# United Nations Statistics Division: Demographic Yearbook

# **Questionnaire on Metadata for Population and Housing Census**

Reporting country: MALAYSIA

Population & Housing census date: **5 JULY 2000** 

# A. General population census information

# 1. Census information

Type of census	
(a) Traditional census	$\boxtimes$
(b) Register based census	
(c) Combination	
(d) Other, please specify	

# 2. Type of population count and coverage

Type of population count	
(a) De facto / population present	
(b) De jure / usual resident population	$\square$
(c) Other, please specify	

# Please specify whether the following population groups were enumerated in the census

Population group	Included	Excluded	Not applicable
(a) Nomads	$\boxtimes$		
(b) Persons living in areas to which access is difficult	$\square$		
(c) Military, naval and diplomatic personnel and their families located outside the country		$\square$	
(d) Civilian residents temporarily absent from the country (Not more than 6 months)			
(e) Civilian residents who cross a frontier daily to	$\square$		

work in another country			
(f) Foreign military, naval and diplomatic personnel and their families located in the country	$\boxtimes$		
(g) Civilian foreigners who do not cross a frontier daily and are in the country temporarily, including undocumented persons, or transients on ships in harbour at the time of the census			
(h) Civilian foreigners who cross a frontier daily to work in the country		$\square$	
(i) Refugees	$\square$		

# 3. Estimated census completeness

Estimated completeness:	Both sexes	Male	Female
(a) Gross under-enumeration (specify unit: pop.)	1,076,414	591,296	485,118
(b) Gross over-enumeration (specify unit:	NA	NA	NA
(c) Net error (specify unit: %)	4.6	5.0	4.2

Base denominator for this estimate is:	
(a) Enumerated population	
(b) Estimated "complete" population	$\boxtimes$
(c) Don't know	

Method(s) used in estimating completeness:	
(a) Post Enumeration Survey (PES)	$\square$
Date conducted:	7 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> August 2000
Size of sample (specify unit: ):	1,800 selected from a total 52,621enumeration blocks
For total area:	Whole of Malaysia

For urban areas:	Areas with Population 10,000 and more. Metropolitan: 75,000 and above Urban large: 10,000 to 74,999
For rural areas:	Areas with Population less than 10,000 and non-gazetted areas Urban small : 1,000 to 9,999 Rural: 999 or less and other non gazetted areas
Population groups excluded:	Exclude population residing in institutional living quarters
(b) Demographic analysis, please specify:	Urban = Metropolitan + Urban Large Rural = Urban small + All rural areas
(c) Other methods, please specify:	

# 4. Definition of urban/rural

The definition of urban areas for this census is:

Urban areas are defined as gazetted areas with their adjoining built-up areas which has a combined population of 10,000 or more.

Built-up areas are defined as areas contiguous to a gazetted area and has at least 60% of the population (aged 10 years and more) engaged in non-agricultural activities

The definition of rural areas for this census is:

Areas with Population less than 10,000 and non-gazetted areas.

#### 5. Definition of cities (N.A)

The definition of a city proper for this census is:

The definition of urban agglomeration for this census is:

#### 6. Definition of locality N.A)

The definition of a locality for this census is:

#### 7. Definition of literacy

The definition of "literate" and "illiterate" for this census is:

The **literacy rate** used in the 2000 Census was based on the percentage of population aged 10 years and over who **ever been to school** that is, those **currently schooling** and **completed schooling**.

Literate: Persons aged 10 years and over who have ever been to school.

# 8. Educational attainment

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

Yes

If so, what revision? 1997

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data in ISCED (specify revision number)?

N.A.

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

#### **B.** Economic characteristics

#### 1. Activity status

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

10 years

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

99 years or the most aged person

What reference period do you use to determine the economic activity of a person?

Refers to the period of seven days before the date of interview

#### 2. Definition of economically active population used in this census

Definition of economically active population	
(a) Usually active population	
(b) Currently active population	$\boxtimes$
(c) Other, please specify	

Are the following groups considered economically active in the national tabulations? If not, please indicate how they are classified:

Economic group	Yes	No
(a) contributing (unpaid) family workers	$\boxtimes$	
(b) unemployed persons including those never previously employed. (No question on previous employment asked in Census). The statement is not applicable.		$\boxtimes$
(c) armed forces;	$\boxtimes$	
(d) part-time workers even though they may spend most time at non-gainful activities	$\boxtimes$	
(e) domestic servants	$\boxtimes$	

#### 3. Status in Employment

Do you follow the International Standard Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE-93), for the classification of the Status in Employment in your country?

Refer to the status of a person's principal occupation during the reference week. The employment status is classified as follows: Employer, Employee, Self-employed and Unpaid family worker.

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data in ICSE-93?

Yes

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

#### 4. Occupation

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

The occupational classification used in the 2000 Census was in accordance with the Malaysia Standard Classification of occupation, 1998 (MASCO 1998) published by the Ministry of Human Resources, based on ISCO 1998.

If yes, what revision? 1988

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data in ISCO (specify revision number)?

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

#### 5. Industry

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

The Malaysia Standard Industrial Classification 2000 (Updated) published by the Department of Statistics based on the latest International Standard of Industrial Classification (ISIC) of All Economic Activities, that is Version 3 published by United Nations.

If so, what revision? ISIC Rev. 3

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data in ISIC (specify revision number).

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

# C. Household characteristics

#### 1. Definitions

General definition of a household for this census is:

The concept of a household is based on arrangements made by persons, individually or in groups, for food and other essentials for living within the same living quarters. A household may be one of the following:

- a. A single person household, that is, one member who makes provision for his own food and other essentials for living without combining any other person(s); or
- b. A multi-person household, that is, a group consisting of two or more persons who live together and make common provisions for food and other essentials for living. A multi-person household may consist of related and / or unrelated members.

General definition of a family nucleus for this census is:

#### Nuclear family households:

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

- a. Head of household and spouse of head
- b. Head of household, spouse and unmarried child/ children of head
- c. Head of household and unmarried child / children of head
- d. Head of household (unmarried) and parents of head

Each of the above compositions may include other household members unrelated to the head

#### 2. Head of household / reference member

Definition	
(a) Head of household, defined as follows: The Head of Household is any one of the household members who USUALLY LIVES in the Living Quarters and is regarded as head by the other household members.	
(b) Reference member of household, defined as follows: A Household consists of related and/or unrelated persons who usually live together and make common provisions for food and other essentials of living.	
(c) Other (for example: Joint head of household):	

#### **D.** Housing census characteristics

#### 1. Housing information

What definition did you apply in this census for housing unit?

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. Housing units are classified into six main types, namely:-

- i. House
- ii. Flat/apartment/condominium
- iii. Shophouse,office
- iv. Room(with direct access to the outside)
- v. Improvised/temporary hut
- vi. Others

What definition did you apply in this census for conventional dwelling?

Same as above

Are vacant units included in the enumerated conventional dwellings?

Yes

What definition did you apply in this census for room?

#### In reference to housing unit:

Room (with access to the outside)

It refers to a room inside or attached to a certain structure and has a direct access to the outside, for example, room in an office, in/attached to a house, factory, plant, etc.

#### There is a question on Number of Bedroom

Defined as a space enclosed by wall or a partition (permanent/temporary) reaching from floor to the ceiling or the height need not reach to the ceiling but which is sufficient enough for privacy. The purpose of the space is used as a bedroom.

# 2. Definition of cities (N/A) (as referred to in the Housing Census Questionnaire: City Data)

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

City 1 (Capital City) – Territory refers to:

City 2 – Territory refers to:

City 3 – Territory refers to:

City 4 – Territory refers to:

# E. Bibliography of Population and Housing Statistics

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

# List of Publications Population and Housing Census

No.	Title of Publications
1	Preliminary Count Report 2000
2	Preliminary Count Report for Urban and Rural Areas, 2000
3	Population distribution and basic demographic characteristics, 2000
4	Population distribution by local authority areas and mukims, 2000
5	Education and social characteristics of the population, 2000
6	Economic characteristics of the population, 2000
7	Characteristics of living quarters, 2000
8	Migration and population distribution, 2000
9	Household Characteristics, 2000
10	The 2000 Census General Report
11	Census Atlas, 2000
12	Population Ageing Trends in Malaysia : Monograph Series No. 1, 2000
13	Internal Migration in Malaysia : Monograph Series No. 2, 2000
14	Orang Asli in Peninsular Malaysia : Monograph Series No. 3, 2000
15	Urbanisation and Urban Growth in Malaysia : Monograph Series No.4, 2000
16	Time Series Data Population and Housing Census, 1911-2000
17	Population Profile by Parliament and State Legistative Assembly Areas, Malaysia, 2000