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Labour Market Report 1Q 2026

Singapore's labour market continued to expand in 1Q 2026, alongside sustained economic growth.

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Source: Labour Market Report First Quarter 2026
Manpower Research & Statistics Department, MOM

Total employment increased, marking the 18th consecutive quarter of growth since 4Q 2021.

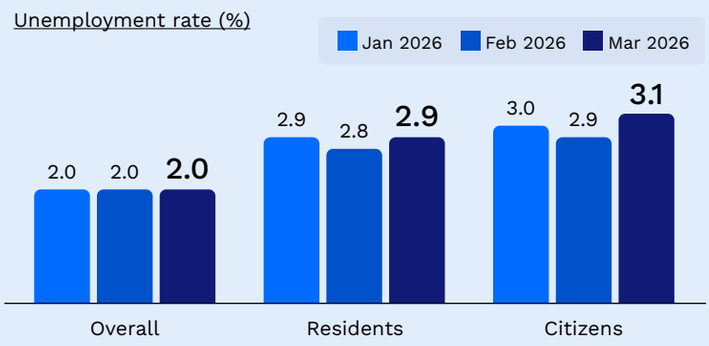
	4Q 2025	1Q 2026
Total employment	▲ +17,700	▲ +9,400

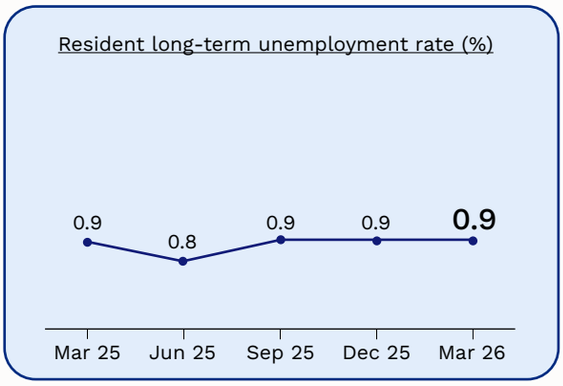
Residents	+5,400	Resident employment saw an increase from 3,100 residents in 4Q 2025.
Non-residents	+4,100	Non-resident employment growth moderated from the previous quarter.

Employment mainly grew in

for residents	for non-residents
Administrative & Support Services	Construction
Transportation & Storage	Manufacturing

Unemployment remained low and stable in March 2026.

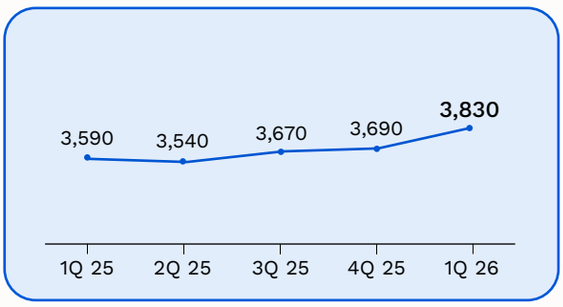




Job demand remained firm with 73,300 job vacancies in March 2026. The number of job vacancies continued to exceed the number of unemployed persons at 1.46.

Dec 2025		Mar 2026	
158 job vacancies	per 100 unemployed persons	146 job vacancies	per 100 unemployed persons

Retrenchments remained low and within non-recessionary norms, with 1.6 retrenched per 1,000 employees in 1Q 2026.



Source: Manpower Research and Statistics Department, MOM, Labour Market Report First Quarter 2026

1. Employment and retrenchment data are rounded to the nearest hundred and ten respectively
2. Employment data exclude migrant domestic workers
3. Data for unemployment rates, long-term unemployment rates, and ratio of job vacancies to unemployed persons are seasonally adjusted