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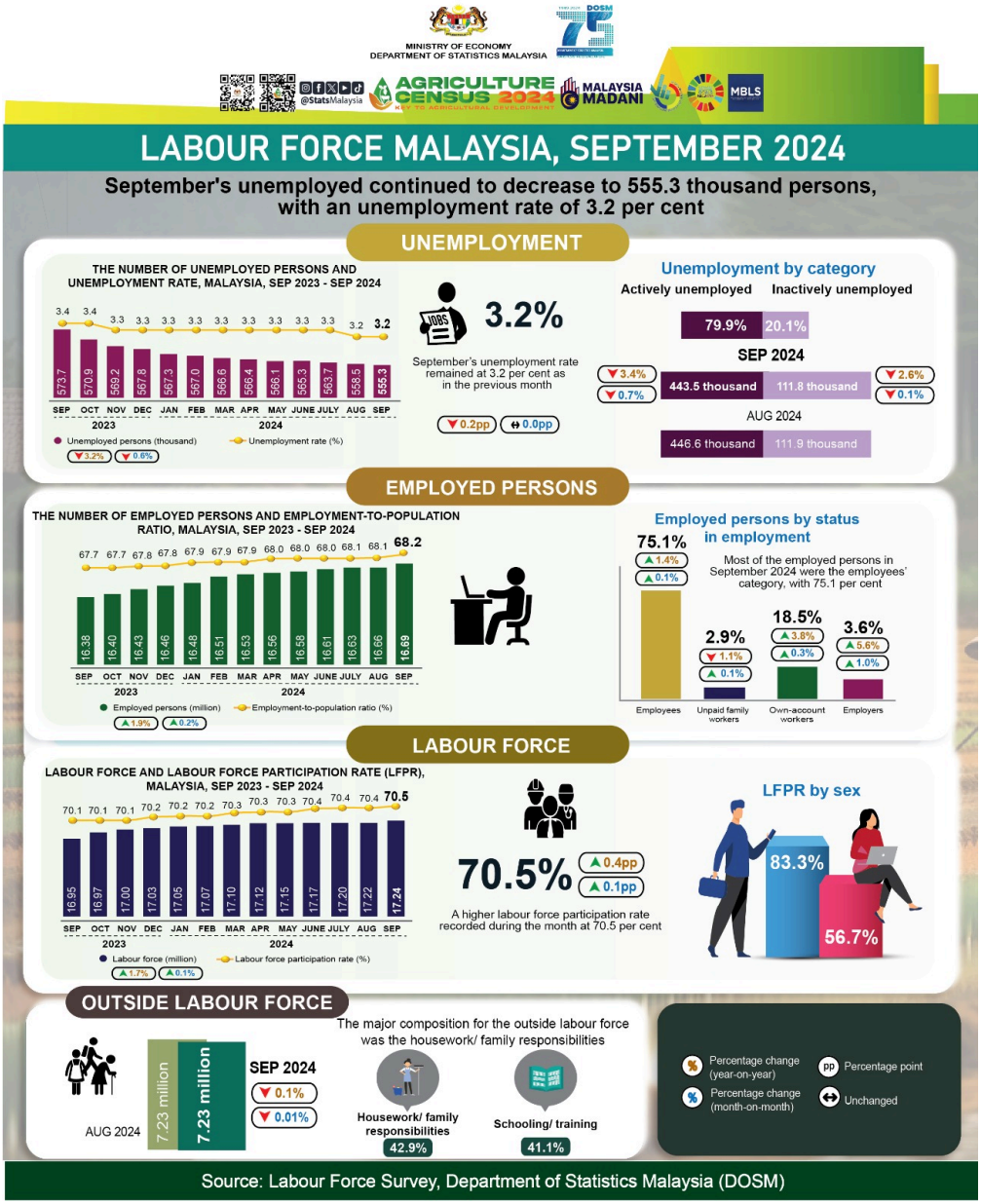

- The number of **employed persons** further increased in September 2024 with a rise of **0.2 per cent (+27.6 thousand persons)** to **16.69 million persons** (August 2024: 16.66 million persons). During the month, the **employment-to-population ratio** which indicates the ability of an economy to create employment, rose by **0.1 percentage points** month-on-month to **68.2 per cent** (August 2024: 68.1%).
- In the economic sector, the number of employed persons which was concentrated in the Services sector continued to record increases, particularly in Food & beverage services; Wholesale & retail trade, and Information & communication activities. On the same note, the Manufacturing, Construction, Mining & quarrying and Agriculture sectors also registered a rise in employment.
- In September 2024, **75.1 per cent** of the total employed persons were in the **employees'** category. As compared to the previous month, this category recorded a slight increase of **0.1 per cent (+12.7 thousand persons)**, reaching a total of **12.51 million persons** (August 2024: 12.50 million persons). A similar trend was also observed in the **own-account workers** category, with an increase of **0.3 per cent (+8.8 thousand persons)** to register **3.09 million persons** (August 2024: 3.08 million persons).
- During the month, the number of **unemployed persons** continued to decline, with a decrease of **0.6 per cent (-3.2 thousand persons)** to **555.3 thousand persons** (August 2024: 558.5 thousand persons). The **unemployment rate** in September 2024 remained at **3.2 per cent**, as recorded last month.
- In September 2024, the number of **labour force** was on an upward trend, with an addition of **0.1 per cent (+24.4 thousand persons)** to **17.24 million persons** (August 2024: 17.22 million persons). Accordingly, a higher **labour force participation rate (LFPR)** was recorded during the month at **70.5 per cent** compared to 70.4 per cent last month.
- The number of persons **outside the labour force** in September 2024 posted a marginal decrease of **0.01 per cent** or equivalent to a reduction of **0.8 thousand persons** to **7.23 million persons** (August 2024: 7.23 million persons). The major composition for the outside labour force was **housework/ family responsibilities**, accounting for **42.9 per cent**, followed by the **schooling/ training** category with **41.1 per cent.**

The full publication of the Labour Force Report, September 2024 can be downloaded through eStatistik Portal

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