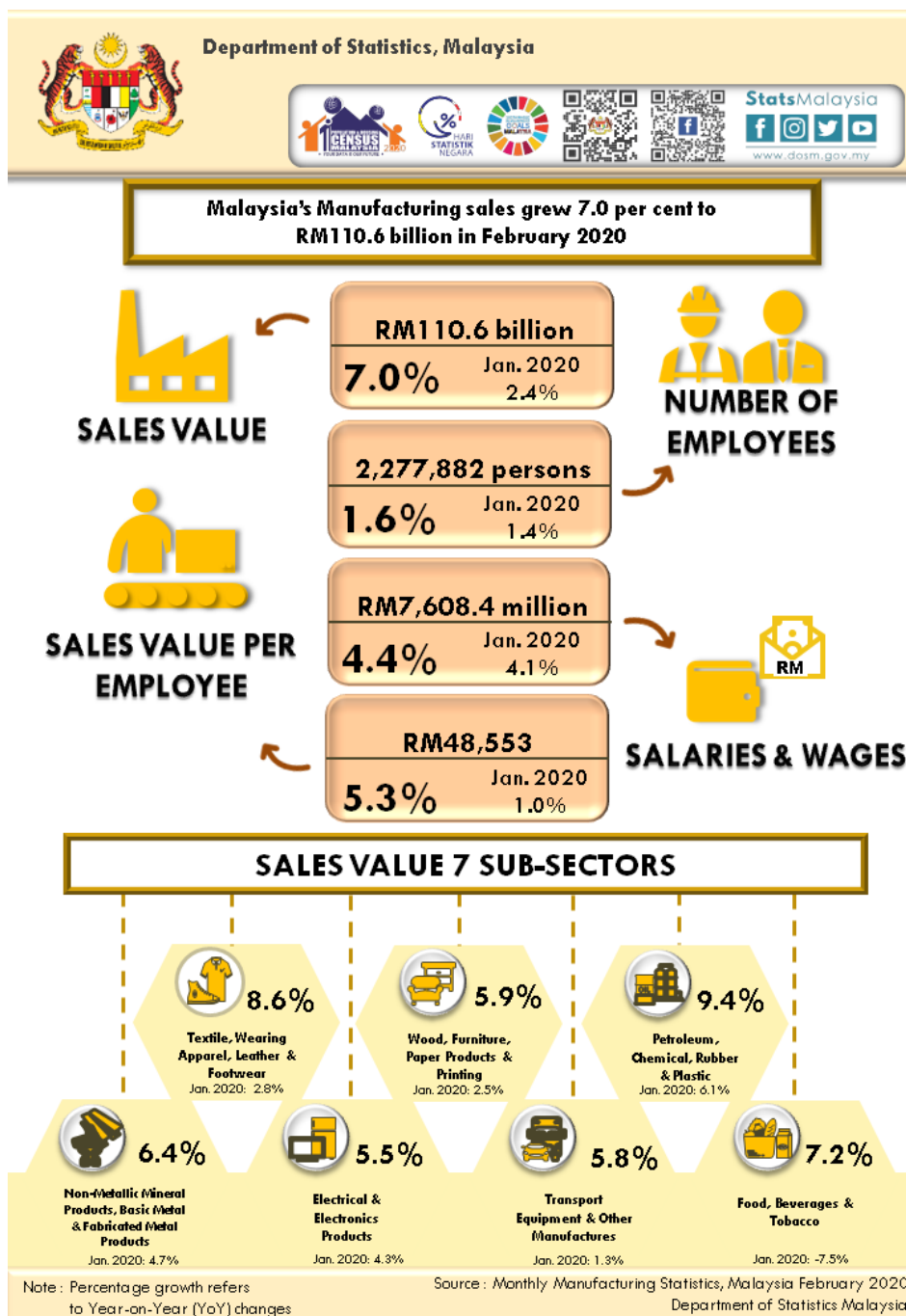




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HIGHLIGHTS

Malaysia's Manufacturing sales grew by 7.0 per cent to RM110.6 billion in February 2020

Malaysia's Manufacturing sales grew by **7.0 per cent** in February 2020 to register at **RM110.6 billion** as compared to RM103.4 billion reported a year ago. The year-on-year growth was driven by the increase in Petroleum, Chemical, Rubber and Plastic Products (**9.4%**), Food, Beverages & Tobacco Products (**7.2%**) and Electrical & Electronics Products (**5.5%**).

Total employees engaged in the Manufacturing sector in February 2020 was **2,277,882 persons**, an increase of **1.6 per cent** or **36,080 persons** as compared to 2,241,802 persons in February 2019. Salaries & wages paid amounted to **RM7,608.4 million**, went up **4.4 per cent** or **RM318.1 million** in February 2020 as against the same month of the preceding year.

The sales value per employee grew by **5.3 per cent** to record **RM48,553** as compared with the same month in 2019. Meanwhile, the average salaries & wages per employee was **RM3,340** in February 2020.

The full publication of the Monthly Manufacturing Statistics, February 2020 can be downloaded through **eStatistik** portal.

*Notes:

1. Data for February 2020 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the March 2020 publication.
2. After conducting the Economic Census 2016 (reference year 2015), Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) has reviewed and carried out the benchmarking process towards the manufacturing statistics collected from the Monthly Manufacturing Survey. The benchmarking process is done to enable the series of values of annual estimates derived from short term survey consistent and match with the annual value from census/annual survey of the benchmark year. The benchmarking statistics is compiled on sales value, number of employees and salaries & wages and being published starting from January 2020.

The benchmark process adapted the guideline of the Quarterly National Accounts Manual 2017 edition, International Monetary Fund to meet the objectives as follows:

- a. to estimate monthly data that are temporally consistent with the annual data: that is, to ensure that the sum of the monthly data is equal to the
annual benchmark;
- b. to preserve as much as possible the monthly movements in the indicator under the restrictions provided by the annual data; and
- c. to ensure, for forward series, that the sum of the monthly of the current year is as close as possible to the unknown future annual data.

Detailed information on benchmarking and expansion of coverage can be obtained from the Monthly Manufacturing Statistics publication.

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