



# SOCIAL ISSUES AND PROGRESS IN ASEAN

ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community in Facts and Figures

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The ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community is dedicated to forging a resilient and adaptive ASEAN as it addresses an array of challenges in disaster management, environmental sustainability, health, culture, women's empowerment, employment, education, and sports. This commitment mirrors a shared vision for a future where individuals across the ASEAN Member States enjoy an enhanced and harmonious quality of life.



one vision  
one identity  
one community

# ENVIRONMENT

Share of renewable energy in total final energy consumption

Source: ASEANstats (2022). The 2022 ASEAN SDG Snapshot Report.

2016 **7.47** 2020 **8.46**

Number of ASEAN Heritage Parks since naming 11 protected areas in 1984 (as of December 2023)

**57** Source: ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (2023). The AHP Programme.

# DISASTER

Total number of disasters in 2022 **1,800**

Cambodia	<b>9</b>	Philippines	<b>185</b>
Indonesia	<b>1,397</b>	Thailand	<b>90</b>
Lao PDR	<b>4</b>	Viet Nam	<b>76</b>
Malaysia	<b>36</b>		
Myanmar	<b>3</b>		

Source: ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (2023). AHA Centre Annual Report.

# HEALTH



In 2020, ASEAN Member States spent on average **4.4%** of their GDP on health

Source: WHO (2023). Current health expenditure (CHE) as percentage of gross domestic product (GDP) (%).

**162**

Policy measures to address the COVID-19 pandemic in ASEAN as of 2023

Source: ASEAN Secretariat (2023). Enhancing Gender-Responsive Approaches in the ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework.

# DEMOGRAPHY



Population growth in ASEAN (%)

2012 **1.3** 2021 **0.8**



Urban population in ASEAN (%)

1967 **21**

2022 **50.3**



Average life expectancy (years)

1980 **61.1** 2022 **72.2**

Source: ASEANstats (2023). ASEAN Statistical Highlights 2023.

## ASEAN Population Structure (%)

0-4 years

2000 **10.2**

2021 **8.1**

5-19 years

2000 **31.8**

2021 **24.7**

20-54 years

2000 **47.7**

2021 **50.5**

55-64 years

2000 **5.4**

2021 **9.2**

65+ years

2000 **4.9**

2021 **7.5**

Source: ASEANstats (2022). ASEAN Statistical Yearbook 2022.

# GENDER

On average, in ASEAN: (various years, 2017 to 2021)



Women in National Parliaments

**21.2%**



Women in Local Government

**22.8%**



Women in Managerial Position

**32.8%**

Source: ASEANstats (2023). Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Infographic.

# EDUCATION

Adult Literacy Rate

2022 **95.1%**

Source: ASEANstats (2023). ASEAN Statistical Highlights 2023.

ASEAN had nearly reached parity between boys and girls in gross and net enrolment in primary education with Gender Parity Index equal to:

**0.99.** (various years, 2018 to 2021)

Source: ASEANstats (2023). Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Infographic.

# LABOUR



From 2012 to 2022, on the average, around **60%** of the total working-age population in ASEAN are engaged actively in the labour market, either by working or by looking for work.

**63** million workers registered in online freelancing activities (as of 2021)

Source: ASEAN Secretariat (2023). ASEAN Employment Outlook: The Quest for Decent Work in Platform Economy: Issues, Opportunities and Ways Forward.

**40** million workers registered in on-demand digital activities (as of 2021)

Source: ASEAN Secretariat (2023). ASEAN Employment Outlook: The Quest for Decent Work in Platform Economy: Issues, Opportunities and Ways Forward.



# CULTURE AND ARTS

Number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in ASEAN **45**  
(as of 2023)

Source: UNESCO (2023).  
World Heritage List 2023.

Cambodia **4**

Lao PDR **3**

Myanmar **2**

Singapore **1**

Viet Nam **8**

Indonesia **10**

Malaysia **4**

Philippines **6**

Thailand **7**



## YOUTH Youth Development Index

\*The ASEAN Youth Development Index is an index to track youth development in the following domains: education and skills, health and well-being, employment and opportunity, participation and engagement, equity and inclusion, safety and security, and ASEAN values and identity. It shows a score ranging from 0 as the lowest to 1 as the highest level of youth development.



**224.2 M**  
youth in ASEAN  
in 2020

Source: ASEAN Secretariat (2023). Youth Development Index 2022.

## SPORTS

ASEAN Olympics and Paralympics Medal Tally  
(as of 2023)



Source: ASEAN Secretariat (2023). The ASEAN Magazine Issue 25.

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