

Table 1 Mid-year population estimates and annual growth rates, Malaya, 1900–1956, Peninsular Malaysia, 1957–2021

Year	Peninsular Malaysia		Year	Peninsular Malaysia	
	Mid-year population ('000s)	Exponential growth rate* (%)		Mid-year population ('000s)	Exponential growth rate* (%)
1	2	3	1	2	3
1900	1,671.2	4.1	1961	7,146.7	3.2
1901	1,733.7	3.7	1962	7,383.7	3.3
1902	1,794.9	3.5	1963	7,614.2	3.1
1903	1,866.1	3.9	1964	7,822.3	2.7
1904	1,940.4	3.9	1965	8,045.9	2.8
1905	2,008.9	3.5	1966	8,294.9	3.0
1906	2,071.4	3.1	1967	8,520.7	2.7
1907	2,139.8	3.2	1968	8,724.2	2.4
1908	2,197.7	2.7	1969	8,927.9	2.3
1909	2,240.5	1.9	1970	9,146.7	2.4
1910	2,301.3	2.7	1971	9,366.4	2.4
1911	2,399.9	4.2	1972	9,587.5	2.3
1912	2,517.9	4.8	1973	9,803.3	2.2
1913	2,631.6	4.4	1974	10,019.7	2.2
1914	2,710.3	2.9	1975	10,251.1	2.3
1915	2,757.1	1.7	1976	10,472.5	2.1
1916	2,815.4	2.1	1977	10,716.6	2.3
1917	2,875.5	2.1	1978	10,944.5	2.1
1918	2,881.6	0.2	1979	11,188.6	2.2
1919	2,870.9	-0.4	1980	11,473.0	2.5
1920	2,893.6	0.8	1981	11,757.1	2.4
1921	2,922.8	1.0	1982	12,054.2	2.5
1922	2,946.1	0.8	1983	12,352.5	2.4
1923	2,979.1	1.1	1984	12,653.3	2.4
1924	3,038.7	2.0	1985	12,980.1	2.6
1925	3,126.4	2.8	1986	13,315.5	2.6
1926	3,270.9	4.5	1987	13,646.7	2.5
1927	3,432.2	4.8	1988	13,975.0	2.4
1928	3,538.8	3.1	1989	14,300.7	2.3
1929	3,639.2	2.8	1990	14,626.9	2.3
1930	3,745.6	2.9	1991	14,956.0	2.2
1931	3,718.0	-0.7	1992	15,357.1	2.6
1932	3,622.3	-2.6	1993	15,766.6	2.6
1933	3,620.9	0.0	1994	16,180.6	2.6
1934	3,725.2	2.8	1995	16,595.1	2.5
1935	3,875.6	4.0	1996	17,008.0	2.5
1936	4,026.3	3.8	1997	17,425.4	2.4
1937	4,239.9	5.2	1998	17,857.4	2.4
1938	4,429.0	4.4	1999	18,298.1	2.4
1939	4,583.9	3.4	2000	18,743.8	2.4
1940	4,692.7	2.3	2001	19,174.6	2.3
1941	4,743.6	1.1	2002	19,587.3	2.1
1942	4,781.4	0.8	2003	19,986.4	2.0
1943	4,809.8	0.6	2004	20,388.0	2.0
1944	4,827.4	0.4	2005	20,785.3	1.9
1945	4,829.0	0.0	2006	21,180.1	1.9
1946	4,851.4	0.5	2007	21,576.8	1.9
1947	4,908.1	1.2	2008	21,969.5	1.8
1948	4,978.1	1.4	2009	22,363.3	1.8
1949	5,061.4	1.7	2010	22,753.3	1.7
1950	5,189.1	2.5	2011	23,099.2	1.5
1951	5,286.8	1.9	2012	23,417.1	1.4
1952	5,436.1	2.8	2013	23,868.3	1.9
1953	5,612.1	3.2	2014	24,280.8	1.7
1954	5,773.3	2.8	2015	24,669.0	1.6
1955	5,923.1	2.6	2016	24,995.2	1.3
1956	6,093.7	2.8	2017	25,302.8	1.2
1957	6,278.8	3.0	2018	25,593.2	1.1
1958	6,504.6	3.5	2019	25,713.3	0.5
1959	6,702.6	3.0	2020	25,788.7	0.3
1960	6,919.1	3.2	2021	25,900.1 ^e	0.4

Notes:

- (1) * Refers to growth rate calculated on an exponential basis.
- (2) The 1957 figure for Peninsular Malaysia is that of the 1957 Census undertaken on 17/18 June.
- (3) The population data given above for the years 1981 onwards are based on the revised intercensal population estimates adjusted for under-enumeration using the PES/CCES and then to mid-year. The forward-reverse survival-rate method was used to obtain these intercensal figures. This methodology involves the calculation of two preliminary estimates, one by 'aging' the first census and the second by 'younging' the second census and then averaging the two estimates.

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Notations:

^e Estimate