

### 3.19. LABOUR FORCE

Malaysia

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 <sup>4</sup>
Labour Force ('000)	13,980.5	14,263.6	14,518.0	14,667.8	14,892.3
Employment ('000)	13,545.4	13,852.6	14,067.7	14,163.7	14,380.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.1	2.9	3.1	3.4	3.4
Labour Force Participation Rate <sup>1</sup> (%)					
Total	67.3	67.6	67.9	67.7	67.8
Male	81.0	80.6	80.6	80.2	80.1
Female	52.6	53.7	54.1	54.3	54.3
Number of Collective Agreements signed in the current year <sup>2</sup>	312	270	267	308	269
Number of workers covered (thousands)	137.1	145.0	124.4	133.7	36.9
Performance in Manufacturing Sector <sup>3</sup>					
Productivity (% growth)	3.2	5.1	4.9	4.4	4.0 <sup>5</sup>
Labour Cost Per Employee (RM '000)	31.9	33.4	35.2	37.4	26.0 <sup>5</sup>
Real Unit Labour Cost (% growth)	8.8	-0.1	4.1	4.8	-6.6 <sup>5</sup>
Real Average Wage (% growth)	12.3	4.9	9.2	9.3	-2.9 <sup>5</sup>
Foreign Workers ('000)	2,250.3	2,073.4	2,135.0	1,866.4	1,751.8 <sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The ratio of the labour force to the working age population (15-64 years), expressed as percentage.

<sup>2</sup> Based on the information in the Collective Agreement and the feedback from the employer for which has been given cognisance by the Industrial Court for the year.

<sup>3</sup> Beginning January 2014, the data has been reclassified base on the 'Malaysia Standard Industrial Classification (MSIC) 2008 Ver 1.0'.

<sup>4</sup> For the first half of 2017.

<sup>5</sup> January to August 2017.

<sup>6</sup> As at end-August 2017.

Source: Department of Statistics, Ministry of Human Resources, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Finance, Malaysia.