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KEY STATISTICS OF LABOUR FORCE IN MALAYSIA, OCTOBER 2022





- The improvement in the number of employed persons continued in October 2022, with a month-on-month rise of 0.2 per cent (+29.3 thousand persons) to 16.08 million persons (September 2022: 16.05 million persons). During the month, the employment-to-population ratio, which indicates the ability of an economy to create employment, was unchanged at 67.2 per cent as against the preceding month.
- By economic sector, the number of employed persons in the Services sector remained on an upward trend, particularly in Food & beverages services, Wholesale & retail trade and Finance & insurance/ takaful activities. Similarly, the number of employed persons in the Manufacturing, Construction and Agriculture sectors also recorded increases. In contrast, employment in the Mining & quarrying sector continued to fall.
- In October 2022, the employees' category which was the largest composition of the total employed persons with a share of 75.9 per cent, posted an increase of 0.1 per cent or equivalent to 17.7 thousand persons to record 12.20 million persons (September 2022: 12.18 million persons). A similar trend was observed in own-account workers, with a 0.4 per cent (+10.4 thousand persons) increased to 2.83 million persons (September 2022: 2.82 million persons).
- The number of unemployed persons declined marginally to 602.0 thousand persons, with a reduction of 0.5 per cent (-3.0 thousand persons) in October 2022, as compared to 605.0 thousand persons in September 2022. October's unemployment rate remained at 3.6 per cent, 0.3 percentage points higher than its pre-pandemic level (February 2020: 3.3%).
- During the month, the number of labour force continued to expand, with a month-on-month increase of 0.2 per cent or 26.3 thousand persons to 16.68 million persons (September 2022: 16.66 million persons). October's labour force participation rate (LFPR) stood at 69.7 per cent.
- In October 2022, the number of persons outside labour force continued a downward trend since August 2021, decreasing by 1.9 thousand persons (-0.03%) to record 7.24 million persons (September 2022: 7.24 million persons). The majority of the outside labour force was due to housework/ family responsibilities, with a share of 43.3 per cent, followed by schooling/ training with 40.9 per cent.

The full publication of the Labour Force Report, October 2022 can be downloaded through eStatistic Portal.

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