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# MALAYSIAN ECONOMIC STATISTICS REVIEW

## PRODUCTION

### Production of Fresh Fruit Bunches (Oil Palm)



Aug 2023: 8,945,144 tonnes ▲ 0.8%  
July 2023: 8,350,322 tonnes ▲ 4.2%  
June 2023: 7,435,995 tonnes ▼ -6.7%

### Production of Natural Rubber



July 2023: 28,533 tonnes ▼ -24.6%  
June 2023: 29,867 tonnes ▼ -3.9%  
May 2023: 24,126 tonnes ▲ 15.7%

### Industrial Production Index (IPI)



July 2023: ▲ 0.7%  
June 2023: ▼ -2.2%  
May 2023: ▲ 4.8%

### Sales Value of Manufacturing Sector



July 2023: RM144.0 billion ▼ -3.0%  
June 2023: RM147.4 billion ▼ -4.0%  
May 2023: RM146.8 billion ▲ 3.3%

### Sales Value of Wholesale & Retail Trade Sector



July 2023: RM139.8 billion ▲ 7.2%  
June 2023: RM138.5 billion ▲ 4.3%  
May 2023: RM138.0 billion ▲ 6.6%

## EXTERNAL SECTOR

### Exports



Aug 2023: RM115.2b ▼ -18.6%  
\*July 2023: RM116.8b ▼ -13.1%  
June 2023: RM124.0b ▼ -14.1%

### Imports

Aug 2023: RM97.9b ▼ -21.2%  
\*July 2023: RM99.7b ▼ -15.9%  
June 2023: RM98.4b ▼ -18.7%



\* As published for the corresponding month

## LABOUR MARKET

### Number of Employed Persons



July 2023: 16.34 mil persons ▲ 2.2%  
June 2023: 16.31 mil persons ▲ 2.3%  
May 2023: 16.28 mil persons ▲ 2.4%

### Unemployment Rate

July 2023: 3.4%  
June 2023: 3.4%  
May 2023: 3.5%



## PRICES

### Consumer Price Index (CPI)



Aug 2023: ▲ 2.0%  
July 2023: ▲ 2.0%  
June 2023: ▲ 2.4%

### Producer Price Index (PPI)

Aug 2023: ▼ -1.8%  
July 2023: ▼ -2.3%  
June 2023: ▼ -4.8%



b: billion  
Percentage Change: Year-on-Year

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## **Malaysia's Economic Landscape in July and August 2023 to remain moderate in the near term**

**MESR Volume 9/2023** focuses on the recent statistics released in July 2023 and some forthcoming statistics for August 2023. This edition also features an article titled “**The Study on Self-Employed Gig Workers in Food and Goods Delivery Services**” which looks into basic profiles of self-employed gig workers in food and goods delivery services and outlines issues relating to labour law, corporate relations and social protection involving these services.

This MESR will assist users to have the latest information on the economic performance in detail.

The full publication of the MESR Volume 9/2023 can be downloaded through [eStatistik](#) portal.

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