



9.06
million jobs
in economic sector

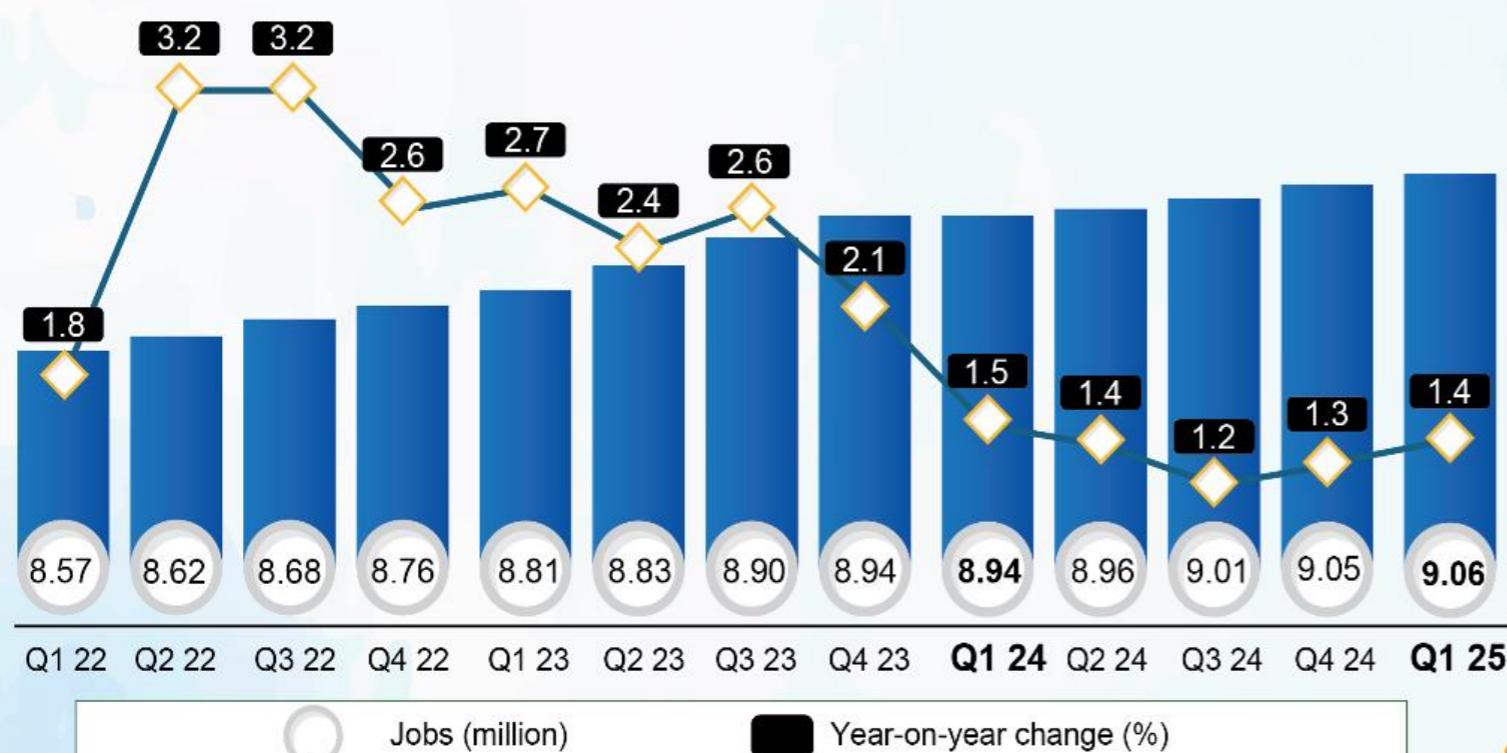
97.9%
Filled Jobs

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.

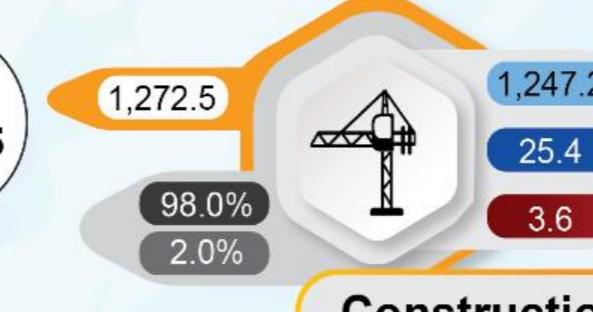
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of jobs were in semi-skilled category

Jobs
25.1
9.06 million
12.5

Filled Jobs
25.2
8.87 million
12.3

Vacancies
24.4
194.1 thousand
56.3

Jobs Created
26.9
33.2 thousand
10.6

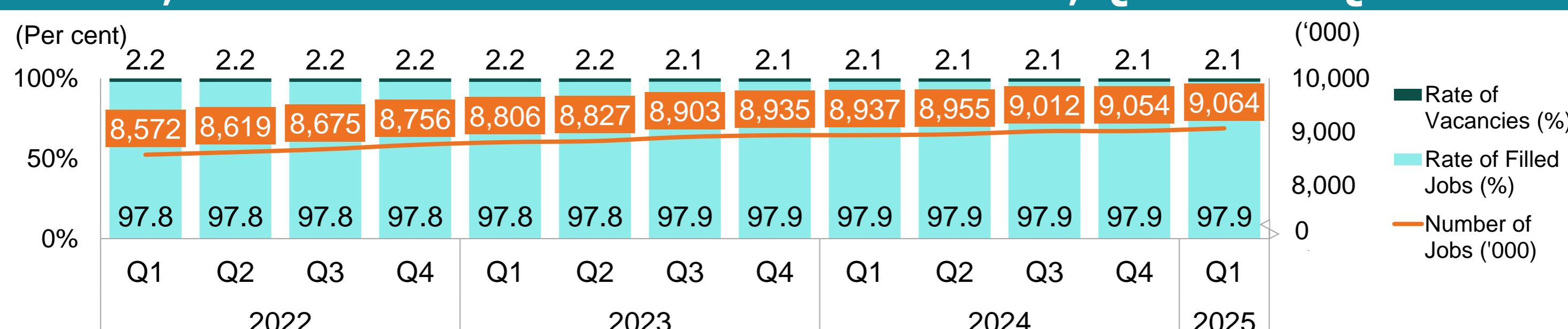


4.72
million
jobs were concentrated in Services sector

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.

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).

