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# MONTHLY MANUFACTURING STATISTICS MALAYSIA, MARCH 2020

**HIGHLIGHTS**

## Malaysia's Manufacturing sales decreased by 3.0 per cent to RM110.2 billion in March 2020

Malaysia's Manufacturing sales posted a downturn of **3.0 per cent** in March 2020 to register at **RM110.2 billion** as compared to RM113.5 billion reported a year ago. The year-on-year decline in sales value in March 2020 was due to the decrease in Transport Equipment & Other Manufactures Products (**-7.4%**), Food, Beverages & Tobacco Products (**-5.9%**) and Electrical & Electronics Products (**-5.7%**).

Total employees engaged in the Manufacturing sector in March 2020 was **2,257,273 persons**, an increase of **1.2 per cent** or **27,541 persons** as compared to 2,229,732 persons in March 2019. Salaries & wages paid amounted to **RM7,456.0 million**, grew **1.8 per cent** or **RM130.5 million** in March 2020 as against the same month of the preceding year.

The sales value per employee declined by **4.1 per cent** to record **RM48,815** as compared with the same month in 2019. Meanwhile, the average salaries & wages per employee was **RM3,303** in March 2020.

The performance in first quarter 2020, the sales value of the Manufacturing sector registered a growth of **2.2 per cent** to **RM339.4 billion** as compared to the same period of 2019. The number of employees engaged during the period grew by **1.2 per cent** to register **2,257,273 persons** while salaries & wages paid posted an increase of **3.4 per cent** to **RM22.7 billion**. The sales value per employee during the reference period rose by **1.0 per cent** to record **RM150,368**.

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

***Notes:**

1. Data for March 2020 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the April 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:

- 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;
- to preserve as much as possible the monthly movements in the indicator under the restrictions provided by the annual data; and
- 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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