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Malaysia's labour demand continued an upward trend in the first quarter of 2023 with total jobs recorded an increase of 2.7 per cent

PUTRAJAYA, 11 May 2023 – Malaysia's labour demand continued an upward trend in the first quarter of 2023 with total jobs recorded an increase of 2.7 per cent, surpassed the number during the pre-pandemic period, the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) reported today. These statistics are published in the report of **EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS, FIRST QUARTER 2023** based on the Employment Survey conducted on registered businesses in the private sector. The report presents the labour demand statistics, encompassing of jobs, filled jobs, vacancies and jobs created indicators by skill categories and economic activities.

According to the Chief Statistician Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, "Malaysia's labour demand continued to be improving during the first quarter of 2023 with the increase of 233.7 thousand jobs in the economic sector to record 8.81 million jobs (Q1 2022: 8.57 million). This positive trend was an indication of the country's gradual economic recovery, bolstered by various government's initiatives such as job placement programmes, wage subsidies and tax incentives. For the record, the number of jobs in this quarter was the highest throughout the time series since 2018.

Similar trend was also observed for the number of filled jobs, which edged up by 2.7 per cent recording 8.61 million jobs in Q1 2023 (Q1 2022: 8.39 million). This was likely underpinned by the Government's initiative on easing the foreign workers hiring rules through Foreign Worker Recruitment Relaxation Plan and Illegal Immigrant Recalibration Plan 2.0. Alongside, the number of job vacancies increased by 4.5 per cent to 192.6 thousand vacancies during this quarter. As for the rate of filled jobs and job vacancies, both rates stood at 97.8 per cent and 2.2 per cent respectively."

Elaborating further on the filled job situation during the first quarter of 2023, the Chief Statistician said, "All economic sectors recorded a positive growth during this quarter. Manufacturing sector remained to record the highest growth at 3.8 per cent, followed by Mining & Quarrying (3.4%) and Agriculture (2.9%). In terms of composition, a total

of 4.53 million filled jobs (52.6%) were concentrated in the Services sector, followed by Manufacturing (27.0%; 2.32 million) and Construction (14.3%; 1.23 million). From the viewpoint of skill category, filled jobs was largely in the semi-skilled category recording 5.39 million jobs or equivalent to 62.6 per cent, followed by skilled category with 2.15 million jobs (24.9%) and low-skilled by 1.08 million jobs (12.5%).”

Additionally, commenting on jobs vacancies by economic activity, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin noted that, "Job vacancies had increased to 192.6 thousand jobs during this quarter, largely in the Manufacturing sector which accounted for 107.7 thousand job vacancies (55.9%), primarily in the sub-sector of Electrical, electronic, and optical products (33.2 thousand), followed by Petroleum, chemical, rubber, and plastic products (20.4 thousand). With 31.8 thousand job vacancies (16.5%), Agriculture sector came in second and followed by Services with 29.4 thousand job vacancies (15.3%), mostly in the Finance, insurance, real estate, and business services sectors (11.4 thousand). There were 106.2 thousand job vacancies in the semi-skilled category which encompassed 55.1 per cent of all job vacancies. Meanwhile, the skilled category comprised of 25.6 per cent of job vacancies (49.3 thousand) followed by the low-skilled category (19.3%; 37.1 thousand).”

"More jobs creation was recorded during this quarter which encompassed 31.7 thousand jobs to meet the needs of the industry subsequent to the Malaysia's economic recovery. Looking at the disaggregation by skill category, the semi-skilled category accounted for 63.8 per cent of jobs created (20.2 thousand), followed by skilled (27.2%; 8.6 thousand) and low-skilled (9.0%; 2.9 thousand). Across the economic activity, majority of the jobs created were in the Services sector with a share of 50.8 per cent (16.1 thousand) mainly in Wholesale & retail trade sub-sector with 8.7 thousand (27.3%). In the meantime, the Manufacturing sector created 10.5 thousand new jobs, with a share of 33.2 per cent mostly in the sub-sector of Electrical, electronic, and optical products (11.0%; 3.5 thousand)", he added.

Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin concluded his statement on today's release by saying, "Despite the expectation that the economic growth momentum would lose steam this year amid global recessionary risks, business activities in Malaysia has continued to grow, contributing to more job opportunities, hence strengthening the Malaysia's labour market. Labour market position is also anticipated to remain stable and expanding in the upcoming months led by the current development of economic activity in Malaysia.”

Time series statistics and more information on the labour market can be obtained from the Malaysia Labour Market Interactive Data (MyLMID) portal. For more information, please visit <https://mbls.dosm.gov.my/mylmid/> or scan the QR code below.

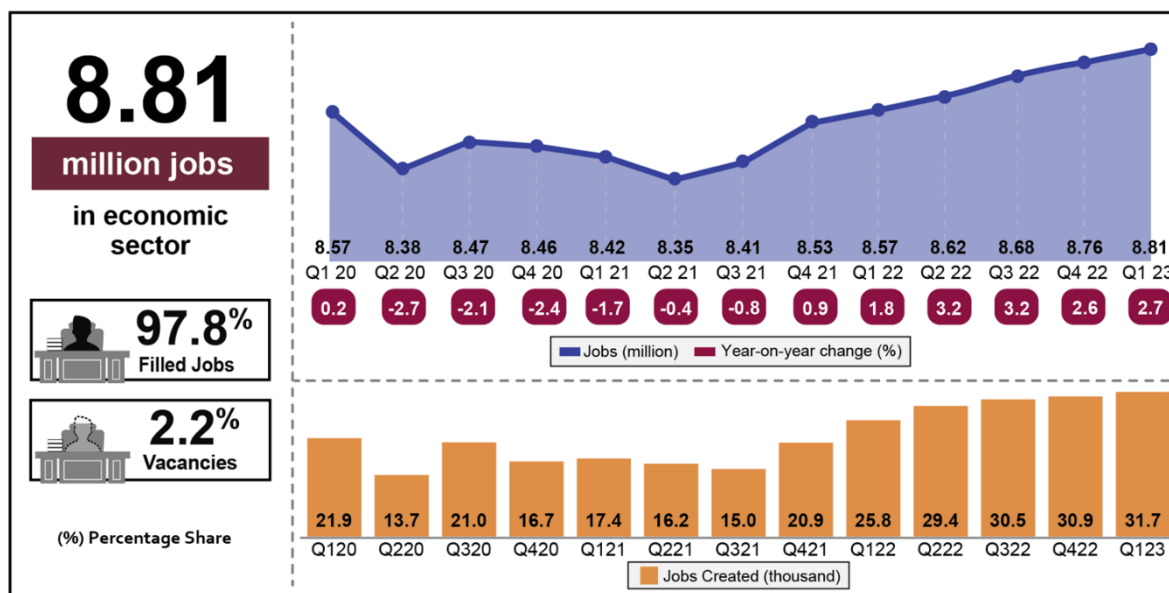


The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) is conducting the Economic Census in 2023. DOSM greatly appreciates the cooperation of respondents in providing information and ensuring the success of this census. Please visit www.dosm.gov.my for more information.

DOSM has launched OpenDOSM NextGen as a medium that provides a catalogue of data and visualisation to facilitate users in analysing various data. OpenDOSM NextGen is an open source data sharing platform and accessible through <https://open.dosm.gov.my> portal.

Please be informed that the Government of Malaysia has declared National Statistics Day (MyStats Day) on October 20 each year. MyStats Day theme is “Connecting the World with Data We Can Trust”.

Exhibit 1: Employment Statistics, Q1 2023



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