

FOURTH QUARTER OF 2025

Labour productivity per hour worked grew 4.9pc

PUTRAJAYA: Labour productivity per hour worked grew 4.9 per cent to RM46.3 per hour in the fourth quarter of 2025, according to the Statistics Department yesterday.

Chief statistician Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin said the economy expanded 6.3 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2025 compared with 5.4 per cent in the preceding quarter.

"During the period, total hours worked increased by 1.4 per cent to 9.9 billion hours (third quarter of 2025: 1.3 per cent; 9.8 billion hours)," he said in a statement.

Uzir said total employment rose 1.8 per cent year-on-year to 17.1 million persons in the fourth quarter of 2025 (third quarter of 2025: 17 million persons; 1.5 per cent), while labour productivity per employment increased 4.4 per cent to record value-added per employment of RM26,765 per person (third quarter of 2025: 3.9 per cent; RM26,122 per person).

"Sectoral performance for

labour productivity measured as value-added per hour worked, which rose across all sectors in the quarter, led by construction (10.3 per cent), followed by manufacturing (6.4 per cent), agriculture (5.5 per cent), mining and quarrying (5.1 per cent) and services (4.0 per cent)," he said.

Labour productivity per hour worked in the services sector rose in the quarter, supported by growth in all sub-sectors except utilities and finance and insurance, with food and beverage and accommodation leading at 7.9 per cent, followed by other services (7.2 per cent) and information and communication at 6.4 per cent.

In terms of labour productivity measured by value-added per employment, each sector showed different growth rates during this quarter.

The construction sector led the overall performance by posting a substantial rise of 10.1 per cent, followed by agriculture (5.4 per



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cent), manufacturing (5.1 per cent), services (3.7 per cent) and mining and quarrying 1.3 per cent. On the overall performance of labour productivity in 2025, Uzir said labour productivity per

hour worked demonstrated a positive momentum at 3.7 per cent (2024: 2.1 per cent), recording value-added per hour worked of RM44.5 per hour (2024: RM42.9 per hour).

Likewise, labour productivity per employment accelerated 3.4 per cent (2024: 2.4 per cent) with value-added per employment at RM102,672 per person (2024: RM99,265 per person). **Bernama**