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The Manufacturing sector sales achieved RM158.1 billion in January 2025; grew 3.5 per cent

The sales value of the Manufacturing sector in January 2025 increased 3.5 per cent (December 2024: 5.7%), amounted to RM158.1 billion. The increase of sales value in the Manufacturing sector was primarily supported by the Food, beverages & tobacco sub-sector which recorded a robust growth of 10.6 per cent in January 2025 (December 2024: 14.6%). This was followed by the Electrical & electronics products and Non-metallic mineral products, basic metal & fabricated metal products sub-sectors at 7.3 per cent (December 2024: 8.7%) and 2.1 per cent (December 2024: 3.2%), respectively. Comparison with the preceding month, the sales value decreased marginally by 0.2 per cent to RM158.1 billion as against RM158.4 billion recorded in December 2024.

The sales value of export-oriented industries which representing 70.2 per cent of total sales, expanded by 5.1 per cent in January 2025 (December 2024: 7.1%). The expansion was predominantly attributable to the increase in the Manufacture of vegetable & animal oils & fats by 11.1 per cent (December 2024: 17.0%). Furthermore, Manufacture of computer, electronics & optical products also rose by 7.7 per cent (December 2024: 9.4%), while Manufacture of rubber products increased by 8.9 per cent (December 2024: 10.7%).

The domestic-oriented industries marginally grew by 0.1 per cent in January 2025 after registered 2.5 per cent increase in December 2024. The performance was due to the year-on-year decline in the Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers & semi-trailers (-17.6%). However, this was offset with the Manufacture of food processing products which remained the double-digit growth at 10.4 per cent (December 2024: 11.2%); Manufacture of fabricated metal products industry except machinery & equipment (3.1%); and the Manufacture of beverages (9.1%). On a month-on-month basis, both export and domestic-oriented industries dropped by 0.2 per cent.

There are 2.39 million employees in this sector during January 2025, augmented by 0.9 per cent (December 2024: 1.0%). The augmentation was mainly driven by the Food, beverages & tobacco (2.0%); Non-metallic mineral products, basic metal & fabricated metal products (1.6%); and Electrical & electronics products (0.6%) sub-sectors. On a month-on-month basis, the number of employees in this sector decreased 0.2 per cent.

The salaries & wages paid in the Manufacturing sector also posted an increase of 1.5 per cent (December 2024: 1.7%), amounted to RM8.5 billion in January 2025. Comparison by month-on-month, the salaries & wages paid dropped by 4.6 per cent. Subsequently, the sales value per employee went up to RM66,011 (2.6%), while the average salaries & wages per employee was RM3,540, rose by 0.6 per cent year-on-year.

The full publication of the Monthly Manufacturing Statistics, January 2025 can be downloaded through eStatistik portal. Data for January 2025 is provisional. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the February 2025 publication.

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