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JAN 19 — The Bersih 2.0 Steering Committee has launched an ambitious campaign “Jom100” to encourage all registered Malaysians to exercise their constitutional right to vote.

Civil society organisations like Pusat KOMAS, Saya Anak Bangsa Malaysia (SABM), Voice Your Choice and many others that have been actively involved in voter education know that a more realistic number is somewhere between 75 and 85 percent. Be that as it may, the Bersih initiative is still a laudable one.



	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
Total Eligible Voters	15,000,000	100.0
Total Registered Voters	10,922,139	72.8
Total Voter Turnout	8,161,039	54.4
Total Votes for BN	4,081,115	27.2
Total Votes for PR	3,786,732	25.3

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Now, things in perspective. The numbers (left) from the last general election are less than half of the current numbers. The turnout was 45.5% in 2008, compared to 54.4% in 2008.

CONSTITUENCY	BN	PR	MAJORITY	TURNOUT (%)
N36 – Pengkalan Baru	5,375	5,361	14	73.0
N6 – Kubu Gajah	4,114	4,048	66	75.9
N20 – Lubok Merbau	4,592	4,664	72	75.1
N10 – Alor Pongsu	5,585	5,490	95	76.5
N45 – Teja	6,358	6,533	175	69.5

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BN (left) and PR (right) got the same number of votes in 2008, but BN got a majority in 2008. The turnout was 45.5% in 2008, compared to 54.4% in 2008.