



## STATISTICS ON INFORMAL SECTOR AND INFORMAL EMPLOYMENT, 2023

### INFORMAL EMPLOYMENT

In 2023, **informal employment** including agriculture is **3.45 million** people, representing 21.8 per cent of the total employment in Malaysia.



**3,450.5** Total number of informal employment including agriculture ('000)

**2,843.3** Total number of informal employment for non-agriculture ('000)

#### Informal employment consist of:

- Own account worker and employer managing their own establishment in the informal sector.
- Unpaid family workers in the formal and informal sectors.
- Employees across all production sectors (formal sector, informal sector & household) who do not have an employment contract and do not receive contributions to the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) or the Social Security Organization (SOCSO), as well as those who do not receive paid annual leave, paid sick leave, paid maternity leave or health insurance from their employers.

### EMPLOYMENT IN THE INFORMAL SECTOR

Employment in the informal sector including agriculture in 2023 recorded **1.83 million** persons, comprising 11.6 per cent of the total employment in Malaysia

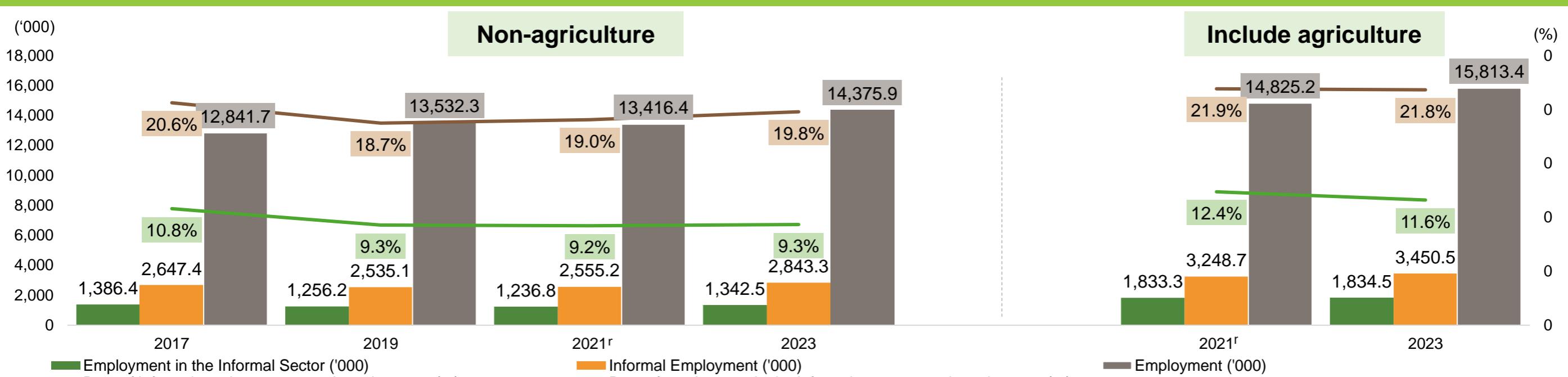


#### Employment in the informal sector consist of:

- All or at least one of the goods or services produced are meant for sale or barter transaction.
- The enterprise is not registered with the Companies Commission of Malaysia (SSM) or any other professional bodies, including the local Authorities (LA).
- Employment size is less than 10 persons and is not registered under specific forms of national legislation.

Source: Informal Sector and Informal Employment Survey Report, 2023, Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM)

### Informal Employment and Employment in the Informal Sector, 2017-2023



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# **Malaysia's informal employment persons in 2023 reached 3.45 million comprising 21.8 per cent of the country's total employment**

## **Informal Employment**

- In 2023, the total number of informal employment including agriculture was **3.45 million** persons. It encompassing **53.2 per cent** (1.83 million persons) in **informal sector**, followed by formal sector at **46.1 per cent** (1.59 million persons) and household with **0.7 per cent** (24.2 thousand persons).
- As for the number of informal employment for non-agriculture which included in formal and informal sector as well as household, there were **2.84 million** persons recorded. During the year, formal sector (51.9%) dominated the informal employment with **1.48 million** persons and followed by the informal sector (47.2%) with **1.34 million** persons.

## **Employment in the Informal Sector**

- Regarding employment in the informal sector including agriculture, the number of employed was **1.83 million** persons, contributing **11.6 per cent** of total employment in Malaysia.
- Meanwhile, employment in the informal sector for non-agriculture shows that **1.34 million** persons were employed, comprising **9.3 per cent** of the total employment in Malaysia.