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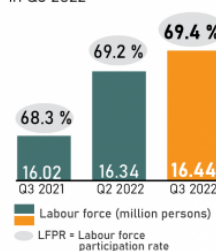
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Labour force

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LFPR rose to 69.4 per cent  
in Q3 2022



Employed

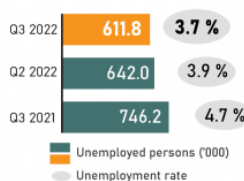
increased 3.6 per cent as  
against the same quarter  
of last year



Growth:  
↑ 3.6%

Unemployed

declined by 18.0 per cent  
year-on-year, recording  
a lower unemployment rate  
at 3.7 per cent



Outside Labour Force

7.25  
million persons  
in Q3 2022

Q2 2022: 7.26 million  
Q3 2021: 7.43 million

More than 80 per cent  
did not seek for work due  
to schooling and housework/  
family responsibilities

Time-related underemployment continued to drop in Q3 2022

Skill-related underemployment was reduced compared to a  
year ago, but inched up slightly from Q2 2022



Total hours worked

ascended by 10.0 per cent  
as against Q3 2021

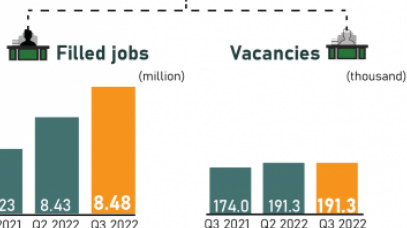
Q3 2022:  
9.04 billion hours

Q2 2022: 8.94 billion  
hours  
Q3 2021: 8.21 billion  
hours



Growth:  
10.0% (year-on-year)  
1.1% (quarter-on-quarter)

Q3 2022:  
8.68  
million jobs  
Jobs in economic sector  
increased by 3.2 per cent as against  
the same quarter of preceding year

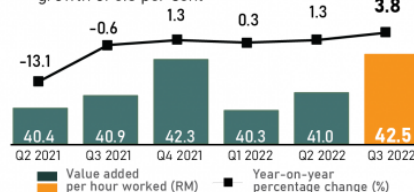


Jobs created gained by 15.5 thousand from the  
same quarter of previous year



Labour productivity per hour worked

Value added per hour worked recorded a higher  
growth of 3.8 per cent



Labour productivity per employment

Value added per employment strengthened further in  
Q3 2022, increased by 10.1 per cent



## Introduction

The Labour Market Review (LMR) is a quarterly release by Malaysian Bureau of Labour Statistics (MBLS), Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM) that brings official statistics to life through reviews and features which highlighted the most recent trends in labour market. The quarterly statistics is consolidated in a narrative to provide readers with a comprehensive view on Malaysia's labour market.

## Key Reviews

- Malaysia's labour market continued its recovery at a steady pace in the third quarter of 2022. The normalisation of all economic and social activities strengthened the job market and reduced unemployment.
- In Q3 2022, labour force continued recorded a more significant increase of 2.6 per cent year-on-year to 16.44 million persons. Thus, labour force participation rate (LFPR) strengthened further by 1.1 percentage points to 69.4 per cent. The number of employed persons rose by 3.6 per cent to record 15.83 million persons while employment-to-population ratio continued to trend up to 66.8 per cent. In the meantime, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 134.4 thousand to 611.8 thousand persons, registering an unemployment rate of 3.7 per cent which slowly returning to how it was before the pandemic.
- The continuous recovery in labour market also was reflected by the number of people working less than 30 hours per week which persisted in trending down, with a decline of 38.2 per cent from Q3 2021 to 287.2 thousand persons in this quarter. Subsequently, the rate of time-related underemployment dropped 0.9 percentage points to 1.2 per cent. Meanwhile, skill-related underemployment which comprised more than one-third of employed persons with tertiary education decreased by 0.9 percentage points to 36.8 per cent in Q3 2022.
- Looking at the labour demand in the economic sector, the number of jobs increased by 3.2 per cent year-on-year to record a total of 8.68 million jobs. Filled jobs which comprised of 97.8 per cent, increased by 3.1 per cent over the same quarter of the preceding year to record 8.48 million. Meanwhile, jobs opening in the economy which was indicated by the number of vacancies posted the highest growth since Q4 2021, elevated by 9.9 per cent to 191.3 thousand vacancies during Q3 2022.
- As Malaysia's economy strengthened further by 14.2 per cent in Q3 2022 while employment continued its positive growth, labour productivity as measured by value added per employment posted an increase of 10.1 per cent registering the level of RM24,241 per person. During the same period, total hours worked ascended by 10.0 per cent to 9.04 billion hours. Thus, labour productivity per hour worked grew 3.8 per cent to bring the level of productivity at RM42.50 per hour.
- Moving into the fourth quarter of 2022, economic and social activities continue to normalise as current Malaysia's leading index is anticipating that the economy will continue to uphold its growth momentum. Hence, the overall labour market performance is also foreseen to sustain its positive momentum and be more resilient, signalling that Malaysia's labour market is recovering steered by the current development of the economic activity. However, the viewpoint is subjected to the various challenges in mitigating the effects of slow global economic growth and trade activity, as well as the impact of the flood disaster that may occur following the expected North East Monsoon or monsoon season in Malaysia which begin in early November 2022 and continue until March 2023.

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