

Ten million recorded under e-Census so far

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Around 10 million residents or 30.4% out of Malaysia's 32.7 million population have been recorded under the 2020 Malaysian Population and Housing Census online or e-Census from July 7, 2020, and Jan 28 this year.

Chief Statistician Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin said as of Friday (Jan 29), a total of 3.3 million residences have been counted using the method which was reopened in an effort to contain Covid-19 transmissions.

"The department has restructured the implementation of the second phase of Census 2020, which is from Jan 20 until Feb 6, and reviewed the census methods including by reopening the e-Census platform," he said during the tabling of Census 2020 initial findings which was streamed live on the Statistics Department's Facebook page Friday.

Uzir, who is also the Census 2020 Commissioner, said among the states recording the highest completion rates were the Federal Territory of Putrajaya (91%), Johor (48.2%) and Perlis (45%) while Sabah recorded the lowest rate at 8.9%.

The Federal Territory of Labuan recorded 17.6%, Sarawak (18.9%), Melaka (38.9%), Penang (38%), Negri Sembilan (35.2%), Terengganu (32.5%), Selangor (31.4%), Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur (28.4%), Kelantan (27.3%), Kedah (25.8%) and Pahang (24%).

"Of the 10 million respondents, 50.1% are female while 49.9% are male, so there is a balanced gender distribution. "Meanwhile, the age group cohort analysis found 6.3% of respondents are aged 65 and above, working age of between 15 and 64 years old (69.5%), and zero to 14 years old (24.3%)," Mohd Uzir said.

Besides that, the total respondents also comprised 67.1% from the Bumiputera group, followed by Chinese (26%), Indians (6.3%), others (0.6%) and non-Malaysians (2.3%).

Uzir added that there were 320,000 households comprising 1.2 million residents who have registered for e-Census but have yet to complete it.

Therefore, he urged Malaysians to complete their e-Census as soon as possible to reduce face-to-face contact.

"All residents are urged to participate in Census 2020 to ensure no one is left behind. The country's success and the prosperous lives that we enjoy today are a result of information distribution from the previous censuses," he said.

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