

June manufacturing sales hit **RM177b**

► Value rises 9.8% year-on-year, led by E&E products sub-sector's expansion

PUTRAJAYA: The sales value of manufacturing sector in June 2026 rose 9.8% year-on-year to RM177 billion, improved against 8.9% recorded in May 2026, reported the Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DoSM) yesterday.

DoSM said in a statement that the growth was mainly driven by the electrical & electronics products sub-sector which registered a robust growth by 18.7% (May 2026: 24.1%).

This positive momentum was further supported by the petroleum, chemical, rubber & plastic products sub-sector, which increased by 4.8% (May 2026: 4.9%); alongside a recovery in the food, beverages & tobacco sub-sector which rebounded to 2.2% from 5.3% contraction in the preceding month.

In comparison by month-on-month, sales value increased 2.5% (May 2026: RM172.7 billion).

The sales value of the export-oriented industries which accounted for 73% of total sales, increased 10.6% year-on-year in June 2026 (May 2026: 28.1%).

The performance was led by the increase in the manufacture of computer, electronics & optical products at 20.7% (May 2026: 28.7%). Moreover, the manufacture of coke & refined petroleum products also registered an increase of 5.4% (May 2026: 8.6%); while manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c. grew 9.9% (May 2026: 5.2%).

As compared to the previous month, sales value of the export-oriented industries increased 2.4%.

Concurrently, the domestic-oriented industries expanded 7.7% year-on-year in June 2026, following a marginal growth of 0.2% in the preceding month. This performance was primarily driven by the manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers & semi-trailers industry, which

witnessed the double-digit growth of 14% (May 2026: -9.1%). Additionally, manufacture of processed food products also rebounded to 7% after recording 4.5% declined in May 2026. Based on month-on-month basis, the domestic-oriented industries increased 2.7%.

The number of employees in the manufacturing sector stood at 2.4 million in June 2026, increasing by 1.2% year-on-year (May 2026: 1.1%). The increase was mainly supported by the food, beverages & tobacco sub-sector, which grew 2.1%; followed by the 1.6% growth in both electrical & electronics products (May 2026: 1.5%); and non-metallic mineral products, basic metal & fabricated metal products sub-sectors (May 2026: 1.7%).

Meanwhile, the number of employees in this sector decreased 0.2% on month-on-month comparison. On the same note, the salaries & wages paid in the manufacturing sector also posted an expansion of 3.1% (May 2026: 2.9%), amounted to RM8.59 billion in June 2026. As compared to the amount recorded in the prior month, the salaries & wages paid rose 0.3%

(May 2026: -0.05%).

Subsequently, the sales value per employee registered RM73,127 (8.5%), while the average salaries & wages per employee was RM3,547, improved by 1.9% year-on-year.

For the second quarter of 2026, the manufacturing sector recorded sales value of RM524.8 billion, grew 9.3% (Q1'26: 5.5%). The number of employees increased by 1.2% to 2.4 million persons and the salaries & wages paid also grew 3.1% to RM25.7 billion.

During this period, the sales value per employee stood at RM216,777, surged 8%.

Concluding the performance for the manufacturing sector, DoSM said the cumulative sales of the first half 2026 recorded RM1.03 trillion, grew 7.4% (January-June 2025: 3.7%).

It added that the number of employee increased by 1.2% to 2.4 million persons; accompanied by a 2.7% growth in salaries & wages paid, which amounted to RM51.6 billion.

Furthermore, DoSM said the sales value per employee stood at RM423,913, increased 6.1%.