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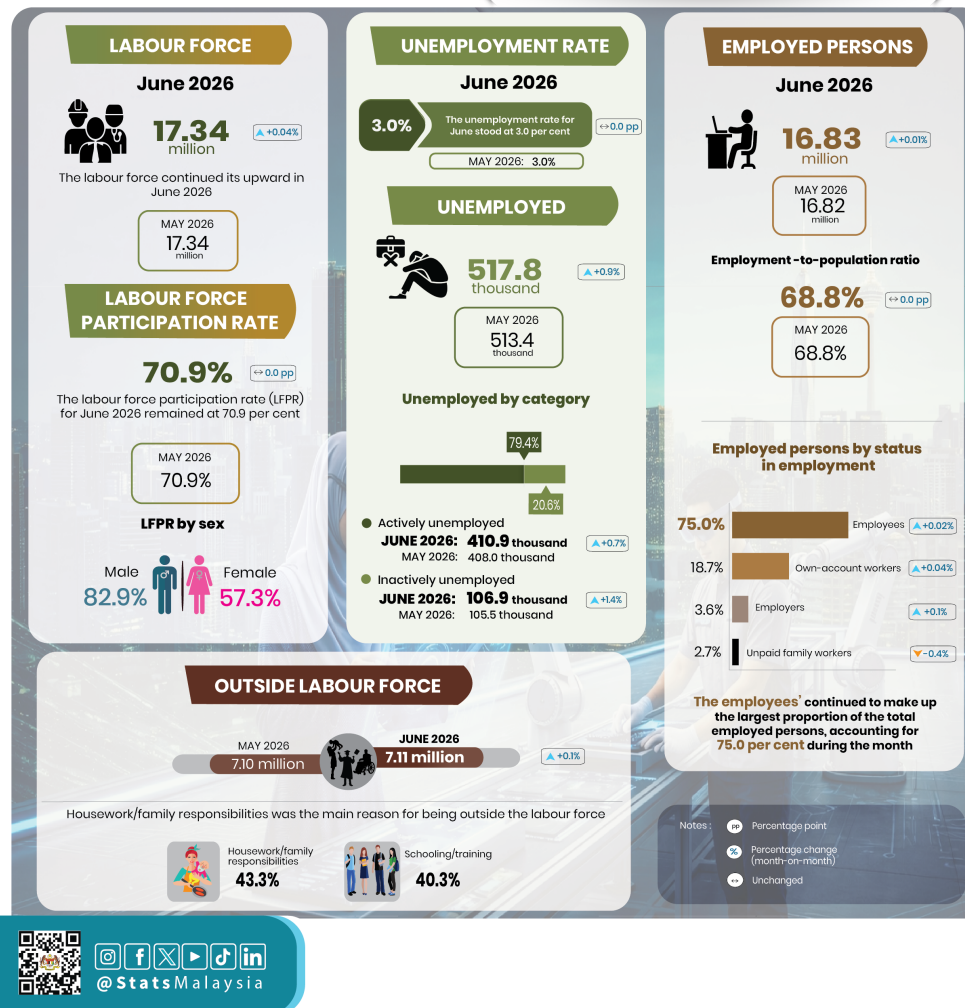
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- Malaysia's labour market continued to demonstrate resilience, with number of **employed persons** increased modestly by **0.01 per cent (+2.3 thousand persons)** to **16.83 million persons**, compared to previous month (May 2026: 16.82 million persons). The **employment-to-population ratio**, which indicates the ability of an economy to create employment, remained unchanged at **68.8 per cent**, as in the prior month.
- From a sectoral perspective, the Services sector remained the primary contributor to total employment during the month, particularly in Transportation & storage, Accommodation and food & beverage service activities, and Wholesale & retail trade activities. Employment in the Manufacturing and Construction sectors also recorded growth, while the Agriculture and Mining & quarrying sectors decreased.
- The **employees'** continued to make up the largest proportion of the total employed persons, accounting for **75.0 per cent** during the month. The number of employees' increased by **0.02 per cent (+2.5 thousand persons)** to **12.61 million persons** (May 2026: 12.61 million persons). On the same note, the number of **own-account workers** posted a slight increase by **0.04 per cent (+1.2 thousand persons)** to **3.15 million persons** (May 2026: 3.15 million persons).
- The number of **unemployed** persons in June 2026 continued to record increases by **0.9 per cent (+4.4 thousand persons)** to **517.8 thousand persons** (May 2026: 513.4 thousand persons). The **unemployment rate** for June stood at **3.0 per cent**, the same as the previous month.
- The **labour force** continued its upward in June 2026, expanding by **0.04 per cent (+6.7 thousand persons)** to **17.34 million persons** (May 2026: 17.34 million persons). The **labour force participation rate (LFPR)** remained at **70.9 per cent**, unchanged from May 2026.
- The number of persons **outside the labour force** in June 2026 increased by **0.1 per cent (+6.4 thousand persons)** to **7.11 million persons (May 2026: 7.10 million persons)**. **Housework/family responsibilities** was the main reason for being outside the labour force, accounting for **43.3 per cent**, followed by the **schooling/training** category which constituted **40.3 per cent**.

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