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MALAYSIA'S MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (MSMEs) PERFORMANCE 2025

MSMEs' GDP grew by 5.7 per cent, contributing 39.7 per cent in 2025

PUTRAJAYA, 30 JULY 2026 – The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of Malaysia's Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) grew by 5.7 per cent in 2025 after registering 5.9 per cent growth in the preceding year, as reported in the **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, 2025** publication released today. The publication presents statistics on MSMEs' contribution to the economy in terms of GDP, exports, employment and productivity.

In today's statement, the Department of Statistics Malaysia stated that MSMEs' GDP growth of 5.7 per cent exceeded Malaysia's overall GDP of 5.2 per cent. The value added generated by MSMEs increased to RM689.8 billion as compared to RM652.8 billion in 2024, representing 39.7 per cent of Malaysia's GDP. The positive performance of MSMEs in 2025 was supported by Government initiatives under Budget 2025, including financing facilities, incentives and entrepreneur development programmes aimed at enhancing productivity, accelerating digitalisation, technology & innovation and expanding market access for MSMEs.

The Services and Manufacturing sectors remained the main contributors to MSMEs' GDP, collectively accounting for 84.5 per cent. This was followed by Agriculture (8.4%), Construction (5.3%) and Mining & quarrying (0.5%) sectors. At the sectoral level, the Services sector recorded a growth of 5.7 per cent in 2025, unchanged from the previous year. The sector's performance was underpinned by continued expansion in the Wholesale & retail trade, food & beverages and accommodation (5.0%); Finance, insurance, real estate & business services (6.6%); and Transportation & storage and information & communication (7.7%).

Meanwhile, the Manufacturing sector expanded by 4.8 per cent in 2025 (2024: 5.0%) driven by growth in Food, beverages and tobacco (9.6%); Other manufacturing (4.7%); and Non-metallic mineral products, basic metal & fabricated metal products (4.7%). MSMEs in the Agriculture sector grew at 1.8 per cent in 2025 (2024: 3.1%). The growth was mainly supported by the performance of the Rubber, oil palm, livestock and other agriculture sub-sector which grew by 2.3 per cent.

Simultaneously, the Construction sector increased by 12.0 per cent (2024: 17.5%) and the Mining & quarrying sector rose by 4.4 per cent (2024: 4.8%).

MSMEs' Exports

Exports of MSMEs in 2025 increased by 10.5 per cent to RM214.5 billion as compared to 29.5 per cent in 2024. The increase was supported by the Manufacturing and Services sectors, which grew by 8.8 per cent (2024: 7.9%) and 14.0 per cent (2024: 106.6%), respectively. MSMEs' exports accounted for 14.7 per cent of the total exports in 2025, comprising the Manufacturing sector (9.1%), followed by Services (5.3%) and Agriculture (0.2%) sectors.

Exports of MSMEs in the Manufacturing sector increased to RM132.7 billion in 2025 from RM122.0 billion in 2024. Machinery & transport equipment, miscellaneous manufactured articles and manufactured goods were the main drivers of this sector, accounting for 61.1 per cent of total manufacturing exports by MSMEs in 2025. Singapore was the main export destination for MSMEs' in the Manufacturing sector, accounting for 17.7 per cent, followed by the United States (15.1%) and China (12.0%).

Services exports for MSMEs continue to demonstrate resilience and strong growth momentum, based on the export performance trends from 2023 to 2025. The export value of the MSMEs Services sector recorded a significant increase from RM33.2 billion in 2023 to RM68.6 billion in 2024. The upward trend is continued, reaching RM78.2 billion in 2025. This growth was largely driven by the Travel component, as well as Telecommunications, computer, and information services.

The Agriculture sector recorded exports of MSMEs worth RM3.54 billion in 2025 as compared to RM3.50 billion in the previous year, with a marginal increase of 1.0 per cent. This increase was led by exports of durian which increased by 13.2 per cent, other local fruits by 9.0 per cent and vegetables by 0.2 per cent. Meanwhile, exports of fisheries including ornamental fish and chicken/ duck recorded a decrease in 2025.

MSMEs' Employment and Productivity

MSMEs' employment continued to increase in 2025, albeit at a slower growth of 1.5 per cent, reaching a total of 8.09 million persons (2024: 7.97 million persons). Consequently, the contribution of MSMEs to Malaysia's total employment in 2025 was 48.7 per cent, an increase from 48.5 per cent in the previous year.

By economic activity, MSMEs in the Agriculture sector accounted for 41.9 per cent of the sector's total employment, with a decline of 0.3 per cent to 789 thousand persons in 2025. In the Mining & quarrying sector, MSMEs contributed 27.7 per cent or 21 thousand persons, registering a decline of 0.3 per cent over the year. Meanwhile,

MSME employment in the Manufacturing sector rose marginally by 0.02 per cent to 1.30 million persons, representing 45.6 per cent of total employment in the sector in 2025.

In the Construction sector, MSMEs contributed for 48.4 per cent of total employment, employing 685 thousand persons, an increase of 1.1 per cent year-on-year. MSME employment in the Services sector also increased steadily throughout the year, registered 50.9 per cent of the total employment in the Services sector. Employment in this sector rose by 4.0 per cent to 5.30 million persons, mainly driven by the wholesale & retail trade, food & beverage, and accommodation sub-sectors.

The MSMEs' labour productivity which measured by value added per employment improved by 4.1 per cent in 2025, to register a value of RM85,299 per person (2024: RM81,931 per person). All sector recorded a growth in labour productivity with the highest growth of MSMEs' labour productivity was recorded in the Construction sector (10.8%), followed by the Manufacturing (4.8%), Mining & quarrying (4.7%), Services (3.5%) and Agriculture (2.1%) sectors.

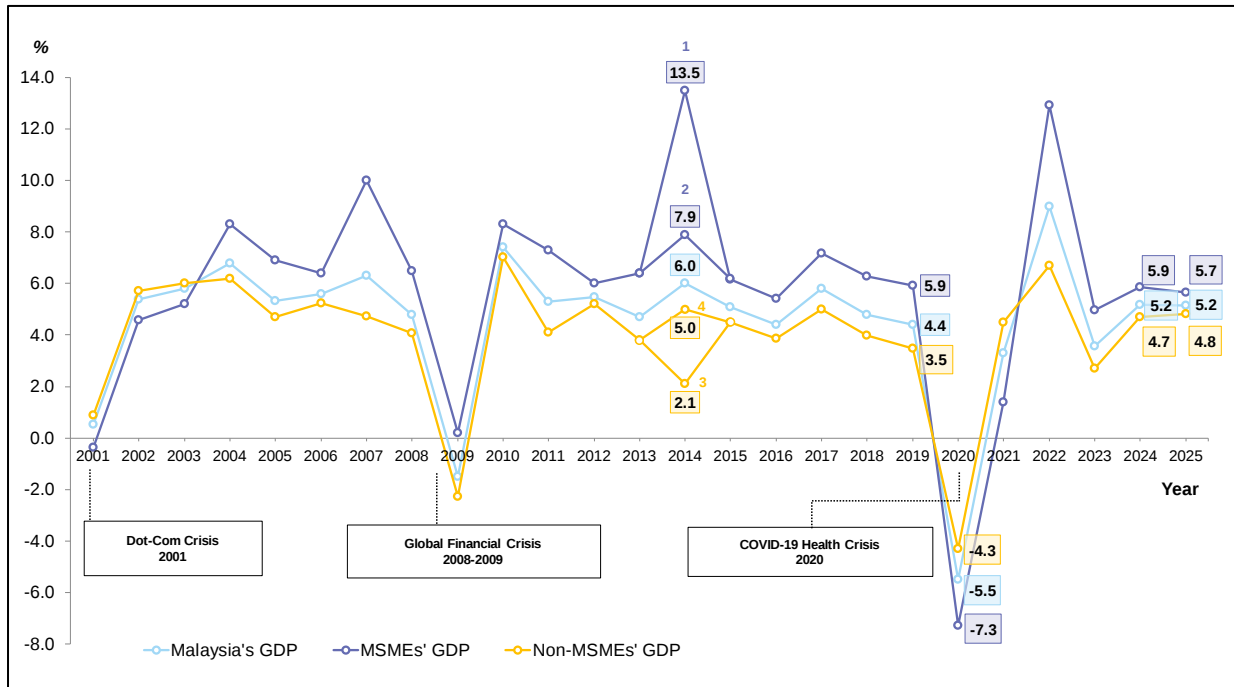
The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) is conducting the **Economic Census 2026 (BE2026)**, with themed “**Data Nadi Ekonomi Rakyat**”. The sixth Economic Census, will be carried out from **5th January to 31st October 2026**. BE2026 aims to collect comprehensive and structured data from all registered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

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**Chart 1: GDP of Malaysia, MSMEs and Non-MSMEs
at Constant Prices, 2001-2025 – Annual Per centage Change**



Notes:
 -Growth of MSMEs' GDP based on 2014 New MSMEs' Definition versus 2013 Old MSMEs' Definition
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**Chart 2: Value Added and Contribution of MSMEs' GDP to Malaysia's GDP
at Constant 2015 Prices, 2018-2025**

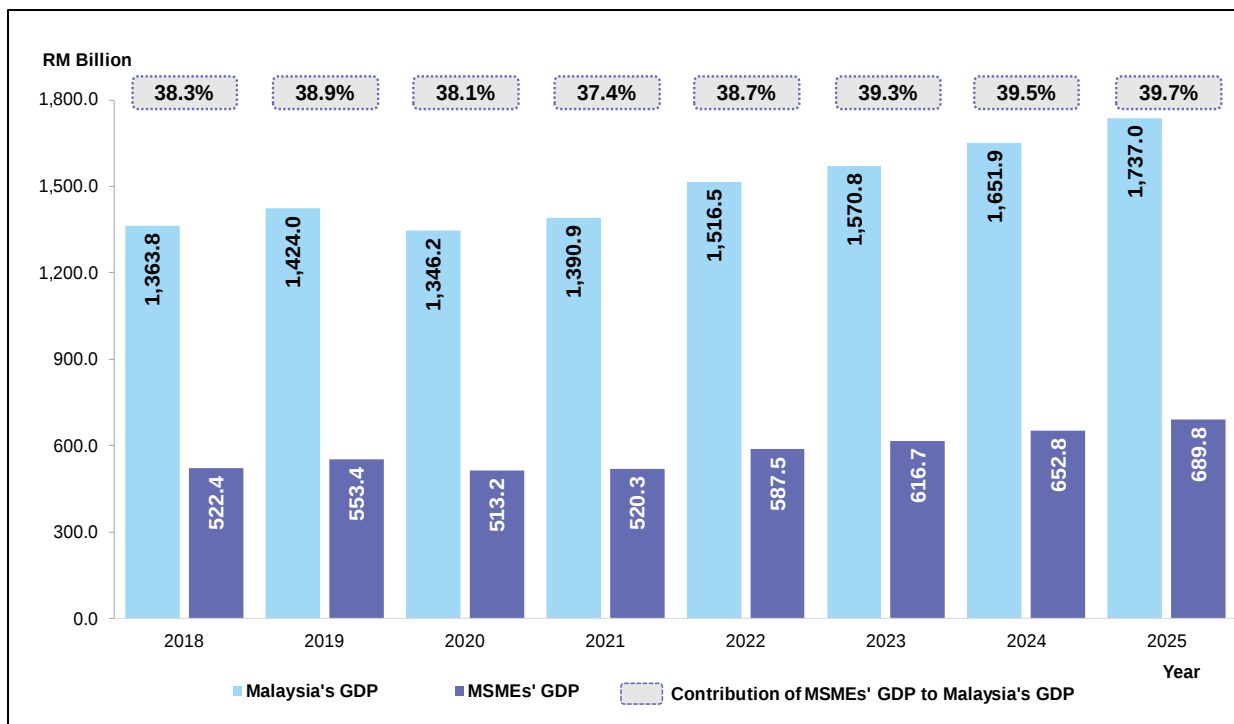


Chart 3: Per centage Share and Annual Per centage Change of MSMEs' Exports by Sector, 2018-2025

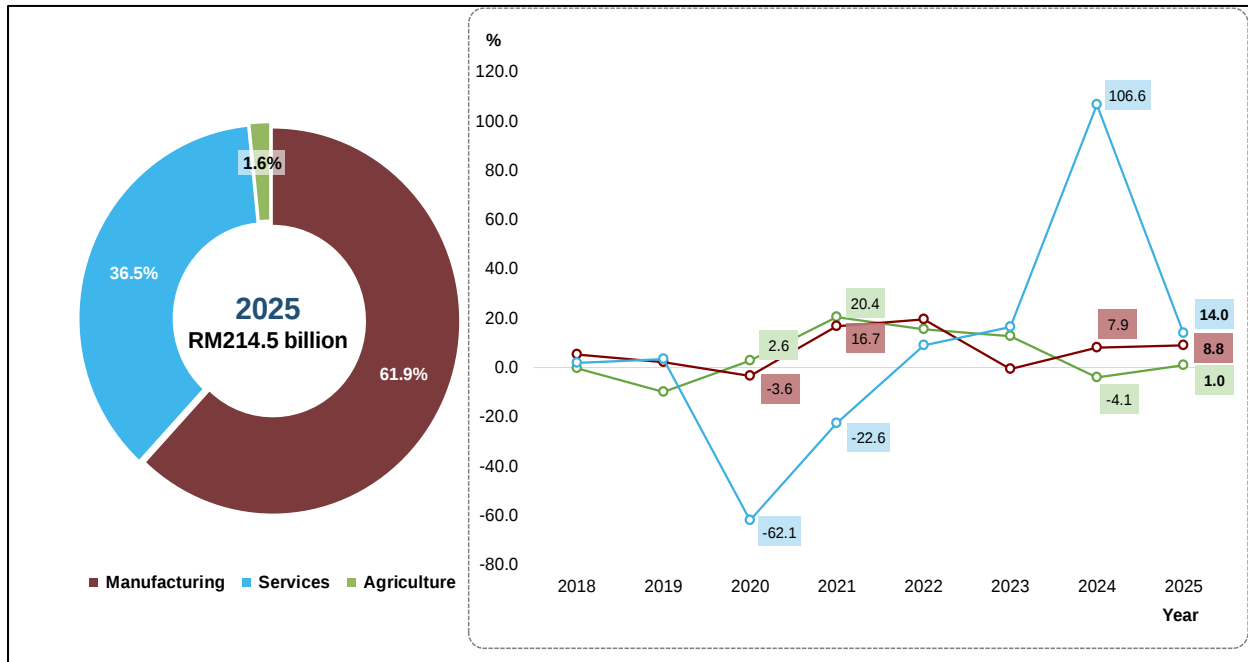


Chart 4: Number and Annual Per centage Change of Employment, 2018-2025

