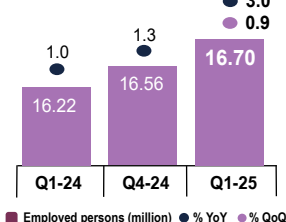


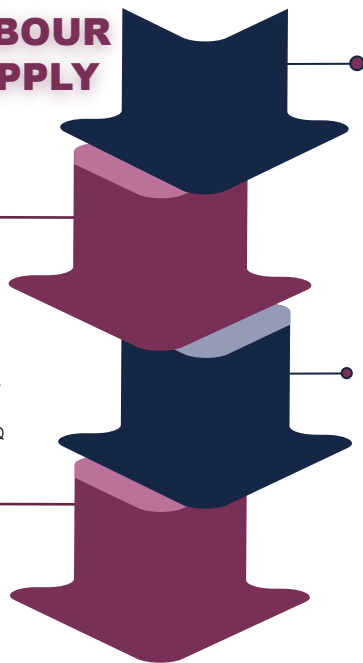
LABOUR MARKET REVIEW, FIRST QUARTER 2025

The national labour market remained robust in the first quarter of 2025, with 17.23 million labour force and a stable 3.1 per cent unemployment rate.

Employed persons continued to increase, to **16.70 million persons**

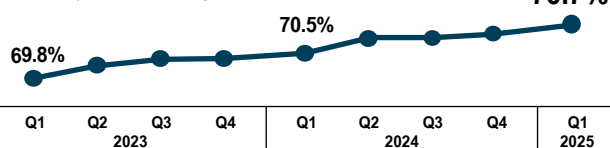


LABOUR SUPPLY

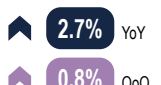


Labour force participation rate (LFPR)

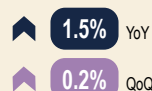
went up by 0.2 percentage points compared to Q1 2024



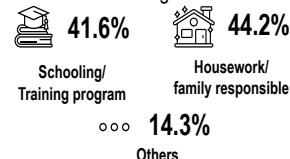
17.23 million
labour force



7.13 million
outside
labour force

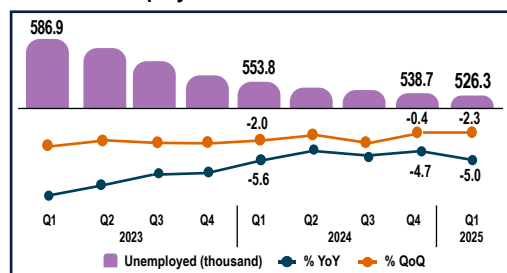


More than 85 per cent did not seek for work due to schooling and housework



*refer to people who are going for further study, disabled, not interested/ just completed study and retired/ old age

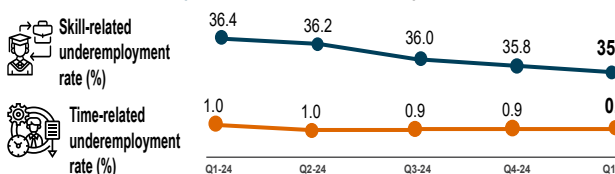
National unemployment situation



Unemployed decreased during Q1 2025 to **526.3 thousand persons**

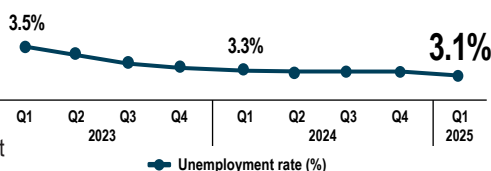
Underemployment situation

Time-related underemployment rate stood at 0.9 per cent, while Skill-related underemployment rate declined 0.7 percentage points as compared to Q1 2024



Unemployment rate

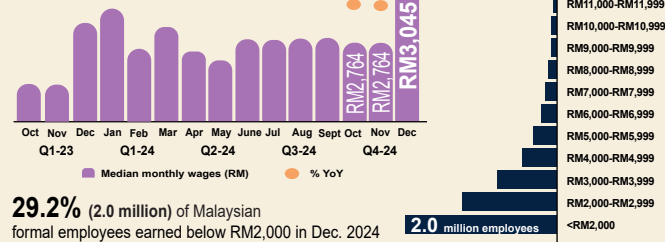
declined 0.2 percentage points year-on-year, stable at 3.1 per cent



Employee Wages Statistics (Formal Sector)

In December 2024, **6.83 million** citizen formal employees

Growth YoY: **2.3%**



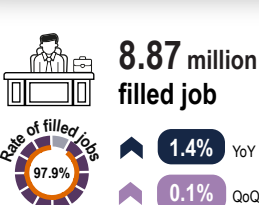
29.2% (2.0 million) of Malaysian formal employees earned below RM2,000 in Dec. 2024

2.0 million employees

LABOUR DEMAND

9.06 millions jobs

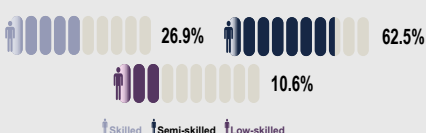
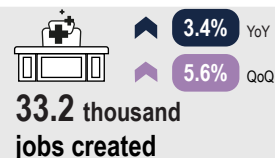
Jobs in economic sector increased by 1.4 per cent compared to Q1 2024



194.1 thousand vacancies



More than half (57.3%) of jobs opening during Q1 2025 were in the Manufacturing sector with a total 111.2 thousand vacancies



LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY

Both measures of labour productivity registered an increase compared to the same quarter of the previous year

RM42.5
per hour worked

RM24,580
per employment

