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INFORMAL SECTOR WORK FORCE SURVEY REPORT, MALAYSIA, 2015

EMPLOYMENT IN THE INFORMAL SECTOR IN MALAYSIA, 2015

In 2015, 11.4 per cent of non-agricultural employment was in the informal sector compared to 11.2 per cent in 2013. In terms of number, employment in the informal sector was 1.40 million persons, an increase of 79,300 persons (6.0%) compared to 1.32 million persons in 2013.

(I) BY STATUS IN EMPLOYMENT

Own account workers registered the highest proportion of employment in the informal sector in non-agricultural sector, which was 55.1 per cent in 2015, down 7.1 percentage points compared to 2013. This was followed by unpaid family workers employed in the informal sector which were 30.0 per cent.

(II) BY INDUSTRY

The proportion of employment in the informal sector was the highest for Human health and social work activities, which was 34.3 per cent of total employment in this industry in 2015. However, the percentage decreased 8.2 percentage points compared to 42.5 per cent in 2013. This was followed by 22.1 per cent of employment in the Construction industry who worked in the informal sector, increased 2.2 percentage points compared to 19.9 per cent in 2013.

(III) BY OCCUPATION

In 2015, 31.2 per cent of employment in Craft and related trades workers category were in the informal sector, up 1.9 percentage points compared to 29.3 per cent in 2013. This was followed by Service and sales workers where 19.5 per cent of employment in this occupation category worked in the informal sector.
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Share of employment in the informal sector

- **12.3 million** employment in non-agricultural sector
- **11.4% (1.4 million)** employment in the informal sector

Share of employment in the informal sector by status in employment

- **6.0%** Employers
- **2.8%** Employees
- **55.1%** Own account workers
- **30.0%** Unpaid family workers

Share of employment in the informal sector by industry

- **9.6%** Manufacturing
- **22.1%** Construction
- **10.7%** Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles
- **19.2%** Accommodation and food and beverage service activities
- **34.3%** Human health and social work activities

Share of employment in the informal sector by occupation

- **1.6%** Managers and Professionals
- **3.5%** Technicians and associate professionals
- **19.5%** Service and sales workers
- **31.2%** Craft and related trades workers
- **11.8%** Elementary occupations

Criteria of informal sector

- All or at least one goods or services produced are meant for sale or better transactions.
- The enterprise is not registered with the Companies Commission of Malaysia (CCM) or any others professional bodies, including the Local Authority (LA).
- The size in term of employment is less than 10 persons and is not registered under specific form of national legislation.

Share of employment in the informal sector in non-agricultural sector

* figure in 2013 were updated.

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