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# SALARIES & WAGES SURVEY



WHAT IS SALARIES & WAGES SURVEY?



Salaries & Wages Survey is one of the modules in the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which is carried out from January until December to provide salaries & wages statistics at the national and state levels as well as urban and rural areas.



The purpose of this survey is to collect information of monthly salaries & wages from principal occupation of paid employees.



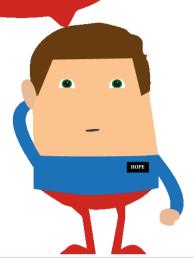
The main statistics reported are the median and mean monthly salaries & wages by sex, ethnic group, educational attainment, strata, state, occupation and industry.



Statistics on salaries & wages presented refer to wage rate consisting of basic wages, cost-of-living allowances and other guaranteed and regularly paid allowances.



The information for this survey is only collected from respondent aged 15-64 years who were employed in the public or private sector.



#### KEY CONCEPT & DEFINITIONS



**Paid Employees** 

#### A person who:

- Works at least 6 hours a day or 20 days a month for a public or private employer.
- Receives regular remuneration in the form of wages, salary, commission, tips or payment in kind such as free or concessional food and lodging.



#### Salaries & Wages

The wage rate consisting of the basic wages, cost-of-living allowances and other guaranteed and regularly paid allowances either in cash or in kind as well as overtime payment.



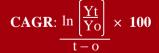
### **Principal Occupation**

The job that takes the longest number of hours during the reference period for those with more than one job.

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#### CRITERIA OF SALARIES & WAGES RECIPIENT

- Employees who are working full-time.
- Employees who didn't work during the reference month but receiving salaries & wages and will definitely be called for work.
- Working for at least 6 hours a day or at least 20 days a month for the usual occupation.
- Contract workers in the government sector.
- Individuals who receive regular and periodic allowances every month (example: Head of Village, Penghulu, Pemaju Mukim, Penggawa, Siak/Nuja, Imam, Muezzin (Bilal) and Tok Empat).
  - Volunteers who receive fixed allowance i.e Malaysian Civil Defense Department (JPAM), RELA and Territorial Army (Tentera Wataniah).



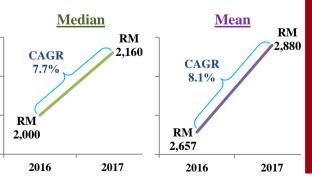
**CAGR**: Compounded annual growth rate

Yt: current year monthly salaries & wages

Yo: previous year monthly salaries & wages

t-o: period

# Key Findings of Salaries & Wages, Malaysia 2016 & 2017



The median monthly salaries & wages received by paid employees rose 7.7 per cent per annum to RM 2,160 in 2017 from RM 2,000 in 2016.

The mean monthly salaries & wages increased to RM 2,880 in 2017 as compared to RM 2,657 in the previous year with the growth rate of 8.1 per cent.



