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## Pemakluman

Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia (DOSM) sedang melaksanakan **Banci Ekonomi 2026 (BE2026)**, bertemakan “**Data Nadi Ekonomi Rakyat**”. Pelaksanaan Banci Ekonomi kali keenam ini berlangsung dari **5 Januari hingga 31 Oktober 2026**. BE2026 bertujuan untuk mengumpul data yang menyeluruh dan berstruktur daripada semua pertubuhan perniagaan berdaftar dan tidak berdaftar di Malaysia, bagi menilai prestasi, struktur serta ciri-ciri ekonomi negara secara komprehensif dan berasaskan bukti.

**Malaysia** buat julung kalinya telah menduduki **tangga pertama (1)** di peringkat global dalam laporan dwi-tahunan **Open Data Inventory (ODIN) 2024/25** yang dikeluarkan oleh *Open Data Watch* (ODW), mengatasi 197 negara lain. Pencapaian ini merupakan lonjakan ketara daripada kedudukan ke-67 dalam penilaian ODIN 2022/23.

**OpenDOSM NextGen** adalah medium yang menyediakan katalog data dan visualisasi bagi memudahkan pengguna menganalisis pelbagai data dan boleh diakses melalui portal <https://open.dosm.gov.my>.

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## Announcement

*The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) is conducting the **Economic Census 2026 (BE2026)**, themed “**Data Nadi Ekonomi Rakyat**”. The sixth Economic Census, running from **5<sup>th</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2026**. BE2026 aims to collect comprehensive, 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 67<sup>th</sup> 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>.*

***MyLabourHub** is a comprehensive platform that integrates institutions, data and technology to deliver relevant, accurate and accessible labour market information. Access the labour market data for Malaysia at <https://mylabourhub.dosm.gov.my>.*

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Laporan Tenaga Buruh, Malaysia, bulanan membentangkan statistik berkaitan tenaga buruh, guna tenaga dan pengangguran yang diperoleh daripada Survei Tenaga Buruh (STB) melalui pendekatan isi rumah. Pelaksanaan STB adalah berdasarkan garis panduan dan syor oleh *International Labour Organization* (ILO) dengan merujuk kepada *Surveys of Economically Active Population, Employment, Unemployment and Underemployment: An ILO Manual on Concepts and Methods*.

Statistik tenaga buruh merupakan input penting untuk menganalisis pasaran buruh, menggubal dasar serta merancang, melaksana dan memantau program terutamanya berkaitan pembangunan sumber manusia. Statistik ini juga menjadi rujukan penting kepada penyelidik, ahli ekonomi, ahli akademik, pihak swasta dan individu yang terlibat dalam kajian berkaitan guna tenaga dan pasaran buruh.

Laporan Tenaga Buruh bagi Ogos 2026 memperihalkan kedudukan penawaran tenaga buruh berdasarkan situasi semasa. Laporan ini juga menghuraikan perubahan bulan ke bulan untuk mengkaji kesan langsung daripada peristiwa terkini.

Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia merakamkan setinggi-tinggi penghargaan dan terima kasih atas kerjasama dan sumbangan yang diberikan oleh semua pihak dalam menjayakan penerbitan ini. Setiap maklum balas dan cadangan ke arah penambahbaikan laporan ini pada masa hadapan amat dihargai.

**SITI ASIAH AHMAD**

Ketua Perangkawan Malaysia

Oktober 2026

*The monthly Labour Force Report, Malaysia, presents statistics of the labour force, employment and unemployment obtained from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) through a household approach. The implementation of the LFS is based on the guidelines and recommendations of the International Labour Organization (ILO) with reference to the Surveys of Economically Active Population, Employment, Unemployment and Underemployment: An ILO Manual on Concepts and Methods.*

*The labour force statistics are vital input for labour market analysis, policy formulation, as well as planning, implementing, and monitoring programmes, particularly related to human resource development. These statistics also serve as essential references for researchers, economists, academicians, the private sector, and individuals involved in research related to employment and the labour market.*

*The Labour Force Report for August 2026 describes the labour supply condition based on the current situation. The report also elaborates on the month-on-month changes to examine the immediate effects of recent events.*

*The Department of Statistics Malaysia gratefully acknowledges the cooperation and contribution rendered by all parties in making this publication a success. Every piece of feedback and suggestion towards improving future reports is highly appreciated.*

**SITI ASIAH AHMAD**

*Chief Statistician Malaysia*

*October 2026*

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|                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Aktiviti ekonomi                            | : Klasifikasi industri mengikut Piawaian Klasifikasi Industri Malaysia (MSIC) 2018 Versi 1.0 kepada lima sektor utama iaitu Pertanian, Perlombongan & Pengkuarian, Pembuatan, Pembinaan dan Perkhidmatan. Manakala, sektor Pembuatan dan Perkhidmatan dibahagikan kepada subsektor.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Bekerja                                     | : Semua orang yang bekerja sekurang-kurangnya sejam semasa minggu rujukan untuk mendapatkan upah, keuntungan atau keuntungan keluarga sama ada sebagai majikan, pekerja, bekerja sendiri atau pekerja keluarga tanpa gaji.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Bekerja sendiri                             | : Seorang yang mengusahakan ladang, perniagaan atau perusahaan sendiri tanpa menggaji pekerja di ladang, perniagaan atau perusahaannya.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Guna tenaga tidak penuh berkaitan kemahiran | : Mereka yang mempunyai pendidikan tertiar dan bekerja dalam kategori separuh mahir dan berkemahiran rendah.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Guna tenaga tidak penuh berkaitan masa      | : Kumpulan yang bekerja kurang daripada 30 jam seminggu semasa minggu rujukan disebabkan keadaan kerja atau kerja yang tidak mencukupi dan berkeupayaan serta sanggup menerima tambahan bilangan jam bekerja. Mereka yang bekerja lebih daripada 30 jam seminggu semasa minggu rujukan merupakan guna tenaga penuh.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Kadar pengangguran                          | : Perkadaran penduduk yang menganggur kepada jumlah penduduk di dalam tenaga buruh dalam bentuk peratusan.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Kadar penyertaan tenaga buruh               | : Perkadaran penduduk dalam tenaga buruh kepada penduduk dalam umur bekerja dalam bentuk peratusan.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Kategori kemahiran                          | : Untuk tujuan pelaporan, kategori pekerjaan dikelaskan kepada tiga tahap kemahiran mengikut Piawaian Pengelasan Pekerjaan Malaysia (MASCO) 2013 seperti berikut: <div style="margin-left: 40px;"> <p><b>Pekerja mahir:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pengurus;</li> <li>2. Profesional; dan</li> <li>3. Juruteknik dan profesional bersekutu.</li> </ol> <p><b>Pekerja separuh mahir:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Pekerja sokongan perkeranian;</li> <li>5. Pekerja perkhidmatan dan penjualan;</li> <li>6. Pekerja mahir pertanian, perhutanan, penternakan dan perikanan;</li> <li>7. Pekerja kemahiran dan pekerja pertukangan yang berkaitan; dan</li> <li>8. Operator loji dan mesin, dan pemasang.</li> </ol> <p><b>Pekerja berkemahiran rendah:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Pekerja asas.</li> </ol> </div> |

Bermula Januari 2022, kategori pekerjaan adalah mengikut Piawaian Pengelasan Pekerjaan Malaysia (MASCO) 2020 dengan tambahan kumpulan 0 - Angkatan Tentera.

|                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Luar tenaga buruh                  | : Penduduk yang tidak dikelaskan sebagai bekerja atau menganggur dikategorikan sebagai luar tenaga buruh. Kategori ini terdiri daripada suri rumah, pelajar (termasuk mereka yang akan melanjutkan pelajaran), mereka yang telah bersara, tidak berkeupayaan dan mereka yang tidak berminat untuk mencari pekerjaan. |
| Majikan                            | : Seorang yang menjalankan sesuatu perniagaan, aktiviti ladang atau perusahaan lain dan menggaji sekurang-kurangnya seorang pekerja dalam perniagaan atau perusahaannya.                                                                                                                                             |
| Nisbah guna tenaga kepada penduduk | : Perkadaran penduduk yang bekerja kepada jumlah penduduk dalam kumpulan umur bekerja.                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Pekerja                            | : Seorang yang bekerja untuk majikan sektor awam atau swasta dan menerima ganjaran tetap seperti upah, gaji, komisen, tip atau ganjaran berbentuk mata benda.                                                                                                                                                        |
| Pekerja keluarga tanpa gaji        | : Seorang yang bekerja tanpa menerima sebarang bayaran atau upah di ladang, perniagaan atau perusahaan yang dijalankan oleh ahli keluarganya yang lain.                                                                                                                                                              |
| Penganggur                         | : Mereka yang tidak bekerja semasa minggu rujukan dan dikelaskan kepada dua kumpulan iaitu penganggur aktif dan penganggur tidak aktif.                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Penganggur aktif                   | : Mereka yang bersedia untuk bekerja dan aktif mencari pekerjaan dalam minggu rujukan.                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Penganggur tidak aktif             | : Tidak mencari pekerjaan dalam minggu rujukan kerana percaya tidak terdapat pekerjaan atau pun tidak berkeelayakan; mungkin mencari pekerjaan jika tidak kerana sakit atau keadaan cuaca; dan telah mencari pekerjaan sebelum minggu rujukan dan sedang menunggu jawapan permohonan pekerjaan.                      |
| Tenaga buruh                       | : Tenaga buruh merujuk kepada penduduk dalam kumpulan umur bekerja (15 - 64 tahun) sama ada bekerja atau menganggur.                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

## • GLOSSARY •

*Actively unemployed* : Persons who were available for work and were actively looking for a job during the reference week.

*Category of skills* : For reporting purposes, the category of occupation is regrouped into three levels of skills based on the Malaysia Standard Classification of Occupation (MASCO) 2013 as follows:

**Skilled workers:**

1. Managers;
2. Professionals; and
3. Technicians and associate professionals.

**Semi-skilled workers:**

4. Clerical support workers;
5. Services and sales workers;
6. Skilled agricultural, forestry, livestock, and fishery workers;
7. Craft and related trades workers; and
8. Plant and machine operators and assemblers.

**Low-skilled workers:**

9. Elementary occupations.

Starting in January 2022, the category of occupation is based on the Malaysia Standard Classification of Occupation (MASCO) 2020 with the addition of group 0 - Armed Forces occupations.

*Economic activity* : Classification of industries according to the Malaysia Standard Industrial Classification (MSIC) 2008 version 1.0 into five main sectors: Agriculture, Mining & quarrying, Manufacturing, Construction and Services. In the meantime, Manufacturing and Services are further disaggregated into sub-sectors.

*Employed* : All persons who, at any time during the reference week worked at least one hour for pay, profit or family gain either as an employer, employee, own-account worker, or unpaid family worker.

*Employee* : A person who works for a public or private employer and receives regular remuneration in wages, salary, commission, tips or payment in kind.

*Employer* : A person who operates a business, a plantation or other trade and employs at least one employee in his business or trade.

*Employment-to-population ratio* : The proportion of the employed population to the working-age population.

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## • GLOSSARY •

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|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Inactively unemployed</i>           | <i>: Did not look for work because they believed no work was available or that they were not qualified; Would have looked for work if they had not been temporarily ill or had it not been for weather conditions; and had looked for work prior to the reference week and were waiting for the result of job applications.</i>                           |
| <i>Labour force participation rate</i> | <i>: The ratio of the labour force to the working-age population, expressed as a percentage.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <i>Outside labour force</i>            | <i>: All persons not classified as employed or unemployed are classified as outside the labour force. This category consists of housewives, students (including those going for further studies), retired, disabled persons and those not interested in looking for a job.</i>                                                                            |
| <i>Own-account worker</i>              | <i>: A person who operates his own farm, business or trade without employing any paid workers to conduct his farm, trade or business.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <i>Skill-related underemployment</i>   | <i>: Those with tertiary education and working in the semi-skilled and low-skilled categories.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <i>Time-related underemployment</i>    | <i>: A group of people who were employed less than 30 hours per week during the reference week because of the nature of their work or due to insufficient work and were able and willing to accept additional hours of work. Persons who were employed more than 30 hours per week during the reference week are considered to be in full employment.</i> |
| <i>Unemployed</i>                      | <i>: Those who did not work during the reference week were classified into two groups, which are actively and inactively unemployed.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <i>Unemployment rate</i>               | <i>: The proportion of the unemployed population to the total population in the labour force, expressed as a percentage.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <i>Unpaid family worker</i>            | <i>: A person who works without pay or wages on a farm, business or trade operated by another member of the family.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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## AKRONIM

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|-------|---|------------------------------------------|
| DOSM  | : | Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia              |
| ILO   | : | <i>International Labour Organization</i> |
| KPTB  | : | Kadar Penyertaan Tenaga Buruh            |
| MASCO | : | Piawaian Pengelasan Pekerjaan Malaysia   |
| MSIC  | : | Piawaian Klasifikasi Industri Malaysia   |
| ODIN  | : | <i>Open Data Inventory</i>               |
| ODW   | : | <i>Open Data Watch</i>                   |
| STB   | : | Survei Tenaga Buruh                      |

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## • ACRONYMS •

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|--------------|---|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>DOSM</i>  | : | <i>Department of Statistics Malaysia</i>              |
| <i>ILO</i>   | : | <i>International Labour Organization</i>              |
| <i>LFPR</i>  | : | <i>Labour Force Participation Rate</i>                |
| <i>LFS</i>   | : | <i>Labour Force Survey</i>                            |
| <i>MASCO</i> | : | <i>Malaysia Standard Classification of Occupation</i> |
| <i>MSIC</i>  | : | <i>Malaysia Standard Industrial Classification</i>    |
| <i>ODIN</i>  | : | <i>Open Data Inventory</i>                            |
| <i>ODW</i>   | : | <i>Open Data Watch</i>                                |

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# TENAGA BURUH, MALAYSIA OGOS 2026

Bilangan penganggur menurun kepada  
511.6 ribu orang dengan  
kadar pengangguran **2.9 peratus**

## TENAGA BURUH

Ogos 2026



**17.39**  
juta

▲+0.1%

Tenaga buruh meningkat berbanding  
bulan sebelumnya

JULAI 2026  
**17.37**  
juta

## KADAR PENYERTAAN TENAGA BURUH

**71.0%**

▲+0.1 mp

Kadar penyertaan tenaga buruh (KPTB)  
meningkat kepada 71.0 peratus

JULAI 2026  
**70.9%**

## KPTB mengikut jantina

Lelaki **83.1%** Perempuan **57.2%**

## KADAR PENGANGGURAN

Ogos 2026

**2.9%**

▼-0.1 mp

Kadar pengangguran  
menurun kepada  
2.9 peratus

JULAI 2026: 3.0%

## PENGANGGUR

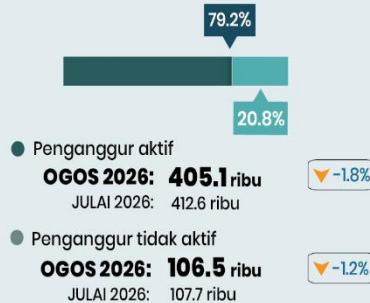
**511.6**  
ribu

▼-1.7%



JULAI 2026  
**520.3**  
ribu

## Penganggur mengikut kategori



## PENDUDUK BEKERJA

Ogos 2026



**16.87**  
juta

▲+0.2%

JULAI 2026  
**16.85**  
juta

## Nisbah guna tenaga kepada penduduk

**68.9%**

▲+0.1 mp

JULAI 2026  
**68.8%**

## Penduduk bekerja mengikut taraf pekerjaan



**Pekerja kekal penyumbang terbesar  
merangkumi 74.9 peratus** daripada  
jumlah penduduk bekerja

## LUAR TENAGA BURUH

JULAI 2026

**7.11** juta



OGOS 2026

**7.11** juta

▼-0.1%

Komponen terbesar luar tenaga buruh adalah kerja rumah/tanggungjawab keluarga



Kerja rumah/  
tanggungjawab keluarga  
**43.6%**



Bersekolah/latihan  
**40.2%**

Nota: mp Mata peratus  
% Peratus perubahan  
(bulan ke bulan)  
↔ Tidak berubah



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# KONSEP DAN DEFINISI

## Apa itu Survei Tenaga Buruh (STB)?

Survei Tenaga Buruh (STB) dilaksanakan untuk mengumpul maklumat berkaitan struktur dan taburan tenaga buruh, guna tenaga dan pengangguran dari aspek penawaran tenaga buruh.

STB meliputi kedua-dua kawasan bandar dan luar bandar bagi semua daerah pentadbiran di semua negeri di Malaysia menggunakan pendekatan *multi-modal data collection* melalui temu ramah bersemuka dan *Computer-Assisted Telephone Interview (CATI)*

STB dilaksanakan berdasarkan garis panduan dan syor oleh *International Labour Organization (ILO)*.

Populasi penyiasatan merangkumi penduduk yang tinggal di tempat kediaman persendirian dan tidak termasuk mereka yang tinggal di institusi-institusi seperti hotel, hospital, asrama, penjara dan pekerja yang tinggal di rumah kongsi.

Umur bekerja bagi analisis STB di Malaysia merujuk kepada ahli isi rumah yang berumur 15 hingga 64 tahun semasa minggu rujukan, sama ada berada di dalam tenaga buruh atau di luar tenaga buruh.

### TENAGA BURUH

- Penduduk dalam kumpulan umur bekerja 15 hingga 64 tahun (dalam tahun genap pada hari lahir terakhir).
- Sama ada bekerja atau menganggur semasa minggu rujukan.

### BEKERJA

- Orang yang bekerja sekurang-kurangnya sejam semasa minggu rujukan untuk mendapatkan upah, keuntungan atau keuntungan keluarga (majikan, pekerja, bekerja sendiri atau pekerja keluarga tanpa gaji).
- Mereka yang tidak bekerja semasa minggu rujukan disebabkan sakit, kecederaan, cuaca buruk, bercuti, pertelingkahan buruh dan sebab-sebab sosial atau keagamaan tetapi mempunyai pekerjaan, ladang, perusahaan atau perusahaan keluarga lain untuk kembali bekerja.
- Mereka yang tidak bekerja buat sementara waktu tetapi bergaji dan pasti akan dipanggil bekerja semula.

### PENGANGGUR

- Mereka yang tidak mempunyai pekerjaan tetapi berminat untuk bekerja dan sedang mencari kerja.
- Dikelaskan kepada dua kumpulan iaitu penganggur aktif dan penganggur tidak aktif.

### LUAR TENAGA BURUH

- Penduduk yang tidak dikelaskan sebagai bekerja atau menganggur.
- Contoh: suri rumah, pelajar, mereka yang telah bersara atau tidak berkeupayaan dan mereka yang tidak berminat untuk mencari pekerjaan.

### KADAR PENGANGGURAN

- Perkadaran penduduk yang menganggur (tidak bekerja) kepada jumlah penduduk di dalam tenaga buruh.
- Peratus penduduk di dalam tenaga buruh yang tidak bekerja.

### KADAR PENYERTAAN TENAGA BURUH

- Aktiviti ekonomi penduduk pada keseluruhannya bergantung kepada ciri-ciri demografi sesuatu populasi.
- Pecahan mereka yang aktif secara ekonomi berbeza di antara kumpulan-kumpulan kecil penduduk tersebut.
- Perbezaan ini diukur dengan kadar aktiviti tertentu yang dikenali sebagai kadar penyertaan tenaga buruh.
- Kadar penyertaan tenaga buruh ditakrifkan sebagai perkadaran penduduk dalam tenaga buruh kepada jumlah penduduk dalam umur bekerja (15 hingga 64 tahun) yang dipersembahkan dalam bentuk peratus.

### PELARASAN MUSIM

- Data siri masa adalah amat berguna untuk ahli ekonomi, pembuat dasar & keputusan serta penganalisis siri masa untuk mengenal pasti ciri-ciri penting siri ekonomi seperti arah aliran, *turning point* dan konsistensi antara penunjuk ekonomi yang lain. Kadangkala ciri ini sukar untuk diperhatikan kerana pergerakan bermusim. Oleh itu, sekiranya kesan bermusim boleh disingkirkan, arah aliran data siri ini dapat dilihat dengan lebih baik. Anggaran dan penyingkiran kesan bermusim dipanggil pelarasan bermusim.
- Pelarasan bermusim adalah satu proses untuk mengenal pasti dan menyingkirkan bentuk pola bermusim yang biasa berlaku dalam tempoh satu tahun, yang mungkin juga merangkumi pengaruh dari kesan cuti yang bergerak dan hari bekerja/ berdagang bagi suatu tempoh. Objektif utama proses ini adalah untuk menyerlahkan arah aliran dan pergerakan-pergerakan jangka pendek dalam siri ini.
- Di Malaysia, kebanyakan data siri masa dipengaruhi oleh kesan bermusim. Oleh itu, untuk menghapus dan melaraskan kesan bermusim data siri masa ekonomi Malaysia, pakej standard pelarasan bermusim, X-12 ARIMA telah digunakan oleh Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia.



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# MALAYSIA LABOUR FORCE, AUGUST 2026

The number of unemployed declined to 511.6 thousand persons, with an unemployment rate of **2.9 per cent**

## LABOUR FORCE

August 2026



**17.39**  
million

▲+0.1%

The labour force increased as compared to the previous month

JULY 2026  
**17.37**  
million

## LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE

**71.0%**

▲+0.1 pp

The labour force participation rate (LFPR) edged up to 71.0 per cent

JULY 2026  
**70.9%**

### LFPR by sex

Male **83.1%** Female **57.2%**

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

August 2026

**2.9%**

The unemployment rate declined to 2.9 per cent

▼-0.1 pp

JULY 2026: 3.0%

## UNEMPLOYED

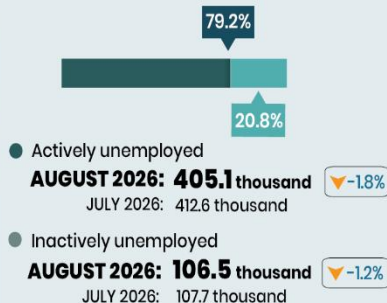
**511.6**  
thousand

▼-1.7%



JULY 2026  
**520.3**  
thousand

### Unemployed by category



## EMPLOYED PERSONS

August 2026



**16.87**  
million

▲+0.2%

JULY 2026  
**16.85**  
million

### Employment - to - population ratio

**68.9%**

▲+0.1 pp

JULY 2026  
**68.8%**

### Employed persons by status in employment



The **employees'** remained the largest share accounting for **74.9 per cent** from total employed persons

## OUTSIDE LABOUR FORCE

JULY 2026

**7.11 million**



AUGUST 2026

**7.11 million**

▼-0.1%

The largest component of the outside labour force was housework/family responsibilities



Housework/family responsibilities  
**43.6%**



Schooling/training  
**40.2%**

Notes :  
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# CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

## What is Labour Force Survey (LFS)?

Labour Force Survey (LFS) was conducted to collect information on the structure and distribution of labour force, employment and unemployment from the perspective of labour supply.

LFS encompasses both urban and rural areas for all administrative districts within all states in Malaysia using multi-modal data collection approach through the personal interview and a Computer-Assisted Telephone Interview (CATI).

The LFS are conducted based on the standard guidelines and recommendations of the International Labour Organization (ILO).

The survey population comprises persons who live in the private living quarters, hence excludes persons residing in institutions such as hotels, hospitals, hostels, prisons, and workers residing in construction worksite.

The working age for the analysis of LFS in Malaysia refers to household members between the age of 15 to 64 years during the reference week, who are either in the labour force or outside the labour force.

### LABOUR FORCE

- The population in the working age group of 15 to 64 years (in completed years at last birthday).
- Either employed or unemployed in the reference week.

### EMPLOYED

- Persons who, at any time during the reference week worked at least one hour for pay, profit or family gain (as an employer, employee, own-account worker or unpaid family worker).
- Persons who did not work during the reference week because of illness, injury, bad weather, leave, labour dispute and social or religious reasons but had a job, farm, enterprise or other family enterprise to return to.
- Those on temporary lay-off with pay who would definitely be called back to work.

### UNEMPLOYED

- Those who did not work during the reference week but are interested to work and seeking for a job.
- Classified into two groups which are actively and inactively unemployed.

### OUTSIDE LABOUR FORCE

- All persons not classified as employed or unemployed.
- Example: housewives, students, retirees, disabled persons and those not interested in looking for job.

### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

- The proportion of the unemployed population to the total population in labour force.
- Percentage of the unemployed population in the labour force.

### LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE

- The economic activity of a population depends on the demographic characteristics of that population.
- The proportion of the economically active population, hence differs between sub-groups of that population.
- These variations are measured by specific activity rates termed as labour force participation rate.
- Labour force participation rate is defined as the ratio of the labour force to the working age population (15 to 64 years), expressed as a percentage.

### SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

- Time-series data are very useful for economist, policy & decision makers and time-series analysts to identify the important features of economics series such as direction, turning point and consistency between other economic indicators. Sometimes this feature is difficult to observe because of seasonal movements. Thus, if seasonal effect can be removed, the behaviour of the series would be better viewed. The estimation and removal of the seasonal effects is called seasonal adjustment.
- Seasonal adjustment is a process to identify and to remove the regular within-a-year seasonal pattern, which may also include the influences of moving holidays and working/trading days effect in each period. The ultimate objective of the process is to highlight the underlying trends and short-term movements in the series.
- In Malaysia, most of the time series data is affected by seasonal effects. Hence, to eliminate the seasonal effect as well as to seasonally adjust the Malaysian economic time series data, a standard seasonal adjustment package, X-12 ARIMA was used by the Department of Statistics Malaysia.



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# NOTA PENERANGAN

## *EXPLANATORY NOTES*

Statistik Survei Tenaga Buruh (STB) bulanan bagi tahun 2026 dianggar menggunakan data unjuran berdasarkan anggaran penduduk semasa terkini.

Pada masa yang sama, pelarasan semula dilaksanakan bagi data STB bulanan secara berperingkat bermula dengan data Disember 2025 berdasarkan data anggaran penduduk semasa yang terkini.

*The monthly Labour Force Survey (LFS) statistics for 2026 are estimated using projection data based on the latest current population estimates.*

*On the same note, revisions are carried out on monthly LFS data in stages beginning with December 2025 data based on the latest current population estimates.*

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# 1 Ringkasan Penemuan

## *Summary of Findings*





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## SOROTAN UTAMA

- **Tenaga buruh** mengekalkan momentum peningkatan pada Ogos 2026, bertambah **0.1 peratus (+20.1 ribu orang)** kepada **17.39 juta orang** (Julai 2026: 17.37 juta orang). **Kadar penyertaan tenaga buruh (KPTB)** meningkat **0.1 mata peratus** kepada **71.0 peratus** (Julai 2026: 70.9%).
- Pasaran buruh Malaysia pada Ogos 2026 kekal berdaya tahan, dengan bilangan **penduduk bekerja** meningkat secara sederhana **0.2 peratus (+28.8 ribu orang)** kepada **16.87 juta orang**, berbanding 16.85 juta orang pada Julai 2026. **Nisbah guna tenaga kepada penduduk**, yang menunjukkan keupayaan ekonomi untuk mewujudkan pekerjaan, naik **0.1 mata peratus** kepada **68.9 peratus**, berbanding 68.8 peratus pada Julai 2026.
- Kategori **pekerja** terus merekodkan penyumbang terbesar daripada jumlah penduduk bekerja, merangkumi **74.9 peratus** pada Ogos 2026. Bilangan pekerja meningkat **0.1 peratus (+13.5 ribu orang)** kepada **12.63 juta orang** (Julai 2026: 12.62 juta orang). Begitu juga, bilangan **penduduk bekerja sendiri** mencatatkan peningkatan marginal **0.2 peratus (+5.3 ribu orang)** kepada **3.17 juta orang** (Julai 2026: 3.16 juta orang).
- Bilangan **penganggur** pada Ogos 2026 menurun **8.7 ribu orang (-1.7%)** kepada **511.6 ribu orang**, berbanding 520.3 ribu orang pada Julai 2026. **Kadar pengangguran** berkurang **0.1 mata peratus** kepada **2.9 peratus** (Julai 2026: 3.0%).
- Bilangan penduduk di **luar tenaga buruh** pada Ogos 2026 mencatatkan penurunan marginal **0.1 peratus (-4.5 ribu orang)** kepada **7.11 juta orang** (Julai 2026: 7.11 juta orang). Komponen terbesar luar tenaga buruh ialah **kerja rumah/tanggungjawab keluarga**, merangkumi **43.6 peratus**, diikuti oleh kategori **bersekolah/latihan** yang meliputi **40.2 peratus**.
- Secara keseluruhannya, prestasi positif pasaran buruh yang berterusan terus menyokong pertumbuhan ekonomi negara. Melangkah ke hadapan, peningkatan produktiviti pekerja melalui pemerkasaan kemahiran dan penggunaan teknologi adalah penting bagi memastikan pertumbuhan ekonomi yang mampan serta meningkatkan kesejahteraan rakyat.

## 1 PENGENALAN

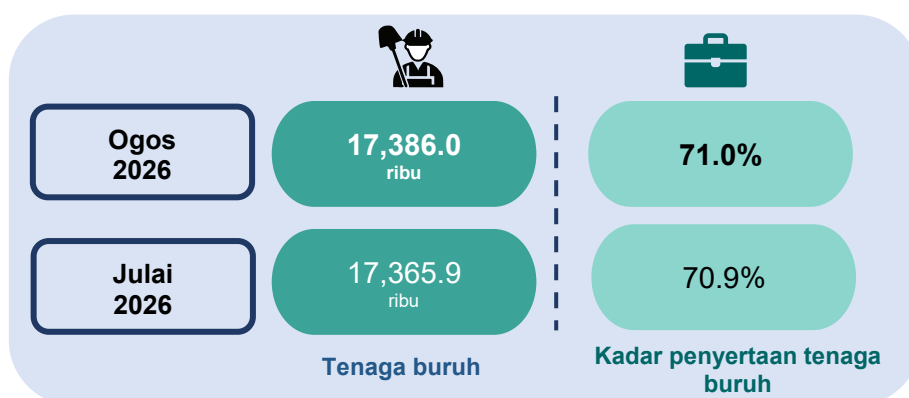
Penerbitan ini memaparkan statistik tenaga buruh yang diperoleh daripada Survei Tenaga Buruh Bulanan yang dilaksanakan ke atas isi rumah. Statistik utama yang dibentangkan meliputi tenaga buruh, kadar penyertaan tenaga buruh, penduduk bekerja, penganggur dan kadar pengangguran. Statistik ini menyediakan maklumat mengenai kedudukan semasa pasaran buruh serta penyertaan penduduk dalam aktiviti ekonomi.

## 2 TENAGA BURUH

### KPTB bagi Ogos 2026 meningkat kepada 71.0 peratus

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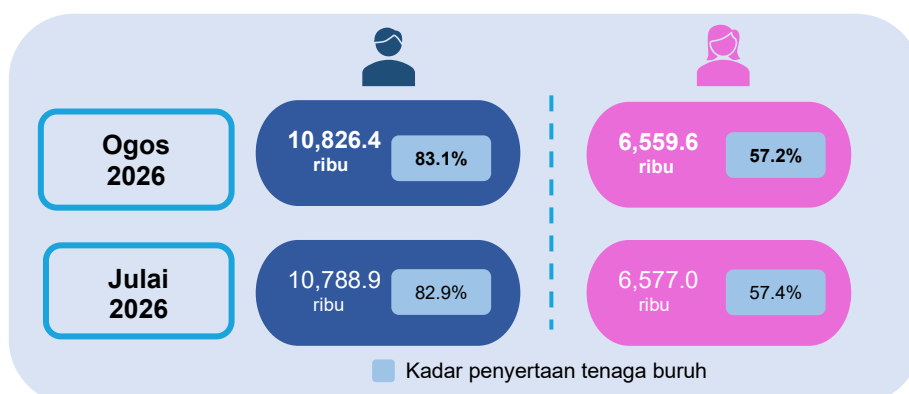
**Paparan 1:** Tenaga buruh dan KPTB, Julai dan Ogos 2026



**Tenaga buruh lelaki** bertambah kepada **10.83 juta orang** (Julai 2026: 10.79 juta orang), manakala **tenaga buruh perempuan** menurun kepada **6.56 juta orang** (Julai 2026: 6.58 juta orang).

Pada masa yang sama, **KPTB lelaki** naik **0.2 mata peratus** kepada **83.1 peratus** (Julai 2026: 82.9%), manakala **KPTB perempuan** menurun **0.2 mata peratus** kepada **57.2 peratus** (Julai 2026: 57.4%) seperti di **Paparan 2**.

**Paparan 2:** Tenaga buruh dan KPTB mengikut jantina, Julai dan Ogos 2026



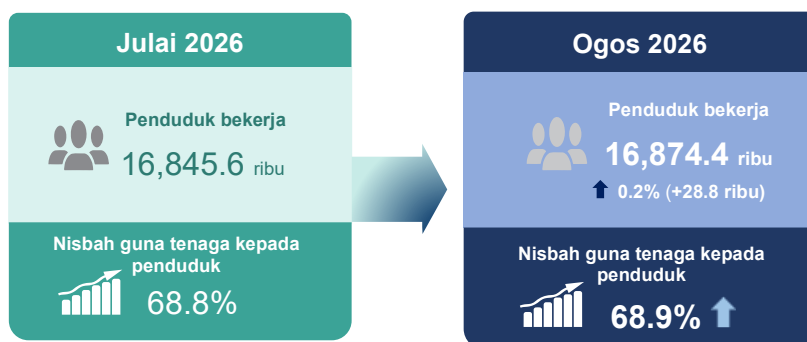
### 3 PENDUDUK BEKERJA

#### Pasaran buruh Malaysia kekal berdaya tahan, dengan bilangan penduduk bekerja meningkat secara sederhana pada Ogos 2026

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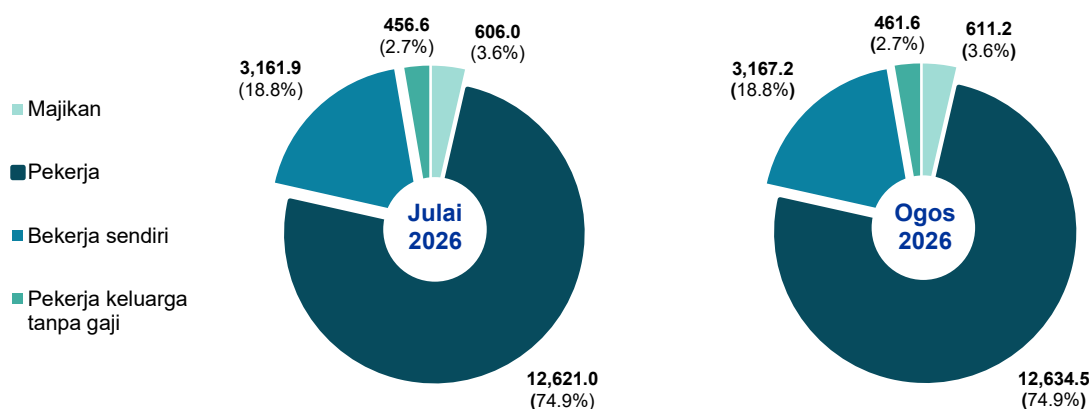
**Nisbah guna tenaga kepada penduduk**, yang menunjukkan keupayaan ekonomi untuk mewujudkan pekerjaan, naik **0.1 mata peratus** kepada **68.9 peratus**, berbanding 68.8 peratus pada Julai 2026 [Paparan 3].

**Paparan 3:** Penduduk bekerja dan nisbah guna tenaga kepada penduduk, Julai dan Ogos 2026



Kategori **pekerja** terus merekodkan penyumbang terbesar daripada jumlah penduduk bekerja, merangkumi **74.9 peratus** pada Ogos 2026. Bilangan pekerja naik **0.1 peratus (+13.5 ribu orang)** kepada **12.63 juta orang** (Julai 2026: 12.62 juta orang). Begitu juga, bilangan **penduduk bekerja sendiri** mencatatkan peningkatan marginal **0.2 peratus (+5.3 ribu orang)** kepada **3.17 juta orang** (Julai 2026: 3.16 juta orang). Kumpulan ini merangkumi penerima pendapatan harian yang terlibat dalam aktiviti ekonomi berskala kecil seperti peruncit, penjaja, peniaga pasar dan gerai, serta pekebun kecil [Carta 1].

**Carta 1:** Penduduk bekerja mengikut taraf pekerjaan, Julai dan Ogos 2026



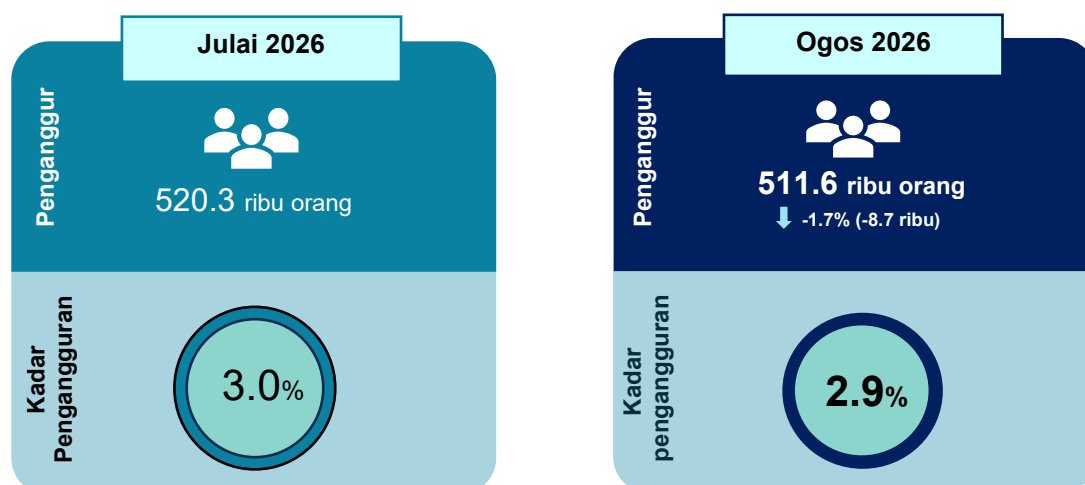
Sementara itu, bilangan **penduduk bekerja yang tidak bekerja buat sementara waktu** menurun **3.4 peratus (-3.3 ribu orang)** kepada **94.3 ribu orang** pada Ogos 2026, berbanding 97.6 ribu orang pada bulan sebelumnya. Kumpulan ini terdiri daripada individu yang tidak bekerja buat sementara waktu tetapi tidak diklasifikasikan sebagai penganggur, kerana mempunyai pekerjaan untuk kembali bekerja semula.

## 4 PENGANGGURAN

### Kadar pengangguran Ogos 2026 menurun kepada 2.9 peratus

Bilangan **penganggur** pada Ogos 2026 menurun **8.7 ribu orang (-1.7%)** kepada **511.6 ribu orang**, berbanding 520.3 ribu orang pada Julai 2026. **Kadar pengangguran** berkurang **0.1 mata peratus** kepada **2.9 peratus** (Julai 2026: 3.0%). Dari segi pelarasan bermusim, bilangan penganggur susut sebanyak 1.5 peratus, dengan kadar pengangguran kekal pada 2.9 peratus [Paparan 4].

Paparan 4: Pengangguran dan kadar pengangguran, Julai dan Ogos 2026

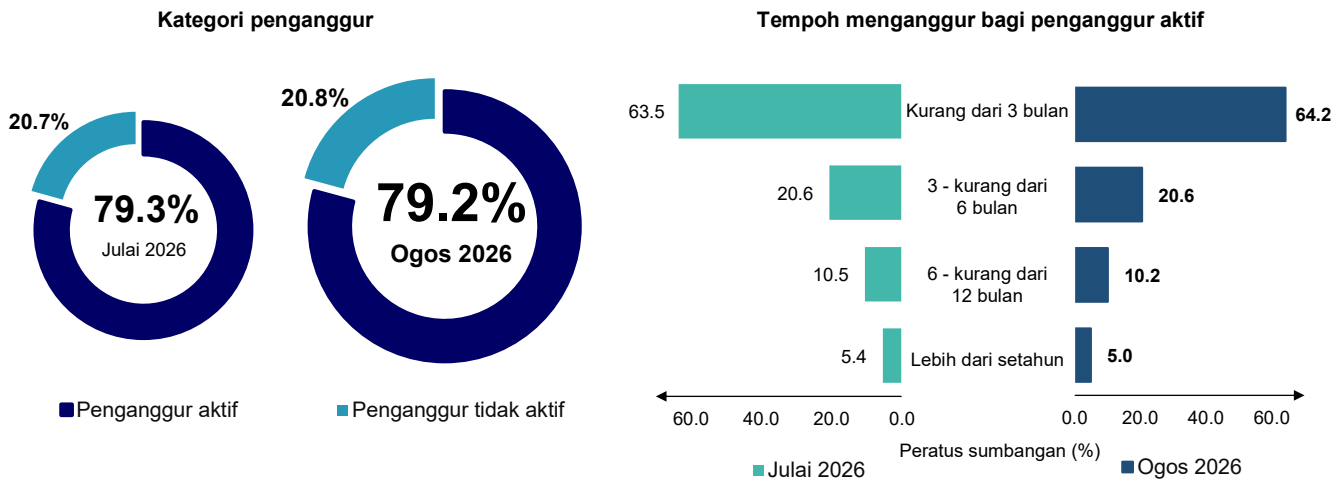


Pada Ogos 2026, **79.2 peratus** daripada jumlah penganggur merupakan **penganggur aktif**, atau mereka yang bersedia untuk bekerja dan sedang aktif mencari pekerjaan, manakala baki 20.8 peratus terdiri daripada penganggur tidak aktif. Kumpulan ini menurun sebanyak **1.8 peratus (-7.4 ribu orang)** kepada **405.1 ribu orang** (Julai 2026: 412.6 ribu orang). Mengikut tempoh pengangguran bagi penganggur aktif, mereka yang **menganggur kurang daripada tiga bulan** merangkumi **64.2 peratus**, manakala mereka yang **menganggur melebihi setahun**<sup>1</sup> mencatatkan **5.0 peratus**.

Trend yang sama turut dilihat bagi **penganggur tidak aktif** atau mereka yang percaya bahawa tiada pekerjaan yang tersedia, susut sebanyak **1.2 peratus (-1.3 ribu orang)** kepada **106.5 ribu orang**, berbanding 107.7 ribu orang pada Julai 2026 [Carta 2].

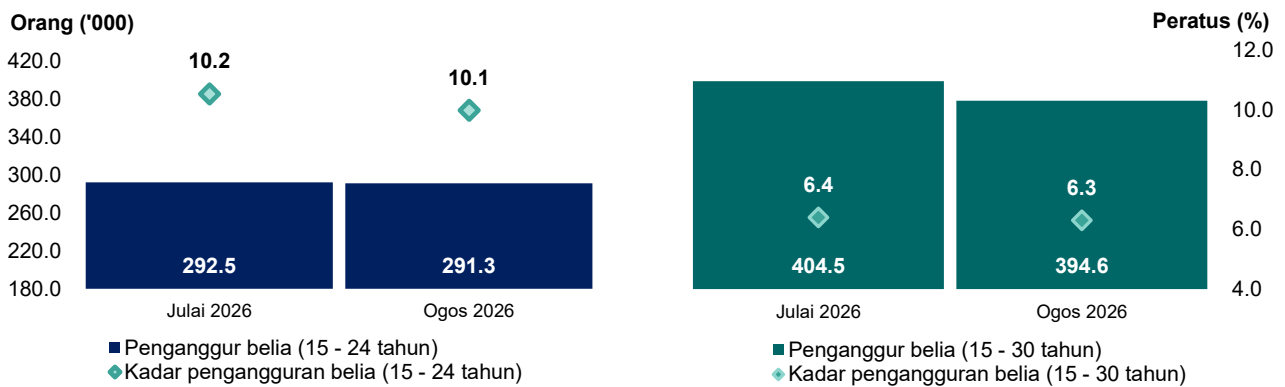
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**Carta 2:** Kategori penganggur dan tempoh menganggur bagi penganggur aktif, Julai dan Ogos 2026



Kadar pengangguran bagi belia berumur **15 hingga 24 tahun** menurun sebanyak **0.1 mata peratus** kepada **10.1 peratus**, dengan **291.3 ribu orang penganggur** (Julai 2026: 292.5 ribu orang; 10.2%). Sementara itu, kadar pengangguran bagi belia berumur **15 hingga 30 tahun** turut menurun **0.1 mata peratus** kepada **6.3 peratus**, bersamaan dengan **394.6 ribu orang penganggur** (Julai 2026: 404.5 ribu orang; 6.4%) seperti di **Carta 3**.

**Carta 3:** Bilangan penganggur dan kadar pengangguran mengikut kumpulan umur terpilih, Julai dan Ogos 2026



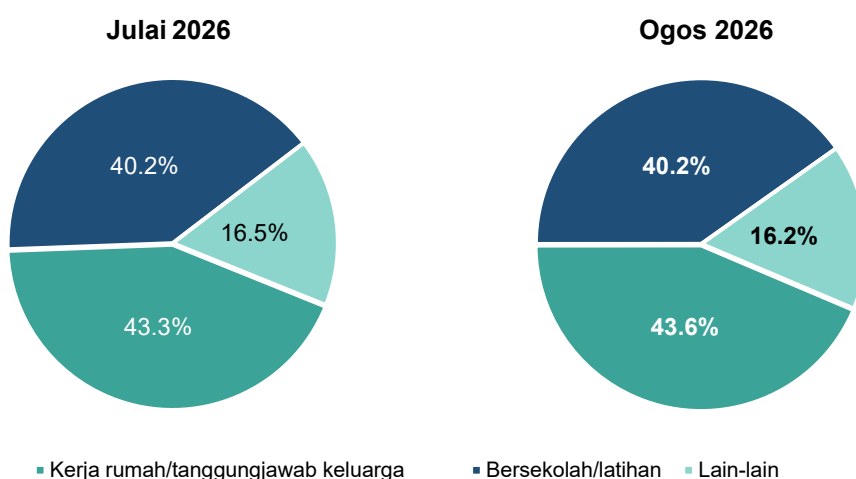


## 5 LUAR TENAGA BURUH

### Komponen terbesar luar tenaga buruh adalah kerja rumah/tanggungjawab keluarga

Bilangan penduduk di **luar tenaga buruh** pada Ogos 2026 mencatatkan penurunan marginal **0.1 peratus (-4.5 ribu orang)** kepada **7.11 juta orang** (Julai 2026: 7.11 juta orang). Komponen terbesar luar tenaga buruh ialah **kerja rumah/tanggungjawab keluarga**, merangkumi **43.6 peratus**, diikuti oleh kategori **bersekolah/latihan** yang meliputi **40.2 peratus**. Manakala, baki 16.2 peratus berada di luar tenaga buruh atas sebab-sebab lain, seperti persaraan dan hilang upaya [**Carta 4**].

**Carta 4:** Peratus sumbangan luar tenaga buruh mengikut sebab tidak mencari pekerjaan, Julai dan Ogos 2026



## KEY REVIEWS

- The **labour force** sustained its upward momentum in August 2026, increasing by **0.1 per cent (+20.1 thousand persons)** to **17.39 million persons** (July 2026: 17.37 million persons). The **labour force participation rate (LFPR)** edged up by **0.1 percentage point** to **71.0 per cent** (July 2026: 70.9%).
- Malaysia's labour market in August 2026 maintained its resilience, as the number of **employed persons** grew modestly by **0.2 per cent (+28.8 thousand persons)** to **16.87 million persons**, up from 16.85 million persons in July 2026. The **employment-to-population ratio**, reflecting the economy's capacity to generate jobs, rose by **0.1 percentage point** to **68.9 per cent**, compared to 68.8 per cent in July 2026.
- The **employees'** category continued to represent the largest share of the total employed persons, accounting for **74.9 per cent** in August 2026. The number of employees' edged up by **0.1 per cent (+13.5 thousand persons)** to **12.63 million persons** (July 2026: 12.62 million persons). Similarly, the number of **own-account workers** recorded a marginal increase of **0.2 per cent (+5.3 thousand persons)** to **3.17 million persons** (July 2026: 3.16 million persons).
- The number of **unemployed** in August 2026 declined by **8.7 thousand persons (-1.7%)** to **511.6 thousand persons**, compared to 520.3 thousand persons in July 2026. The **unemployment rate** eased by **0.1 percentage point** to **2.9 per cent** (July 2026: 3.0%).
- The number of persons **outside the labour force** in August 2026 registered a marginal decline of **0.1 per cent (-4.5 thousand persons)** to **7.11 million persons** (July 2026: 7.11 million persons). The largest component of the outside labour force was **housework/family responsibilities**, accounting for **43.6 per cent**, followed by the **schooling/training** category which constituted **40.2 per cent**.
- Overall, the continued positive performance of the labour market remains supportive of the country's economic growth. Moving forward, improving workers' productivity through skills enhancement and the adoption of technology will be crucial to sustaining economic growth and improving the well-being of the population.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

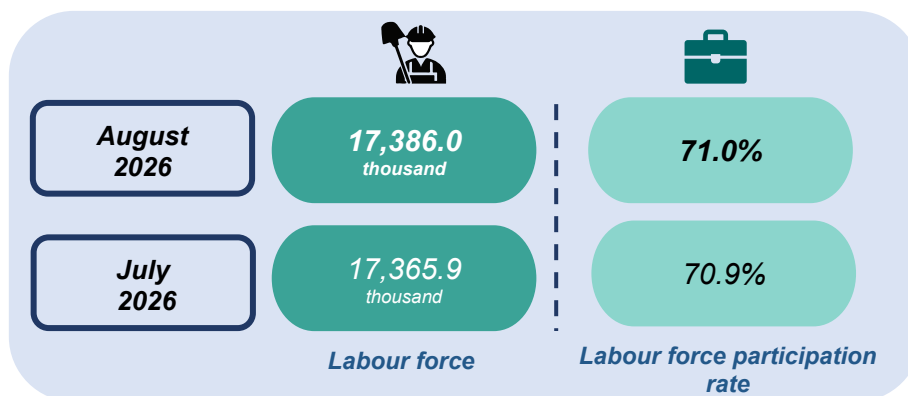
This publication presents labour force statistics derived from the Monthly Labour Force Survey conducted among households. The principal labour force indicators presented in this publication comprise the labour force, labour force participation rate, employed persons, unemployed persons, and unemployment rate. These statistics provide information on the current labour market situation as well as the participation of the population in economic activities.

## 2 LABOUR FORCE

### The LFPR for August 2026 edged up to 71.0 per cent

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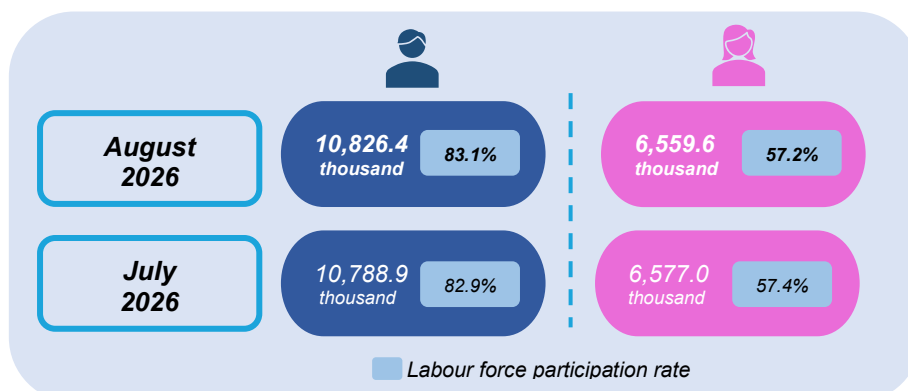
Exhibit 1: Labour force and LFPR, July and August 2026



The **male labour force** edged up to **10.83 million persons** (July 2026: 10.79 million persons), while the **female labour force** declined to **6.56 million persons** (July 2026: 6.58 million persons).

Concurrently, the **male LFPR** increased by **0.2 percentage points** to **83.1 per cent** (July 2026: 82.9%), whereas the **female LFPR** decreased by **0.2 percentage points** to **57.2 per cent** (July 2026: 57.4%) as shown in Exhibit 2.

Exhibit 2: Labour force and LFPR by sex, July and August 2026



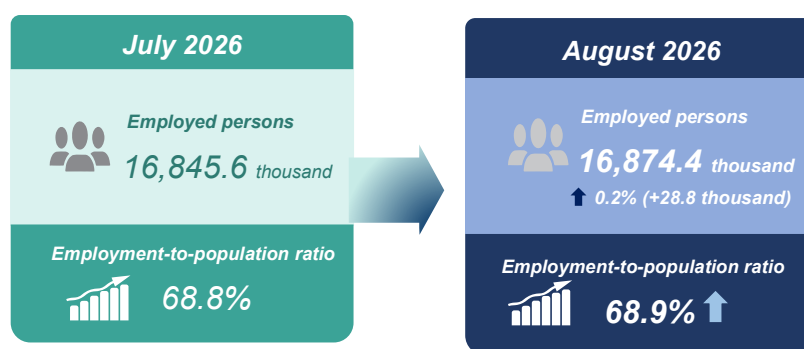
### 3 EMPLOYED PERSONS

**Malaysia's labour market maintained its resilience, as the number of employed persons grew modestly in August 2026**

Malaysia's labour market in August 2026 maintained its resilience, as the number of **employed persons** grew modestly by **0.2 per cent (+28.8 thousand persons)** to **16.87 million persons**, up from 16.85 million persons in July 2026. Likewise, seasonally adjusted estimates indicated a slight month-on-month increase of 0.2 per cent.

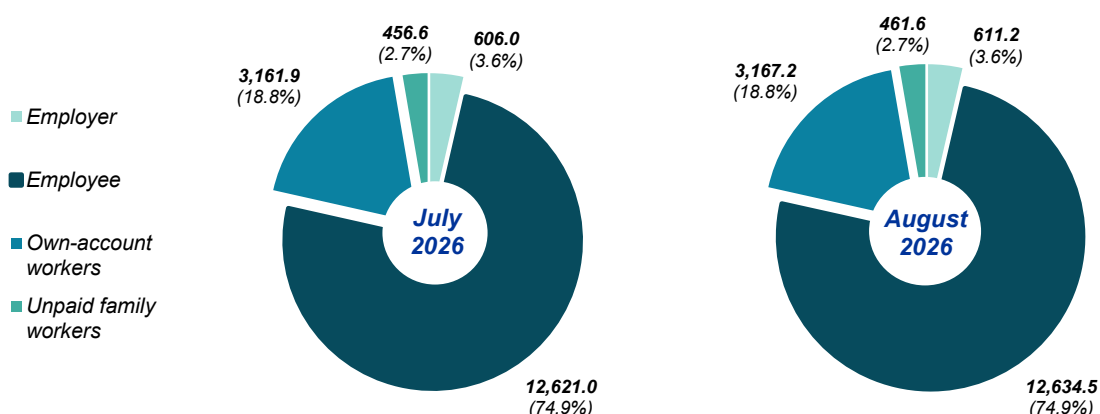
The **employment-to-population ratio**, reflecting the economy's capacity to generate jobs, rose by **0.1 percentage point to 68.9 per cent**, compared to 68.8 per cent in July 2026 [**Exhibit 3**].

**Exhibit 3:** Employed persons and employment-to-population ratio, July and August 2026



The **employees'** category continued to represent the largest share of the total employed persons, accounting for **74.9 per cent** in August 2026. The number of employees' edged up by **0.1 per cent (+13.5 thousand persons)** to **12.63 million persons** (July 2026: 12.62 million persons). Similarly, the number of **own-account workers** recorded a marginal increase of **0.2 per cent (+5.3 thousand persons)** to **3.17 million persons** (July 2026: 3.16 million persons). This group comprises daily income earners engaged in small-scale economic activities such as retailers, hawkers, market and stall vendors, and smallholders [**Chart 1**].

**Chart 1:** Employed persons by status in employment, July and August 2026



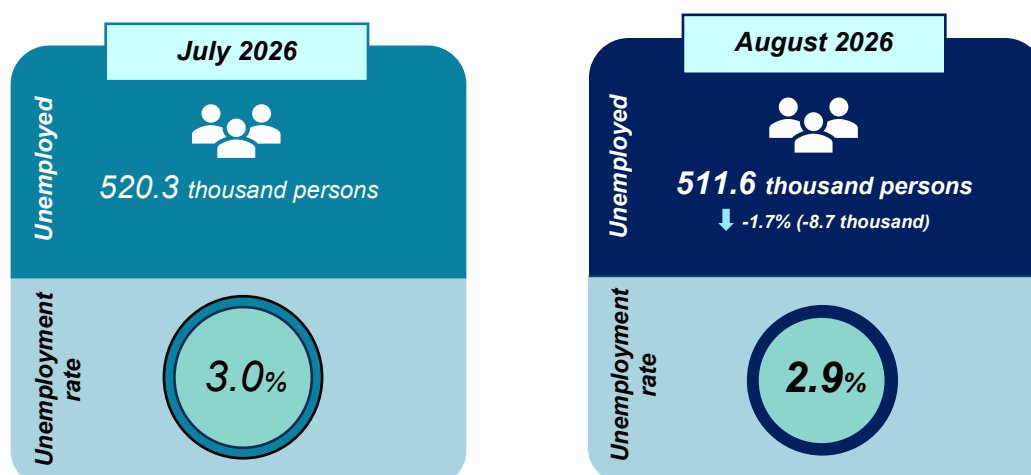
Meanwhile, the number of **employed persons who were temporarily not working** declined by **3.4 per cent (-3.3 thousand persons)** to **94.3 thousand persons** in August 2026, compared to 97.6 thousand persons in the previous month. This group consists of individuals who were temporarily not working but not classified as unemployed, as they had jobs to return to.

## 4 UNEMPLOYMENT

### The unemployment rate for August 2026 eased to 2.9 per cent

The number of **unemployed** in August 2026 declined by **8.7 thousand persons (-1.7%)** to **511.6 thousand persons**, compared to 520.3 thousand persons in July 2026. The **unemployment rate** eased by **0.1 percentage point to 2.9 per cent** (July 2026: 3.0%). On a seasonally adjusted basis, the number of unemployed persons fell by 1.5 per cent, with an unemployment rate of 2.9 per cent [Exhibit 4].

Exhibit 4: Unemployed and unemployment rate, July and August 2026

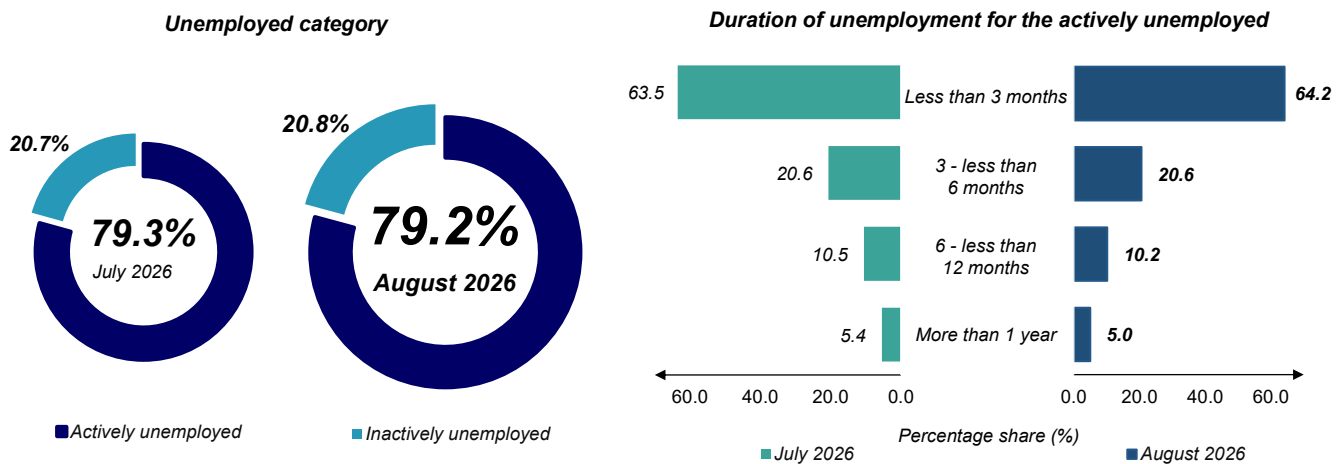


In August 2026, **79.2 per cent** of the total unemployed persons were the **actively unemployed**, or those who were available for work and were actively seeking jobs, while the remaining 20.8 per cent comprised the **inactively unemployed**. This group declined by **1.8 per cent (-7.4 thousand persons)** to **405.1 thousand persons** (July 2026: 412.6 thousand persons). By duration of unemployment for the actively unemployed, those who were **unemployed for less than three months** accounted for **64.2 per cent**, whereas those who were **unemployed for more than a year<sup>1</sup>** were at **5.0 per cent**.

A similar trend was also observed among the **inactively unemployed** or those who believed that no jobs were available, fell by **1.2 per cent (-1.3 thousand persons)** to **106.5 thousand persons**, compared with 107.7 thousand persons in July 2026 [Chart 2].

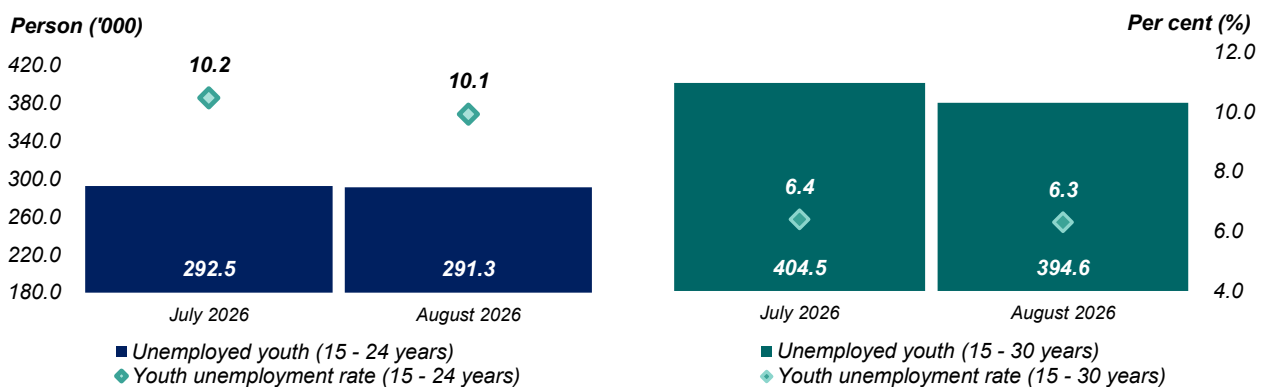
<sup>1</sup> Referring to a person who has been unemployed for one year or longer (Source: KILM: Long-term unemployment)  
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**Chart 2: Unemployed category and duration of unemployment for the actively unemployed, July and August 2026**



The youth unemployment rate for those aged 15 to 24 years decreased by 0.1 percentage point to 10.1 per cent, with 291.3 thousand unemployed persons (July 2026: 292.5 thousand persons; 10.2%). In the meantime, the unemployment rate among youth aged 15 to 30 years also decreased by 0.1 percentage point to 6.3 per cent, corresponding to 394.6 thousand unemployed persons (July 2026: 404.5 thousand persons; 6.4%) as shown in **Chart 3**.

**Chart 3: The number of unemployed persons and unemployment rate by selected age groups, July and August 2026**

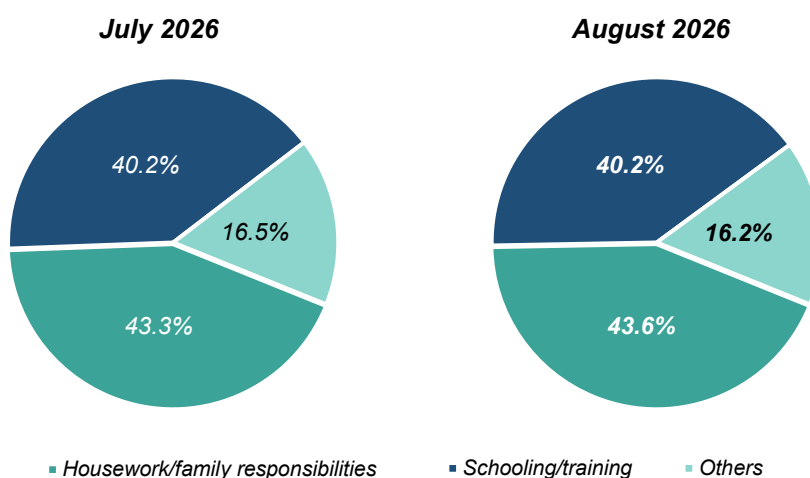


## 5 OUTSIDE LABOUR FORCE

*The largest component of the outside labour force was housework/family responsibilities*

The number of persons **outside the labour force** in August 2026 registered a marginal decline of **0.1 per cent (-4.5 thousand persons)** to **7.11 million persons** (July 2026: 7.11 million persons). The largest component of the outside labour force was **housework/family responsibilities**, accounting for **43.6 per cent**, followed by **schooling/training** category which constituted **40.2 per cent**. Meanwhile, the remaining 16.2 per cent comprised persons who were outside the labour force for other reasons, such as retirement and disability [**Chart 4**].

**Chart 4:** Share of outside labour force by reasons for not seeking work, July and August 2026





# 2

## Jadual *Tables*



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**Jadual A: Statistik utama tenaga buruh, Malaysia, Januari 2020 - Ogos 2026**  
**Table A: Principal statistics of the labour force, Malaysia, January 2020 - August 2026**

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(%)

| Siri Masa<br>Time Series | Tenaga Buruh<br>Labour Force | Penduduk Bekerja<br>Employed | Penganggur<br>Unemployed | Luar Tenaga Buruh<br>Outside Labour Force | Kadar Penyertaan<br>Tenaga Buruh<br>Labour Force<br>Participation Rate | Nisbah Guna Tenaga<br>kepada Penduduk<br>Employment to<br>Population Ratio | Kadar Pengangguran<br>Unemployment Rate |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>2020</b>              |                              |                              |                          |                                           |                                                                        |                                                                            |                                         |
| Jan/Jan                  | 15,829.3                     | 15,317.6                     | 511.7                    | 7,128.9                                   | 68.9                                                                   | 66.7                                                                       | 3.2                                     |
| Feb/Feb                  | 15,869.8                     | 15,344.5                     | 525.2                    | 7,224.0                                   | 68.7                                                                   | 66.4                                                                       | 3.3                                     |
| Mac/Mar                  | 15,842.9                     | 15,232.4                     | 610.5                    | 7,239.8                                   | 68.6                                                                   | 66.0                                                                       | 3.9                                     |
| Apr/Apr                  | 15,712.2                     | 14,933.4                     | 778.8                    | 7,345.1                                   | 68.1                                                                   | 64.8                                                                       | 5.0                                     |
| Mei/May                  | 15,714.0                     | 14,887.9                     | 826.1                    | 7,392.1                                   | 68.0                                                                   | 64.4                                                                       | 5.3                                     |
| Jun/June                 | 15,763.5                     | 14,990.2                     | 773.2                    | 7,398.5                                   | 68.1                                                                   | 64.7                                                                       | 4.9                                     |
| Jul/July                 | 15,818.5                     | 15,073.4                     | 745.1                    | 7,399.8                                   | 68.1                                                                   | 64.9                                                                       | 4.7                                     |
| Ogos/Aug                 | 15,895.1                     | 15,153.5                     | 741.6                    | 7,351.5                                   | 68.4                                                                   | 65.2                                                                       | 4.7                                     |
| Sep/Sep                  | 15,930.6                     | 15,193.1                     | 737.5                    | 7,359.8                                   | 68.4                                                                   | 65.2                                                                       | 4.6                                     |
| Okt/Oct                  | 15,955.3                     | 15,207.1                     | 748.2                    | 7,347.7                                   | 68.5                                                                   | 65.3                                                                       | 4.7                                     |
| Nov/Nov                  | 15,960.5                     | 15,196.1                     | 764.4                    | 7,374.8                                   | 68.4                                                                   | 65.1                                                                       | 4.8                                     |
| Dis/Dec                  | 15,988.3                     | 15,215.4                     | 772.9                    | 7,372.2                                   | 68.4                                                                   | 65.1                                                                       | 4.8                                     |
| <b>2021</b>              |                              |                              |                          |                                           |                                                                        |                                                                            |                                         |
| Jan/Jan                  | 16,019.8                     | 15,237.3                     | 782.5                    | 7,366.2                                   | 68.5                                                                   | 65.2                                                                       | 4.9                                     |
| Feb/Feb                  | 16,048.2                     | 15,270.6                     | 777.5                    | 7,371.4                                   | 68.5                                                                   | 65.2                                                                       | 4.8                                     |
| Mac/Mar                  | 16,082.5                     | 15,329.3                     | 753.2                    | 7,363.7                                   | 68.6                                                                   | 65.4                                                                       | 4.7                                     |
| Apr/Apr                  | 16,094.7                     | 15,352.0                     | 742.7                    | 7,376.8                                   | 68.6                                                                   | 65.4                                                                       | 4.6                                     |
| Mei/May                  | 16,098.9                     | 15,370.8                     | 728.1                    | 7,398.0                                   | 68.5                                                                   | 65.4                                                                       | 4.5                                     |
| Jun/June                 | 16,066.2                     | 15,297.5                     | 768.7                    | 7,456.8                                   | 68.3                                                                   | 65.0                                                                       | 4.8                                     |
| Jul/July                 | 16,072.9                     | 15,294.8                     | 778.2                    | 7,475.4                                   | 68.3                                                                   | 65.0                                                                       | 4.8                                     |
| Ogos/Aug                 | 16,125.4                     | 15,376.6                     | 748.8                    | 7,448.5                                   | 68.4                                                                   | 65.2                                                                       | 4.6                                     |
| Sep/Sep                  | 16,193.1                     | 15,463.5                     | 729.6                    | 7,405.9                                   | 68.6                                                                   | 65.5                                                                       | 4.5                                     |
| Okt/Oct                  | 16,259.6                     | 15,554.6                     | 705.0                    | 7,364.5                                   | 68.8                                                                   | 65.8                                                                       | 4.3                                     |
| Nov/Nov                  | 16,304.7                     | 15,610.3                     | 694.4                    | 7,344.4                                   | 68.9                                                                   | 66.0                                                                       | 4.3                                     |
| Dis/Dec                  | 16,336.2                     | 15,648.6                     | 687.6                    | 7,337.8                                   | 69.0                                                                   | 66.1                                                                       | 4.2                                     |
| <b>2022</b>              |                              |                              |                          |                                           |                                                                        |                                                                            |                                         |
| Jan/Jan                  | 16,366.4                     | 15,686.1                     | 680.4                    | 7,332.1                                   | 69.1                                                                   | 66.2                                                                       | 4.2                                     |
| Feb/Feb                  | 16,402.7                     | 15,730.9                     | 671.8                    | 7,320.7                                   | 69.1                                                                   | 66.3                                                                       | 4.1                                     |
| Mac/Mar                  | 16,438.5                     | 15,769.4                     | 669.2                    | 7,309.7                                   | 69.2                                                                   | 66.4                                                                       | 4.1                                     |
| Apr/Apr                  | 16,502.8                     | 15,853.5                     | 649.3                    | 7,270.2                                   | 69.4                                                                   | 66.7                                                                       | 3.9                                     |
| Mei/May                  | 16,537.8                     | 15,900.0                     | 637.7                    | 7,260.1                                   | 69.5                                                                   | 66.8                                                                       | 3.9                                     |
| Jun/June                 | 16,566.9                     | 15,936.3                     | 630.6                    | 7,255.5                                   | 69.5                                                                   | 66.9                                                                       | 3.8                                     |
| Jul/July                 | 16,599.2                     | 15,978.4                     | 620.7                    | 7,247.9                                   | 69.6                                                                   | 67.0                                                                       | 3.7                                     |
| Ogos/Aug                 | 16,629.7                     | 16,017.7                     | 612.0                    | 7,242.0                                   | 69.7                                                                   | 67.1                                                                       | 3.7                                     |
| Sep/Sep                  | 16,657.2                     | 16,052.2                     | 605.0                    | 7,239.2                                   | 69.7                                                                   | 67.2                                                                       | 3.6                                     |
| Okt/Oct                  | 16,683.5                     | 16,081.5                     | 602.0                    | 7,237.3                                   | 69.7                                                                   | 67.2                                                                       | 3.6                                     |
| Nov/Nov                  | 16,709.4                     | 16,108.6                     | 600.9                    | 7,235.7                                   | 69.8                                                                   | 67.3                                                                       | 3.6                                     |
| Dis/Dec                  | 16,730.0                     | 16,130.4                     | 599.6                    | 7,239.5                                   | 69.8                                                                   | 67.3                                                                       | 3.6                                     |
| <b>2023</b>              |                              |                              |                          |                                           |                                                                        |                                                                            |                                         |
| Jan/Jan                  | 16,755.4                     | 16,159.3                     | 596.1                    | 7,238.3                                   | 69.8                                                                   | 67.3                                                                       | 3.6                                     |
| Feb/Feb                  | 16,781.2                     | 16,189.3                     | 591.9                    | 7,236.7                                   | 69.9                                                                   | 67.4                                                                       | 3.5                                     |
| Mac/Mar                  | 16,811.7                     | 16,223.0                     | 588.7                    | 7,230.6                                   | 69.9                                                                   | 67.5                                                                       | 3.5                                     |
| Apr/Apr                  | 16,838.4                     | 16,251.4                     | 586.9                    | 7,228.2                                   | 70.0                                                                   | 67.5                                                                       | 3.5                                     |
| Mei/May                  | 16,864.1                     | 16,279.5                     | 584.6                    | 7,226.8                                   | 70.0                                                                   | 67.6                                                                       | 3.5                                     |
| Jun/June                 | 16,889.4                     | 16,307.8                     | 581.7                    | 7,225.7                                   | 70.0                                                                   | 67.6                                                                       | 3.4                                     |
| Jul/July                 | 16,914.2                     | 16,335.0                     | 579.2                    | 7,225.0                                   | 70.1                                                                   | 67.7                                                                       | 3.4                                     |
| Ogos/Aug                 | 16,932.1                     | 16,354.9                     | 577.3                    | 7,231.3                                   | 70.1                                                                   | 67.7                                                                       | 3.4                                     |
| Sep/Sep                  | 16,948.8                     | 16,375.1                     | 573.7                    | 7,238.9                                   | 70.1                                                                   | 67.7                                                                       | 3.4                                     |
| Okt/Oct                  | 16,974.1                     | 16,403.2                     | 570.9                    | 7,237.6                                   | 70.1                                                                   | 67.7                                                                       | 3.4                                     |
| Nov/Nov                  | 17,000.4                     | 16,431.1                     | 569.2                    | 7,235.4                                   | 70.1                                                                   | 67.8                                                                       | 3.3                                     |
| Dis/Dec                  | 17,025.5                     | 16,457.7                     | 567.8                    | 7,234.3                                   | 70.2                                                                   | 67.8                                                                       | 3.3                                     |

Jadual A: Statistik utama tenaga buruh, Malaysia, Januari 2020 - Ogos 2026 (samb.)  
Table A: Principal statistics of the labour force, Malaysia, January 2020 - August 2026 (cont'd)

(‘000) (%)

| Siri Masa<br>Time Series            | Tenaga Buruh<br>Labour Force | Penduduk Bekerja<br>Employed | Penganggur<br>Unemployed | Luar Tenaga Buruh<br>Outside Labour Force | Kadar Penyertaan<br>Tenaga Buruh<br>Labour Force<br>Participation Rate | Nisbah Guna Tenaga<br>kepada Penduduk<br>Employment to<br>Population Ratio | Kadar Pengang-<br>guran<br>Unemployment Rate |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 2024                                |                              |                              |                          |                                           |                                                                        |                                                                            |                                              |
| Jan/Jan                             | 16,789.3                     | 16,229.4                     | 559.9                    | 7,026.8                                   | 70.5                                                                   | 68.1                                                                       | 3.3                                          |
| Feb/Feb                             | 16,822.6                     | 16,265.7                     | 556.9                    | 7,039.0                                   | 70.5                                                                   | 68.2                                                                       | 3.3                                          |
| Mac/Mar                             | 16,853.1                     | 16,296.6                     | 556.6                    | 7,054.0                                   | 70.5                                                                   | 68.2                                                                       | 3.3                                          |
| Apr/Apr                             | 16,920.9                     | 16,364.4                     | 556.5                    | 7,032.0                                   | 70.6                                                                   | 68.3                                                                       | 3.3                                          |
| Mei/May                             | 16,947.6                     | 16,393.5                     | 554.1                    | 7,051.0                                   | 70.6                                                                   | 68.3                                                                       | 3.3                                          |
| Jun/June                            | 16,972.2                     | 16,418.5                     | 553.7                    | 7,072.3                                   | 70.6                                                                   | 68.3                                                                       | 3.3                                          |
| Jul/July                            | 16,997.3                     | 16,444.2                     | 553.2                    | 7,092.8                                   | 70.6                                                                   | 68.3                                                                       | 3.3                                          |
| Ogos/Aug                            | 17,034.2                     | 16,482.8                     | 551.4                    | 7,102.4                                   | 70.6                                                                   | 68.3                                                                       | 3.2                                          |
| Sep/Sep                             | 17,065.1                     | 16,516.3                     | 548.8                    | 7,118.3                                   | 70.6                                                                   | 68.3                                                                       | 3.2                                          |
| Okt/Oct                             | 17,095.5                     | 16,549.8                     | 545.7                    | 7,134.7                                   | 70.6                                                                   | 68.3                                                                       | 3.2                                          |
| Nov/Nov                             | 17,127.5                     | 16,585.7                     | 541.8                    | 7,150.3                                   | 70.5                                                                   | 68.3                                                                       | 3.2                                          |
| Dis/Dec                             | 17,168.4                     | 16,629.9                     | 538.5                    | 7,156.8                                   | 70.6                                                                   | 68.4                                                                       | 3.1                                          |
| 2025                                |                              |                              |                          |                                           |                                                                        |                                                                            |                                              |
| Jan <sup>1</sup> /Jan <sup>1</sup>  | 17,093.4                     | 16,561.2                     | 532.2                    | 7,110.5                                   | 70.6                                                                   | 68.4                                                                       | 3.1                                          |
| Feb <sup>1</sup> /Feb <sup>1</sup>  | 17,118.4                     | 16,588.2                     | 530.2                    | 7,104.4                                   | 70.7                                                                   | 68.5                                                                       | 3.1                                          |
| Mac <sup>1</sup> /Mar <sup>1</sup>  | 17,132.2                     | 16,604.2                     | 528.0                    | 7,107.4                                   | 70.7                                                                   | 68.5                                                                       | 3.1                                          |
| Apr <sup>1</sup> /Apr <sup>1</sup>  | 17,148.5                     | 16,623.2                     | 525.4                    | 7,105.3                                   | 70.7                                                                   | 68.5                                                                       | 3.1                                          |
| Mei <sup>1</sup> /May <sup>1</sup>  | 17,166.1                     | 16,642.1                     | 524.0                    | 7,101.8                                   | 70.7                                                                   | 68.6                                                                       | 3.1                                          |
| Jun <sup>1</sup> /June <sup>1</sup> | 17,185.9                     | 16,664.2                     | 521.7                    | 7,096.8                                   | 70.8                                                                   | 68.6                                                                       | 3.0                                          |
| Jul <sup>1</sup> /July <sup>1</sup> | 17,190.6                     | 16,669.5                     | 521.1                    | 7,105.8                                   | 70.8                                                                   | 68.6                                                                       | 3.0                                          |
| Ogos <sup>1</sup> /Aug <sup>1</sup> | 17,203.5                     | 16,684.5                     | 519.0                    | 7,106.3                                   | 70.8                                                                   | 68.6                                                                       | 3.0                                          |
| Sep/Sep                             | 17,544.8                     | 17,026.3                     | 518.6                    | 7,209.3                                   | 70.9                                                                   | 68.8                                                                       | 3.0                                          |
| Okt/Oct                             | 17,579.0                     | 17,060.1                     | 518.9                    | 7,218.2                                   | 70.9                                                                   | 68.8                                                                       | 3.0                                          |
| Nov/Nov                             | 17,610.9                     | 17,092.5                     | 518.4                    | 7,218.9                                   | 70.9                                                                   | 68.8                                                                       | 2.9                                          |
| Dis <sup>1</sup> /Dec <sup>1</sup>  | 17,272.3                     | 16,764.3                     | 508.0                    | 7,132.6                                   | 70.8                                                                   | 68.7                                                                       | 2.9                                          |
| 2026                                |                              |                              |                          |                                           |                                                                        |                                                                            |                                              |
| Jan/Jan                             | 17,281.0                     | 16,771.4                     | 509.6                    | 7,105.6                                   | 70.9                                                                   | 68.8                                                                       | 2.9                                          |
| Feb/Feb                             | 17,297.6                     | 16,790.9                     | 506.8                    | 7,102.9                                   | 70.9                                                                   | 68.8                                                                       | 2.9                                          |
| Mac/Mar                             | 17,313.0                     | 16,804.0                     | 509.0                    | 7,101.2                                   | 70.9                                                                   | 68.8                                                                       | 2.9                                          |
| Apr/Apr                             | 17,327.6                     | 16,815.8                     | 511.8                    | 7,100.8                                   | 70.9                                                                   | 68.8                                                                       | 3.0                                          |
| Mei/May                             | 17,338.2                     | 16,824.8                     | 513.4                    | 7,103.4                                   | 70.9                                                                   | 68.8                                                                       | 3.0                                          |
| Jun/June                            | 17,344.9                     | 16,827.1                     | 517.8                    | 7,109.8                                   | 70.9                                                                   | 68.8                                                                       | 3.0                                          |
| Jul/July                            | 17,365.9                     | 16,845.6                     | 520.3                    | 7,110.5                                   | 70.9                                                                   | 68.8                                                                       | 3.0                                          |
| Ogos/Aug                            | 17,386.0                     | 16,874.4                     | 511.6                    | 7,106.0                                   | 71.0                                                                   | 68.9                                                                       | 2.9                                          |

Nota/ Notes:

1. Statistik Survei Tenaga Buruh bulanan sehingga tahun 2023 dianggar berasaskan data anggaran penduduk Banci Penduduk dan Perumahan Malaysia 2010  
The monthly Labour Force Survey statistics until year 2023 are estimated based on population data of the Population and Housing Census of Malaysia 2010

2. \* Statistik Survei Tenaga Buruh bulanan bagi Januari 2024 dan seterusnya dianggar berdasarkan Banci Penduduk dan Perumahan Malaysia 2020  
\* The monthly Labour Force Survey statistics for January 2024 onwards are estimated based on the Population and Housing Census of Malaysia 2020

3. <sup>1</sup> Statistik Survei Tenaga Buruh bulanan bagi Januari - Ogos dan Disember 2025 disemak semula berdasarkan data anggaran penduduk semasa yang terkini  
<sup>1</sup> The monthly Labour Force Survey statistics for January - August and December 2025 were revised based on the latest current population estimates

4. Statistik Survei Tenaga Buruh bulanan bagi tahun 2026 dianggar menggunakan data unjuran berdasarkan anggaran penduduk semasa yang terkini  
The monthly Labour Force Survey statistics for 2026 are estimated using projection data based on the latest current population estimates

**Jadual B: Statistik utama tenaga buruh pelarasan bermusim, Malaysia, Januari 2020 - Ogos 2026**

Table B: Seasonally adjusted principal statistics of the labour force, Malaysia, January 2020 - August 2026

|                          | ('000)                       |                              |                          | (%)                                                              |                                         |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Siri Masa<br>Time Series | Tenaga Buruh<br>Labour Force | Penduduk Bekerja<br>Employed | Penganggur<br>Unemployed | Kadar Penyertaan Tenaga Buruh<br>Labour Force Participation Rate | Kadar Pengangguran<br>Unemployment Rate |
| <b>2020</b>              |                              |                              |                          |                                                                  |                                         |
| Jan/Jan                  | 15,825.8                     | 15,299.4                     | 516.9                    | 68.8                                                             | 3.3                                     |
| Feb/Feb                  | 15,849.8                     | 15,334.8                     | 528.8                    | 68.7                                                             | 3.3                                     |
| Mac/Mar                  | 15,864.3                     | 15,255.1                     | 607.2                    | 68.8                                                             | 3.8                                     |
| Apr/Apr                  | 15,713.9                     | 14,943.7                     | 765.7                    | 68.2                                                             | 4.9                                     |
| Mei/May                  | 15,715.9                     | 14,895.9                     | 815.0                    | 68.1                                                             | 5.2                                     |
| Jun/June                 | 15,788.6                     | 15,008.4                     | 754.8                    | 68.2                                                             | 4.8                                     |
| Jul/July                 | 15,818.8                     | 15,086.4                     | 729.7                    | 68.1                                                             | 4.6                                     |
| Ogos/Aug                 | 15,889.1                     | 15,167.8                     | 733.5                    | 68.3                                                             | 4.6                                     |
| Sep/Sep                  | 15,920.9                     | 15,179.7                     | 740.5                    | 68.4                                                             | 4.7                                     |
| Okt/Oct                  | 15,951.2                     | 15,189.0                     | 764.1                    | 68.4                                                             | 4.8                                     |
| Nov/Nov                  | 15,952.4                     | 15,183.8                     | 784.1                    | 68.4                                                             | 4.9                                     |
| Dis/Dec                  | 15,988.9                     | 15,194.2                     | 795.6                    | 68.4                                                             | 5.0                                     |
| <b>2021</b>              |                              |                              |                          |                                                                  |                                         |
| Jan/Jan                  | 16,016.3                     | 15,219.2                     | 790.4                    | 68.4                                                             | 4.9                                     |
| Feb/Feb                  | 16,028.0                     | 15,261.0                     | 782.9                    | 68.5                                                             | 4.9                                     |
| Mac/Mar                  | 16,104.2                     | 15,352.2                     | 749.1                    | 68.7                                                             | 4.7                                     |
| Apr/Apr                  | 16,096.5                     | 15,362.6                     | 730.2                    | 68.6                                                             | 4.5                                     |
| Mei/May                  | 16,100.8                     | 15,379.1                     | 718.3                    | 68.6                                                             | 4.5                                     |
| Jun/June                 | 16,091.8                     | 15,316.0                     | 750.4                    | 68.4                                                             | 4.7                                     |
| Jul/July                 | 16,073.2                     | 15,307.9                     | 762.1                    | 68.3                                                             | 4.7                                     |
| Ogos/Aug                 | 16,119.3                     | 15,391.1                     | 740.6                    | 68.3                                                             | 4.6                                     |
| Sep/Sep                  | 16,182.7                     | 15,449.3                     | 732.6                    | 68.6                                                             | 4.5                                     |
| Okt/Oct                  | 16,255.3                     | 15,536.1                     | 720.0                    | 68.8                                                             | 4.4                                     |
| Nov/Nov                  | 16,296.4                     | 15,597.7                     | 712.3                    | 68.9                                                             | 4.4                                     |
| Dis/Dec                  | 16,336.9                     | 15,626.9                     | 707.8                    | 68.9                                                             | 4.3                                     |
| <b>2022</b>              |                              |                              |                          |                                                                  |                                         |
| Jan/Jan                  | 16,350.3                     | 15,651.6                     | 688.3                    | 68.9                                                             | 4.2                                     |
| Feb/Feb                  | 16,392.6                     | 15,720.2                     | 675.4                    | 69.1                                                             | 4.1                                     |
| Mac/Mar                  | 16,437.2                     | 15,768.1                     | 667.8                    | 69.2                                                             | 4.1                                     |
| Apr/Apr                  | 16,507.1                     | 15,866.5                     | 640.6                    | 69.5                                                             | 3.9                                     |
| Mei/May                  | 16,553.2                     | 15,921.7                     | 631.6                    | 69.6                                                             | 3.8                                     |
| Jun/June                 | 16,620.9                     | 16,034.8                     | 603.9                    | 69.8                                                             | 3.6                                     |
| Jul/July                 | 16,611.0                     | 15,996.5                     | 601.8                    | 69.7                                                             | 3.6                                     |
| Ogos/Aug                 | 16,647.2                     | 16,058.0                     | 604.7                    | 69.7                                                             | 3.6                                     |
| Sep/Sep                  | 16,640.1                     | 16,030.1                     | 607.5                    | 69.7                                                             | 3.7                                     |
| Okt/Oct                  | 16,656.8                     | 16,033.7                     | 618.8                    | 69.6                                                             | 3.7                                     |
| Nov/Nov                  | 16,686.4                     | 16,063.3                     | 620.1                    | 69.7                                                             | 3.7                                     |
| Dis/Dec                  | 16,719.8                     | 16,097.7                     | 622.2                    | 69.7                                                             | 3.7                                     |
| <b>2023</b>              |                              |                              |                          |                                                                  |                                         |
| Jan/Jan                  | 16,739.7                     | 16,129.0                     | 603.3                    | 69.7                                                             | 3.6                                     |
| Feb/Feb                  | 16,770.6                     | 16,176.4                     | 594.3                    | 69.8                                                             | 3.5                                     |
| Mac/Mar                  | 16,804.5                     | 16,221.9                     | 586.8                    | 69.9                                                             | 3.5                                     |
| Apr/Apr                  | 16,829.1                     | 16,250.4                     | 582.9                    | 69.9                                                             | 3.5                                     |
| Mei/May                  | 16,871.2                     | 16,293.3                     | 578.5                    | 70.0                                                             | 3.4                                     |
| Jun/June                 | 16,933.1                     | 16,381.7                     | 560.3                    | 70.2                                                             | 3.3                                     |
| Jul/July                 | 16,942.3                     | 16,368.7                     | 565.8                    | 70.2                                                             | 3.3                                     |
| Ogos/Aug                 | 16,960.9                     | 16,394.1                     | 573.9                    | 70.2                                                             | 3.4                                     |
| Sep/Sep                  | 16,948.3                     | 16,364.6                     | 578.0                    | 70.1                                                             | 3.4                                     |
| Okt/Oct                  | 16,954.3                     | 16,369.2                     | 583.4                    | 70.0                                                             | 3.4                                     |
| Nov/Nov                  | 16,977.1                     | 16,392.1                     | 581.9                    | 70.1                                                             | 3.4                                     |
| Dis/Dec                  | 17,001.7                     | 16,424.9                     | 580.1                    | 70.1                                                             | 3.4                                     |

Jadual B: Statistik utama tenaga buruh pelarasan bermusim, Malaysia, Januari 2020 - Ogos 2026 (samb.)  
Table B: Seasonally adjusted principal statistics of the labour force, Malaysia, January 2020 - August 2026 (cont'd)

| ('000)                              |                              |                              |                          |                                                                  | (%)                                     |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Siri Masa<br>Time Series            | Tenaga Buruh<br>Labour Force | Penduduk Bekerja<br>Employed | Penganggur<br>Unemployed | Kadar Penyertaan Tenaga Buruh<br>Labour Force Participation Rate | Kadar Pengangguran<br>Unemployment Rate |
| 2024 <sup>a</sup>                   |                              |                              |                          |                                                                  |                                         |
| Jan/Jan                             | 16,785.8                     | 16,216.3                     | 561.1                    | 70.5                                                             | 3.3                                     |
| Feb/Feb                             | 16,820.1                     | 16,262.3                     | 556.2                    | 70.5                                                             | 3.3                                     |
| Mac/Mar                             | 16,848.6                     | 16,293.2                     | 555.7                    | 70.5                                                             | 3.3                                     |
| Apr/Apr                             | 16,909.6                     | 16,356.7                     | 556.6                    | 70.6                                                             | 3.3                                     |
| Mei/May                             | 16,945.7                     | 16,393.5                     | 552.6                    | 70.6                                                             | 3.3                                     |
| Jun/June                            | 16,988.7                     | 16,464.4                     | 542.6                    | 70.7                                                             | 3.2                                     |
| Jul/July                            | 17,012.8                     | 16,466.4                     | 547.7                    | 70.6                                                             | 3.2                                     |
| Ogos/Aug                            | 17,051.3                     | 16,508.6                     | 549.4                    | 70.7                                                             | 3.2                                     |
| Sep/Sep                             | 17,073.3                     | 16,513.3                     | 552.1                    | 70.6                                                             | 3.2                                     |
| Okt/Oct                             | 17,089.5                     | 16,527.5                     | 552.7                    | 70.5                                                             | 3.2                                     |
| Nov/Nov                             | 17,113.6                     | 16,563.7                     | 547.1                    | 70.5                                                             | 3.2                                     |
| Dis/Dec                             | 17,155.9                     | 16,612.5                     | 541.7                    | 70.5                                                             | 3.2                                     |
| 2025                                |                              |                              |                          |                                                                  |                                         |
| Jan <sup>f</sup> /Jan <sup>r</sup>  | 17,103.7                     | 16,567.0                     | 532.4                    | 70.6                                                             | 3.1                                     |
| Feb <sup>f</sup> /Feb <sup>r</sup>  | 17,137.2                     | 16,619.6                     | 529.9                    | 70.7                                                             | 3.1                                     |
| Mac <sup>f</sup> /Mar <sup>r</sup>  | 17,166.4                     | 16,629.6                     | 526.6                    | 70.7                                                             | 3.1                                     |
| Apr <sup>f</sup> /Apr <sup>r</sup>  | 17,155.5                     | 16,625.9                     | 525.8                    | 70.7                                                             | 3.1                                     |
| Mei <sup>f</sup> /May <sup>r</sup>  | 17,169.2                     | 16,645.3                     | 524.7                    | 70.7                                                             | 3.1                                     |
| Jun <sup>f</sup> /June <sup>r</sup> | 17,186.4                     | 16,681.0                     | 519.1                    | 70.8                                                             | 3.0                                     |
| Jul <sup>f</sup> /July <sup>r</sup> | 17,190.8                     | 16,677.0                     | 519.6                    | 70.8                                                             | 3.0                                     |
| Ogos <sup>f</sup> /Aug <sup>r</sup> | 17,194.2                     | 16,686.7                     | 517.6                    | 70.8                                                             | 3.0                                     |
| Sep/Sep                             | 17,530.6                     | 17,014.2                     | 519.3                    | 70.9                                                             | 3.0                                     |
| Okt/Oct                             | 17,555.3                     | 17,032.3                     | 521.1                    | 70.9                                                             | 3.0                                     |
| Nov/Nov                             | 17,595.9                     | 17,055.7                     | 520.2                    | 71.0                                                             | 3.0                                     |
| Dis <sup>f</sup> /Dec <sup>r</sup>  | 17,260.4                     | 16,746.5                     | 508.6                    | 70.8                                                             | 2.9                                     |
| 2026                                |                              |                              |                          |                                                                  |                                         |
| Jan/Jan                             | 17,323.4                     | 16,800.6                     | 512.8                    | 70.9                                                             | 3.0                                     |
| Feb/Feb                             | 17,314.0                     | 16,798.6                     | 506.9                    | 70.9                                                             | 2.9                                     |
| Mac/Mar                             | 17,315.4                     | 16,809.5                     | 507.5                    | 70.9                                                             | 2.9                                     |
| Apr/Apr                             | 17,328.8                     | 16,815.0                     | 510.8                    | 70.9                                                             | 2.9                                     |
| Mei/May                             | 17,333.5                     | 16,821.8                     | 512.5                    | 70.9                                                             | 3.0                                     |
| Jun/June                            | 17,330.2                     | 16,816.5                     | 517.8                    | 70.9                                                             | 3.0                                     |
| Jul/July                            | 17,351.2                     | 16,837.2                     | 518.8                    | 70.9                                                             | 3.0                                     |
| Ogos/Aug                            | 17,372.5                     | 16,863.3                     | 511.3                    | 71.0                                                             | 2.9                                     |

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The monthly Labour Force Survey statistics until year 2023 are estimated based on population data of the Population and Housing Census of Malaysia 2010

2. <sup>a</sup> Statistik Survei Tenaga Buruh bulanan bagi Januari 2024 dan seterusnya dianggar berdasarkan Banci Penduduk dan Perumahan Malaysia 2020  
<sup>a</sup> The monthly Labour Force Survey statistics for January 2024 onwards are estimated based on the Population and Housing Census of Malaysia 2020

3. <sup>f</sup> Statistik Survei Tenaga Buruh bulanan bagi Januari - Ogos dan Disember 2025 disemak semula berdasarkan data anggaran penduduk semasa yang terkini  
<sup>f</sup> The monthly Labour Force Survey statistics for January - August and December 2025 were revised based on the latest current population estimates

4. Statistik Survei Tenaga Buruh bulanan bagi tahun 2026 dianggar menggunakan data unjuran berdasarkan anggaran penduduk semasa yang terkini  
The monthly Labour Force Survey statistics for 2026 are estimated using projection data based on the latest current population estimates

**Jadual C: Penduduk bekerja mengikut taraf pekerjaan, Januari 2020 - Ogos 2026**  
**Table C: Employed person by status in employment, January 2020 - August 2026**

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| Siri Masa<br>Time Series | Majikan<br>Employer | Pekerja<br>Employees | Bekerja sendiri<br>Own account workers | Pekerja keluarga tanpa gaji<br>Unpaid family workers |
|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>2020</b>              |                     |                      |                                        |                                                      |
| Jan/Jan                  | 552.3               | 11,375.4             | 2,757.1                                | 632.8                                                |
| Feb/Feb                  | 513.2               | 11,513.8             | 2,691.0                                | 626.5                                                |
| Mac/Mar                  | 515.7               | 11,280.0             | 2,812.2                                | 624.5                                                |
| Apr/Apr                  | 563.1               | 11,146.3             | 2,585.4                                | 638.5                                                |
| Mei/May                  | 470.3               | 11,399.4             | 2,423.9                                | 594.1                                                |
| Jun/June                 | 497.9               | 11,438.2             | 2,417.8                                | 636.2                                                |
| Jul/July                 | 434.8               | 11,647.4             | 2,380.9                                | 610.4                                                |
| Ogos/Aug                 | 434.9               | 11,719.9             | 2,416.0                                | 582.8                                                |
| Sep/Sep                  | 445.1               | 11,734.9             | 2,433.7                                | 579.5                                                |
| Okt/Oct                  | 450.5               | 11,763.0             | 2,425.4                                | 568.3                                                |
| Nov/Nov                  | 456.8               | 11,782.5             | 2,412.0                                | 544.7                                                |
| Dis/Dec                  | 462.9               | 11,806.1             | 2,399.4                                | 547.0                                                |
| <b>2021</b>              |                     |                      |                                        |                                                      |
| Jan/Jan                  | 469.7               | 11,846.9             | 2,394.6                                | 526.1                                                |
| Feb/Feb                  | 481.0               | 11,870.8             | 2,429.9                                | 488.9                                                |
| Mac/Mar                  | 491.8               | 11,898.9             | 2,478.2                                | 460.4                                                |
| Apr/Apr                  | 493.0               | 11,914.8             | 2,490.5                                | 453.8                                                |
| Mei/May                  | 495.7               | 11,930.8             | 2,492.9                                | 451.4                                                |
| Jun/June                 | 486.3               | 11,874.1             | 2,497.0                                | 440.0                                                |
| Jul/July                 | 485.1               | 11,869.7             | 2,503.8                                | 436.2                                                |
| Ogos/Aug                 | 491.4               | 11,897.6             | 2,537.7                                | 449.9                                                |
| Sep/Sep                  | 499.7               | 11,925.9             | 2,572.6                                | 465.4                                                |
| Okt/Oct                  | 506.0               | 11,971.2             | 2,607.9                                | 469.5                                                |
| Nov/Nov                  | 509.8               | 11,998.3             | 2,628.0                                | 474.2                                                |
| Dis/Dec                  | 512.9               | 12,015.9             | 2,640.2                                | 479.7                                                |
| <b>2022</b>              |                     |                      |                                        |                                                      |
| Jan/Jan                  | 517.2               | 12,028.9             | 2,656.2                                | 483.8                                                |
| Feb/Feb                  | 521.4               | 12,046.2             | 2,674.8                                | 488.6                                                |
| Mac/Mar                  | 525.7               | 12,060.2             | 2,691.7                                | 491.8                                                |
| Apr/Apr                  | 536.0               | 12,092.5             | 2,723.6                                | 501.4                                                |
| Mei/May                  | 539.6               | 12,112.6             | 2,744.0                                | 503.9                                                |
| Jun/June                 | 542.5               | 12,125.6             | 2,766.2                                | 502.0                                                |
| Jul/July                 | 545.1               | 12,144.9             | 2,787.5                                | 500.9                                                |
| Ogos/Aug                 | 546.9               | 12,167.0             | 2,804.7                                | 499.1                                                |
| Sep/Sep                  | 548.0               | 12,182.7             | 2,823.2                                | 498.2                                                |
| Okt/Oct                  | 552.4               | 12,200.4             | 2,833.6                                | 495.2                                                |
| Nov/Nov                  | 554.5               | 12,214.6             | 2,848.1                                | 491.3                                                |
| Dis/Dec                  | 556.2               | 12,225.5             | 2,860.9                                | 487.8                                                |
| <b>2023</b>              |                     |                      |                                        |                                                      |
| Jan/Jan                  | 558.1               | 12,237.3             | 2,877.8                                | 486.1                                                |
| Feb/Feb                  | 560.3               | 12,249.9             | 2,892.5                                | 486.6                                                |
| Mac/Mar                  | 561.8               | 12,264.7             | 2,909.1                                | 487.4                                                |
| Apr/Apr                  | 565.0               | 12,276.4             | 2,921.0                                | 489.0                                                |
| Mei/May                  | 566.6               | 12,288.0             | 2,935.0                                | 490.0                                                |
| Jun/June                 | 569.4               | 12,299.2             | 2,948.5                                | 490.7                                                |
| Jul/July                 | 570.9               | 12,313.6             | 2,958.9                                | 491.6                                                |
| Ogos/Aug                 | 571.9               | 12,324.5             | 2,966.8                                | 491.7                                                |
| Sep/Sep                  | 573.7               | 12,334.7             | 2,974.2                                | 492.4                                                |
| Okt/Oct                  | 574.7               | 12,349.7             | 2,985.0                                | 493.8                                                |
| Nov/Nov                  | 576.6               | 12,365.9             | 2,994.4                                | 494.3                                                |
| Dis/Dec                  | 582.1               | 12,378.2             | 3,003.9                                | 493.5                                                |



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**Table C: Employed person by status in employment, January 2020 - August 2026 (cont'd)**

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| Siri Masa<br>Time Series            | Majikan<br>Employer | Pekerja<br>Employees | Bekerja sendiri<br>Own account workers | Pekerja keluarga tanpa gaji<br>Unpaid family workers |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>2024<sup>a</sup></b>             |                     |                      |                                        |                                                      |
| Jan/Jan                             | 535.5               | 12,231.9             | 3,010.0                                | 452.0                                                |
| Feb/Feb                             | 540.6               | 12,249.4             | 3,024.8                                | 450.9                                                |
| Mac/Mar                             | 543.9               | 12,266.2             | 3,036.0                                | 450.5                                                |
| Apr/Apr                             | 548.7               | 12,300.3             | 3,065.3                                | 450.2                                                |
| Mei/May                             | 552.2               | 12,315.0             | 3,076.3                                | 450.1                                                |
| Jun/June                            | 554.1               | 12,328.6             | 3,086.4                                | 449.3                                                |
| Jul/July                            | 556.4               | 12,341.3             | 3,097.8                                | 448.8                                                |
| Ogos/Aug                            | 550.0               | 12,410.4             | 3,069.1                                | 453.2                                                |
| Sep/Sep                             | 547.5               | 12,435.8             | 3,071.6                                | 461.4                                                |
| Okt/Oct                             | 543.0               | 12,481.5             | 3,054.9                                | 470.4                                                |
| Nov/Nov                             | 544.3               | 12,501.5             | 3,069.7                                | 470.1                                                |
| Dis/Dec                             | 545.8               | 12,528.1             | 3,086.6                                | 469.4                                                |
| <b>2025</b>                         |                     |                      |                                        |                                                      |
| Jan <sup>r</sup> /Jan <sup>r</sup>  | 544.4               | 12,489.3             | 3,064.5                                | 463.0                                                |
| Feb <sup>r</sup> /Feb <sup>r</sup>  | 547.3               | 12,503.5             | 3,074.5                                | 462.9                                                |
| Mac <sup>r</sup> /Mar <sup>r</sup>  | 551.1               | 12,512.5             | 3,078.2                                | 462.4                                                |
| Apr <sup>r</sup> /Apr <sup>r</sup>  | 555.5               | 12,523.0             | 3,083.4                                | 461.4                                                |
| Mei <sup>r</sup> /May <sup>r</sup>  | 557.2               | 12,533.4             | 3,089.2                                | 462.3                                                |
| Jun <sup>r</sup> /June <sup>r</sup> | 560.8               | 12,544.4             | 3,095.6                                | 463.5                                                |
| Jul <sup>r</sup> /July <sup>r</sup> | 563.8               | 12,554.5             | 3,089.5                                | 461.6                                                |
| Ogos <sup>r</sup> /Aug <sup>r</sup> | 567.2               | 12,563.1             | 3,094.5                                | 459.8                                                |
| Sep/Sep                             | 579.5               | 12,744.9             | 3,237.3                                | 464.7                                                |
| Okt/Oct                             | 584.8               | 12,762.1             | 3,249.2                                | 463.9                                                |
| Nov/Nov                             | 589.3               | 12,778.7             | 3,260.0                                | 464.4                                                |
| Dis <sup>r</sup> /Dec <sup>r</sup>  | 597.6               | 12,582.9             | 3,122.8                                | 461.0                                                |
| <b>2026</b>                         |                     |                      |                                        |                                                      |
| Jan/Jan                             | 599.2               | 12,587.2             | 3,125.2                                | 459.8                                                |
| Feb/Feb                             | 601.5               | 12,594.4             | 3,134.7                                | 460.2                                                |
| Mac/Mar                             | 602.6               | 12,599.6             | 3,142.6                                | 459.3                                                |
| Apr/Apr                             | 602.8               | 12,605.9             | 3,148.8                                | 458.3                                                |
| Mei/May                             | 604.0               | 12,611.0             | 3,152.0                                | 457.8                                                |
| Jun/June                            | 604.4               | 12,613.5             | 3,153.2                                | 456.1                                                |
| Jul/July                            | 606.0               | 12,621.0             | 3,161.9                                | 456.6                                                |
| Ogos/Aug                            | 611.2               | 12,634.5             | 3,167.2                                | 461.6                                                |

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4. Statistik Survei Tenaga Buruh bulanan bagi tahun 2026 dianggar menggunakan data unjuran berdasarkan anggaran penduduk semasa yang terkini  
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## Nota Teknikal *Technical Notes*



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## 1. Pengenalan

- 1.1 Statistik yang diterbitkan dalam laporan ini adalah berdasarkan Survei Tenaga Buruh (STB) yang dilaksanakan oleh Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia (DOSM). STB dilaksanakan berdasarkan garis panduan dan syor *International Labour Organization (ILO)* dengan merujuk kepada *Surveys of Economically Active Population, Employment, Unemployment and Underemployment: An ILO Manual on Concepts and Methods*.
- 1.2 Survei yang dijalankan setiap bulan melalui pendekatan isi rumah ini menyediakan statistik tenaga buruh, guna tenaga dan pengangguran di peringkat nasional.
- 1.3 Pengumpulan dan prosesan data mengekalkan pendekatan yang menyeluruh dan sistematik dari semasa ke semasa untuk mendapatkan perbandingan statistik siri masa.
- 1.4 Maklumat yang dikumpul melalui STB adalah mengikut peruntukan **Akta Perangkaan 1965 (Disemak 1989)**. **Seksyen 6** dibawah Akta ini mengkehendaki mana-mana individu perlu memberikan butiran maklumat sebenar atau anggaran terbaik kepada DOSM. Sementara itu, **Seksyen 7** dalam Akta yang sama memperuntukan denda kepada responden yang gagal memberi kerjasama dalam pelaksanaan penyiasatan oleh DOSM. Mengikut Akta ini, maklumat terperinci yang dikumpul adalah sulit dan hanya angka agregat diterbitkan.
- 1.5 Nota teknikal ini menyediakan penerangan terperinci mengenai metodologi yang digunakan dalam pelaksanaan STB bagi membantu pengguna untuk memahami dengan lebih mendalam berkaitan maklumat pasaran buruh yang dipungut melalui pendekatan isi rumah.

## 2. Objektif survei

- 2.1 Objektif utama STB ialah:
  - i. Mengumpul maklumat berkaitan struktur dan taburan tenaga buruh, guna tenaga dan pengangguran; dan
  - ii. Menyediakan statistik terkini berkaitan situasi pasaran buruh dari aspek penawaran tenaga buruh.
- 2.2 Statistik daripada survei ini digunakan terutamanya oleh kerajaan sebagai input dalam merangka strategi pembangunan negara; begitu juga ahli ekonomi, ahli akademik, sektor swasta dan individu sebagai tujuan penyelidikan dan analisis.

## 3. Kaedah pengumpulan data

- 3.1 STB menggunakan kaedah temu ramah bersemuka dengan responden. Dalam tempoh survei, penemuramah terlatih melawat isi rumah di tempat kediaman (TK) yang terpilih untuk memperolehi maklumat demografi semua ahli isi rumah dan maklumat terperinci berkaitan butir-butir tenaga buruh bagi ahli isi rumah yang berumur 15 tahun dan lebih.

- 3.2 Semakan kerja luar dibuat untuk mengesan dan memperbaiki kemungkinan maklumat yang salah atau tertinggal semasa penyiasatan ini dijalankan. Di samping itu, isi rumah terpilih juga ditemuramah semula untuk menyemak kualiti operasi pungutan data.
- 3.3 Sebanyak 25 peratus daripada panel ulangan terpilih ditemuramah menggunakan **kaedah Temuramah Melalui Telefon**.

#### 4. Skop dan liputan

- 4.1 STB meliputi kedua-dua kawasan bandar dan luar bandar bagi daerah pentadbiran dalam semua negeri di Malaysia.
- 4.2 Definisi populasi survei meliputi penduduk yang tinggal di TK persendirian dan **tidak termasuk** mereka yang tinggal di TK institusi seperti hotel, asrama, hospital, penjara, rumah tumpangan dan pekerja yang tinggal di rumah kongsi.
- 4.3 Tiada penyelarasan dilakukan kepada penduduk yang tinggal di TK institusi untuk diasingkan daripada anggaran penduduk pertengahan tahun selepas banci walaupun STB tidak meliputi penduduk tersebut. Berdasarkan Banci Penduduk dan Perumahan semasa, penduduk yang tinggal di TK institusi adalah kurang daripada empat peratus daripada jumlah penduduk. Peratusan ini adalah kecil dan tidak mempengaruhi anggaran statistik tenaga buruh.
- 4.4 STB merangkumi penduduk yang aktif dan tidak aktif dalam ekonomi yang berumur **15 hingga 64 tahun**<sup>1</sup>. Penduduk yang aktif dalam ekonomi terdiri daripada mereka yang bekerja atau menganggur, manakala mereka yang tidak aktif dikelaskan sebagai di luar tenaga buruh.

#### 5. Rangka dan pensampelan

- 5.1 Rangka yang digunakan bagi pemilihan sampel STB bulanan adalah berdasarkan Rangka Pensampelan Isi Rumah yang terdiri daripada blok penghitungan (BP) yang diwujudkan untuk pelaksanaan Banci Penduduk dan Perumahan 2020 dan dikemas kini dari semasa ke semasa.
- 5.2 BP merupakan suatu kawasan muka bumi yang diwujudkan untuk tujuan pelaksanaan operasi pungutan data yang secara puratanya mengandungi antara 80 hingga 120 TK. Semua BP dibentuk dalam lingkungan sempadan yang diwartakan iaitu di dalam mukim atau kawasan majlis tempatan.
- 5.3 BP dalam rangka pensampelan dikelaskan mengikut kawasan bandar dan luar bandar<sup>2</sup>.
  - i. **Kawasan bandar**  
Kawasan yang diwartakan serta kawasan tepu bina yang bersempadan dengannya dan gabungan kedua-dua kawasan ini mempunyai penduduk seramai 10,000 orang atau lebih semasa Banci Penduduk dan Perumahan 2020.

<sup>1</sup> Had umur bekerja bagi sesebuah negara ditentukan berdasarkan struktur umur penduduk negara tersebut

<sup>2</sup> Taburan Penduduk dan Ciri-Ciri Asas Demografi, Banci Penduduk dan Perumahan Malaysia 2020

- **Kawasan tepu bina**

Kawasan yang terletak bersebelahan kawasan yang diwartakan dan mempunyai sekurang-kurangnya 60 peratus penduduk (berumur 15 tahun dan lebih) yang terlibat dalam aktiviti bukan pertanian.

Definisi kawasan bandar juga mengambil kira kawasan pembangunan khusus iaitu kawasan pembangunan yang tidak diwartakan dan boleh dikenal pasti serta terpisah dari kawasan yang diwartakan atau kawasan tepu bina melebihi 5 km dan mempunyai penduduk sekurang-kurangnya 10,000 orang dengan 60 peratus penduduk (berumur 15 tahun dan lebih) terlibat dalam aktiviti bukan pertanian.

- ii. **Kawasan luar bandar**

Kawasan selain yang diwartakan dan mempunyai jumlah penduduk kurang daripada 10,000 orang serta kawasan yang tidak diwartakan.

- 5.4 Pembandaran merupakan proses yang dinamik dan sentiasa berubah mengikut kemajuan dan pembangunan. Oleh itu, kawasan bandar bagi Banci Penduduk dan Perumahan yang dilaksanakan oleh DOSM tidak semestinya merujuk kepada kawasan yang sama kerana kawasan yang memenuhi kriteria bandar akan terus bertambah dan berkembang mengikut masa.

## 6. Prosedur penganggaran

- 6.1 Anggaran penduduk semasa mengikut ciri-ciri kumpulan umur, jantina, kewarganegaraan, etnik dan negeri digunakan sebagai penanda aras dalam penyediaan statistik tenaga buruh melalui **kaedah anggaran nisbah bergabung** iaitu *adjusted weight* dan faktor penduduk.

- i. ***Adjusted weight***

*Adjusted weight* digunakan bagi mengambil kira kes tidak respons.

- ii. **Faktor penduduk**

Dalam reka bentuk pensampelan berperingkat, saiz sampel adalah pembolehubah rawak dan jumlah agregat yang dianggar daripada survei boleh menghasilkan ralat pensampelan yang tinggi. Wajaran *external* digunakan untuk memberikan ralat pensampelan yang minimum. Wajaran *external* yang digunakan dalam Survei Tenaga Buruh ialah faktor penduduk. Faktor penduduk diperolehi melalui anggaran terkini jumlah penduduk yang mana ia digunakan untuk mengubahsuai kadar dan nisbah yang dianggarkan daripada survei.

- 6.2 Dua jenis statistik penduduk disediakan oleh DOSM iaitu:

- i. **unjuran penduduk** bagi menunjukkan saiz dan struktur penduduk jangka panjang berasaskan andaian tertentu mengenai trend kesuburan, mortaliti dan migrasi. Statistik ini digunakan sebagai input dalam membuat perancangan dan penggubalan dasar pada masa hadapan.
- ii. **anggaran penduduk** semasa bagi menggambarkan saiz populasi pada masa kini dan disediakan secara tahunan berasaskan data semasa kelahiran, kematian dan migrasi.

- 6.3 STB Bulanan bagi tahun 2026 dianggar menggunakan data unjuran berdasarkan anggaran penduduk semasa berasaskan Banci Penduduk dan Perumahan Malaysia 2020.

Justeru, semakan semula bagi statistik tenaga buruh bulanan bagi tahun 2020 sehingga 2025 perlu dilaksanakan bagi memastikan statistik tenaga buruh yang diterbitkan selari dengan maklumat demografi dan sosio-ekonomi semasa penduduk Malaysia.

Sehubungan dengan itu, pelaksanaan semakan semula STB bulanan akan dilaksanakan secara berperingkat. Pelarasan semula telah dilaksanakan bagi data STB bulanan bagi tahun 2025 bermula dengan data Disember 2025 berdasarkan anggaran penduduk semasa yang terkini.

- 6.4 Statistik tenaga buruh bulanan bermula Julai 2026 hanya menerbitkan jadual seperti berikut:

- i. Jadual A: Statistik utama tenaga buruh, Malaysia
- ii. Jadual B: Statistik utama tenaga buruh pelarasan bermusim, Malaysia
- iii. Jadual C: Penduduk bekerja mengikut taraf pekerjaan



## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The statistics published in this report is based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS) conducted by Department of Statistics, Malaysia. The implementation of the LFS is based on the guidelines and recommendations of the **International Labour Organization (ILO)** with reference to the **Surveys of Economically Active Population, Employment, Unemployment and Underemployment: An ILO Manual on Concepts and Method**.
- 1.2 The survey is carried out every month through a household approach to provide statistics of labour force, employment and unemployment at the national.
- 1.3 The comprehensive and systematic approach in data collection and processing has been maintained over a period of time in order to obtain comparable time series statistics.
- 1.4 The information obtained from LFS is gathered under the provisions of the **Statistics Act 1965 (Revised 1989)**. **Section 6** of this Act requires any individuals to provide actual information or best estimates to DOSM. Meanwhile, **Section 7** of this Act allows respondents whom refuse to cooperate in the undertaking of the survey to be penalised. The Act stipulated that the detailed information gathered is confidential and only aggregated figures are published.
- 1.5 This technical note comprises of detailed explanation on concepts, definition and methodology used to conduct LFS to assist users to better understand labour market information obtained via household approach.

## 2. Objectives of the survey

- 2.1 The main objectives of LFS are:
  - i. To collect information on the structure and distribution of labour force, employment and unemployment; and
  - ii. To provide the latest statistics in relation to labour market situation from the perspective of labour supply.
- 2.2 The statistics from this survey is utilised especially by the government as input in planning national developments strategies; as well as by economists, academicians, private sector and individuals for the purpose of research and analysis.

## 3. Method of data collection

- 3.1 The LFS used the personal interview method. During the survey period, trained interviewers visit households in selected living quarters (LQs) to collect demographic information on all household members and labour force particulars of household members aged 15 years and over.
- 3.2 Field checks are undertaken to identify and correct any possibility of errors or omissions at the time when the survey is conducted. In addition to this, selected households are interviewed again to check the quality of data collection operation.

- 3.3 A total of 25 per cent of the selected repeated panels were interviewed using the **Telephone Interviewing method**.

#### 4. Scope and coverage

- 4.1 The LFS covers both urban and rural areas for all administrative districts within all states in Malaysia.
- 4.2 The survey population is defined to cover persons who live in private LQs; hence **excludes** persons residing in institutional LQs such as hotels, hostels, hospitals, prisons, boarding houses, and workers residing in construction work site.
- 4.3 There is no attempt was made to adjust the exclusion of the population living in institutional LQs from the independent mid-year post census population estimates, although the LFS did not cover that population. Based on the current Population and Housing Census, those living in institutional LQs was less than four per cent of the total population. This percentage was small and did not affect the estimates of labour force statistics.
- 4.4 This survey comprises the economically active and inactive population between the age of **15 to 64 years**<sup>1</sup>. The economically active population are those who are either employed or unemployed while those who are inactive are classified as outside labour force.

#### 5. Sampling frame

- 5.1 The frame used for the selection of sample for monthly LFS is based on the Household Sampling Frame which is made up of renumeration blocks (EBs) created for the 2020 Population and Housing Census and was updated from time to time.
- 5.2 EBs are geographically contiguous areas of land with identifiable boundaries created for survey operation purposes, which on average contains about 80 to 120 LQs. All EBs are formed within gazetted boundaries, i.e. within mukim or local authority areas.
- 5.3 The EBs in the sampling frame are also classified into urban and rural area<sup>2</sup>.

##### i. Urban areas

Gazetted areas with their adjoining built-up areas with combined population of 10,000 or more at the time of the 2020 Population and Housing Census.

- **Built-up areas**

Areas contiguous to a gazetted area with at least 60 per cent of the population (aged 15 years and over) engaged in non-agricultural activities.

The definition of urban areas also takes into account the special development area namely the development area which is not gazetted and can be identified and separated from the gazetted area or built-up area of more than 5 km with

<sup>1</sup> Working age limit for a country is determined based on the age structure of the population of the country

<sup>2</sup> Population Distribution and Basic Demographic Characteristics, Population and Housing Census of Malaysia 2020

population of at least 10,000 persons where 60 per cent of the population (aged 15 years and over) were involved in non-agricultural activities.

ii. **Rural areas**

All other gazetted areas with population of less than 10,000 persons and non-gazetted areas.

- 5.4 Urbanisation is a dynamic process and keeps changing in line with progress and development. Thus, the urban areas for the Population and Housing Census conducted by DOSM do not necessarily refer to the same areas, as areas fulfilling the criteria of urban continue to increase or grow with time.

## 6. **Estimation Procedures**

- 6.1 Current population estimates by age group, sex, citizenship, ethnicity and state were used as the benchmark to produce labour statistics through **combined ratio estimated method** which are adjusted weight and population factor.

i. **Adjusted weight**

Adjusted weight is used to take into account the non-response cases.

ii. **Population factor**

In multi-stage sampling design, the sample size is a random variable and aggregates directly estimated from the survey can have large sampling errors. External weight is used to minimise sampling error. The external weight used in Labour Force Survey is the population factor. The population factor is obtained through up-to-date estimates of population totals which is used to inflate the various rates and ratios estimated from the survey.

- 6.2 Two types of population statistics produced by DOSM are:

- i. **population projection** to indicate the size and structure of the population in the long term based on certain assumption on the trend of fertility, mortality and migration. These statistics are used as input to formulate future plans and policies.
- ii. **current population** estimates to illustrate the size of the current population and is prepared annually based on the recent data on birth, death and migration.

- 6.3 The monthly LFS statistics for 2026 statistics are estimated using the current population estimates based on the Population and Housing Census of Malaysia 2020.

Therefore, rebasing of the monthly labour force statistics for 2020 until 2025 needs to be implemented to ensure that the published labour force statistics are in line with the current demographic and socio-economic information of the Malaysian population.

In this regard, the implementation of the revision of monthly LFS statistics will be implemented in stages. The revisions are carried out on the monthly LFS data for 2025, beginning with the December 2025 data based on the latest current population estimates.

6.4 The monthly LFS starting July 2026 only publish tables as follows:

- i. Table A: Principal statistics of the labour force, Malaysia
- ii. Table B: Seasonally adjusted principal statistics of the labour force, Malaysia
- iii. Table C: Employed person by status in employment



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