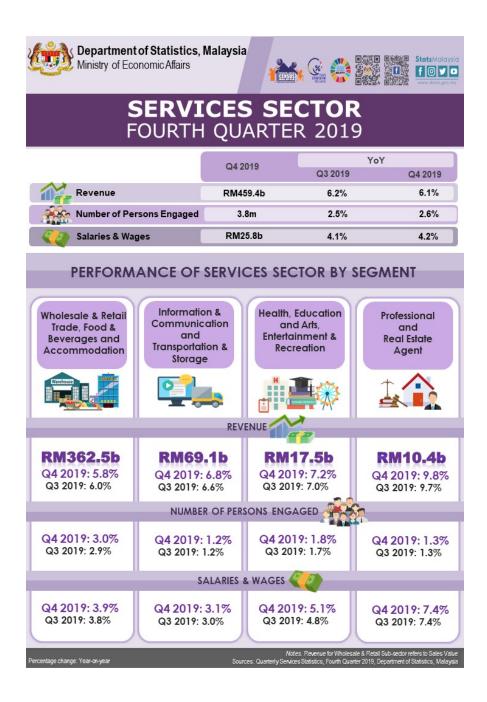
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REVENUE FOR SERVICES SECTOR FOURTH QUARTER 2019



This publication presents statistics on Services sector which encompasses the sub-sectors of Wholesale & Retail Trade; Information & Communication; Transportation & Storage; Food & Beverages; Professional; Private Health; Private Education; Accommodation; Arts, Entertainment & Recreation and Real Estate Agent for the period from year 2012 until fourth quarter 2019.



Performance of Services Sector, Fourth Quarter 2019

Overall Performance

Total revenue of Services sector in fourth quarter 2019 recorded RM459.4 billion, increased 6.1 per cent as compared to the same quarter 2018. The highest contribution was registered by Wholesale & Retail Trade, Food & Beverages and Accommodation segment (+RM19.8 billion; +5.8%). Meanwhile, the total revenue on a quarterly basis also increase by registering RM9.7 billion or 2.2 per cent.

Total number of persons engaged in this sector amounted to 3.8 million persons, an increase of 96,752 persons or 2.6 per cent as compared to the same quarter of the previous year. Quarterly basis indicated that number of persons engaged also recorded an increase of 41,710 persons or 1.1 per cent.

In fourth quarter 2019, salaries & wages paid was RM25.8 billion, an increase of 4.2 per cent as against to the previous year, while quarter-on-quarter expanded 1.9 per cent.

Wholesale & Retail Trade, Food & Beverages and Accommodation

Total revenue for Wholesale & Retail Trade, Food & Beverages and Accommodation segment recorded a positive growth of 5.8 per cent to RM362.5 billion year- on - year. The growth was contributed by Wholesale & Retail Trade (+RM17.5 billion; +5.4%). For quarterly comparison, this segment recorded a positive growth of 1.1 per cent.

Number of persons engaged in this segment increased 3.0 per cent to 2.9 million persons as compared to the fourth quarter 2018. Salaries & wages paid grew 3.9 per cent to RM15.3 billion. Quarter-on-quarter, number of persons engaged and salaries & wages paid rose 1.3 per cent and 1.4 per cent, respectively.

^{**}The total number of persons engaged includes all working proprietors, active business partners and unpaid family workers.

Information & Communication and Transportation & Storage

Information & Communications and Transportation & Storage segment recorded an increase in revenue to RM69.1 billion or 6.8 per cent as compared to the fourth quarter of 2018. The increase was driven by Information & Communication sub-sector with 6.9 per cent (+RM2.4 billion). Meanwhile, revenue for the quarterly comparisons recorded rose of 7.1 per cent.

In terms of persons engaged, this segment registered 1.2 per cent increase year-on-year to 477,056 persons and the amount of salaries & wages paid grew 3.1 per cent to RM5.5 billion. In the mean time, on quarterly basis the number of persons engaged and the amount of salaries & wages paid recorded increases of 0.2 per cent and 4.7 per cent, respectively.

Health, Education and Arts, Entertainment & Recreation

A total of RM17.5 billion revenue was generated for Health, Education and Arts, Entertainment & Recreation segment in fourth quarter 2019 with year-on-year percentage change of 7.2 per cent. The growth was underpinned by Education (+8.3%), Arts, Entertainment & Recreation (+6.9%) and Health (+6.6%). This segment registered an increase of revenue 0.8 per cent on a quarterly basis.

In this quarter, number of persons engaged recorded 288,223 persons, rose 1.8 per cent as compared to a year ago. Salaries & wages paid also grew 5.1 per cent to RM2.5 billion. Quarter-on-quarter, number of persons engaged and salaries & wages paid registered a positive growth of 1.1 per cent and 0.6 per cent, respectively.

Professional and Real Estate Agent

Total revenue for Professional and Real Estate Agent segment increased 9.8 per cent as against the same quarter of previous year. The rise was propelled by Professional sub-sector (+RM0.9 bilion; +10.0%). For quarterly comparison, this segment recorded an increase of 11.8 per cent.

In fourth quarter 2019, number of persons engaged increased to 179,913 persons or 1.3 per cent as compared to the same quarter of the previous year. Salaries & wages paid grew 7.4 per cent to RM2.6 billion. The number of persons engaged increased 0.4 per cent, while salaries & wages paid recorded a decrease of 0.9 per cent as compared to the preceding quarter.

*Notes:

Data for fourth quarter 2019 is **provisional**. The data will be updated and published in the next quarter based on the latest figure.

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