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Nation's Aspirations

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BRUNEI Vision 2035

Goal 1:
Educated, Highly Skilled and Accomplished People

Goal 2:
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Goal 3:
A Dynamic and Sustainable Economy

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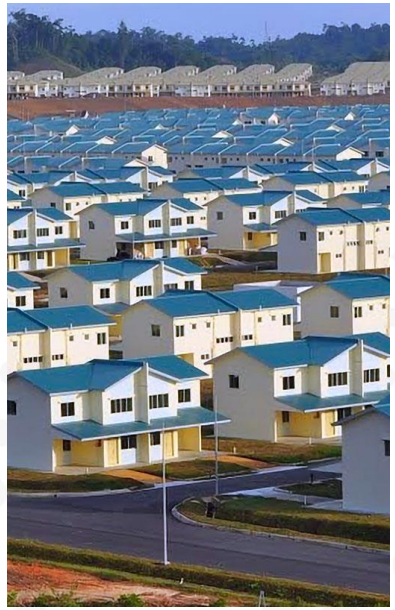

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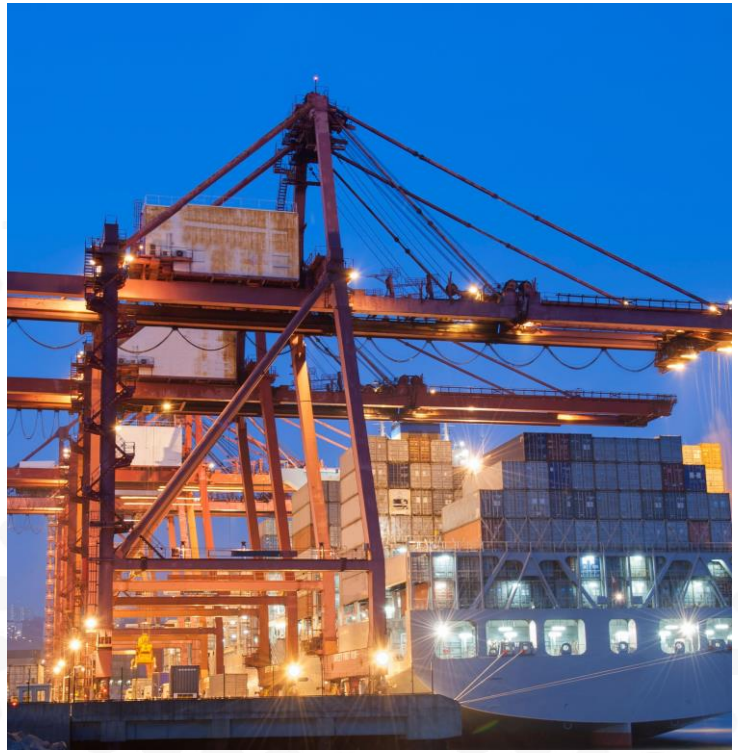

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Goal 3 of Wawasan Brunei 2035

Desired Outcome	*Measures*
High Sustainable Growth	GDP Growth Non-Oil & Gas growth Export and Import
Diversified Economy	Share of Non-Oil & Gas GDP Market Concentration Score
Low Unemployment	Labour Force Participation Rate Unemployment Rate Median Income
Macro Economic Stability	Trade Balance Inflation Rate

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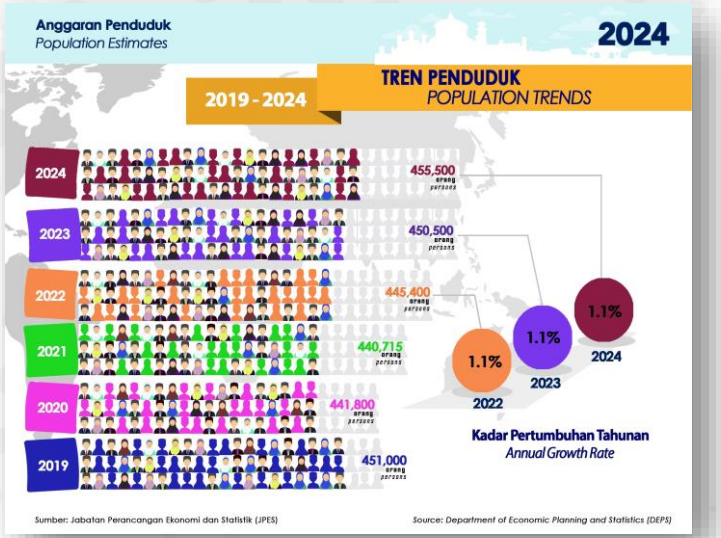
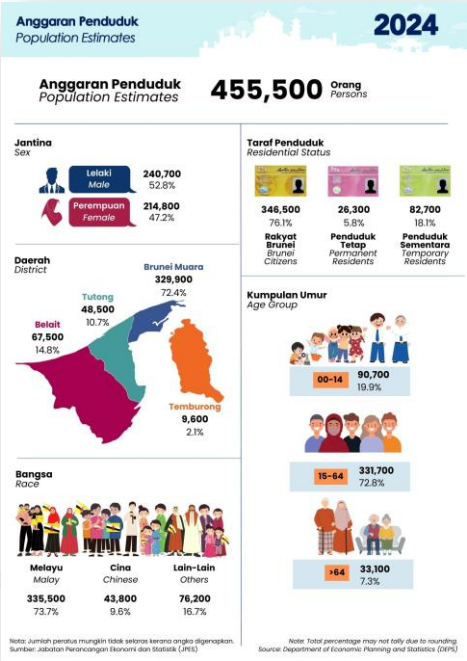
Key National Statistics

Social Statistics





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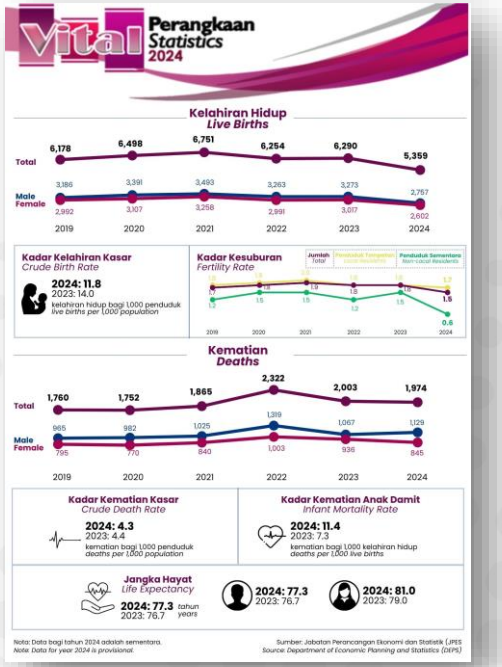

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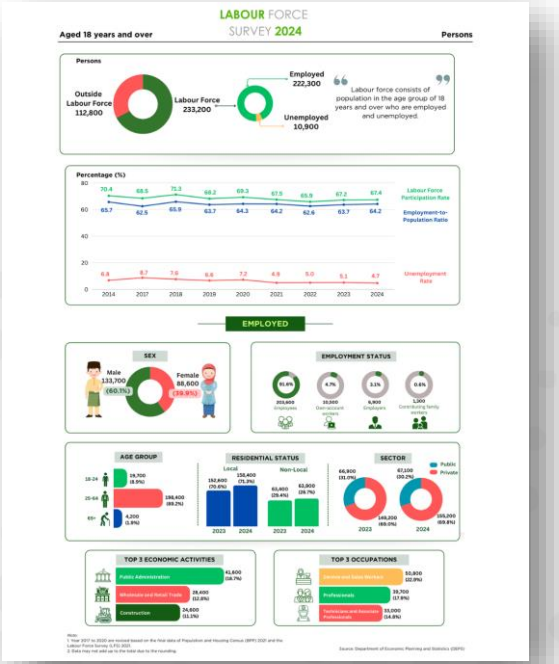

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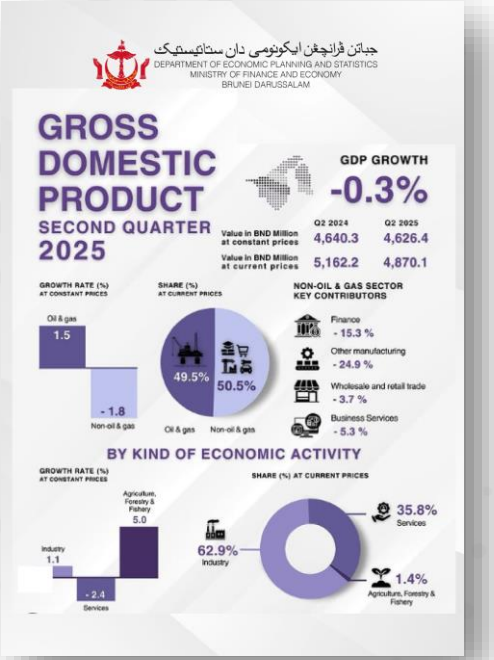
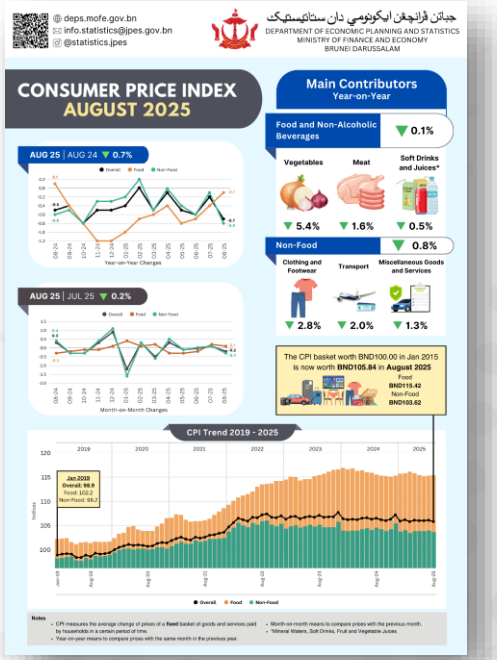
Economic Statistics



Gross Domestic Product



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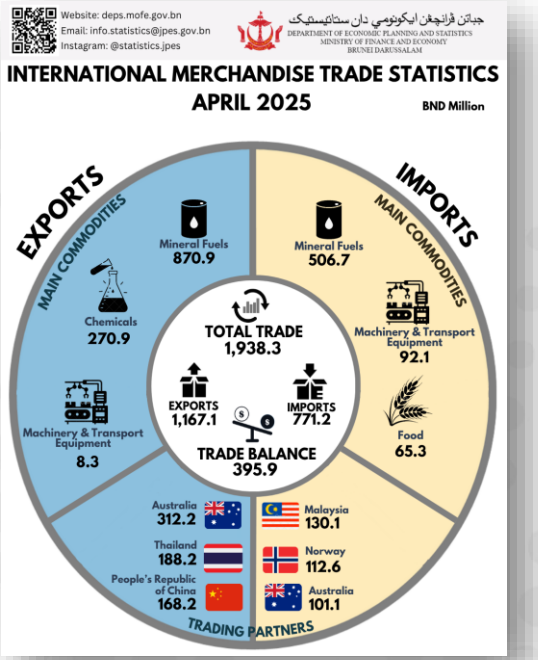

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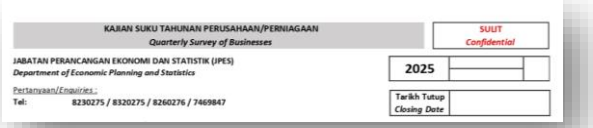
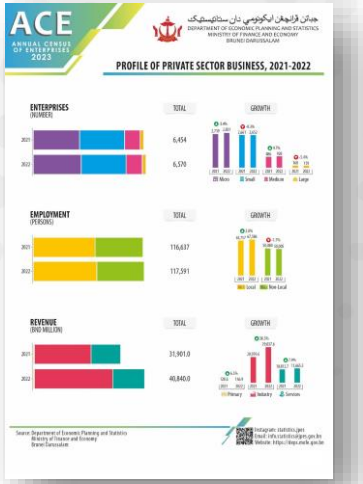
Annual Census of Enterprises (ACE)



Quarterly Survey of Businesses (QSB)

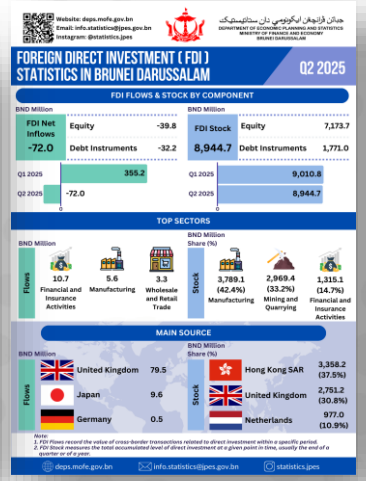
Economic Census of Enterprises (ECE) – Every 5 years



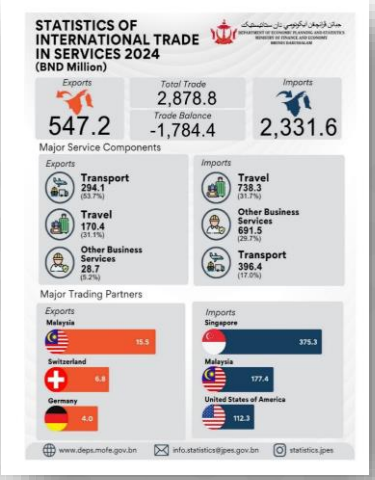
Profile of Private Sector Businesses

Food and Beverages Services Index

Retail Sales Index



Foreign Direct Investment Statistics



International Trade in Services Statistics

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JPES Data Source

- Population and Vital Statistics
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- Prices
- International Merchandise Trade Statistics
- and others

Ministries and Agencies

- Government Finance
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- Religion
- Education
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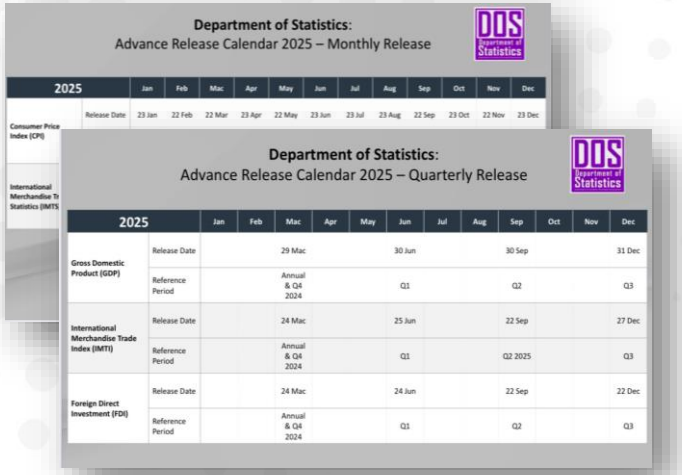

Department of Statistics:
Advance Release Calendar 2025 – Monthly Release

2025	Jan	Feb	Mac	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Consumer Price Index (CPI) – Release Date	23 Jan	22 Feb	22 Mar	23 Apr	22 May	23 Jun	23 Jul	23 Aug	22 Sep	23 Oct	22 Nov	23 Dec

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Advance Release Calendar 2025 – Quarterly Release

2025		Jan	Feb	Mac	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	Release Date			29 Mac			30 Jun			30 Sep			31 Dec
	Reference Period			Annual & Q4 2024			Q1			Q2			Q3
International Merchandise Trade Index (IMTI)	Release Date			24 Mac			25 Jun			22 Sep			27 Dec
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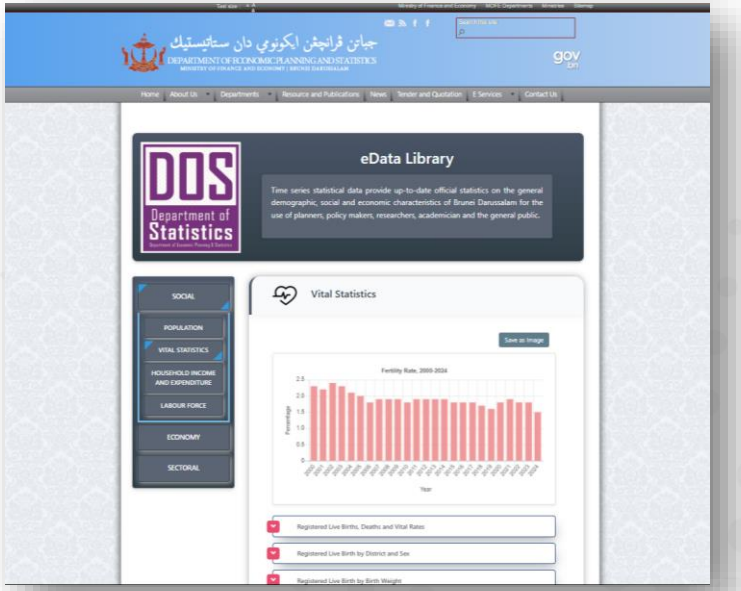

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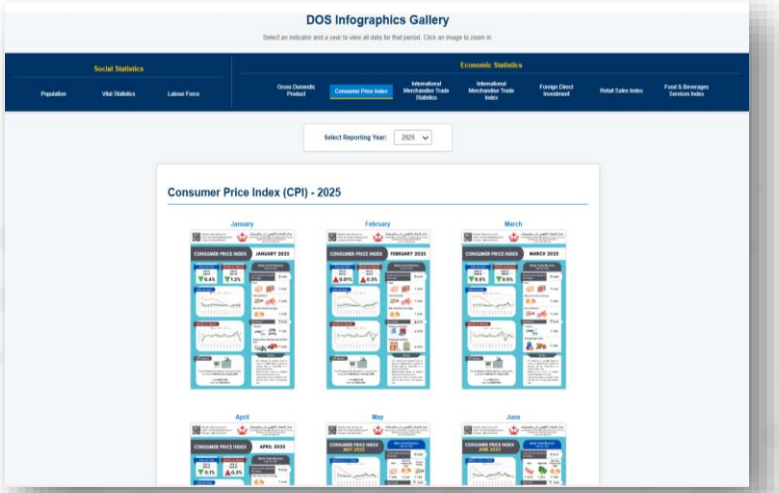

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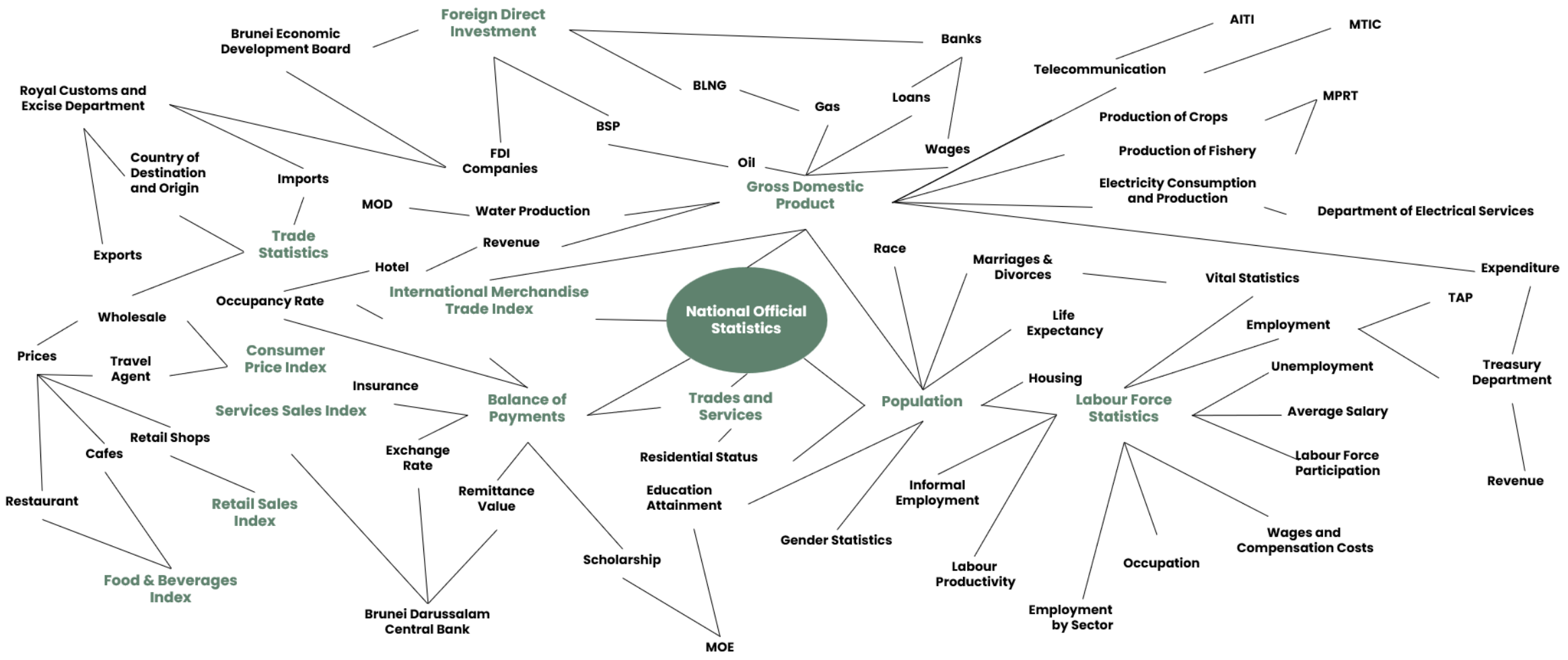

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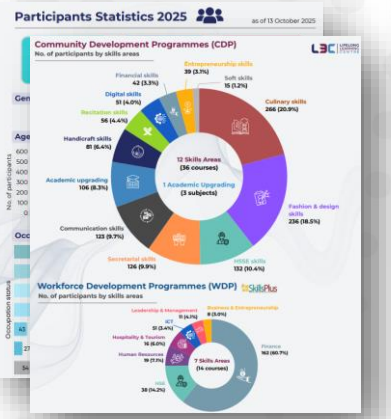

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Titisutinah began her career at DEPS in 2009 in the Business Survey and Census Section, contributing to national accounts rebasing. In 2014, she was appointed Head of the Real Sector Division and now leads the Sectoral Statistics Division, advancing national accounts and economic surveys.

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Senior Statistics Officer
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Hazim joined DEPS in 2011 as a Statistics Officer, working on national household frames, sample design and survey field operations. Since 2022, he has led the Price, Income & Expenditure Division, overseeing the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Household Expenditure Survey (HES).

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Siti Athirah Ali
Senior Manager/Economist
Brunei Darussalam Central Bank (BDCB)

Siti Athirah, an economist at BDCB overseeing macroeconomic surveillance, research and statistical reporting. She previously served at the ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office and has held academic roles at UBD and Laksamana College of Business. Her research interests include labour market policies and topics on behavioural economics.

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Izzati Shahari
Head of Data Analytics and Project Management
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Izzati specialises in survey methodology, quantitative analysis and the application of data science techniques to policy research. At CSPS, she has conducted large-scale national studies such as the Youth Development Index (YDI) 2025 and the Brunei Barometer 2023, applying advanced statistical methods to generate insights that strengthen evidence-based policymaking.

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Acting Senior Economic Officer
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Khairul Nazri began his career at DEPS in 2016 as an Economic Officer. His key contributions include assessing the implementation and progress Brunei Darussalam's Economic Blueprint. His portfolio also includes monitoring sectoral economic development and evaluating the national projects through National Development Plan (RKN).

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Nurulizzati is an Acting Director of Consumer Affairs, currently overseeing consumer protection and price control. She was previously involved in the early implementation and enforcement of the Competition Order. She began her career at DEPS in 2012 as an Economic Officer.

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The Story Behind the Statistics: Gross Domestic Product, Labour Force Statistics and Consumer Price Index

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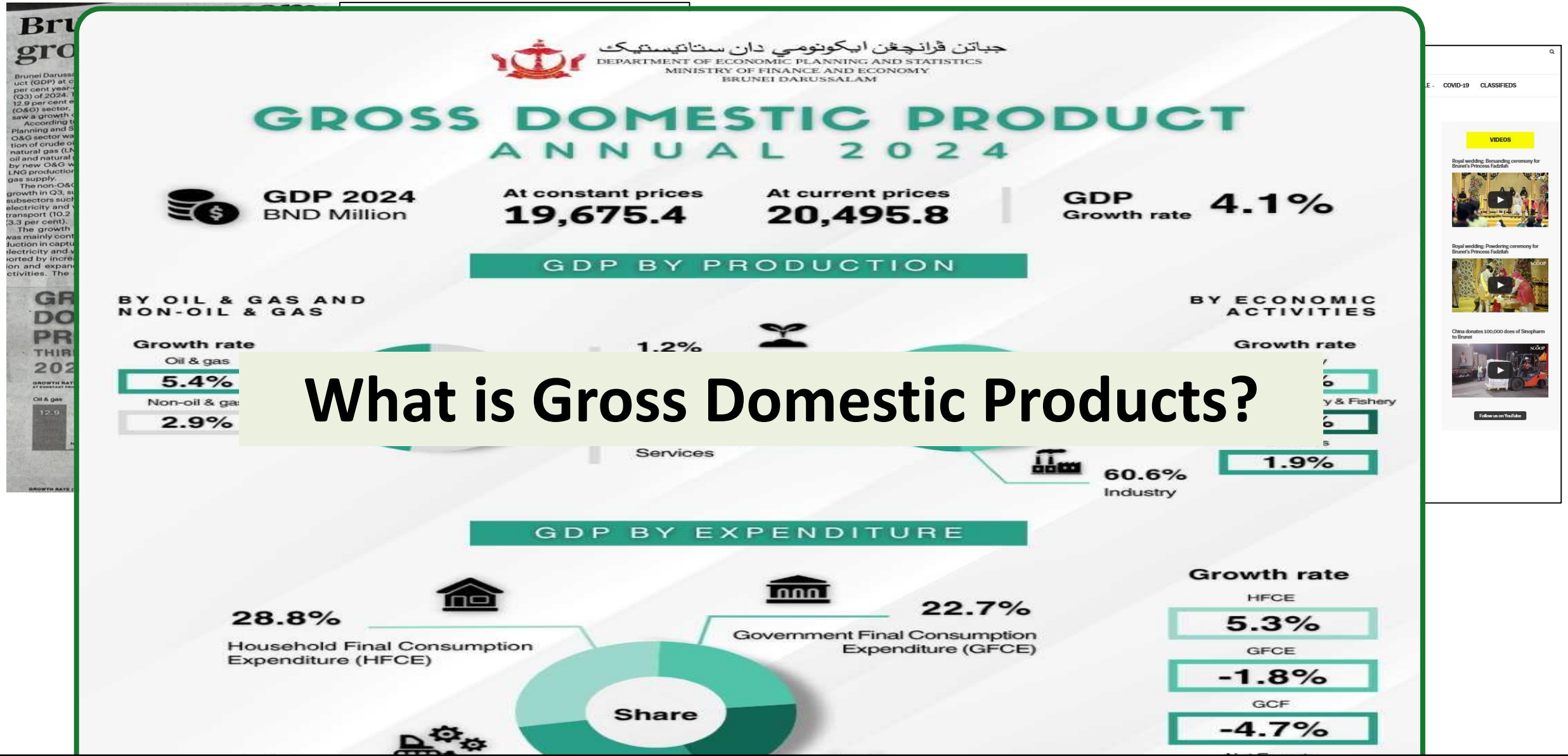

What is Gross Domestic Products?

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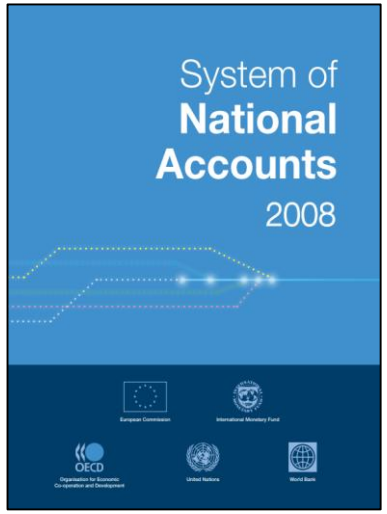
What is Gross Domestic Products?

*GDP measures the **total value of final goods and services produced within a country**.*



United Nations System of National Accounts (SNA) version: 2008 SNA
Measurement: ***Production Approach, Income Approach and Expenditure Approach***

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Components of GDP

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Understanding GDP prices – Current (Nominal) and Constant (Real)

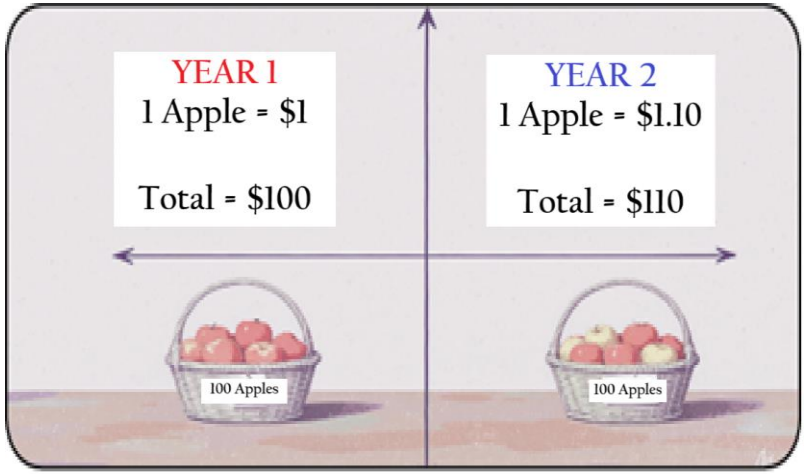
GDP at current prices

- measures the total value of goods and services **using current year prices** (including inflation).

GDP at constant prices

- uses **prices from a fixed base year**, removing inflation <u>to show real growth</u>.

A simple example & inflation impact:



If you sell 100 apples at $1 each in Year 1 and at $1.10 in Year 2

GDP at current prices rises from $100 to $110,

but at constant prices it stays at $100, which means GDP growth is 0 per cent, illustrating how inflation can affect GDP figures and does not translate to real growth.

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KEY DATA SOURCES

Collected from government ministries and departments, this data includes **production figures, data from operations, and public expenditure details**.

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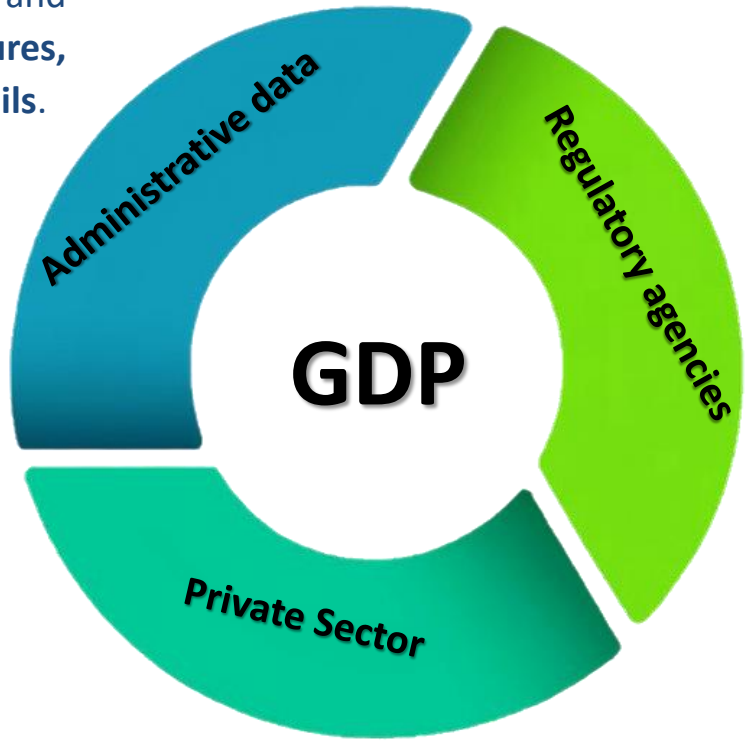
- **MOFE**
- **MPRT**
- **MOE**
- **MOD**
- **MOH**
- **MTIC**



Data from regulatory bodies such as financial, trade, and **sector-specific authorities that monitor and report economic activities**.

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Quarterly Survey of Businesses
- Covered about 2,000 enterprises (comprises of Large, Medium and selected small and micros)

Regular surveys conducted by DOS every quarter to gather information on business **sales, expenditures, employment and salaries.**

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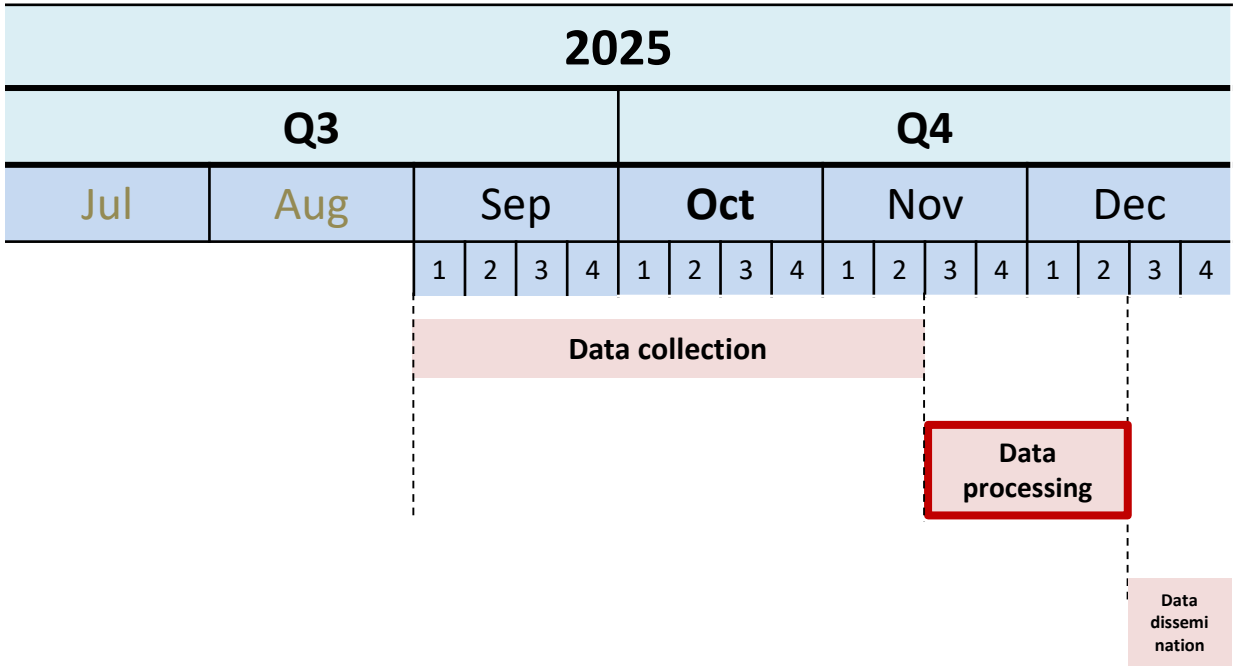
The work behind producing GDP statistics



Data collection cut-off date:

1.5 months of reference quarter

15th November

GDP Q3 2025

Target release: 31 December 2025

Data collection: (Sept to mid-Nov) **~ 10 weeks**

September: Letters are sent out to request for data

November (15th): Deadline of receiving

Data processing: (mid-Nov to mid-Dec) **~ 4 weeks**

- data entry, editing, verification
- cross checking similar data sources
- computation, tabulation of sectors

Data dissemination: (3rd week Dec) **~ 1 week**

- consolidation and prepare draft results
- interpret, analyse, validation
- prepare documentation

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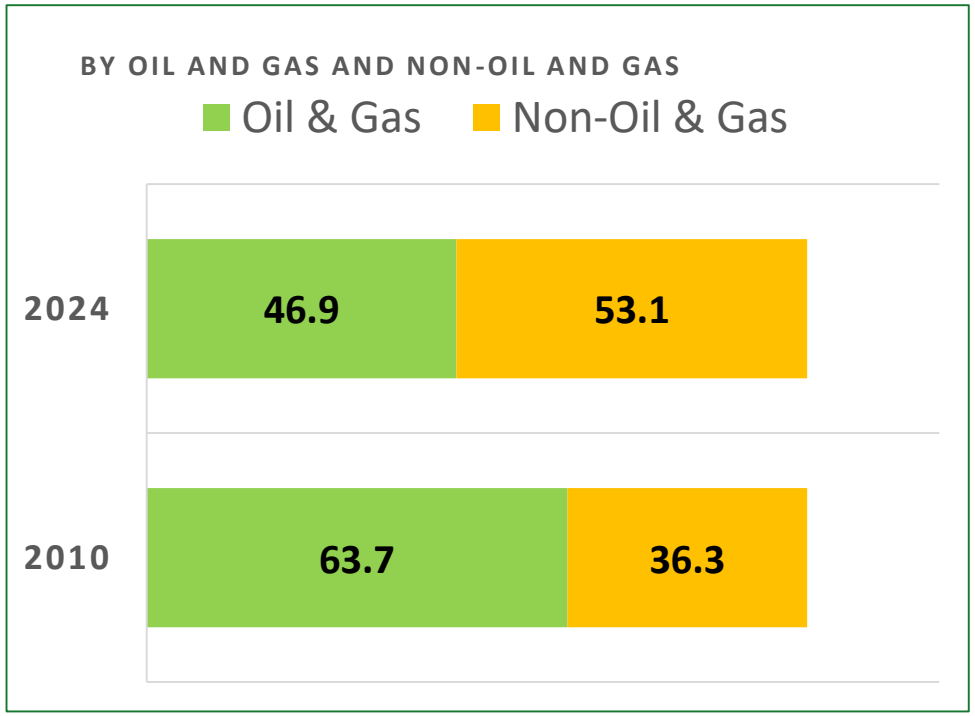
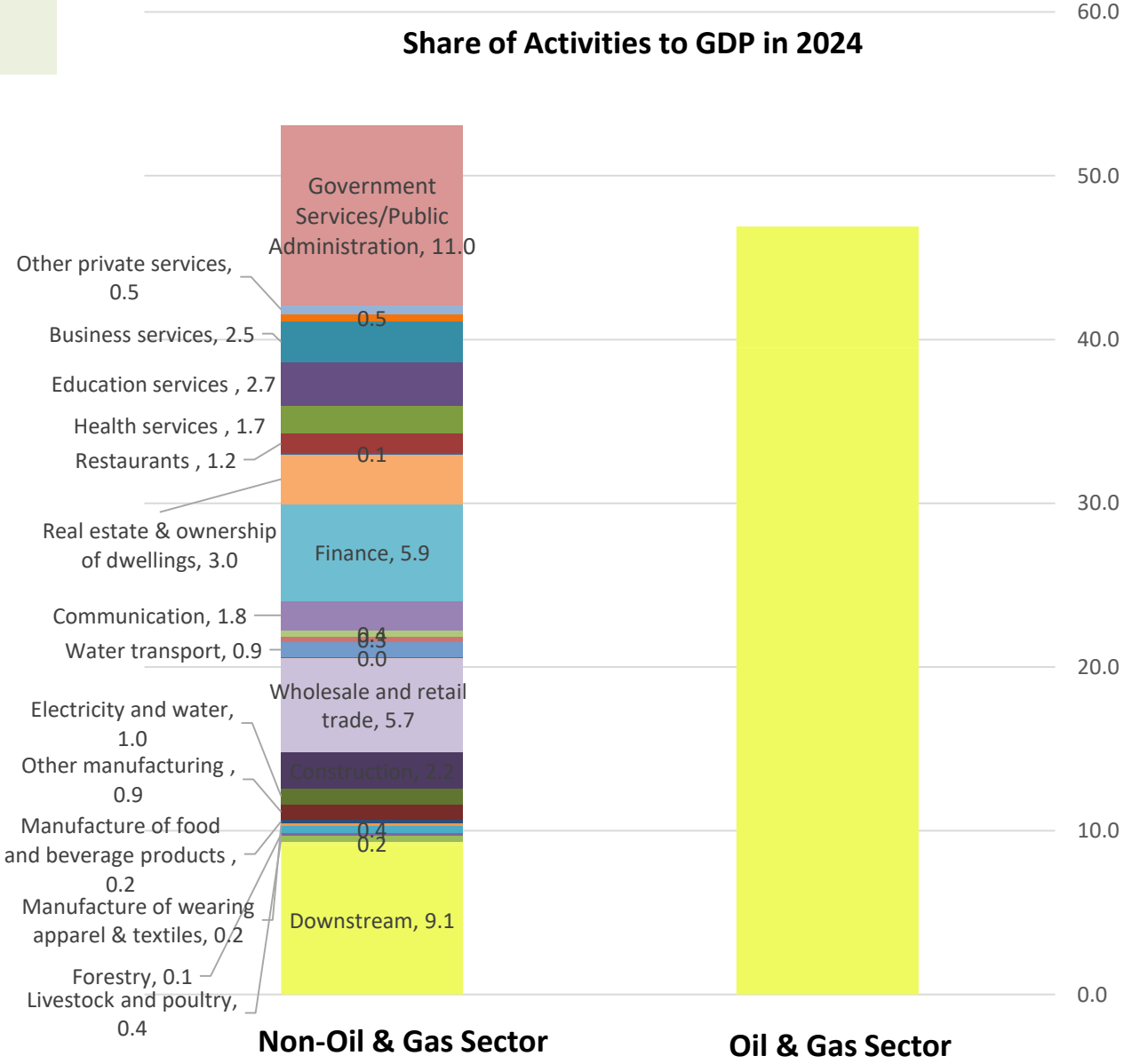
Sectoral Performance Overview





Economic diversification effort being assessed

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What is inflation?

Inflation measures how prices of everyday goods and services change over time.

January 2015

BND100.00

Same items
Same quantities

August 2025

BND105.84

5.84% higher than in 2015

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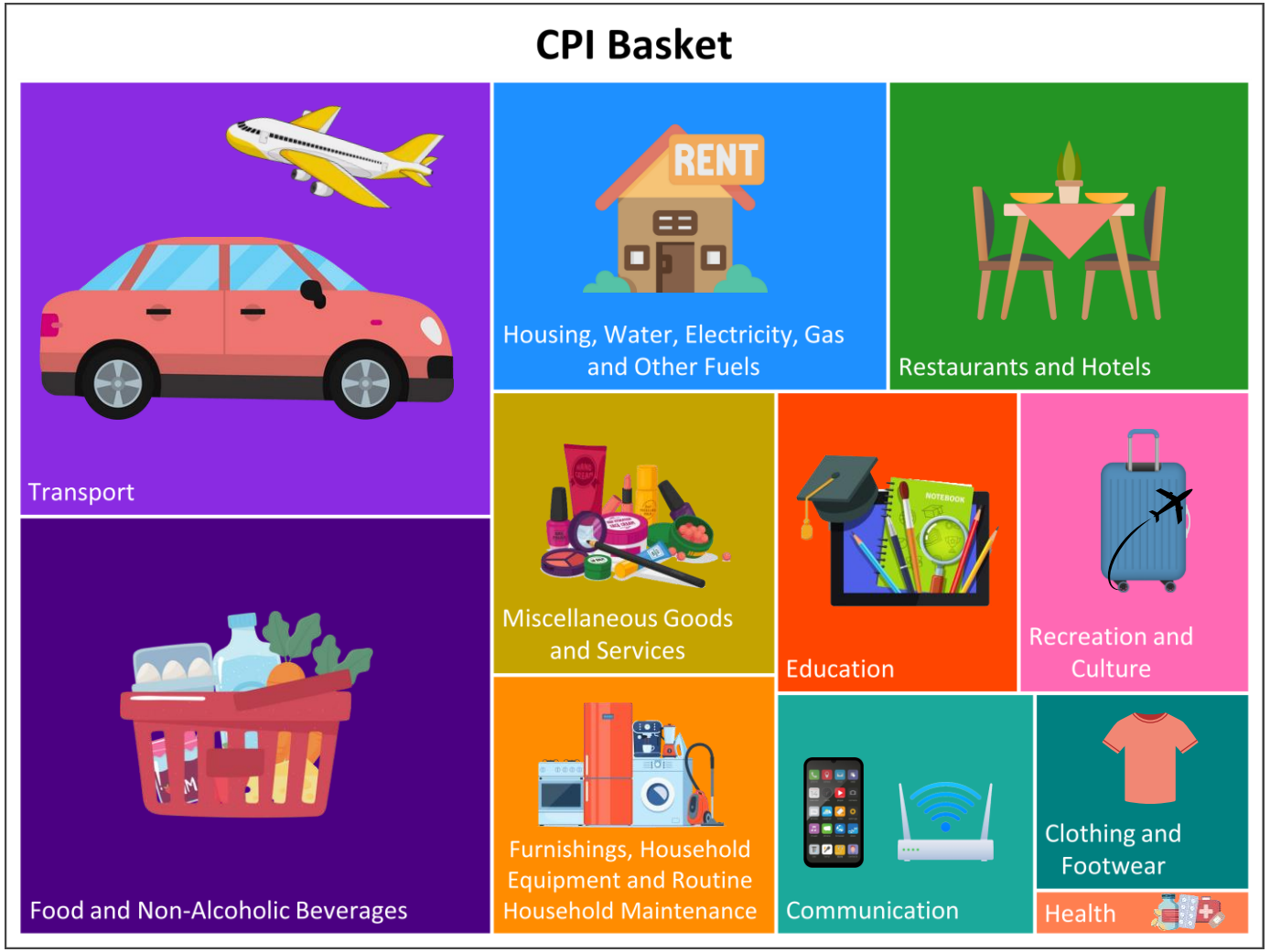
How we measure inflation

Consumer Price Index (CPI) shows how expensive the typical shopping basket is today compared to the base year.

Current base year: 2015 (CPI = 100)

Weights: Based on how families actually spend in a month.



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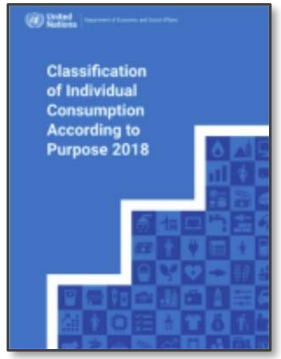
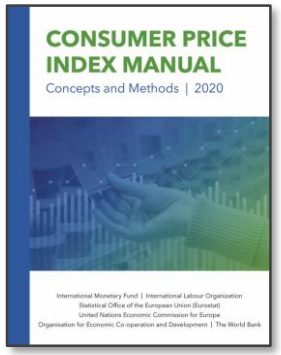
How we compile the CPI

International Standards





Rebase: Every 5 Years

Household Expenditure Survey → CPI Basket and Weights

Business Masterframe → Outlets Selection

Monthly Routine Activity

Price Collection → Data Validation → CPI Report → Price Collection

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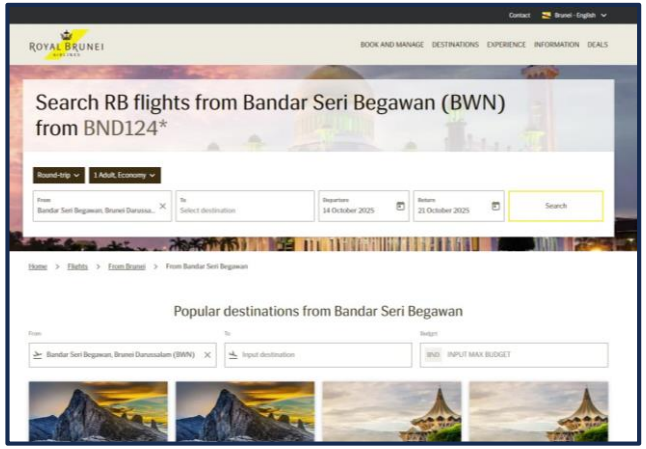
How we collect CPI prices

Outlet Visits

Websites



Across all four districts

14 Collectors

359 Outlets

8,090 Items

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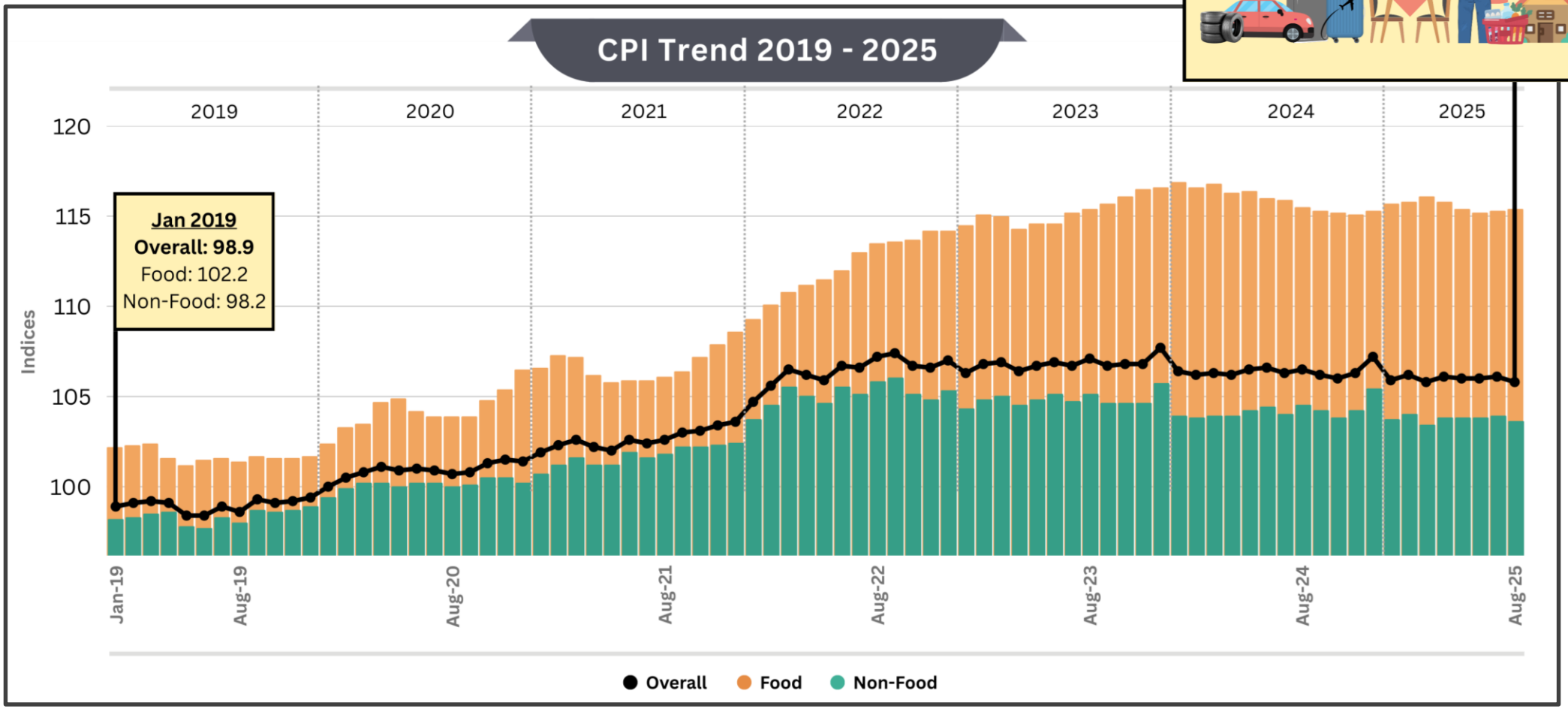
Inflation in Brunei

The CPI basket worth BND100.00 in Jan 2015 is now worth **BND105.84** in **August 2025**

Food
BND115.42
Non-Food
BND103.62



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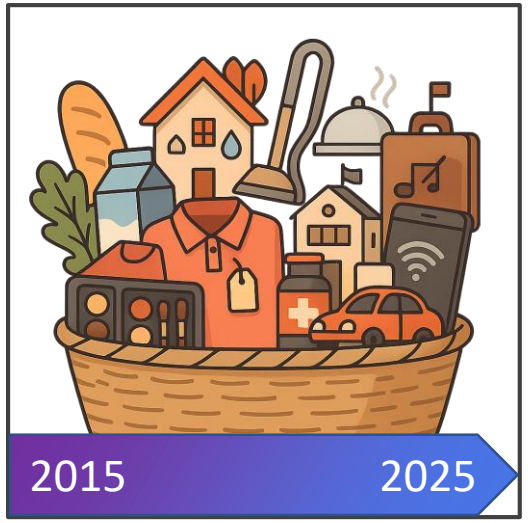
Why the CPI may not match your experience

One number, many experiences:



The CPI is a national average. It prices a fixed basket to track overall price changes for the country.

Our own inflation can feel different than the CPI because we may buy different things, switch brands or shops, or wait for sales before buying.

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Price Monitoring Initiative

When?

December 2020

Why?

- Public concerns about price hikes during COVID-19
- Ease the impact of price hikes

What?

- Price transparency and the availability of choices
- Selected essential food items*

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Data and collection process

What data is collected?

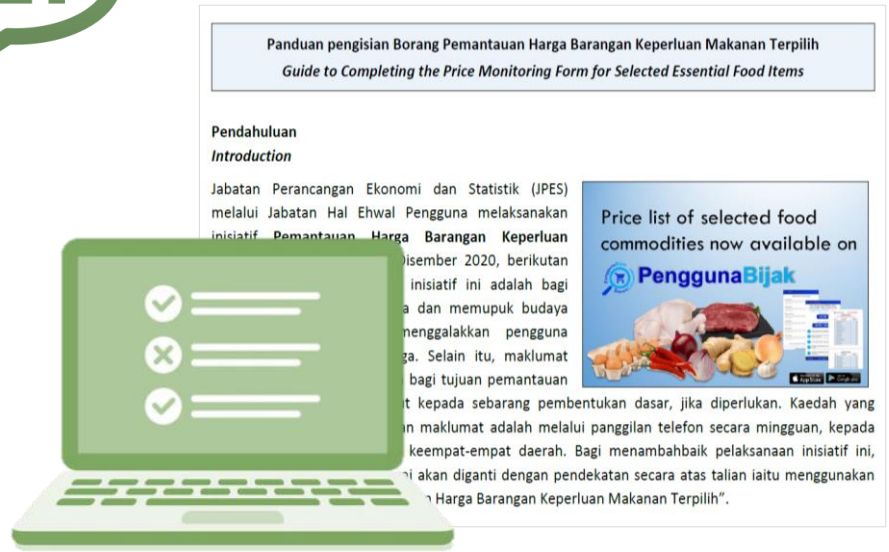
Data collected

Over 90 retail stores
(high catchment areas)

How is the data collected?

Manual (2020)

Online (July 2025)



Panduan pengisian Borang Pemantauan Harga Barangan Keperluan Makanan Terpilih
Guide to Completing the Price Monitoring Form for Selected Essential Food Items

Pendahuluan
Introduction

Jabatan Perancangan Ekonomi dan Statistik (JPES) melalui Jabatan Hal Ehwal Pengguna melaksanakan inisiatif **Pemantauan Harga Barangan Keperluan** isember 2020, berikutan inisiatif ini adalah bagi a dan memupuk budaya nenggalakkan pengguna ga. Selain itu, maklumat bagi tujuan pemantauan t kepada sebarang pembentukan dasar, jika diperlukan. Kaedah yang n maklumat adalah melalui panggilan telefon secara mingguan, kepada keempat-empat daerah. Bagi menambahbaik pelaksanaan inisiatif ini, i akan diganti dengan pendekatan secara atas talian iaitu menggunakan Harga Barangan Keperluan Makanan Terpilih".

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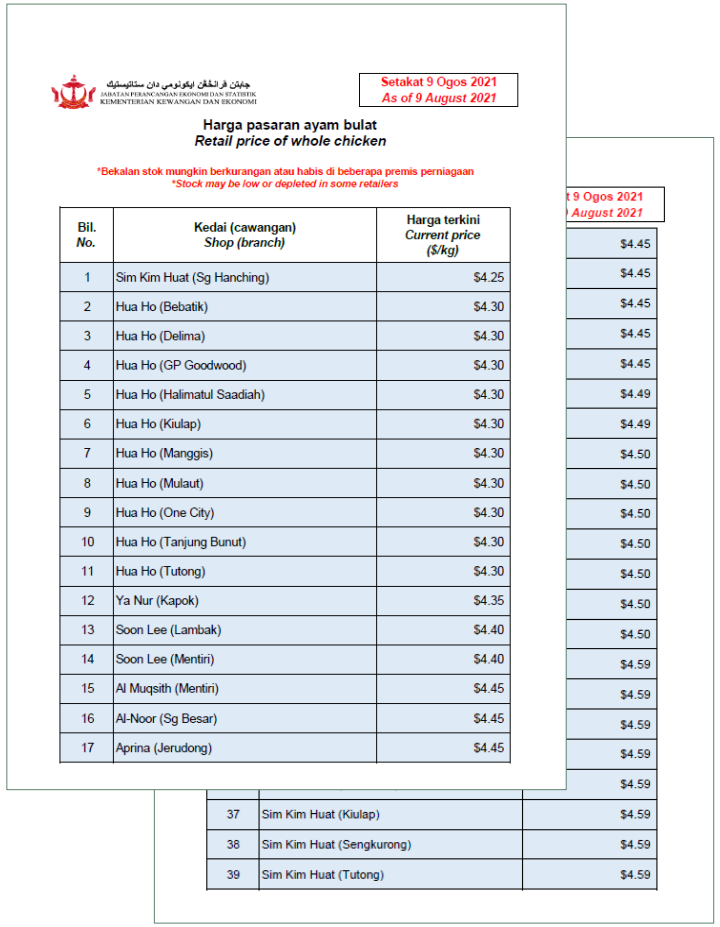
Informed purchase decisions – consumer empowerment



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KEMENTERIAN KEWANGAN DAN EKONOMI

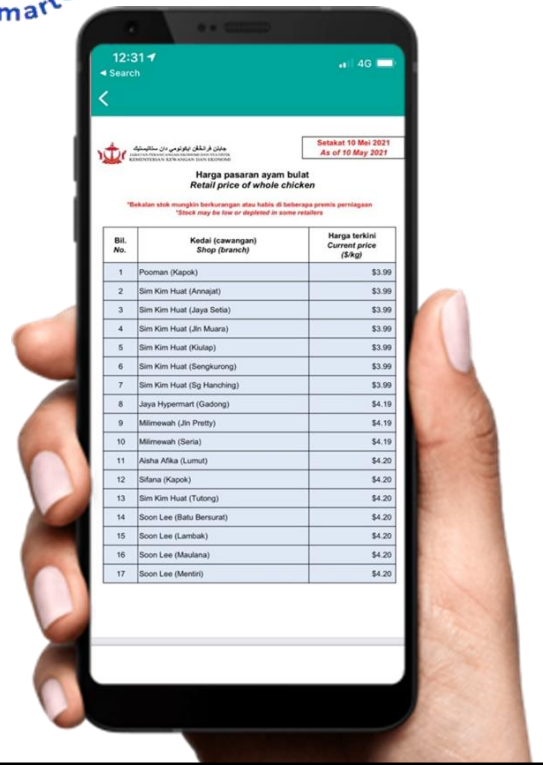
Setakat 9 Ogos 2021
As of 9 August 2021

Harga pasaran ayam bulat
Retail price of whole chicken

*Bekalan stok mungkin berkurangan atau habis di beberapa premis perniagaan
*Stock may be low or depleted in some retailers

Bil. No.	Kedai (cawangan) Shop (branch)	Harga terkini Current price ($/kg)
1	Sim Kim Huat (Sg Hanching)	$4.25
2	Hua Ho (Bebatik)	$4.30
3	Hua Ho (Delima)	$4.30
4	Hua Ho (GP Goodwood)	$4.30
5	Hua Ho (Halimatul Saadiah)	$4.30
6	Hua Ho (Kiulap)	$4.30
7	Hua Ho (Manggis)	$4.30
8	Hua Ho (Mulaut)	$4.30
9	Hua Ho (One City)	$4.30
10	Hua Ho (Tanjung Bunut)	$4.30
11	Hua Ho (Tutong)	$4.30
12	Ya Nur (Kapok)	$4.35
13	Soon Lee (Lambak)	$4.40
14	Soon Lee (Mentiri)	$4.40
15	Al Muqsith (Mentiri)	$4.45
16	Al-Noor (Sg Besar)	$4.45
17	Aprina (Jerudong)	$4.45
37	Sim Kim Huat (Kiulap)	$4.59
38	Sim Kim Huat (Sengkurong)	$4.59
39	Sim Kim Huat (Tutong)	$4.59

PenggunaBijak SmartConsumer



Setakat 10 Mei 2021
As of 10 May 2021

Harga pasaran ayam bulat
Retail price of whole chicken

Bil. No.	Kedai (cawangan) Shop (branch)	Harga terkini Current price ($/kg)
1	Pooman (Kapok)	$3.99
2	Sim Kim Huat (Annajat)	$3.99
3	Sim Kim Huat (Jaya Setia)	$3.99
4	Sim Kim Huat (Jln Muara)	$3.99
5	Sim Kim Huat (Kiulap)	$3.99
6	Sim Kim Huat (Sengkurong)	$3.99
7	Sim Kim Huat (Sg Hanching)	$3.99
8	Jaya Hypermart (Gadong)	$4.19
9	Milimewah (Jln Pretty)	$4.19
10	Milimewah (Seria)	$4.19
11	Aisha Afika (Lumut)	$4.20
12	Sifana (Kapok)	$4.20
13	Sim Kim Huat (Tutong)	$4.20
14	Soon Lee (Batu Bersurat)	$4.20
15	Soon Lee (Lambak)	$4.20
16	Soon Lee (Maulana)	$4.20
17	Soon Lee (Mentiri)	$4.20

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Setakat 29 Sept - 4 Okt 2025
As of 29 Sept - 4 Oct 2025

Harga pasaran ayam bulat
Retail price of whole chicken

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Bil. No.	Kedai (cawangan) Shop (branch)	Harga terkini Current price ($/kg)
1	Pooman Jaya Sdn Bhd (Kapok)	$4.49
2	Aysha Department Store (Mentiri)	$4.55
3	Aisha Afika (Lumut)	$4.59
4	Soon Lee (Batu Bersurat)	$4.59
5	Soon Lee (Lambak)	$4.59
6	Soon Lee (Maulana)	$4.59
7	Soon Lee (Mentiri)	$4.59
8	Soon Lee (Muara)	$4.59
9	Soon Lee (Pandan)	$4.59
10	Soon Lee (Seria)	$4.59
11	Soon Lee (Sg Liang)	$4.59
12	Soon Lee (Sinarubai)	$4.59
13	Soon Lee (Tutong)	$4.59
14	Faseeha Ria Enterprise (Seria)	$4.59

DEPS website

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Input for the policymakers

Price Trend of Selected Key Food Items 2021 - September 2025

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Consumers at a store. PHOTO: BB STOCK PHOTO

Seasonal price limits imposed on selected foods for Ramadhan

The Department of Economic Planning and Statistics (DEPS) under the Ministry of Finance and Economy announced the implementation of the Seasonal Maximum Price Setting on seven categories of selected food items throughout the month of Ramadhan until the first week of Syawal 1446 Hijrah.

The annual initiative, in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture and Agrifood under the Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism (MPRT), aims to maintain affordability and accessibility of essential food items during the festive season.

In addition to the government's long-term price control measures on cooking oil, formulated powdered milk, rice, and sugar, the following essential food items will be subject to seasonal price control: whole chicken, chicken eggs, butter, margarine, ghee, flour and condensed, evaporated, and cream milk.

The DEPS emphasised that the maximum price set is a ceiling price and not a suggested retail price. Retailers are encouraged to offer competitive and lower prices not exceeding the set ceiling price. The approach ensures affordability while maintaining a fair and dynamic marketplace.

The DEPS encouraged consumers to compare prices, options and substitutions available through the PenggunaBijak mobile application, which promotes price transparency and assists them in making informed purchase decisions that is value-for-money. The application allows consumers to obtain retail prices for key food commodities on a weekly basis from various stores nationwide.

Businesses selling above the maximum price may face penalties under the Price Control Act, Chapter 142, including fines up to BND1,000 for non-compliance and up to BND20,000 or five years' imprisonment for repeat offences.

The full list of maximum prices can be assessed in the PenggunaBijak mobile application or on the DEPS website.

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WHAT IS **LABOUR FORCE?**

Labour Force

Age 18 years and over

EMPLOYED

Who have a job and worked at least 1 hour in a week

OR

Temporary absent

+

UNEMPLOYED

Must meet all these conditions:

- not working,
- looking for work, and
- available to work

67.4% The share of people (aged 18+) in Labour Force

Outside Labour Force

Age 18 years and over

Not working nor actively looking for work

Students

Homemakers

Retirees

Unable to work due to Sickness/ disability

32.6% The share of people (aged 18+) Outside Labour Force

Source: The ILO's "Resolution concerning statistics of work, employment and labour underutilization," 2013 adapted to National Context

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HOW DO WE COLLECT LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS?

LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

Annually conducted in **2 Phases**

Household survey – selection of Household by complex sampling design

Methodology recommended by the ILO

Computer-Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI) Tablet

Confidentiality Assured

All data is kept confidential and protected by Statistics Act, Chapter 81 from the Laws of Brunei Darussalam

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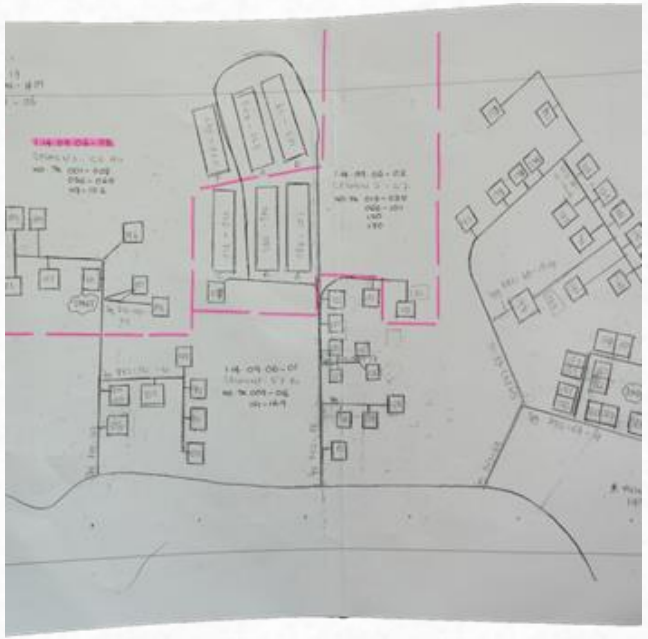
Phase 1
Houselisting

Update Housing Units
create a comprehensive and up-to-date database and information



252
Areas Covered
252 selected area were surveyed

80
Fieldworkers
appointed as survey officers

3 weeks
Survey Period
3 weeks
(4 - 24 August 2025)

Enable
Phase 2
Information used for Phase 2 - Actual Survey

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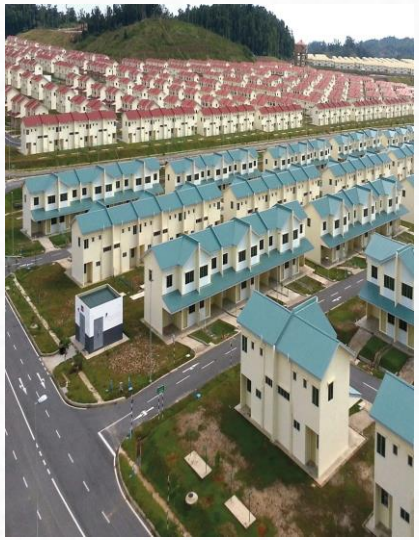
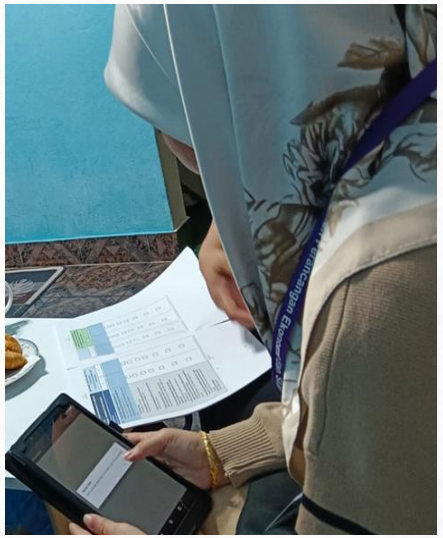
Phase 2
Actual Survey

Collect latest information on the size, structure, distribution and characteristics of the:
labour force, employment, unemployment and other economic characteristics of the population.





3,200 Households will be covered

80 Fieldworkers
appointed as survey officers

4 weeks Survey Period
4 weeks
(3 – 30 November 2025)

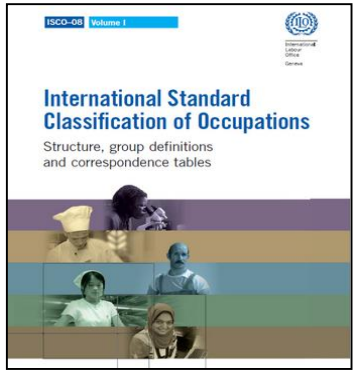
DATA PROCESSING

Data Processing

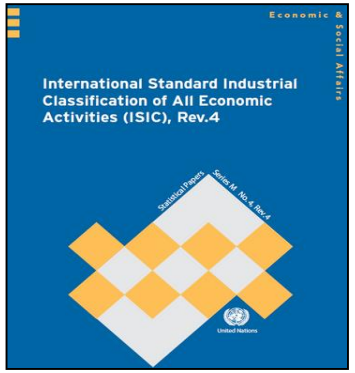
Time Period:
4 months

Data Entry Team:
15 persons

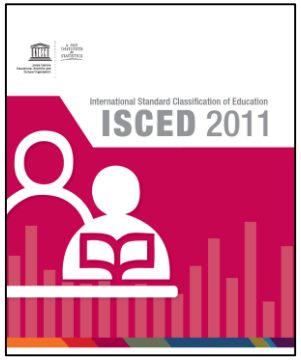
Method:
CAPI Tablet



International Standard Classification of Occupation (ISCO-08)



International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC), Rev. 4



International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED) 2011

Analysis and Validation

Data Analysis:
Through processing and interpretation of data

Validation:
Cross-reference with other government and agencies

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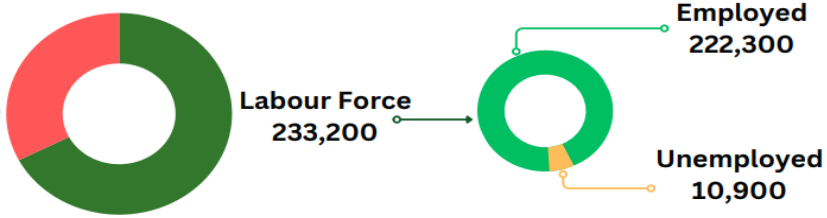
Main Indicators Reported

Unemployment Rate (UER)
2023 = 5.1%
2024 = 4.7%

Employment to Population Ratio
2023 = 63.7%
2024 = 64.2%

Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR)
2023 = 67.2%
2024 = 67.4%

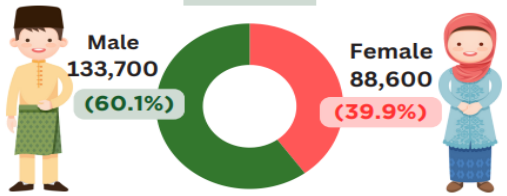
Persons



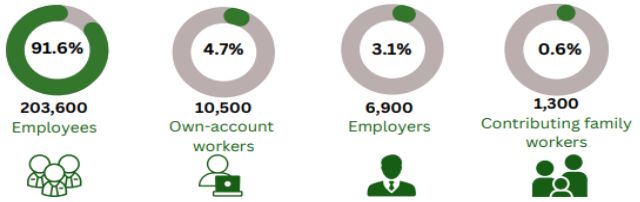
"Labour force consists of population in the age group of 18 years and over who are employed and unemployed."

EMPLOYED

SEX



EMPLOYMENT STATUS



Some Uses of Labour Force Statistics

- Policy and Planning
- Monitoring progress
- Education and training alignment

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Introduction to BDCB

Brunei Darussalam Central Bank (BDCB) carries the responsibilities of conducting the country's monetary policy, issuing the Brunei currency, as well as regulating and supervising banks and other financial institutions. BDCB's objectives as stipulated under the Brunei Darussalam Central Bank Order, 2010 include:

- To achieve and maintain domestic price stability
- To ensure the stability of the financial system, in particular by formulating financial regulations and prudential standards
- To assist in the establishment and functioning of efficient payment systems and to oversee them
- To foster and develop a sound and progressive financial services sector

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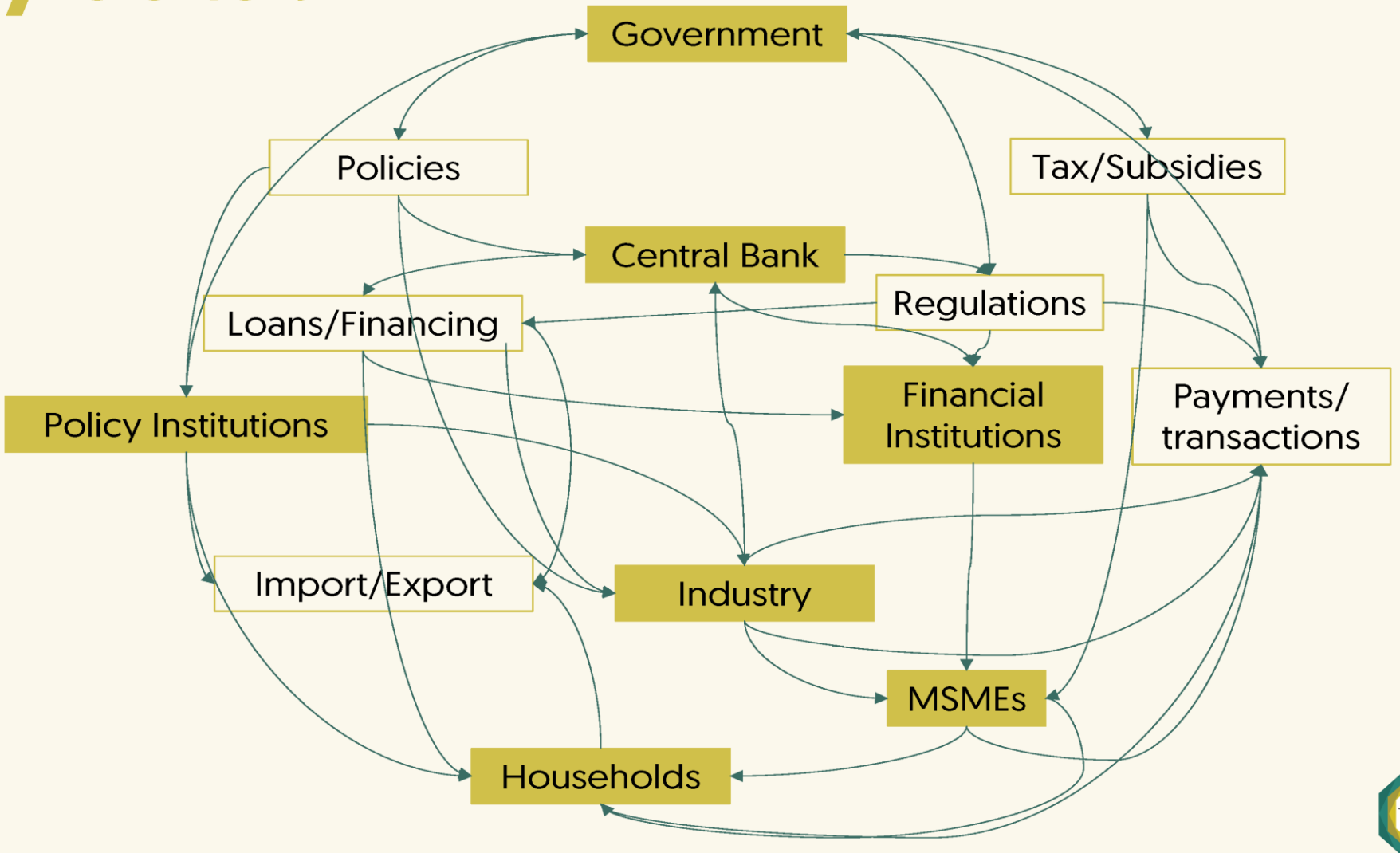
Why data?



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Why is quality data important?

Faulty Test Result → Wrong Diagnosis → Wrong Treatment

"Chest pain misdiagnosed as indigestion → Wrong medicine → Critical risk

Poor Data Quality → Wrong Policy → Missed Targets

"Outdated statistics → Ineffective programs → Delayed progress

Just as doctors need accurate tests, policymakers need quality data to prescribe the right solutions for the nation.

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Some key data in BDCB

Macroeconomic data

- Inflation Forecast
- Business Sentiment Index
- Residential Property Price Index

Financial Data

- Monetary and Financial Statistics
- Monetary Aggregates
- Banking Sector
  - Direction of Lending
  - Non-performing Loans
- Takaful and Insurance Sector
  - Gross Premiums
  - Gross Claims
- Capital Markets
- Money Changer and Remittance Companies

Administrative Data

- Collateral Registry
- Credit Bureau
- Currency Management
- Financial Development
- Financial Intelligence
- Payment Settlement System

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What's Next?

- Capacity building
- System Enhancements
- Process Reviews and Streamlining
- Data Governance and Standards
- Collaboration and Engagement
- Communication and Dissemination

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Influencing policies, improving lives.

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The Power of Data

Tells **stories** about
people / communities / society.

It is the **foundation** of
informed policymaking.

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What Makes Data "Quality"

1. **Accurate**
   Correctly reflects respondent's true opinions, behaviors, or experiences.

2. **Timely**
   Collected while still current and useful.

3. **Relevant**
   Directly addresses the study's purposes and objectives.

4. **Representative**
   Sample accurately reflects the characteristics of the target population.

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The High Cost of Poor Data

Biased Sampling

Does not accurately represent the diversity of the population.

Inaccurate or misreported data

Responses do not reflect the truth.

Ineffective policies

Irrelevant / misaligned

Does not directly support policy objective

Outdated

Collected or released too late.

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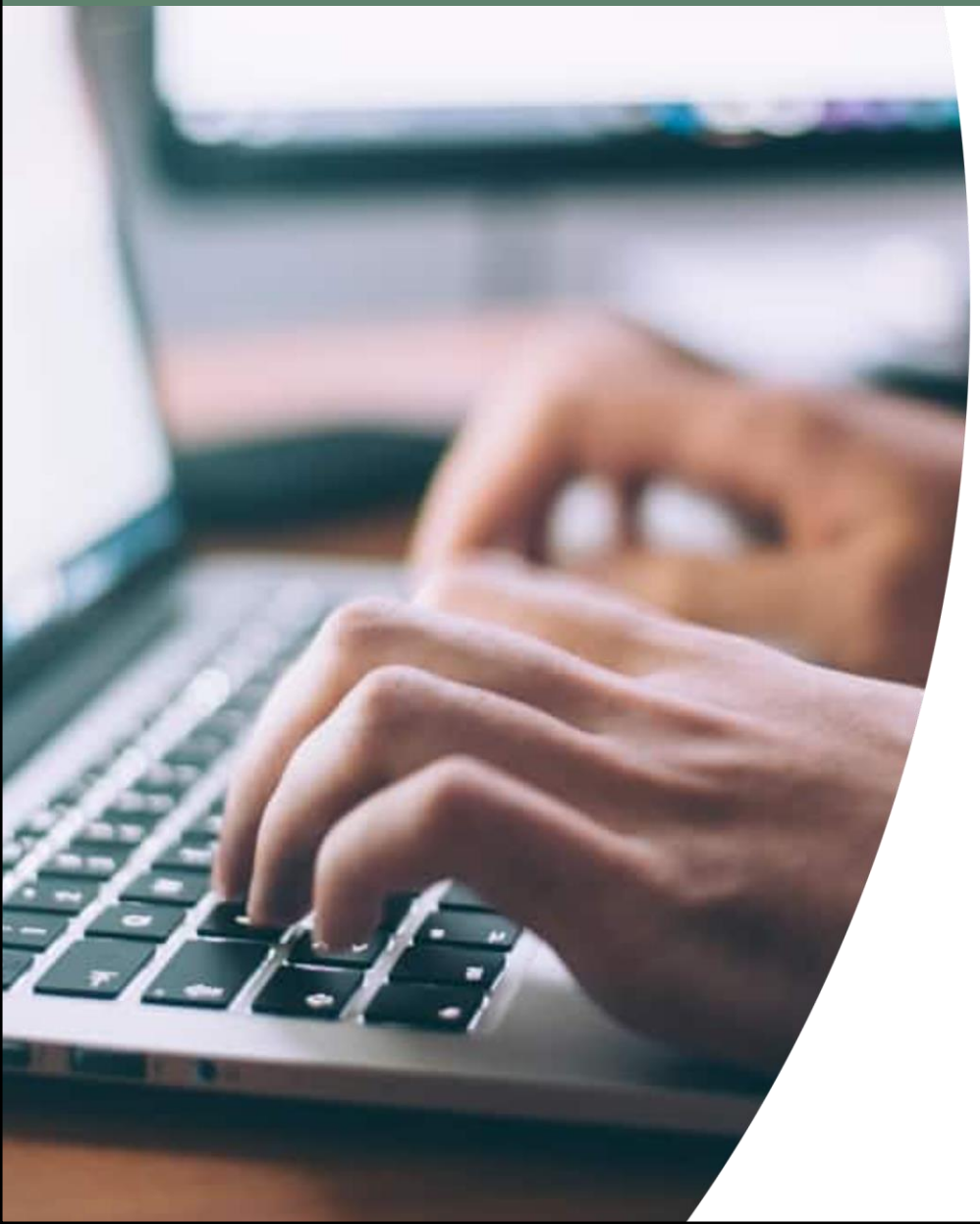

The Centre for Strategic and Policy Studies (CSPS)

National think tank for policy research and advice on all matters of national development.

Extensive Primary Data Collection

Collecting high-quality primary data through extensive surveys and in-depth interviews, specifically designed to address social and public policy issues.

Evidence-Based Policy Recommendations

Formulating evidence-backed policy recommendations towards achieving Wawasan 2035.

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Case Study: The Youth Development Index 2025

Ongoing study in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports (MCYS).

A multidimensional assessment of the overall well-being, empowerment, and readiness of young people in Brunei Darussalam.

Accurate

Through **meticulous survey design** and **rigorous enumerator training**.

Timely

Survey is repeated every few years, avoiding outdated insights.

Relevant

Developed in **close consultation with relevant stakeholders**, directly aligning with national youth policy objectives.

Representative

Stratified sampling methodology of 1,400 randomly-selected households in all four districts. Additional sample: 250 youth from hidden populations.

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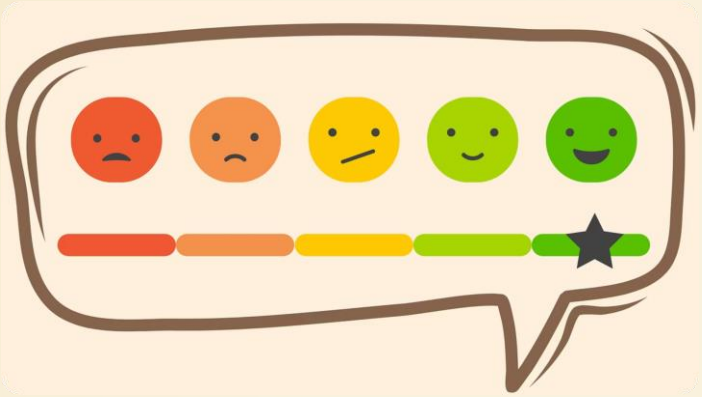

Quality data

Better policies

Wawasan 2035 achieved

Your role?

Public: Participate in surveys.

Providers: Maintain and share accurate information.

Policymakers: Champion evidence-based policymaking.

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BRUNEI DARUSSALAM ECONOMIC FRAMEWORK

WAWASAN BRUNEI 2035 GOAL 3 OUTCOMES

WAWASAN 2035 GOAL 3: DYNAMIC AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY

- HIGH & SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH
- ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION
- MACROECONOMIC STABILITY
- LOW UNEMPLOYMENT

ECONOMIC BLUEPRINT AS GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES

- ASPIRATION I — PRODUCTIVE & VIBRANT BUSINESSES
- ASPIRATION II — SKILLED, ADAPTIVE & INNOVATIVE PEOPLE
- ASPIRATION III — OPEN & GLOBALLY CONNECTED ECONOMY
- ASPIRATION IV — SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT
- ASPIRATION V — HIGH QUALITY & COMPETITIVE ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE
- ASPIRATION VI — GOOD GOVERNANCE & PUBLIC SERVICE EXCELLENCE

INDUSTRIAL ROADMAPS / KEY SECTORS MASTERPLAN GUIDING MINISTERIAL STRATEGIC PLAN

- INDUSTRIAL ROADMAPS
- KEY SECTORS MASTERPLAN

MINISTERIAL STRATEGIC PLANS

PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS SUPPORTING THE INDUSTRIAL ROADMAPS AND STRATEGIC PLANS

INVESTMENTS

- NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (RKN)
- PRIVATE SECTOR
- GOVERNMENT-LINKED COMPANIES (GLCs) & STATUTORY BOARD

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GOAL 3 WAWASAN BRUNEI 2035:
Dynamic & Sustainable Economy

GOAL 3 WAWASAN BRUNEI 2035: DYNAMIC & SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY

OUTCOMES

- HIGH & SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH
- ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION
- MACROECONOMIC STABILITY
- LOW UNEMPLOYMENT

MAIN INDICATORS

- GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) GROWTH

- NON-OIL & GAS GDP & EXPORTS

- TRADE BALANCE & INFLATION

- UNEMPLOYMENT RATE & LOCAL EMPLOYMENT

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Towards a Dynamic & Sustainable Economy

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ASPIRATION 1: PRODUCTIVE & VIBRANT BUSINESSES

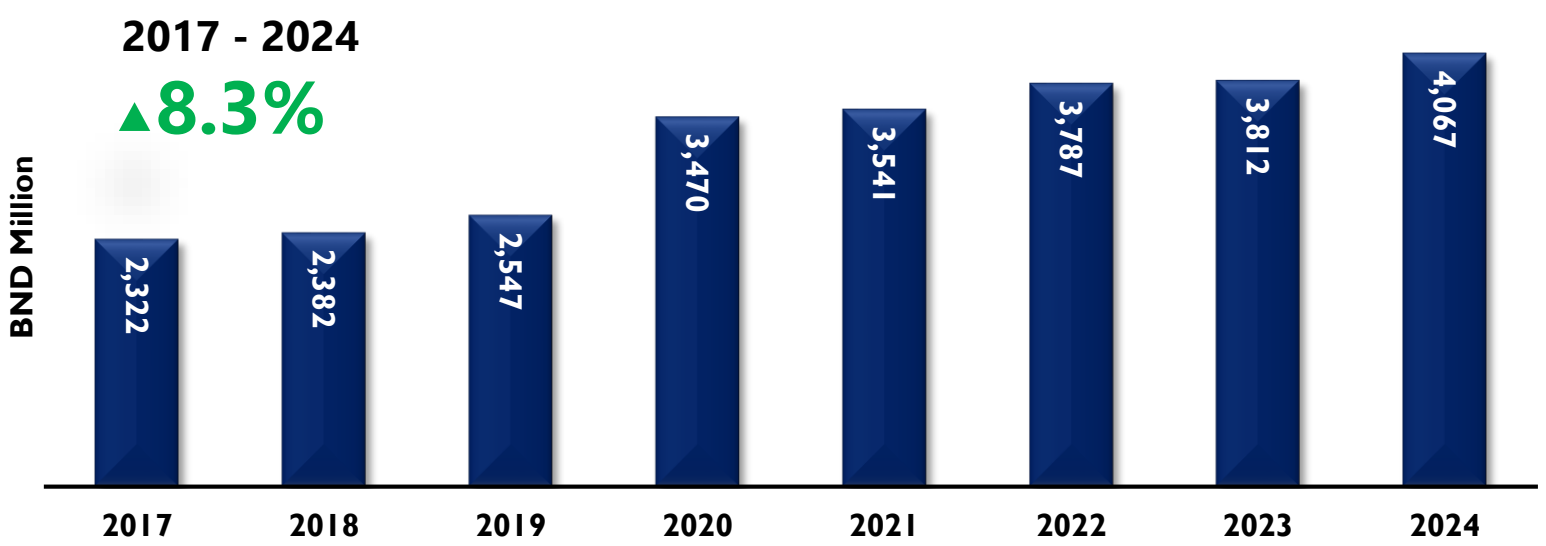
Key Measures

Businesses to compete; grow and sustain itself by exploring new markets; and opportunities leveraging on technology and innovation across all sectors especially the five (5) priority sectors.

Strategic Priorities

- ***Priority Sectors*** *as engine of growth*
- *Strategic Investment in* ***High – Value Added Activities***
- *Explore* ***emerging growth opportunities***
- *Generating* ***new employment***

Priority Sectors GDP



Other Measures…

- **Labour Productivity**
- **FDI Stock**
- **Revenue of Enterprises**

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ASPIRATION 2: SKILLED, ADAPTIVE & INNOVATIVE PEOPLE

Key Measures

To provide marketable and future-ready manpower to meet industrial needs, as well as promoting entrepreneurial growth.

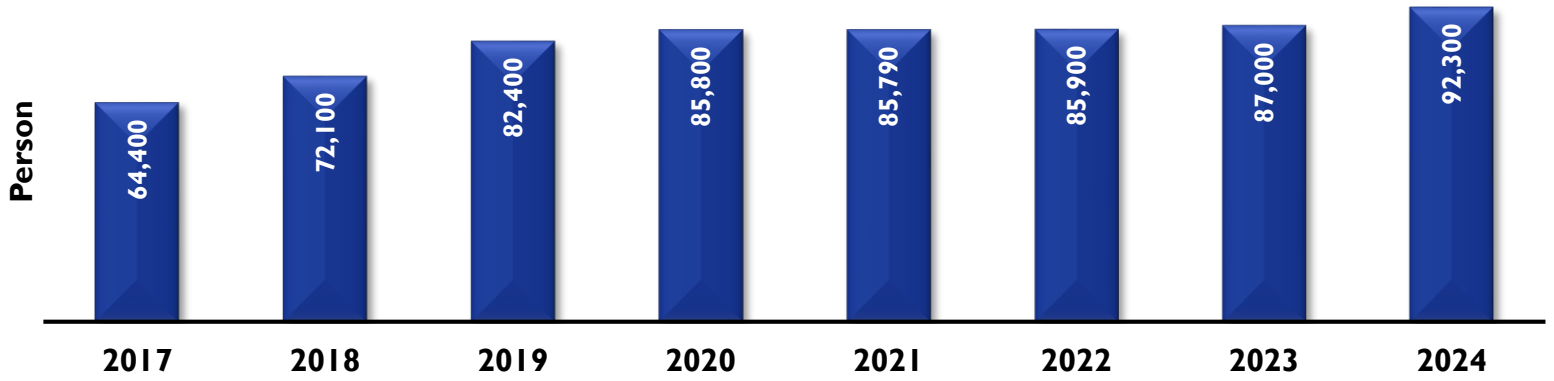
Strategic Priorities

- ***Marketable & future – ready*** *manpower*
- *Resilient* ***Entrepreneurs***

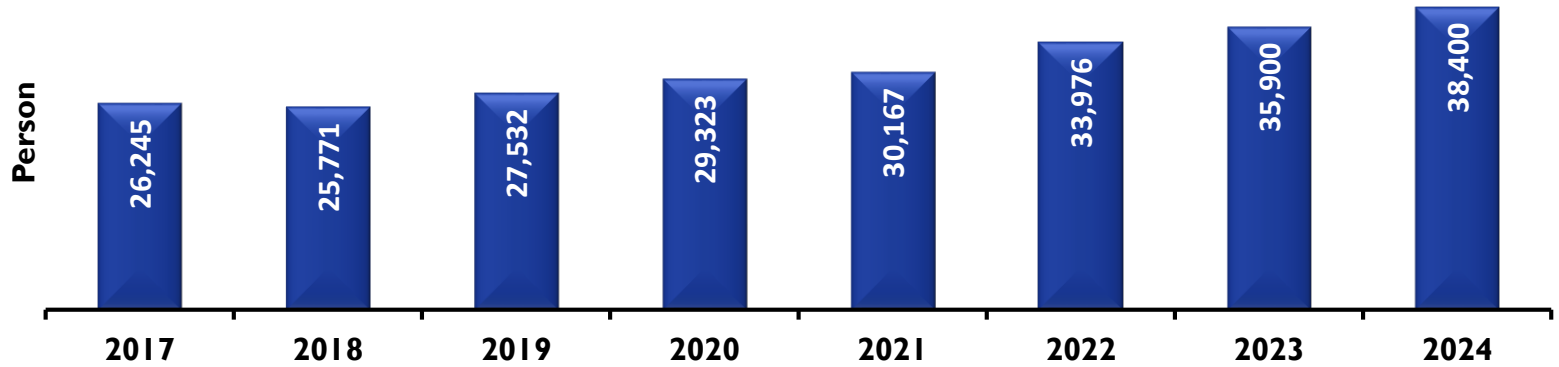
Other Measures...

- **Number of Entrepreneurs**

No. of Local Employment in Private Sector



No. of Local Professionals, Managers, Executives, and Technicians (PMET) in Private Sector



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ASPIRATION 3: OPEN & GLOBALLY CONNECTED ECONOMY

Key Measures

Expand market access and pursue the diversification and deepening of economic partnerships to translate international relationships into business opportunities.

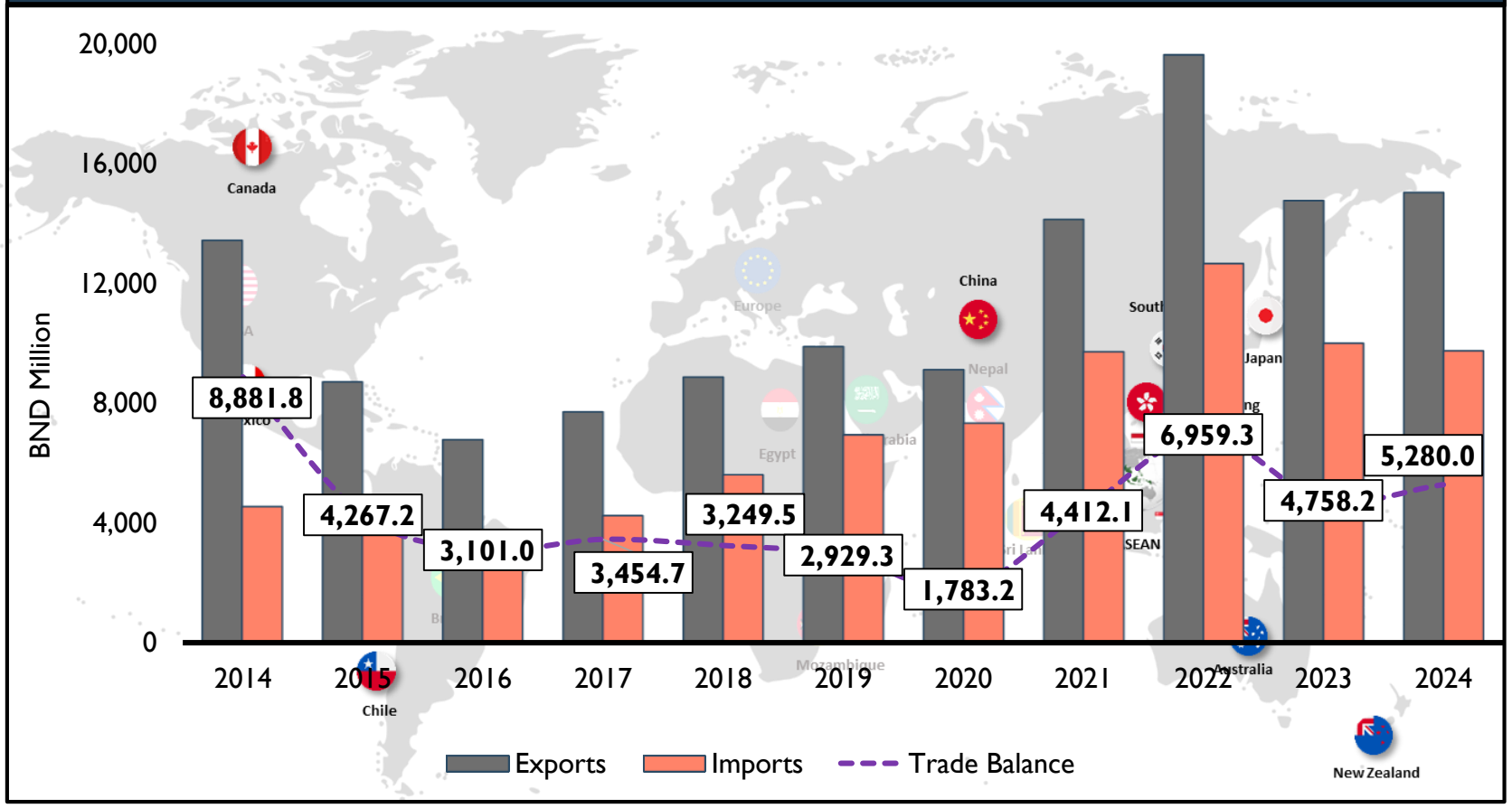
Strategic Priorities

- ***Market Access***
- ***Promote local products*** *internationally*
- *Explore* ***bilateral & multilateral Trade Agreements***
- *Improve* ***connectivity***

Other Measures…

- **FTAs utilization**
- **Movement of Cargo**

Trade Performance (BND Million)



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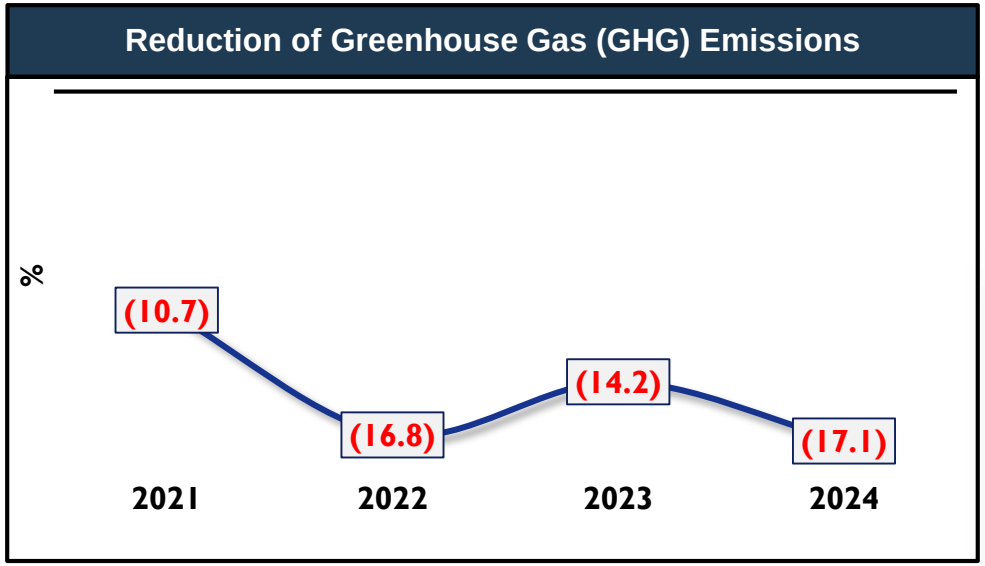
ASPIRATION 4: SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

Key Measures

Promote sustainable development and foster a culture of environmental responsibility by investing in green industries and adopting innovative technologies to minimize environmental impact.

Strategic Priorities

- ***Green growth*** *initiatives*
- ***Green House Gas (GHG)*** *Emission Reduction*
- *Explore* ***renewable energy***



Other Measures...

- **Renewable Energy**

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ASPIRATION 5: HIGH QUALITY & COMPETITIVE ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE

Key Measures

A robust transportation and digital network, coupled with reliable, uninterrupted electricity and water supply, and infrastructure-ready industrial sites, to effectively support a thriving business ecosystem.

Strategic Priorities

- *Well-connected* ***transportation network***
- ***Infrastructure*** *Ready*
- *Reliable* ***Utilities***

Other Measures...

- **Development of Airport & Seaport**
- **Electricity Supply**
- **Water Supply**
- **Internet Connectivity**

Development of Industrial Sites

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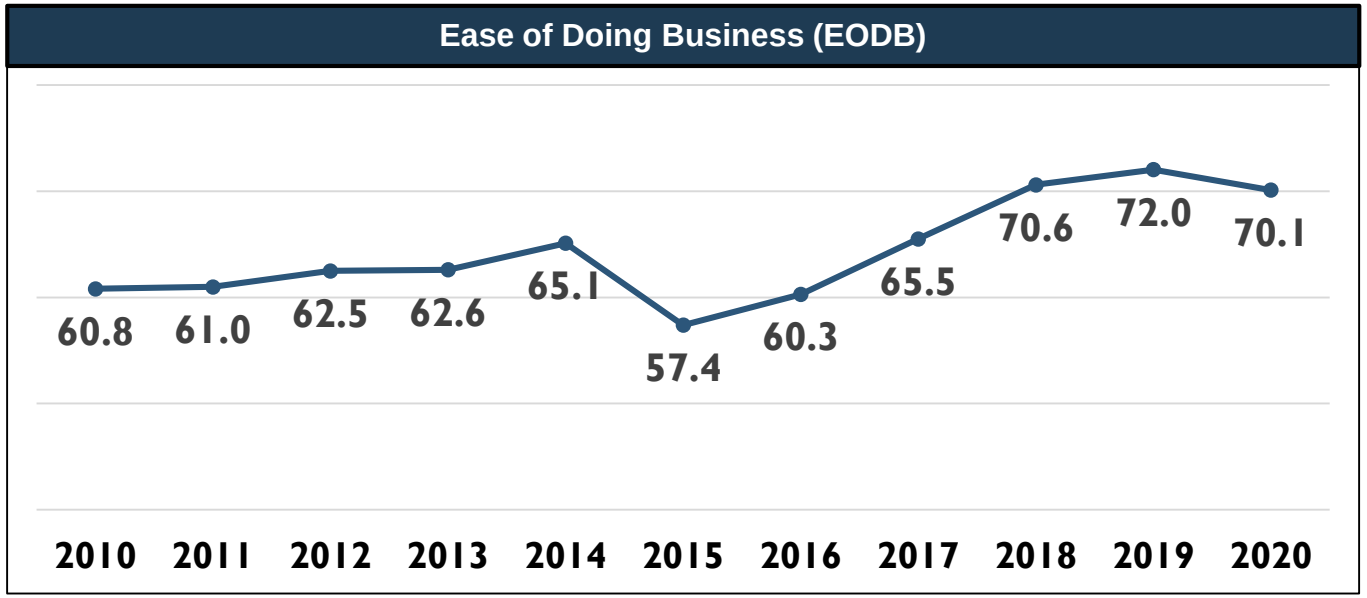
ASPIRATION 6: GOOD GOVERNANCE & PUBLIC SERVICE EXCELLENCE

Key Measures

Enhancing governance to improve public service efficiency and foster a conducive business ecosystem.

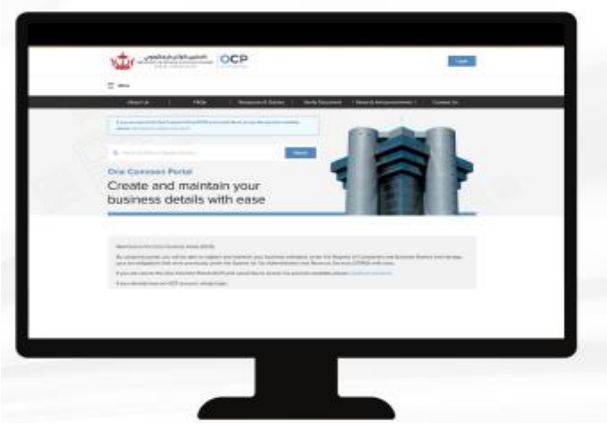
Strategic Priorities

- ***Ease of Doing Business***
- *Efficient* ***Public Service Delivery***
- *Regulatory* ***compliancy***
- ***Adaptive (dynamic)*** *regulation*



Other Measures…

- **Tekad Pemedulian Orang Ramai (TPOR)**
  - Starting a Business
  - Construction Permit
  - Trading Across Border



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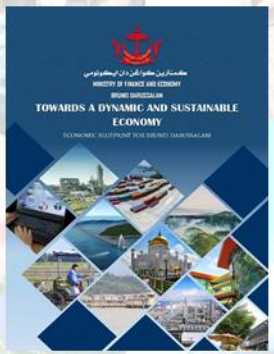

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