

# Youth Unemployment In Klang Valley

## IMPACT KLANG VALLEY EDITION

What is youth unemployment?

15 to 24 year old unemployed and seeking for work

15 to 30 year old unemployed

This demographic makes up **17.8%** of Malaysia's workforce

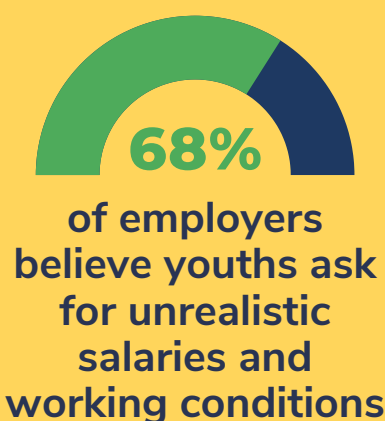
## Low Pay And High Cost Of Living

Malaysia's minimum wage is at **RM1,200 a month** or at RM5.77 an hour

A single adult living in Kuala Lumpur need to make **RM2,700 a month** to cover just basic expenses

Diploma graduates earn **RM1,001 to RM1,500** a month as starting salary

Degree holders earn on average **RM2,378 a month** in 2019



## Mismatch Of Employer's Demands And Perceptions

Unemployment factors in youths:

- Poor English
- Poor communication
- Poor character
- Lack soft skills
- Lack experience



**88%** of employers believe that internships make graduates more employable

## Youths Forced To Over Qualify for Income

**Higher number of vacancies** in semi-skilled or low-skill positions

**1.04 million** graduates employed in jobs that only require SPM level qualification in 2019

40% of employed urban youths are unprotected with social protection schemes