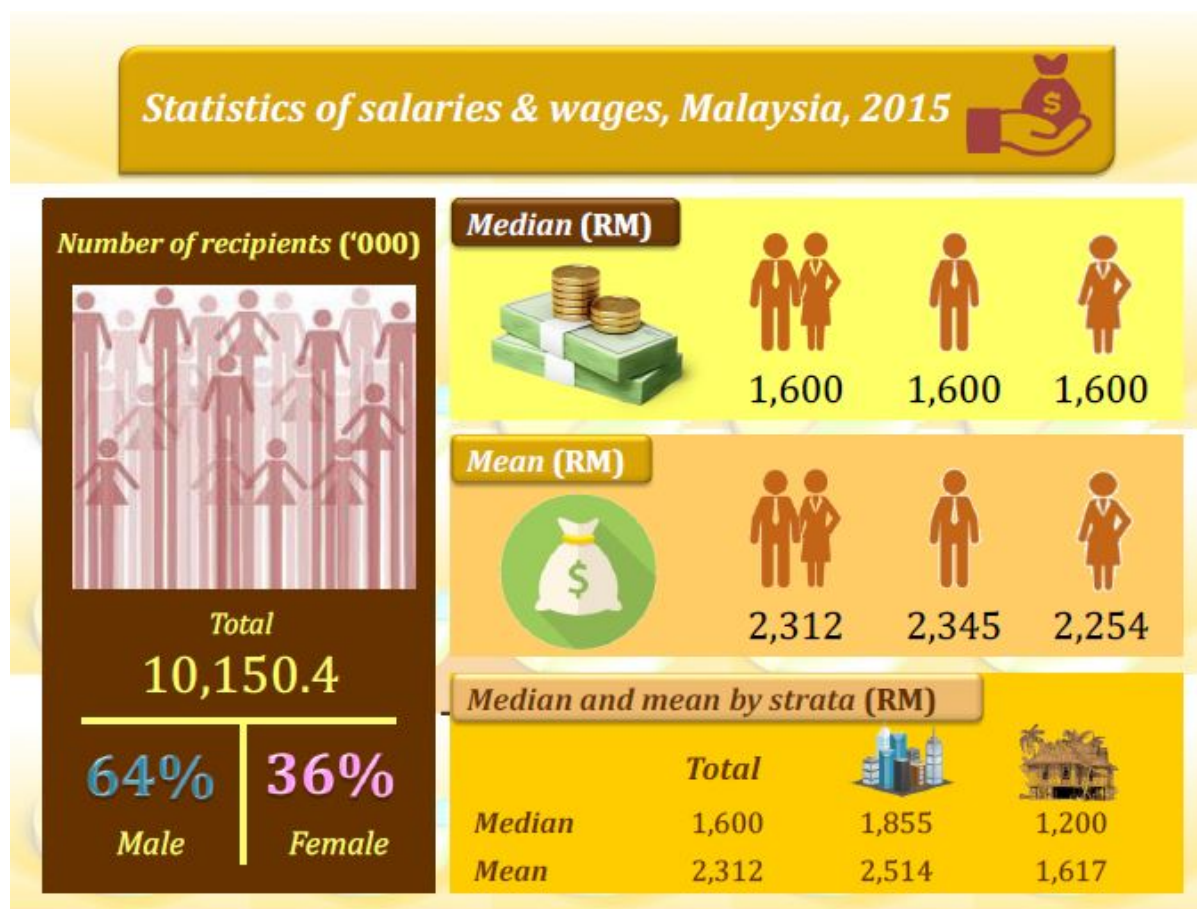




**PRESS RELEASE**  
**SALARIES & WAGES SURVEY REPORT, MALAYSIA, 2015**

Chart 1: Statistics of salaries & wages, Malaysia, 2015



The Salaries & Wages Survey is conducted by the Department of Statistics, Malaysia every year through household approach to obtain information of monthly salaries & wages for paid employees in the public and private sectors from the principal occupation. Salaries & Wages Survey is carried out with probability sampling via personal interview comprising citizens and non-citizens in urban and rural areas for every state in Malaysia. Paid employee is defined in this survey as a person who works for at least six hours a day or 20 days a month. The total number of paid employees in 2015 is 10.2 million persons.

**KEY FINDINGS**

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

## Median and mean monthly salaries & wages of employees

The median monthly salaries & wages received in 2015 increased 6.5 per cent to RM1,600 compared to RM1,500 in 2014. Meanwhile, the mean monthly salaries & wages increased to RM2,312 compared with RM2,193 in the previous year with the annual growth rate of 5.3 per cent.

**Table 1: Median and mean monthly salaries & wages of employees, Malaysia, 2014<sup>r</sup> - 2015**

Year	Number of Recipients ('000)	Median (RM)	Mean (RM)
2014 <sup>r</sup>	10,146.6	1,500	2,193
2015	10,150.4	1,600	2,312




CAGR (%) 6.5      CAGR (%) 5.3

<sup>r</sup> Updated  
CAGR Compounded annual growth rate (%)

## Monthly salaries & wages of employees by sex

In 2015, the median monthly salaries & wages for male and female employees were unchanged at RM1,600. The median monthly salaries & wages for both male and female increased 5.7 per cent and 6.5 per cent respectively, compared to the previous year. The mean monthly salaries & wages for male employees (RM2,345) was higher than female employees (RM2,254).

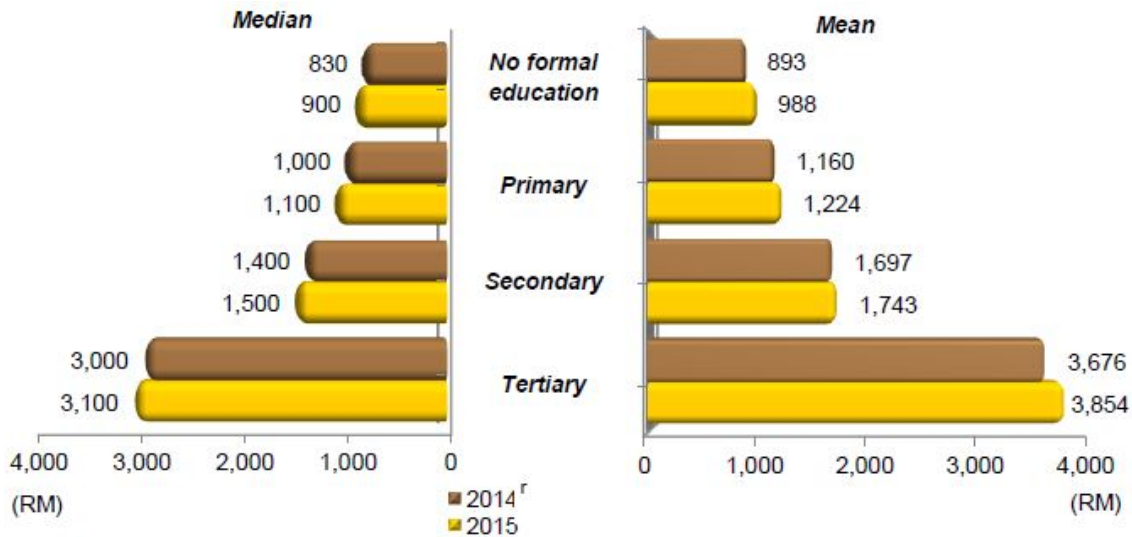
**Table 2: Median and mean monthly salaries & wages of employees by sex, Malaysia, 2014<sup>r</sup> - 2015**

Sex	2014 <sup>r</sup>		2015		CAGR	
	Median (RM)	Mean (RM)	Median (RM)	Mean (RM)	Median (%)	Mean (%)
	1,500	2,193	1,600	2,312	6.5	5.3
	1,511	2,232	1,600	2,345	5.7	4.9
	1,500	2,125	1,600	2,254	6.5	5.9

## Monthly salaries & wages of employees by educational attainment

The monthly salaries & wages of the employees with tertiary education was two times higher than that of employees with secondary education in 2014 and 2015. In 2015, the median monthly salaries & wages of employees with tertiary education was RM3,100 compared to employees with secondary education of RM1,500. Meanwhile, the mean monthly salaries & wages of employees with tertiary education was RM3,854 and secondary RM1,743. Employees with primary education recorded the median monthly salaries & wages of RM1,100 and mean RM1,224.

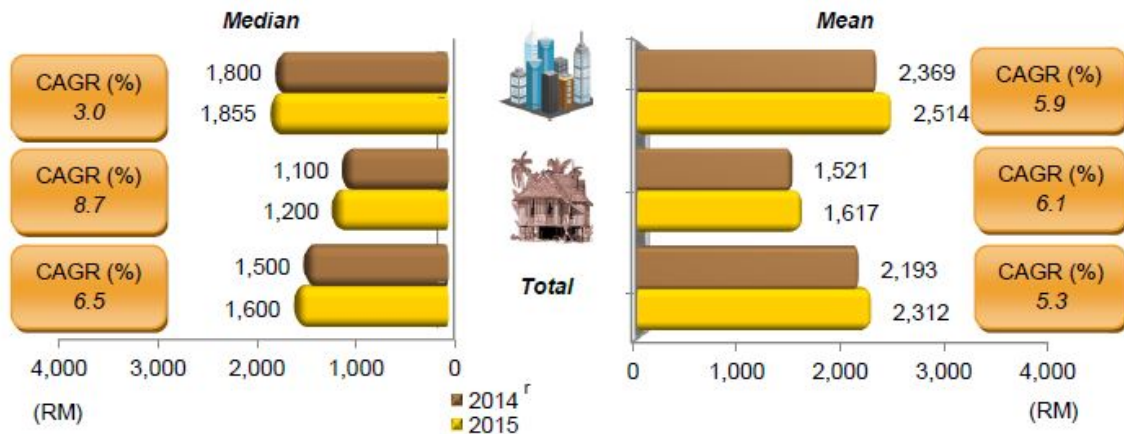
**Chart 2: Median and mean monthly salaries & wages of employees by educational attainment, Malaysia, 2014<sup>r</sup> - 2015**



**Monthly salaries & wages of employees by strata**

In 2015, the monthly salaries & wages of employees in the urban area was higher compared to rural area. However, in terms of growth, the monthly salaries & wages in the rural area was higher than the urban area. The median monthly salaries & wages of employees in the urban area rose 3.0 per cent to RM1,855. While the rural area grew 8.7 per cent to RM1,200. The mean monthly salaries & wages of employees also recorded an increase of 5.9 per cent in the urban area and 6.1 per cent in the rural area.

**Chart 3: Median and mean monthly salaries & wages of employees by strata, Malaysia, 2014<sup>r</sup> - 2015**



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