



## Performance of Wholesale & Retail Trade, August 2023



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### PERFORMANCE OF WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE, AUGUST 2023

#### SALES VALUE

##### WHOLESALE TRADE

Aug. 2023 : RM63.9b. | 6.2%

July 2023 : RM63.1b. | 5.7%

##### RETAIL TRADE

Aug. 2023: RM60.5b. | 6.3%

July 2023 : RM59.7b. | 5.5%

##### MOTOR VEHICLES

Aug. 2023: RM18.1b. | 9.7%

July 2023 : RM16.9b. | 19.9%

#### SALES VALUE

RM142.5b.

Aug. 2023: 6.7%

July 2023: 7.1%

#### VOLUME INDEX

152.8 points

Aug. 2023: 5.0%

July 2023: 5.4%

#### VOLUME INDEX

##### WHOLESALE TRADE

Aug. 2023: 6.1%

July 2023 : 6.6%

##### RETAIL TRADE

Aug. 2023: 3.8%

July 2023 : 2.7%

##### MOTOR VEHICLES

Aug. 2023: 8.7%

July 2023 : 20.4%

JULY 2023  
2.3%

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED  
VOLUME INDEX (MONTHLY)

AUG. 2023  
-0.03%

#### MAIN GROUPS (SALES VALUE)

##### WHOLESALE TRADE

Other Specialised Wholesale

July 2023: 5.8% | Aug. 2023: 6.2%

Wholesale of Household Goods

July 2023: 2.8% | Aug. 2023: 5.4%

Wholesale of Food, Beverages & Tobacco

July 2023: 8.8% | Aug. 2023: 8.1%

##### RETAIL TRADE

Retail Sale in Non-specialised Stores

July 2023: 9.0% | Aug. 2023: 9.2%

Retail Sale of Other Goods in Specialised Stores

July 2023: 4.6% | Aug. 2023: 5.7%

Retail Sale of Other Household Equipment in Specialised Stores

July 2023: 0.2% | Aug. 2023: 1.9%

##### MOTOR VEHICLES

Sale of Motor Vehicles

July 2023: 25.9% | Aug. 2023: 6.2%

Sale of Motor Vehicles Parts & Accessories

July 2023: 17.3% | Aug. 2023: 20.7%

Maintenance & Repair of Motor Vehicles

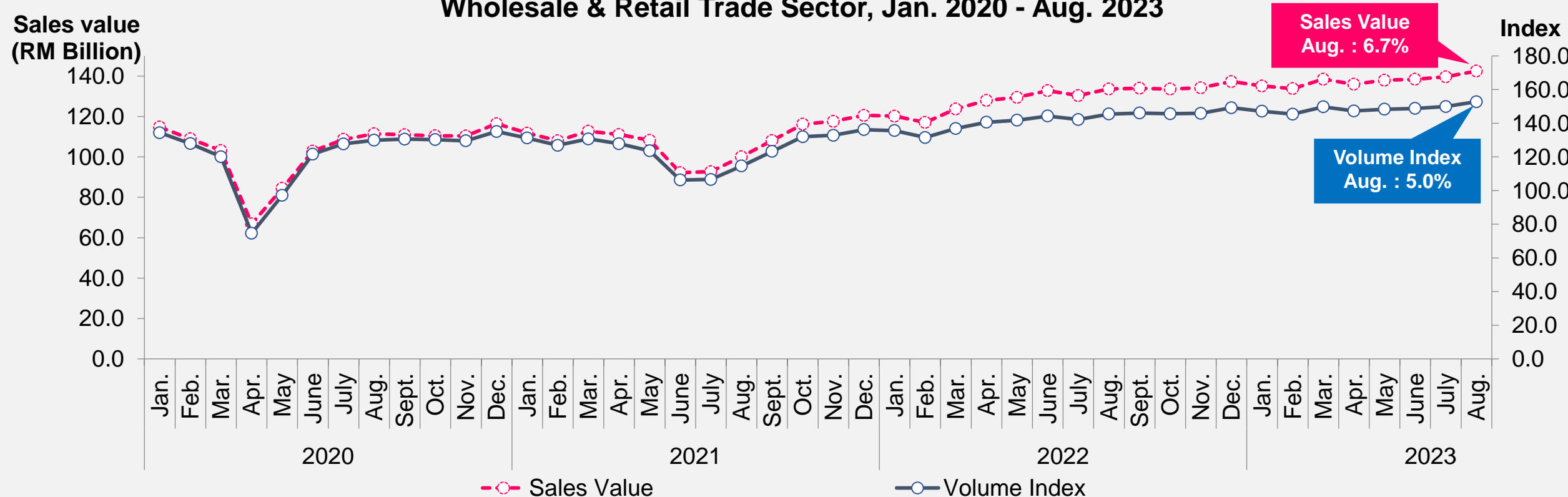
July 2023: 18.3% | Aug. 2023: 21.6%

Percentage change: Year-on-Year

Source: Performance of Wholesale & Retail Trade, August 2023  
Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM)

### Time Series Data

Performance in Sales Value and Volume Index for  
Wholesale & Retail Trade Sector, Jan. 2020 - Aug. 2023



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# ***Malaysia's Wholesale & Retail Trade recorded 6.7 per cent sales growth in August 2023 to stand at RM142.5 billion***

- Malaysia's Wholesale & Retail Trade recorded sales value of **RM142.5 billion**, increased **6.7 per cent** year-on-year in August 2023. Meanwhile, for month-on-month comparison, sales value grew **2.0 per cent**. The year-on-year increase was attributed to Wholesale Trade sub-sector, which rose **6.2 per cent** or **RM3.7 billion** to register **RM63.9 billion**. Retail Trade also expanded by registering **6.3 per cent** or **RM3.6 billion** to **RM60.5 billion**, followed by Motor Vehicles with an increase of **9.7 per cent** or **RM1.6 billion** to settle at **RM18.1 billion**.
- Referring to the performance across sub-sectors, the growth of **6.2 per cent** year-on-year in Wholesale Trade was attributed to Other Specialised Wholesale which rose **RM1.5 billion** or **6.2 per cent** to **RM25.0 billion**. This was followed by Wholesale of Food, Beverages & Tobacco (**8.1%**), Wholesale of Household Goods (**5.4%**), Wholesale of Agricultural Raw Materials & Live Animals (**7.9%**), Non-specialised Wholesale Trade (**6.3%**), Wholesale on a Fee or Contract Basis (**10.3%**), and Wholesale of Machinery, Equipment & Supplies (**1.0%**). For monthly comparison, Wholesale Trade rose **1.2 per cent**.
- The increase of **6.3 per cent** year-on-year in Retail Trade in this month was supported by Retail Sales in Non-specialised Stores which grew **9.2 per cent** or **RM1.9 billion** to **RM23.0 billion**. Other groups in this sub-sector also recorded positive growth namely Retail Sales in Specialised Stores (**5.7%**), Retail Sales of Automotive Fuel (**8.9%**), Retail Sales of Food, Beverages & Tobacco (**13.3%**), Retail Sales of Household Goods (**1.9%**), Retail Sales in Stalls & Market (**7.1%**), Retail Sales of Cultural and Recreation Goods (**0.5%**), and Retail Sales Not in Stores, Stalls or Market (**1.3%**). For month-on-month comparison, sales of this sub-sector edged up **1.4 per cent**.
- The growth of **9.7 per cent** for Motor Vehicles sub-sector in this month was fueled by Sales of Motor Vehicles Parts & Accessories which accelerated **20.7 per cent** or **RM0.8 billion** to record **RM4.7 billion**. This was followed by Sales of Motor Vehicles (**6.2%**), and Maintenance & Repair Motor Vehicles (**21.6%**). For monthly comparison, this sub-sector rose **7.1 per cent**.
- In terms of volume index, Wholesale & Retail Trade for August 2023 registered a year-on-year growth of **5.0 per cent**. The expansion was contributed to all sub-sectors namely Motor Vehicles (**8.7%**), Wholesale Trade (**6.1%**), and Retail Trade (**3.8%**). For seasonally adjusted volume index, it went down **-0.03 per cent** month-on-month.

