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## LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY OF SECOND QUARTER 2019

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Malaysia's labour productivity as measured by value added per hour worked, remained 2.4 per cent in the second quarter of 2019 (Q1 2019: 2.4%). During this quarter, Malaysia's economy expanded 4.9 per cent (Q1 2019: 4.5%) while hours worked increased 2.4 per cent against 2.0 per cent in the preceding quarter. In the meantime, labour productivity expressed in terms of value added per employment registered a growth of 2.8 per cent (Q1 2019: 2.2%) as employment increased 2.1 per cent (Q1 2019: 2.2%).

Labour productivity by hours worked for Agriculture sector increased 2.2 per cent in Q2 2019 (Q1 2019: 3.0%). In term of value added, this sector grew 4.2 per cent (Q1 2019: 5.6%) while hours worked rose 1.9 per cent (Q1 2019: 2.5%). In this quarter, labour productivity by employment grew 2.1 per cent as compared to 3.4 per cent in the preceding quarter as employment increased 2.0 per cent (Q1 2019: 2.2%).

Mining and Quarrying sector continued to register a negative growth of labour productivity by hours worked at 0.7 per cent (Q1 2019: -0.8%). The value added of this sector rebounded to 2.9 per cent (Q1 2019: -2.1%) while hours worked stepped up from negative 1.3 per cent to 3.5 per cent in this quarter. In term of labour productivity by employment, this sector posted a growth of 1.4 per cent (Q1 2019: 2.6%) as employment in this sector increased 1.4 per cent (Q1 2019: -4.6%).

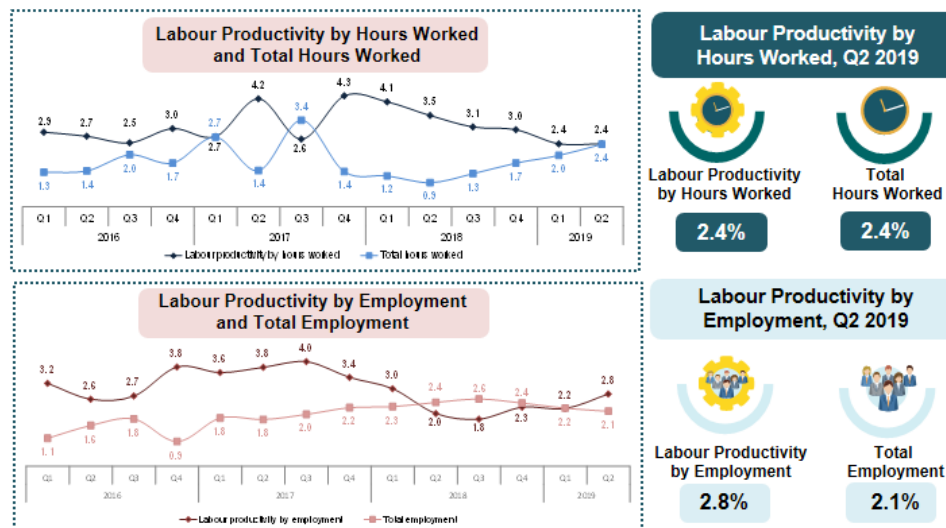
The growth of labour productivity by hours worked for Manufacturing sector in the second quarter of 2019 was 2.5 per cent (Q1 2019: 3.4%). During this quarter, value added of this sector expanded 4.3 per cent after registering 4.2 per cent in the preceding quarter while hours worked increased 1.8 per cent (Q1 2019: 0.7%). The highest growth of labour productivity in Manufacturing sector was recorded by Wood products, furniture, paper products & printing (7.1%). This was followed by Textiles, wearing apparel & leather products (5.7%) and Transport equipment, other manufacturing & repair (4.4%). Labour productivity expressed as the ratio of value added and employment grew 2.4 per cent (Q1 2019: 2.0%) as employment increased 1.8 per cent (Q1 2019: 2.1%).

Construction sector registered a growth of labour productivity by hours worked at 3.3 per cent (Q1 2019: 4.5%). The value added of this sector grew 0.5 per cent (Q1 2019: 0.3%) while hours worked declined 2.7 per cent (Q1 2019: -4.1%). Meanwhile, labour productivity by employment rose 3.2 per cent from 4.5 per cent in the preceding quarter as employment dropped 2.6 per cent (Q1 2019: -4.0%).

Services sector posted a growth of labour productivity by hours worked at 2.5 per cent after registering 2.9 per cent in the preceding quarter. Value added of this sector expanded 6.1 per cent (Q1 2019: 6.4%) while hours worked increased 3.6 per cent (Q1 2019: 3.4%). During this quarter, the highest growth of labour productivity in Services sector was recorded by Real estate & business services (4.7%). This was followed by Finance & insurance (4.6%) and Transportation & storage (3.7%). Measuring labour productivity by employment, Services sector registered a growth of 3.0 per cent (Q1 2019: 2.9%) as employment increased 3.0 per cent (Q1 2019: 3.4%).

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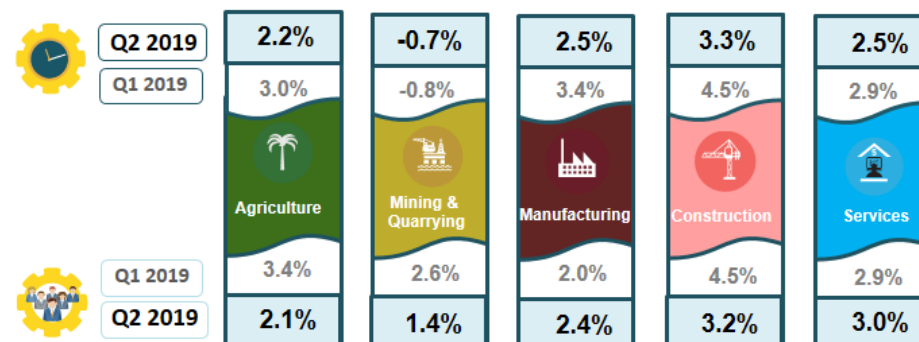
Malaysia's labour productivity by hours worked remained **2.4 per cent** in the second quarter of 2019. The total hours worked grew **2.4 per cent** from 2.0 per cent in the preceding quarter. Meanwhile, labour productivity by employment rose **2.8 per cent** as employment increased 2.1 per cent (Q1 2019: 2.2%).



Labour Productivity can be measured by using the ratio of value added to the total hours worked and employment.

## LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY BY KIND OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

In the second quarter of 2019, **Construction** sector recorded the highest growth of labour productivity by hours worked and labour productivity by employment at **3.3 per cent** and **3.2 per cent** respectively.



Note: The statistics shown refer to year on year percentage change of labour productivity from the same quarter of previous year.

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