



LABOUR FORCE MALAYSIA, JANUARY 2025

January's 2025 unemployed persons declined further to 533.8 thousand, with an unemployment rate of 3.1 per cent

UNEMPLOYMENT

JANUARY 2025



JAN' 2024
559.9 thousand

DEC' 2024
538.5 thousand

JAN' 2024
3.3%

DEC' 2024
3.1%



EMPLOYED PERSONS

JANUARY 2025



JAN' 2024
16.23 million

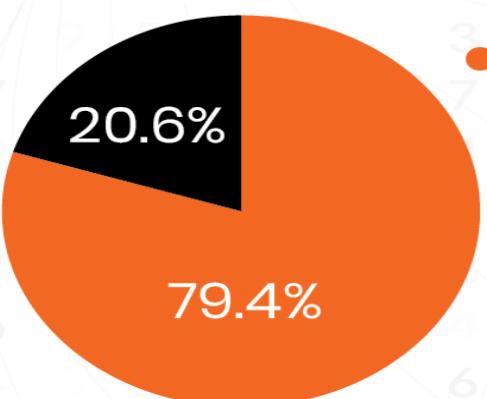
DEC' 2024
16.63 million

JAN' 2024
68.1%

DEC' 2024
68.4%

Unemployment by category

- Actively unemployed
- JAN 2025: 423.6 thousand
- DEC' 2024: 425.7 thousand
- JAN' 2024: 445.0 thousand
- Inactively unemployed
- JAN 2025: 110.2 thousand
- DEC' 2024: 112.8 thousand
- JAN' 2024: 114.9 thousand



Employed persons by status in employment



The employees' category represents 75.3 per cent of the total employed persons

LABOUR FORCE

Labour Force

17.22 million

JAN' 2024
16.79 million

DEC' 2024
17.17 million

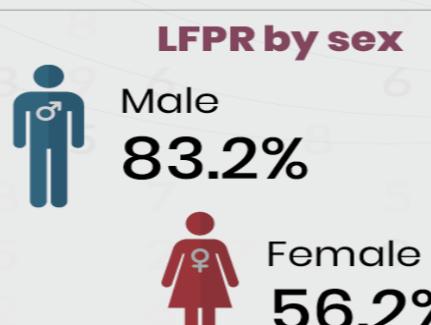


Labour Force Participation Rate

70.6%

JAN' 2024
70.5%

DEC' 2024
70.6%



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January's labour force participation rate was unchanged at 70.6 per cent as in the prior month

OUTSIDE LABOUR FORCE

DEC' 2024

7.16 million

JAN 2025

7.15 million

1.8%
-0.03%

The major composition of the outside labour force was housework/ family responsibilities



Housework/ family responsibilities
43.6%



Schooling/ training
41.8%

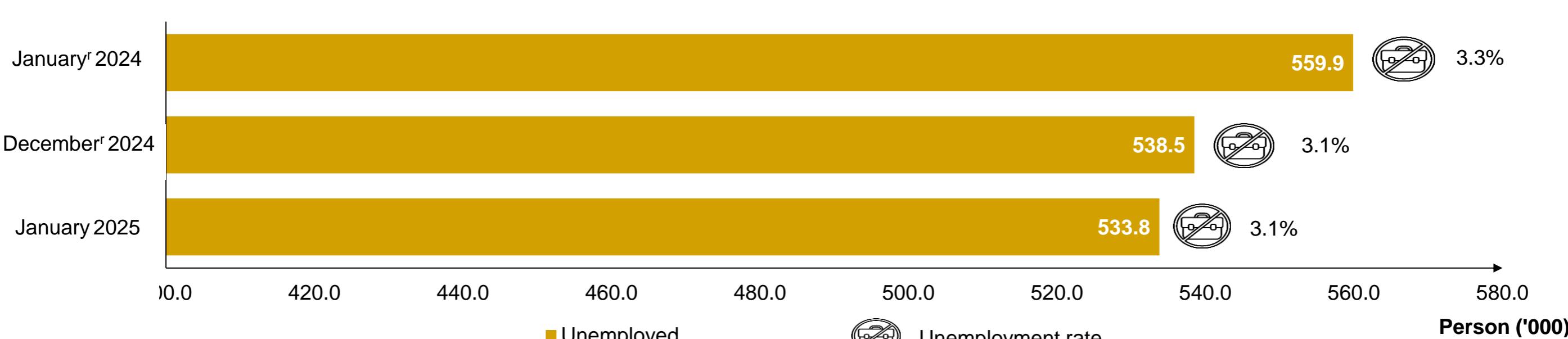
Note:

- Percentage change (year-on-year)
- Percentage change (month-on-month)
- IPP: Percentage point

Unchanged

Revision based on the current population estimates from the Population and Housing Census 2020

Unemployed persons and unemployment rate, January^r 2024, December^r 2024 and January 2025



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20 October

Unemployed in January 2025 on a downward trend, decreased to 533.8 thousand persons, recording 3.1 per cent of the unemployment rate

- The number of **labour force** in January 2025 improved further, increasing by **0.3 per cent** month-on-month to **17.22 million persons** (December^r 2024: 17.17 million persons). Meanwhile, the **labour force participation rate** remained at **70.6 per cent** as in the previous month.
- The number of **unemployed** decreased by **0.9 per cent** to **533.8 thousand persons** in January 2025 (December^r 2024: 538.5 thousand persons).
- The **unemployment rate** remained at **3.1 per cent** as recorded in the previous month.
- The number of **employed persons** in January 2025 continued to improve, registering a **0.3 per cent** increase to reach **16.68 million** (December^r 2024: 16.63 million).
- By economic sector, employment in the **Services** sector showed steady growth, particularly in **Accommodation and food & beverage services; Wholesale & retail trade, and Human health and social work activities**. Likewise, the **Manufacturing, Construction, Agriculture and Mining & quarrying** sectors also experienced positive employment growth in January 2025.
- The number of persons **outside the labour force** experienced a slight decrease of **0.03 per cent** to **7.15 million**, compared to 7.16 million in December^r 2024.

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