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CURRENT POPULATION ESTIMATES BY ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT, 2025



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ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT STATISTICS, 2025^P

3 MOST POPULOUS DISTRICTS		
1	Petaling, Selangor	2.4 million
2	Johor Bahru, Johor	1.8 million
3	Ulu Langat, Selangor	1.5 million

TOP 3 DISTRICTS WITH THE HIGHEST ANNUAL POPULATION GROWTH RATE		
1	Kecil Lojing, Kelantan	3.6%
2	Marang, Terengganu	1.6%
3	Kemaman, Terengganu	1.4%

3 MOST POPULOUS DISTRICTS CITIZENS		
1	Petaling, Selangor	2.1 million
2	Johor Bahru, Johor	1.7 million
3	Ulu Langat, Selangor	1.3 million

TOP 3 DISTRICTS WITH THE HIGHEST SEX RATIO		
1	Cameron Highlands, Pahang	153
2	Bukit Mabong, Sarawak	152
3	Belaga, Sarawak	131

Number of males for every 100 females

TOP 3 DISTRICTS WITH THE HIGHEST MEDIAN AGE		
1	Lubok Antu, Sarawak	38.8 years
2	Saratok, Sarawak	38.1 years
3	Kabong, Sarawak	35.8 years

TOP 3 DISTRICTS WITH THE HIGHEST COMPOSITION OF CITIZENS BY ETHNIC GROUP

	1 Setiu, Terengganu	99.8%
	2 Nabawan, Sabah	99.6%
	3 Hulu Terengganu, Terengganu	99.4%
	1 Timur Laut, Pulau Pinang	63.5%
	2 Sibu, Sarawak	48.0%
	3 Kampar, Perak	47.7%
	1 Bagan Datuk, Perak	23.1%
	2 Klang, Selangor	18.6%
	3 Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan	18.2%
	1 Padang Terap, Kedah	7.2%
	2 Kinabatangan, Sabah	7.1%
	3 Kunak, Sabah	6.0%

10 NEW AGEING DISTRICTS

1	Seremban, Negeri Sembilan	7.4%
2	Jerantut, Pahang	7.3%
3	Kluang, Johor	7.2%
4	Kuantan, Pahang	7.2%
5	Bachok, Kelantan	7.1%
6	Pontian, Johor	7.1%
7	Subis, Sarawak	7.1%
8	Alor Gajah, Melaka	7.0%
9	Keningau, Sabah	7.0%
10	Seberang Perai Selatan, Pulau Pinang	7.0%

Notes:

- Preliminary
- The data displayed refers to the mid-year population estimates of 2024-2025 based on the Population and Housing Census Malaysia, 2020.
- The added total may differ due to rounding.

Source : Current Population Estimates, Administrative District, 2025
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INTRODUCTION

The current population estimates for administrative districts present the population estimates in Malaysia for 2024 and 2025. The annual current population estimates are based on the Population and Housing Census Malaysia, 2020. The population estimates use cohort-component method which comprise of births, deaths and migration. These estimates used the bottom-up approach. The population is estimated according to single age, ethnic group and sex at district level. The current population estimates data for 2025 will be finalised upon receiving the latest components data.

MAIN FINDINGS

1. The district of Petaling, Selangor registered the highest population in 2025 at 2.4 million, followed by Johor Bahru, Johor (1.8 million) and Ulu Langat, Selangor (1.5 million).
2. Females outnumbered males in 13 districts which comprised Muallim, Perak with sex ratio of 92 males for every 100 females, followed by Bachok, Kelantan (94); Samarahan, Sarawak (94); Song, Sarawak (96); Kubang Pasu, Kedah (97); Saratok, Sarawak (97); Julau, Sarawak (98); Pasir Puteh, Kelantan (98); Tumpat, Kelantan (98); Kanowit, Sarawak (99); Kota Setar, Kedah (99); Machang, Kelantan (99) and Maradong, Sarawak (99).
3. The highest median age in 2025 was recorded in Lubok Antu at 38.8 years, followed by Saratok (38.1 years) and Kabong (35.8 years) in Sarawak.
4. 10 districts emerged as ageing districts with its population aged 65 years and over reached 7.0 per cent in 2025, namely Seremban, Negeri Sembilan; Jerantut, Pahang; Kluang, Johor; Kuantan, Pahang; Bachok, Kelantan; Pontian, Johor; Subis, Sarawak; Alor Gajah, Melaka; Keningau, Sabah and Seberang Perai Selatan, Pulau Pinang.
5. The highest total dependency ratio in 2025 was recorded in Kelantan and Sarawak, namely in Tumpat, Kelantan (64.1), Song, Sarawak (61.7), Pasir Puteh, Kelantan (60.6) and Gua Musang, Kelantan (59.8).
6. Petaling, Selangor has the highest population density with 4,858 persons per square kilometre, followed by Timur Laut, Pulau Pinang (4,748 persons) and Seberang Perai Tengah, Pulau Pinang (1,895 persons).

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