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SALARIES & WAGES SURVEY REPORT, MALAYSIA, 2023

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PUTRAJAYA, December 10th, 2024 – Mining & quarrying sector recorded the highest mean monthly salaries & wages at RM5,623 in 2023, while the lowest was recorded by Agriculture sector at RM2,204, the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) reported today in the release of **Salaries & Wages Survey Report, Malaysia, 2023**. These statistics are compiled based on the **Salaries & Wages Survey conducted by DOSM through a household approach** to measure the monthly salaries & wages received by the full-time equivalent of paid employees among Malaysian citizens working in the private and public sectors based on their main occupation. Out of 15.81 million total employed persons recorded in 2023, the number of full-time equivalents of paid employees among Malaysian citizens was 10.11 million persons.

According to the Chief Statistician Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, "All economic sectors registered an increase in the mean monthly salaries & wages in 2023 compared to the previous year. The Mining & quarrying sector recorded the highest mean monthly salaries & wages at RM5,623, followed by Services at RM3,619, which was contributed by the Education, Information & communication and Human health and social work activities sub-sectors. The Manufacturing sector came next with the mean recorded at RM3,052, whereby the Construction and Agriculture sectors posted the mean monthly salaries & wages of RM2,903 and RM2,204 respectively."

In 2023, Malaysia's labour market continued to grow stronger due to steady economic growth and effective policy implementation. The Services and Manufacturing sectors played a key role, contributing significantly to employment and the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), which grew moderately by 3.6 per cent in 2023.

The Salaries & Wages Survey Report 2023 revealed positive developments in the number of recipients and the level of salaries & wages. The median monthly salaries & wages for Malaysian citizens increased to RM2,602, reflecting a steady growth from RM2,429 in 2022^r. Similarly, the mean monthly salaries & wages rose to RM3,441 compared to RM3,219 recorded in 2022^r. These improvements are the result of various economic strengthening initiatives that have been implemented to improve the quality of life of the Malaysian labour force.

In his statement Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin said, "The mean monthly salaries & wages for skilled employees edged up by 7.5 per cent, registering an addition of RM364 to RM5,242 (2022^r: RM4,878). Among skilled employees, the Managers category remained as the highest mean monthly salaries & wages at RM6,640, increased by 5.1 per cent as against RM6,319 in 2022^r and followed by Professionals (RM6,139) and Technicians & associate professionals (RM3,854). In addition, the mean monthly salaries & wages of semi-skilled employees rose to RM2,475 (2022^r: RM2,335) particularly contributed by Clerical support workers (RM2,789), followed by Services & sales workers (RM2,421), Craft and related trades workers (RM2,385) and Plant and machine-operators and assemblers (RM2,311). Meanwhile, the mean monthly salaries & wages for the low-skilled category, including Elementary workers, increased by RM147 to RM1,982 compared to RM1,835 in the previous year."

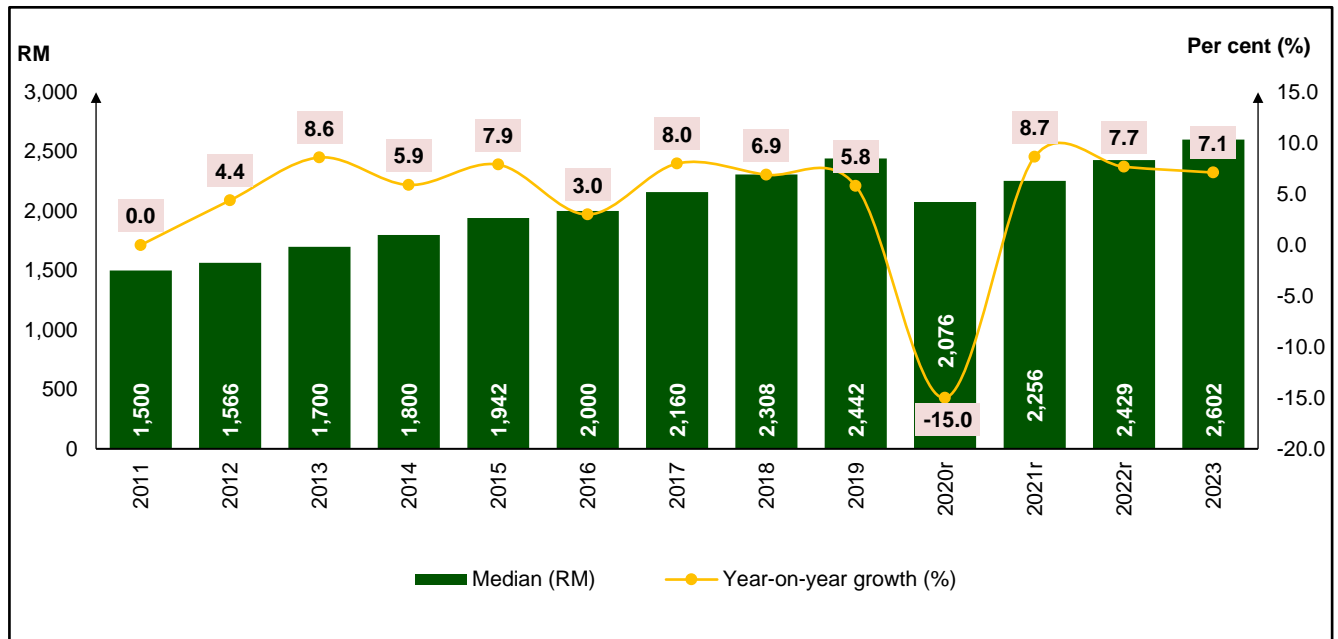
Commenting further on the salaries & wages by strata, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin said, "The mean monthly salaries & wages for both urban and rural areas recorded an upward trend as compared to 2022^r to record RM3,580 for urban areas and RM2,608 for rural areas. Specifically, the mean monthly salaries & wages in urban areas posted a growth of 6.7 per cent (2022^r: RM3,354, +5.2%), while rural areas exhibited a relatively more substantial growth of 9.9 per cent (2022^r: RM2,374, +8.6%). By states, the findings indicate that W.P. Putrajaya recorded the highest mean monthly salaries & wages at RM4,858. Additionally, four other states surpassed the national mean level of RM3,441, namely W.P. Kuala Lumpur (RM4,521), Selangor (RM3,885), W.P. Labuan (RM3,636), and Pulau Pinang (RM3,557)."

Concluding the overall situation in 2023, the Chief Statistician said, "The rise in median and mean monthly salaries & wages was contributed by the continuous economic and social activities, supported by the increase in tourist arrivals, international trade recovery and improvements in the labour market, especially in the Services sector."

The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) has launched OpenDOSM NextGen as a medium that provides a catalogue and visualisations to facilitate users' analysis and can be accessed through <https://open.dosm.gov.my> portal.

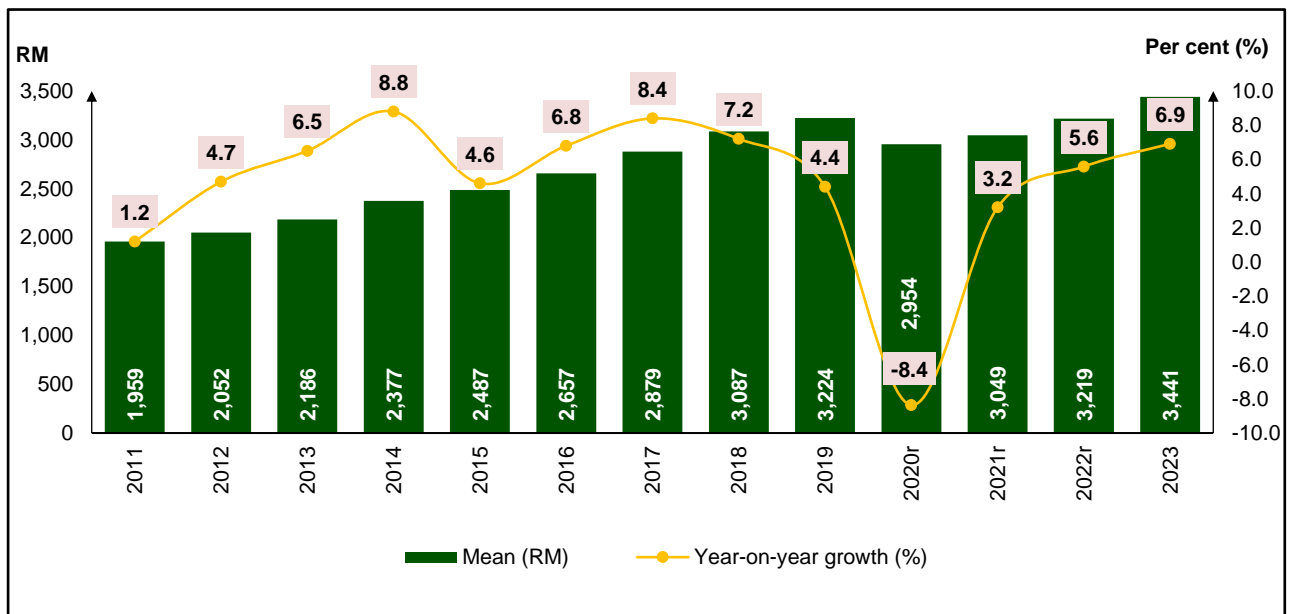
The Government of Malaysia has declared National Statistics Day (MyStats Day) on October 20th each year. MyStats Day theme is "Statistics is the Essence of Life". DOSM commemorates its 75th Diamond Jubilee in 2024.

Chart 1: Median Monthly Salaries & Wages, Malaysia, 2011-2023



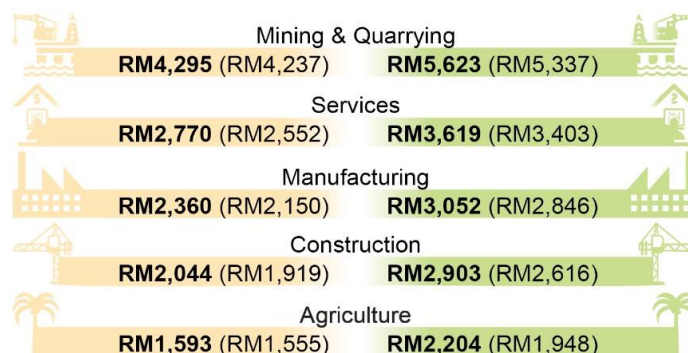
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Chart 2: Mean Monthly Salaries & Wages, Malaysia, 2011-2023



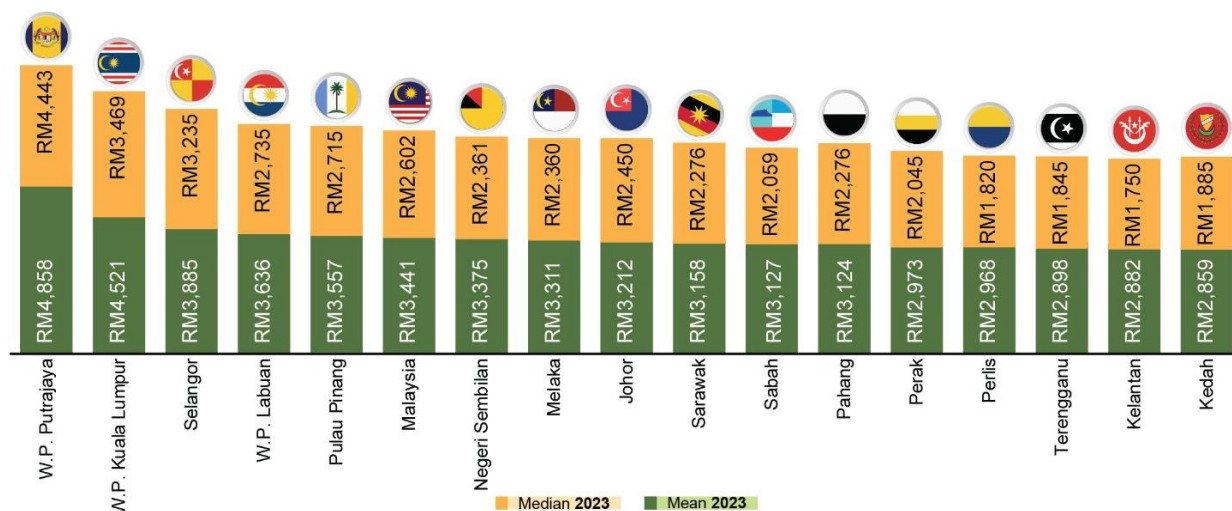
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Chart 3: Median and Mean Monthly Salaries & Wages by Sector, Malaysia, 2022^r and 2023



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Chart 4: Median and Mean Monthly Salaries & Wages by State, Malaysia, 2023



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