellness Hubs, community settings)	38.00%	
Volunteering in health programs (MyCHAMPION: COMBI, KOSPEN, Know Your Medicine Ambassadors, Dental Icons & Health Clinic Advisory Panels)	25.75%	
Programs Organised by Health Volunteers	41.50%	
Wellness on Wheels Program	16.15%	

## Participated in Healthy Living Culture Initiative of the ANMS Within a Year



# Influence of ANMS in Cultivating Healthy Lifestyle

### **Engaging in Physical Activities**





### Vigorous Physical Activity



## **Healthy Eating Habits**

Servings/Day	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Fruit Consumption Patterns	1.5%	2.2%	5.0%	10.5%	12.0%	19.5%	2.5%	46.9%
Vegetable Consumption Patterns	0.5%	2.2%	1.5%	5.2%	7.2%	8.5%	2.5%	72.3%

## **Mental Wellbeing**



**Sharing Problems** 







Often

Rarely

Never



Stress Management Techniques







Rarely

Never



## Social Engagement



Often Rarely



Never

0.3%



#### Willingness to Seek Professional Help



Often



Rarely



Never

#### CONCLUSION

The ANMS campaign, launched in 2020, achieved a significant milestone in 2023, marking its third year of implementation.

The evaluation of the Healthy Living Culture Initiative under ANMS 2023 underscores both notable achievements and persistent challenges in promoting healthier lifestyles among Malaysians.

Expanding the Pelan Strategik Putrajaya Sihat Sejahtera nationwide with a whole- of-government approach, a focus on healthy aging, and community-driven Wellness Hubs can promote an inclusive health culture and empower informed well-being choices for all Malaysians.

These improvements are essential for better public health outcomes.

Regular monitoring and evaluation will continue to ensure the program effectively supports health improvement across Malaysia.

#### RECOMMENDATION

A whole-of-government approach is essential for effectively promoting a healthy living culture in Malaysia. This strategy emphasizes collaboration across multiple ministries, ensuring that health considerations are integrated into various policy areas, including education, housing, transportation, and urban planning.

By adopting this comprehensive approach, the government can create an environment that supports healthy lifestyles and addresses the social determinants of health.

Strategies such as expanding Wellness Hubs across the country to provide health services, strengthening Wellness Hubs staff capacity through training, expanding *Pelan Strategik Putrajaya Sihat Sejahtera* initiative beyond Putrajaya, focusing on healthy aging, and enhancing community engagement through

Wellness Hubs, Malaysia can foster a more inclusive culture of health that empowers individuals across all demographics to make informed choices for their well-being.





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