

Table 7 Census population by state and share by ethnic group, Peninsular Malaysia, 1901–2020

	1911 ⁺	1921 ⁺	1931 ⁺	1947 [#]	1957 ^z	1970 [#]	1980 (A) ^o	1991 (A) ^{tr}	2000 (A) ^e	2010 (A) ^e	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 Bumiputera (%)	60.5	55.9	46.4	43.8	48.0	53.4	54.8	50.5	57.1	58.9	60.1
Chinese (%)	35.1	34.5	42.6	48.1	42.4	39.4	38.4	36.1	35.4	33.6	32.8
Indians (%)	3.1	8.6	10.1	7.5	7.7	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.9	7.1	6.6
Others (%)	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.6	2.0	0.4	0.2	6.8	0.6	0.4	0.5
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 Bumiputera (%)	80.4	70.0	66.6	68.0	67.7	70.6	71.9	74.3	76.6	77.9	80.1
Chinese (%)	13.7	17.5	18.2	20.9	20.5	19.3	18.7	16.6	14.9	13.6	12.3
Indians (%)	2.5	9.7	11.8	9.3	9.6	8.5	7.8	7.4	7.1	7.3	6.3
Others (%)	3.4	2.7	3.3	1.8	2.2	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.3
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 Bumiputera (%)	93.8	92.6	91.2	92.1	91.6	92.4	92.9	94.1	95.0	95.7	96.6
Chinese (%)	3.4	4.1	4.9	5.1	5.7	5.6	5.4	4.6	3.8	3.4	2.5
Indians (%)	0.3	1.2	1.9	1.1	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3
Others (%)	2.5	2.1	2.0	1.7	1.6	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.6
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 Bumiputera (%)	63.5	56.3	51.0	50.3	49.1	51.8	53.6	57.8	63.8	66.9	71.7
Chinese (%)	28.6	29.8	34.9	40.2	41.5	39.6	38.0	33.7	29.1	26.4	22.1
Indians (%)	6.0	12.3	12.4	8.2	8.0	7.9	7.7	7.1	6.5	6.2	5.6
Others (%)	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.3	1.4	0.7	0.7	1.4	0.6	0.5	0.6
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 Bumiputera (%)	53.6	43.4	37.3	41.3	41.5	45.3	46.2	52.6	57.9	61.3	63.3
Chinese (%)	31.4	36.5	39.5	42.7	41.2	38.1	36.6	29.7	25.6	23.2	21.9
Indians (%)	14.0	18.8	21.4	14.2	14.9	16.2	16.9	16.4	16.0	15.2	14.3
Others (%)	1.0	1.3	1.8	1.7	2.4	0.4	0.3	1.4	0.5	0.4	0.5
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 Bumiputera (%)	73.4	70.0	61.7	54.3	57.2	61.2	66.6	73.5	76.8	79.0	81.0
Chinese (%)	20.5	23.3	29.0	38.9	34.6	31.3	26.2	19.0	17.7	16.2	14.7
Indians (%)	5.6	6.0	8.2	5.9	7.0	7.3	6.9	6.1	5.0	4.4	3.7
Others (%)	0.6	0.7	1.0	0.9	1.2	0.2	0.2	1.3	0.5	0.4	0.6
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 Bumiputera (%)	41.2	36.3	33.0	30.5	28.9	30.6	32.7	38.4	42.5	43.6	44.7
Chinese (%)	40.2	44.5	49.1	55.4	57.2	56.3	54.6	50.1	46.5	45.6	44.9
Indians (%)	16.7	17.5	16.1	12.8	12.1	11.6	11.5	10.9	10.6	10.4	9.7
Others (%)	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.3	1.9	1.5	1.2	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.6
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 Bumiputera (%)	40.3	39.9	35.6	37.8	39.7	43.0	44.8	47.8	54.7	57.0	60.9
Chinese (%)	44.0	37.5	42.5	46.6	44.2	42.4	40.8	36.0	32.0	30.4	27.2
Indians (%)	14.9	21.8	20.8	14.7	14.6	14.3	14.2	13.7	13.0	12.3	11.5
Others (%)	0.9	0.8	1.1	0.9	1.6	0.3	0.2	2.5	0.3	0.3	0.5
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 Bumiputera (%)	90.4	85.2	80.8	78.3	78.4	79.1	78.3	83.1	85.5	88.4	88.8
Chinese (%)	5.0	9.0	13.2	16.7	17.4	16.4	16.0	12.3	10.3	8.0	7.4
Indians (%)	0.3	2.0	2.0	2.4	1.7	2.1	2.9	1.9	1.3	1.2	1.8
Others (%)	4.3	3.8	4.1	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.4	2.0

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 Bumiputera (%)	22.1	22.9	23.0	26.4	28.8	34.5	44.3	45.9	53.5	57.1	60.6
Chinese (%)	51.3	42.6	45.3	51.0	48.2	46.4	37.4	32.4	30.7	28.6	27.3
Indians (%)	25.2	33.1	29.2	20.4	19.8	18.3	17.8	16.4	14.6	13.5	11.3
Others (%)	1.4	1.5	2.4	2.2	3.1	0.8	0.5	5.3	1.1	0.8	0.8
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 Bumiputera (%)	97.1	94.6	91.5	92.0	92.1	93.6	94.3	95.6	96.8	97.0	97.6
Chinese (%)	2.7	4.7	7.4	7.0	6.6	5.5	4.9	3.7	2.8	2.6	2.1
Indians (%)	0.0	0.1	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Others (%)	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2
FT Kuala LumpurΨ	..	..	..	..	..	..	977,102	1,171,039	1,286,937	1,517,998	1,773,666
Malays and other Bumiputera (%)							32.8	39.4	43.6	45.9	47.7
Chinese (%)							51.9	47.5	43.5	43.2	41.6
Indians (%)							14.3	11.8	11.4	10.3	10.0
Others (%)							1.0	1.3	1.5	0.6	0.7
FT Putrajaya††	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	70,744	106,381
Malays and other Bumiputera (%)										98.0	97.9
Chinese (%)										0.7	0.6
Indians (%)										1.2	1.2
Others (%)										0.1	0.2
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 Bumiputera (%)	58.5	54.0	49.2	49.5	49.8	53.1	55.3	58.3	62.4	64.6	66.7
Chinese (%)	29.6	29.4	33.9	38.4	37.2	35.5	33.8	29.4	27.4	25.9	24.6
Indians (%)	10.2	15.1	15.1	10.8	11.1	10.6	10.2	9.5	9.3	8.9	8.0
Others (%)	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.3	2.0	0.8	0.7	2.8	0.8	0.6	0.7

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.
- ⊕ 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.
- ⊙ 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.
- ⊖ 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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