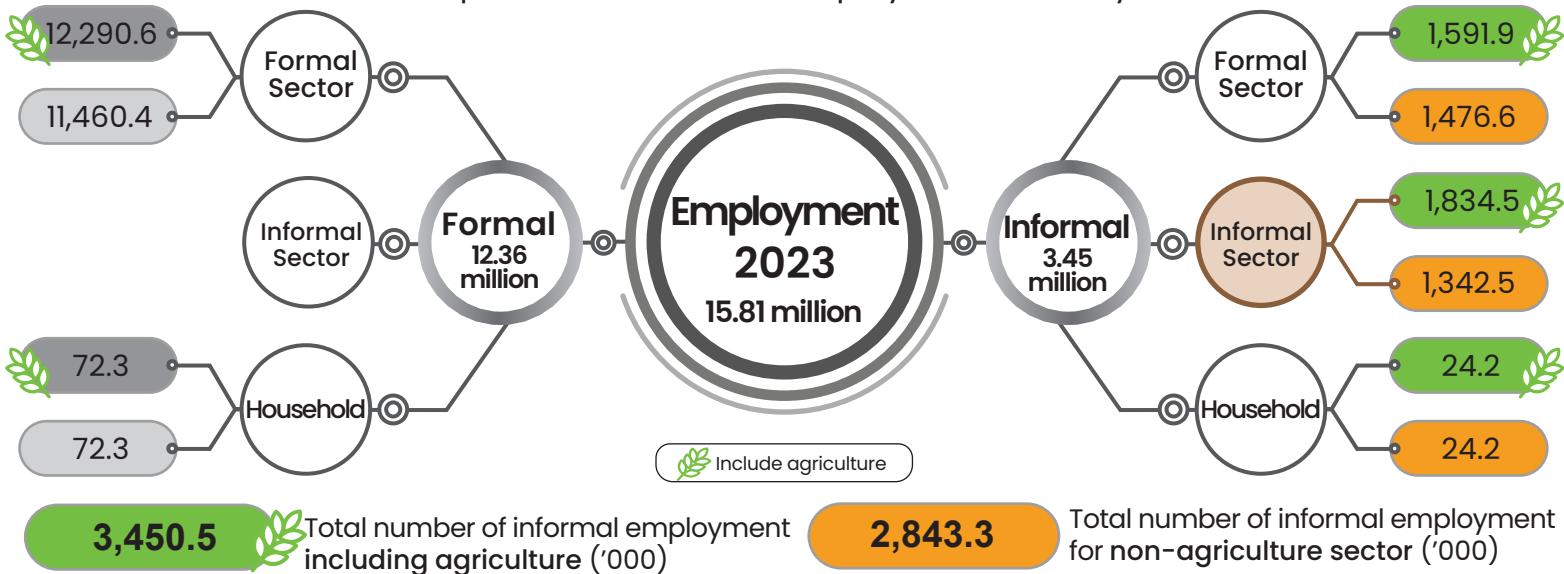


# STATISTICS ON INFORMAL SECTOR AND INFORMAL EMPLOYMENT, 2023

## INFORMAL EMPLOYMENT

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

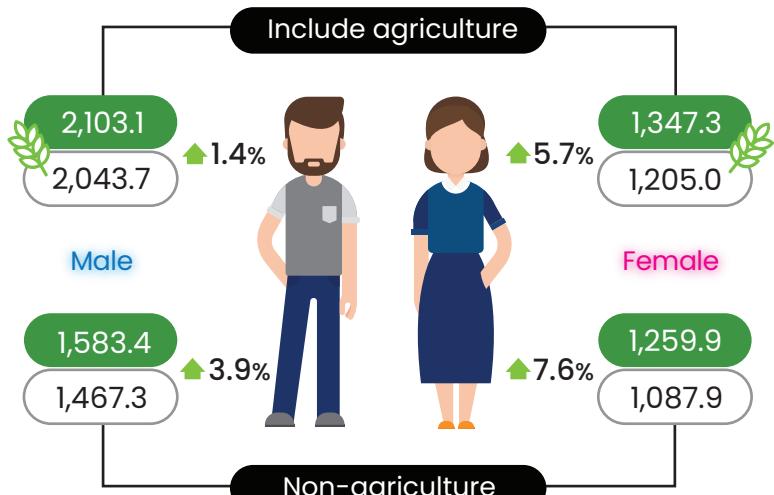


**Informal employment consist of:**

- 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.

### Sex

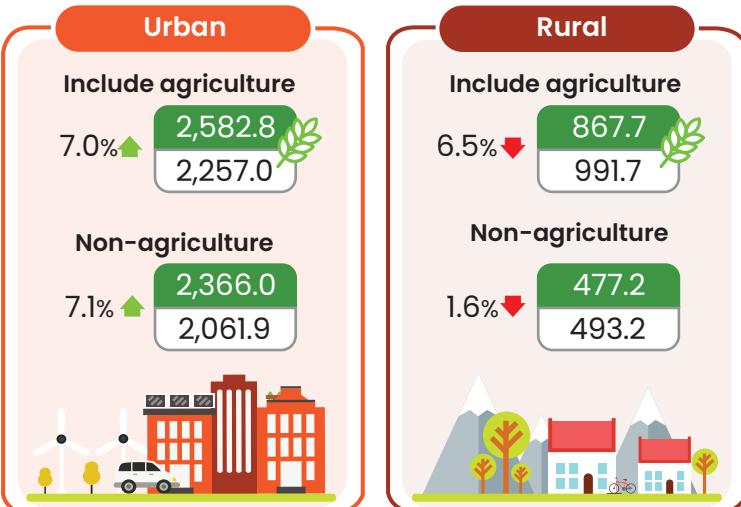
Informal employment including agriculture sector for male higher than female



Both male and female workers in informal employment for the non-agriculture sector continue to increase

### Strata

Urban registered higher number of informal employment including agriculture sector



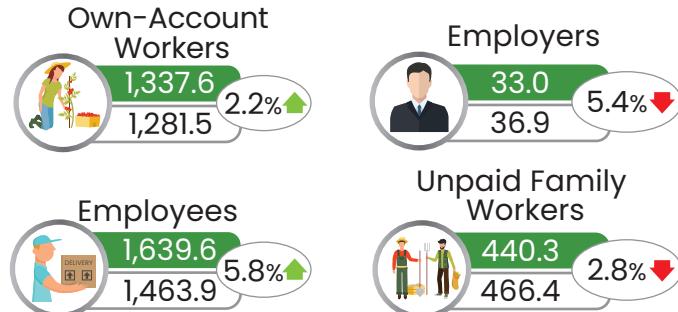
Most informal employment for the non-agriculture sector was in urban

# STATISTICS ON INFORMAL SECTOR AND INFORMAL EMPLOYMENT, 2023

## INFORMAL EMPLOYMENT INCLUDING AGRICULTURE

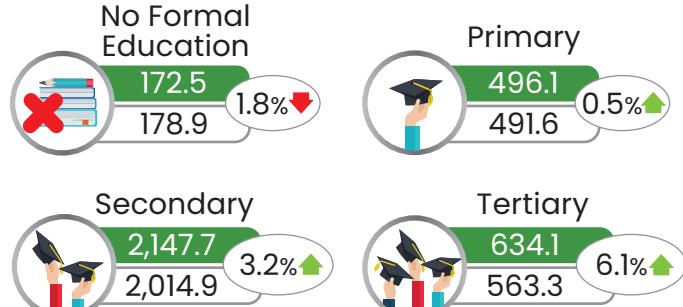
### Status in Employment

Most of informal employment are employees' (1,639.6 thousand)



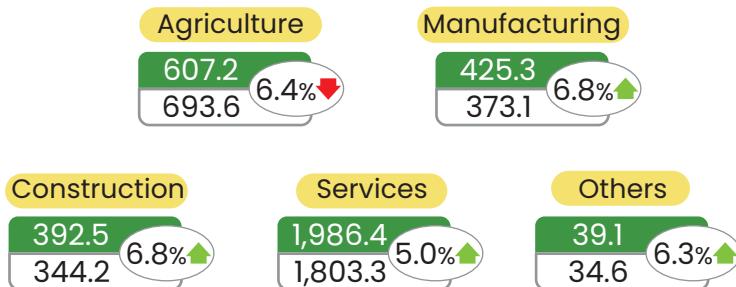
### Education Attainment

Most informal employment are occupied by individuals with a secondary education level (2,147.7 thousand)



### Industry

The services sector is the largest contributor to the informal employment including agriculture (1,986.4 thousand)



### Skills

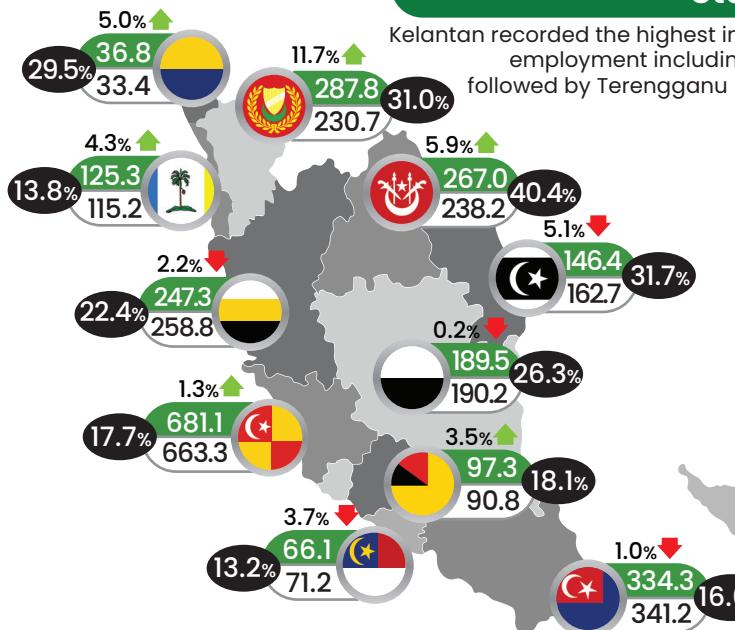
Informal employment including agriculture is concentrated among semi-skilled employees (2,440.0 thousand)



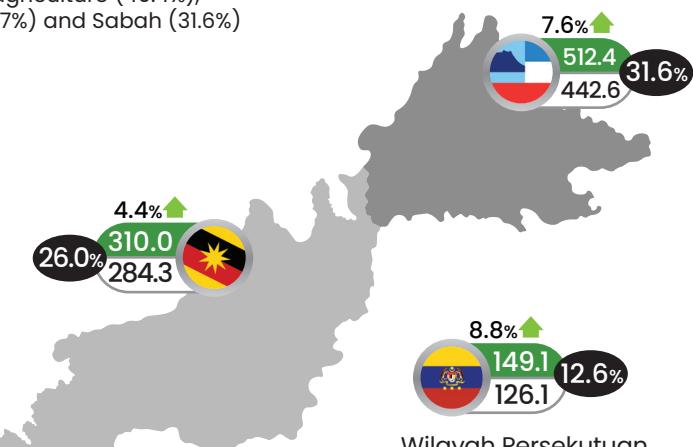
### Highest informal employment

1. Retail Assistant
2. Telemarketer
3. Hawker (food)

### State



Kelantan recorded the highest informal employment rate to total employment including agriculture (40.4%), followed by Terengganu (31.7%) and Sabah (31.6%)



Wilayah Persekutuan

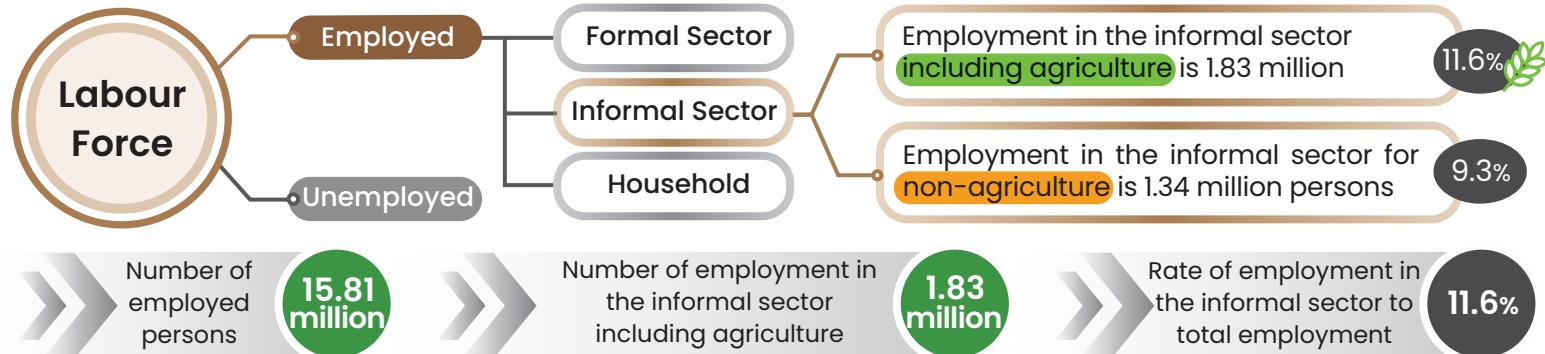
#### Note:

Informal employment rate to total employment in Malaysia

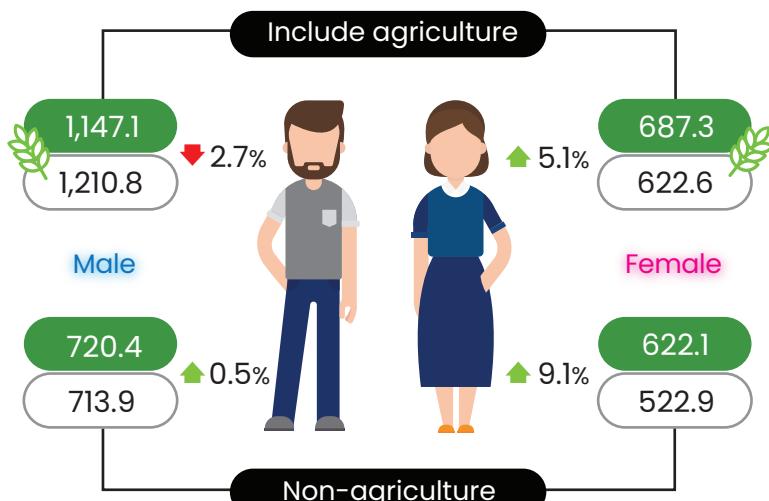
# STATISTICS ON INFORMAL SECTOR AND INFORMAL EMPLOYMENT, 2023

## 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

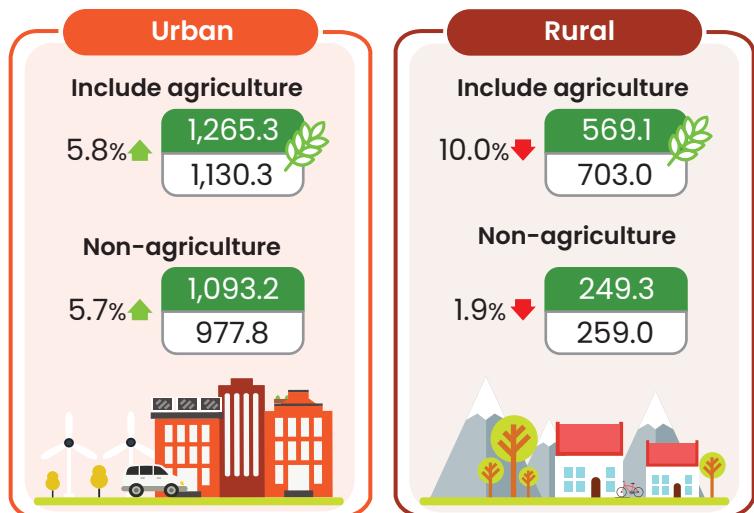


**Sex**  
Informal employment including agriculture sector for male higher than female



Both male and female workers in informal employment for the non-agriculture sector continue to increase

**Strata**  
Urban registered higher number of informal employment including agriculture sector

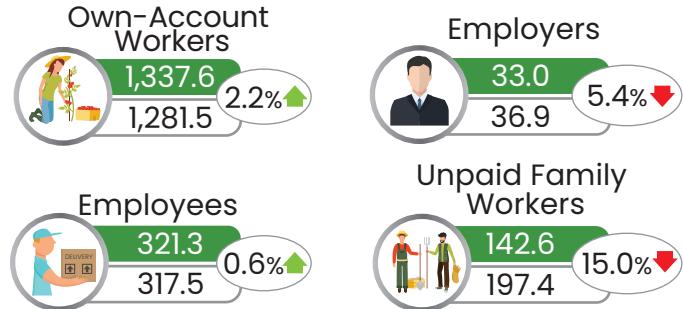


Most employment in informal employment for the non-agriculture sector was in urban

## EMPLOYMENT IN THE INFORMAL SECTOR INCLUDING AGRICULTURE

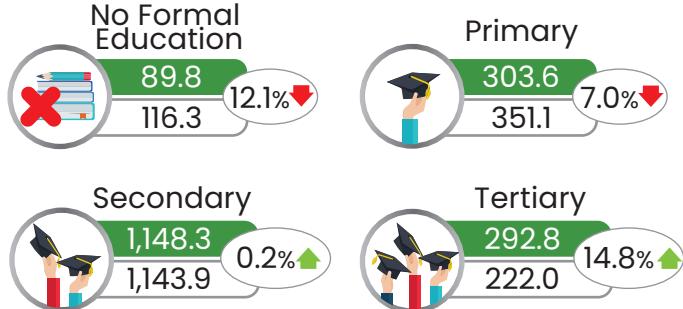
### Status in Employment

Most of the employment in the informal sector including agriculture was in the own-account workers category (1,337.6 thousand)



### Educational Attainment

Most of the employment in the informal sector for including agriculture was those with secondary education (1,148.3 thousand)



2021 ('000)

2023 ('000)

2021 ('000)

2023 ('000)

# STATISTICS ON INFORMAL SECTOR AND INFORMAL EMPLOYMENT, 2023

## EMPLOYMENT IN THE INFORMAL SECTOR INCLUDING AGRICULTURE

### Industry

The services sector is the largest contributor to the employment in the informal sector (923.5 thousand)

#### Agriculture

492.0  
596.5  
9.2%  
↓

#### Manufacturing

223.8  
220.3  
0.8%  
↑

#### Construction

187.6  
172.5  
4.3%  
↑

#### Services

923.5  
838.1  
5.0%  
↑

#### Others

7.5  
6.0  
12.3%  
↑

### Skills

Employment in the informal sector is concentrated among semi-skilled employees (1,302.6 thousand)



#### Skilled

101.6  
75.8  
15.7%  
↑



#### Semi-skilled

1,302.6  
1,556.1  
8.5%  
↓



#### Low-skilled

430.3  
201.4  
46.2%  
↑

### Highest employment in the informal sector

1.



Hawker(food)

2.



Telemarketer

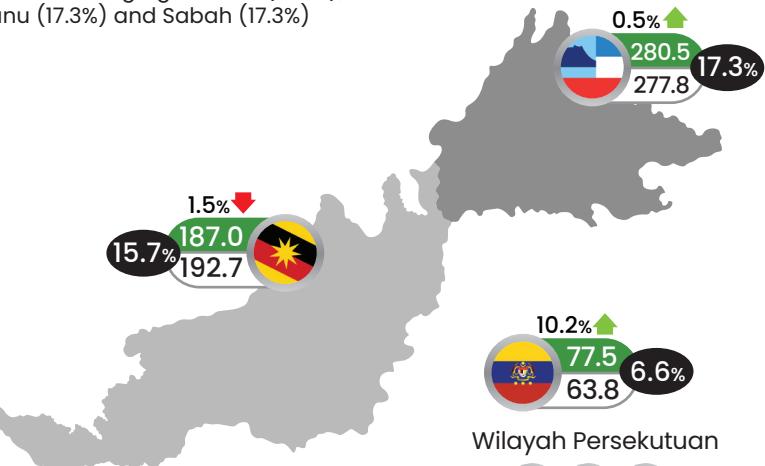
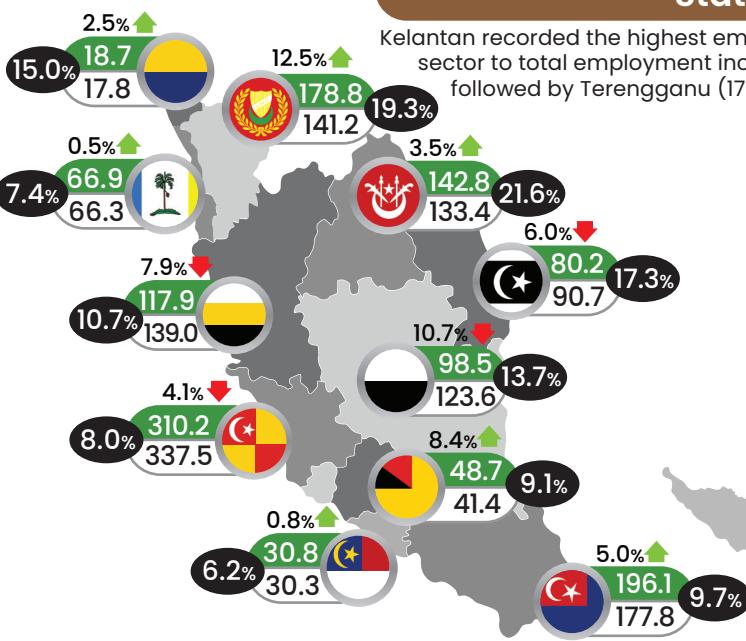
3.



Crop Farm  
Labourer

### State

Kelantan recorded the highest employment rate in the informal sector to total employment including agriculture (21.6%), followed by Terengganu (17.3%) and Sabah (17.3%)



Wilayah Persekutuan



#### Note:

Employment rate in the informal sector to total employment in Malaysia

### Type of Workplace

The majority of informal sector work at home followed by plantation/farms/estate/shades/sea

