



MALAYSIA LABOUR FORCE

SECOND QUARTER 2025

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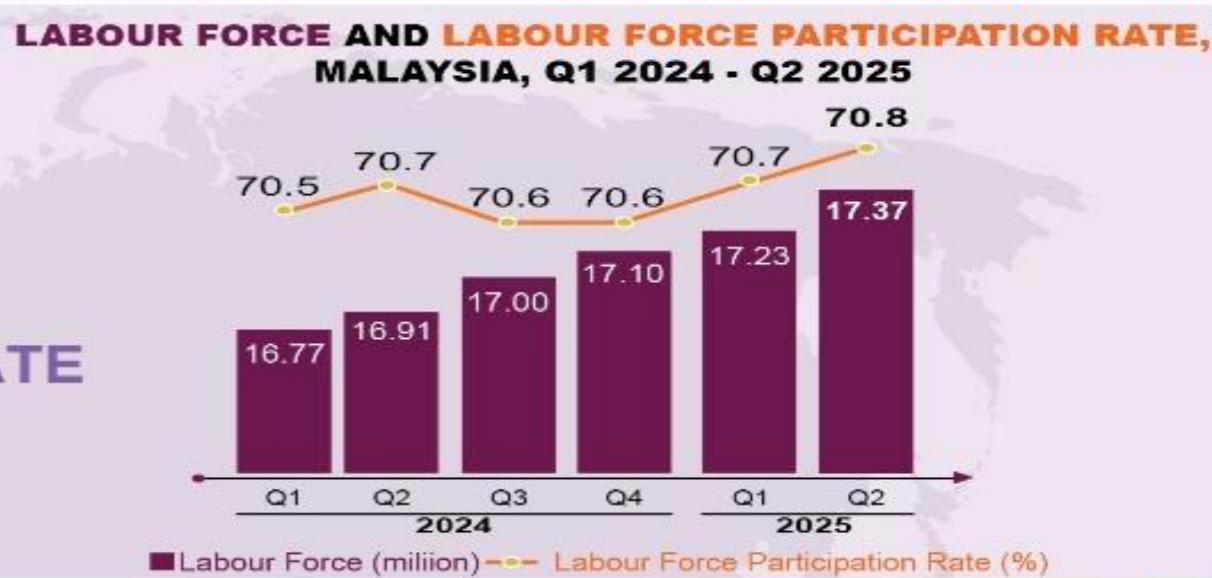


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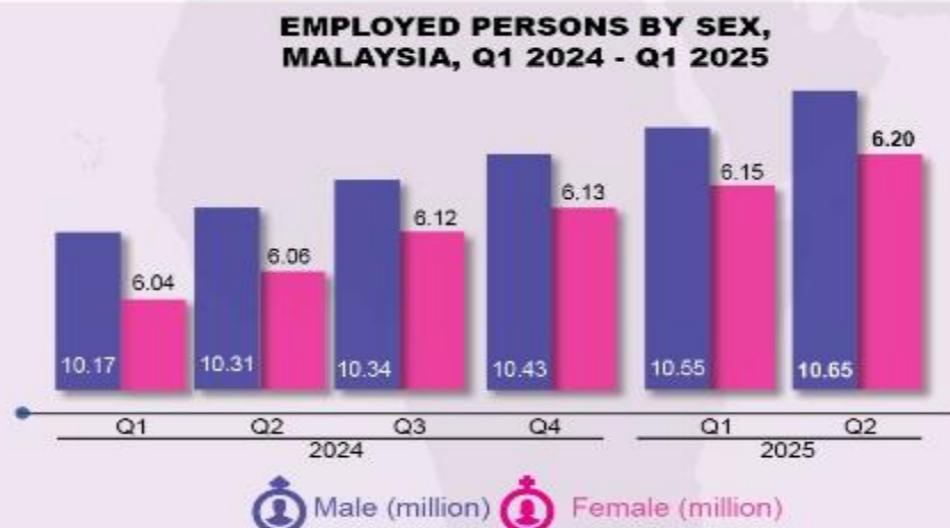
The number of labour force in the second quarter of 2025 rose by **0.8 per cent** to **17.37 million persons**.

LABOUR FORCE
Q2 2025 **17.37 million**
Q1 2025: **17.23 million** 

LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE
Q2 2025 **70.8%**
Q1 2025: **70.7%** 



The total number of employed persons edged up by **0.9 per cent** to register **16.85 million persons** in the second quarter of 2025.



EMPLOYED PERSONS
Q2 2025 **16.85 million**
Q1 2025: **16.70 million** 



UNEMPLOYMENT



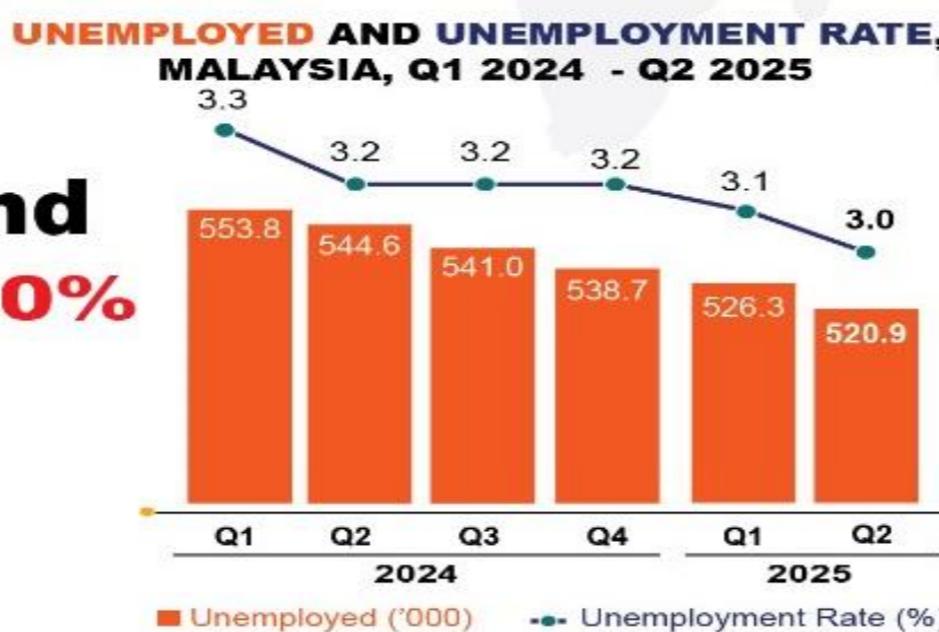
UNEMPLOYED

Q2 2025 **520.9 thousand**
Q1 2025: **526.3 thousand** 

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Q2 2025 **3.0%**
Q1 2025: **3.1%** 

The number of unemployed persons reduced further by **1.0 per cent** to **520.9 thousand persons**, while the unemployed rate improved to **3.0 per cent**

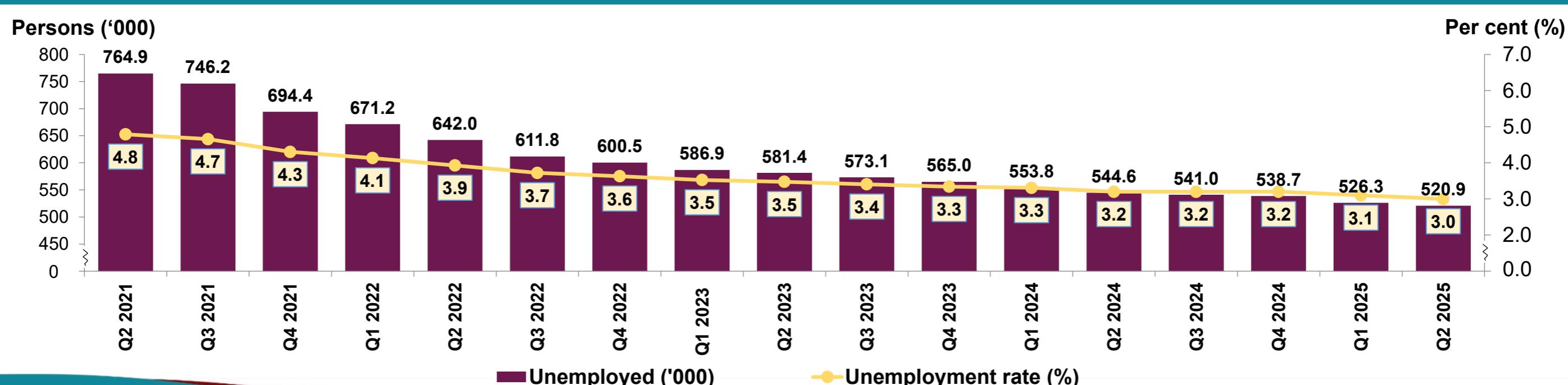


OUTSIDE LABOUR FORCE

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Q2 2025 **7.15 million**
Q1 2025: **7.13 million** 



Unemployed persons and unemployment rate, Q2 2021 – Q2 2025



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- The **labour force** experienced a growth of **0.8 per cent** to **17.37 million persons** during the **second quarter of 2025** (Q1 2025: 17.23 million persons). The **LFPR** increased marginally by **0.1 percentage points** to reach **70.8 per cent**, compared to **70.7 per cent** in the previous quarter.
- The number of **employed persons** increased by **0.9 per cent** to **16.85 million persons** (Q1 2025: 16.70 million persons).
- The number of **unemployed persons** showed a decline of **1.0 per cent** to **520.9 thousand persons** (Q1 2025: 526.3 thousand persons). The unemployment rate for the second quarter of 2025 dropped by **0.1 percentage points** to **3.0 per cent** compared to the previous quarter (Q1 2025: 3.1%).
- The number of persons **working less than 30 hours per week** posted a decrease of **0.7 per cent** to **241.0 thousand persons** during the second quarter of 2025 (Q1 2025: 242.7 thousand persons). Correspondingly, the number of **persons working less than 30 hours per week but willing and able to work additional hours, or classified as time-related underemployment**, declined by **4.0 per cent** to **141.0 thousand persons**, resulting in a **time-related underemployment rate** of **0.8 per cent** (Q1 2025: 146.9 thousand persons; 0.9%).
- **Skill-related underemployment**, which refers to those with tertiary education but working in semi-skilled and low-skilled jobs, increase by **0.1 per cent** to **1.96 million persons**, with **35.6 per cent** of the skill-related underemployment rate (Q1 2025: 1.95 million persons, 35.7%).

