

United Nations Statistics Division: Demographic Yearbook
Questionnaire on Metadata for Population and Housing Census

Reporting country: MALAYSIA

Population census date: 7th JULY 2020

Housing census date: 7th JULY 2020

A. General population census information

1. Census - taking methodological approaches

<p>(1) Traditional census - full field enumeration</p> <p>If yes, please circle the mode of data collection among options (a) to (f) listed below:</p> <p>(a) paper questionnaire only</p> <p>(b) paper questionnaire and tablet computers</p> <p>(c) tablet computers only</p> <p>(d) tablet computers and internet</p> <p>(e) internet and paper questionnaires</p> <p>(f) other (please describe)</p>	<p align="center"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p align="right">5 approaches: e-Census, CAPI, CATI, PAPI & DOPU</p>
<p>(2) Combined census</p> <p>If yes, please circle the method of census taking among the options (a) to (c) listed below:</p> <p>(a) register(s)* and ad-hoc surveys</p> <p>(b) register(s)* and existing surveys</p> <p>(c) other (please describe)</p> <p>*Please list the register or registers that are used.</p>	<p align="center"><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>(3) Fully register based census</p>	<p align="center"><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>(4) Rolling census</p>	<p align="center"><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>(5) Other, please specify</p>	

2. Type of population count and coverage

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(a) Present / de facto population	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) Usual resident population	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(c) Other, please specify	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Please specify whether the following population groups were enumerated in the census:

Population group	Included	Excluded	Not applicable
(a) Nomads and persons living in areas to which access is difficult	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) Civilian residents temporarily absent from the country	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If more than 6 months	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Civilian foreigners who do not cross a border daily and are in the country temporarily	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If less than 6 months	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) Refugees, asylum seekers and internally displaced persons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(e) Military, naval and diplomatic personnel and their families located outside the country	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(f) Foreign military, naval and diplomatic personnel and their families located in the country	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(g) Civilian foreigners who cross a border daily to work in the country	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h) Civilian residents who cross a border daily to work in another country	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(i) Merchant seafarers and fishers resident in the country but at sea at the time of the census	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If less than 6 months	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(j) Homeless or roofless persons, vagrants and persons with no concept of usual residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(k) Persons living in buildings with restricted access	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(l) Stateless persons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. In case the enumeration was performed according to the 'usual resident population' concept, please complete the following additional table.

For each of the population groups listed in the following table, please indicate whether they were included, excluded, or not applicable in the usual resident population count.

Population group	Included	Excluded	Not applicable
(a) Persons found at the moment of enumeration that cannot identify their place of usual residence, such as those who move often;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) National military, naval and diplomatic personnel and their families, located outside the country;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If stay outside embassy enclave	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Foreign persons working for international organizations (not including foreign diplomats or military forces), provided that they meet the criteria for usual residence in the country;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If more than 6 months	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) Merchant seafarers and fishers usually resident in the country but at sea at the time of the census (including those who have no place of residence other than their quarters aboard ship);	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If less than 6 months	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(e) Persons who may be illegal, irregular or undocumented migrants, as well as asylum seekers and persons who have applied for or been granted refugee status or similar types of international protections, provided that they meet the criteria for usual residence in the country;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(f) Persons who cross a frontier daily or weekly to work or study in another country, provided that they meet the criteria for usual residence in the country;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(g) Children born in the 12 months before the census reference time and whose families are usually resident in the country at the census reference time;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h) Persons of minor age studying abroad for one year or more to attain the primary or secondary level of education, regardless of the frequency of return to the family home located within the country. If the person is also working abroad, the same rules for cross-border workers apply;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(i) Persons who regularly live in more than one country during a year, if they are present in the country at the moment of the enumeration.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If more than 6 months in Malaysia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(j) Foreign military, naval and diplomatic personnel and their families, located in the country, regardless of their place of usual residence;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(k) Persons of minor age attending the primary or secondary level of education whose family home is located abroad, regardless of the duration of their stay. However, if these persons are also working in the country, then the identification of the place of usual residence follows the same rules as for cross-border workers;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(l) Third-level students who are absent from the country for one year or more;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(m) Persons who regularly live in more than one country during a year, if they are not present in the country at the moment of the enumeration.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If more than 6 months in Malaysia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. Estimated census coverage

Estimated coverage:	Both sexes	Male	Female
(a) Census under-enumeration / omissions (specify unit: <input type="text"/>)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
(b) Census over-enumeration / erroneous inclusions and duplications (specify unit: <input type="text"/>)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
(c) Net coverage error (specify unit: <input type="text"/>)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
(d) Net coverage error rate			

Base denominator for computing net coverage error rate is:	
(a) Enumerated population	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) Estimated “complete” population	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>

Method(s) used in estimating coverage error:	
(a) Post Enumeration Survey (PES)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Date conducted: 22 th November 2021	
Size of sample (specify unit: Living Quarters):	
For total area: 145,409	
For urban areas: 76,527	
For rural areas: 68,882	
Population groups excluded: Collective Living Quarters	
(b) Demographic analysis, please specify: Population by sex, marital status, age, ethnic, citizenship	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(c) Other methods, please specify: [REDACTED]	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. Definition of urban/ rural

The definition of urban areas for this census is:

Gazetted areas with their adjoining built-up areas which had a combined population of 10,000 or more. Built-up areas were defined as areas contiguous to a gazette area and had at least 60 per cent of their population (aged 15 years and over) engaged in non-agricultural activities.

The definition of rural areas for this census is:

Area outside urban including settlements with population less than 10,000 people.

7. Definition of cities

The definition of a city proper for this census is:

Metropolitan – Urban area with population 75,000 and above.

Large Urban – Urban area with population between 10,000 to 74,999

The definition of urban agglomeration for this census is:

Not applicable. Urban agglomeration area defined by another agency.

8. Definition of locality

The definition of a locality for this census is:

Locality refers to small area such as residential area, village, new village and indigenous area.

9. Definition of literacy

The definition of “literate” and “illiterate” for this census is:

Literacy refers to persons aged 10 years and over who have ever been to school that is, those currently schooling and completed schooling.

10. Educational attainment

Do you follow the International Standard Classification for Education (ISCED) for tabulating the population by educational attainment?

Yes.

If yes, which revision?

2011.

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data according to ISCED? Please specify revision number.

If no, please point out the major deviations from ISCED. Please specify revision number.

B. Economic characteristics

11. Activity status/ labour force status

What is the lower age limit for the collection of information on activity status in this census?

15 years old.

Is there a maximum age limit for collection of information on activity status for this census?

No limit.

What reference period do you use to establish the activity status (labour force status) of a person?

At least one hour within the last 7 days.

12. Please specify whether the groups of persons listed in the following table are included or excluded in the ‘in employment’ category in your census, by marking the appropriate box below.

	Included	Excluded	Not applicable
(a) Persons with a job for pay or profit who, during the reference period, were on training or skills enhancement activities required by their job or for another job in the same economic unit;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) Apprentices, interns or trainees who work for pay in cash or in kind;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(c) Persons who work for pay or profit through employment promotion programs;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) Persons who work in their own economic units to produce goods intended <i>mainly</i> for sale or barter, even if part of the output is consumed by the household or family;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(e) Persons with seasonal jobs during the off season, if they continue to perform some tasks and duties of the job, excluding, however, fulfilment of legal or administrative obligations (for example pay taxes);	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(f) Regular members of the armed forces and persons on military or alternative civilian service who perform this work for pay in cash or in kind;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(g) Apprentices, interns and trainees who work <i>without</i> pay in cash or in kind (that is, unpaid trainee work);	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h) Participants in skills training or retraining schemes within employment promotion programs, when <i>not</i> engaged in the production process of an economic unit;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(i) Persons who are required to perform work as a condition of continued receipt of a government social benefit such as unemployment insurance;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(j) Persons with seasonal jobs during the off season, if they <i>cease</i> to perform the tasks and duties of the job;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(k) Persons who retain a right to return to the same economic unit but who were absent (for reasons such as parental leave, educational leave, care for others, other personal reasons, temporary lay-off, suspension of work), when the total duration of the absence exceeds the specified threshold or if the test of receipt of remuneration is not fulfilled;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(l) Persons on indefinite lay-off who do not have an assurance of return to employment with the same economic unit;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(m) Persons who work to produce goods intended <i>mainly</i> or <i>exclusively</i> for consumption or use by the household or family, even if a surplus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

or part of the output is sold or bartered (that is, own-use production of goods;			
(n) Household members who provide <i>unpaid</i> services for consumption or use by their household (that is, own-use provision of services);	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(o) Persons who work voluntarily and <i>without</i> pay to produce goods or services through or for other economic units, including market, non-market units and households (that is, volunteer work).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

13. Status in Employment

Based on the International Standard Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE-93), the status in employment may be classified as follows:

- (a) Employees;
- (b) Self-employed:
 - i. Employers;
 - ii. Own-account workers;
 - iii. Members of producers' cooperatives;
 - iv. Contributing family workers;
- (c) Persons not classifiable by status.

Do you follow the above structure, for the classification of the Status in Employment in your country?

Yes.

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data according to the above structure?

Based on Population and Housing Census of Malaysia 2020 questionnaire, the classification of the employment status as below:

- i. Employer;
- ii. Government employee;
- iii. Private employee;
- iv. Self-employed (Registered);
- v. Self-employed (Not registered); and
- vi. Unpaid family worker.

If no, please point out the major deviations from ICSE-93.

14. Occupation

Do you follow the International Standard Classification for Occupations (ISCO) for tabulating the employed population by occupation?

Occupation is classified according to Malaysia Standard Classification of Occupation (MASCO) 2008 based on the "International Standard Classification of Occupation 2008 (ISCO-08).

If yes, which revision?

2008.

If any other or national classification is used, are you able to provide data according to ISCO? Please specify revision number.

If no, point out the major deviations from ISCO. Please specify revision number.

15. Industry

Do you follow the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC) for tabulating the employed population by industry?

Industry is classified according to the Malaysia Standard Industrial Classification (MSIC) 2008 based on the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC) Revision 4.

If yes, which revision?

Revision 4.

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data according to ISIC? Please specify revision number.

If no, please point out the major deviations from ISIC. Please specify revision number.

C. Household characteristics

16. Definitions

General definition of a household for this census is:

The definition for household is based on arrangements made by persons, individually or in groups, for food and other essentials for living within the same living quarters.

General definition of a family nucleus for this census is:

Households consisting of members related by blood, marriage or adoption. Nucleus family households include one of the following compositions:

- i. Head of household and spouse of head;
- ii. Head of household, spouse and unmarried child/ children of head;
- iii. Head of household and unmarried child/ children of head; and
- iv. Head of household (unmarried) and parent(s) of head.

17. Head of household / reference person of household

Which one among the following options was used to determine the relationships between household members? Please select one.

- a) Head of household
- b) Reference person
- c) Other; please describe

Regarding your answer to the previous question, please provide the definition of head of household or reference person that was used in the Census.

Any members who was regarded as head by the respondent at the time of census enumeration, was considered the head of household. Besides the head, each household member identified his/her relationship to the household head according to 11 categories, as follows:

- i. Spouse of head;
- ii. Unmarried child of head;
- iii. Married child of head;
- iv. Son-in-law/daughter-in-law;
- v. Grandchild of head;
- vi. Father/mother of head or spouse of head;
- vii. Grandfather/grandmother of head or spouse of head;
- viii. Brother/sister of head or spouse of head;
- ix. Other members related to head or spouse of head;
- x. Housemaid; and
- xi. Others who are not related to head or spouse of head.

D. Housing census characteristics

18. Housing information

The general definition applied in this census for housing unit is:

A housing unit is a separate and independent place of abode intended for habitation by one household. Although intended for habitation by one household, a housing unit may at the time of census, be occupied by more than one household.

The general definition applied in this census for conventional dwelling is:

Conventional dwellings are covered in the Population and Housing Census of Malaysia 2020 questionnaire. Example of conventional dwelling are houses, flats, apartment, condominium, service apartment and suites of rooms such as Small Office Home Office (SOHO).

Are vacant units included in the enumerated conventional dwellings?

Yes.

The general definition applied in this census for room is:

A room which is within or is attached to a certain structure and has a direct access from outside, for example, room in/attached to a house, shop house, office, factory, etc.

19. Definition of cities (as referred to in the Housing Census Questionnaire: City Data)

General definition of a city in the reporting country for this census is:

Refers to urban area with population of 10,000 or more.

City 1 (Capital City) – Territory refers to:

Not applicable.

City 2 – Territory refers to:

Not applicable.

City 3 – Territory refers to:

[Not applicable.](#)

City 4 – Territory refers to:

[Not applicable.](#)

E. Bibliography of Population and Housing Statistics

Please list publications that contain results of your latest population census and your latest housing census:

[Latest Population and Housing Census of Malaysia: 2020](#)

List of publication:

- i. [Preliminary Results of Malaysia Census 2020](#)
- ii. [Key Findings: Population and Housing Census of Malaysia 2020](#)
- iii. [Key Findings: Population and Housing Census of Malaysia 2020: Malaysia](#)
- iv. [Key Findings: Population and Housing Census of Malaysia 2020: State](#)
- v. [Key Findings: Population and Housing Census of Malaysia 2020: Administrative District.](#)