



# STATISTICS ON THE INFORMAL ECONOMY IN MALAYSIA

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### LABOUR FORCE SURVEY IN MALAYSIA



1974

• Conducted only for the region of Peninsular Malaysia

1982-1997

Annually

1998-2003

Quarterly

2004

Monthly



# **KEY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**



Year	Labour force ('ooo)	Employed ('ooo)	Unemployed ('ooo)	Outside labour force ('ooo)	Labour force participation rate (%)	Unemployment rate (%)
2004	10,346.2	9,979.5	366.6	5,730.5	64.4	3.5
2005	10,413.4	10,045.4	368.1	6,048.2	63.3	3.5
2006	10,628.9	10,275.4	353.6	6,205.1	63.1	3.3
2007	10,889.5	10,538.1	351.4	6,330.1	63.2	3.2
2008	11,028.1	10,659.6	368.5	6 <b>,</b> 575.7	62.6	3.3
2009	11,315.3	10,897.3	418.0	6,665.7	62.9	3.7
2010	12,303.9	11,899.5	404.4	7,023.0	63.7	3.3
2011	12,675.8	12,284.4	391.4	7,008.8	64.4	3.1
2012	13,119.6	12,723.2	396.3	6 <b>,</b> 897.4	65.5	3.0
2013	13,634.6	13,210.0	424.6	6,700.8	67.0	3.1

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# PERIODIC SURVEYS ATTACHED TO LFS



### Migration Survey

- Annually
- Since 1992

### Salaries & Wages Survey

- Annually
- Since 2008

### Informal Sector Survey

- Annually
- Since 2009



# CHRONOLOGY OF THE INFORMAL SECTOR SURVEY



#### 2004

- Pilot study
  - Covers selected states in Malaysia (small sample)
  - Tested the data collection methods

#### 2006

- Pilot study was extended to cover all states
- Three months

#### 2009

- First national Informal Sector Survey
- Three months (August to October)
- Able to produce reliable estimates at national level



# CHRONOLOGY OF THE INFORMAL SECTOR SURVEY (cont'd)



#### 2010 onwards

- Survey was conducted for longer period
  - Six month (July to December 2015)
  - Findings of the survey was used internally (within DOSM)

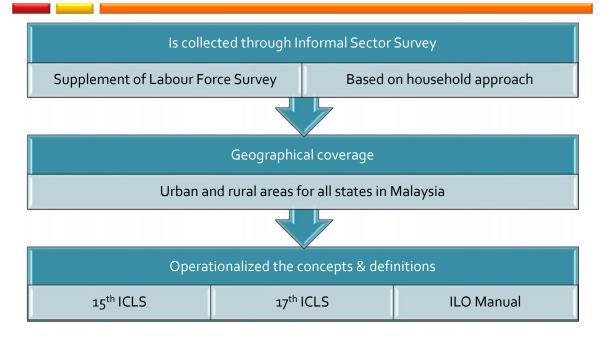
### 2012 onwards

- Findings are made public
- Available at <u>www.statistics.gov.my</u>



### Statistics in the informal economy in Malaysia





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# CONCEPTS & DEFINITIONS Informal sector



# Registration Not registered with Companies Commission of Malaysia or Local Authority

### Final products

All or at least one is for sales or barter transaction

Informal sector

#### Size

- Less than ten employees
- Employment not subjected to labour legislation, social security regulations & collective agreement

#### Non-agriculture sector

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# CONCEPTS & DEFINITIONS Informal employment in



Formal sectors

Informal sectors

Households

**Employee** 

Own-account worker Unpaid family worker

Employer

Employee

Own-account worker

Paid employees

Working in a registered/unre gistered company with 10 or more employees

Employment not subjected to labour legislation and social security regulations

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## Framework of employment in the informal sector



(,000)

Working age population (15-64 years old)

Labour force 2012–13,119.6 2013–13,634.6

Employed 2012–12,723.2 2013–13,210.0

Non-agriculture sector 2012 – 9,381.6 2013 – 9715.7

Agriculture sector

Public sector

Activities of household as employers

Informal sector 2012 – 1,044.0 2013 – 1,284.2

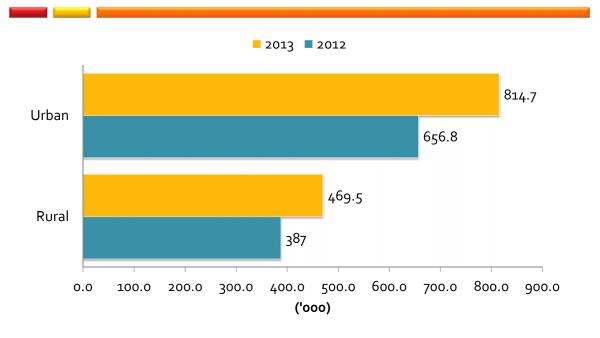
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# Employment in the informal sector by area



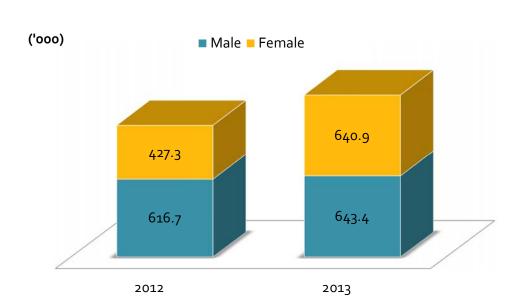


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# Employment in the informal sector by sex

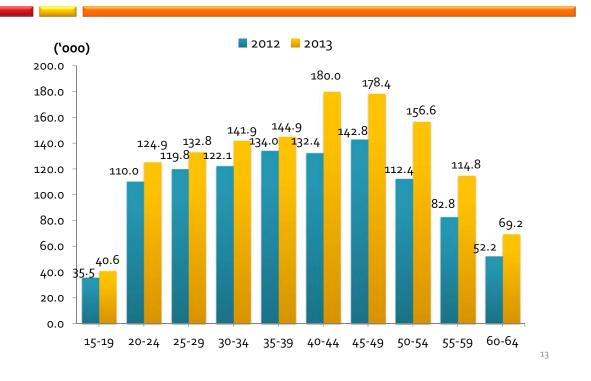






# Employment in the informal sector by age group

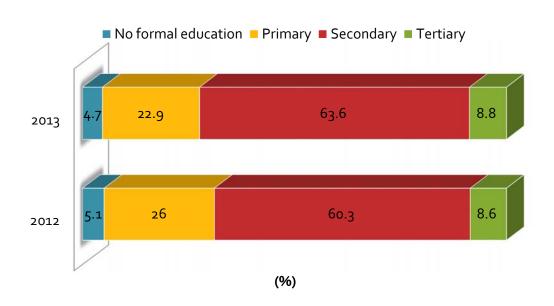






# Employment in the informal sector by educational attainment

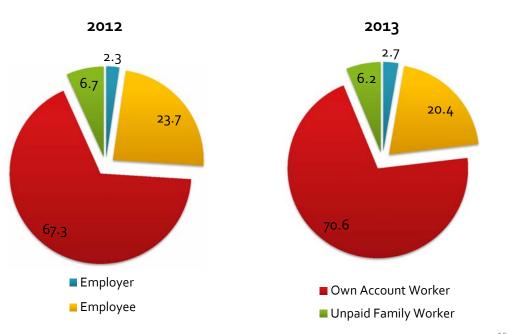






# Employment in the informal sector by status in employment





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# Employment in the informal sector by occupation





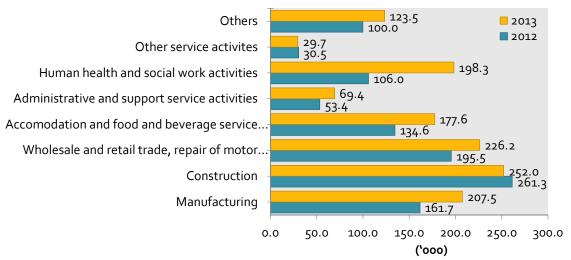
Notes

- 1- Occupation is classified by Malaysia Standard Classification of Occupation (MASCO) 2008
- 2-Others refers to the occupation category of Managers; Professional; Clerical Support Workers; and Elementary Occupations. Statistics for Others occupation categories are not published separately due to high relative standard errors.



### Employment in the informal sector by industry





#### Notes:

1-Industry is classified according to Malaysia Standard Classification Industrial Classification (MSIC) 2008 version 1.0
2-Others refers to the categories of Mining and quarrying; Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities; Transport and storage; Information and communication; Financial and insurance activities; Real estate activities; Professional, scientific and technical activities; Education; and Arts, entertainment and recreation. Statistics for the categories of Others are not published separately due to high relative standard errors.





