

# MALAYSIA LABOUR FORCE, AUGUST 2025

August 2025 recorded a renewed decline in the number of unemployed persons to 520.0 thousand, with an unemployment rate of **3.0 per cent**

## UNEMPLOYMENT

August 2025

The number of unemployed persons

Unemployment rate

**520.0** thousand

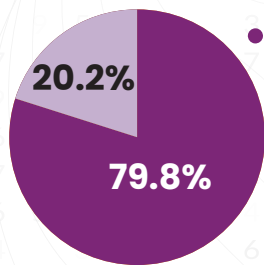
**3.0%**

The unemployment rate in August was unchanged at 3.0 per cent

AUGUST 2024 551.4 thousand  
JULY 2025 521.6 thousand

AUGUST 2024 3.2%  
JULY 2025 3.0%

### Unemployment by category



● Actively unemployed ● Inactively unemployed

● **AUGUST 2025 : 414.9 thousand**

JULY 2025 : 416.2 thousand  
AUGUST 2024 : 437.9 thousand

● **AUGUST 2025 : 105.1 thousand**

JULY 2025 : 105.5 thousand  
AUGUST 2024 : 113.5 thousand

## EMPLOYED PERSONS

August 2025

The number of employed persons

Employment-to-population ratio

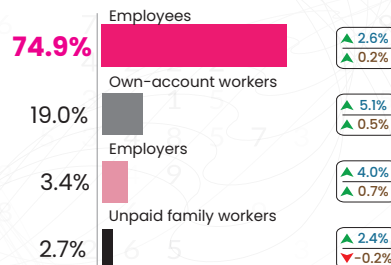
**16.99** million

**68.8%**

AUGUST 2024 16.48 million  
JULY 2025 16.95 million

AUGUST 2024 68.3%  
JULY 2025 68.7%

### Employed persons by status in employment



The employees' category remained as the dominant category within the total employed persons, representing **74.9 per cent**

## LABOUR FORCE

Labour Force

**17.51** million

**AUGUST 2025**

Labour Force Participation Rate

**70.9%**

AUGUST 2024 17.03 million  
JULY 2025 17.47 million

AUGUST 2024 70.6%  
JULY 2025 70.8%

### LFPR by sex

Male **83.3%**

Female **56.5%**

## OUTSIDE LABOUR FORCE



The main reasons for being outside the labour force was due to housework/ family responsibilities

Housework/ family responsibilities **43.7%**

Schooling/ training **40.7%**

Notes :

Percentage change (year-on-year)  
Percentage change (month-on-month)  
Percentage point

Unchanged

Revision based on the current population estimates from the Population and Housing Census of Malaysia 2020

