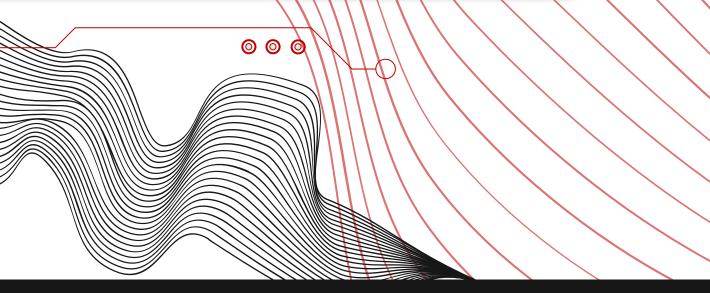


Reviving **Rural Transformation**

Monitoring Kuala Terengganu's Livelihoods

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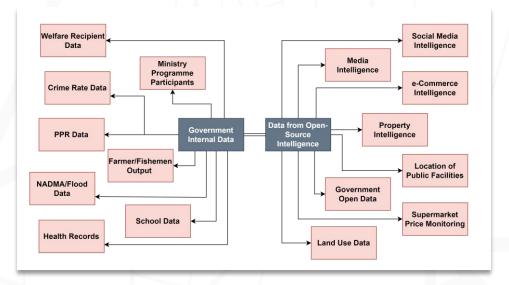
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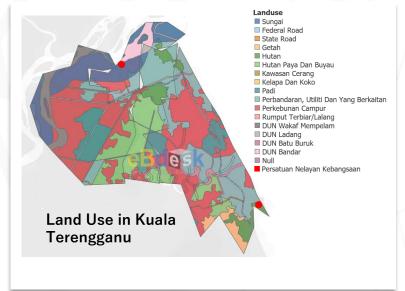


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Dynamic Synergy

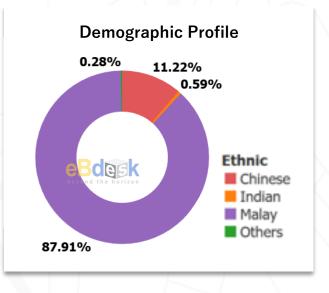
In line with the 12th Malaysia Plan which emphasizes bridging the digital divide, Malaysia needs to reassess its strategies to tighten this gap.





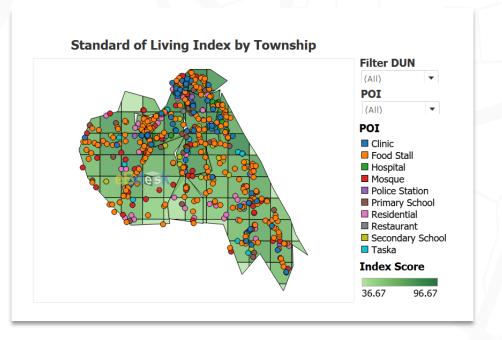
As Kuala Terengganu has become the central focus when it comes to aquaculture in Malaysia, evaluation of **external** factors such as public facilities, safety facilities and other business opportunities from tourism to e-commerce should also be monitored holistically whether their development is uplifted parallelly.

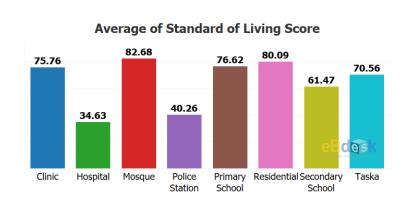
Hence, it has created a need to monitor the development of rural areas. By combining internal data with Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT) data, the government's data bank can be enriched with boundless data that can be used as indicators to improve government municipal efficiency.



Divided Saturation

Looking at the livelihoods in the district, food stalls are seen as saturated throughout the district. However, **Bandar Kuala Terengganu** is slightly **more saturated** than other areas.





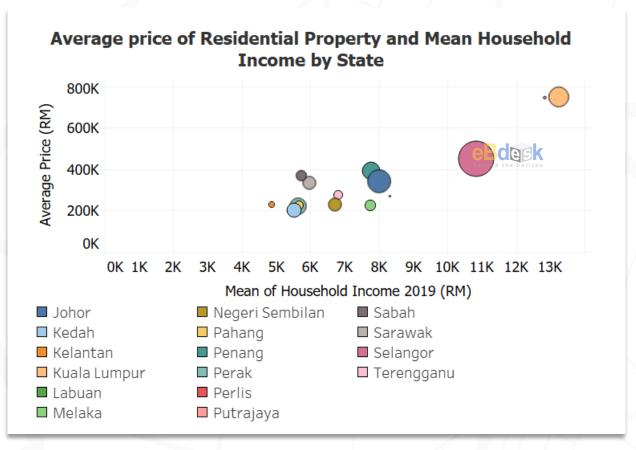
*The Standard of Living Score is measured by the distance between selected public facilities and the residential areas.

As shown, Kuala Terengganu has more mosques scattered throughout the district. Nonetheless, the distribution of basic facilities such as residential properties, clinics and educational institutions is sufficient scoring more than 50%. However, hospitals and police stations have lesser distribution.

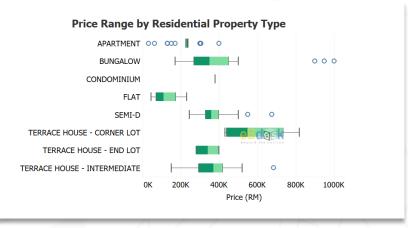
With а proper monitoring dashboard. relevant stakeholders can examine whether or not the area has sufficient public facilities. On top of that, this will also beneficial for town planners and policymakers to assess which area has the potential for other informal businesses.

Housing Outlook

Since the mean household income in Terengannu is approximately RM6,000 according to the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) and most properties are priced at RM300,000 on average, it can be concluded that properties in Terengganu are slightly more expensive than in Kedah, Negeri Sembilan and Melaka.



However, there are more properties priced at RM300,000 to RM599,000 with most properties ranging within this price being bungalows, semid's and terrace houses.

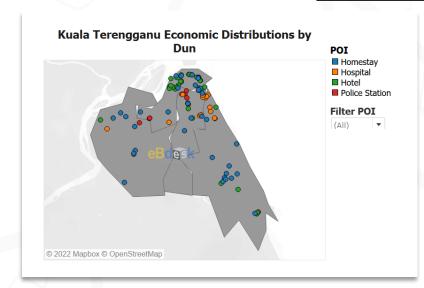






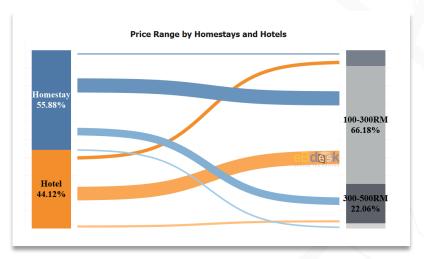


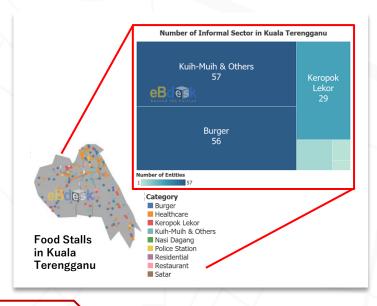
Business Prospects



Taking a closer look at the Bandar area in Kuala Terengganu, it is no surprise that it would be more concentrated seeing that it is a tourist spot. Hence, hospitals and police stations are also more concentrated within that area.

Throughout the district, Kuala Terengganu has slightly more homestays than hotels. However, it can be seen that most homestays of the properties are priced at RM100,000-RM300,00, thus indicating a lot of budget homestays in the district.

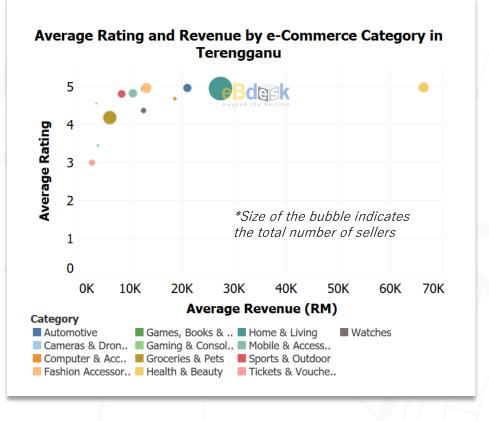




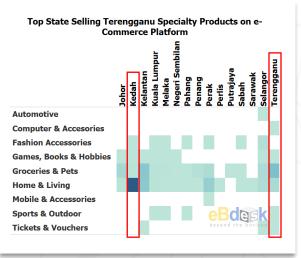
Since Kuala Terengganu
is also saturated with food
stalls, this has been
bogged down further to
see their informal sector
focus. As shown in the
analytics, most food stalls
in Kuala Terengganu are
either concentrating on
kuih-muih or burgers
despite being popularly
known for its local
delicacies such as
keropok lekor and satar.

Contrasting Focus

In terms of its e-commerce. the most sold items in Terengganu are products from the Home & Living category even though sellers selling Health & Beauty products have much higher average revenue.







^{*}Terengganu's local specialty products are queried by keywords such as keropok lekor, satar or batik on prominent e-commerce platforms.

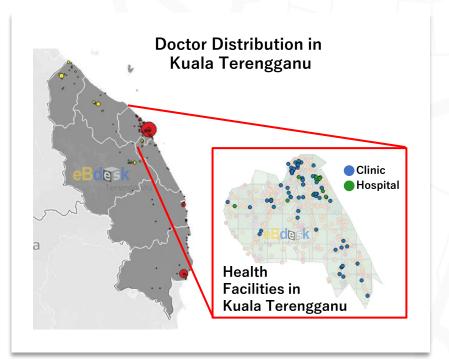
When it comes to Terengganu's speciality products such as keropok lekor, satar and batik, sellers from Kedah are more focused on these products under the Home & Living category. Nonetheless, in Terengganu, keropok lekor and batik are sold the most in the state.

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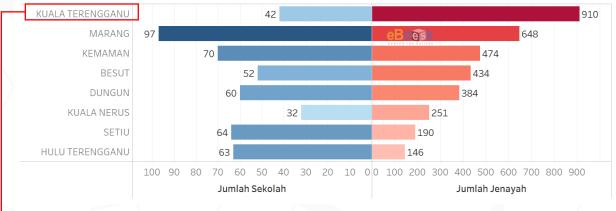
Safety and healthcare are also pivotal to the livelihoods of every community. As shown, health facilities available such as hospitals and clinics are mostly saturated in Bandar, but clinics are scattered across the district.

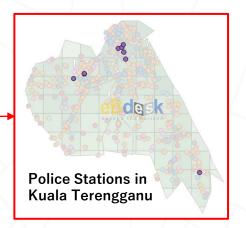
However, doctor distribution data shows doctors are highly saturated in the Batu Buruk area.

Confliction



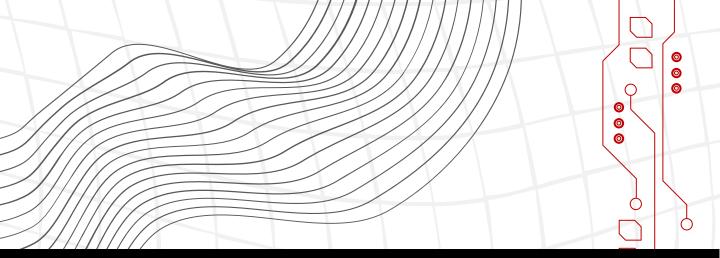
School vs Crime in Terengganu





In terms of safety, Marang has the most schools in Terengganu, but criminal cases in Marang are also second on the list. Hence, this could be an indicator of providing additional police stations or pondok polis to protect youngsters from crime.

With that, Big Data Analytics can help town planners and authorities to see the bigger picture to propel a city or village's development.



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