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PUTRAJAYA, 27 September 2023 – Median monthly salaries & wages reached RM2,424, meanwhile the mean recorded a value of RM3,212 in 2022, the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) reported today in the release on **Statistics of Salaries & Wages, Malaysia, 2022**. These statistics are compiled based on the Salaries & Wages Survey conducted by DOSM through household approach to measure the monthly salaries & wages received by the full-time equivalent of paid employees among the Malaysian citizens working in the private and public sectors based on their principal occupation. Out of a total of 15.39 million employed persons recorded in 2022, the number of full-time equivalents of paid employees among Malaysian citizens was 9.95 million persons.

According to Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, the Chief Statistician Malaysia, "In 2022, the global economy faced significant challenges, including supply chain disruptions, commodity price shocks, energy crises and high inflation rates before moderating in the fourth quarter of 2022. Despite these headwinds, Malaysia stood out with a remarkable 8.7 per cent Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth, largely propelled by robust performances in the Services and Manufacturing sectors, which together contributed 82.4 per cent to the nation's GDP. Transition to endemic phase, reopening international borders and rejuvenating the tourism industry has create more demand for labour in the job market. The Malaysian government had increased the minimum wage to RM1,500 starting from May 2022, mandating a monthly wage of RM1,500 for employees in all sectors, as a measure that is expected to improve overall salaries & wages conditions in the country as compared to the previous years. Thus, this situation is reflected by the increase in the median monthly salaries & wages received by Malaysian citizens in 2022 which rose by 7.7 per cent to RM2,424 (2021: RM2,250). It has shown that 50.0 per cent of full-time citizen workers received salaries & wages of RM2,424 and below. Likewise, mean monthly salaries & wages received by Malaysian citizens in 2022 which rose by 5.8 per cent registering RM3,212 (2021: RM3,037)."

By economic activity, all sectors registered increases in the mean monthly salaries & wages in 2022. The Services sector which was the largest sector in the economy recorded the highest number of salaries & wages recipients particularly in sub-sector Wholesales & retail trade activities, Education, Food & beverages and

Accommodation. This was followed by Manufacturing sector whereby both Services and Manufacturing sectors recorded increases in the mean monthly salaries & wages by 5.0 per cent and 7.9 per cent respectively as compared to the previous year.

Adding to this, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin said, "The mean monthly salaries & wages for skilled employees edged up by 3.7 per cent registering an addition of RM177 to RM5,025 (2021: RM4,848). Among skilled employees, Managers category remained as the highest mean monthly salaries & wages at RM6,385, increased by 1.4 per cent as against RM6,296 in 2021 and followed by Professionals (RM5,900) and Technicians & associate professionals (RM3,668). In addition, the mean monthly salaries & wages of semi-skilled employees rose to RM2,241 (2021: RM2,064) particularly contributed by Clerical support workers (RM2,555), followed by Plant and machine-operators and assemblers (RM2,158), Craft and related trades workers (RM2,154) and Services & sales workers (RM2,139). Meanwhile, the mean monthly salaries & wages for the low-skilled category which includes Elementary workers, increased by RM66 to RM1,815 as compared to RM1,749 in the previous year."

Commenting further on the salaries & wages situation by stratum, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin said, "The mean monthly salaries & wages for both urban and rural areas recorded an upward trend to RM3,351 for urban areas and RM2,393 for rural areas as compared to 2021. Specifically, the mean monthly salaries & wages in urban areas posted a growth of 5.1 per cent (2021: RM3,188, +3.2%), while rural areas exhibited a relatively more substantial growth of 10.5 per cent (2021: RM2,166, +3.9%). By states, the mean monthly salaries & wages indicate that W.P. Putrajaya recorded the highest mean monthly salaries & wages at RM4,666. Additionally, four other states surpassed the national mean level of RM3,212, namely W.P. Kuala Lumpur (RM4,207), Selangor (RM3,737), W.P. Labuan (RM3,418), and Pulau Pinang (RM3,313)."

Concluding the overall situation in 2022, the Chief Statistician said, "The rise in median and mean monthly salaries & wages was contributed by the continuous economic and social activities, supported by increasing tourist arrivals and improvements in the labour market, especially in the services sector."

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.



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.

The Government of Malaysia has declared National Statistics Day (MyStats Day) on October 20 each year. MyStats Day theme is “Statistics is the Essence of Life”.

Chart 1: Median Monthly Salaries & Wages, 2011- 2022

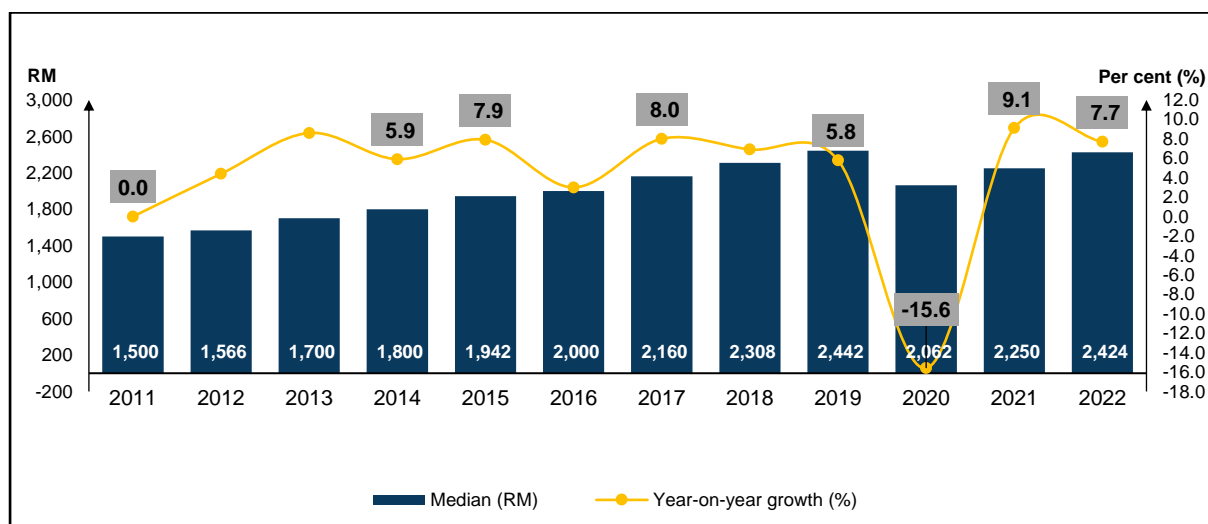
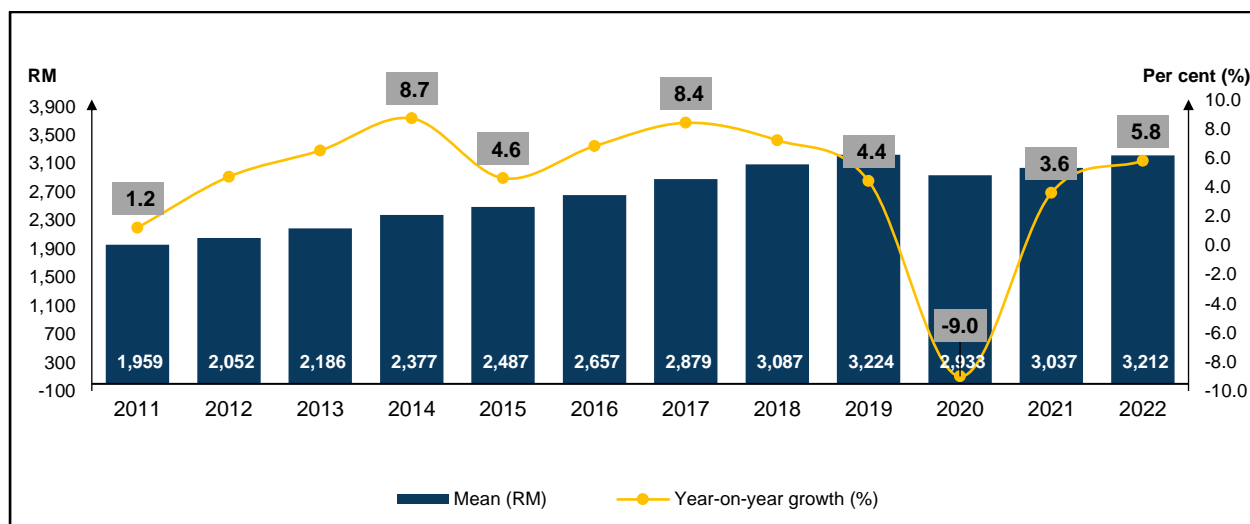


Chart 2: Mean Monthly Salaries & Wages, 2011-2022



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