



**9.06**

**million jobs**  
in economic sector

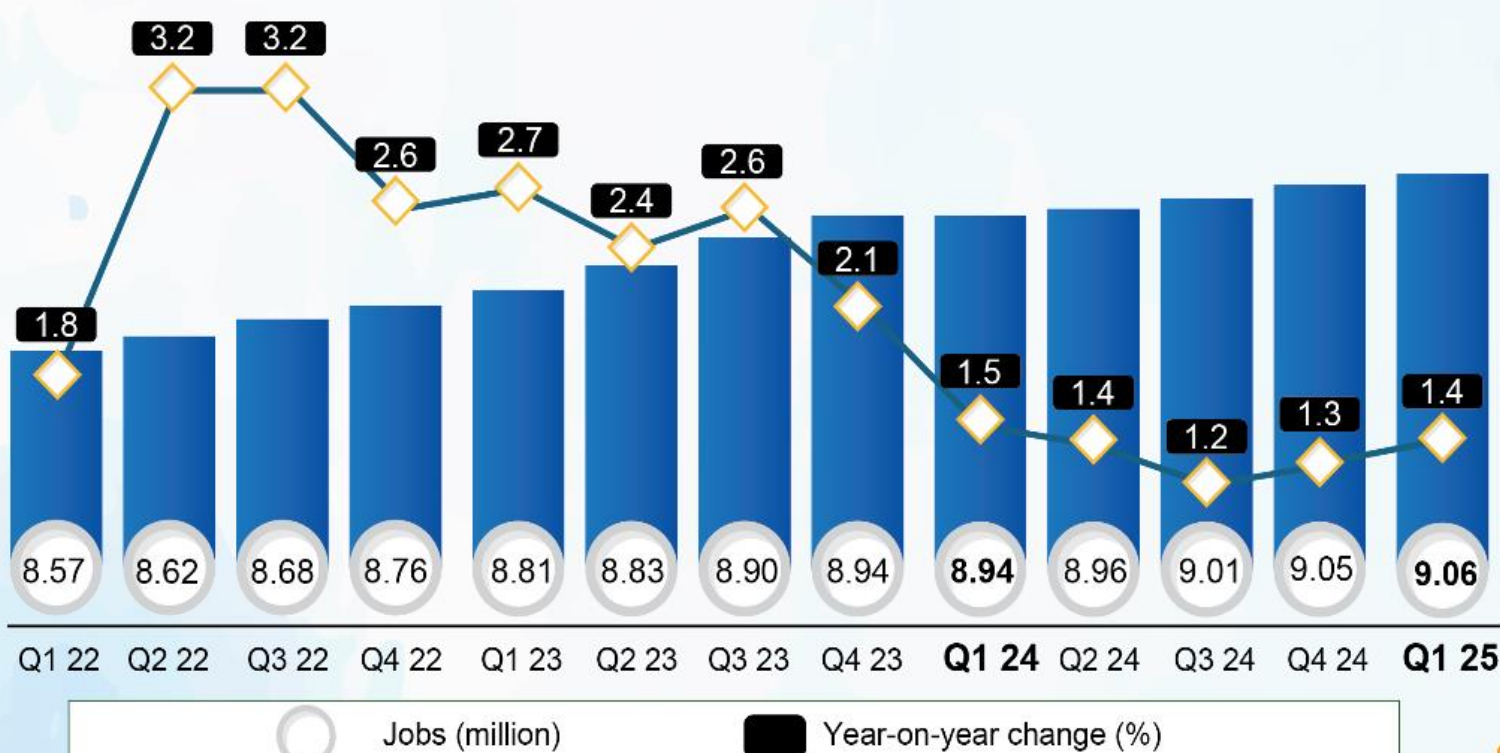
**97.9%**  
Filled Jobs

**2.1%**  
Vacancies

## EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

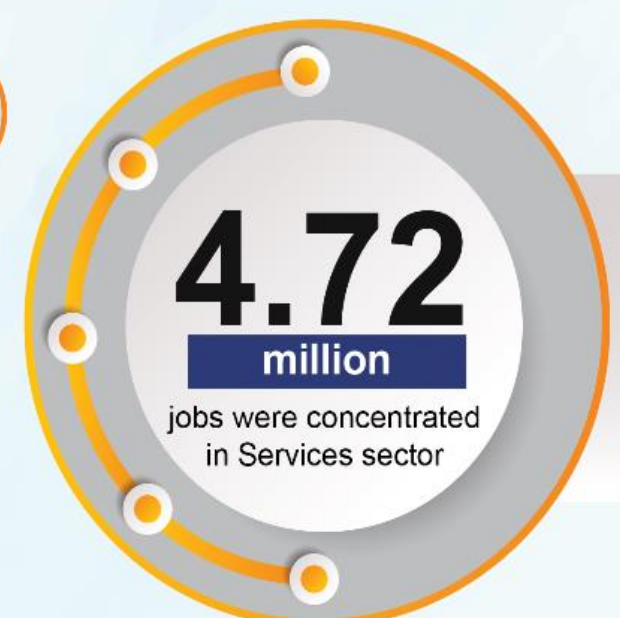
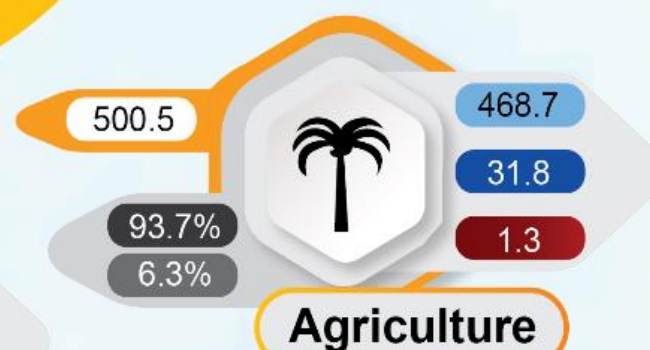
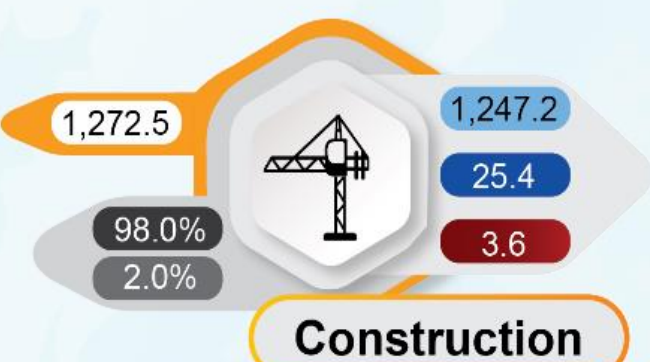
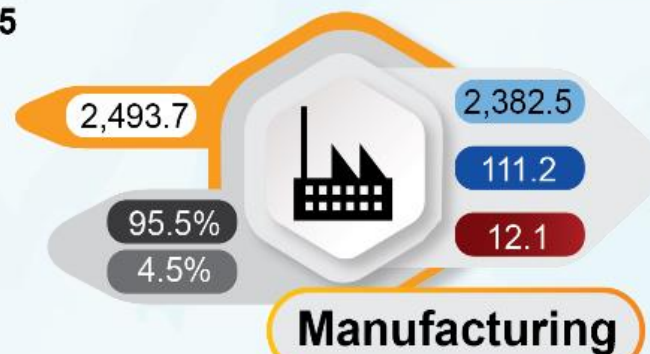
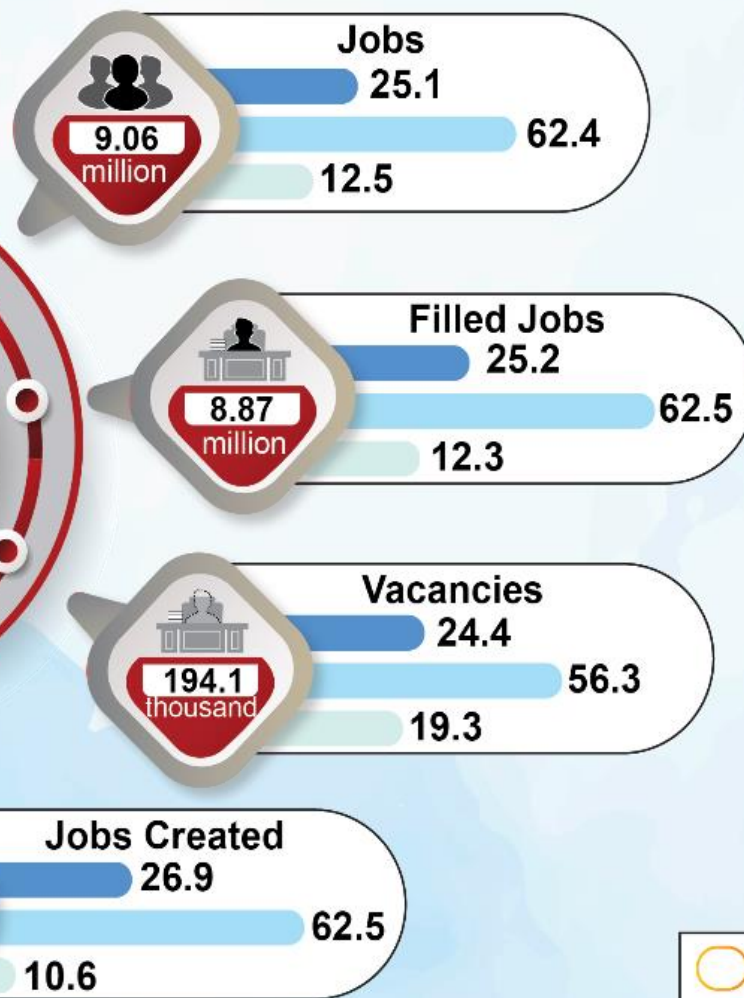
**FIRST  
QUARTER  
2025**

Total jobs increased 1.4 per cent or equivalent to **127.0 thousand** year-on-year.



The semi-skilled category contributed the highest share of skills category with 62.4 per cent or equivalent to 5.66 million jobs.

**62.4%**  
of jobs were in semi-skilled category



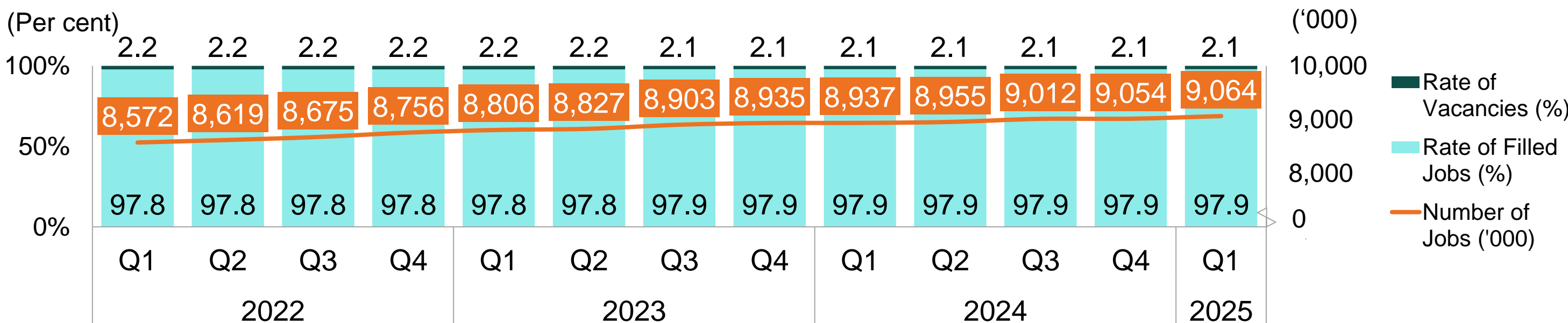
The highest number of jobs in Services sector was recorded by the Wholesale & retail trade sub-sector with a total of 1.76 million jobs.

Jobs ('000) Filled Jobs ('000) Vacancies ('000)  
Jobs Created ('000) Rate of Filled Jobs (%) Rate of Vacancies (%)

Notes: The sum may differ from total due to independent rounding.

Source: Employment Statistics, First Quarter of 2025, Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM)

## Jobs, Rate of Filled Jobs and Rate of Vacancies, Q1 2022 – Q1 2025





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## Labour Demand, First Quarter of 2025

- Malaysia's labour demand continues to expand by 1.4 per cent in Q1 2025, recording 9.06 million **jobs**. Of these, 8.87 million **jobs were filled** with 97.9 per cent rate of filled jobs.
- There were 194.1 thousand **jobs vacancy** in Q1 2025, with a vacancy rate of 2.1 per cent. Meanwhile, 33.2 thousand **jobs were created**, rose from 32.1 thousand (Q1 2024).

## Labour Demand by Skills Category

- By **skills category**, semi-skilled category made up the largest share of jobs at 62.4 per cent (5.66 million), followed by skilled category at 25.1 per cent (2.28 million) and low-skilled category at 12.5 per cent (1.13 million).
- In the **skilled category**, 2.23 million jobs were filled (97.9%), while 47.4 thousand were vacant (2.1%). A total of 8.9 thousand jobs were created in this category.
- The **semi-skilled category** recorded 5.55 million filled jobs, covering 98.1 per cent of jobs. There were 109.2 thousand vacancies (1.9%) and 20.8 thousand jobs were created.
- As for the **low-skilled category**, 1.09 million jobs were filled with 96.7 per cent rate of filled jobs in Q1 2025. There were 37.5 thousand jobs vacancy, resulting in a 3.3 per cent vacancy rate. Additionally, 3.5 thousand new jobs were created.

## Labour Demand by Economic Activity

- Most **jobs and filled jobs** were in the Services sector, contributing 52.0 per cent (4.72 million) of total jobs and 52.8 per cent (4.69 million) of filled jobs respectively.
- The Manufacturing sector recorded the highest number of **jobs vacancy** with 111.2 thousand jobs (57.3%), followed by Agriculture (31.8 thousand; 16.4%), Construction (25.4 thousand; 13.1%) and Services (25.2 thousand; 13.0%).
- In terms of **jobs created** in Q1 2025, the Services sector led with 48.1 per cent (16.0 thousand), followed by Manufacturing (36.5%; 12.1 thousand) and Construction (10.8%; 3.6 thousand).

