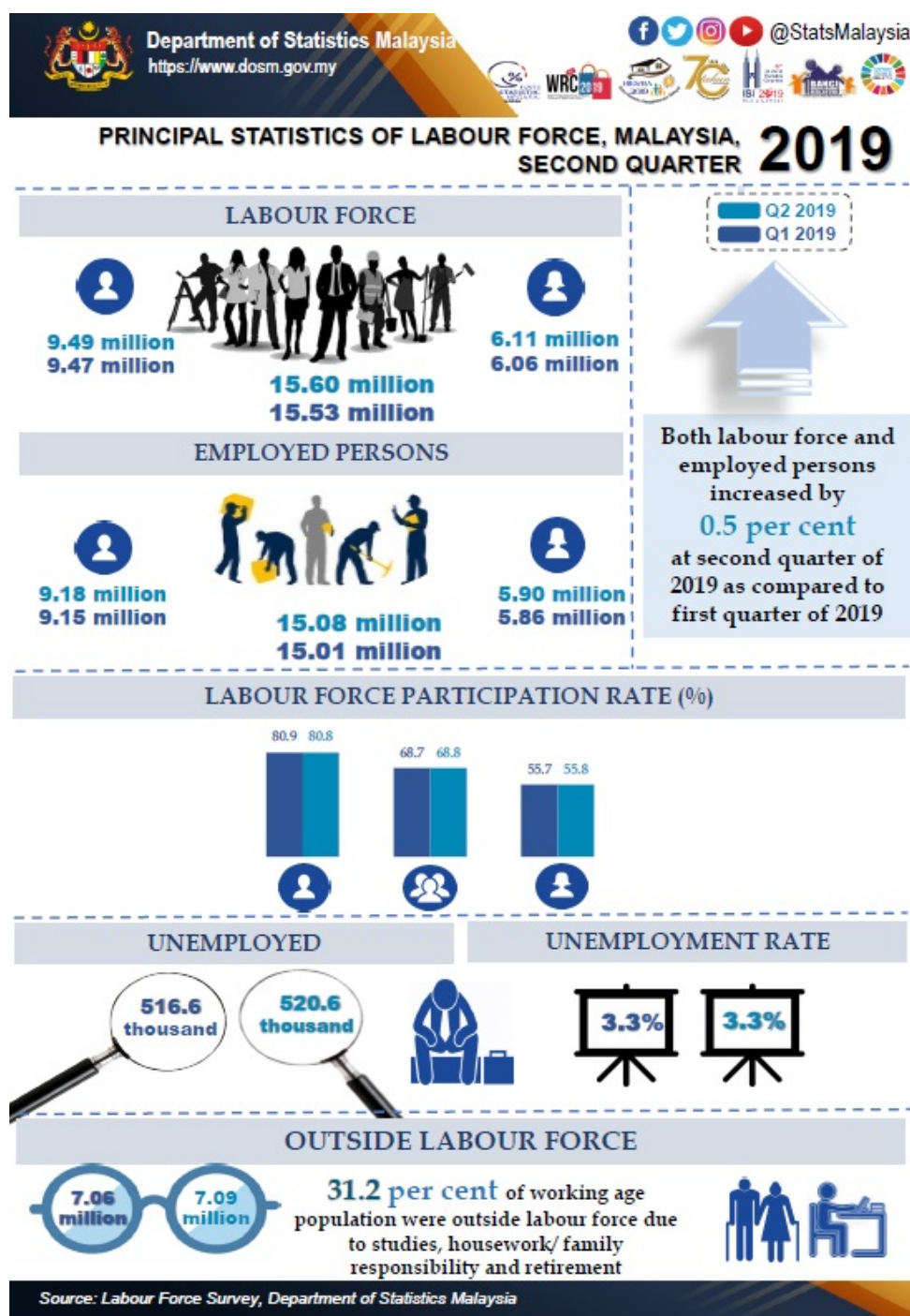


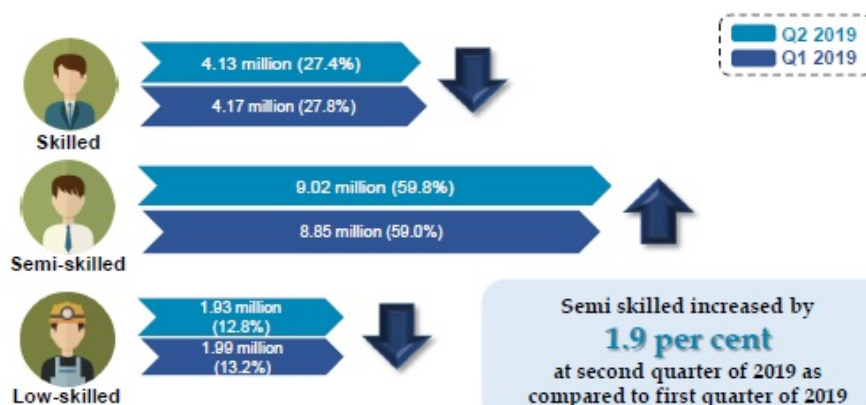


PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF LABOUR FORCE, MALAYSIA, SECOND QUARTER (Q2) 2019





PROFILE OF EMPLOYED PERSONS, MALAYSIA, SECOND QUARTER 2019



COMPOSITION BY OCCUPATION (%)

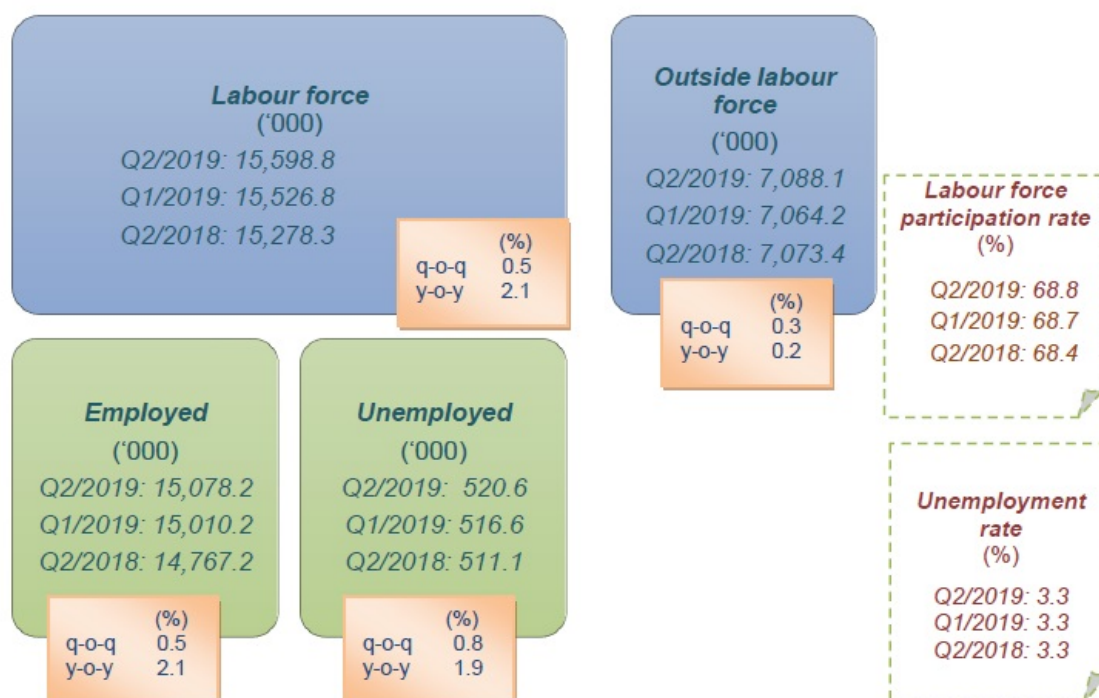


Note:

Occupation was classified according to Malaysia Standard Classification of Occupation (MASCO) 2013
Skilled workers – 1. Managers; 2. Professionals; 3. Technicians and associate professionals;
Semi-skilled workers – 4. Clerical support workers; 5. Service and sales workers; 6. Skilled agricultural, forestry, livestock and fishery workers; 7. Craft and related trade workers; 8. Plant and machine operators and assemblers; **Low-skilled workers** – 9. Elementary occupations

LABOUR FORCE IN MALAYSIA

Chart 2:
Principal Statistics of Labour Force, Malaysia,
Second Quarter (Q2) 2018, First Quarter (Q1) 2019 & Second Quarter (Q2) 2019



Note:

q-o-q quarter-on-quarter
y-o-y year-on-year

Indicator	Q2/2019		Q1/2019		Q2/2018	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Labour force ('000)	9,492.5	6,106.3	9,469.5	6,057.3	9,333.0	5,945.3
Employed ('000)	9,175.5	5,902.7	9,149.6	5,860.5	9,035.6	5,731.6
Outside labour force ('000)	2,255.0	4,833.0	2,241.5	4,822.7	2,259.3	4,814.1
Labour force participation rate (%)	80.8	55.8	80.9	55.7	80.5	55.3
Employment to population ratio (%)	78.1	54.0	78.1	53.9	77.9	53.3

Labour force participation rate 68.8 per cent and unemployment rate 3.3 per cent

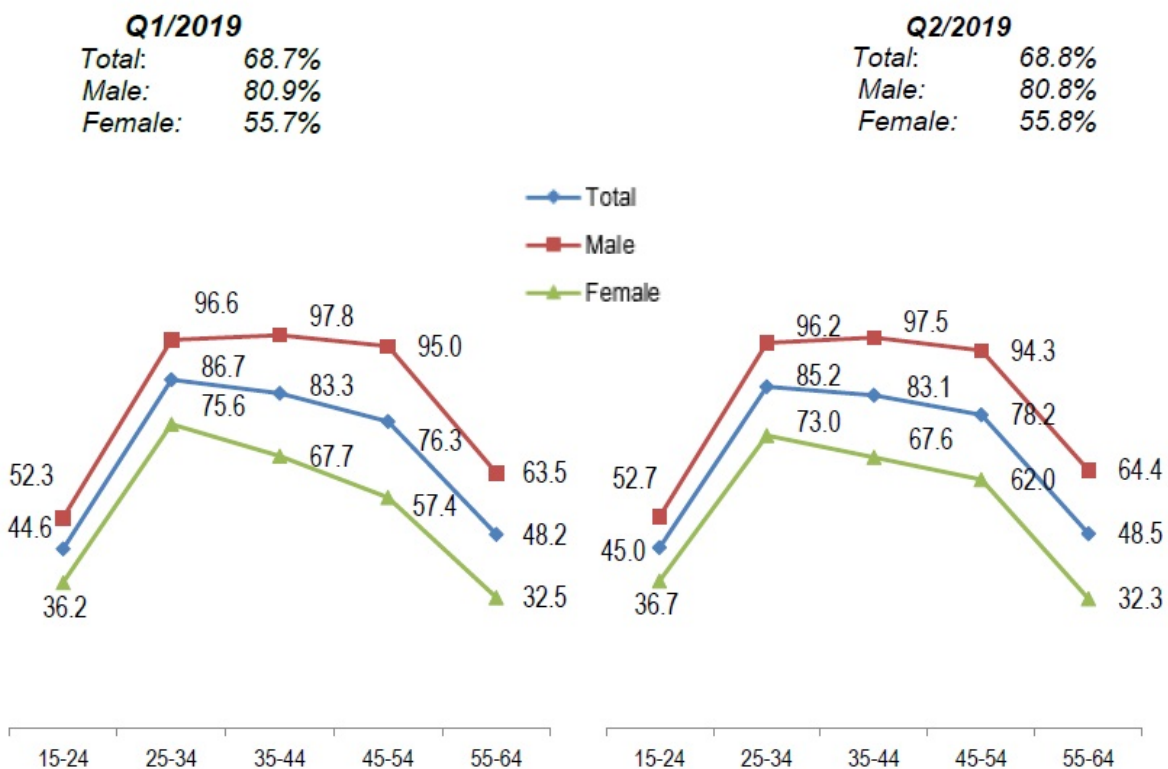
Labour force in Malaysia increased 2.1 per cent as compared to the second quarter of 2018 to 15.60 million persons. The employed persons also recorded an increase of 2.1 per cent in the same period to 15.08 million persons as compared to the same quarter of previous year.

Quarter on quarter comparison showed that both labour force and employed persons increased 0.5 per cent respectively as compared to the previous quarter. Labour force participation rate (LFPR) in this quarter rose 0.1 percentage point as compared to the first quarter of 2019 to 68.8 per cent. Hence, another 31.2 per cent of the working age population were outside the labour force.

The unemployment rate in this quarter remained at 3.3 per cent as on the first quarter of 2019. The number of unemployed persons recorded a total of 520.6 thousand persons, increased 1.9 per cent as compared to the same quarter of previous year. (Chart 2)

Female LFPR increased 0.1 percentage point to 55.8 per cent

Chart 3:
Labour Force Participation Rate by Sex and Age Group, Malaysia,
First Quarter (Q1) 2019 & Second Quarter (Q2) 2019



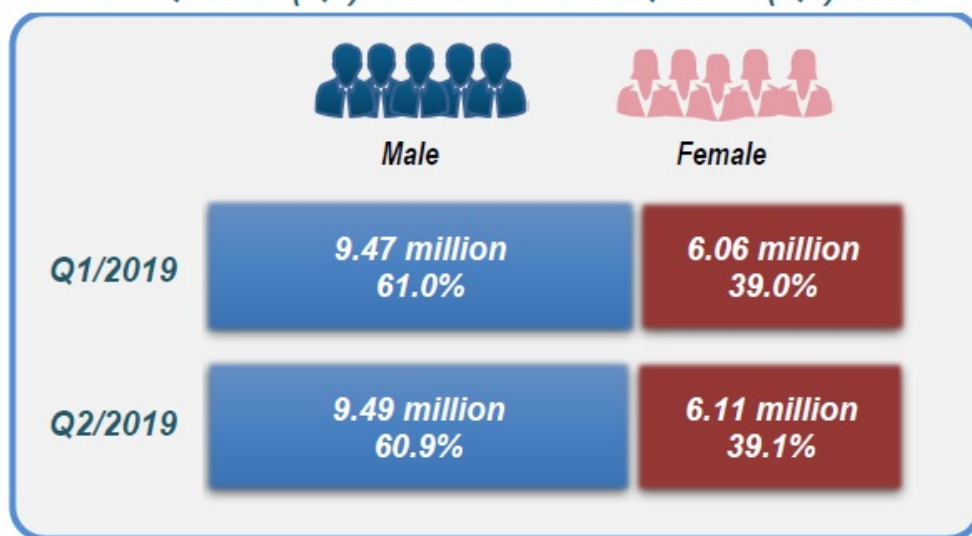
Female LFPR in the second quarter of 2019 was 55.8 per cent, rose 0.1 percentage points as compared to previous quarter. Female LFPR in the labour market for prime age¹ 25-34 years (73.0%), 35-44 years (67.6%) and 45-54 years (62.0%) were higher as compared to the female LFPR at the national level.

Male LFPR in this quarter decreased by 0.1 percentage point to 80.8 per cent in this quarter. Overall, male LFPR remained consistently higher than female for all age groups. The age group that recorded more than 90 per cent of LFPR were 25-34 years (96.2%), 35-44 years (97.5%) and 45-54 years (94.3%) (Chart 3).

[1] International Labour Organization (ILO) defines prime age as population aged 25–54 years.

Female represented 39.1 per cent of the labour force

Chart 4:
Labour Force by Sex, Malaysia,
First Quarter (Q1) 2019 & Second Quarter (Q2) 2019



In the second quarter of 2019, the labour force was represented by 60.9 per cent male (9.49 million) and 39.1 per cent female (6.11 million). The number of labour force for both male and female increased by 23,000 persons and 49,000 persons respectively as compared to the first quarter of 2019.

The detailed information and technical notes are published in the Labour Force Survey Report, Malaysia, Second Quarter 2019. This report is accessible and downloadable free of charge through the [eStatistik](#) application in DOSM web page, www.dosm.gov.my.

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