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The Power of Youth: Building a Better Future in the Face of Economic and Environmental Challenges



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YOUTH POPULATION





YOUTH (15-30 YEARS), 2023^p



YOUTH POPULATION

Total youth in 2023 was estimated at **9,320.1 thousand** (27.9%)

5,047.6 thousand

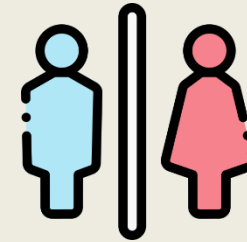
54.2%



4,272.5 thousand

45.8%

SEX RATIO



118

Males for every 100 females

TOTAL OF CITIZENS YOUTH POPULATION BY ETHNIC GROUP



Bumiputera

3,021.9 thousand
(72.6%)

2,871.3 thousand
(73.0%)



Indians

267.5 thousand
(6.4%)

252.2 thousand
(6.4%)



Chinese

842.4 thousand
(20.2%)

785.3 thousand
(19.9%)

33.7 thousand
(0.8%)

26.5 thousand
(0.8%)

Others

TOP 5 STATES WITH HIGHEST COMPOSITION OF YOUTH

1.	Sabah		33.6%
2.	Perlis		33.1%
3.	Kelantan		30.5%
4.	Kedah		29.4%
5.	Johor		29.1%

Source : Current Population Estimates, Malaysia, 2023
Note: p preliminary

■ Males ■ Females

YOUTH IN LABOUR FORCE





MALAYSIAN LABOUR FORCE SNAPSHOT

National labour force in Q3 2023...



Labour Force
16.82 million

Employed
16.25 million

Unemployed
573.1 thousand

Outside Labour Force
7.18 million

LFPR:
70.1%

Unemployment Rate:
3.4%



6.61 million
[39.3%]

6.20 million
[38.1%]

407.1 thousand
[71.0%]

3.80 million
[52.9%]

LFPR:
63.5%

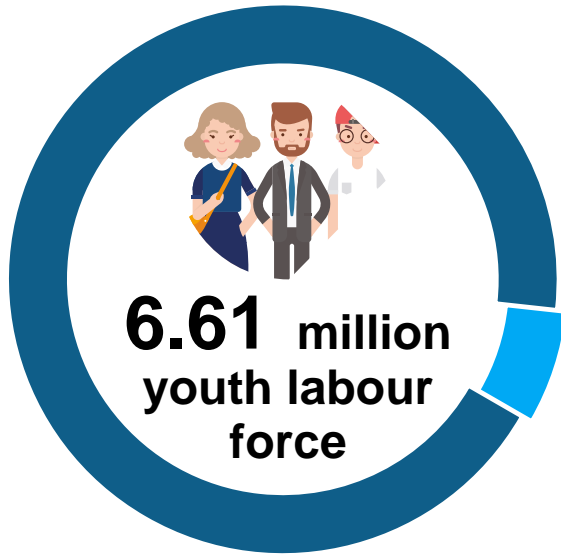
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YOUTH

15 - 30 Years



YOUTH IN THE LABOUR FORCE IN Q3 2023



Youth LFPR: **63.5%**



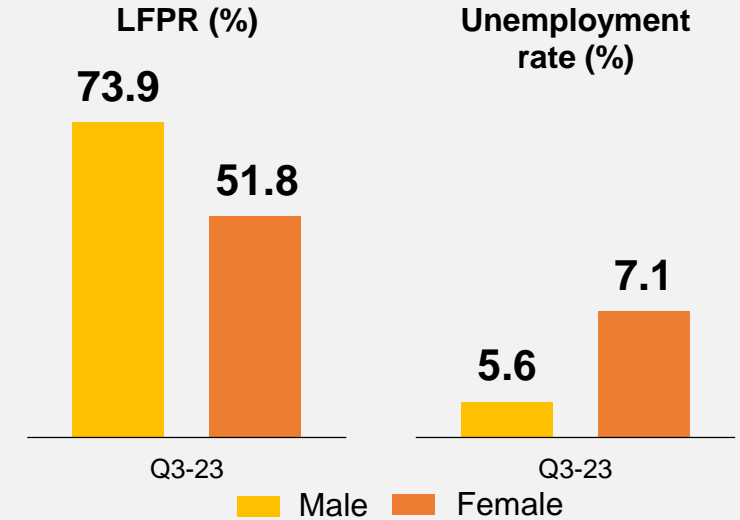
Employed: **6.20 million**



Unemployed: **407.1 thousand**

Unemployment rate: **6.2%**

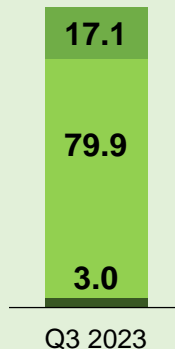
Male youth participation in the labour force is higher than that of **female**



Youth outside labour force:

3.80 million

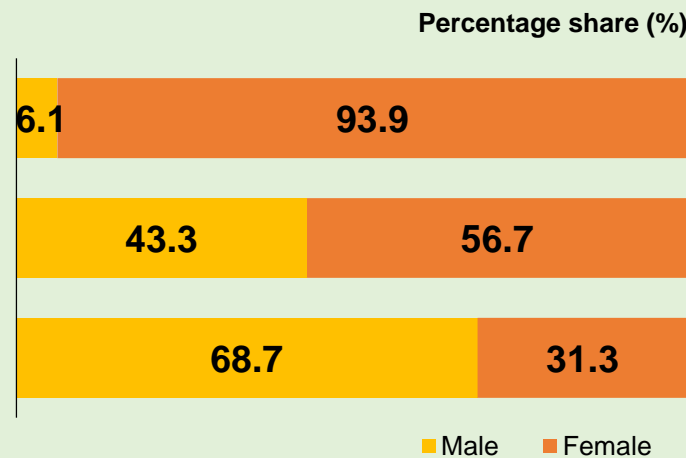
Reasons youth outside labour force for not seeking work



Housework/
family responsibilities

Schooling/ training
program/ going for further
studies

Others*



- **79.9 per cent** of youth outside labour force not seeking work due to **Schooling/ training program/ going for further studies**
- **93.9 per cent** of youth outside labour force not seeking work due to **Housework/ family responsibilities were female.**



YOUTH EMPLOYMENT STRUCTURE IN Q3 2023



Employed persons

16.25 million



38.1%
were youth

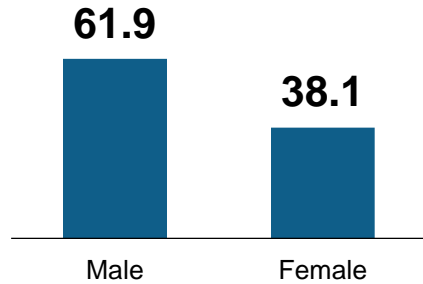


6.20 million
Youth employed



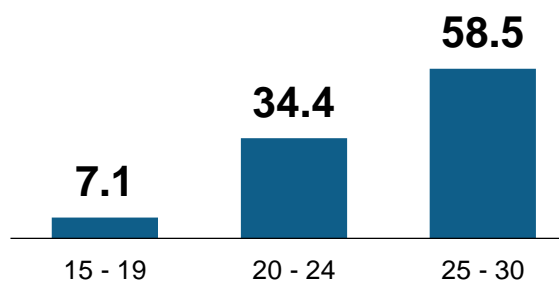
Sex

Percentage share (%)



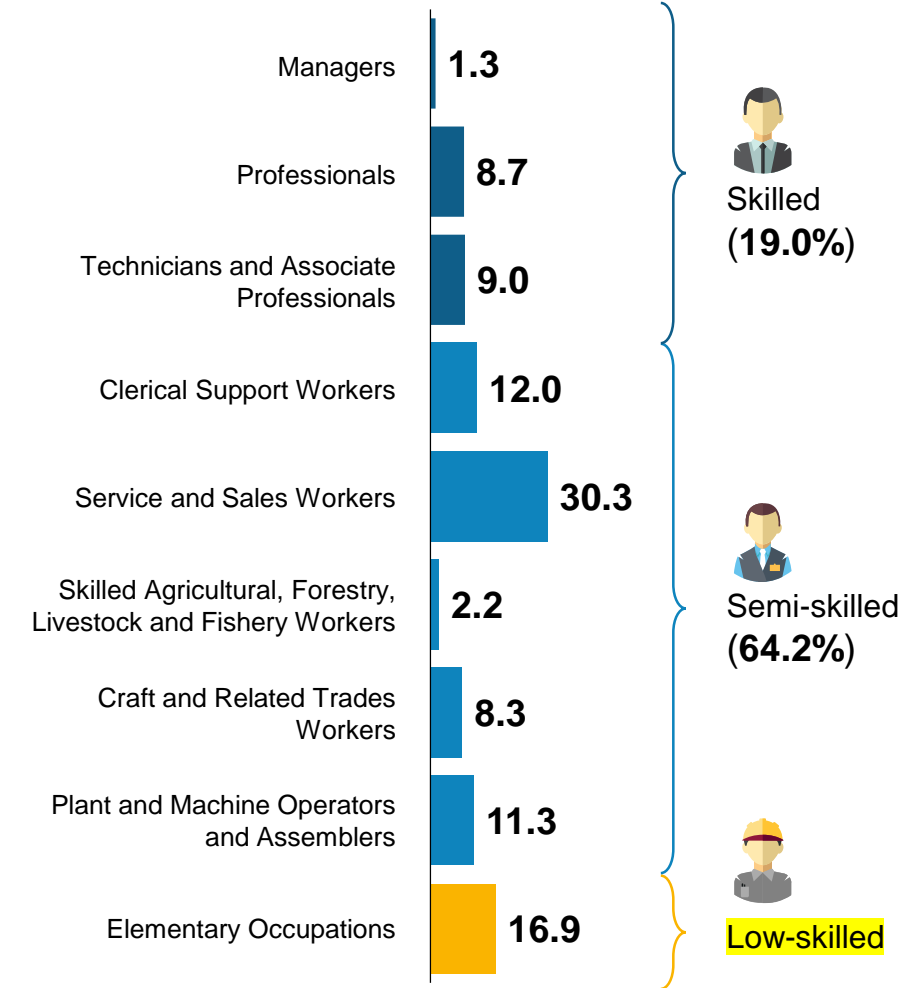
Age Group

Percentage share (%)



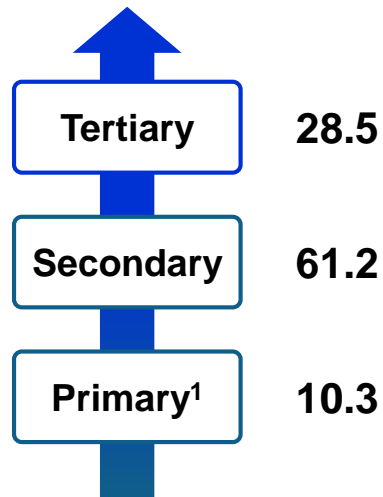
Occupation & Skill Level

Percentage share (%)



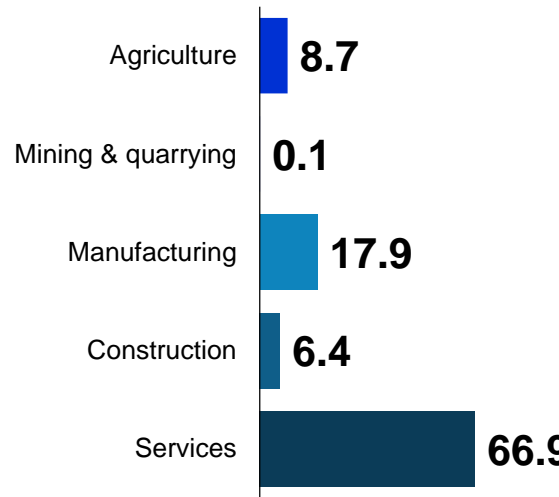
Educational Attainment

Percentage share (%)



Economic Sector

Percentage share (%)



Source: Labour Force Survey, DOSM

Note: Youth refers to the population aged 15-30 years; Q = Quarter; ¹Primary include no formal education



UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION OF YOUTH IN Q3 2023



Unemployed
573.1 thousand

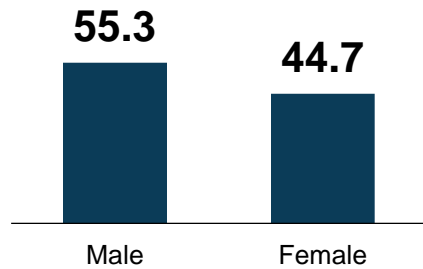


71.0%
were youth

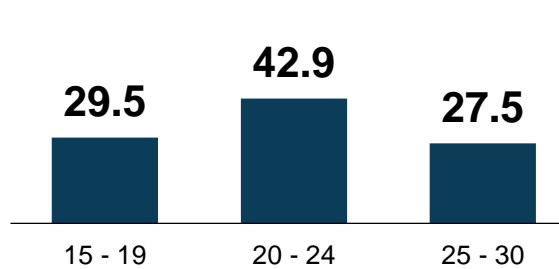


407.1 thousand
Youth unemployed

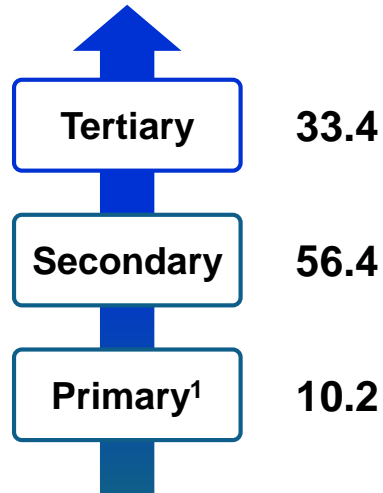
Sex Percentage share (%)



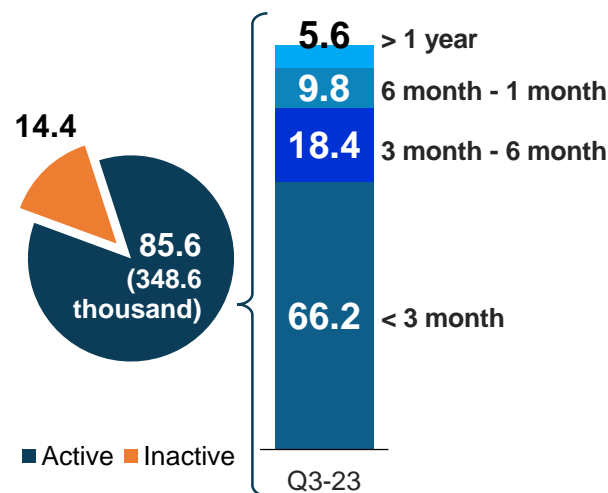
Age Group Percentage share (%)



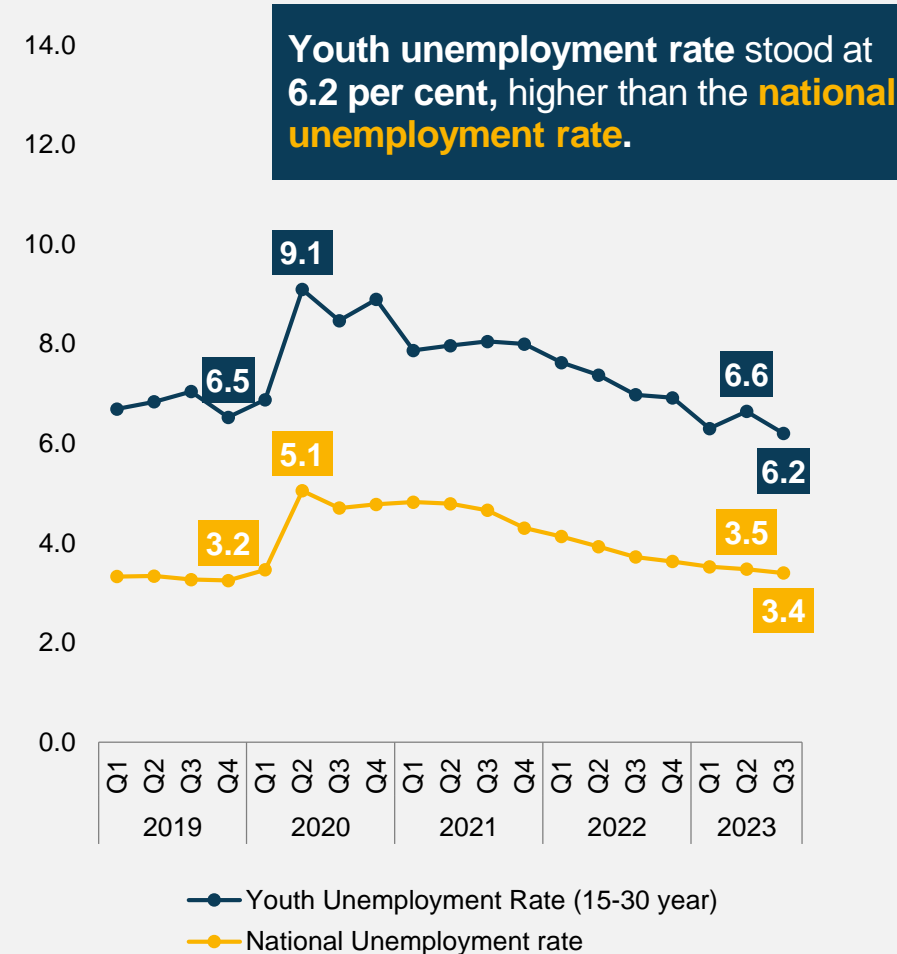
Educational Attainment Percentage share (%)



Unemployed Period Percentage share (%)



Unemployment Rate (%), Q1 2021 - Q3 2023



Source: Labour Force Survey, DOSM

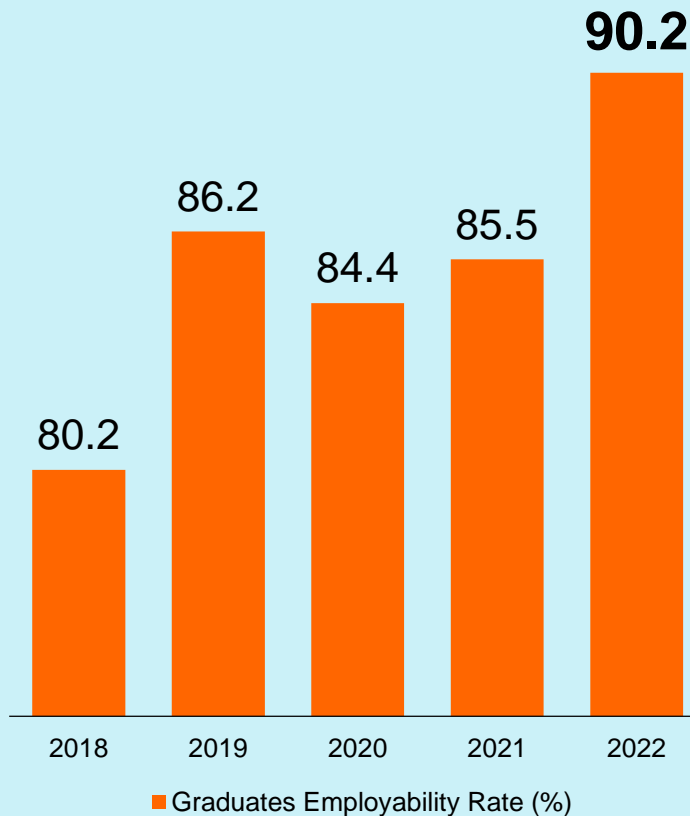
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HIGH GRADUATES PARTICIPATION IN LABOUR MARKET



Graduates employability rate **exceeds 80%**, showing the **ability of graduates to be marketed in the industry**, that is, having the ability to get a job and maintain a suitable job.



Source: Graduates Employability, 2022, KPT

In 2022, the number of graduates in Malaysia rose **5.1 per cent** to a record **5.92 million persons**



Who are Graduates?

Individuals aged 15 years and over with the highest certificate obtained from universities, colleges, polytechnics, recognized bodies or equivalent, in which the duration of study is at least two years.

Graduates LFPR: **85.4%**



Employed: **4.87 million**

▲ 6.0%

Graduates Unemployment Rate: **3.7%**



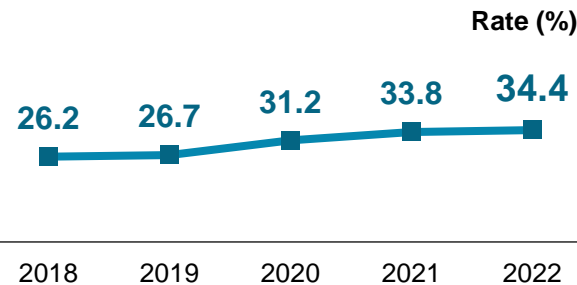
Unemployed: **187.8 thousand**

▼ -5.5%

“Skill-related underemployment has been one of the underlying structural problems in the labour market and has gotten worse since the health crisis in 2020”



Graduate skill-related underemployment (SRU)



In 2022,

34.4 per cent graduates in SRU category

More than 1/3 of graduate employed were predominant in semi and low-skilled occupations

SRU was higher for youth graduates (15-24 years)

61.2 per cent

Source: Graduates Statistics, DOSM; LFPR = Labour Force Participation Rate

▲ ▼ : Annual change



DEMAND FOR LABOUR STRENGTHENED, MORE JOBS OPPORTUNITIES.



In Q3 2023...



Rate of filled jobs
97.9%

of jobs in the economic sector filled
with paid employees



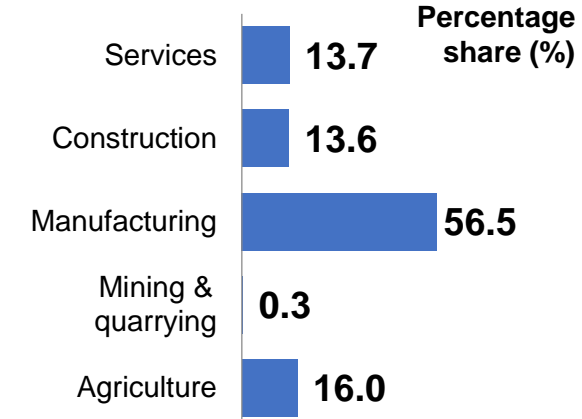
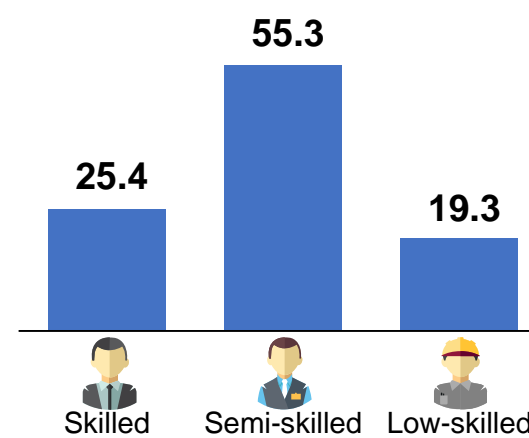
Rate of Vacancies
2.1%

190.9 thousand
Job vacancies

-0.2%

Decreased in job vacancies
following higher number of
vacancies in semi-skilled and
skilled jobs.

Majority are in semi-skilled category. By economic sector, more than half are in the Manufacturing sector.

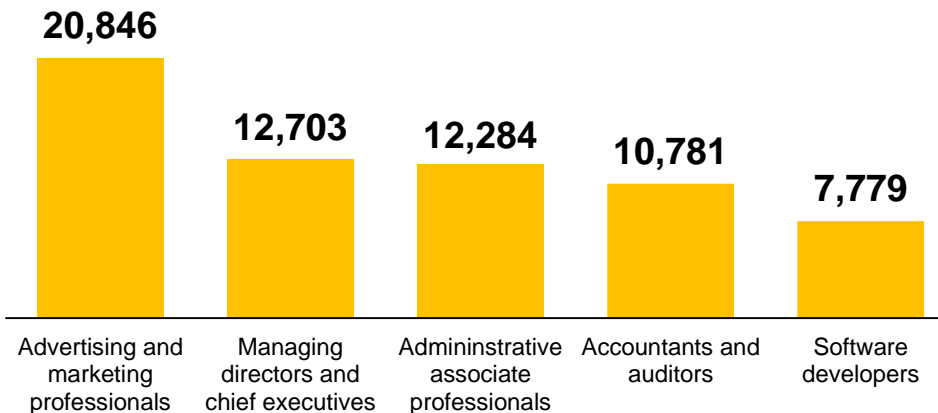


Source: Employment Statistics, DOSM

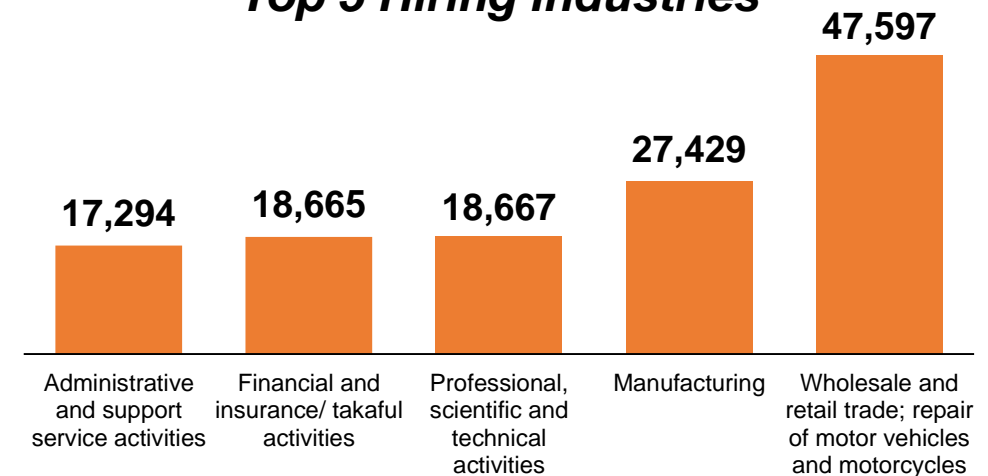


JOB MARKET INSIGHTS Q2 2023

Top 5 Hottest Jobs



Top 5 Hiring Industries



Source: Big Data Analytics, Job Market Insights, DOSM

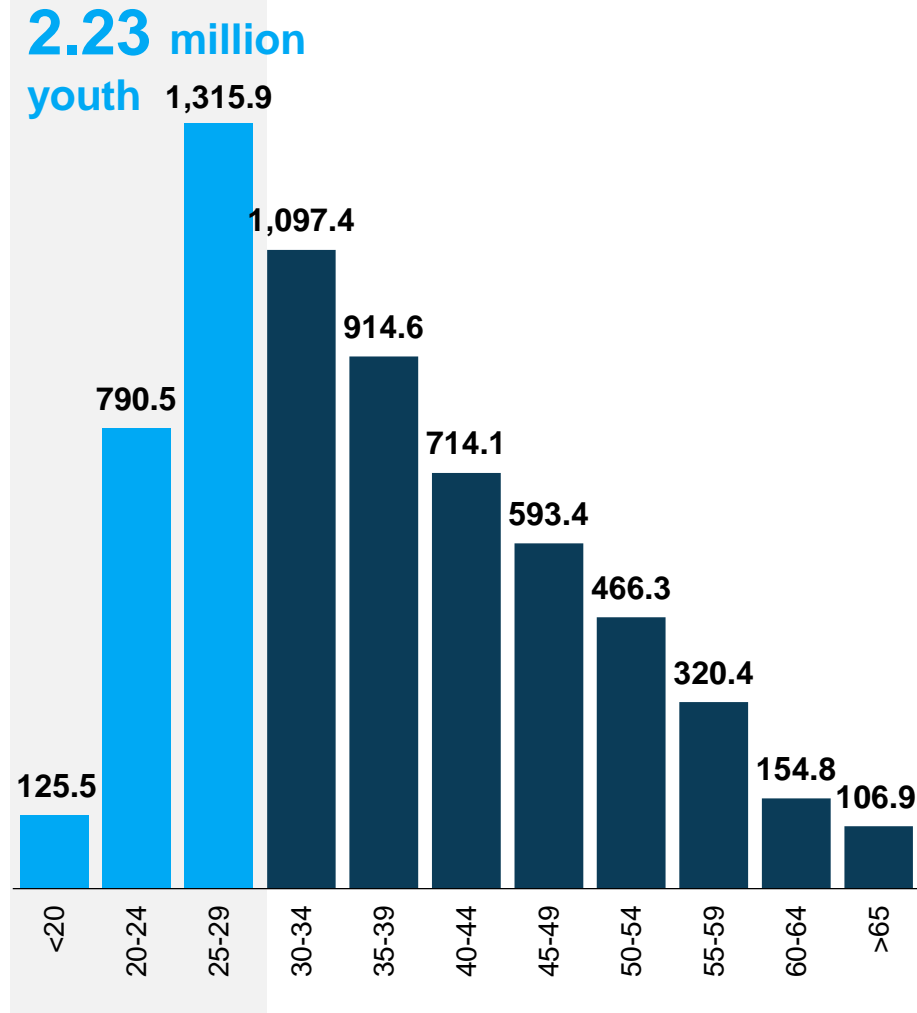
Note: The information disclosed by the insights is based on web crawling technique gathering from four (4) popular and publicly accessible online job portals integrated into one database.



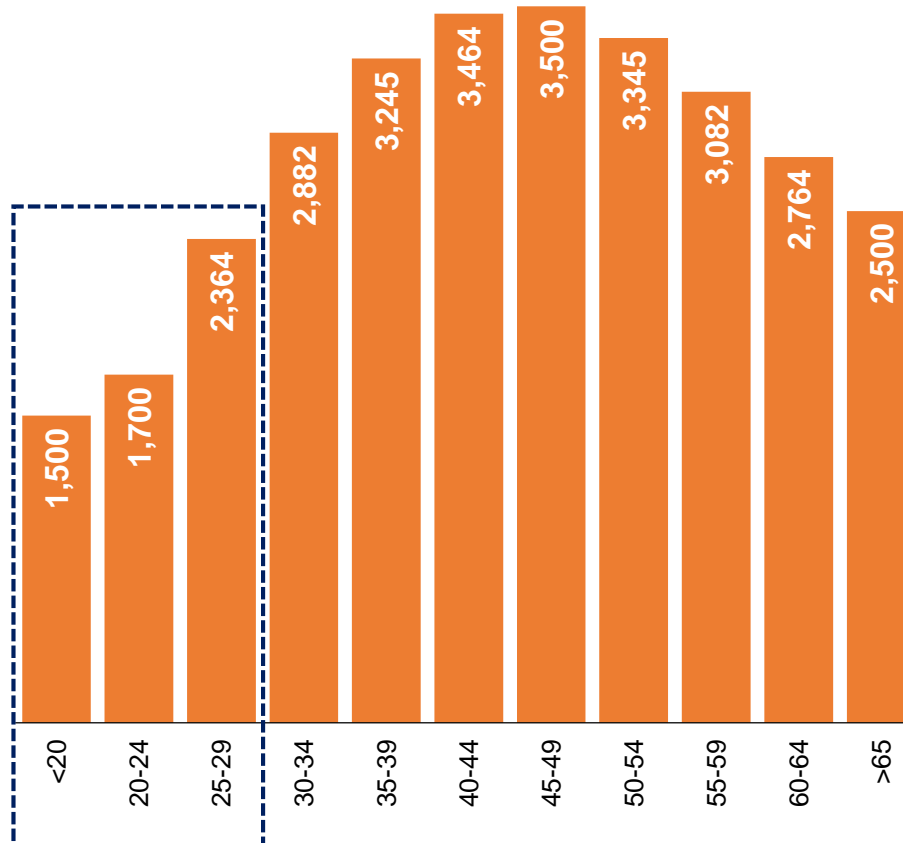
EMPLOYEE WAGES IN JUNE 2023



Number of formal employees



Median monthly wages (RM)



- The number of **formal employees aged 15 to 29 is 2.23 million persons**, comprising **33.8 per cent** of the total Malaysian formal employees
- **Age group below 20 years** recorded lowest median monthly wages at **RM1,500**

WAY FORWARD



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Several initiatives for youth has been highlighted in the Mid-Term Review 12th Malaysia Plan:

Chapter 3, Strategy A8: Intensifying Smart Farming Activities

Attracting Talent in Modern Agriculture

- Participation of youth in the agriculture sector will be intensified through dedicated apprenticeship programmes in collaboration with industry players.

Chapter 6, Strategy G2: Building Dynamic, Resilient and Competitive Youth

Strengthening Youth Development and Participation

- A study to identify the profile of youth in the not in employment, education or training (NEET) category will be conducted to mainstream this group back into the society
- Development and sharing of granular data on youth participation in government programmes and initiatives will be made compulsory for all ministries and agencies to enable more accurate reporting, analysis and formulation of policy on youth development.

Selected Targets

Universal
Enrolment
(≥95%)

Enrolment of Secondary
Students

2025

55%

Intake of SPM Leavers
or Equivalent into TVET
Programmes

2025

70.8

Malaysian Youth Index

2025

86.7%

Graduate Employability
from HEIs and Public
TVET Institutions

2025

"Gemilang"

Verse 1

In the currents of these changing times, full of obstacles and strife, We keep on stepping, evolving, reaching for success in life.

Verse 2

In unity, with hearts ablaze, we're driven by a vision bold, Standing in the eyes of the world



VIDEO "GEMILANG"

<https://bit.ly/DOSMGemilang>

Chorus

Glorious, our data's winning, accolades adorn our name, Proving that we're capable of Gemilang, spreading international fame. With united energy, hand in hand, success is gained

Bridge

Our strategic steps are etched in history, an inspiration grand, In the harp of time, heard across the land.

THANK YOU



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