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AGRICULTURE CENSUS 2024 REPORT: SARAWAK

Crop Subsector Dominates Sarawak's Agricultural Sector With 80.8 per cent of Income

KUCHING, 16TH APRIL 2026 – The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) has released the Agriculture Census 2024 Report for Sarawak, introducing new parameters for the agriculture sector, including income, expenditure and salaries and wages for the reference year 2023. The report also provides the latest parameters 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).

Sarawak recorded 147,411 agricultural holdings, of which 145,377 were individual, representing 98.6 per cent while the remaining 2,034 agricultural holdings were establishments. The updated profile also indicates 141,782 crop subsector agricultural

holdings of which 140,111 are individual. In addition, 2,058 agricultural individual holdings are involved in livestock subsector, 540 in aquaculture subsector, 4,465 in captured fisheries subsector and 363 in forestry & logging subsector.

The reported total planted area in Sarawak is 1.8 million hectares. The main crop is oil palm, covering 1.7 million hectares, followed by rubber with 68.2 thousand hectares, fruits with 27.4 thousand hectares. These three (3) activities contribute a total of 98.1 per cent of the total planted area, while other crops account for 33.6 thousand hectares.

The Agriculture Census 2024 also recorded that the total sales value for the crop subsector in Sarawak amounted to RM20.68 billion, the forestry & logging subsector (RM1.52 billion), followed by the livestock subsector (RM1.05 billion). While the captured fisheries subsector and aquaculture subsector recorded sales value at RM597.23 million and RM141.7 million respectively.

Income Performance

The total income of the agriculture sector for Sarawak in 2023 amounted to RM29.18 billion, with the crop subsector emerged as the largest contributor at RM23.58 billion (80.8%), followed by forestry & logging subsector RM2.88 billion (9.9%), livestock subsector RM1.96 billion (6.7%), captured fisheries subsector RM605.55 million (2.1%) and aquaculture subsector RM151.57 million (0.5%). Three (3) administrative districts recorded highest total income were Sibul (RM2.58 billion), Mukah (RM2.30 billion) and Bintulu (RM2.21 billion).

Establishments agricultural holdings contributed RM22.49 billion, equivalent to 77.1 per cent of agriculture sector's income, while individual holdings recorded RM6.70 billion (22.9%). A similar pattern was observed across four (4) subsectors namely crop, livestock, forestry & logging and aquaculture. Establishment holdings generated higher income of RM17.57 billion (74.5%) in crop subsector, RM1.91 billion (97.3%) in livestock subsector, RM2.88 billion (99.9%) in forestry & logging subsector and RM129.17 million (85.2%) in aquaculture subsector as compared to RM6.02 billion (25.5%), RM52.28 million (2.7%), RM2.52 million (0.1%) and RM22.41 million (14.8%) from individual holdings. Conversely, income in the captured fisheries subsector's

individual holdings accounted for RM602.80 million (99.5%) while establishment holdings contributed RM2.75 million (0.5%).

By crop subsector, Mukah recorded RM2.26 billion followed by Bintulu (RM1.99 billion) and Subis (RM1.77 billion) respectively. Meanwhile, Kuching recorded the highest income in livestock subsector at RM655.04 million, followed by Sibul (RM380.36 million) and Serian (RM381.92 million). For captured fisheries subsector, Daro, Subis and Kuching recorded RM103.39 million, RM52.30 million and RM50.04 million respectively. Aquaculture subsector income was highest in Kuching (RM73.79 million) followed by Serian (RM11.59 billion) and Lundu (RM9.47 million), while Kapit, Sibul and Miri contributed RM1.30 billion, RM863.84 million and RM391.95 million respectively for forestry & logging subsector.

Expenditure

The total expenditure of the agricultural sector for Sarawak in 2023 amounted to RM10.75 billion. The crop subsector recorded the highest expenditure, amounting to RM7.54 billion (70.1%), followed by livestock subsector (RM1.47 billion; 13.7%), forestry & logging subsector (RM1.42 billion; 13.2%), captured fisheries subsector (RM247.69 million; 2.3%) and aquaculture subsector (RM78.99 billion; 0.7%). Three (3) administrative districts contributed highest expenditure were Sibul (RM1.23 billion), Miri (779.06 million) and Kuching (RM730.78 million).

Establishments agricultural holdings contributed RM8.05 billion (74.9%) of Sarawak's total agriculture expenditure, while individual holdings recorded RM2.70 billion (25.1%). Four (4) subsectors namely crop, livestock, forestry & logging and aquaculture were observed to exhibit a similar pattern. Establishment holdings incurred higher expenditure of RM5.11 billion (67.8%) in crop subsector, RM1.45 billion (98.5%) in livestock subsector, RM74.33 million (94.1%) in aquaculture subsector and RM1.42 billion (99.97%) in forestry & logging subsector as compared to RM2.43 billion (32.2%), RM22.05 million (1.5%), RM4.66 million (5.9%) and RM0.37 million (0.03%) respectively from individual holdings. Conversely, expenditure from individual holdings in the captured fisheries subsector accounted for RM246.18 million (99.4%) while establishment holdings contributed RM1.51 million (0.6%).

By crop subsector, Mukah recorded RM671.29 million followed by Bintulu (RM589.36 million) and Subis (RM554.68 million). Meanwhile, Kuching recorded the highest expenditure at RM539.21 million, followed by Sibü (RM322.57 million) and Serian (RM240.86 million). For captured fisheries subsector, Daro, Kuching and Subis recorded RM41.71 million, RM20.70 million and RM19.02 million respectively. Aquaculture subsector expenditure was highest in Kuching (RM48.80 million) followed by Lundu (RM6.09 million) and Sarikei (RM5.56 million), while Kapit, Sibü and Miri contributed RM573.72 million, RM487.39 million RM203.29 million respectively for forestry & logging subsector.

Employment and Wages & Salaries

Employment in the agriculture sector for Sarawak recorded 358,803 persons in 2023. The top three administrative districts contributing to employment were Miri (22,087 persons), Subis (19,348 persons) and Sibü (17,936 persons), collectively accounting for 17.0 per cent of the total employment. The oil palm activity was the main contributor to employment, representing 62.0 per cent of the total agricultural employment in Sarawak.

The average annual wages and salaries in the agriculture sector was amounted to RM19,122 with five administrative districts recording levels above the state average, namely Kabong (RM25,040), Matu (RM25,016), Mukah (RM24,341), Marudi (RM23,543) and Subis (RM23,498).

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 implementation of the Agriculture Census in Sarawak is an important effort to strengthen the data foundation for the development of a more sustainable and competitive agricultural sector. The cooperation and commitment of all parties, especially farmers, livestock breeders and agricultural entrepreneurs, in providing accurate and complete information are greatly appreciated to ensure that the resulting parameters are of high quality. It is hoped that the findings from this census will serve as an important reference for the government, relevant agencies and stakeholders in formulating more effective agricultural policies, strategies and development programmes for the well-being of the people and the prosperity of Sarawak's economy and the nation as a whole.

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 FOR THE THREE MAIN ACTIVITIES BY ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT, SARAWAK, 2023

ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT	TOTAL INCOME (RM Million)	MAIN ACTIVITIES	INCOME MAIN ACTIVITIES (RM Million)	SECOND ACTIVITIES	SECOND ACTIVITIES INCOME (RM Million)	THIRD ACTIVITIES	THIRD ACTIVITIES INCOME (RM Million)
Asajaya	147.74	Oil Palm	79.13	Capture Fisheries	26.00	Vegetable	11.52
Bau	590.92	Livestock	302.46	Oil Palm	234.81	Vegetable	14.74
Belaga	945.44	Oil Palm	895.25	Fruit	16.21	Vegetable	14.83
Beluru	1,211.28	Oil Palm	1,204.06	Fruit	4.71	Pepper	1.27
Betong	655.22	Oil Palm	480.56	Rubber	83.17	Pepper	64.96
Bintulu	2,206.40	Oil Palm	1,961.08	Forestry & Logging	181.10	Livestock	32.25
Bukit Mabong	6.59	Pepper	2.41	Vegetable	2.03	Paddy	0.82
Dalat	712.99	Oil Palm	668.65	Capture Fisheries	19.88	Pineapple	14.88
Daro	966.25	Oil Palm	827.79	Capture Fisheries	103.39	Pineapple	9.88
Gedong	31.89	Oil Palm	15.37	Pepper	11.41	Pineapple	1.35
Julau	198.25	Pepper	118.26	Oil Palm	75.27	Fruit	2.42
Kabong	132.31	Oil Palm	93.68	Fruit	16.31	Capture Fisheries	10.46
Kanowit	376.69	Oil Palm	262.81	Fruit	75.70	Pepper	15.36
Kapit	1,577.58	Forestry & Logging	1,301.74	Oil Palm	212.25	Pepper	20.67
Kuching	1,097.61	Livestock	655.04	Oil Palm	97.25	Vegetable	78.80
Lawas	326.21	Oil Palm	212.13	Fruit	48.22	Capture Fisheries	35.71
Limbang	399.93	Oil Palm	193.74	Forestry & Logging	88.88	Fruit	33.98
Lingga	72.85	Oil Palm	30.97	Livestock	29.31	Capture Fisheries	6.51
Lubok Antu	277.94	Oil Palm	210.90	Pepper	34.65	Rubber	19.26
Lundu	639.90	Oil Palm	541.19	Vegetable	29.65	Capture Fisheries	20.36
Maradong	149.76	Oil Palm	86.28	Pineapple	19.25	Fruit	15.05
Marudi	497.63	Oil Palm	488.75	Vegetable	3.97	Pepper	1.93
Matu	528.04	Oil Palm	483.78	Capture Fisheries	27.04	Other Crops	7.58
Miri	2,172.09	Oil Palm	1,637.81	Forestry & Logging	391.95	Livestock	44.62
Mukah	2,304.09	Oil Palm	2,203.33	Capture Fisheries	35.56	Other Crops	22.70
Pakan	243.03	Oil Palm	166.15	Pepper	73.11	Vegetable	2.89
Pantu	59.22	Oil Palm	26.70	Fruit	14.26	Pepper	10.91

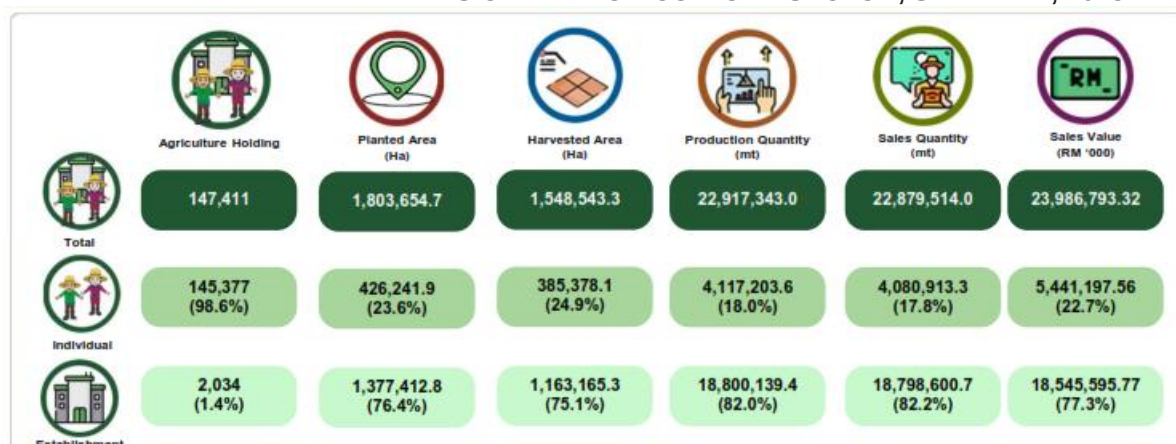
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Pusa	139.53	Oil Palm	92.50	Capture Fisheries	36.16	Pineapple	4.14
Samarahan	552.52	Oil Palm	377.94	Pineapple	64.85	Rubber	47.51
Saratok	276.58	Oil Palm	227.01	Pepper	28.81	Vegetable	6.19
Sarikei	322.18	Oil Palm	129.12	Rubber	59.66	Forestry & Logging	48.01
Sebauh	735.41	Oil Palm	723.57	Livestock	5.32	Pepper	4.58
Sebuyau	73.95	Capture Fisheries	24.60	Oil Palm	22.62	Fruit	9.52
Selangau	358.18	Oil Palm	316.35	Pepper	16.29	Fruit	10.85
Serian	1,243.86	Oil Palm	694.87	Livestock	381.92	Pepper	70.45
Sibu	2,577.84	Oil Palm	1,098.12	Forestry & Logging	863.84	Livestock	380.36
Siburan	42.86	Vegetable	27.10	Oil Palm	3.96	Pineapple	3.34
Simunjan	682.73	Oil Palm	609.84	Livestock	30.19	Pepper	30.19
Song	55.71	Fruit	29.74	Pepper	18.07	Vegetable	4.36
Sri Aman	835.17	Oil Palm	717.35	Rubber	60.27	Pepper	27.97
Subis	1,835.79	Oil Palm	1,729.65	Capture Fisheries	52.30	Fruit	17.53
Tanjung Manis	45.80	Capture Fisheries	29.24	Oil Palm	7.68	Pineapple	5.18
Tatau	613.05	Oil Palm	509.43	Capture Fisheries	47.90	Pepper	35.59
Tebedu	120.49	Pepper	68.20	Oil Palm	28.53	Pineapple	8.46
Telang Usan	142.30	Oil Palm	134.74	Fruit	3.91	Pineapple	1.05

TABLE 2 : EXPENDITURE FOR THE THREE MAIN ACTIVITIES BY ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT, SARAWAK, 2023

ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT	TOTAL EXPENDITURE (RM Million)	MAIN ACTIVITIES	EXPENDITURE MAIN ACTIVITIES (RM Million)	SECOND ACTIVITIES	SECOND ACTIVITIES EXPENDITURE (RM Million)	THIRD ACTIVITIES	THIRD ACTIVITIES INCOME (RM Million)
Asajaya	57.59	Oil Palm	27.80	Capture Fisheries	11.47	Pineapple	5.54
Bau	276.12	Livestock	187.66	Oil Palm	69.50	Fruit	4.49
Belaga	284.97	Oil Palm	264.87	Fruit	7.02	Pepper	5.91
Beluru	376.65	Oil Palm	373.37	Fruit	2.16	Pepper	0.60
Betong	236.51	Oil Palm	159.33	Rubber	38.82	Pepper	27.60
Bintulu	711.55	Oil Palm	577.80	Forestry & Logging	92.53	Livestock	27.81
Bukit Mabong	1.99	Pepper	0.76	Vegetable	0.58	Fruit	0.21
Dalat	213.29	Oil Palm	194.06	Pineapple	8.52	Capture Fisheries	7.73
Daro	294.41	Oil Palm	236.35	Capture Fisheries	41.71	Pineapple	5.56
Gedong	12.50	Oil Palm	6.14	Pepper	4.31	Pineapple	0.81
Julau	77.55	Pepper	49.71	Oil Palm	26.27	Fruit	0.77
Kabong	54.39	Oil Palm	37.03	Fruit	7.87	Capture Fisheries	4.16
Kanowit	125.62	Oil Palm	78.21	Fruit	34.47	Pepper	5.05
Kapit	662.14	Forestry & Logging	573.72	Oil Palm	63.78	Pepper	9.37
Kuching	730.78	Livestock	539.21	Akuakultur	48.80	Oil Palm	35.93
Lawas	113.93	Oil Palm	68.19	Fruit	20.19	Capture Fisheries	14.18
Limbang	143.73	Oil Palm	65.46	Forestry & Logging	32.66	Fruit	12.87
Lingga	43.90	Livestock	26.70	Oil Palm	11.83	Capture Fisheries	2.49
Lubok Antu	104.49	Oil Palm	75.05	Pepper	20.06	Rubber	3.57
Lundu	205.00	Oil Palm	164.61	Capture Fisheries	8.07	Vegetable	7.79
Maradong	57.90	Oil Palm	26.63	Pineapple	11.46	Pepper	7.86
Marudi	147.98	Oil Palm	144.30	Vegetable	1.14	Pepper	1.09
Matu	160.16	Oil Palm	142.01	Capture Fisheries	12.97	Other Crops	1.45
Miri	779.06	Oil Palm	499.83	Forestry & Logging	203.29	Livestock	32.81
Mukah	688.10	Oil Palm	647.73	Capture Fisheries	12.58	Other Crops	12.31

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Pakan	109.85	Oil Palm	69.47	Pepper	39.26	Vegetable	0.78
Pantu	26.19	Oil Palm	10.93	Fruit	6.89	Pepper	5.89
Pusa	59.61	Oil Palm	36.89	Capture Fisheries	17.51	Pineapple	2.52
Samarahan	187.39	Oil Palm	112.11	Pineapple	26.35	Rubber	20.40
Saratok	92.14	Oil Palm	70.26	Pepper	14.15	Fruit	2.01
Sarikei	138.02	Oil Palm	40.64	Rubber	30.92	Forestry & Logging	25.13
Sebauh	246.08	Oil Palm	238.52	Livestock	4.59	Pepper	2.11
Sebuyau	30.61	Capture Fisheries	10.89	Oil Palm	8.99	Pepper	4.04
Selangau	116.69	Oil Palm	99.53	Pepper	6.74	Fruit	5.13
Serian	524.11	Livestock	240.86	Oil Palm	219.80	Pepper	32.12
Sibu	1,233.14	Forestry & Logging	487.39	Livestock	322.57	Oil Palm	318.28
Siburan	14.74	Vegetable	8.13	Pineapple	1.87	Oil Palm	1.62
Simunjan	224.31	Oil Palm	178.32	Livestock	25.76	Pepper	15.62
Song	19.65	Fruit	11.68	Pepper	4.95	Vegetable	1.33
Sri Aman	277.22	Oil Palm	223.27	Rubber	30.37	Pepper	14.05
Subis	581.06	Oil Palm	537.58	Capture Fisheries	19.02	Livestock	7.24
Tanjung Manis	17.83	Capture Fisheries	11.65	Pineapple	2.72	Oil Palm	2.27
Tatau	199.23	Oil Palm	152.17	Capture Fisheries	18.27	Pepper	16.53
Tebedu	46.04	Pepper	26.52	Oil Palm	11.28	Pineapple	4.71
Telang Usan	43.79	Oil Palm	40.94	Fruit	1.46	Pineapple	0.56

EXHIBIT 1: KEY PARAMETERS OF THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR, SARAWAK, 2023



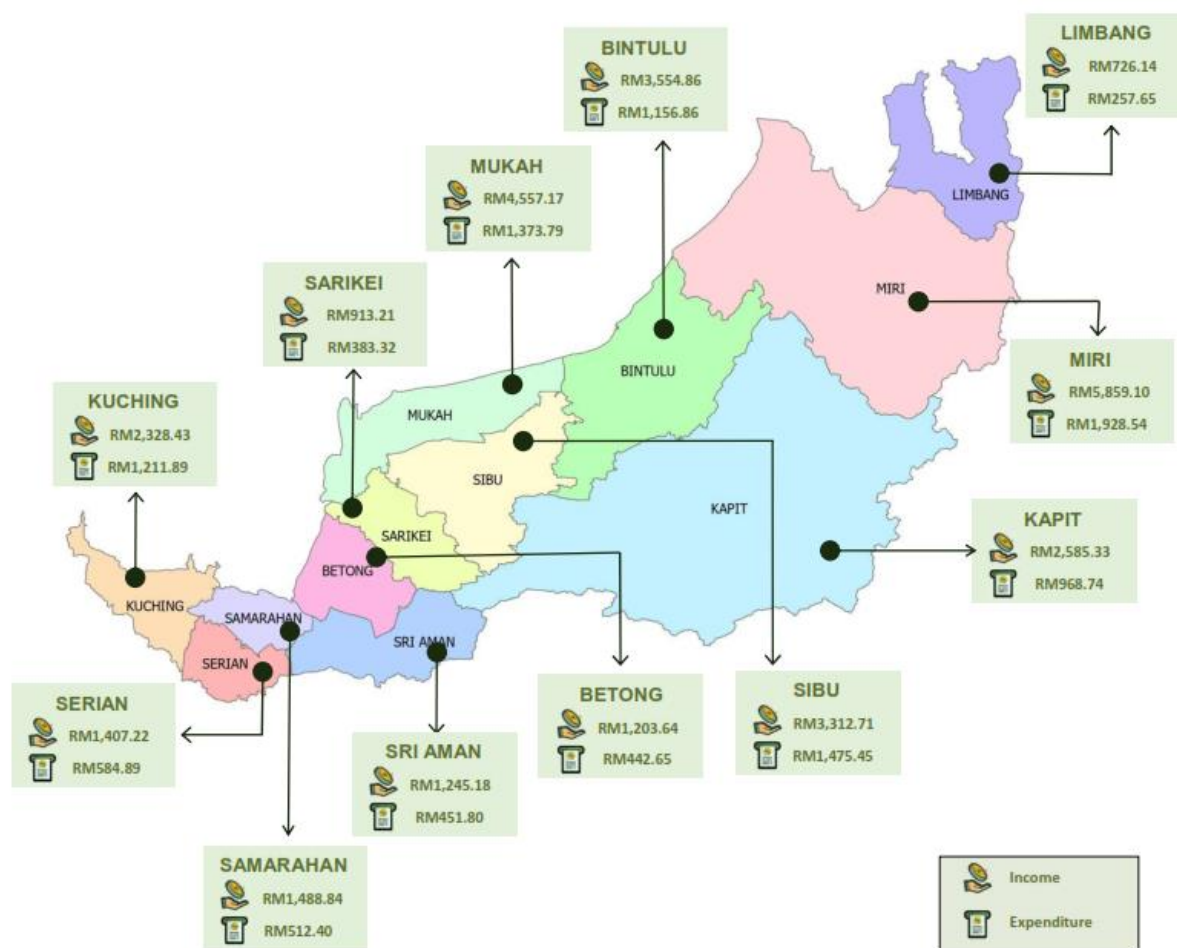
Source: Agriculture Census 2024

EXHIBIT 2: INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AGRICULTURE SECTOR, SARAWAK, 2023



Source: Agriculture Census 2024

EXHIBIT 3: INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AGRICULTURE SECTOR, SARAWAK BY DISTRICT, 2023

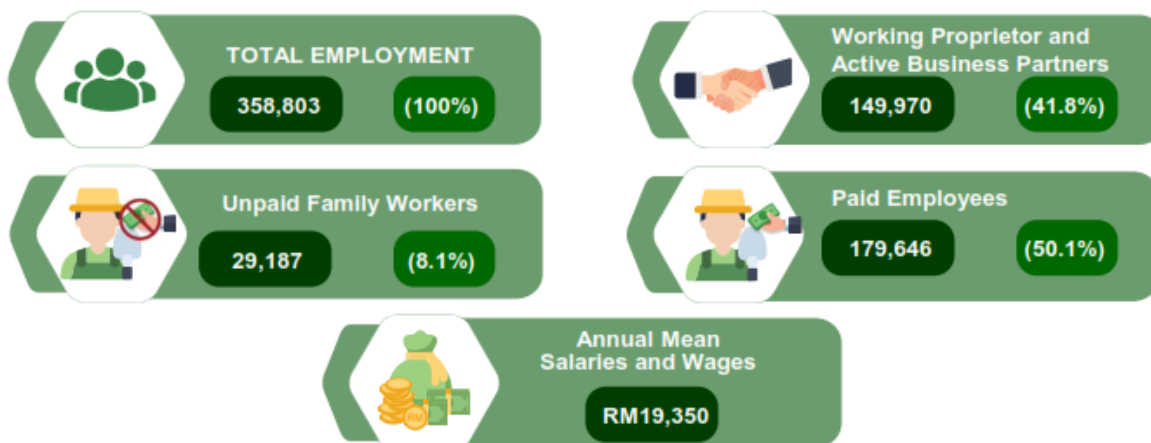


Source: Agriculture Census 2024

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

Employment of Agriculture Sector

The number of paid employees in 2023 was 179,646 person receiving an annual mean salaries and wages of RM19,350.



Employment of Agriculture Sector by Division

Kuching	26,229	RM20,982	Sibu	35,379	RM21,270
Samarahan	20,847	RM18,604	Kapit	18,639	RM16,296
Serian	27,351	RM18,697	Mukah	37,980	RM22,141
Sri Aman	31,503	RM13,884	Bintulu	29,318	RM16,035
Betong	24,514	RM16,186	Miri	61,510	RM22,308
Sarikei	26,853	RM16,113	Limbang	18,680	RM16,080

Employment (persons)
Mean Salaries & Wages

Source: Agriculture Census 2024