

# Men slightly outnumber women in Malaysia population

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PUTRAJAYA: Malaysia now has 28.3 million people with men outnumbering women, according to the Malaysian Population and Housing Census 2010.

The male population is 14.56 million while female 13.77 million, said Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Tan Sri Nor Mohamed Yakcop when announcing the report here today.

He said the average annual population growth rate was 2 per cent from 2000 to 2010, declining from 2.6 per cent from 1991 to 2000.

"Unlike previous reports which incorporated initial census data, this report contains final data which had taken into account the errors in the survey and content derived from the Census Survey Evaluation Investigation," he said.

The 2010 census was the fifth census conducted to generate useful data for planning and implementation of the national development policy.

Previous censuses were conducted in 1970, 1980, 1991 and 2000.

Nor Mohamed said Selangor registered the highest population with 5.46 million followed by Johor (3.35 million) and Sabah (3.21 million) while Putrajaya had the smallest with 72,413 people followed by Labuan (86,908).

He said Kuala Lumpur was the most densely populated area with 6,891 people per sq km followed by Penang (1,490) and (1,478).

Apart from Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya, whose level of urbanisation is 100 per cent, Selangor and Penang recorded high level of urbanisation at 91.4 per cent and 90.8 per cent respectively, he added.

He said states with low level of urbanisation were Kelantan (42.4 per cent), Pahang (50.5 per cent) and Perlis (51.4 per cent).

Nor Mohamed said of 28.3 million people in the country, Malaysian citizens accounted for 91.8 per cent and non-citizens 8.2 per cent.

Nor Mohamed said bumiputera accounted for 67.4 per cent of Malaysian citizens followed by Chinese (24.6 per cent), Indians (7.3 per cent), others (0.7 per cent).

He said in the peninsular, the Malays accounted for 63.1 per cent of the population while in Sarawak, the Ibans (30.3 per cent) and in Sabah, the Kadazan/Dusun (24.5 per cent).

Chief statistician Datuk Wan Ramlah Wan Abdul Raof was present. - Bernama

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