



# MALAYSIA LABOUR FORCE

SECOND QUARTER  
2025

Second quarter's unemployment rate dropped to **3.0 per cent**,  
with the number of unemployed declining to **520.9 thousand persons**



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**Q2 2025 17.37 million**

Q1 2025: 17.23 million 0.8%

### LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE

**Q2 2025 70.8%**

Q1 2025: 70.7% 0.1pp

### LABOUR FORCE AND LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE, MALAYSIA, Q1 2024 - Q2 2025

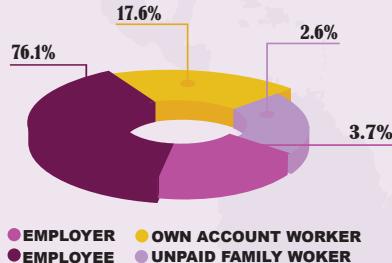


The total number of employed persons edged up by **0.9 per cent** to register **16.85 million persons** in the second quarter of 2025.

## EMPLOYED PERSONS



### EMPLOYED PERSONS BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS, MALAYSIA, Q2 2025



### EMPLOYED PERSONS BY SEX, MALAYSIA, Q1 2024 - Q1 2025



**Q2 2025 16.85 million**

Q1 2025: **16.70 million** 0.9%



## UNEMPLOYMENT



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**

### UNEMPLOYED

**Q2 2025 520.9 thousand**

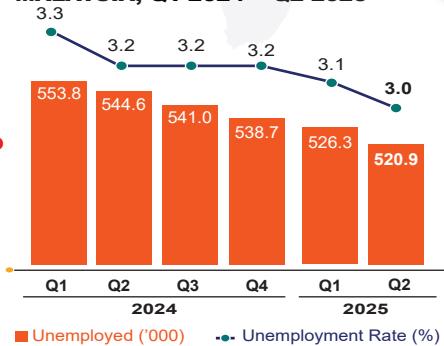
Q1 2025: **526.3 thousand** -1.0%

### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

**Q2 2025 3.0%**

Q1 2025: **3.1%** -0.1pp

### UNEMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, MALAYSIA, Q1 2024 - Q2 2025



## OUTSIDE LABOUR FORCE



The number of outside labour force increased by **0.4 per cent** to record **7.15 million persons** in the second quarter of 2025.

### OUTSIDE LABOUR FORCE

**Q2 2025 7.15 million**

Q1 2025: **7.13 million** 0.4%

