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EMPLOYEE WAGES STATISTICS (FORMAL SECTOR) REPORT SECOND QUARTER 2025

The median monthly wages in June 2025 increased by 4.3 per cent from a year earlier

PUTRAJAYA, 27 October 2025 – The Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM) reported that median monthly wages for formal employees stood at **RM2,864** in June 2025, according to the **EMPLOYEE WAGES STATISTICS (FORMAL SECTOR) SECOND QUARTER 2025**.

Commenting on the findings of statistics derived from administrative data, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, the Chief Statistician of Malaysia, stated that Malaysia's labour market remained strong in the second quarter of 2025, supported by a continued increase in employed persons. The number of Malaysian formal employees also continued to show a year-on-year increase, recording a growth of 3.5 per cent (April 2025: 3.3%; May 2025: 3.5%) to 6.97 million persons in June 2025. Meanwhile, the median monthly wage also registered increases of 3.6 per cent, 5.4 per cent and 4.3 per cent in April, May, and June 2025, respectively.

In terms of comparison by sex, male formal employees comprised 55.1 per cent (3.84 million persons) of the total formal employees in June 2025, earned RM100 more than females in median monthly wages. The median monthly wage for male formal employees stood at RM2,900 while female formal employees who made up 44.9 per cent (3.13 million persons) of total formal employees earned median monthly wage of RM2,800.

Looking at detailed wage statistics by age group indicates that all age groups experienced consistent year-on-year increments in median monthly wages. The highest growth was recorded by the age group below 20 years with a median monthly wage of RM1,700 in June 2025, an increase of 13.3 per cent compared to the previous year. During this period, formal employees aged 45 to 49 years earned the highest median monthly wages at RM3,800 in June 2025.

Expanding on the wages situation across economic activity also showed that all sectors recorded an increase in median monthly wages across all three months of the second quarter of 2025. The Mining & quarrying sector, which makes up only 0.6 per cent of all formal employees, recorded the highest year-on-year growth of 10.2 per cent in its median monthly wages, reaching RM6,500 in June 2025. In contrast, the Agriculture sector, representing 1.9 per cent of formal employees, reported the lowest median monthly wages at RM2,200, showing a rise to 10.0 per cent year-on-year growth during the same period.

Further elaborating on the wage situation by state as of June 2025, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin stated the median monthly wages recorded positive year-on-year growth across all states in the second quarter of 2025. Three states exceeded the national median monthly wage of RM2,864, with Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur registering the highest median monthly wage at RM4,064, followed by Selangor at RM3,145 and Pulau Pinang at RM2,927. Meanwhile, the lowest median monthly wages were recorded in Kelantan at RM1,764, followed by Perlis at RM1,800, as well as Sabah and Kedah at RM2,000, during the same period.

Commenting on the wage distribution, the Chief Statistician Malaysia highlighted that 10.4 per cent of total Malaysian formal employees earned monthly wages below RM1,700 in June 2025, marking a reduction of 12.2 percentage points compared to June 2024. Furthermore, percentile analysis revealed that the bottom 10 per cent of Malaysian formal employees received monthly wages of RM1,664 or less, while employees in the 90th percentile earned at least RM9,200 per month. This disparity illustrates that employees in the 90th percentile earned five times more than those in the lowest wage group, underscoring the prevailing wage gap between the highest and lowest earners.

Concluding his statement on today's release, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin stated, "These statistics are based on administrative data sources obtained from relevant agencies, which focus on the citizens employed in the formal sector, notably in the private sector. Looking ahead, DOSM will continue to enhance the dissemination of employee wages statistics by integrating various administrative data to produce more comprehensive statistics for an extensive understanding of Malaysia's labour market."

Time series statistics and more information on the labour market can be obtained from the My Labour Hub (MyLabourHub) portal. For more information, please visit <https://mylabourhub.dosm.gov.my> or scan the QR code below.



ASEAN-Malaysia 2025 Chairmanship: The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) will chair the 15th ASEAN Community Statistical System Committee (ACSS15) which aims to strengthen the statistical cooperation towards sustainable regional development.

Malaysia, for the first time, ranked as number one (1) globally in the biennial Open Data Inventory (ODIN) 2024/25 report released by Open Data Watch (ODW), surpassing 198 other countries. This achievement marks a significant leap from its 67th position in the ODIN 2022/23 assessment.

The Government of Malaysia has declared October 20th as National Statistics Day (MyStats Day), with the theme 'Statistics is the Essence of Life'. Meanwhile, the Fourth World Statistics Day will be celebrated on 20th October 2025, with the theme 'Driving Change with Quality Statistics and Data for Everyone'.

OpenDOSM NextGen is a medium that provides data catalogue and visualisations to facilitate users' analysis and can be accessed through <https://open.dosm.gov.my>.

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Exhibit 1: Median Monthly Wages, April 2024 – June 2025

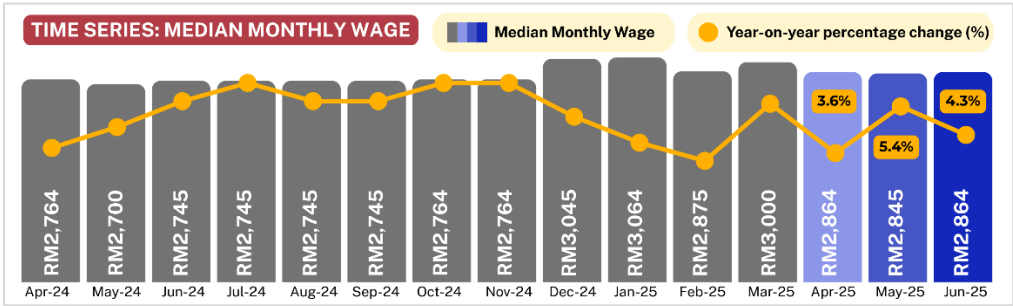


Exhibit 2: Median Monthly Wages by Sex, April - June 2025

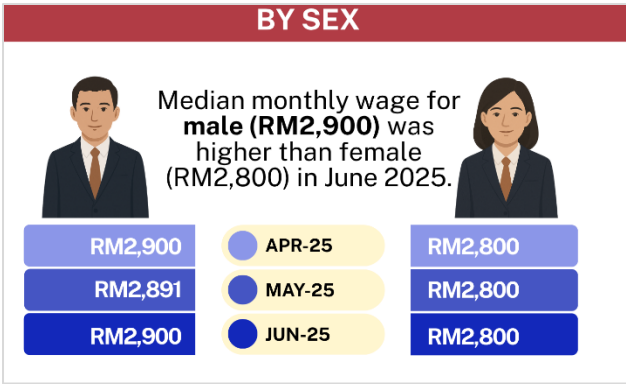


Exhibit 3: Median Monthly Wages by Age Group, April - June 2025

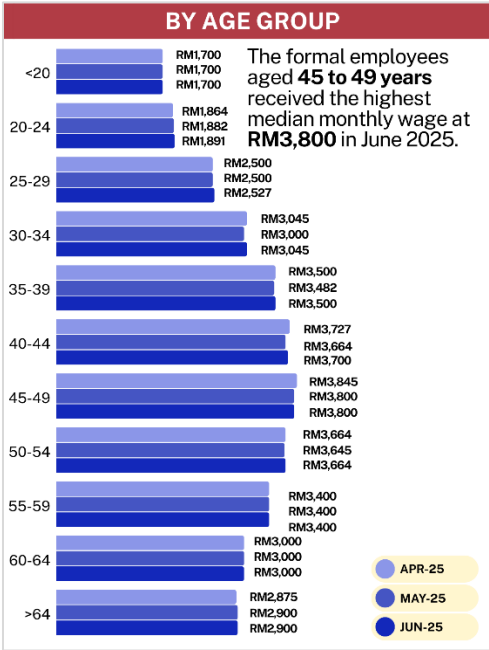


Exhibit 4: Median Monthly Wages by Economic Activity, April - June 2025

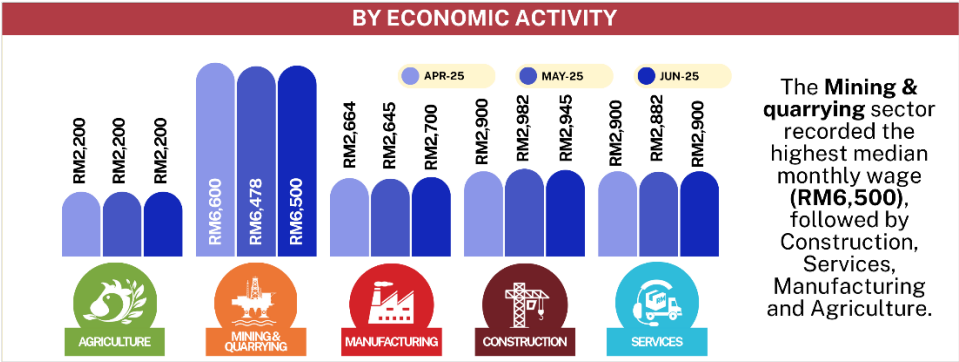


Exhibit 5: Median Monthly Wages by State and Region, April - June 2025

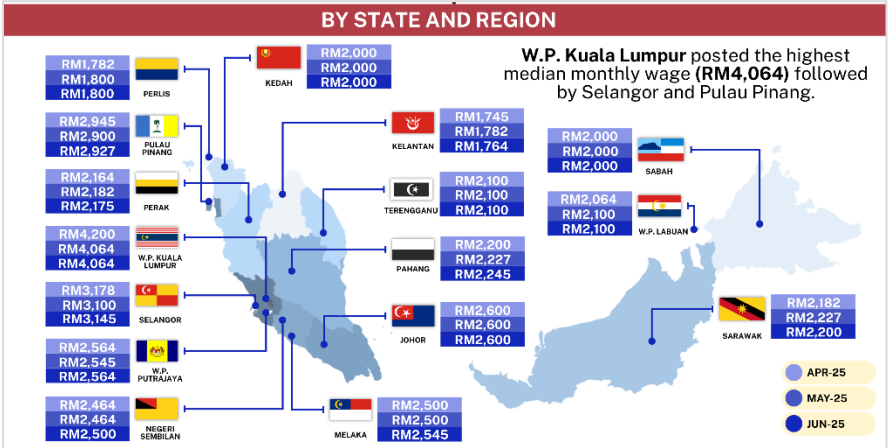


Exhibit 6: Distribution of Formal Employees by Wage Scale, June 2025

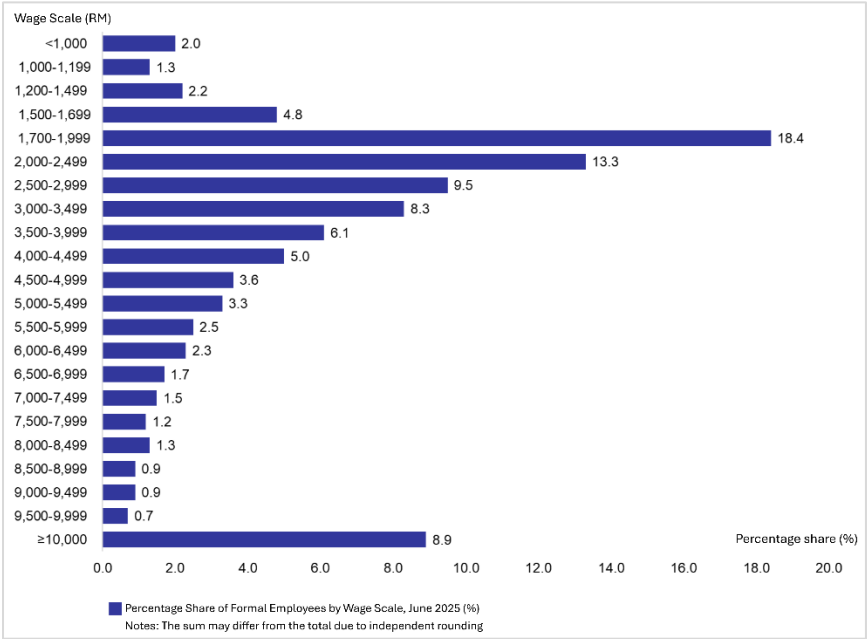


Exhibit 7: Wage Distribution of Formal Employees by Percentile, June 2025

