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MEDIA STATEMENT

OPERATIONAL FINDINGS OF ECONOMIC CENSUS 2023

Economic Census 2023 operation has ended, 1.2 million establishments enumerated with 39.5 per cent active establishments in Selangor and Wilayah Persekutuan

PUTRAJAYA, December 29, 2023 – *The Department of Statistics Malaysia has announced the closure of the Economic Census 2023 operation (reference year 2022) after nationwide census since April 2023. The census, which was concluded on 20 December 2023, successfully enumerated 1.2 million establishments in Malaysia. This census covered all economic sectors including Services, Manufacturing, Agriculture, Construction, and Mining & quarrying. Based on operational findings of the Economic Census 2023, a total of 1,089,630 or 86.6 per cent establishments were operational, 4.9 per cent establishments had ceased operations, and 8.5 per cent was non-operational.*

Chief Statistician Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin said, "Out of the 1,089,630 active establishments in 2022, Services sector accounted for 949,360 establishments or 87.1 per cent share. This was followed by Construction sector with 71,165 establishments (6.5%), Manufacturing sector 54,484 establishments (5.0%), Agriculture sector 13,271 establishments (1.2%), and Mining & quarrying sector 1,350 establishments (0.1%)."

The Chief Statistician also added, "Within the Services sector, Wholesale and retail trade recorded the highest share with 47.0 per cent, followed by Food and beverage (14.4%), and Personal services and other activities (6.8%)."

Construction sector showed that Special trade activities were the main contributor with 36.5 per cent, followed by Civil engineering (22.7%), and Non-residential buildings (22.4%).

Meanwhile, for Manufacturing sector, Non-metallic mineral products, basic metal and fabricated products sub-sector contributed the highest share with 19.0 per cent, followed by Wood products, furniture, paper products and printing (17.9%), and Food products (17.0%).

Within Agriculture sector, Crops sub-sector accounted for the largest share with 69.8 per cent, followed by Livestock, which contributed 15.1 per cent, and Fisheries (10.0%).

In view of Mining & quarrying sector, Mineral mining & quarrying sub-sector contributed the most with 81.2 per cent, followed by Petroleum and natural gas (18.8%).

Elaborating further, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin stated that the highest percentage of active establishments were in Selangor which registered 25.3 per cent, followed by W.P. Kuala Lumpur (13.8%) and Johor (11.4%).

In terms of business establishments that ceased their operations, Services sector registered the highest share, constituting 88.3 per cent out of 61,165 establishments. This was followed by Construction sector accounted for 5.3 per cent, Manufacturing sector 5.0 per cent, Agriculture sector 0.8 per cent, and Mining & quarrying sector 0.5 per cent. The imposition of social and economic restrictions nationwide in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic had severely impacted the economy, leading to the closure of business activities, especially micro and small establishments.

A more detailed findings of the Economic Census 2023 report is scheduled to be released at the end of March 2024. Following this release, a multitude of reports derived from the census will be issued at different levels, providing valuable analysis.

The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) has launched OpenDOSM NextGen as a medium that provides a catalog of data and visualisations to facilitate users' analysis of various data and can be accessed through https://open.dosm.gov.my*.*
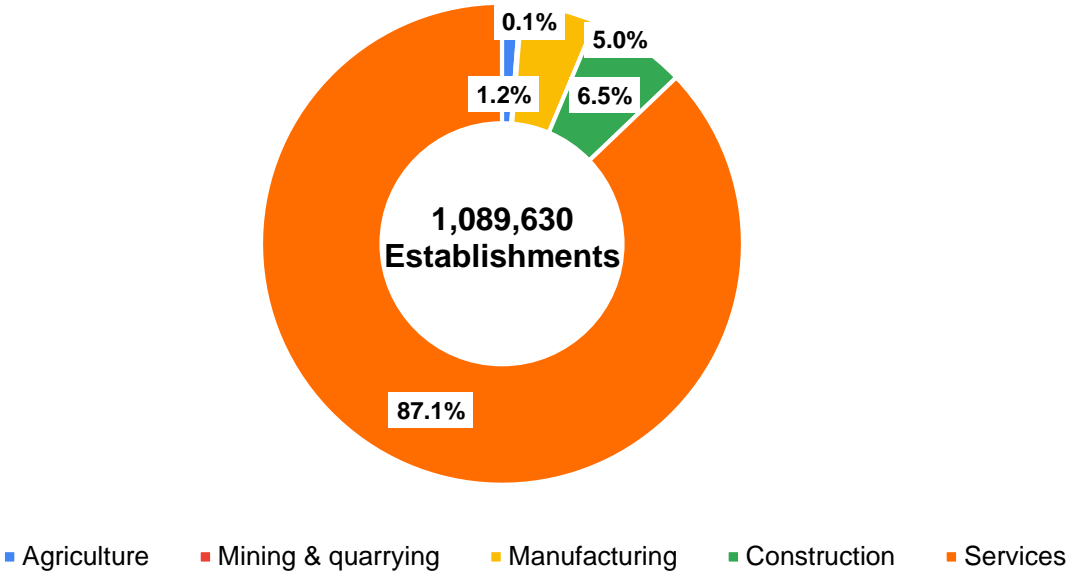
DOSM will conduct the Agricultural Census in 2024. Please visit https://www.myagricensus.gov.my/ *for more information. The theme is "Agriculture Census, Key to Agriculture Development."*

The Government of Malaysia has declared National Statistics Day (MyStats Day) on October 20th each year. MyStats Day theme is "Statistics is the Essence of Life."
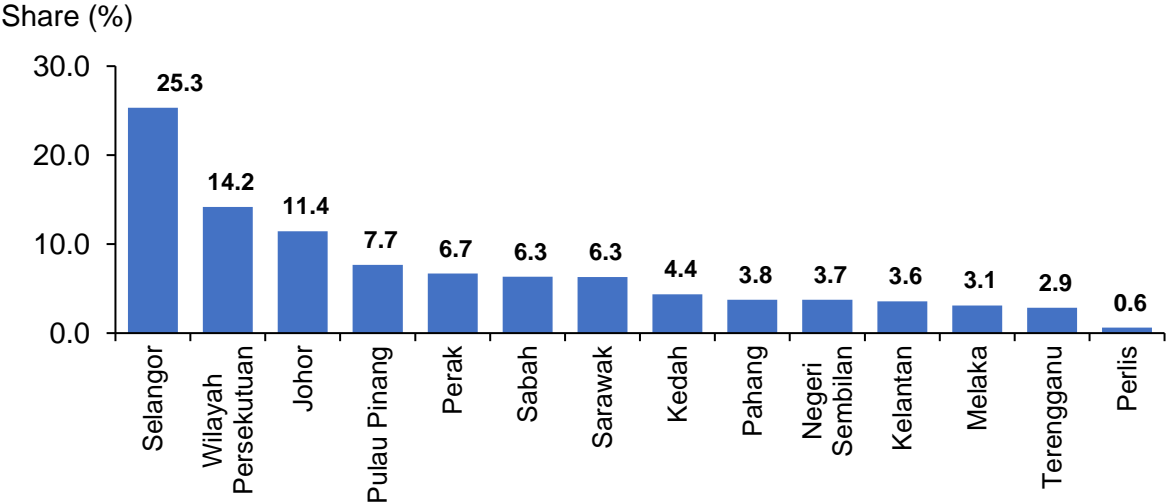
Exhibit 1: Active Establishments by Sector 2022

- Agriculture   - Mining & quarrying   - Manufacturing   - Construction   - Services

Exhibit 2: Active Establishments by State, Malaysia 2022

Note. Wilayah Persekutuan includes W.P. Kuala Lumpur, W.P. Labuan and W.P. Putrajaya

Exhibit 3: Closed Establishments by Sector, 2022

61,165
Establishments

0.8% 0.5%

5.0% 5.3%

88.3%

- Agriculture
- Mining & quarrying
- Manufacturing
- Construction
- Services