

Better Employment Opportunities & Advancement In Sabah

IMPACT SABAH EDITION

1 Highest Unemployment Rate In Malaysia

6th Largest

Contributor to Malaysian GDP in 2019

5.8%

Highest unemployment rate among states

19.5 %

Highest poverty rate among states in Malaysia

youth unemployment is **14%**

only **70%**

labour force participation among Sabahans in the state

The majority of work opportunities in the state are semi/low skilled. These jobs are low paying and allow little advancement opportunities



2 Low Salaries And High Cost of Living

RM2,537

Poverty Line Index in Sabah

The PLI in Sabah and Labuan are the highest in the country. However, the rate of urbanisation

The reality of these high living costs are compounded by the fact that the minimum wage in Sabah remains the same as the rest of the country, at **RM1200**.

Absolute poverty is a subset of poverty that denotes an inability to meet basic needs of life including food, shelter, safe drinking water, education, healthcare, etc.

The absolute poverty rate in Sabah in 2019 was **5.6%**

143,800

youths were employed in 2018

highest labour force participation rate among 15 - 19 years olds

3 Child Labour

Sabahs youths drop out of school because of the related expenses, and the money that can be earned through labour

3 in 10

children work to support their families

Of these, 61% works in the plantation sector

of respondents wanted to move for a career

4%

96%

of respondents said they were willing to remain in the state post-graduation

In 2019, Sabah recorded 2,025,700 new labourers. Most of them prefer to stay in Sabah for work

These young people should be given enough opportunities to be able to live in their homes