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The Manufacturing sector sales increased 4.8 per cent to RM160.6 billion in April 2025

The sales value of the Manufacturing sector rose 4.8 per cent (March 2025: 3.7%), totalled at RM160.6 billion in April 2025. The growth in sales value within the Manufacturing sector was mainly contributed by the Food, beverages & tobacco sub-sector, remained to register double-digit growth of 11.1 per cent in April 2025 (March 2025: 11.8%). This was accompanied by steady growth in the Electrical & electronics products and the Non-metallic mineral products, basic metal & fabricated metal products sub-sectors, which expanded by 9.8 per cent (March 2025: 7.4%) and 4.6 per cent (March 2025: 4.0%), respectively. Compared to the previous month, the sales value dropped by 2.3 per cent to RM160.6 billion as against RM164.3 billion recorded in the prior month.

Sales value growth in the export-oriented industries which accounting for 70.3 per cent of total sales, accelerated to 5.3 per cent in April 2025 (March 2025: 4.6%). The expansion was primarily due to the increase in the Manufacture of vegetable & animal oils & fats by 12.7 per cent (March 2025: 14.7%). Meanwhile, the Manufacture of computer, electronics & optical products increased by 10.6 per cent (March 2025: 8.0%), and the Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c. advanced by 7.9 per cent (March 2025: 4.5%). On a month-on-month basis, export-oriented industries declined by 3.2 per cent.

The domestic-oriented industries further expanded by 3.6 per cent in April 2025, following 1.8 per cent rise in March 2025. The performance was supported by strong growth in the Manufacture of food processing products at 10.0 per cent in April 2025 (March 2025: 9.4%), as well as in the Manufacture of basic metals (5.9%) and Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery & equipment (3.7%). On a month-on-month comparison, domestic-oriented industries experienced a slight decline of 0.1 per cent.

A total of 2.40 million employees were recorded in this sector during April 2025, augmented by 1.2 per cent (March 2025: 1.1%). The augmentation was mainly driven by the Food, beverages & tobacco (1.9%); Non-metallic mineral products, basic metal & fabricated metal products (1.9%); and Electrical & electronics products (1.3%). On a month-on-month basis, the number of employees in this sector improved 0.5 per cent.

The salaries & wages paid in the Manufacturing sector also posted an increase of 2.4 per cent (March 2025: 1.8%), amounted to RM8.3 billion in April 2025. However, the salaries & wages paid contracted by 0.9 per cent compared to RM8.4 billion recorded in the preceding month. Subsequently, the sales value per employee went up to RM66,907 (3.6%), while the average salaries & wages per employee was RM3,460, rose by 1.2 per cent year-on-year.

Throughout the first four months this year (January - April 2025), the sales value of the Manufacturing sector was amounted to RM636.2 billion, increased by 4.2 per cent as compared to the same period of 2024 (January - April 2024: 2.7%). The number of employee uptick by 1.2 per cent to 2.40 million persons, while salaries & wages increased by 1.9 per cent to RM33.6 billion with the sales value per employee stood at RM265,024, grew 3.0 per cent.

The full publication of the Monthly Manufacturing Statistics, April 2025 can be downloaded through eStatistik portal. Data for April 2025 is provisional. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the May 2025 publication.

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