



**PROTECTING AND STRENGTHENING FAMILIES:
CHALLENGES AND STRATEGIES**

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- Family As a Basic Unit Of Society.
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Section 16(3)...
“a family is entitled to protection by society and the state”

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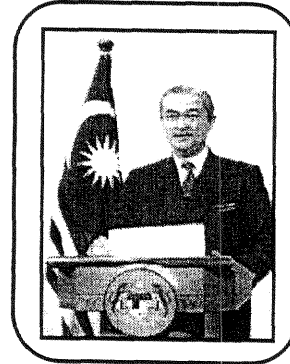


Families are a priority

"Our families are our supporters, they enrich our lives, they give us happiness and make us successful"

Hon. Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Prime Minister of Malaysia

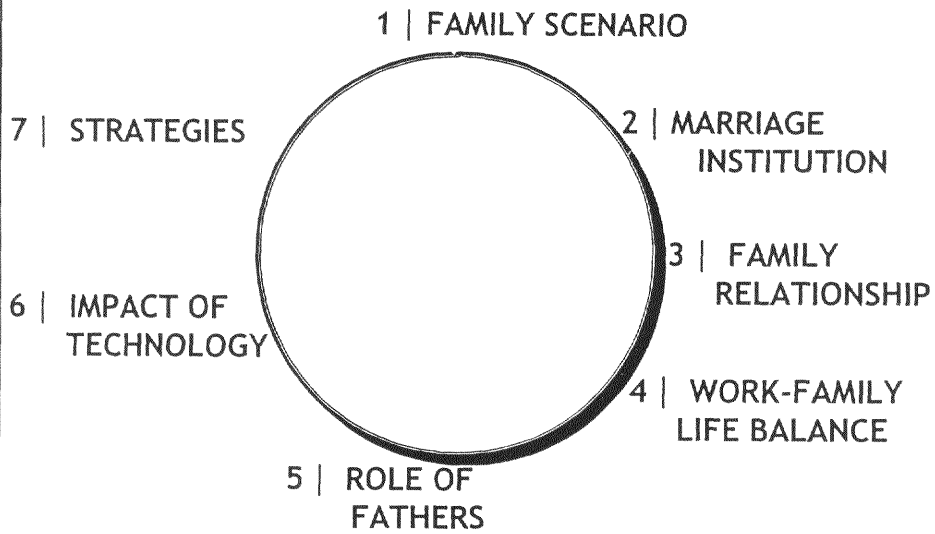
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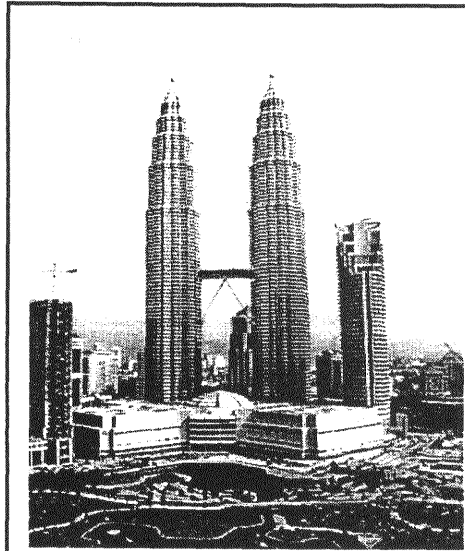


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Demographic Profile

- Population – 26.16 Million (2005)
 - ◆ Urban : 62.9 %
 - ◆ Rural : 37.1 %
- Age Structure :
 - ◆ 0 – 14 Years : 33.7 %
 - ◆ 15 – 64 Years : 63.1 %
 - ◆ 65+ : 4.2 %
- Dependency Ratio : 58.6%
- Median Age (Years) : 24.2



Source: Ninth Malaysian Plan (2006–2010)

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4.3 million (2000) families

Source : Population and Housing Census 2000, Department of Statistics

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Nuclear family	70.3% (2004) 68.0% (1994)
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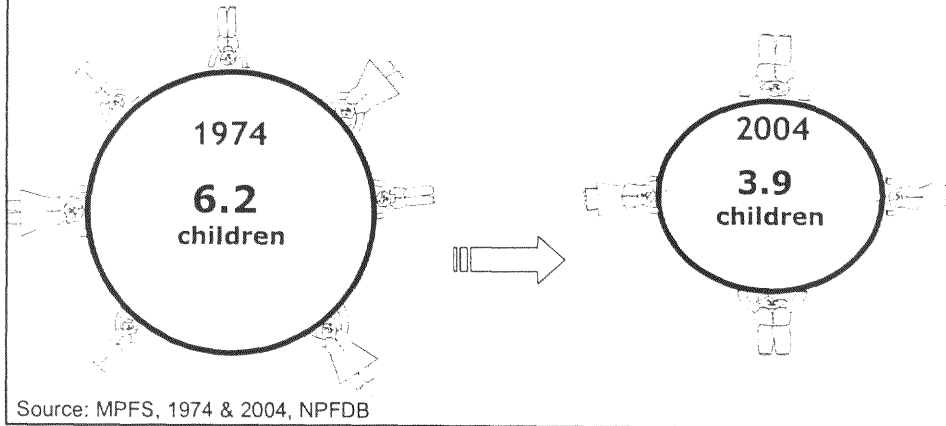
Average household / family size	4.6 people (2000) 4.8 people (1991)
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Source : MPFS, 1994, 2004. Mid-term review of 8th Malaysia Plan (EPU)

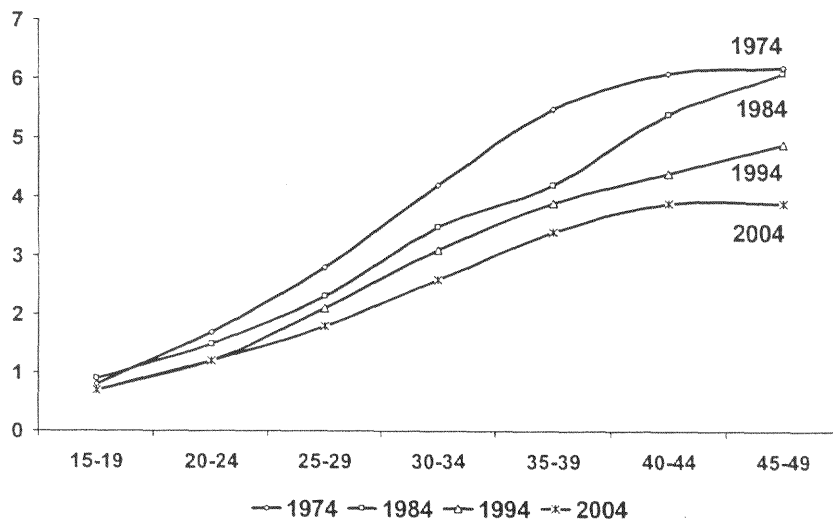
3 | Family Scenario

Decreasing Family Size

Comparison of number of children for women who have completed 'child-bearing years' (45-49 years)



Mean number of children born to ever married women (15-49)



Source: Population and Family Study, Malaysia 1974, 1984, 1994 & 2004