

Table A.6

Labour Market: Selected Indicators

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 ^p
	(number of positions/persons)				
Vacancies by Industry¹					
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	306,542	240,552	269,469	174,751	264,216
Mining and quarrying	1,880	2,605	9,929	1,857	2,730
Manufacturing	456,478	352,784	313,396	376,349	617,308
Construction	308,783	202,878	208,912	127,985	255,851
Services	329,007	275,199	287,050	173,102	333,271
<i>Electricity, gas and water supply²</i>	7,043	8,339	5,834	2,974	6,473
<i>Wholesale and retail trade; accommodation and food services</i>	95,966	87,385	99,310	31,908	109,834
<i>Transport and storage; information and communication</i>	14,864	19,375	39,068	10,762	15,648
<i>Finance and insurance; real estate and business services³</i>	96,399	75,936	70,784	70,865	87,834
<i>Public administration and defence; compulsory social security</i>	4,020	2,485	1,360	3,736	1,558
<i>Community, social and other service activities</i>	110,715	81,679	70,694	52,857	111,924
Total vacancies	1,402,690	1,074,018	1,088,756	854,044	1,473,376
Layoffs by Industry⁴					
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	217	90	235	664	256
Mining and quarrying	68	810	2,255	2,470	987
Manufacturing	25,852	17,887	9,203	17,287	25,370
Construction	663	812	521	535	83
Services	6,286	6,318	26,285	16,743	8,401
<i>Electricity, gas and water supply²</i>	-	67	135	85	104
<i>Wholesale and retail trade; accommodation and food services</i>	1,077	2,801	2,360	8,287	2,751
<i>Transport and storage; information and communication</i>	660	1,151	1,483	798	1,524
<i>Finance and insurance; real estate and business services³</i>	2,158	1,315	20,584	7,100	2,667
<i>Public administration and defence; compulsory social security</i>	1,029	445	1,293	-	636
<i>Community, social and other service activities</i>	1,362	539	430	473	719
Total layoffs	33,086	25,917	38,499	37,699	35,097
Employment by Industry⁵ ('000 persons)					
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	1,759	1,694	1,754	1,610	1,635
Mining & quarrying	88	85	104	96	99
Manufacturing	2,316	2,373	2,323	2,391	2,477
Construction	1,292	1,278	1,310	1,252	1,262
Services	8,089	8,422	8,575	8,814	8,985
<i>Electricity, gas & water supply²</i>	145	147	134	154	144
<i>Wholesale & retail trade; accommodation & food services</i>	3,303	3,474	3,512	3,689	3,818
<i>Transport & storage; information & communication</i>	821	811	829	839	877
<i>Finance & insurance; real estate & business services³</i>	1,265	1,392	1,420	1,448	1,480
<i>Public administration & defence; compulsory social security</i>	761	742	751	748	743
<i>Community, social & other service activities</i>	1,793	1,857	1,929	1,935	1,922
Total employment	13,545	13,853	14,068	14,164	14,459
Labour force participation rate (% of working-age population)	67.3	67.6	67.9	67.7	67.8
Unemployment rate (% of labour force)	3.1	2.9	3.1	3.4	3.4

¹ Refers to vacancies reported by employers through the JobsMalaysia portal. Data from 2012 onwards are not comparable to previous years due to a reclassification exercise.

² Refers to electricity, gas, steam, and air conditioning supply; water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities

³ Refers to finance and insurance/takaful, real estate, professional, scientific and technical; administrative and support service activities

⁴ Figures for layoffs for 2013 onwards includes VSS and refers to revised data from the Department of Labour

⁵ For preliminary estimates of 2017, based on average employment for the period of 1Q-4Q 2017

^p Preliminary

Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia, Ministry of Human Resources and Bank Negara Malaysia