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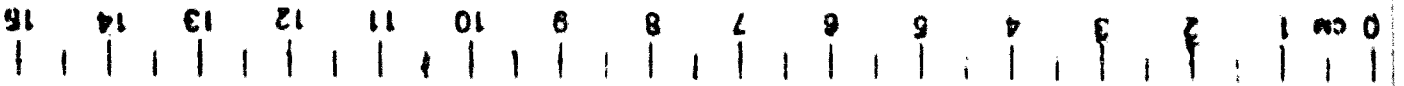




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POPULATION OF SABAH

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This report covers the growth of the population of Sabah. The final report covered the growth and distribution of the population. The period was covered as growth in Sabah 1951 to 1960. Growth has been in a steady phenomenon, with the population figures increasing by around 10% since 1951 in a period of only 7 decades. It is evident that growth is rapid, particularly on the west coast particularly since a more rapid rate of growth. Community growth also shows differential rates with the Districts indicating the fastest rate of increase. The analysis have increased at a moderate pace.

The distribution of the population follows the general pattern of the development of Sabah. Regions of greatest settlement and density occur mainly on the west coast portions and some east coast areas.

The distribution of the population by age indicates it to be a young one and present rates of growth emphasize this point. Children below 15 years of age make up over 40% of the population in 1960. An analysis by the main communities and by rural and urban distribution is considered. Finally an assessment of the Age distribution is made.

Chapter three looks into the Sex and Marital Status characteristics of the population. Sex-ratios point out that between the two main immigrant groups in Sabah, the Chinese have taken well to Sabah and show signs of becoming a permanently settled community. The other group, consisting mainly of Indonesians and Filipinos, is still immigrant in character. Marital status figures show that in 1960, around 37% of the population were single, around 37% were married and the rest either widowed or divorced.

The question of literacy and religion is taken up next. Analysis of the latest census data reveals that the Chinese are the most literate, the education of the Malays is still a long way to go, and finally the most common language of literacy is the Chinese language, followed by Malay and English.

Figures on religion indicate greater number people are tending to Christianity rather than Islam.

Data on the labour force is dealt with in the final chapter. Within the working age-group of 15-64 years, it is to be noted that 70% were economically active. In the age-group of 45 and over, almost 65% were recorded as active economically. A large proportion of the female sex were also enumerated as active. The greater part of the active population were recorded as Own Account and Family Workers. For the country as a whole, the variety of occupations was rather limited.

That, in brief, is the total coverage of the exercise.

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