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## *EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS, MALAYSIA SECOND QUARTER OF 2025*

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***Malaysia's labour demand remains favourable in Q2 2025 with 9.10 million jobs, expanding by 1.6 per cent year-on-year.***

***PUTRAJAYA, AUGUST 14, 2025*** *– Malaysia's labour demand remains favourable in Q2 2025 with 9.10 million jobs, expanding by 1.6 per cent year-on-year, the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) reported today in the release of* ***Employment Statistics, Second Quarter of 2025.*** *These statistics were published in a report derived from Employment Survey conducted among registered private sector businesses. It presents the labour demand statistics, encompassing the number of jobs, filled jobs, jobs vacancy and jobs created indicators by skills category and economic activity.*

*Amid the global uncertainties and challenges, the Chief Statistician of Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin said, "Malaysia's economic sector remained in a stable position in the second quarter of 2025 with the number of jobs increased by 1.6 per cent year-on-year, equivalent to 142.2 thousand jobs added to record 9.10 million jobs (Q2 2024: 8.96 million). This coincides with Malaysia's growing economic performance, prompting businesses across sectors to enhance labour participation to meet increasing output demands. Among the total jobs, 97.9 per cent jobs were filled, leaving 2.1 per cent vacant."*

*The Chief Statistician also highlighted that the number of filled jobs have shown a consistent upward trajectory, increasing by 1.6 per cent year-on-year to record 8.90 million filled jobs in this quarter as compared to 8.76 million in Q2 2024. This stability was portrayed by the positive year-on-year growth of filled jobs across all economic sectors, led by Services sector which recorded the highest growth at 2.1 per cent. This was followed by Manufacturing and Construction sectors at 1.4 per cent and 0.6 per cent respectively. Disaggregated by economic activity, the filled jobs remained*

*concentrated in the Services sector, which comprised of 53.0 per cent or 4.72 million filled jobs. This was followed by the Manufacturing sector at 26.8 per cent (2.38 million) and Construction at 14.0 per cent (1.25 million). Breaking down by skills category, the semi-skilled led with 5.56 million filled jobs or 62.5 per cent of the total. Skilled category came next with 2.24 million filled jobs (25.2%) while the low-skilled accounted for the lowest share of 12.3 per cent with 1.10 million filled jobs.*

*Elaborating further the insight of the labour demand, the Chief Statistician emphasised, "The jobs vacancy rose by 1.8 per cent in Q2 2025, equivalent to an increase of 3.4 thousand vacancies from the corresponding quarter of previous year, bringing the total to 194.9 thousand vacancies (Q2 2024: 191.5 thousand). This surge was fuelled by Manufacturing sector with 112.4 thousand vacancies (57.7%), mainly in the Electrical, electronic and optical products (34.8 thousand) and Petroleum, chemical, rubber and plastic products (20.0 thousand) sub-sectors. Accordingly, Agriculture sector recorded 31.8 thousand vacancies (16.3%), followed by Construction with 25.2 thousand vacancies (13.0%). Analysing further the jobs vacancy by skills category, semi-skilled category made up the largest share of 56.2 per cent (109.5 thousand). Meanwhile, skilled and low-skilled categories constituting the remaining share with 24.6 per cent (48.0 thousand) and 19.2 per cent (37.4 thousand) each."*

*The expansion of labour demand in Malaysia was further attributed by the creation of new jobs, with 31.9 thousand jobs created in the current quarter, rose by 0.2 per cent year-on-year (Q2 2024: 31.9 thousand). As most of the new jobs were created through ramped-up efforts to drive digitalisation and adopt sustainable practices, individuals need to strengthen their technological literacy to remain competitive in a technology-based labour market. In terms of economic activity, the Services sector signifies a notable contribution with a total of 14.9 thousand jobs created (46.7%), mainly in Wholesale and retail trade sub-sector with 8.8 thousand new jobs. Meanwhile, 11.9 thousand (37.4%) new jobs were created in the Manufacturing sector, with the Electrical, electronic and optical products sub-sector add up the highest jobs created at 4.0 thousand new jobs. In addition, the Construction sector accounted for 3.5 thousand new jobs (11.0%). Looking at the composition of jobs created by skills category, the semi-skilled category remained as the largest contributor for jobs created with 64.6 per cent (20.6 thousand). This was followed by skilled category at 24.9 per cent (7.9 thousand) and low-skilled category at 10.5 per cent (3.4 thousand).*

*Wrapping up his statement, Dato' Sri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin said that labour demand in Malaysia remain dynamic and resilient in the current quarter despite persistent global headwinds, including tariffs uncertainty and geopolitical tensions in Middle East. He further stated, this continued stable performance was underpinned by robust domestic demand and steady consumer spending which help sustain business operations,*

*alongside ongoing efforts in jobs creation. This situation is underscored by Malaysia's advance GDP estimates, which reported a 4.5 per cent year-on-year growth in Q2 2025. Nonetheless, businesses have shown strong adaptability in navigating external challenges, cushioning the impact of ongoing situation. This reflects their readiness to sustain operations which will uphold the positive momentum of labour demand in Malaysia.*

*ASEAN-Malaysia 2025 Chairmanship: The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) will chair the 15th ASEAN Community Statistical System Committee (ACSS15) which aims to strengthen the statistical cooperation towards sustainable regional development.*

*Malaysia, for the first time, ranked as number one (1) globally in the biennial Open Data Inventory (ODIN) 2024/25 report released by Open Data Watch (ODW), surpassing 197 other countries. This achievement marks a significant leap from its 67th position in the ODIN 2022/23 assessment.*

*The Government of Malaysia has declared October 20th as National Statistics Day (MyStats Day), with the theme 'Statistics is the Essence of Life'. Meanwhile, the Fourth World Statistics Day will be celebrated on 20th October 2025, with the theme 'Driving Change with Quality Statistics and Data for Everyone'.*

*OpenDOSM NextGen is a medium that provides data catalogue and visualisations to facilitate users' analysis and can be accessed through https://open.dosm.gov.my.*

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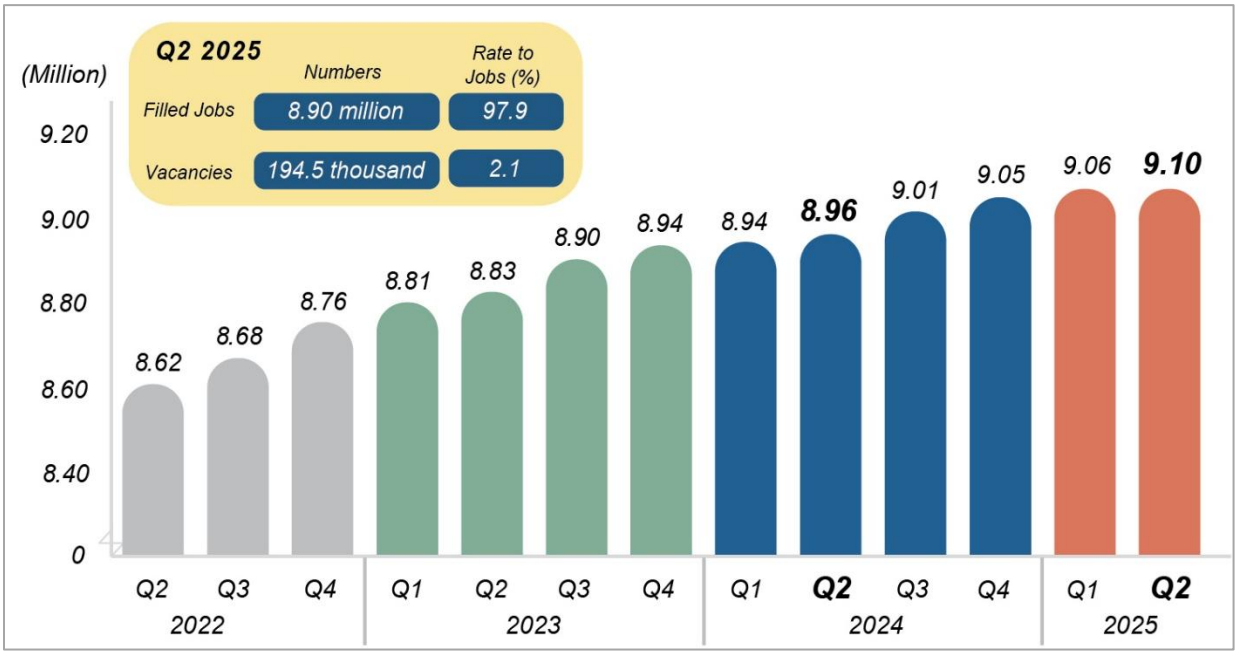
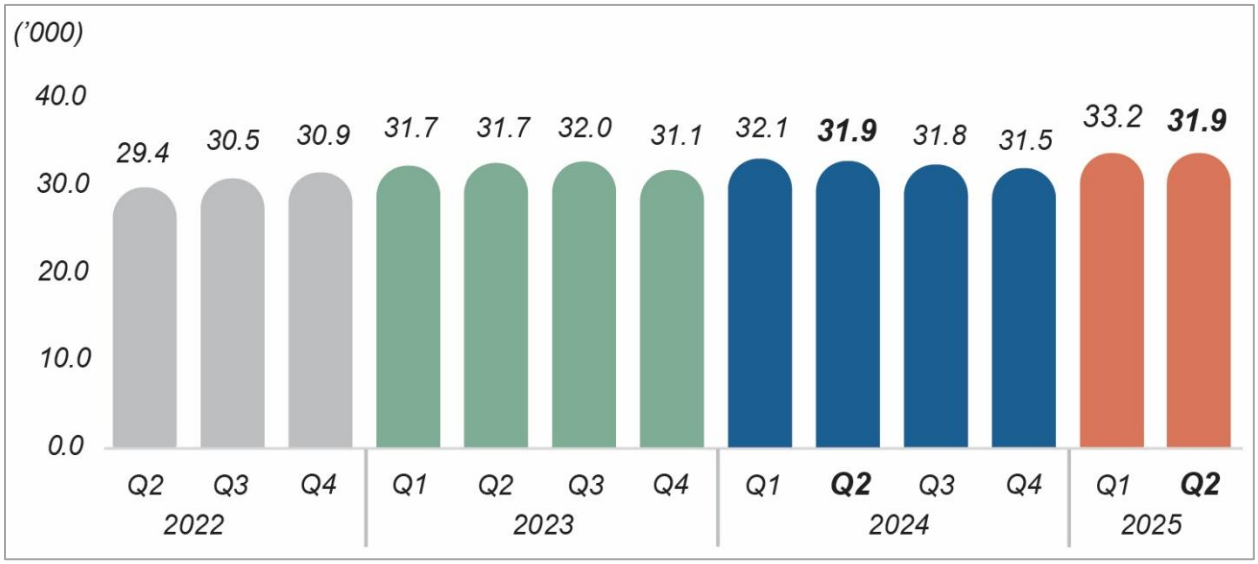
## *Chart 1: Jobs, Rate of Filled Jobs and Rate of Vacancies, Q2 2022 - Q2 2025*




## *Chart 2: Jobs Created, Q2 2022 - Q2 2025*



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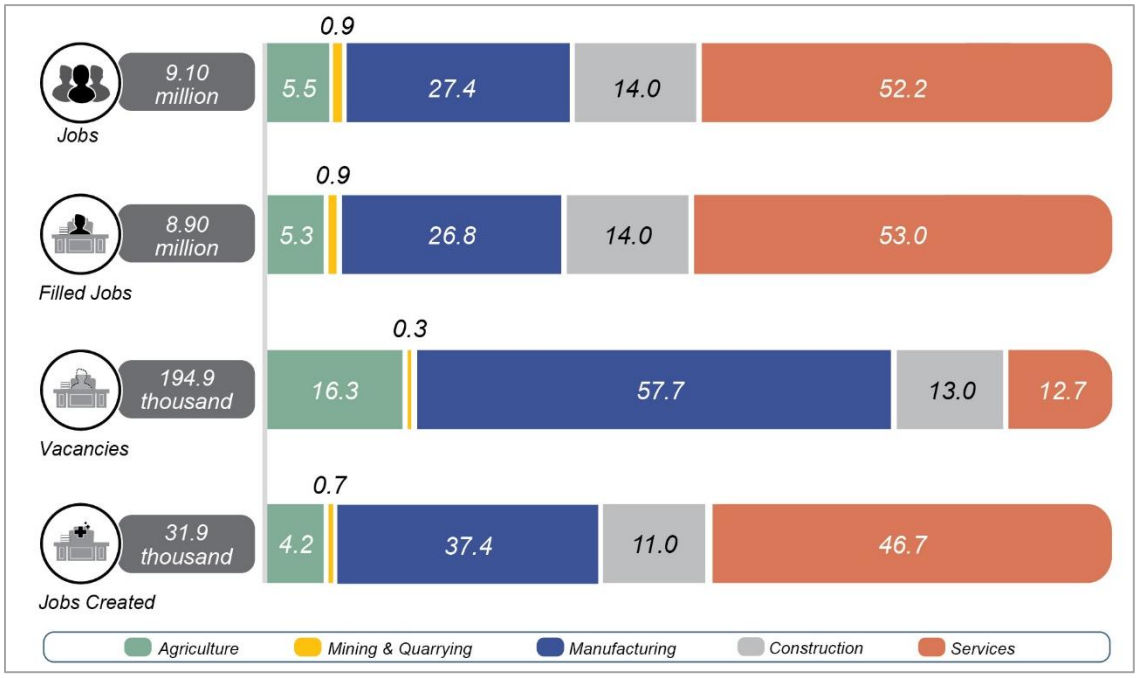
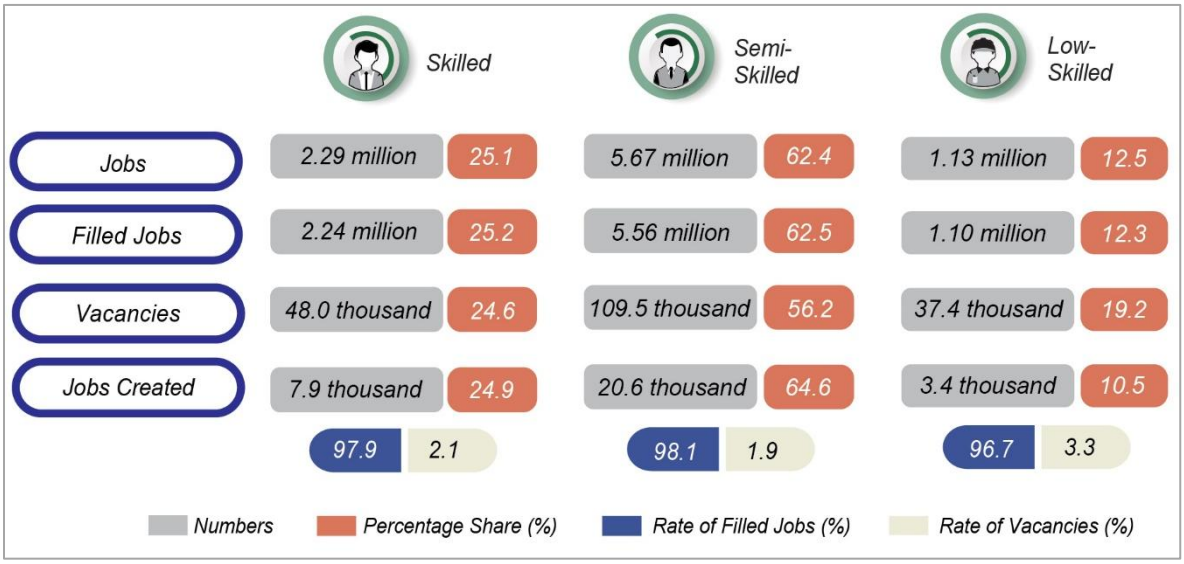
## *Exhibit 1: Labour Demand by Economic Activity, Q2 2025 (% Share)*




## *Exhibit 2: Labour Demand by Skills Category, Q2 2025*

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