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Number of unemployed in the fourth quarter of 2024 continued to decline to **546.9 thousand** persons, registering unemployment rate of **3.2 per cent**



LABOUR FORCE

The number of labour force in the fourth quarter of 2024 rose by 0.4 per cent to 17.34 million persons.

Q4 2024 **17.34 MILLION** ▲ 0.4%
Q3 2024: 17.26 million

LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE

Q4 2024 **70.6%** ▲ 0.1pp
Q3 2024: 70.5%

LABOUR FORCE AND LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE, MALAYSIA, Q1 2022 - Q4 2024



UNEMPLOYED

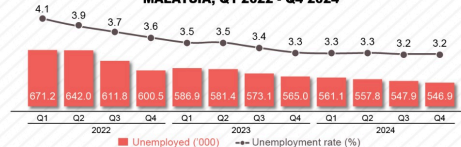
The number of unemployed person reduced further by 0.2 per cent to 546.9 thousand persons.

Q4 2024 **546.9 THOUSAND** ▼ 0.2%
Q3 2024: 547.9 thousand

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Q4 2024 **3.2%** ▼ 0.02pp
Q3 2024: 3.2%

UNEMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, MALAYSIA, Q1 2022 - Q4 2024

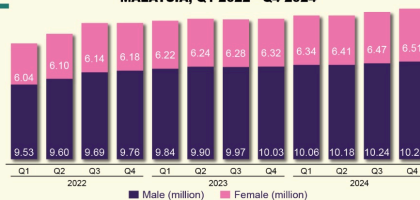


EMPLOYED PERSONS

The total number of employed persons edged up by 0.5 per cent to register 16.79 million persons during the quarter

Q4 2024 **16.79 MILLION** ▲ 0.5%
Q3 2024: 16.72 million

EMPLOYED PERSONS BY SEX, MALAYSIA, Q1 2022 - Q4 2024



OUTSIDE LABOUR FORCE

Q4 2024 **7.21 MILLION** ▼ 0.2%
Q3 2024: 7.22 million

The number of outside labour force decreased by 0.2 per cent to record 7.21 million persons in the fourth quarter of 2024



% Quarter-on-quarter



pp Percentage point

Source: Labour Force Survey Report, Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM)



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- During the fourth quarter of 2024, the labour force experienced rapid growth with an increase of 76.5 thousand persons, recording 17.34 million persons (Q3 2024: 17.26 million persons). Additionally, the labour force participation rate (LFPR) increased by 0.1 percentage points to 70.6 per cent in that quarter (Q3 2024: 70.5%).
- In the fourth quarter of 2024, the number of employed persons posted an increase of 0.5 per cent (+77.4 thousand persons) to 16.79 million persons (Q3 2024: 16.72 million persons). Concurrently, the number of employed persons strengthened by 2.7 per cent or equivalent to 446.2 thousand persons as compared to the fourth quarter of 2023 (Q4 2023: 16.35 million persons).
- The number of unemployed persons further decreased to 546.9 thousand persons, recording a reduction of 1.0 thousand persons in the fourth quarter of 2024 (Q3 2024: 547.9 thousand persons). Meanwhile, the unemployment rate in the fourth quarter of 2024 remained at 3.2 per cent. Year-on-year comparison, the unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage point to 3.2 per cent, with a reduction of 18.1 thousand unemployed persons compared to the same quarter of the previous year (Q4 2023: 3.3%; 565.0 thousand persons).
- In the fourth quarter of 2024, the labour force participation rate (LFPR) at the national level increased to 70.6 per cent. Nine states recorded increases in the LFPR, indicating improved labour participation in the market. The highest LFPR was recorded in Selangor (76.4%), followed by W.P. Kuala Lumpur (74.9%), Pulau Pinang (73.2%), W.P. Putrajaya (72.3%) and Johor (71.9%).
- Looking at the unemployment situation by state, six states registered a decline in the unemployment rate during the quarter, while another ten states showed an increase in unemployment rate. The lowest unemployment rate was recorded by Kedah and Selangor with 1.7 per cent, followed by Melaka with 1.8 per cent.

The full publication of the Labour Force Survey Report, Fourth Quarter 2024 can be downloaded through eStatistic Portal.

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