

# Petaling district has highest population at 2.3 million

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**PETALING JAYA:** The district of Petaling, Selangor, registered the highest population in 2023 at 2.3 million while eight districts nationwide emerged as ageing districts (population aged 65 years and over reached 7%) in 2023, said Chief Statistician Malaysia Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin.

Meanwhile, Muallim, Perak, topped the 13 districts where females outnumbered males with a ratio of 92 males for every 100 females.

Setiu, Terengganu, has the highest composition of bumiputra in 2023 with 99.7% and the highest

composition of Chinese is recorded in Timur Laut, Pulau Pinang, with 63.9%.

Bagan Datuk, Perak, recorded the highest composition of Indians, with Klang, Selangor, coming in close.

Mohd Uzir stated in a media release yesterday when he released the statistics on the current population estimates in administrative districts nationwide for the year 2023.

"The district of Petaling, Selangor, register the highest population in 2023 at 2.3 million, followed by Johor Baru, Johor (1.8 million) and Ulu Langat, Selangor, (1.5 million)," he said.

Meanwhile, Kalabakan, Sabah, recorded the highest growth rate

at 13.4%, followed by Semporna, Sabah, (11.7%) and Kunak, Sabah, (11.5%). Bukit Mabong, Sarawak, recorded the lowest population with 10.4%.

Three districts in Sarawak recorded the highest citizens population which is Julau (99.9%), followed by Song (99.7%) and Pakan (99.7%). Meanwhile, Sabah has the largest percentage of non-citizens which is in Kinabatangan (70.6%).

"Females outnumbered males in 13 districts which comprise Muallim, Perak, with ratio of 92 males for every 100 females, followed by Samarahan, Sarawak, (94) and Bachok, Kelantan, (94); Sarawak recorded the highest sex ratio in 2023 with 157 males per

100 females followed by Cameron Highlands, Pahang, (137) and Belaga, Sarawak, (134)," said Mohd Uzir.

He pointed out that Setiu, Terengganu, has the highest composition of bumiputra in 2023 with 99.7% followed by Nabawan, Sabah (99.6%) and Hulu Terengganu (99.4%).

The highest composition of Chinese is in Timur Laut, Pulau Pinang, with 63.9% followed by Kampar, Perak, (48.3%) and Sibu, Sarawak, (48.2%). As for Indians, the highest composition is recorded in Bagan Datuk, Perak, followed by Klang, Selangor, and Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan, with a composition of 23.2%, 18.8% and 18.4% respectively.