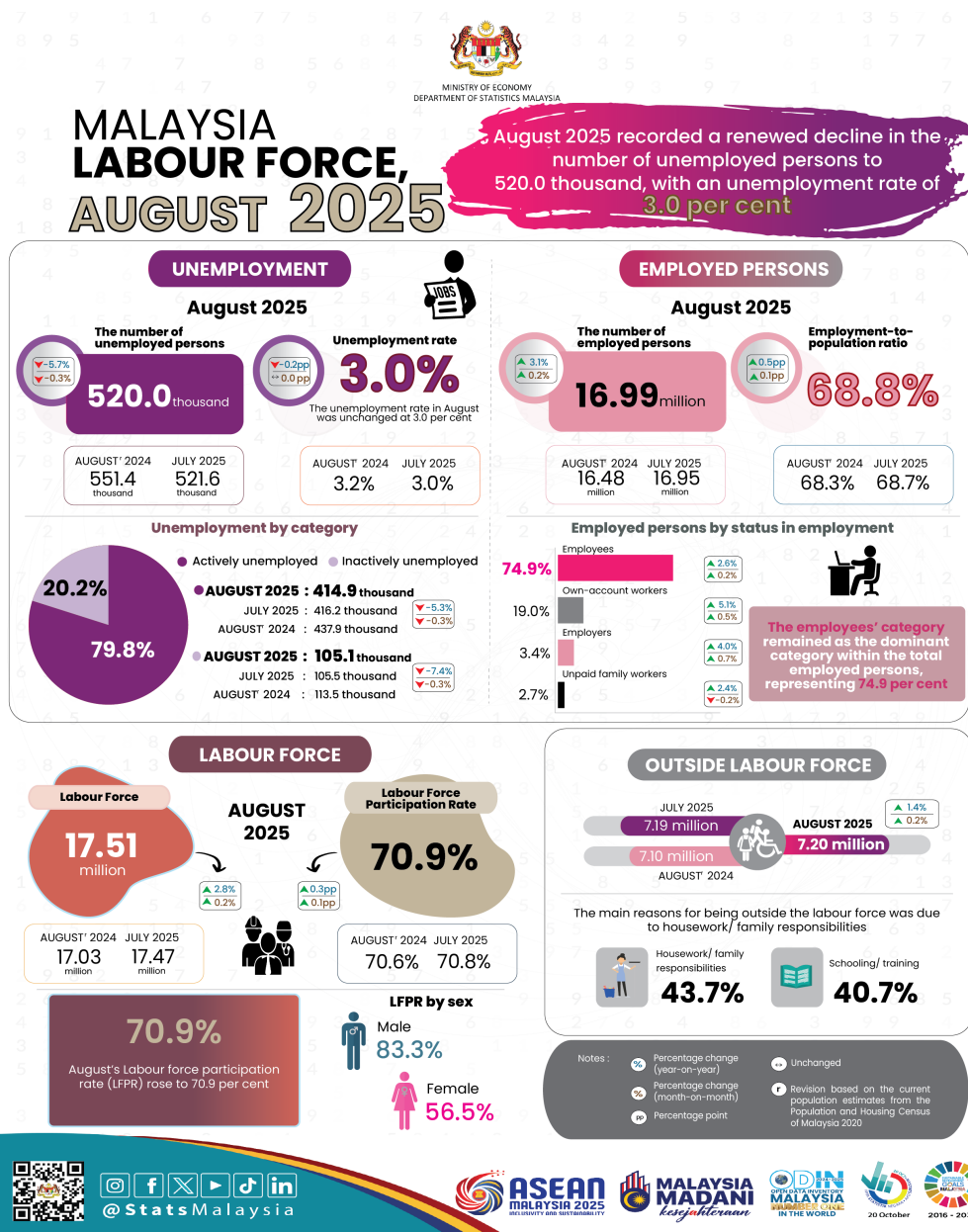




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LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, AUGUST 2025



- The number of **employed persons** continued to record increases in August 2025, rising by **0.2 per cent (+39.1 thousand persons)** to **16.99 million persons**, up from 16.95 million persons in July 2025. The **employment-to-population ratio**, an indication of the ability of an economy to create employment, increased by **0.1 percentage points to 68.8 per cent** in August, compared to 68.7 per cent in July 2025.
- Across economic sectors, employment in the Services sector continued to register strong growth during the month, notably within Wholesale & retail trade; Information & communication activities; as well as Accommodation and food & beverage services. Similarly, the number of employed persons in the Manufacturing, Construction, Mining & quarrying, and Agriculture sectors also experienced an upward trend in August.
- In August 2025, the **employees'** category remained as the dominant category within the total employed persons, representing **74.9 per cent**. This group posted a **0.2 per cent (+20.2 thousand persons)** increase to **12.73 million persons** compared to 12.71 million persons in July 2025. Likewise, the number of **own-account workers** rose by **0.5 per cent (+15.4 thousand persons)** to **3.22 million persons** (July 2025: 3.21 million persons).
- During the month, the number of **unemployed persons** decreased by **0.3 per cent (-1.6 thousand persons)** to **520.0 thousand persons**, reversing the previous month's increase (July 2025: 521.6 thousand persons). August's **unemployment rate** was unchanged at **3.0 per cent** as recorded last month.
- The **labour force** was on an upward trend in August 2025, rising by **0.2 per cent (+37.5 thousand persons)**, reaching **17.51 million persons**, compared to the previous month (July 2025: 17.47 million persons). A higher **labour force participation rate (LFPR)** was recorded during the month at **70.9 per cent**, with an increase of **0.1 percentage points** compared to 70.8 per cent in July 2025.
- During the month, the number of persons **outside the labour force** increased by **0.2 per cent (+12.2 thousand persons)** to **7.20 million persons** as against the previous month (July 2025: 7.19 million persons). The main reason for being outside the labour force was due to **housework/family responsibilities**, which encompassed **43.7 per cent**, followed by the **schooling/ training** category at **40.7 per cent**.

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