

# 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%**

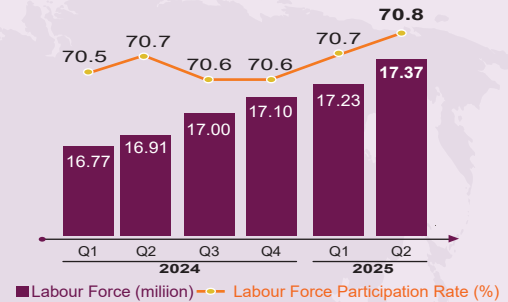
### LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE

Q2 2025 **70.8%**

Q1 2025: **70.7%** ▲ **0.1pp**



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

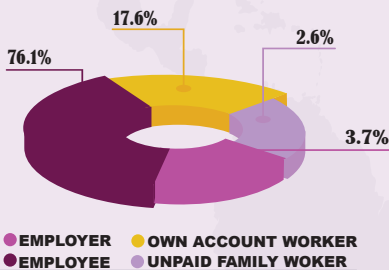


The total number of employed persons edged up by **0.9 per cent** to register **16.85 million persons** in the second quarter of 2025.

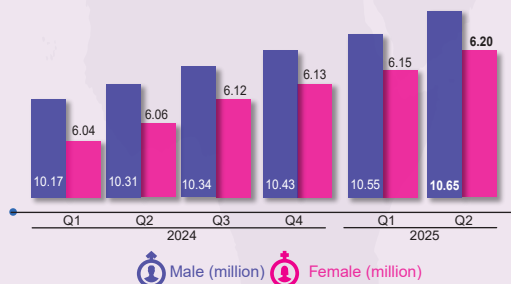
## EMPLOYED PERSONS



### 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 unemployment rate improved to **3.0 per cent**

### UNEMPLOYED

Q2 2025 **520.9 thousand**

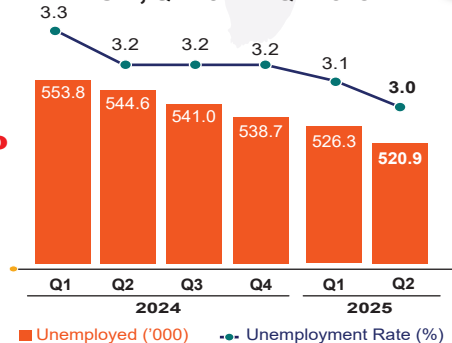
Q1 2025: **526.3 thousand** ▼ **-1.0%**

### 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%**

