

Table 3 Census population by state, Peninsular Malaysia, 1901–2020

	1901*	1911 ⁺	1921 ⁺	1931 ⁺	1947 [#]	1957 [±]	1970 [≠]	1980 (A) [Ⓞ]	1991 (A) [Ⓣ]	2000 (A) [Ⓟ]	2010 (A) [Ⓠ]	2020 (B)
Both sexes combined												
Johor	142,608	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
Kedah	194,441	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
Kelantan	226,664	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
Melaka	95,487	124,081	153,522	186,711	239,356	291,211	403,061	464,754	522,231	612,847	786,957	927,361
N. Sembilan	96,028	130,199	178,762	233,799	267,668	364,524	480,053	573,578	711,745	828,065	963,157	1,132,229
Pahang	84,113	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
Penang	248,207	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
Perak	329,665	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
Perlis	25,884	32,746	40,087	49,296	70,490	90,885	120,996	148,276	188,166	201,295	225,876	278,455
Selangor [‡]	168,789	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
Terengganu	121,788	154,073	153,765	179,789	225,996	278,269	404,924	540,627	788,698	882,987	1,017,210	1,123,038
FT of Kuala Lumpur [Ⓜ]	977,102	1,171,039	1,286,937	1,517,998	1,773,666
FT of Putrajaya [Ⓢ]	70,744	106,381
Unlocated	..	..	..	1,496	2,087	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Peninsular Malaysia	1,733,674	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
Males												
Johor	na	122,129	186,205	323,413	403,806	486,816	637,576	824,765	1,067,017	1,322,620	1,584,031	1,882,129
Kedah	na	137,139	194,770	237,831	289,410	360,106	478,691	551,208	671,602	807,728	940,768	1,019,791
Kelantan	na	na	157,466	184,705	224,504	251,041	338,641	441,385	581,394	644,798	755,851	877,241
Melaka	51,469	74,883	90,767	105,082	120,638	144,354	196,762	225,579	255,707	306,426	390,639	469,935
N. Sembilan	64,565	87,651	119,569	148,381	144,186	189,885	240,669	286,979	356,773	417,992	488,402	574,249
Pahang	47,445	72,234	87,892	105,508	135,205	164,681	260,484	417,059	536,982	631,798	739,763	774,839
Penang	156,807	171,601	182,798	208,307	233,269	294,394	385,607	472,995	543,129	630,379	733,864	811,258
Perak	239,556	344,238	378,902	464,751	508,095	630,519	780,585	894,140	970,865	1,006,495	1,142,772	1,187,595
Perlis	na	16,808	21,236	26,027	36,409	45,801	60,502	73,937	94,294	99,749	111,536	139,339
Selangor [‡]	136,823	220,939	267,165	327,414	385,672	531,550	832,849	767,009	1,184,648	2,043,337	2,564,407	3,278,435
Terengganu	na	na	77,115	92,354	112,662	138,432	200,702	270,341	398,107	447,141	516,670	566,330
FT of Kuala Lumpur [Ⓜ]	505,719	597,976	652,460	766,080	898,441
FT of Putrajaya [Ⓢ]	33,443	51,525
Unlocated	..	..	..	1,136	1,721	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Peninsular Malaysia	na	na	1,763,885	2,224,909	2,595,577	3,237,579	4,413,068	5,731,116	7,258,494	9,010,923	10,768,226	12,531,107
Females												
Johor	na	58,283	96,029	181,898	334,445	440,034	634,218	813,464	1,038,682	1,267,475	1,492,353	1,808,374
Kedah	na	108,847	143,788	191,860	265,031	341,858	473,730	564,932	685,882	816,423	940,015	1,018,289
Kelantan	na	na	151,834	177,812	224,068	254,481	345,671	452,368	601,191	647,421	751,278	879,958
Melaka	44,018	49,198	62,755	81,629	118,718	146,857	206,299	239,175	266,524	306,421	396,318	457,426
N. Sembilan	31,463	42,548	59,193	85,418	123,482	174,639	239,384	286,599	354,972	410,073	474,755	557,980
Pahang	36,668	46,474	58,172	74,603	114,973	148,377	242,547	381,723	512,183	601,778	686,446	738,391
Penang	91,400	106,402	121,537	151,544	213,052	277,706	387,720	481,643	555,885	634,688	737,659	788,616
Perak	90,109	149,819	220,153	301,238	445,843	590,927	780,599	911,058	989,825	1,006,396	1,140,518	1,177,242
Perlis	na	15,938	18,851	23,269	34,081	45,084	60,494	74,339	93,872	101,546	114,340	139,116
Selangor [‡]	31,966	73,096	133,844	205,783	325,116	481,379	792,776	748,527	1,154,223	1,959,103	2,475,914	3,152,000
Terengganu	na	na	76,650	87,435	113,334	139,837	204,222	270,286	390,591	435,846	500,540	556,708
FT of Kuala Lumpur [Ⓜ]	471,383	573,063	634,477	751,918	875,225
FT of Putrajaya [Ⓢ]	37,301	54,856
Unlocated	..	..	..	360	366	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Peninsular Malaysia	na	na	1,142,806	1,562,849	2,312,509	3,041,179	4,367,660	5,695,497	7,216,893	8,821,647	10,499,355	12,204,181

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:

- * Includes floating population. Data for Johor, Kedah, Kelantan, Perlis, Terengganu are estimated.
- + 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.

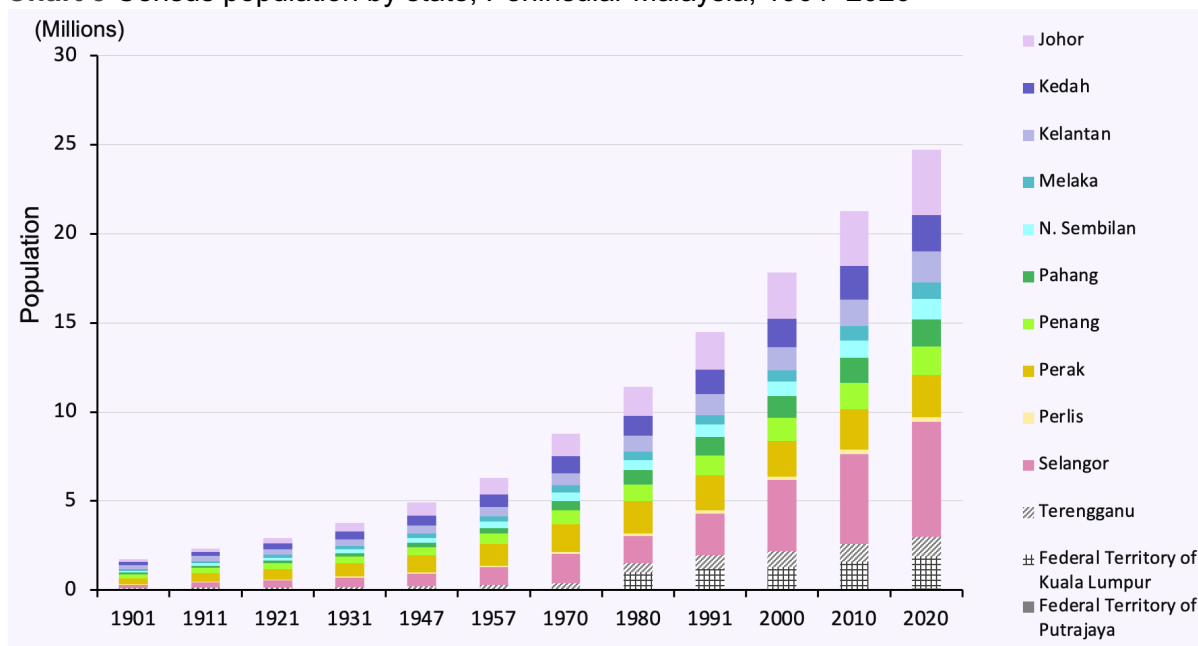
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