

Table A.6
Labour Market: Selected Indicators

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009e
	(number of positions/persons)				
Vacancies Reported by Industry¹					
Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishery	40,438	188,104	226,759	275,548	230,303
Mining and quarrying	150	861	1,163	1,450	1,377
Manufacturing	112,542	348,302	275,155	327,798	695,418
Construction	48,524	129,586	117,217	107,421	111,622
Services	63,441	154,902	204,599	346,763	507,627
<i>Electricity, gas and water supply</i>	859	2,227	1,477	2,047	4,367
<i>Wholesale and retail trade, hotels and restaurants</i>	23,921	67,956	66,600	99,317	162,270
<i>Transport, storage and communication</i>	3,892	8,287	12,578	15,264	15,090
<i>Financial intermediation, real estate, renting and business services</i>	13,874	26,642	50,235	125,821	148,001
<i>Public administration, defence and compulsory social security</i>	2,497	3,539	11,287	11,132	16,128
<i>Community, social and personal service activities</i>	18,398	46,251	62,422	93,182	161,771
Others not elsewhere classified	39,405	12,920	289	0	0
Total vacancies	304,500	834,675	825,182	1,058,980	1,546,347
Retrenchment by Industry					
Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishery	243	312	255	398	278
Mining and quarrying	355	78	61	89	78
Manufacturing	11,802	8,890	9,970	11,014	17,850
Construction	411	603	291	199	503
Services	3,298	5,477	3,458	4,769	6,355
<i>Electricity, gas and water supply</i>	0	65	5	77	156
<i>Wholesale and retail trade, hotels and restaurants</i>	1,294	2,327	1,929	2,052	1,429
<i>Transport, storage and communication</i>	802	1,521	322	773	643
<i>Financial intermediation, real estate, renting and business services</i>	463	983	761	1,008	1,923
<i>Community, social and personal service activities</i>	739	581	441	859	2,204
Total retrenchments	16,109	15,360	14,035	16,469	25,064
Employment by Industry² ('000 persons)					
Agriculture, forestry, livestock and fishery	1,401.3	1,392.4	1,389.8	1,390.9	1,391.5
Mining and quarrying	42.7	42.6	42.9	42.8	42.6
Manufacturing	3,133.2	3,227.2	3,296.6	3,338.2	3,302.0
Construction	759.6	755.2	757.3	758.4	760.8
Services	5,555.9	5,741.7	5,911.4	6,046.1	6,112.2
<i>Electricity, gas and water supply</i>	93.0	95.0	96.8	97.6	97.4
<i>Transport, storage and communication</i>	630.6	646.4	660.0	673.2	675.0
<i>Wholesale and retail trade, hotels and restaurants</i>	1,861.5	1,930.4	1,957.7	1,984.3	1,996.4
<i>Finance, insurance, real estate and business services</i>	734.4	767.5	789.7	811.9	814.7
<i>Government services</i>	1,118.4	1,152.5	1,225.6	1,263.5	1,286.2
<i>Other services</i>	1,118.1	1,150.0	1,181.6	1,215.6	1,242.5
Total employment	10,892.8	11,159.0	11,398.0	11,576.5	11,609.1
Unemployment rate² (% of labour force)	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.7

e Estimates

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

² Refers to estimates by Economic Planning Unit

Source: Economic Planning Unit and Ministry of Human Resources