



# MALAYSIA LABOUR FORCE, NOVEMBER 2025

The unemployment rate in November 2025 dropped to **2.9 per cent**, the lowest rate in eleven years, recording 518.4 thousand unemployed

## UNEMPLOYMENT

November 2025



The number of unemployed persons

**518.4** thousand

Unemployment rate

**2.9%**

November's unemployment rate fell to its lowest level since December 2014 at 2.9 per cent

NOVEMBER 2024 541.8 thousand  
OCTOBER 2025 518.9 thousand

NOVEMBER 2024 3.2%  
OCTOBER 2025 3.0%

## EMPLOYED PERSONS

November 2025

The number of employed persons

**17.09** million

Employment-to-population ratio

**68.8%**

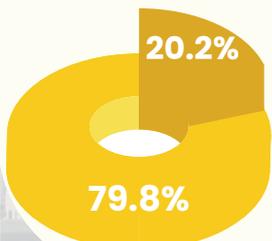
NOVEMBER 2024 16.59 million  
OCTOBER 2025 17.06 million

NOVEMBER 2024 68.3%  
OCTOBER 2025 68.8%

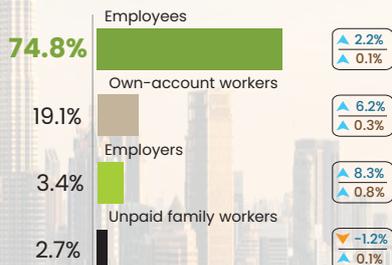
## Unemployment by category

- Actively unemployed
- Inactively unemployed

- NOVEMBER 2025 : 413.5 thousand**  
OCTOBER 2025 : 413.8 thousand (-3.4%)  
NOVEMBER 2024 : 428.0 thousand (-0.1%)
- NOVEMBER 2025 : 104.9 thousand**  
OCTOBER 2025 : 105.1 thousand (-7.9%)  
NOVEMBER 2024 : 113.9 thousand (-0.2%)



## Employed persons by status in employment



The employees' category accounted for 74.8 per cent of the total employed persons in November 2025

## LABOUR FORCE

Labour Force

**17.61** million

NOVEMBER 2025

Labour Force Participation Rate

**70.9%**

▲ 2.8%  
▲ 0.2%  
▲ 0.4pp  
↔ 0.0pp

NOVEMBER 2024 17.13 million  
OCTOBER 2025 17.58 million

NOVEMBER 2024 70.5%  
OCTOBER 2025 70.9%

LFPR by sex

Male **83.3%**

Female **56.6%**

The labour force participation rate (LFPR) for November 2025 remained unchanged at 70.9 per cent

## OUTSIDE LABOUR FORCE

OCTOBER 2025

7.22 million

NOVEMBER 2025

7.22 million

NOVEMBER 2024

Housework/ family responsibilities were the largest component of the outside labour force

Housework/ family responsibilities **43.7%**

Schooling/ training **40.8%**

Notes : % Percentage change (year-on-year) ↔ Unchanged  
% Percentage change (month-on-month) PP Percentage point

