

20.1 mln Malaysians enumerated — Chief statistician

PUTRAJAYA, May 25 — A total of 20.1 million out of 32.7 million Malaysians or 61.5 per cent, have been enumerated under the Malaysia Population and Housing Census (Census 2020) exercise as of today, said chief statistician Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin.

He said 50.8 per cent or 10.2 million of the people enumerated were men while 49.2 per cent or 9.9 million were women.

“A total of 7.1 million or 78.9 per cent out of 9.0 million homes have been covered and 5.4 million or 66.0 per cent of the 8.2 million households have answered the Census questions,” he said during a live stream of @mycensus2020 session on the Statistics Department’s Facebook page today.

According to the ethnic group analysis, he said the Bumiputera group comprised 71.1 per cent followed by Chinese (21.9 per cent), Indians (6.2 per cent) and others (0.7 per cent).

In terms of the age group, he said it was found that of the 20.1 million Malaysians, 6.3 per cent are aged 65 and above, 69.7 per cent are working age (15 to 64 years) and 23.9 per cent are those between 0 to 14 years.

“Penang recorded the highest percentage of the working-age group at 74.2 per cent, while the Federal Territory of Putrajaya recorded the highest percentage of young age group (0 to 14 years) at 36.5 per cent,” he said.

Mohd Uzir said to date Federal Territory of Putrajaya recorded the highest response rate at 101.4 per cent, Perlis (89.8 per cent) and Johor (84.3 per cent) while states with low response rate were Sabah (38.8 per cent), Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur (45.2 per cent), Sarawak (46.2 per cent) and Pahang (47.9 per cent).

Melaka recorded (78.3 per cent), Kelantan (77.1 per cent), Terengganu (72.5 per cent), Perak (72.3 per cent), Negeri Sembilan (68.2 per cent), Penang 63.7 per cent), Selangor (62.4 per cent), Federal Territory of Labuan (54.3 per cent) and Kedah (53.5 per cent).

Following the postponement of the face-to-face interview, Mohd Uzir urged the public who have not yet completed the census to cooperate by filling in the information through e-Census or the Computer Assisted Telephone Interview (CATI).

So far of those who have completed the census, 59.9 per cent used the Computer Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI) method, followed by e-Census (35.4 per cent), Paper and Pen Interview (PAPI) (4.3 per cent) and CATI as well as Drop Off and Pick Up (DOPU) one per cent respectively.

“The best way for Malaysians to help make the 2020 Census a success, taking into account the current Covid-19 situation, is to answer the census online using e-Census. For queries on filling in the e-Census, contact MyCensus 2020 Hotline at 1-800-88-7720 or email helpdesk.banci@dosc.gov.my or WhatsApp 013-772 2020 or visit the [ChatBot@mycensus.gov.my.platform](https://mycensus.gov.my/platform).

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