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FOR LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY, FOURTH QUARTER OF 2022

***Labour productivity increased 3.6 per cent
as the economy continued to expand***

PUTRAJAYA, 16 February 2023 – Malaysia's labour productivity as expressed by value added per employment in the fourth quarter 2022 increased 3.6 per cent (Q3 2022: 10.2%), as the economy continued to expand in this quarter.

Commenting to the report, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician Malaysia said, ***"During the quarter, employment rose 3.2 per cent (Q3 2022: 3.6%), recording an increase in value added per employment in this fourth quarter of 2022 to RM24,915 (Q4 2021: RM24,047 per person; Q3 2022: RM24,242 per person)."***

While elaborating on the performance of labour productivity as measured by **value added per hour worked**, he said, ***"The brisked up business activity observed in this quarter thus translated into the increase of total hours worked by 5.0 per cent with a record increase of 9.2 billion hours (Q3 2022: 10.0%, 9.0 billion hours). Therefore, labour productivity as measured by value added per hour worked also posted an increase with a growth of 1.9 per cent (Q3 2022: 3.8%) to RM43.1 per hour (Q4 2021: RM42.3 per hour; Q3 2022: RM42.5 per hour)."***

In terms of labour productivity as expressed by value added per employment, all sectors posted increases with the highest growth was registered by Construction of 10.0 per cent (Q3 2022: 14.9%), followed by Mining and quarrying of 6.5 per cent (Q3 2022: 8.8%). Services sector increased 4.0 per cent (Q3 2022: 11.4%) spearheaded by three subsectors posting double-digit growth namely Real estate and business services (21.7%); Food & beverages and accommodation (16.4%); and Transportation and storage (11.9%). This was followed by positive growths in Wholesale and retail trade (4.8%); Other services (1.8%); Information and communication (0.7%); and Finance and insurance (0.1%). Meanwhile, Agriculture and Manufacturing sectors increased both at 1.6 per cent.

In the mean time, in terms of labour productivity as expressed by value added per hour worked, four sectors recorded positive growth namely Construction, Mining and quarrying, Services and Manufacturing while Agriculture remained sluggish. Construction sector posted a turn around to 8.0 per cent as opposed to a negative 2.1 per cent in the previous quarter, while Mining and quarrying sector continued to record a steady increase of 4.7 per cent (Q3 2022: 4.2%). Services sector increased 2.3 per cent (Q3 2022: 6.0%) with two subsectors posted a two-digit growth namely Food & beverages and accommodation (19.0%); and Real estate and business services (16.7%), followed by a positive growth in Transportation and storage (9.0%); Finance and insurance (6.5%); Wholesale and retail trade (1.7%); and Other services (0.2%). Manufacturing sector increased marginal 0.4 per cent (Q3 2022: 1.4%) supported by Electrical, electronic and optical products (3.7%); Non-metallic mineral products, basic metal and fabricated metal products (1.3%); and Textiles, wearing apparel and leather products (1.1%). Meanwhile, Agriculture sector fell marginal 0.6 per cent (Q3 2022: -0.8%).

*Commenting further on the **overall performance of labour productivity for the year 2022**, the Chief Statistician highlighted, “**The performance of labour productivity per employment for the year 2022 strengthened by 5.4 per cent (2021: 1.8%) to record value added per employment of RM95,628 per person (2021: RM90,697 per person). Meanwhile, value added per hour worked rebounded to 1.8 per cent (2021: -2.6%) with a value of RM41.7 (2021: RM41.0 per hour).** In comparison with the pre-pandemic period, both labour productivity per hour worked and labour productivity per employment exceeded the level of 2019 (RM40.7 per hour; RM94,138 per person). Two sectors namely Manufacturing and Services had surpassed the pre-pandemic level while the other sectors remained below”.*

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



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Chart 1: Labour productivity, value added per employment, Q1 2018 - Q4 2022

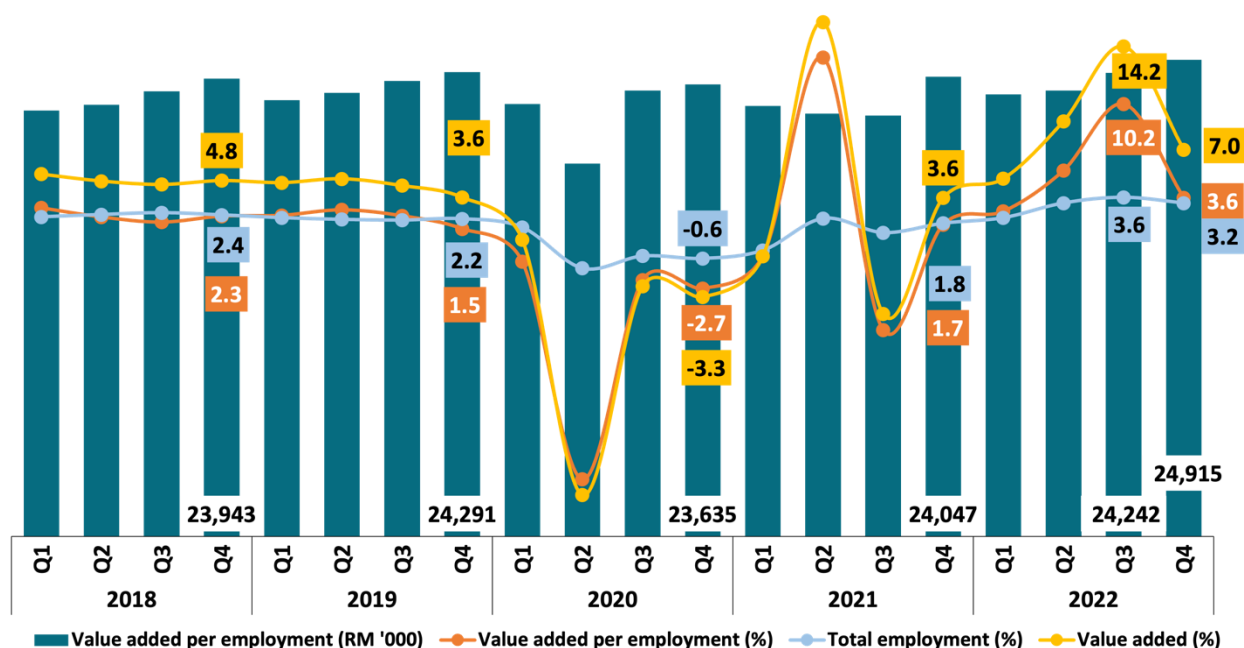


Chart 2: Labour productivity, value added per hour worked, Q1 2018 - Q4 2022

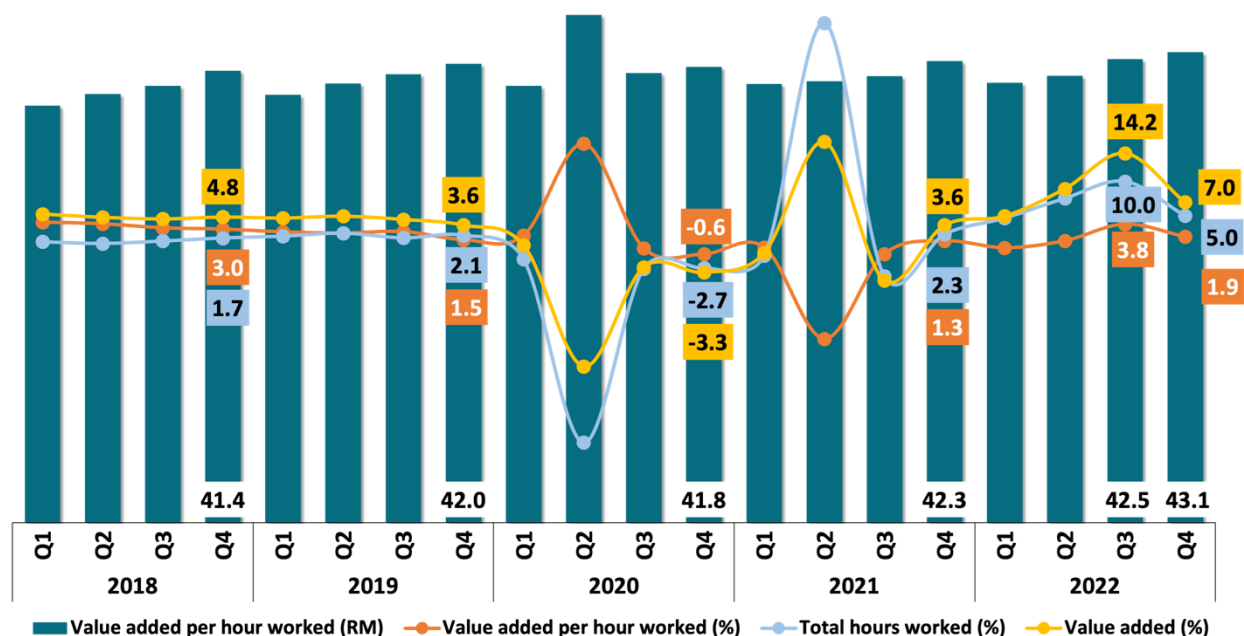


Chart 3: Labour productivity, value added per employment, 2015 – 2022

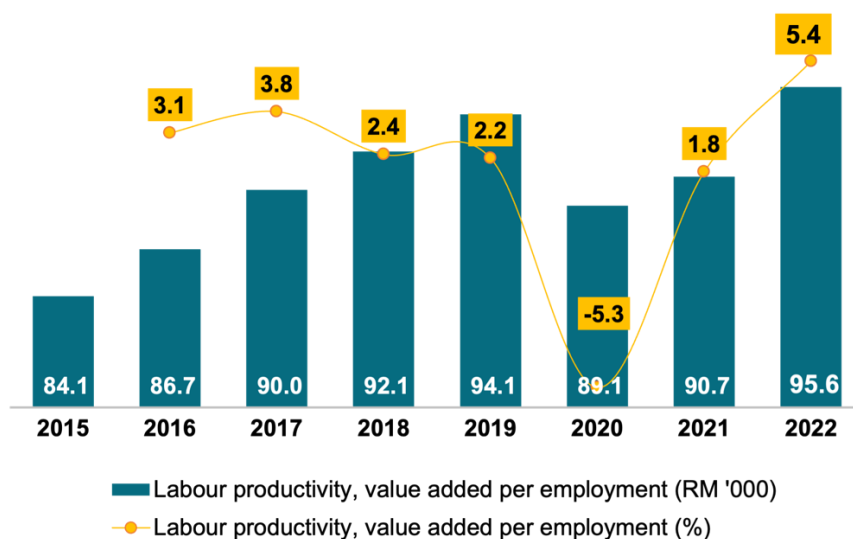
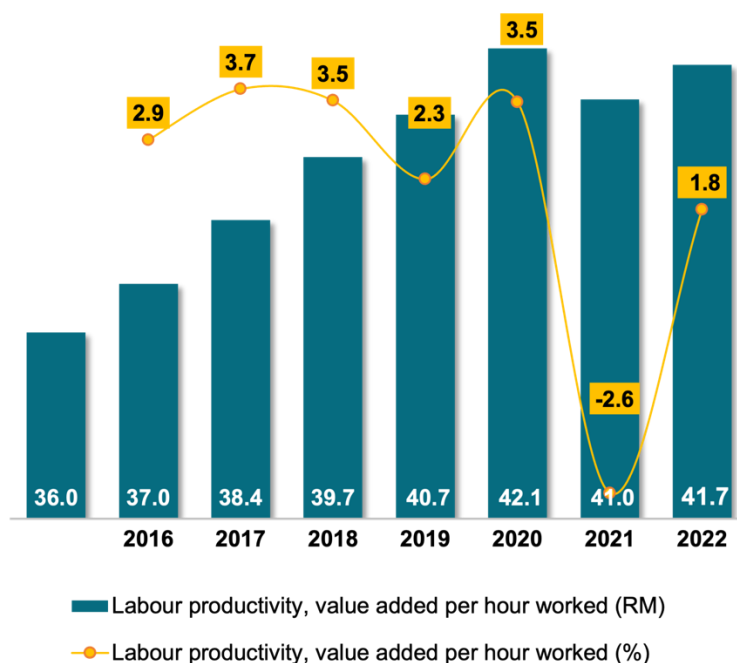


Chart 4: Labour productivity, value added per hour worked, 2015 – 2022



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