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AGRICULTURE CENSUS 2024 REPORT: PERAK

Perak Dominates the National Fisheries Subsector with Sales Value of RM2.5 billion

IPOH, 16TH APRIL 2026 – The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) has released the Agriculture Census 2024 Report for Perak, introducing new parameters for the agriculture sector, including income, expenditure and salaries & wages for the reference year 2023. The report also provides the latest statistics on agricultural holdings, planted and harvested areas, production and sales quantities, sales value, and employment.

These findings are derived from the Agriculture Census 2024, conducted from 7th July 2024 to 31st October 2024 through extensive and strategic collaboration between DOSM and 1,390 agriculture-related agencies at the federal, state, and district levels. Key ministries and agencies involved include the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (KPKM), the Ministry of Plantation and Commodities (KPK), the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability (NRES), the Sarawak Ministry of Food Industry, Commodity and Regional Development (M-FICORD) and the Sabah Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Industry (MAFFI). The collaboration also involves all State and Federal Government agencies and departments in the state of Perak, including the Perak State Secretary's Office and the Perak State Land and Mines Office, the Perak State Department of Agriculture, the Perak State Fisheries Department, and the Perak State Forestry Department.

Perak recorded 107,824 agricultural holdings, of which 105,228 were individual holdings, representing 97.6 per cent of the total. Meanwhile, 2,596 holdings were managed by establishments. The updated profile also indicates 93,594 crop subsector holdings, of which 91,979 are individual holdings. In addition, 2,243 individuals are involved in livestock subsector, 1,145 individuals in aquaculture subsector, 5,684 individuals in fisheries subsector and 5,389 individuals in forestry & logging subsector.

The reported total planted area in the Perak is 499.6 thousand hectares. The main crop is oil palm, covering 343.97 thousand hectares, followed by paddy with 77.22 thousand hectares, rubber with 44.50 thousand hectares, while other crop account for 13.98 thousand hectares.

The Agriculture Census 2024 also recorded that the total sales value for the crop subsector for Perak amounted to RM8.27 billion, while the livestock subsector recorded RM4.28 billion. The captured fisheries subsector recorded sales valued at RM2.47 billion, while aquaculture subsector generated RM910.27 million in sales in 2023. Meanwhile, the forestry & logging subsector recorded a sales value of RM118.92 million.

Income Performance

The total income of the agriculture sector for Perak in 2023 amounted to RM17.69 billion, with the crop subsector emerged as the largest contributor at RM9.34 billion (52.8%), followed by the livestock subsector at RM4.76 billion (26.9%), captured fisheries subsector RM2.52 billion (14.2%), aquaculture subsector RM929.13 million (5.3%) and forestry & logging subsector RM143.17 million (0.8%). Three (3) administrative districts recorded highest total income were Manjung RM3,045.51 million, Batang Padang RM2,235.37 million and Larut dan Matang RM2,054.69 million.

Agricultural holdings operated by establishments contributed RM12.60 billion, equivalent to 71.2 per cent of Perak's total agriculture sector income, while individual agricultural holdings recorded RM5.09 billion (28.8%). Within the crop subsector, agricultural holdings operated by establishments generated RM6.51 billion, (69.7%) as compared to RM2.83 billion (30.3%) contributed by individual holdings.

For the livestock subsector, income was largely generated by establishment holdings at RM4.65 billion (97.8%), while individual holdings contributed RM103.33 million (2.2%). The captured fisheries subsector, income was dominated by individual holdings at RM1.90 billion (75.6%) relative to RM614.39 million (24.4%) contributed by establishment holdings. Conversely, income for the aquaculture subsector was mostly generated by establishment holdings at RM692.08 million (74.5%), while individual holdings contributed RM237.05 million (25.5%). Income from the forestry & logging subsector was contributed by establishment holdings at RM129.15 million (90.2%), while individual holdings contributed only RM14.02 million (9.8%).

Three (3) districts with the highest contribution to agricultural sector income were Manjung (RM3.05 billion), Batang Padang (RM2.24 billion), and Larut and Matang (RM2.05 billion). In the crop subsector, Hilir Perak, Batang Padang, and Perak Tengah emerged as the top three (3) income, recording RM1.91 billion, RM1.29 billion, and RM1.17 billion respectively. Meanwhile, Manjung recorded the highest income in livestock subsector at RM918.20 million, followed by Batang Padang (RM900.56 million) and Kinta (RM733.81 million). For captured fisheries subsector, Bagan Datuk, Manjung and Larut dan Matang recorded RM860.84 million, RM857.31 million and RM495.24 million respectively. Aquaculture subsector income was highest in Manjung (RM272.83 million) followed by Kerian (RM259.93 million) and Kampar (RM76.38 million), while Kinta, Kuala Kangsar and Larut and Matang contributed RM59.31 million, RM33.89 million and RM31.66 million respectively for forestry & logging subsector.

Expenditure

The total expenditure of the agricultural sector for Perak in 2023 amounted to RM6.84 billion. The crop subsector recorded the highest expenditure, amounting to RM2.95 billion (43.1%) of the total agricultural expenditure, followed by the livestock subsector (RM2.3 billion; 33.7%), captured fisheries (RM1.14 billion; 16.6%), aquaculture (RM399.81 million; 5.8%), and forestry & logging (RM56.41 million; 0.8%). Total expenditure refers to the overall costs incurred for direct inputs in agricultural activities, including transportation costs, maintenance and other related operating expenses.

Of the total expenditure, 72.3 per cent (RM4.95 billion) was incurred by establishment agricultural holdings, while 27.7 per cent (RM1.89 billion) was borne by individual holdings. Within the crop subsector, expenditure was dominated by establishment holdings at RM1.97 billion (66.9%), compared with RM976.59 million (33.1%) incurred by individual holdings. In the livestock subsector, expenditure was largely contributed by establishment holdings amounting to RM2,274.52 million (98.8%), while individual holdings recorded RM28.21 million (1.2%).

For the captured fisheries subsector, expenditure was dominated by individual holdings at RM843.53 million (74.3%), while establishment holdings incurred RM292.29 million (25.7%). Conversely, expenditure in the aquaculture subsector was mostly contributed by establishment holdings at RM355.31 million (88.9%), while individual holdings accounted for RM44.50 million (11.1%). Expenditure in the forestry & logging subsector was borne by establishment holdings, amounting to RM54.97 million (97.4%), while individual holdings contributed only RM1.44 million (2.6%).

Three (3) districts with the highest expenditure to agricultural sector were Manjung (RM1.41 billion), Larut and Matang (RM783.80 million) and Batang Padang (RM765.92 million). In the crop subsector, Hilir Perak, Batang Padang, and Perak Tengah emerged as the top three (3) expenditure, recording RM558.29 million, RM394.18 million and RM380.59 million respectively. Meanwhile, Manjung recorded the highest expenditure in livestock subsector at of RM555.05 million, followed by Batang Padang (RM359.11 million) and Kinta (RM355.06 million). For captured fisheries subsector, Bagan Datuk, Manjung and Larut dan Matang recorded RM410.09 million, RM399.92 million and RM186.48 million respectively. Aquaculture subsector expenditure was highest in Manjung, amounting to RM125.09 million, followed by Kerian (RM122.90 million) and Kampar (RM34.51 million), while Kinta, Kuala Kangsar and Larut and Matang contributed RM24.34 million, RM15.76 million and RM12.79 million respectively for forestry & logging subsector.

Employment and Wages & Salaries

Employment in the agriculture sector for Perak recorded 194,316 persons in 2023. The top three administrative districts contributing to employment were Batang Padang (26,585 persons), Hilir Perak (25,477 persons) and Larut dan Matang

(23,357 persons), collectively accounting for 38.8 per cent of the total employment. The crop subsector was the main contributor to employment, representing 136,343 persons of the total agricultural employment in Perak.

The average annual wages and salaries in the crop subsector amounted to RM16,761, with several administrative districts recording levels above the state average, namely Kerian (RM23,094), Kampar (RM20,668), Kinta (RM20,221), Selama (RM20,056) dan Larut dan Matang (RM17,938). Meanwhile, the aquaculture subsector recorded an average annual wage and salary of RM29,298, followed by forestry & logging (RM17,829), livestock (RM23,724) and captured fisheries (RM28,071).

Moving Forward

Based on the Agriculture Census 2024, DOSM has also developed the Agricultural Statistics Digital Gateway (TaniStats 2.0), which was officiated by the Chief Secretary to the Government, Tan Sri Shamsul Azri Abu Bakar, on 7 December 2025. This initiative represents a strategic step in transforming the nation's agricultural data management through the development of an integrated smart platform that consolidates census results, administrative data and supply chain information into a comprehensive digital ecosystem.

The agriculture sector remains one of the key drivers of national economic growth. Beyond ensuring adequate food supply, the sector contributes significantly to reducing the nation's dependence on imports, supporting processing industries, creating employment opportunities, and increasing household income, particularly among farmers. Through this census, agriculture statistics are available down to the smallest locality level, providing granular information that enables more targeted interventions. Such detailed data will support more effective planning and decision-making by stakeholders, thereby strengthening the continued development of the national agriculture sector.

From the perspective of the State of Perak, the State Structure Plan (RSN) places significant emphasis on the agricultural sector and food security, focusing on the latest technological modernization. The state government aims to position Perak as the nation's primary "Food Basket" through a comprehensive agri-food strategy, including

the development of Perak Food Valley and dedicated food production zones in Kinta and Hulu Perak, as well as the optimisation of idle land for agricultural use.

This effort is strengthened through the adoption of smart farming based on IR 4.0 technologies such as IoT and drones to enhance productivity and efficiency. In addition, the aquaculture sector is reinforced through Aquaculture Industrial Zones (ZIA) and supply chain development, while also being integrated with agro-tourism.

This strategy is supported by sustainability and food security initiatives through the gazettment of Permanent Food Production Parks (ZKPM) and the development of green logistics infrastructure to ensure a sustainable food supply. Furthermore, these strategies are underpinned by sustainability and food security agendas through the gazetting of Permanent Food Production Zones (ZKPM) and the development of green logistics infrastructure including cold chain systems and agricultural collection centers to reduce post-harvest waste and ensure the continuity of food supply for both the state and the nation.

Overall, the future of Perak's agriculture under RSN is shifting from traditional methods toward technology-intensive approaches. This transition aims to ensure the state remains a major contributor to the national economy while simultaneously preserving environmental sustainability.

The Agriculture Census is conducted once every ten years to ensure that the data remains relevant and reflective of the structure of the national agriculture sector.

The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) is conducting the **Economic Census 2026 (BE2026)**, with themed “**Data Nadi Ekonomi Rakyat**”. The sixth Economic Census, will be carried out from **5th January to 31st November 2026**. BE2026 aims to collect comprehensive and structured data from all registered and unregistered business establishments in Malaysia to assess the nation’s economic performance, structure and characteristics in an evidence-based manner.

Malaysia has, for the first time, successfully secured the **top position** globally in the biennial **Open Data Inventory (ODIN) 2024/25** report released by Open Data Watch (ODW), surpassing 197 other countries. This achievement marks a significant leap from its 67th position in the ODIN 2022/23 assessment.

OpenDOSM NextGen is a medium that provides data catalogue and visualisations to facilitate users' analysis and can be accessed through <https://open.dosm.gov.my>.

TaniStats 2.0 is a centralised agricultural information hub that provides informative, structured and user-friendly statistical dashboards to strengthen public understanding of patterns and changes in the agriculture sector, thus supporting digital transformation initiatives towards more inclusive and evidence-based policies. Access TaniStats at <https://tanistats.dosm.gov.my>.

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**TABLE 1: INCOME OF THREE MAIN ACTIVITIES BY ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT,
PERAK STATE, 2023**

ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT	TOTAL INCOME (RM MILLION)	MAIN ACTIVITY	INCOME FROM MAIN ACTIVITIES (RM MILLION)	SECONDARY ACTIVITY	INCOME FROM SECONDARY ACTIVITY (RM MILLION)	TERTIARY ACTIVITY	INCOME FROM TERTIARY ACTIVITY (RM MILLION)
Bagan Datuk	1,085.75	Fisheries	860.84	Other Crop	110.47	Oil Palm	67.95
Batang Padang	2,235.37	Oil Palm	1,110.89	Livestock	900.56	Fruits	69.77
Hilir Perak	1,999.44	Oil Palm	1,750.64	Paddy	127.80	Livestock	56.70
Hulu Perak	497.59	Rubber	183.13	Oil Palm	123.33	Livestock	60.48
Kampar	871.37	Livestock	585.10	Vegetables	124.02	Aquaculture	76.38
Kerian	1,299.12	Oil Palm	441.89	Aquaculture	259.93	Fisheries	219.03
Kinta	1,625.79	Livestock	733.81	Vegetables	441.98	Oil Palm	264.53
Kuala Kangsar	1,024.06	Oil Palm	481.53	Livestock	248.06	Rubber	91.72
Larut dan Matang	2,054.69	Livestock	572.09	Oil Palm	499.64	Fisheries	495.24
Manjung	3,045.51	Livestock	918.20	Fisheries	857.31	Oil Palm	847.59
Muallim	120.34	Oil Palm	34.21	Vegetables	21.14	Livestock	18.20
Perak Tengah	1,283.06	Oil Palm	907.19	Paddy	167.69	Livestock	110.84
Selama	545.73	Livestock	386.64	Oil Palm	90.85	Rubber	21.61

**TABLE 2 : EXPENDITURE OF THREE MAIN ACTIVITIES BY ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT,
PERAK STATE, 2023**

ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT	TOTAL EXPENDITURE (RM MILLION)	MAIN ACTIVITY	EXPENDITURE FROM MAIN ACTIVITIES (RM MILLION)	SECONDARY ACTIVITY	EXPENDITURE FROM SECONDARY ACTIVITY (RM MILLION)	TERTIARY ACTIVITY	EXPENDITURE FROM TERTIARY ACTIVITY (RM MILLION)
Bagan Datuk	507.83	Fisheries	410.09	Other Crop	61.20	Oil Palm	21.07
Batang Padang	765.92	Livestock	359.11	Oil Palm	324.99	Fruits	30.85
Hilir Perak	599.45	Oil Palm	509.95	Paddy	35.34	Livestock	27.79
Hulu Perak	181.62	Rubber	62.33	Oil Palm	36.29	Livestock	27.20
Kampar	322.00	Livestock	222.29	Vegetables	39.03	Aquaculture	34.51
Kerian	488.99	Oil Palm	134.63	Aquaculture	122.90	Fisheries	101.55
Kinta	662.16	Livestock	355.06	Vegetables	141.92	Oil Palm	79.04
Kuala Kangsar	344.27	Oil Palm	143.81	Livestock	109.33	Rubber	27.83
Larut dan Matang	783.80	Livestock	291.47	Fisheries	186.48	Oil Palm	150.59
Manjung	1,407.77	Livestock	555.05	Fisheries	399.92	Oil Palm	257.38
Muallim	41.42	Oil Palm	10.57	Livestock	6.32	Vegetables	6.29
Perak Tengah	432.35	Oil Palm	266.69	Paddy	78.93	Livestock	49.13
Selama	305.20	Livestock	248.60	Oil Palm	30.36	Fruits	9.80

EXHIBIT 1: KEY PARAMETERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR, PERAK, 2023

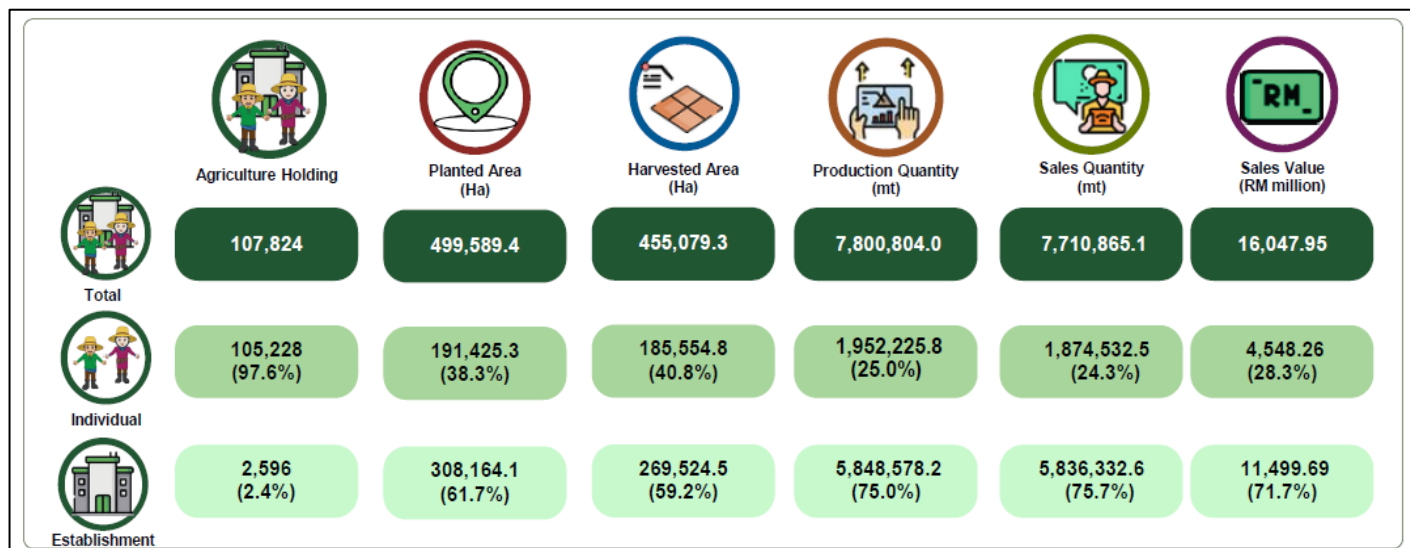


EXHIBIT 2: INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR, PERAK, 2023

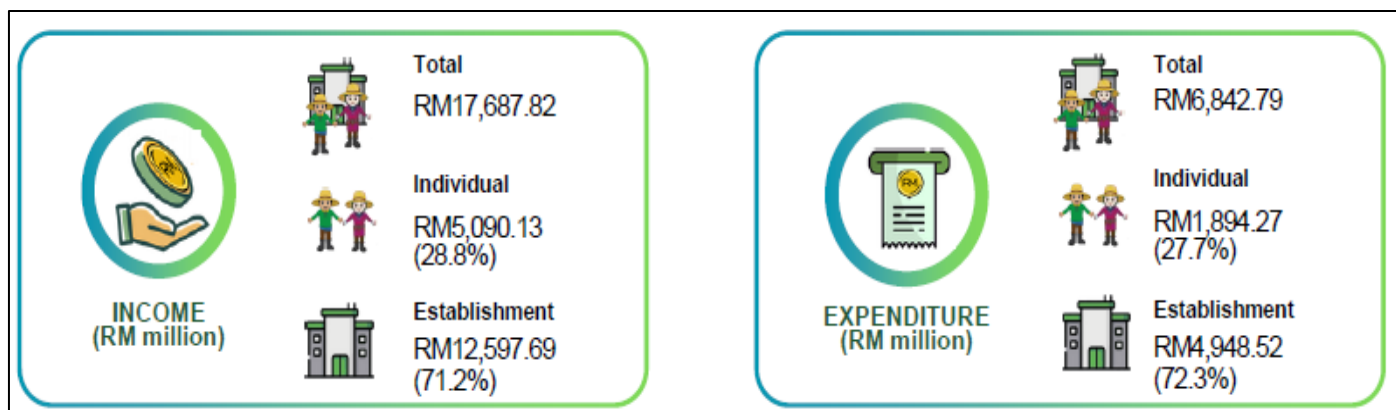


EXHIBIT 3: INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR IN PERAK BY DISTRICT, 2023

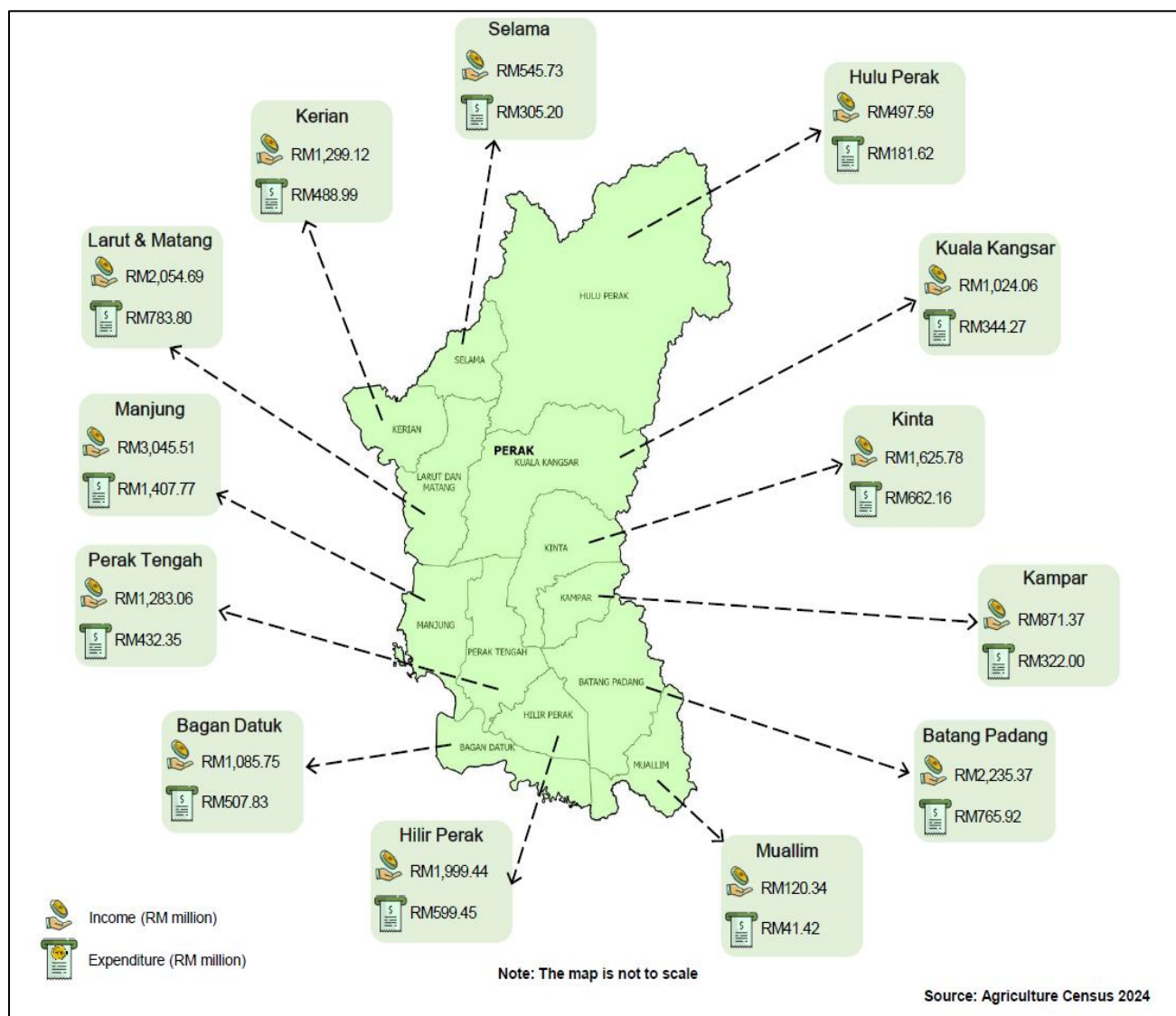


EXHIBIT 4: EMPLOYMENT AND ANNUAL MEAN SALARIES & WAGES, PERAK BY DISTRICT, 2023

