

Table A.7

Labour Market: Selected Indicators

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	(number of positions/persons)				
Vacancies by Industry¹					
Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishery	275,548	230,303	327,670	399,522	337,466
Mining and quarrying	1,450	1,377	2,517	3,369	2,180
Manufacturing	327,798	695,418	693,711	689,422	598,890
Construction	107,421	111,622	250,820	388,241	310,954
Services	346,763	507,627	512,503	778,994	369,983
<i>Electricity, gas and water supply⁽ⁱ⁾</i>	2,047	4,367	8,269	15,091	6,521
<i>Wholesale and retail trade, hotels and restaurants⁽ⁱⁱ⁾</i>	99,317	162,270	147,303	185,577	109,117
<i>Transport, storage and communication⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾</i>	15,264	15,090	17,888	20,100	17,921
<i>Financial intermediation, real estate, renting and business services^(iv)</i>	125,821	148,001	168,067	372,346	114,099
<i>Public administration, defence and compulsory social security</i>	11,132	16,128	20,414	6,897	5,115
<i>Community, social and personal service activities</i>	93,182	161,771	150,562	178,983	117,210
Total vacancies	1,058,980	1,546,347	1,787,221	2,259,548	1,619,473
Retrenchments by Industry					
Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishery	398	278	866	172	156
Mining and quarrying	89	78	30	24	81
Manufacturing	11,014	17,850	3,854	5,635	7,616
Construction	199	503	262	290	1,002
Services	4,769	6,355	2,073	3,329	2,639
<i>Electricity, gas and water supply⁽ⁱ⁾</i>	77	156	-	66	46
<i>Wholesale and retail trade, hotels and restaurants⁽ⁱⁱ⁾</i>	2,052	1,429	662	1,322	743
<i>Transport, storage and communication⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾</i>	773	643	208	293	292
<i>Financial intermediation, real estate, renting and business services^(iv)</i>	1,008	1,923	934	672	827
<i>Community, social and personal service activities</i>	859	2,204	269	976	731
Total retrenchments	16,469	25,064	7,085	9,450	11,494
Employment by Industry ('000 persons)					
Agriculture, forestry, livestock and fishery	1,487.7	1,471.1	1,614.9	1,410.0	1,601.7
Mining and quarrying	54.2	64.7	57.2	76.0	80.6
Manufacturing	1,944.7	1,807.1	2,180.5	2,222.3	2,227.9
Construction	998.0	1,015.9	1,082.7	1,133.6	1,163.7
Services	6,174.6	6,540.2	7,036.4	7,442.6	7,649.2
<i>Electricity, gas and water supply⁽ⁱ⁾</i>	60.5	58.1	122.2	122.4	142.5
<i>Wholesale and retail trade, hotels and restaurants⁽ⁱⁱ⁾</i>	2,513.0	2,632.3	2,744.5	2,941.7	3,073.0
<i>Transport, storage and communication⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾</i>	583.4	592.0	733.6	812.8	833.2
<i>Finance, insurance, real estate and business services^(iv)</i>	829.2	873.4	1,026.7	1,156.7	1,230.6
<i>Public administration, defence and compulsory social security</i>	751.1	813.8	787.7	749.0	697.6
<i>Community, social and personal service activities</i>	1,437.4	1,570.6	1,621.7	1,660.0	1,672.3
Total employment	10,659.2	10,899.0	11,899.5	12,284.4	12,723.2
Unemployment rate (% of labour force)	3.3	3.7	3.3	3.1	3.0

¹ Refers to vacancies reported by employers through the JobsMalaysia portal (formerly known as Electronic Labour Exchange, ELX)

⁽ⁱ⁾ From 2010 onwards, refers to electricity, gas, water, steam and air conditioning supply

⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ From 2010 onwards, refers to wholesale and retail trade, accommodation and food services

⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾ From 2010 onwards, refers to transport, storage, information and communication

^(iv) From 2010 onwards, refers to financial intermediation, real estate, professional, scientific, technical, administrative and support services

Note: Beginning 2010, employment data was based on new population estimates and cannot be directly compared to previous years' data

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