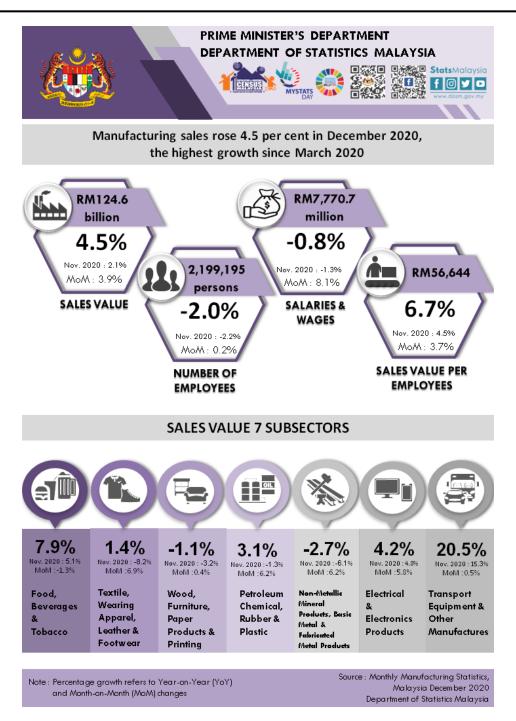


MONTHLY MANUFACTURING STATISTICS MALAYSIA, DECEMBER 2020



HIGHLIGHTS

Manufacturing sales rose 4.5 per cent in December 2020, the highest growth since March 2020

Malaysia's Manufacturing sales in December 2020 stood at **RM124.6 billion**, grew **4.5 per cent** as compared to previous year. The rise in sales value in December 2020 was driven by the increase in Transport Equipment & Other Manufactures Products (**20.5**%), Food, Beverages & Tobacco Products (**7.9**%) and Electrical & Electronics Products (**4.2**%). Meanwhile, on month-on-month basis, the sales value increased **3.9 per cent**.

Total employees engaged in the Manufacturing sector in December 2020 was **2,199,195 persons**, a decrease of **2.0 per cent** as compared to **2,243,788 persons** in December 2019. Salaries & wages paid amounted to **RM7,770.7 million**, dropped by **0.8 per cent** or **RM59.7 million** in December 2020 as against the same month of the preceding year.

The sales value per employee rose by **6.7 per cent** to record **RM56,644** as compared with the same month in 2019. Meanwhile, the average salaries & wages per employee was **RM3,533** in December 2020.

In the fourth quarter 2020, the sales value of the Manufacturing sector grew **3.0 per cent** to **RM366.4 billion** as compared to the same quarter of the previous year. The increase was driven by Transport Equipment & Other Manufactures Products (**15.0**%), Food, Beverages & Tobacco Products (**9.0**%) and Electrical & Electronics Products (**4.3**%). The number of employees and salaries & wages dropped **2.0 per cent** and **1.2 per cent** respectively in the fourth quarter 2020.

In summary for 2020, the sales value of the Manufacturing sector registered a decrease of **2.1 per cent** to **RM1,346.6 billion** as compared to the same period of 2019. The number of employees engaged during the period declined by **2.0 per cent** to register **2,199,195 persons** while salaries & wages paid decreased by

1.1 per cent to **RM87.2 billion**. The sales value per employee during the reference period contracted by **0.2 per cent** to record **RM612,324**.

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