

Table A.24
Labour Market: Selected Indicators

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005e
	(number of positions/persons)				
Vacancies¹					
By industry:					
Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishery	36,234	43,805	29,048	1,373	40,438
Mining and quarrying	217	321	121	41	150
Manufacturing	60,471	75,655	34,977	17,769	112,542
Construction	13,834	19,001	13,818	3,505	48,524
Services	20,703	24,005	18,954	18,624	63,441
<i>Electricity, gas and water supply</i>	171	326	499	198	859
<i>Wholesale and retail trade, hotels and restaurants</i>	8,022	9,472	7,359	5,221	23,921
<i>Transport, storage and communication</i>	2,749	2,378	1,459	1,046	3,892
<i>Finance, insurance, real estate and business services</i>	3,938	4,874	4,079	6,162	13,874
<i>Public administration, defence and compulsory social security</i>	} 5,823	6,955	5,558	1,224	2,497
<i>Community, social and personal service activities</i>				4,773	18,398
Others not elsewhere classified	–	–	–	8,663	39,405
Total vacancies	131,459	162,787	96,918	49,975	304,500
By occupational groups²:					
Legislators, senior officials and managers	} 5,020	8,575	5,071	1,661	1,789
Professionals				5,187	17,285
Technicians and associate professionals				6,848	11,725
Clerical workers	8,914	9,660	7,540	11,799	15,885
Service workers, shop and market sales workers	6,549	7,213	5,747	4,627	26,038
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	23,084	34,424	18,196	624	14,935
Craft and related trades workers	} 87,892	102,915	60,364	1,134	18,793
Plant and machine operators and assemblers				9,332	52,740
Elementary occupations				8,763	145,310
Total vacancies	131,459	162,787	96,918	49,975	304,500
Job placements³ by industry:					
Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishery	235	246	142	419	131
Mining and quarrying	120	93	36	8	7
Manufacturing	7,461	8,259	6,646	2,812	6,620
Construction	1,560	1,664	1,451	234	590
Services	8,571	9,015	7,992	1,872	5,290
<i>Electricity, gas and water supply</i>	99	99	113	28	51
<i>Wholesale and retail trade, hotels and restaurants</i>	3,356	3,187	3,141	722	1,809
<i>Transport, storage and communication</i>	825	693	545	142	379
<i>Finance, insurance, real estate and business services</i>	2,017	2,086	1,911	495	903
<i>Public administration, defence and compulsory social security</i>	} 2,274	2,950	2,282	141	550
<i>Community, social and personal service activities</i>				344	1,598
Others not elsewhere classified	–	–	–	837	4,821
Total placements	17,947	19,277	16,267	6,182	17,459
Unemployment rate (% of labour force)	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.5

¹ Refers to new vacancies reported by employers through the Electronic Labour Exchange

² Since 2004, classification of vacancies by occupational groups is based on the Malaysia Standard Classification of Occupation (MASCO) 1998. As such, vacancies data prior to 2004 have been adjusted to best match the new classification for ease of comparison

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Source: Ministry of Human Resources and Economic Planning Unit