

# THE MALAYSIAN ECONOMY: ONE DECADE IN REVIEW

How the Malaysian economy has changed over the last decade in 11 charts

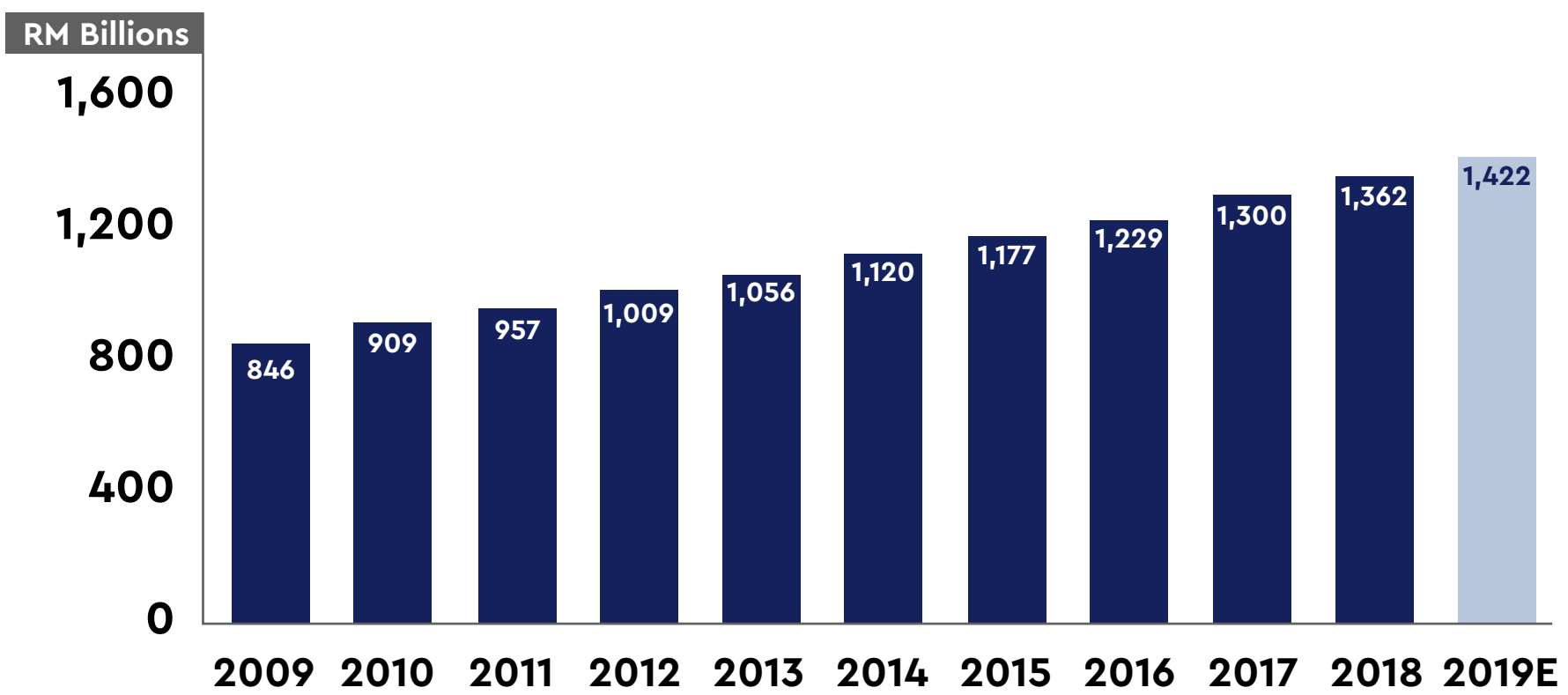
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### Malaysia's Real GDP is estimated to be 1.7x higher than it was one decade ago

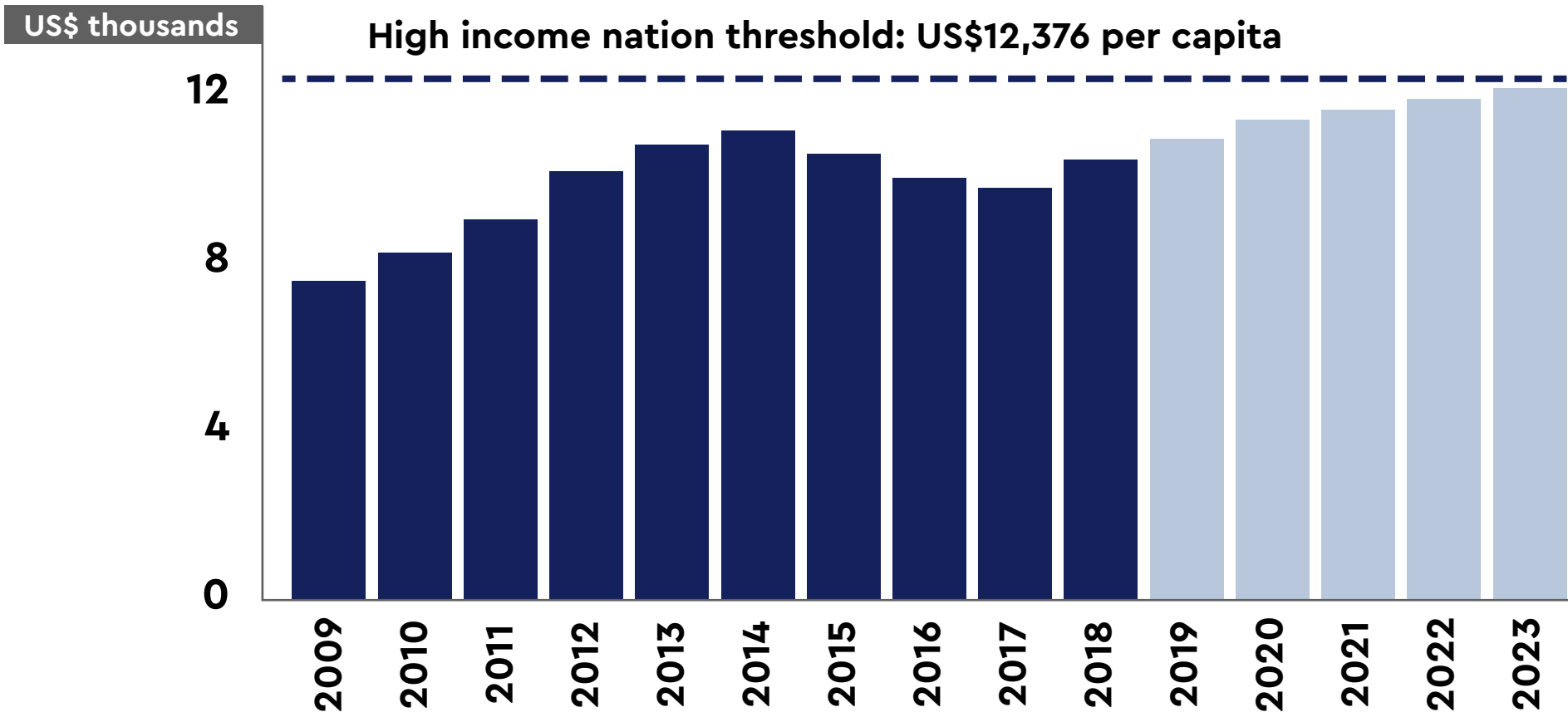
Real GDP (constant 2015 prices)



Source: Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM), Author's estimates  
Note: E= estimates

### Malaysia's GNI has climbed closer to the high income threshold despite setbacks from a weaker USD/MYR exchange rate

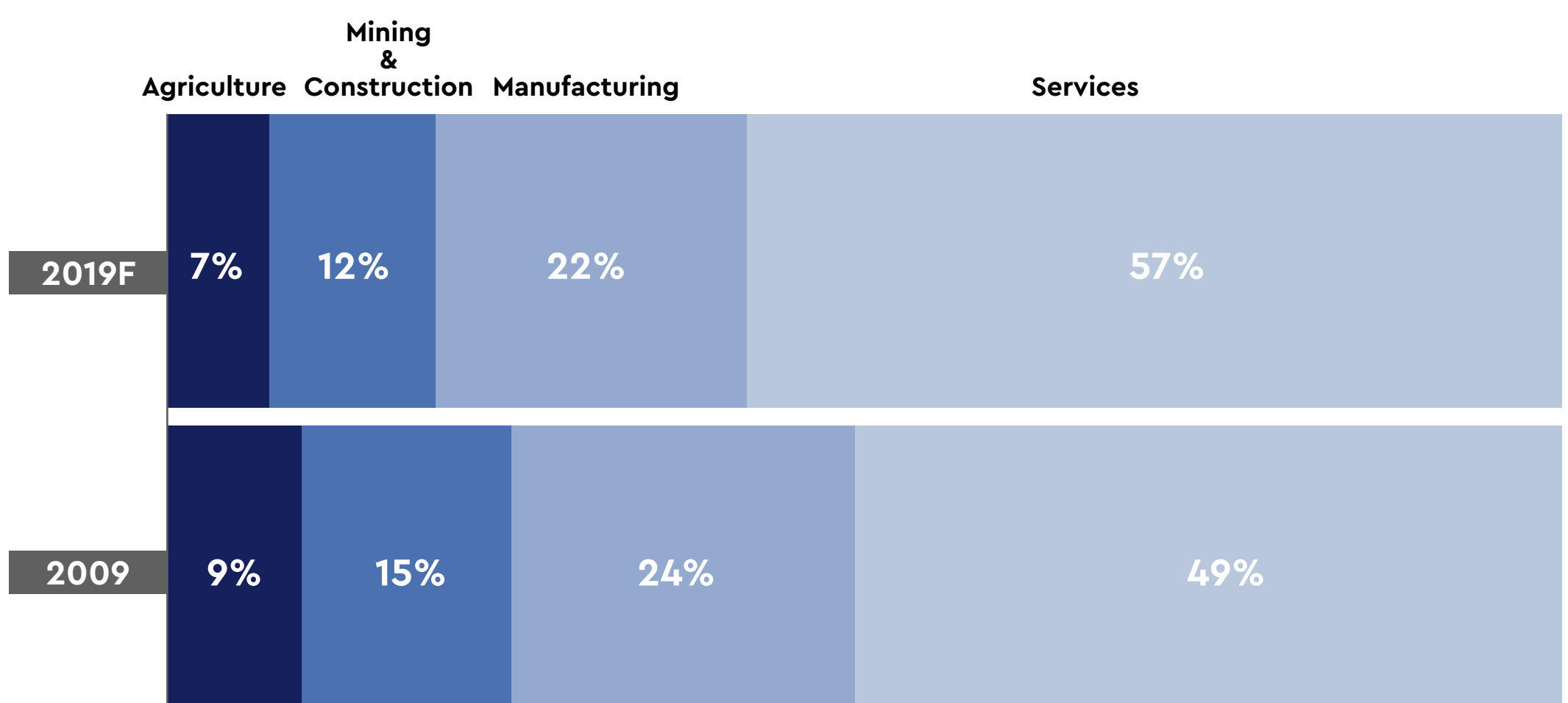
Gross National Income (GNI) per capita (US\$), Atlas method



Source: World Bank, Author's estimates  
Note: E= estimates, F = forecasts

### Over the past 10 years: Malaysia's GDP growth has become increasingly services driven, less manufacturing-driven

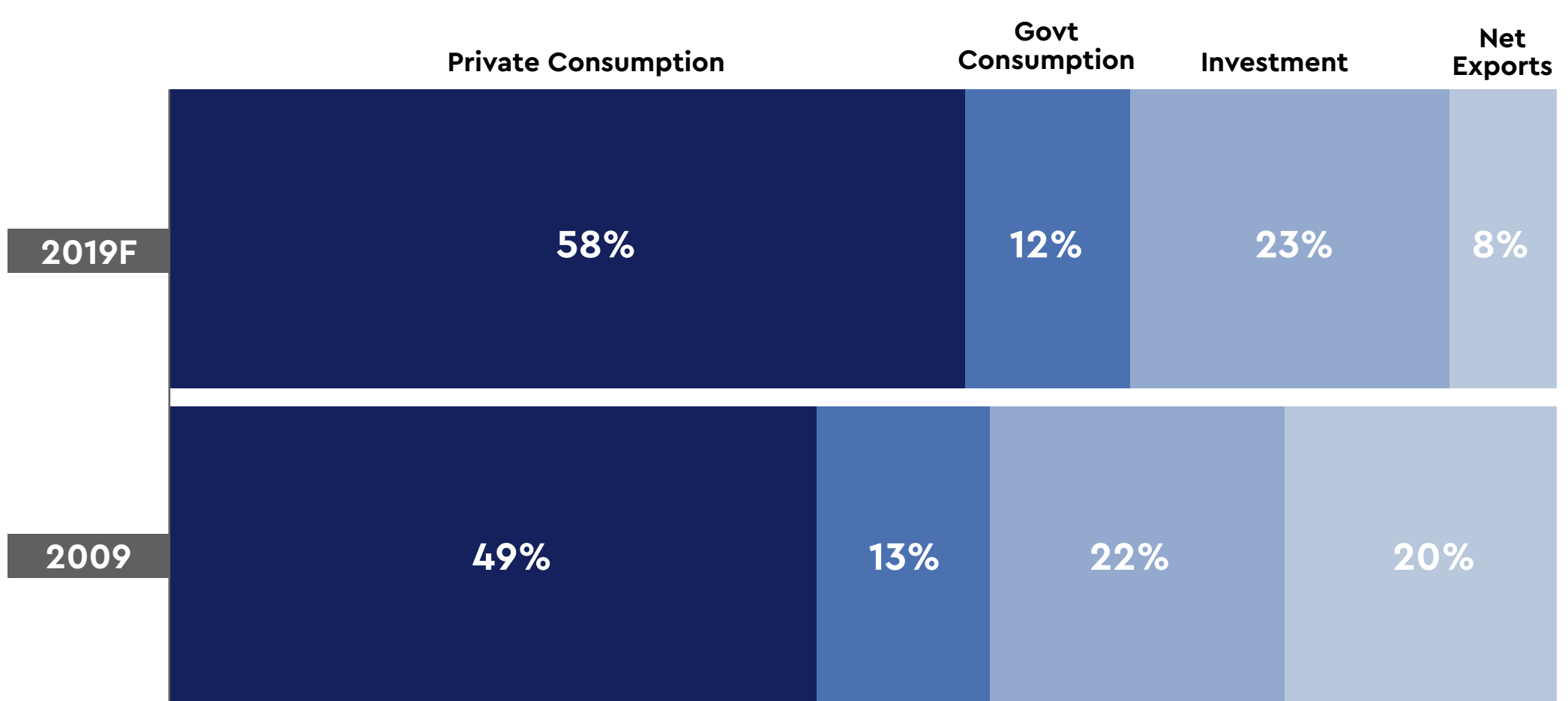
Share of real GDP (%) 2019E vs 2009



Source: DOSM, Author's estimates  
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## On the expenditure side: GDP has become more dependent on private consumption, less dependent on net exports

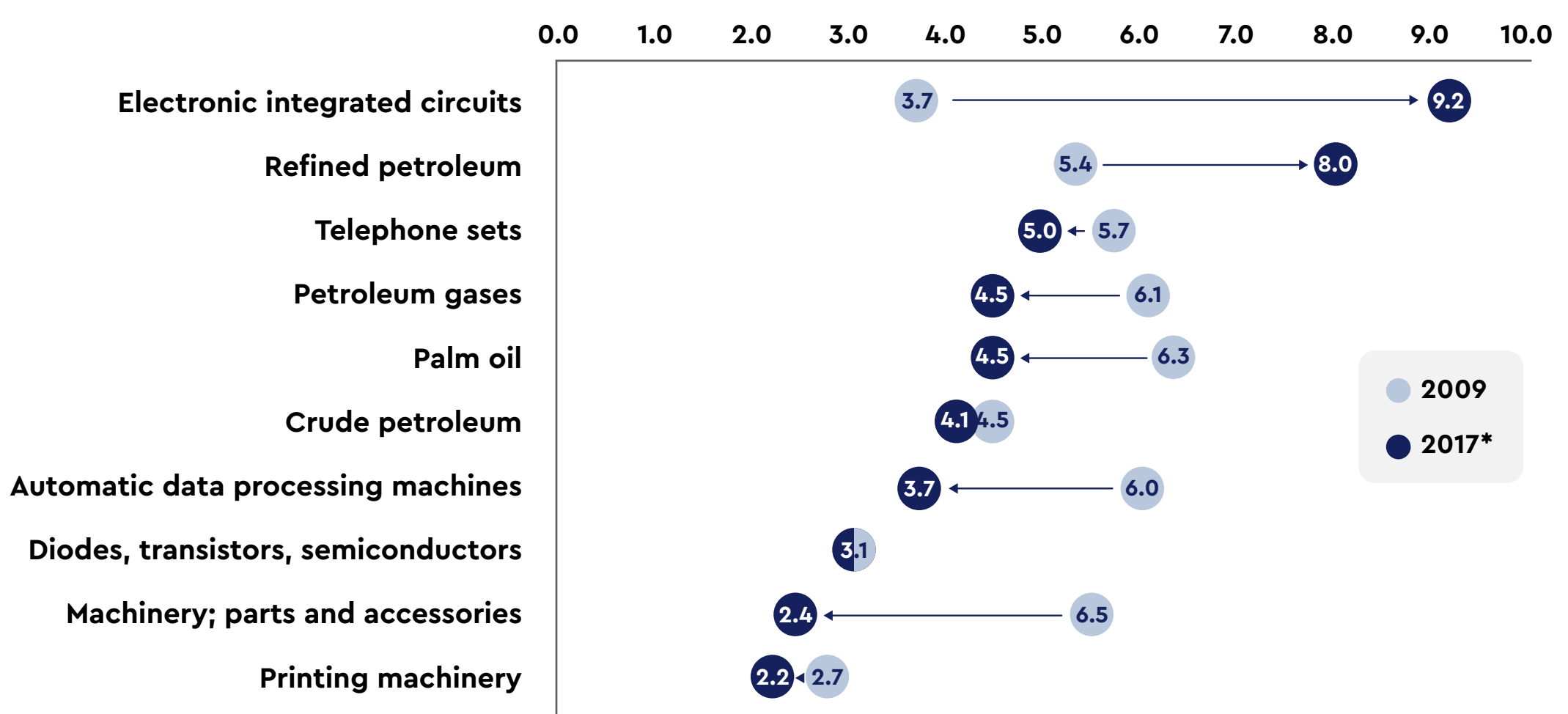
Share of real GDP (%) 2019E vs 2009



Source: DOSM, Author's estimates  
 Note: Investment = gross fixed capital formation (GFCF)  
 Note: E= estimates

## Malaysia's export structure has changed over the decade: more exports of electronic circuits—less crude oil and machine parts

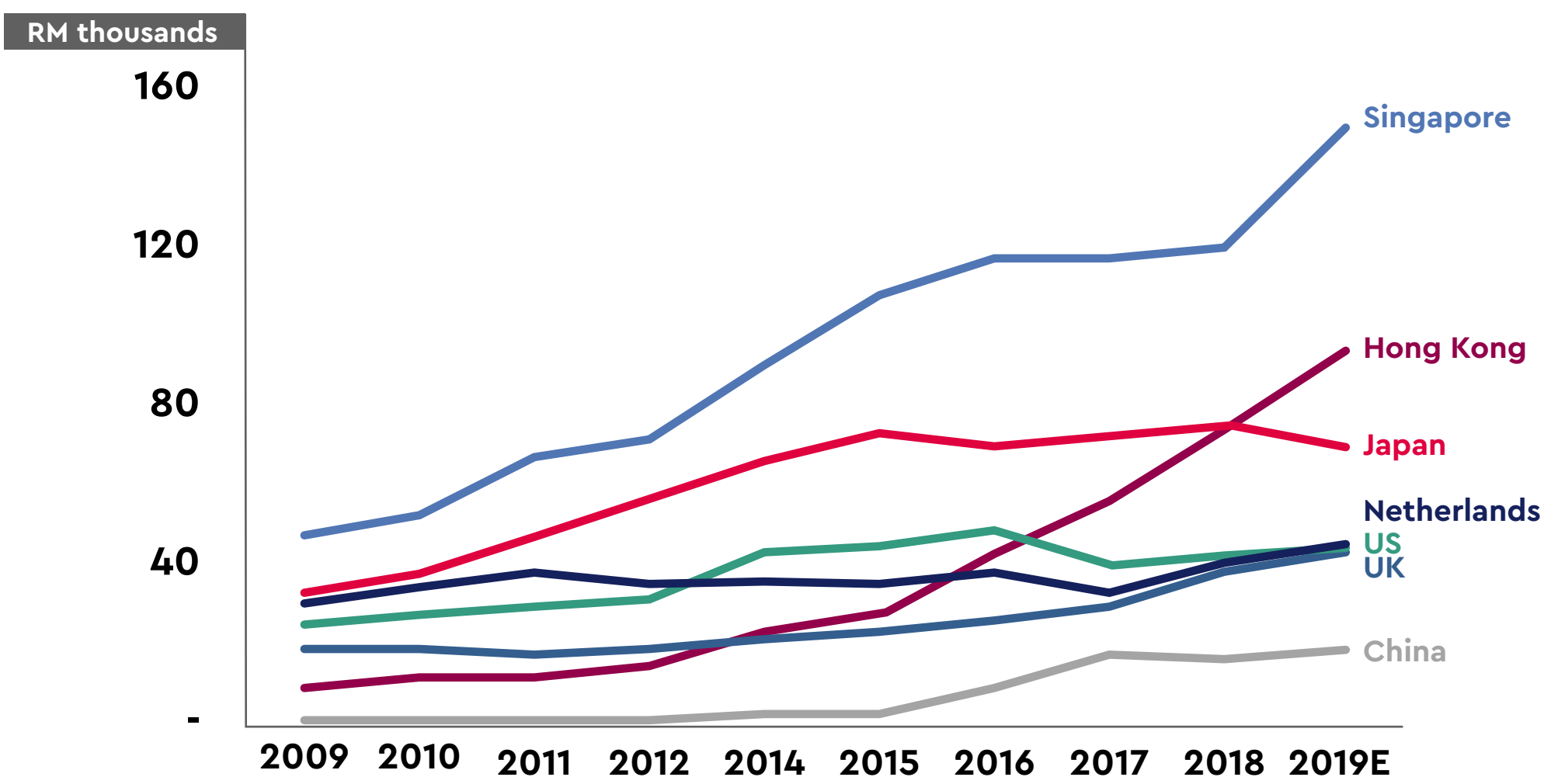
Change in Top 10 export share 2017\* vs 2009 (% of total exports by HS 4-digit\*\*)



Source: Observatory of Economic Complexity (OEC), Malaysian External Trade Statistics (METS) Online,  
 Note: 2017 is the latest data available; Chart uses HS 2007 4-digit classification

## FDI into Malaysia has grown, but the top sources of FDI into Malaysia has shifted

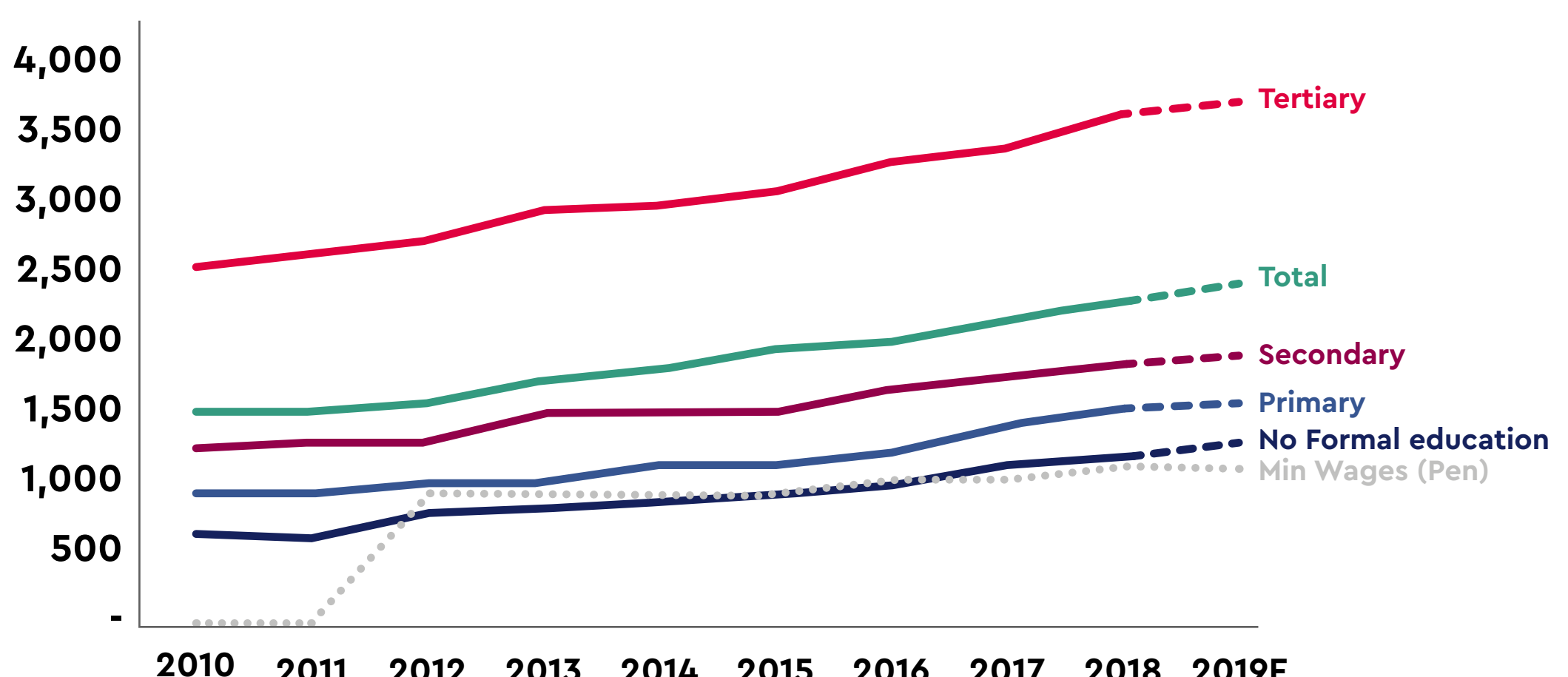
Foreign direct investment (FDI) position (RM thousands)



Source: DOSM, Author's estimate  
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## Over the past 10 years: Median wages in Malaysia have gradually grown, cutting across all education levels

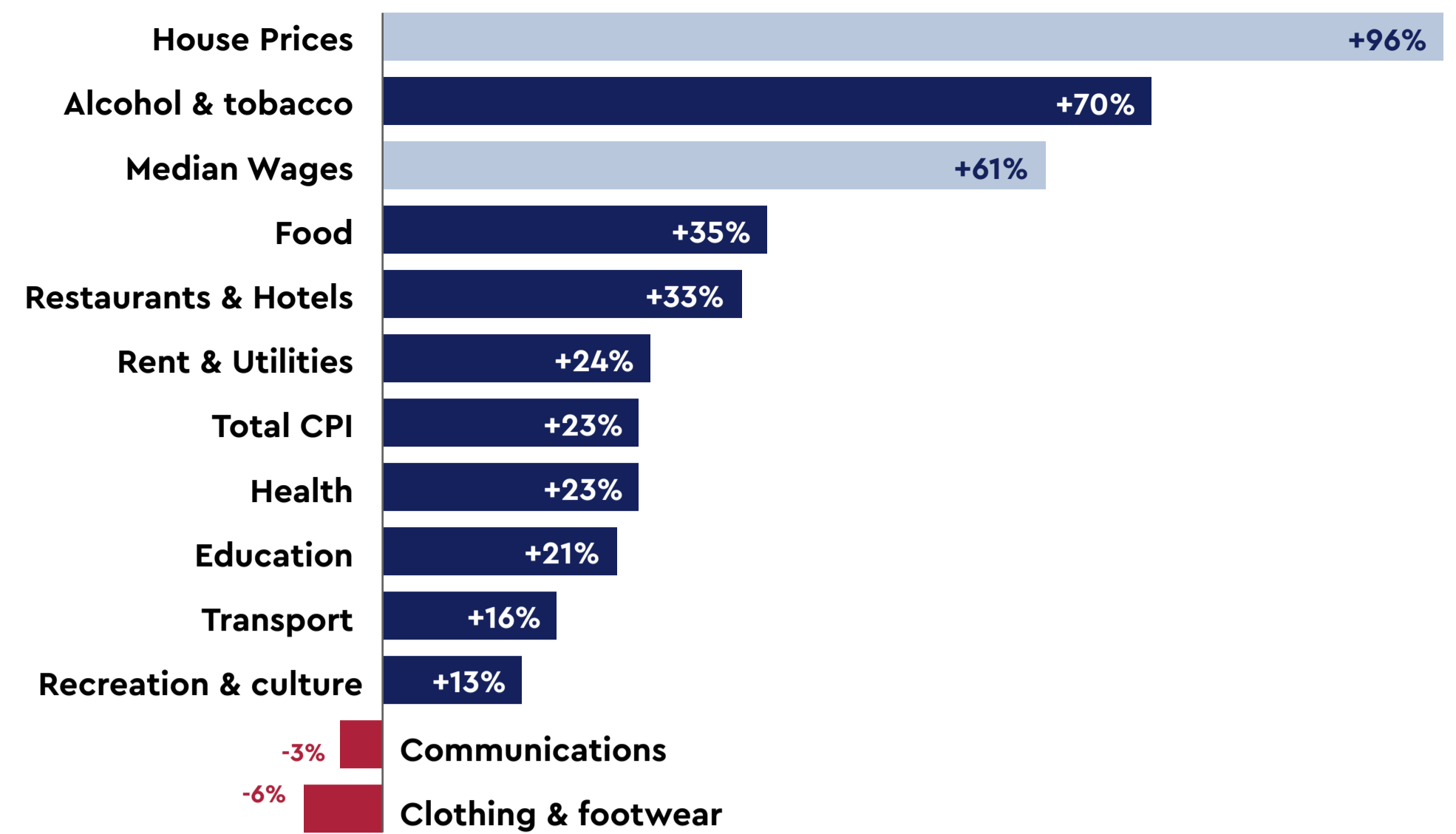
Median wages by educational attainment (RM)



Source: DOSM, Author's estimates  
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## Median wage growth has outpaced total CPI inflation, but is outstripped by the huge rise in house prices over the decade

% total increase in prices in 2019E from 2010

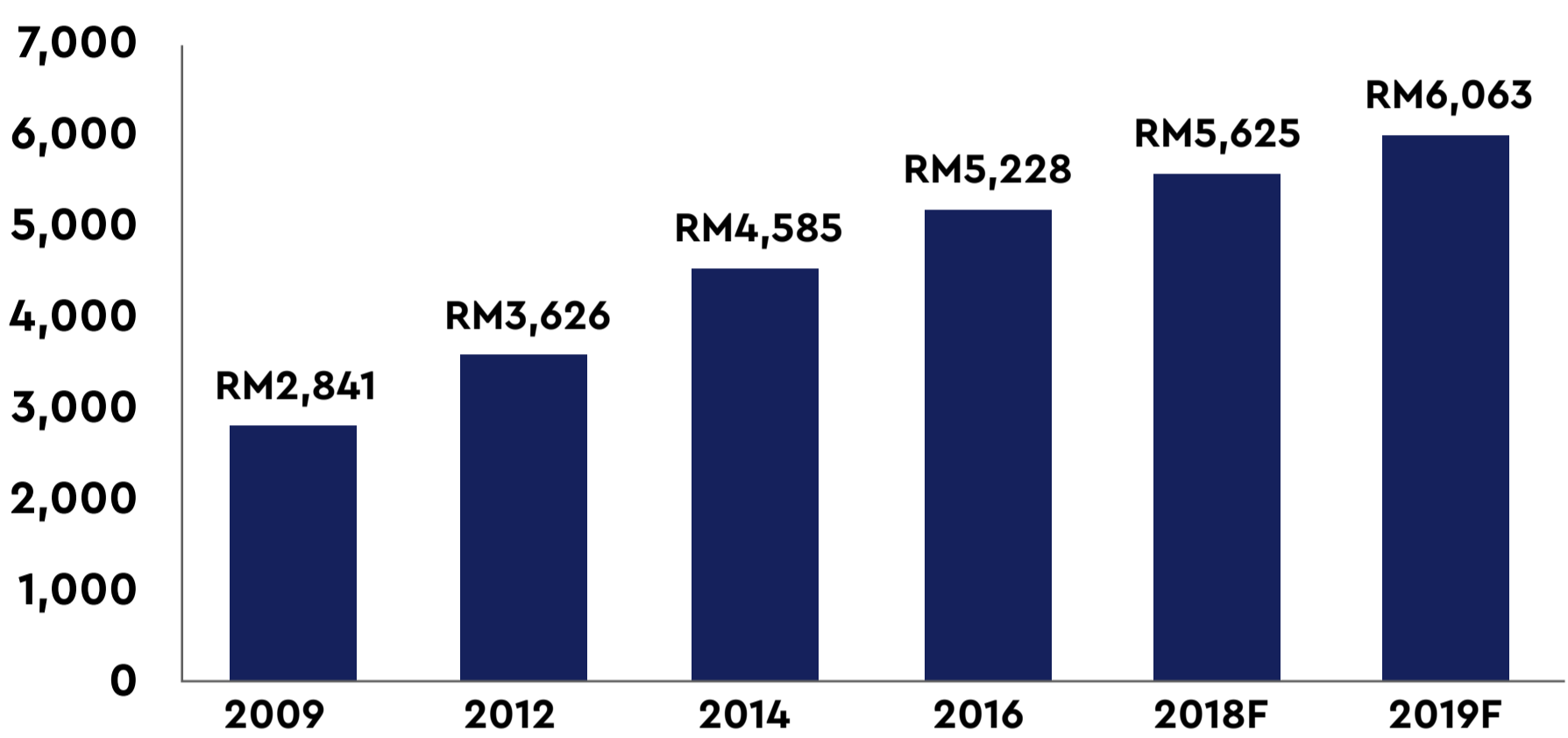


Source: DOSM, National Property Information Centre (NAPIC)

Note: CPI = Consumer Price Index (CPI) (2010=100); All series are components of the CPI, except for median wages and house prices; E = estimates

## Over the past 10 years: median household incomes have rose at a steady pace

Median household income (RM)

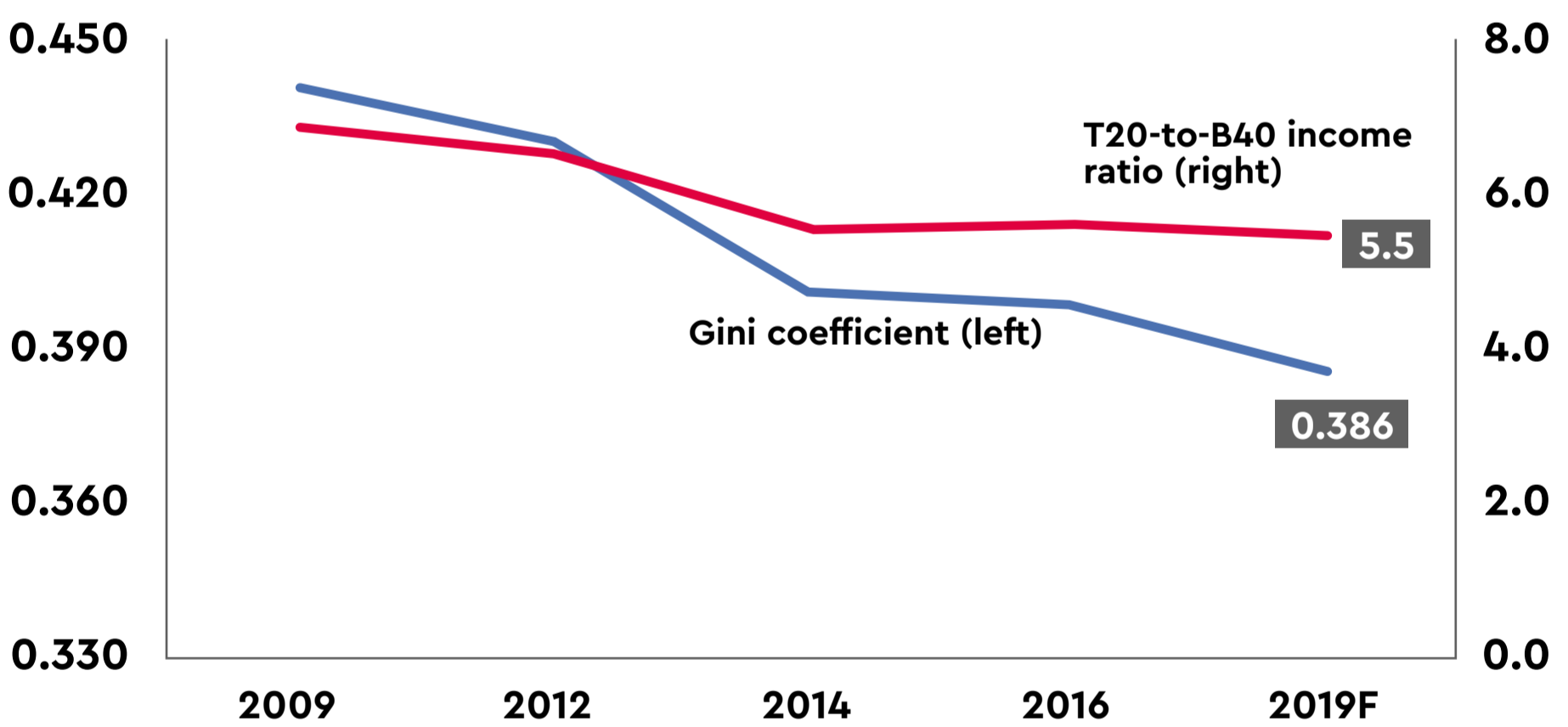


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## Measures of household income inequality have declined

Selected household income inequality metrics, national average (units)

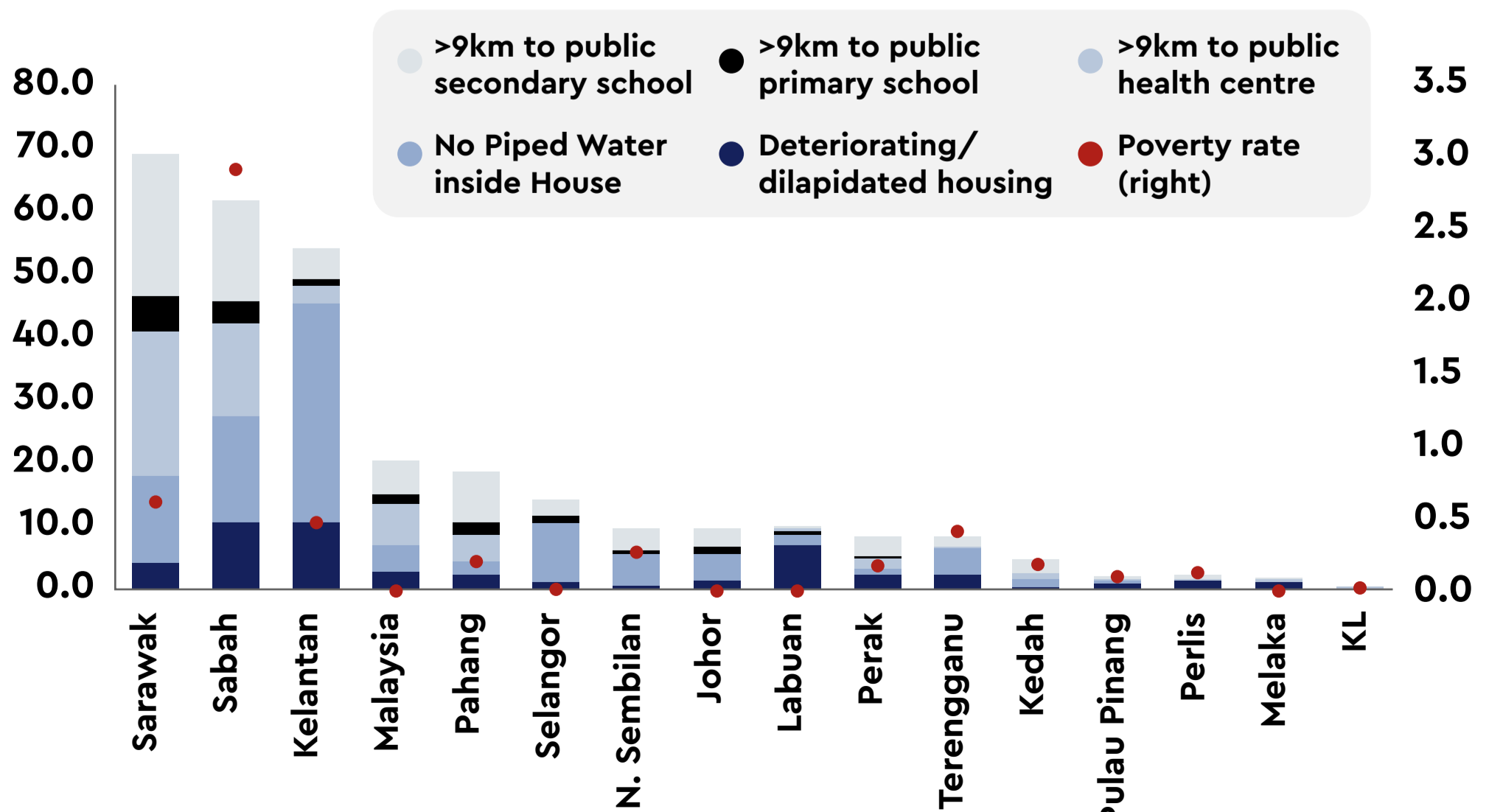


Source: DOSM, Author's estimates

Note: T20-to-B40 income ratio is calculated as the ratio of median income of the Top 20% of the households, relative to the median income of the Bottom 40% of households in the household income distribution; F = forecasts

## But lots of work remain for the coming decade: wide regional disparities in poverty and access to basic infrastructure access persist

% of households, by state, 2016 data



Source: DOSM