

Table A.6

**Labour Market: Selected Indicators**

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016 <sup>p</sup>
	(number of positions/persons)				
<b>Vacancies by Industry<sup>1</sup></b>					
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	337,466	306,542	240,552	269,469	174,751
Mining and quarrying	2,180	1,880	2,605	9,929	1,857
Manufacturing	598,890	456,478	352,784	313,396	376,349
Construction	310,954	308,783	202,878	208,912	127,985
Services	369,983	329,007	275,199	287,050	173,102
<i>Electricity, gas and water supply<sup>2</sup></i>	6,521	7,043	8,339	5,834	2,974
<i>Wholesale and retail trade; accommodation and food services</i>	109,117	95,966	87,385	99,310	31,908
<i>Transport and storage; information and communication</i>	17,921	14,864	19,375	39,068	10,762
<i>Finance and insurance; real estate and business services<sup>3</sup></i>	114,099	96,399	75,936	70,784	70,865
<i>Public administration and defence; compulsory social security</i>	5,115	4,020	2,485	1,360	3,736
<i>Community, social and other service activities</i>	117,210	110,715	81,679	70,694	52,857
<b>Total vacancies</b>	<b>1,619,473</b>	<b>1,402,690</b>	<b>1,074,018</b>	<b>1,088,756</b>	<b>854,044</b>
<b>Employment by Industry<sup>4</sup> ('000 persons)</b>					
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1,628	1,759	1,694	1,754	1,614
Mining and quarrying	81	88	85	104	97
Manufacturing	2,264	2,316	2,373	2,323	2,381
Construction	1,175	1,292	1,278	1,310	1,262
Services	7,671	8,089	8,422	8,575	8,825
<i>Electricity, gas and water supply<sup>2</sup></i>	143	145	147	134	155
<i>Wholesale and retail trade; accommodation and food services</i>	3,091	3,303	3,474	3,512	3,682
<i>Transport and storage; information and communication</i>	833	821	811	829	841
<i>Finance and insurance; real estate and business services<sup>3</sup></i>	1,231	1,265	1,392	1,420	1,449
<i>Public administration and defence; compulsory social security</i>	696	761	742	751	752
<i>Community, social and other service activities</i>	1,677	1,793	1,857	1,929	1,946
<b>Total employment</b>	<b>12,821</b>	<b>13,545</b>	<b>13,853</b>	<b>14,068</b>	<b>14,180</b>
<b>Labour force participation rate (% of working-age population)</b>	<b>65.6</b>	<b>67.3</b>	<b>67.6</b>	<b>67.9</b>	<b>67.6</b>
<b>Unemployment rate (% of labour force)</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.5</b>

<sup>1</sup> Refers to vacancies reported by employers through the JobsMalaysia portal

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

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

<sup>4</sup> For preliminary estimates of 2016, based on average employment for the period of January-December 2016

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary

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