Better Employment Opportunities & Advancement In Sabah

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### 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

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

### 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 is only 70% labour force participation among Sabahans in the state.

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.

### Child Labour

- **143,800 youths were employed in 2018**: highest labour force participation rate among 15 - 19 years olds
- **3 in 10 children work to support their families**: Sabah's youths drop out of school because of the related expenses, and the money that can be earned through labour.
- **96%**: Of these, 61% works in the plantation sector.

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.

Full data and sources can be found on wikiimpact.com/impact-sabah