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MONTHLY MANUFACTURING STATISTICS, MALAYSIA, AUGUST 2025



Sales in the Manufacturing sector registered RM168.3 billion, expanded 2.7 per cent in August 2025

The Manufacturing sector posted sales of RM168.3 billion in August 2025, expanded 2.7 per cent (July 2025: 3.5%). The growth in sales value within the Manufacturing sector was mainly contributed by the Food, beverages & tobacco sub-sector, improved by 9.6 per cent in August 2025 (July 2025: 8.9%). The growth was further supported by the Electrical & electronics products and the Non-metallic mineral products, basic metal & fabricated metal products sub-sectors, which rose by 3.7 per cent (July 2025: 6.9%) and 3.3 per cent (July 2025: 3.8%), respectively. In the same period, sales value surged by 3.5 per cent, reached RM168.3 billion from RM162.5 billion recorded in the prior month.

Sales value growth in the export-oriented industries which accounting for 72.2 per cent of total sales, grew by 2.0 per cent in August 2025 (July 2025: 2.7%). The performance was primarily influenced by the increase in the Manufacture of vegetable & animal oils & fats by 8.2 per cent (July 2025: 6.3%). Meanwhile, the Manufacture of computer, electronics & optical products grew by 3.8 per cent (July 2025: 6.9%), and the Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c. grew by 4.9 per cent (July 2025: 12.4%). On a month-on-month comparison, the growth of export-oriented industries returned to positive at 4.2 per cent (July 2025: -0.3%).

Likewise, the domestic-oriented industries increased 4.5 per cent in August 2025, after registered 5.6 per cent a month ago. The performance was supported by robust growth in the Manufacture of food processing products at 11.6 per cent in August 2025 (July 2025: 12.7%), as well as in the Manufacture of basic metals (4.3%) and Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery & equipment (4.6%). Furthermore, the domestic-oriented industries increased 1.7 per cent as compared to the preceding month.

A total of 2.4 million employees were recorded in this sector during August 2025, augmented by 1.0 per cent (July 2025: 1.1%). The augmentation was mainly driven by the Food, beverages & tobacco (2.3%); Non-metallic mineral products, basic metal & fabricated metal products (1.4%); and Electrical & electronics products (0.9%). On a month-on-month basis, the number of employees in this sector increased 0.2 per cent.

The salaries & wages paid in the Manufacturing sector also posted an expansion of 1.8 per cent (July 2025: 2.3%), amounted to RM8.26 billion in August 2025. In addition, the salaries & wages paid dropped by 0.6 per cent compared to RM8.31 billion recorded in the preceding month. Subsequently, the sales value per employee registered at RM70,063 (1.7%), while the average salaries & wages per employee was RM3,440, increased by 0.8 per cent year-on-year.

For the period of January to August 2025, the Manufacturing sector recorded cumulative sales of RM1.3 trillion, grew 3.5 per cent as compared to the same period of 2024 (January - August 2024: 4.9%). The number of employee upticked by 1.0 per cent to 2.4 million persons, while salaries & wages increased by 1.9 per cent to RM66.8 billion. Moreover, the sales value per employee stood at RM535,728, grew 2.5 per cent.

The full publication of the Monthly Manufacturing Statistics, August 2025 can be downloaded through eStatistik portal.

Data for August 2025 is provisional. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the September 2025 publication.

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