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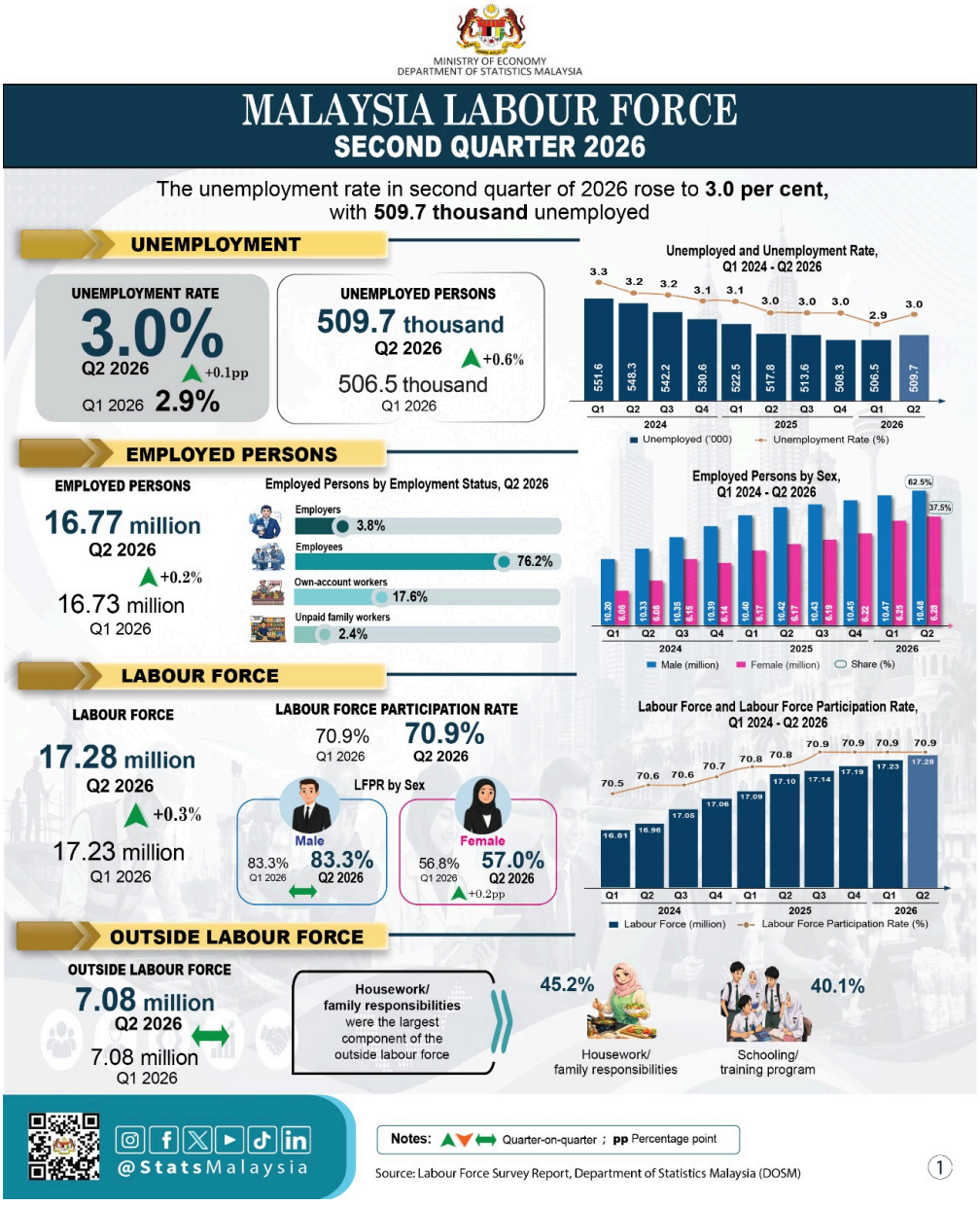
LABOUR FORCE SURVEY REPORT, SECOND QUARTER 2026



- The **labour force** expanded by **0.3 per cent** in the second quarter of 2026, increasing by **43.7 thousand persons** to **17.28 million persons** (Q1 2026: 17.23 million persons). The **Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR)** remained unchanged at **70.9 per cent**, the same rate recorded in the preceding quarter.
- The number of **employed persons** maintained its upward trend in the second quarter of 2026, recording an additional **40.5 thousand persons (0.2%)** to **16.77 million persons** (Q1 2026: 16.73 million persons). On year-on-year comparison, the number of employed persons increased by **1.1 per cent** or **179.2 thousand persons** compared with the same period of the previous year (Q2 2025: 16.59 million persons).
- In the second quarter of 2026, the number of **unemployed persons** increased by **0.6 per cent**, recording **509.7 thousand persons** as compared to 506.5 thousand persons in the preceding quarter. Similarly, the **unemployment rate** increased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.0 per cent (Q1 2026: 2.9%). Yearly comparison shows the number of unemployed persons decreased by 1.6 per cent (-8.1 thousand persons) compared with the second quarter of 2025, while the unemployment rate remained unchanged (Q2 2025: 517.8 thousand persons; **3.0 per cent**).
- At the national level, the **LFPR** held steady at **70.9 per cent** in the second quarter of 2026. **Five states** recorded LFPR above the national rate with **Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya** registered the highest **LFPR** at **79.4 per cent**, followed by **Selangor (77.9%)** and **Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (76.0%)**.
- At the state level, **nine states** recorded **unemployment rates** below the national unemployment rate of **3.0 per cent**. **Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya** registered the lowest unemployment rate at **1.3 per cent**, followed by **Melaka & Pahang (2.0%)** and **Selangor (2.1%)**.

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