

Table A.6

Labour Market: Selected Indicators

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014 ^p
	(number of positions/persons)				
Vacancies by Industry¹					
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	327,670	399,522	337,466	306,542	240,552
Mining & quarrying	2,517	3,369	2,180	1,880	2,605
Manufacturing	693,711	689,422	598,890	456,478	352,784
Construction	250,820	388,241	310,954	308,783	202,878
Services	512,503	778,994	369,983	329,007	275,199
<i>Electricity, gas & water supply²</i>	8,269	15,091	6,521	7,043	8,339
<i>Wholesale & retail trade; accommodation & food services</i>	147,303	185,577	109,117	95,966	87,385
<i>Transport & storage; information & communication</i>	17,888	20,100	17,921	14,864	19,375
<i>Finance & insurance; real estate & business services³</i>	168,067	372,346	114,099	96,399	75,936
<i>Public administration & defence; compulsory social security</i>	20,414	6,897	5,115	4,020	2,485
<i>Community, social & other service activities</i>	150,562	178,983	117,210	110,715	81,679
Total vacancies	1,787,221	2,259,548	1,619,473	1,402,690	1,074,018
Retrenchments by Industry					
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	866	172	156	180	77
Mining & quarrying	30	24	81	117	318
Manufacturing	3,854	5,635	7,616	7,940	5,716
Construction	262	290	1,002	353	564
Services	2,073	3,329	2,639	2,605	3,756
<i>Electricity, gas & water supply²</i>	-	66	46	-	67
<i>Wholesale & retail trade; accommodation & food services</i>	662	1,322	743	742	1,759
<i>Transport & storage; information & communication</i>	208	293	292	362	478
<i>Finance & insurance; real estate & business services³</i>	934	672	827	628	888
<i>Public administration & defence; compulsory social security</i>	22	545	511	548	339
<i>Community, social & other service activities</i>	247	431	220	325	225
Total retrenchments	7,085	9,450	11,494	11,195	10,431
Employment by Industry⁴ ('000 persons)					
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	1,614.9	1,410.0	1,601.7	1,682.1	1,659.5
Mining & quarrying	57.2	76.0	80.6	87.1	84.3
Manufacturing	2,108.5	2,222.3	2,227.9	2,214.8	2,273.0
Construction	1,082.7	1,133.6	1,163.7	1,244.1	1,225.6
Services	7,036.4	7,442.6	7,649.2	7,981.9	8,333.8
<i>Electricity, gas & water supply²</i>	122.2	122.4	142.5	143.9	143.4
<i>Wholesale & retail trade; accommodation & food services</i>	2,744.5	2,941.7	3,073.0	3,236.3	3,404.8
<i>Transport & storage; information & communication</i>	733.6	812.8	833.2	812.9	803.1
<i>Finance & insurance; real estate & business services³</i>	1,026.7	1,156.7	1,230.6	1,257.8	1,380.0
<i>Public administration & defence; compulsory social security</i>	787.7	749.0	697.6	764.2	752.4
<i>Community, social & other service activities</i>	1,621.7	1,660.0	1,672.3	1,766.8	1,850.2
Total employment	11,899.5	12,284.4	12,723.2	13,210.0	13,576.3
Labour force participation rate (% of working-age population)	63.7	64.4	65.5	67.0	67.5
Unemployment rate (% of labour force)	3.3	3.1	3.0	3.1	2.9

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

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

³ Refers to finance and insurance, real estate, professional, scientific, technical, administrative and support services

⁴ Based on average employment for the period of January-December 2014

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