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SALARIES & WAGES SURVEY REPORT, MALAYSIA, 2018



PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF SALARIES & WAGES*

2018



The number of recipients of monthly salaries & wages was 8.8 million in 2018 as compared to 8.7 million in 2017

The median and mean monthly salaries & wages of paid employees increased 6.6 per cent and 7.0 per cent respectively

| Median | | Mean | |
|-------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| 2018 | RM2,308 | 2018 | RM3,087 |
| 2017 ^r | RM2,160 | 2017 ^r | RM2,879 |



Salaries & wages by strata



Urban

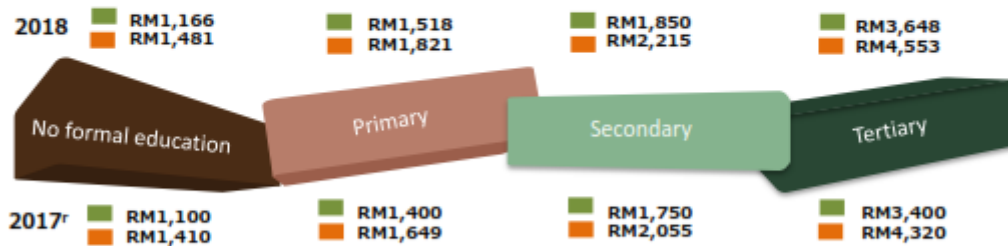


Rural

The median and mean monthly salaries & wages in urban area were higher as compared to rural

| Urban | | | Rural | | |
|-------------------|---------|---------|-------------------|---------|---------|
| | Median | Mean | | Median | Mean |
| 2018 | RM2,415 | RM3,274 | 2018 | RM1,481 | RM2,083 |
| 2017 ^r | RM2,260 | RM3,038 | 2017 ^r | RM1,400 | RM2,040 |

Salaries & wages by educational attainment



*Refer to Malaysian

^rRevised

■ Median

■ Mean

INTRODUCTION

The Salaries & Wages Survey is conducted by the Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM) every year through household approach to collect information of monthly salaries & wages from the principal occupation of paid employees. The Salaries & Wages Survey is carried out using probability sampling covering all states in Malaysia. In this survey, paid employee is defined as a person who works for at least six hours a day or at least 20 days a month. The total number of paid employees in 2018 was 8.8 million persons.

The Salaries & Wages Survey Report is an annual publication which presents the principal statistics of salaries & wages of Malaysian which are the median and mean monthly salaries & wages by demographic and socioeconomic characteristics namely sex, age group, ethnic group, educational attainment, highest certificate obtained, strata, state, occupation and industry.

MEDIAN MONTHLY SALARIES & WAGES RECEIVED BY EMPLOYEES IN 2018 ROSE 6.6 PER CENT WHILE MEAN MONTHLY SALARIES & WAGES INCREASED 7.0 PER CENT

Median monthly salaries & wages increased to RM2,308 as compared to RM2,160 with a growth of 6.6 per cent. Meanwhile, the mean monthly salaries & wages grew 7.0 per cent to RM3,087 as compared to RM2,879 in 2017. [Table 1]

Table 1:
Median and mean monthly salaries & wages of employees, Malaysia, 2017^r and 2018

| Year | Number of Recipients ('000) | Median (RM) | | Mean (RM) | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|------|-----------|------|
| 2018 | 8,761.2 | 2,308 | 6.6% | 3,087 | 7.0% |
| 2017 ^r | 8,677.1 | 2,160 | | 2,879 | |

Notes:

Percentage refers to compounded annual growth rate

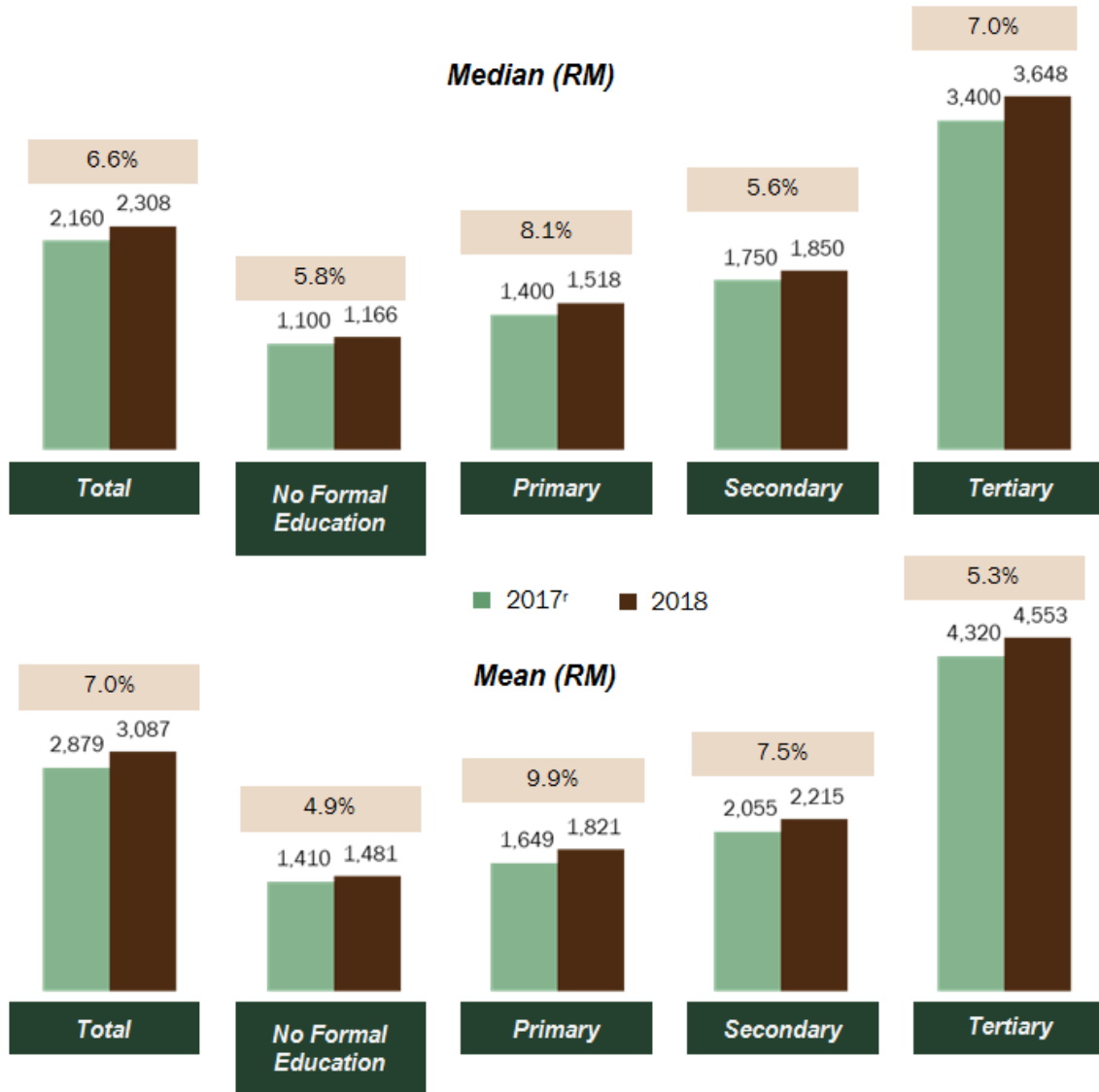
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MONTHLY SALARIES & WAGES OF EMPLOYEES BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

The median and mean monthly salaries & wages for all employees by educational attainment recorded positive growth rate. [Exhibit 1]

Exhibit 1:

Median and mean monthly salaries & wages of employees by educational attainment, Malaysia, 2017^r and 2018



Notes:

Percentage refers to compounded annual growth rate

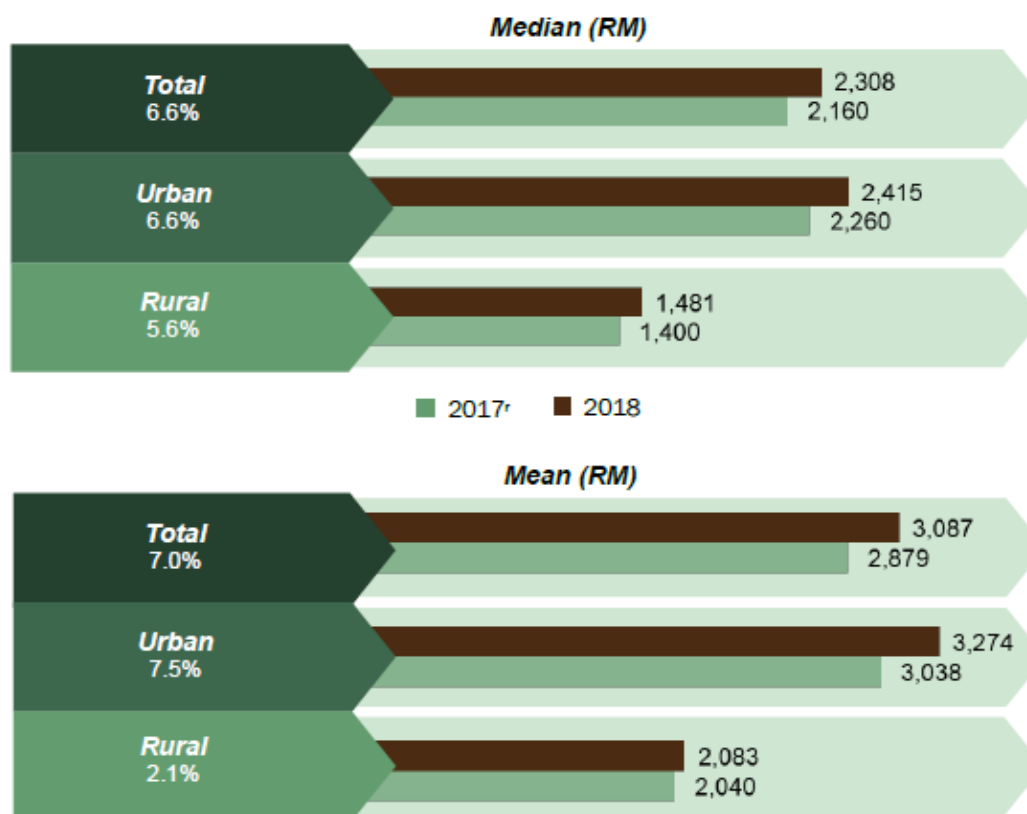
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MONTHLY SALARIES & WAGES OF EMPLOYEES BY STRATA

In 2018, the growth rate for median monthly salaries & wages of employees in the urban area increased by 6.6 per cent to RM2,415. Meanwhile, the median monthly salaries & wages for employees in the rural area grew 5.6 per cent. The growth rates of mean monthly salaries & wages of employees in both urban and rural areas were 7.5 per cent and 2.1 per cent respectively. [Exhibit 2]

Exhibit 2:

Median and mean monthly salaries & wages of employees by strata, Malaysia, 2017¹ and 2018



Notes:




Percentage refers to compounded annual growth rate

¹Revised

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