

Table 6 Census population by state and ethnic group, Peninsular Malaysia, 1901–2020

	1911 ⁺	1921 ⁺	1931 ⁺	1947 [#]	1957 [±]	1970 [#]	1980 (A) ^o	1991 (A) [†]	2000 (A) ^o	2010 (A) ^o	2020 (B)
Population (numbers)											
Johor	180,412	282,234	505,311	738,251	926,850	1,271,794	1,638,229	2,105,699	2,590,095	3,076,384	3,690,503
Malays and other <i>Bumiputera</i>	109,093	157,852	234,422	323,680	444,618	679,525	898,499	1,062,534	1,478,177	1,811,139	2,219,174
Chinese	63,410	97,253	215,076	354,770	392,568	501,284	628,937	759,184	916,704	1,034,713	1,208,652
Indians	5,659	24,180	51,038	55,044	70,948	85,321	108,328	139,778	179,876	217,058	244,295
Others	2,250	2,949	4,775	4,757	18,716	5,664	2,465	144,203	15,338	13,474	18,382
Kedah	245,986	338,558	429,691	554,441	701,964	952,421	1,116,140	1,357,484	1,624,151	1,880,783	2,038,080
Malays and other <i>Bumiputera</i>	197,702	237,031	286,262	377,075	475,563	672,117	802,429	1,008,322	1,243,288	1,464,901	1,632,756
Chinese	33,746	59,403	78,415	115,928	144,057	184,046	208,428	225,882	241,444	255,628	250,600
Indians	6,074	33,004	50,824	51,347	67,094	80,823	86,612	100,245	116,072	136,482	129,055
Others	8,464	9,120	14,190	10,091	15,250	15,435	18,671	23,035	23,347	23,772	25,669
Kelantan	286,751	309,300	362,517	448,572	505,522	684,312	893,753	1,182,585	1,292,219	1,507,129	1,757,199
Malays and other <i>Bumiputera</i>	268,914	286,363	330,774	412,918	463,118	632,486	830,337	1,112,594	1,227,293	1,442,478	1,696,831
Chinese	9,844	12,755	17,612	22,938	28,861	38,626	47,911	54,421	49,067	51,614	44,676
Indians	731	3,575	6,752	4,940	5,665	5,804	6,716	5,944	3,683	3,849	4,705
Others	7,262	6,607	7,379	7,776	7,878	7,396	8,789	9,626	12,176	9,188	10,987
Melaka	124,081	153,522	186,711	239,356	291,211	403,061	464,754	522,231	612,847	786,957	927,361
Malays and other <i>Bumiputera</i>	78,813	86,451	95,307	120,327	143,128	208,809	249,273	301,688	390,955	526,534	664,635
Chinese	35,450	45,768	65,179	96,144	120,759	159,704	176,673	176,128	178,277	207,401	205,239
Indians	7,500	18,833	23,238	19,718	23,266	31,747	35,561	37,032	398,66	49,037	52,359
Others	2,318	2,470	2,987	3,167	4,058	2,801	3,247	7,383	3,749	3,985	5,128
N. Sembilan	130,199	178,762	233,799	267,668	364,524	480,053	573,578	711,745	828,065	963,157	1,132,229
Malays and other <i>Bumiputera</i>	69,745	77,648	87,195	110,560	151,408	217,612	264,968	374,060	479,639	590,089	716,421
Chinese	40,843	65,171	92,371	114,406	150,055	182,950	209,743	211,071	211,914	223,271	248,456
Indians	18,248	33,658	50,100	38,082	54,399	77,608	97,121	116,480	132,754	146,214	161,633
Others	1,363	2,285	4,133	4,620	8,662	1,883	1,746	10,134	3,758	3,583	5,719
Pahang	118,708	146,064	180,111	250,178	313,058	503,031	798,782	1,049,165	1,233,576	1,426,209	1,513,230
Malays and other <i>Bumiputera</i>	87,109	102,258	111,122	135,772	179,088	307,842	532,112	771,425	947,198	1,126,187	1,226,467
Chinese	24,287	34,104	52,291	97,329	108,226	157,516	209,631	199,681	218,338	230,798	221,712
Indians	6,611	8,692	14,820	14,744	21,838	36,822	55,360	64,006	61,353	63,065	55,852
Others	701	1,010	1,878	2,333	3,906	851	1,679	14,053	6,687	6,159	9,199
Penang	278,003	304,335	359,851	446,321	572,100	773,327	954,638	1,099,014	1,265,067	1,471,523	1,599,874
Malays and other <i>Bumiputera</i>	114,441	110,382	118,832	136,163	165,092	236,907	312,520	421,965	537,037	642,286	715,899
Chinese	111,738	135,288	176,518	247,366	327,240	435,323	521,455	551,129	588,693	670,400	718,362
Indians	46,565	53,339	58,020	57,157	69,035	89,395	109,384	120,166	133,899	153,472	155,492
Others	5,259	5,326	6,481	5,635	10,733	11,702	11,279	5,754	5,438	5,365	10,121
Perak	494,057	599,055	765,989	953,938	1,221,446	1,561,184	1,805,198	1,960,690	2,012,891	2,283,290	2,364,837
Malays and other <i>Bumiputera</i>	199,034	239,128	272,546	360,631	484,530	672,069	808,184	936,436	1,101,105	1,302,166	1,439,652
Chinese	217,206	224,586	325,527	444,509	539,334	662,319	737,234	706,504	643,129	693,397	643,627
Indians	73,539	130,324	159,152	140,176	178,623	222,585	255,595	268,590	262,121	281,688	270,809
Others	4,278	5,017	8,764	8,622	18,959	4,211	4,185	49,160	6,536	6,039	10,749
Perlis	32,746	40,087	49,296	70,490	90,885	120,996	148,276	188,166	201,295	225,876	278,455
Malays and other <i>Bumiputera</i>	29,598	34,165	39,831	55,185	71,272	95,669	116,082	156,359	172,164	199,677	247,255
Chinese	1,627	3,602	6,500	11,788	15,771	19,817	23,765	23,167	20,794	17,985	20,480
Indians	114	811	966	1,684	1,539	2,487	4,231	3,534	2,610	2,745	5,124
Others	1,407	1,509	1,999	1,833	2,303	3,023	4,198	5,106	5,727	5,469	5,596

Selangor [†]	294,035	401,009	533,197	710,788	1,012,929	1,625,625	1,515,536	2,338,871	4,002,440	5,040,321	6,430,435
Malays and other <i>Bumiputera</i>	64,952	91,787	122,868	187,324	291,411	561,037	671,063	1,072,698	2,142,435	2,877,254	3,895,880
Chinese	150,908	170,687	241,351	362,710	488,657	753,915	567,474	758,397	1,230,271	1,441,774	1,756,181
Indians	74,067	132,545	155,924	145,184	201,048	297,830	269,386	383,665	585,368	679,130	726,017
Others	4,108	5,990	13,054	15,570	31,813	12,843	7,613	124,111	44,366	42,163	52,357
Terengganu	154,073	153,765	179,789	225,996	278,269	404,924	540,627	788,698	882,987	1,017,210	1,123,038
Malays and other <i>Bumiputera</i>	149,553	145,523	164,564	207,874	256,246	379,211	510,065	754,093	854,922	987,002	1,095,579
Chinese	4,169	7,246	13,254	15,864	18,228	22,396	26,693	28,887	24,295	26,429	23,166
Indians	61	211	1,371	1,761	2,731	2,828	2,675	2,615	1,825	2,397	2,100
Others	290	785	600	497	1,064	489	1,194	3,103	1,945	1,382	2,193
FT Kuala Lumpur ^ψ	..	..	..	..	..	..	977,102	1,171,039	1,286,937	1,517,998	1,773,666
Malays and other <i>Bumiputera</i>							320,040	461,652	561,481	696,730	846,339
Chinese							507,487	556,518	560,153	655,413	737,161
Indians							140,166	137,993	146,621	156,316	178,099
Others							9,409	14,876	18,682	9,539	12,067
FT Putrajaya^{††}	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	70,744	106,381
Malays and other <i>Bumiputera</i>										69,309	104,144
Chinese										479	670
Indians										869	1,303
Others										87	264
Unlocated	..	..	1,496	2,087	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Peninsular Malaysia	2,339,051	2,906,691	3,787,758	4,908,086	6,278,758	8,780,728	11,426,613	14,475,387	17,832,570	21,267,581	24,735,288
Malays and other <i>Bumiputera</i>	1,368,954	1,568,588	1,863,723	2,427,509	3,125,474	4,663,284	6,315,572	8,433,826	11,135,694	13,735,752	16,501,032
Chinese	693,228	855,863	1,284,094	1,883,752	2,333,756	3,117,896	3,865,431	4,250,969	4,883,079	5,509,302	6,078,982
Indians	239,169	439,172	572,205	529,837	696,186	933,250	1,171,135	1,380,048	1,666,048	1,892,322	1,986,843
Others	37,700	43,068	66,240	64,901	123,342	66,298	74,475	410,544	147,749	130,205	168,431

Note: Data do not include non-Malaysian citizens.

Abbreviations:

- (A) Census population adjusted on the basis of the Post Enumeration Survey (PES) / Census Coverage Evaluation Survey (CCES) estimate of under-enumeration.
- (B) Adjusted PES data have not yet been published.
- FT Federal Territory.

Symbols / Notations:

- + Excludes persons on ocean-going vessels afloat in Malayan waters.
- # Excludes (i) Transients afloat, (ii) Service personnel enumerated in Service Establishments, and (iii) Japanese surrendered personnel.
- ± Excludes transients afloat.
- ≠ Excludes 28,834 persons enumerated using the self-enumeration forms. It comprises (i) persons living in hotels, hospitals, prisons, hostels and other institutions, military and police personnel living in camps, (ii) travellers by road and rail, (iii) persons afloat (in transit by sea in Malaysian waters), (iv) homeless persons, and (v) persons living in special curfew areas.
- ≠ Includes persons enumerated using the self-enumeration forms.
- Φ Includes persons staying in large institutions, such as large hotels, hostels, mental hospitals, prisons, as well as persons travelling by road and rail and persons afloat.
- Ψ Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur was formed on 1st February 1974. It was formerly part of the State of Selangor.
- π Includes self-enumerated population, the majority of whom were staying in hotels and other institutions.
- Θ The population is based on the *de jure* approach, whereby all persons on Census Day were enumerated according to their place of usual residence. This differed from the *de facto* approach used in the previous censuses prior to 2000, whereby all persons were enumerated according to the place where they were on Census Night. It includes self-enumeration forms returned from hotels, rest houses, hostels, hospitals, orphanages, old folk homes, rehabilitation centres, prisons, army and police barracks/mess as well as the homeless.
- ‡ The state of Selangor included the area covering the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur and the Federal Territory of Putrajaya until they became separate entities after their formation on 1st February 1974 and 1st February 2001 respectively.
- †† The Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur and the Federal Territory of Putrajaya were formed on 1st February 1974 and 1st February 2001 respectively. They were formerly part of the State of Selangor.

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