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Labour Market Advance Release 3Q 2026

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Singapore's labour market continued to expand in 3Q 2026.

Total employment growth grew by 27,700, with faster growth for both residents and non-resident employment.

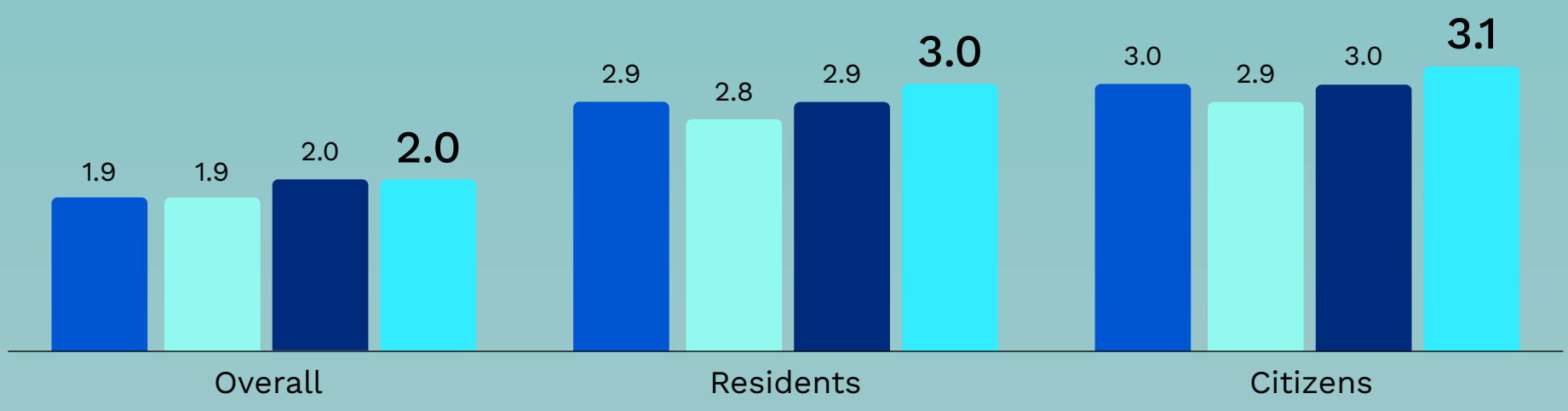
3Q 2025	2Q 2026	3Q 2026[p]
+25,100	+11,400	+27,700

Resident employment growth continued to be mainly supported by essential and public services.

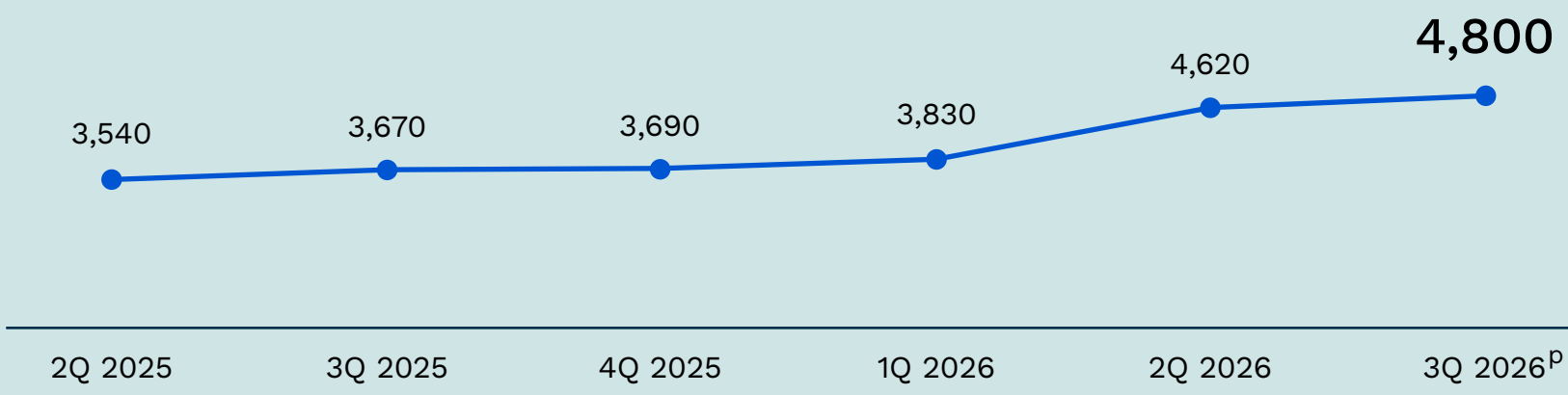
Non-resident employment growth was concentrated in the following sectors.

- Construction
- Manufacturing

Unemployment remained broadly stable in September 2026. Resident and citizen unemployment rates edged up slightly to 3.0% and 3.1% respectively, from 2.9% and 3.0% respectively (August 2026).



Retrenchments increased from 4,620 in 2Q 2026 to 4,800 in 3Q 2026, though the incidence of retrenchment remained at 2.0 per 1,000 employees over the same period.



(1) Employment and retrenchment data are rounded to the nearest hundred and ten respectively
(2) Employment data exclude migrant domestic workers
(3) Monthly unemployment rates are seasonally adjusted
(4) P: Preliminary