



## MALAYSIA, LABOUR FORCE JUNE 2025

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### UNEMPLOYMENT

JUNE 2025

The number of unemployed persons

Unemployment rate

**3.0%**

The unemployment rate in June 2025 held steady at 3.0 per cent as in May

JUNE<sup>1</sup> 2024 553.7 thousand  
MAY 2025 522.4 thousand

JUNE<sup>1</sup> 2024 3.3%  
MAY 2025 3.0%

### Unemployment by category

Actively unemployed Inactively unemployed

● **JUNE 2025 : 414.4 thousand**

MAY 2025 : 416.4 thousand

JUNE<sup>1</sup> 2024 : 440.2 thousand

▼5.8%  
▼0.5%

● **JUNE 2025 : 104.3 thousand**

MAY 2025 : 106.0 thousand

JUNE<sup>1</sup> 2024 : 113.5 thousand

▼8.2%  
▼1.6%

### EMPLOYED PERSONS

JUNE 2025

The number of employed persons

Employment-to-population ratio

**16.92 million**

**68.7%**

JUNE<sup>1</sup> 2024 16.42 million  
MAY 2025 16.86 million

JUNE<sup>1</sup> 2024 68.3%  
MAY 2025 68.7%

### Employed persons by status in employment

75.0%

Employees

18.9%

Own-account workers

3.3%

Employers

2.7%

Unpaid family workers

▲2.9%  
▲0.2%

▲3.6%  
▲0.6%

▲1.9%  
▲0.8%

▲3.5%  
▼0.2%



The employees' category remained the largest segment of the employment, comprising **75.0 per cent** of the total employed persons

### LABOUR FORCE

Labour Force

**17.43 million**

JUNE 2025

Labour Force Participation Rate

**70.8%**

JUNE<sup>1</sup> 2024 16.97 million  
MAY 2025 17.38 million

▲2.7%  
▲0.3%



▲0.2pp  
↔0.0pp

JUNE<sup>1</sup> 2024 70.6%  
MAY 2025 70.8%

LFPR by sex



Male  
**83.3%**

Female  
**56.4%**

**70.8%**

The labour force participation rate in June 2025 stood at 70.8 per cent as recorded last month.

### OUTSIDE LABOUR FORCE

MAY 2025

7.18 million

JUNE 2025

7.18 million

JUNE<sup>1</sup> 2024

7.07 million

▲1.5%  
▼0.004%



The main reasons for those being outside the labour force were housework/ family responsibilities



Housework/ family responsibilities

**43.7%**



Schooling/ training

**40.9%**

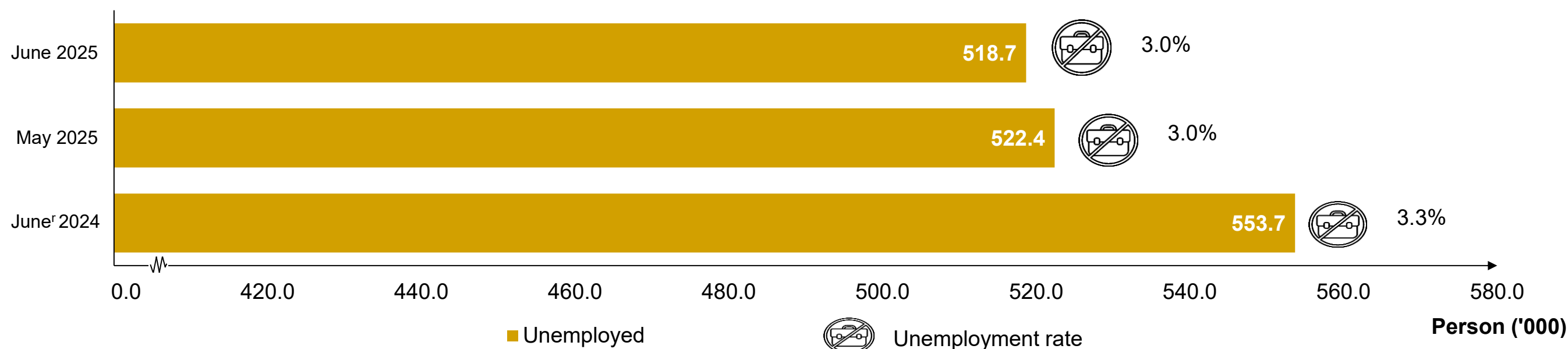
Note :

- % Percentage change (year-on-year)
- % Percentage change (month-on-month)
- pp Percentage point

↔ Unchanged

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

### Unemployed persons and unemployment rate, June<sup>1</sup> 2024 and May - June 2025



Notes:

- <sup>1</sup> Revision based on the current population estimates from the Population and Housing Census of Malaysia 2020.
- Starting with the release of Labour Force Statistics (LFS), January 2025, the principal statistics of the labour force are estimated based on the current population estimates of Malaysia.



## ***June's unemployment rate stood at 3.0 per cent, with the number of unemployed declining to 518.7 thousand persons***

- The **labour force** continued its upward trend in June 2025, increasing by **0.3 per cent** month-on-month to **17.43 million persons** (May 2025: 17.38 million persons). The **labour force participation rate** in June 2025 stood at **70.8 per cent**, consistent with the rate recorded in May.
- The **unemployed** declined further by **0.7 per cent** to **518.7 thousand persons** during the month (May 2025: 522.4 thousand persons).
- The **unemployment rate** remained unchanged at **3.0 per cent** for the third consecutive month, indicating sustained labour market stability.
- Employment continued to increase in June 2025, with the number of **employed** rising by **0.3 per cent** to **16.92 million persons** (May 2025: 16.86 million persons).
- Employment across economic sectors continued to increase during the month, led by steady growth in the **Services** sector, particularly in **Wholesale and retail trade; Accommodation and food & beverage services; as well as Information & communication activities**. Similarly, the number of employed persons in the **Manufacturing, Construction, Mining & quarrying, and Agriculture sectors** also experienced a rise during the month.
- As for the number of persons **outside the labour force** in June 2025, it was slightly down by **0.004 per cent**, totalling **7.18 million persons** (May 2025: 7.18 million persons).

