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July's unemployed declined further to 563.7 thousand persons, with an unemployment rate of 3.3 per cent

UNEMPLOYMENT

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, MALAYSIA, JULY 2023 - JULY 2024

Month	Unemployed persons (thousand)	Unemployment rate (%)
July 2023	579.2	3.4
Aug 2023	577.3	3.4
Sep 2023	573.7	3.4
Oct 2023	570.9	3.4
Nov 2023	569.2	3.3
Dec 2023	567.8	3.3
Jan 2024	567.3	3.3
Feb 2024	567.0	3.3
Mar 2024	566.6	3.3
Apr 2024	566.4	3.3
May 2024	566.1	3.3
June 2024	566.3	3.3
July 2024	563.7	3.3

● Unemployed persons (thousand) ● Unemployment rate (%)

Unemployment by category

Actively unemployed Inactively unemployed

Month	Actively unemployed	Inactively unemployed
July 2024	450.7 thousand	113.0 thousand
June 2024	451.9 thousand	113.4 thousand

July 2024 vs June 2024: Actively unemployed (-3.0%), Inactively unemployed (-0.4%)

EMPLOYED PERSON

THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYED PERSONS AND EMPLOYMENT-TO-POPULATION RATIO, MALAYSIA, JULY 2023 - JULY 2024

Month	Employed persons (million)	Employment-to-population ratio (%)
July 2023	16.34	67.7
Aug 2023	16.35	67.7
Sep 2023	16.38	67.7
Oct 2023	16.40	67.7
Nov 2023	16.43	67.8
Dec 2023	16.46	67.8
Jan 2024	16.48	67.9
Feb 2024	16.51	67.9
Mar 2024	16.53	67.9
Apr 2024	16.55	68.0
May 2024	16.58	68.0
June 2024	16.61	68.0
July 2024	16.63	68.1

● Employed persons (million) ● Employment-to-population ratio (%)

Employed person by status in employment

The employees' category constituted the largest composition of the total employed persons, with a share of 75.0 per cent

Category	Share (%)
Employees	75.0%
Unpaid family workers	2.9%
Own-account workers	18.5%
Employers	3.6%

LABOUR FORCE

LABOUR FORCE AND LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE (LFPR), MALAYSIA, JULY 2023 - JULY 2024

Month	Labour force (million)	Labour force participation rate (%)
July 2023	16.91	70.1
Aug 2023	16.93	70.1
Sep 2023	16.95	70.1
Oct 2023	16.97	70.1
Nov 2023	17.00	70.2
Dec 2023	17.03	70.2
Jan 2024	17.05	70.2
Feb 2024	17.07	70.2
Mar 2024	17.10	70.3
Apr 2024	17.12	70.3
May 2024	17.15	70.3
June 2024	17.17	70.3
July 2024	17.20	70.4

● Labour force (million) ● Labour force participation rate (%)

LFPR by sex

Sex	LFPR (%)
Male	83.3%
Female	56.7%

OUTSIDE LABOUR FORCE

The major composition for the outside labour force was household/ family responsibilities

Category	Share (%)
Household/ family responsibilities	42.8%
Schooling/ training	41.4%

July 2024 vs June 2024: Household/ family responsibilities (+0.1%), Schooling/ training (-0.01%)

Source: Labour Force Survey, Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM)

- In July 2024, the number of **employed persons** recorded a continuous upward trend, with a growth of **0.2 per cent (+26.3 thousand persons)**, resulting in a total of **16.63 million persons** (June 2024: 16.61 million persons). The **employment-to-population ratio** which indicates the ability of an economy to create employment, rose by **0.1 percentage points to 68.1 per cent** (June 2024: 68.0%).
- In terms of the economic sector, the number of employed persons in the Services sector continued to increase, largely in Food & beverage services; Wholesale & retail trade; and Transportation & storage activities. Likewise, the Manufacturing, Construction, Mining & quarrying and Agriculture sectors also registered positive growth in the number of employments.
- The **employees'** category constituted the largest composition of the total employed persons, with a share of **75.0 per cent**. In July 2024, this category registered a rise of **0.1 per cent (+17.5 thousand persons)** to **12.48 million persons** as compared to the previous month (June 2024: 12.46 million persons). Similarly, the number of **own-account workers** increased further, with an addition of **8.2 thousand persons** or **0.3 per cent** to register **3.07 million persons** (June 2024: 3.06 million persons).
- In July 2024, the number of **unemployed persons** continued to decrease, with a reduction of **1.6 thousand persons (-0.3%)** to **563.7 thousand persons** (June 2024: 565.3 thousand persons). The **unemployment rate** during the month remained at **3.3 per cent** as in the previous month.
- The number of **labour force** in July 2024 remained its positive growth with an increase of **0.1 per cent** or **24.6 thousand persons** month-on-month to register **17.20 million persons** (June 2024: 17.17 million persons). July's **labour force participation rate (LFPR)** held steady at **70.4 per cent** as of June 2024.
- The number of persons **outside the labour force** in July 2024 registered a marginal decline of **0.01 per cent** or equivalent to a reduction of **1.0 thousand persons** to **7.23 million persons** (June 2024: 7.23 million persons). The major composition of the outside labour force was due to **housework/ family responsibilities** with **42.8 per cent**, while **schooling/ training** ranked second with **41.4 per cent**.

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