



MEDIA STATEMENT

MINISTRY OF ECONOMY
DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS MALAYSIA

Block C6 & C7, Complex C,
Federal Government Administrative Centre, Precinct 1,
62514 Federal Territory of Putrajaya
Telephone : 03 - 8090 4681

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, MALAYSIA JANUARY 2025

Malaysia's inflation remained at 1.7 per cent in January 2025

PUTRAJAYA, 21 February 2025 - Malaysia's inflation remained at 1.7 per cent in January 2025 with the index points stood at 133.6 as against 131.4 in the same month of the previous year. The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) reported today on the release of **CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI), JANUARY 2025**.

The increase of inflation in January 2025 was driven by an increase in the main groups of Restaurant & Accommodation Services (3.5%); Personal Care, Social Protection & Miscellaneous Goods & Services (3.3%); Recreation, Sport & Culture (1.8%) and Education (1.6%). In addition, Health group (1.2%); Transport (0.9%); Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco (0.9%); Insurance & Financial Services (0.6%) and Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (0.5%) showed a higher increase as compared to December 2024.

Chief Statistician Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin informed that inflation for Information & Communication decreased to negative 5.3 per cent in January 2025 (December 2024: -5.4%). This was due to the decline in inflation for the main subgroup of Information & communication services at negative 5.9 per cent (December 2024: -6.4%). Clothing & Footwear remained at a negative territory and posted negative 0.3 per cent (December 2024: -0.5%). Meanwhile, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels and Food & Beverages recorded a slower increase at 2.8 per cent and 2.5 per cent as against 3.2 per cent and 2.7 per cent respectively in the prior month.

The Food & Beverages group which contributes 29.8 per cent of the total CPI weight increased slower by 2.5 per cent in January 2025 (December 2024: 2.7%). This was attributed by the main subgroup of Food at home which increased by 0.4 per cent as compared to 0.9 per cent in December 2024. The expenditure class of Food at home that recorded a slower increase on a year-on-year basis were Sugar, confectionery & desserts, 0.8 per cent (December 2024: 1.0%); Cereals & cereal products, 0.3 per cent (December 2024: 0.5%) and Fruits & nuts, 0.3 per cent (December 2024: 0.6%).

Besides, inflation in the expenditure class of Vegetables recorded a decrease of negative 1.1 per cent (December 2024: 3.6%). The price of vegetables in the market has stabilised due to improved weather conditions in January 2025. Among the vegetables that recorded a decrease on a year-on-year basis in January 2025 were Cucumber, negative 11.1 per cent (December 2024: 3.0%); Mustard, negative 9.9 per cent (December 2024: 2.0%) and French beans, negative 8.4 per cent (December 2024: 9.3%).

The expenditure class of Meat recorded a decline at a negative rate of 1.0 per cent in January 2025 (December 2024: -0.3%). The decline in the expenditure class was contributed by Local beef and Pork which registered negative 4.0 per cent and negative 0.7 per cent respectively in January 2025. Furthermore, Chicken as the largest component (32.6%) in the expenditure class of Meat also recorded a decrease at negative 0.3 per cent (December 2024: 0.9%). Based on data collected by DOSM, the average price of Standard chicken in Malaysia for January 2025 was RM10.40 per kilogramme as compared to RM10.33 per kilogramme in January 2024 (December 2024: RM10.32). Meanwhile, the average price of Standard chicken in Peninsular Malaysia for January 2025 was RM9.59 per kilogramme as compared to RM9.61 per kilogramme in January 2024 (December 2024: RM9.52).

Apart from that, the main subgroup of Food away from home increased 5.0 per cent as compared to 4.8 per cent in December 2024. Among the items that recorded a higher increase in January 2025 were Pizza, 39.9 per cent (December 2024: 39.6%); Cooked vegetables, 6.3 per cent (December 2024: 6.0%); Satay, 5.7 per cent

(December 2024: 3.9%); Plain rice, 4.7 per cent (December 2024: 4.6%) and Cooked chicken, 3.9 per cent (December 2024: 3.1 per cent).

Furthermore, inflation for Transport increased at 0.9 per cent in January 2025 as compared to 0.4 per cent in December 2024. The increase was contributed by main subgroup of Operation of personal transport equipment which increased 1.3 per cent in January 2025 (December 2024: 1.0%). Among the items that recorded an increase were Diesel, 17.1 per cent (December 2024: 15.0%); Car servicing, 6.1 per cent (December 2024: 5.6%) and Car wash services, 5.8 per cent (December 2024: 5.7%).

The average price for Diesel in Peninsular Malaysia was RM3.06 per litre as compared to RM2.15 per litre in January 2024 (December 2024: RM2.95). However, the average price of Diesel for Sabah, Sarawak and Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan remained at RM2.15 per litre. In addition, inflation for Unleaded petrol RON97 decreased at negative 4.0 per cent (December 2024: -7.5%). The average price of Unleaded petrol RON97 in January 2025 was RM3.33 per litre as against RM3.47 per litre in January 2024 (December 2024: RM3.21).

Chief Statistician Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin also added that, with regards to inflation at the state level, most of the states recorded inflation below the national inflation level of 1.7 per cent. However, inflation for four states were above the national inflation level namely Pulau Pinang (2.4%), Selangor (2.0%), Johor (1.9%) and Pahang (1.9%). All states registered an increase in the inflation of Food & Beverages. The highest rate was recorded by Selangor at 4.3 per cent, followed by Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya (3.5%), Terengganu (3.4%), Melaka (2.7%), Negeri Sembilan (2.7%) and Johor (2.6%). Meanwhile, other states showed an increase below the national inflation of Food & Beverages of 2.5 per cent in January 2025.

The overall monthly inflation for January 2025 increased 0.1 per cent as against December 2024. The increase was driven by the inflation in the main group of Restaurant & Accommodation Services (0.5%), Transport (0.4%), Health (0.3%), Education (0.2%) and Personal Care, Social Protection & Miscellaneous Goods &

Embargo: Only to be published or disseminated at 1200 hour, Friday, 21 February 2025

Services (0.2%). Meanwhile, core inflation increased at 1.8 per cent in January 2025 as compared to December 2024 (1.6%). The increase was due to Food & Beverages (4.0%) main group, Restaurant & Accommodation Services (3.5%) and Personal Care, Social Protection & Miscellaneous Goods & Services (3.3%).

In comparison to inflation in other selected countries, inflation in Malaysia (1.7%) was lower than inflation in Vietnam (3.6%), Philippines (2.9%) and Republic of Korea (2.2%). However, the rate was higher than Thailand (1.3%), Indonesia (0.8%) and China (0.5%).

The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) has launched OpenDOSM NextGen as a medium that provides data catalogue and visualisations to facilitate users' analysis and can be accessed through <https://open.dosm.gov.my>.

The Government of Malaysia has declared National Statistics Day (MyStats Day) on October 20th. MyStats Day theme is "Statistics is the Essence of Life".

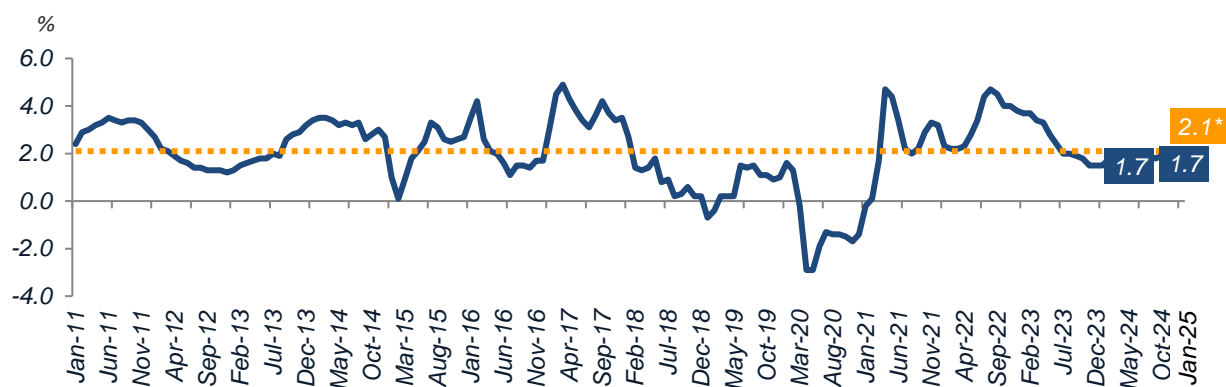
Released by:

**THE OFFICE OF CHIEF STATISTICIAN MALAYSIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS MALAYSIA
21 FEBRUARY 2025**

Embargo: Only to be published or disseminated at 1200 hour, Friday, 21 February 2025

Chart 1

Monthly Inflation Malaysia, January 2011 - January 2025



Note: * Average inflation for the period of January 2011 to January 2025

Chart 2

Malaysia Inflation, Core Inflation and Inflation without Fuel, January 2024 - January 2025

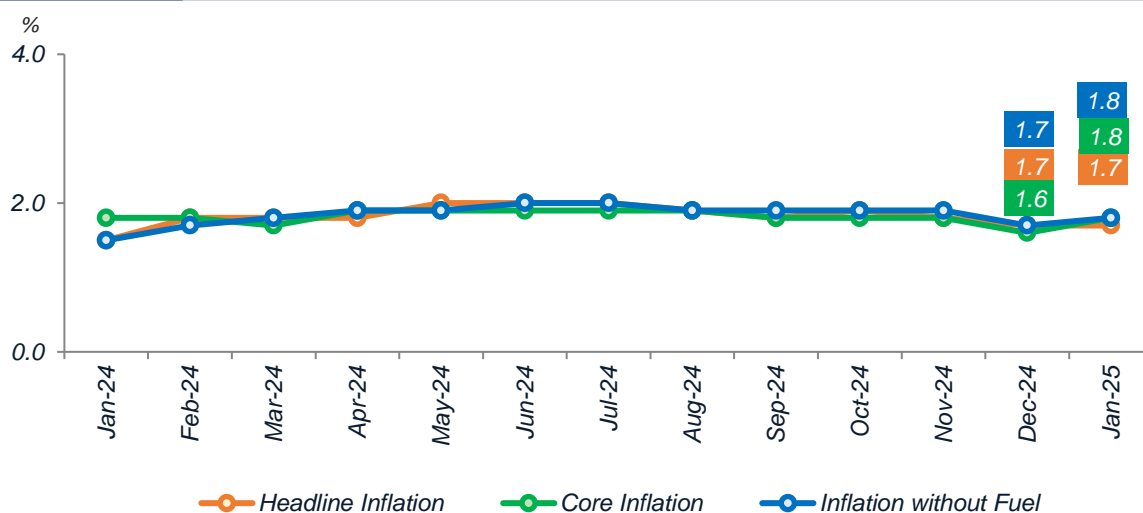


Chart 3

Inflation for Income Group Below RM3,000, January 2024 - January 2025

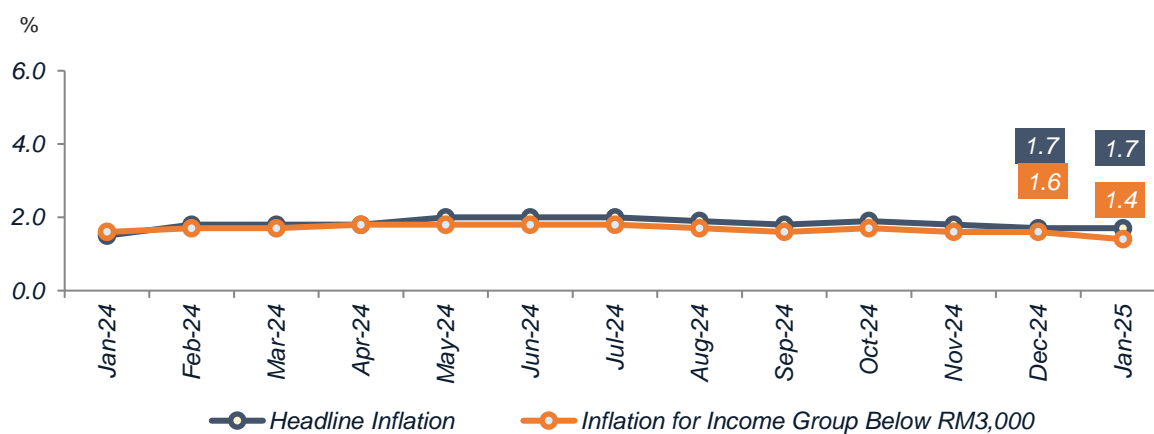


Chart 4

Quarterly Inflation Malaysia, Q1 2011 - Q4 2024

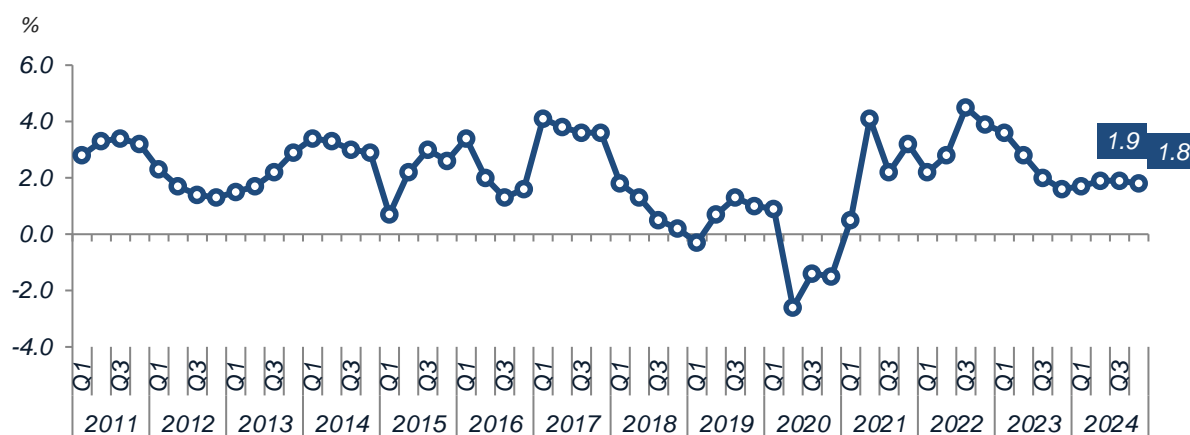


Chart 5

Annual Inflation Malaysia, 2011 - 2024

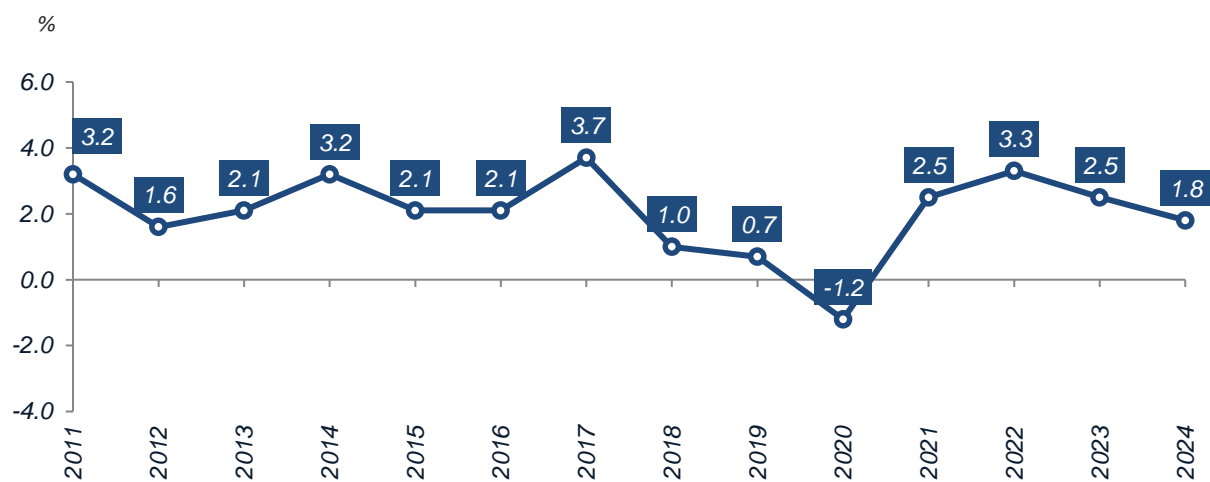


Chart 6

Inflation by Quadrant, December 2024 & January 2025

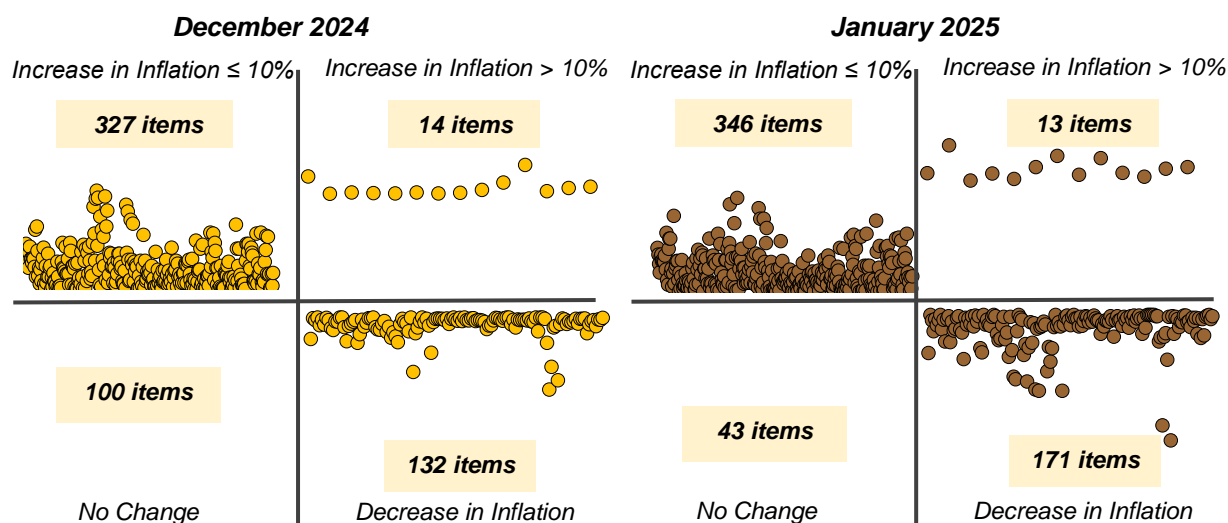


Chart 7

Distribution of Inflation for Food and Non-Food that Increased ≤10%, December 2024 & January 2025

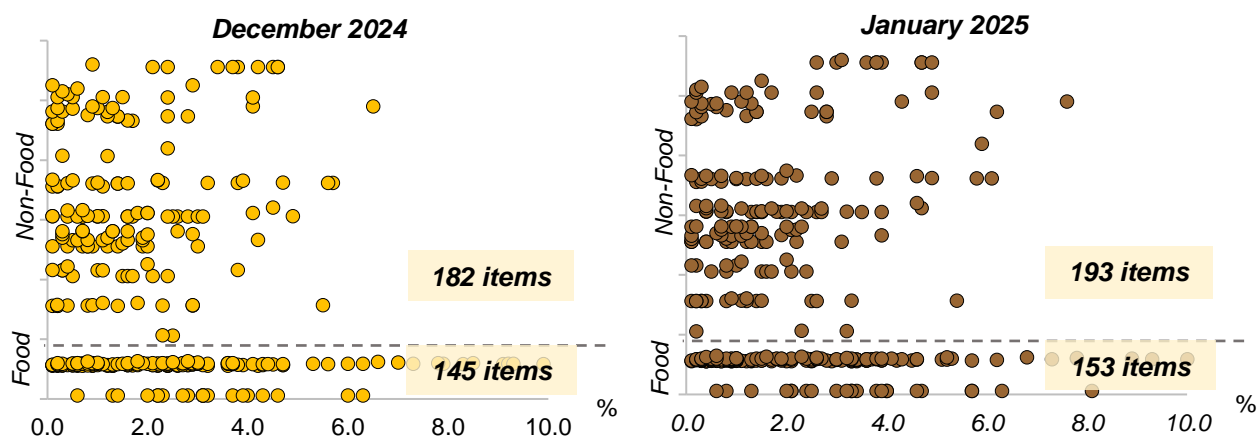


Chart 8

Average Price of Unleaded Petrol RON95, Unleaded Petrol RON97 and Diesel, January 2024 - January 2025

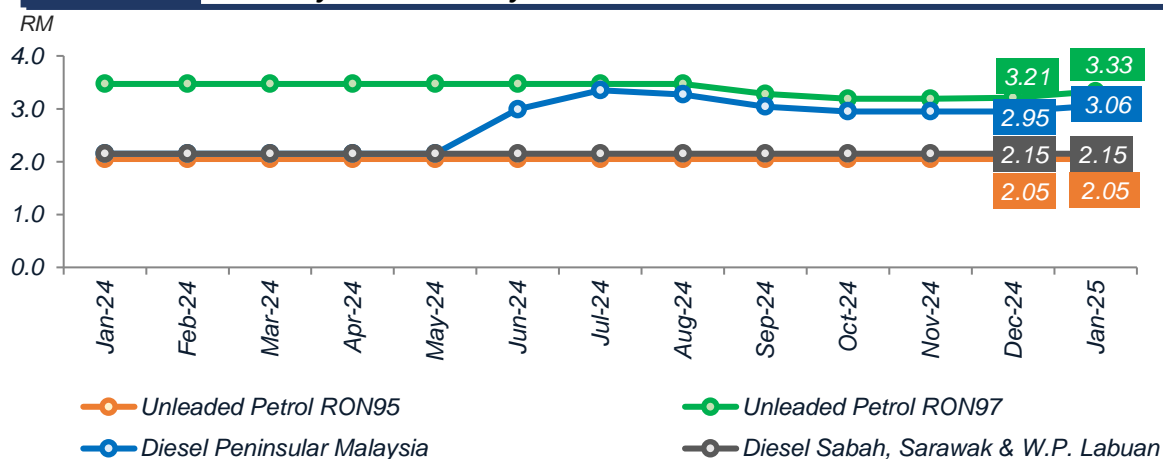


Chart 9

Inflation by Main Group, December 2024 & January 2025

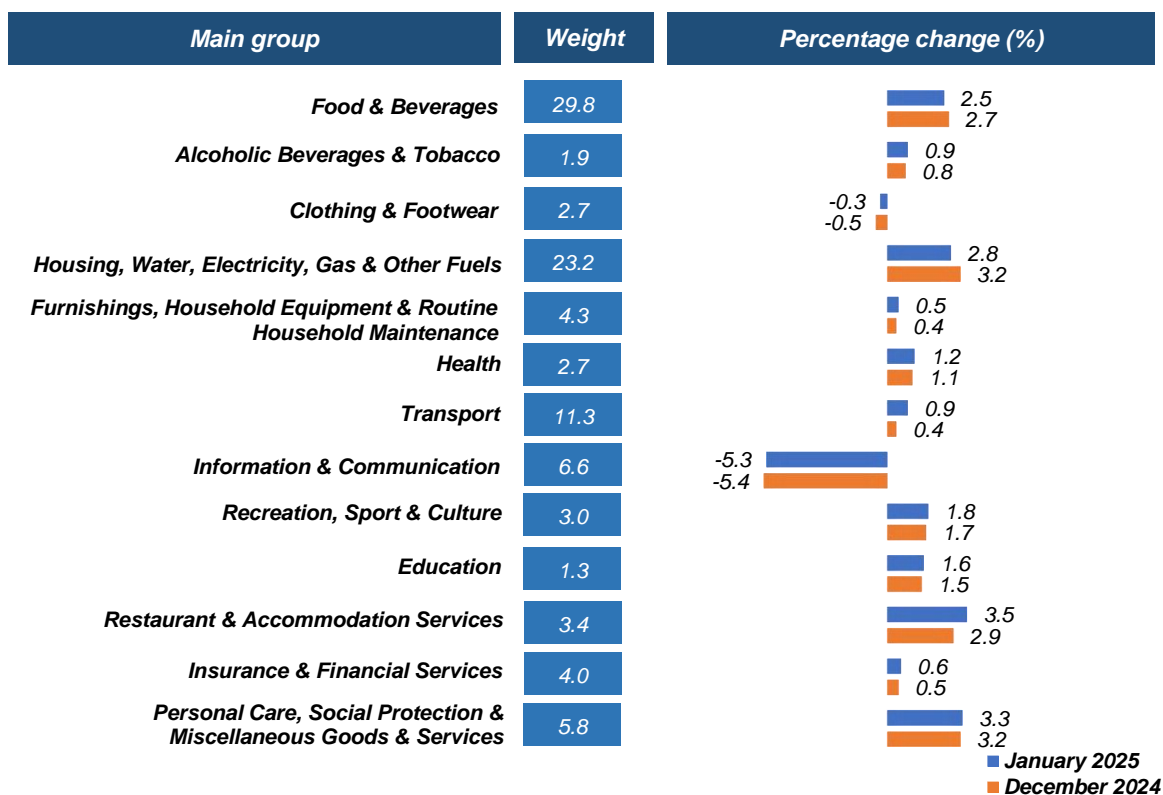


Chart 10

Inflation for Food & Beverages, January 2024 - January 2025

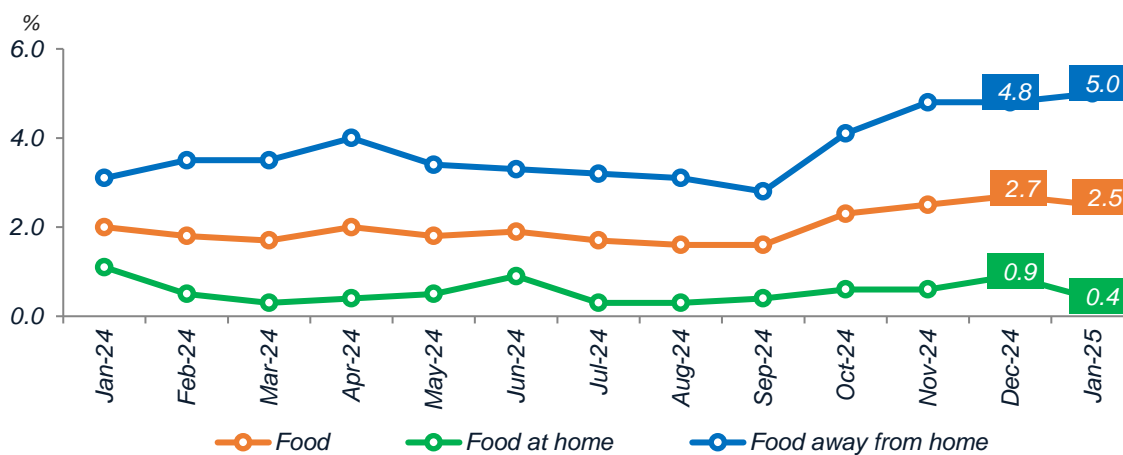
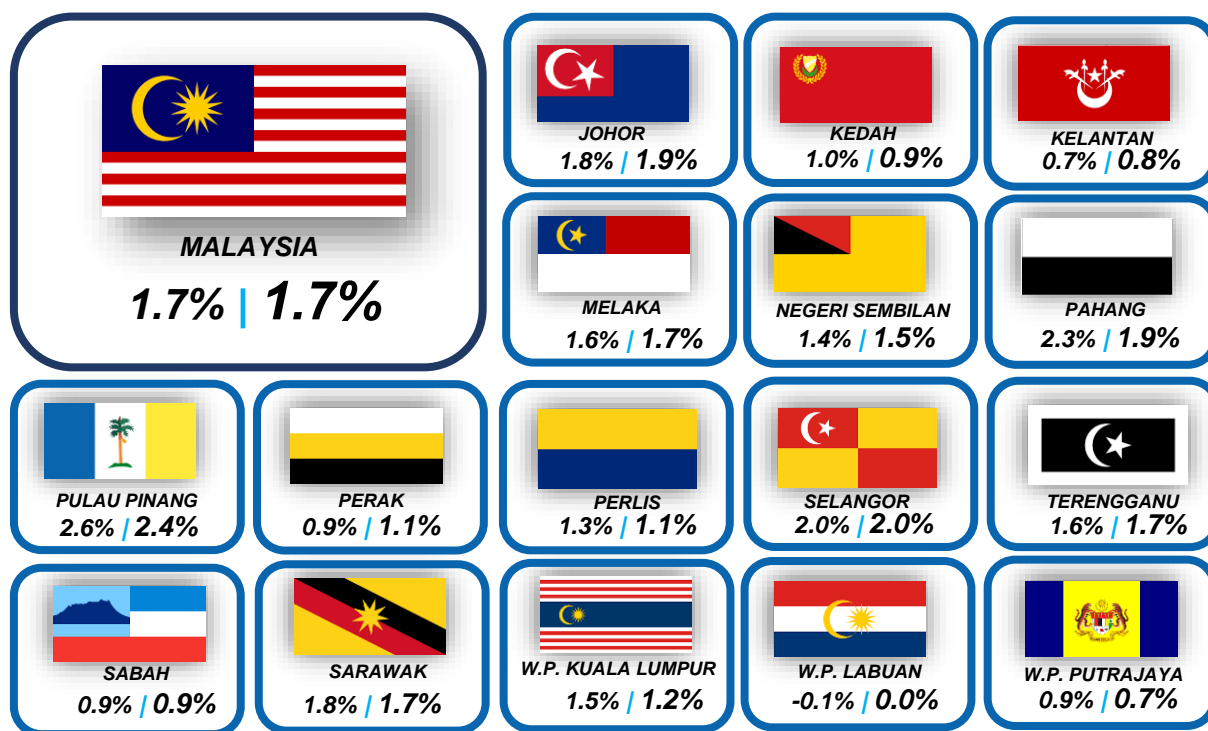


Chart 11 Inflation by State, December 2024 & January 2025



Note: W.P. refers to Wilayah Persekutuan

December 2024 | January 2025

Chart 12 Inflation of Selected Countries, January 2024 - January 2025

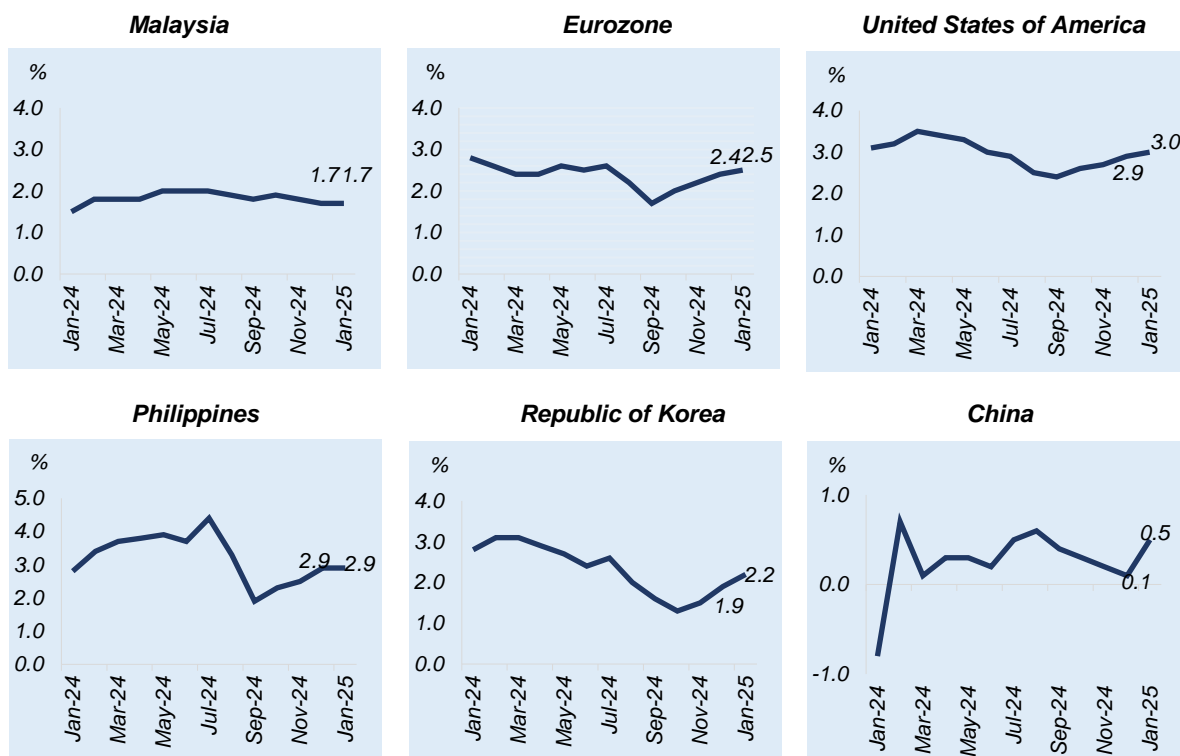
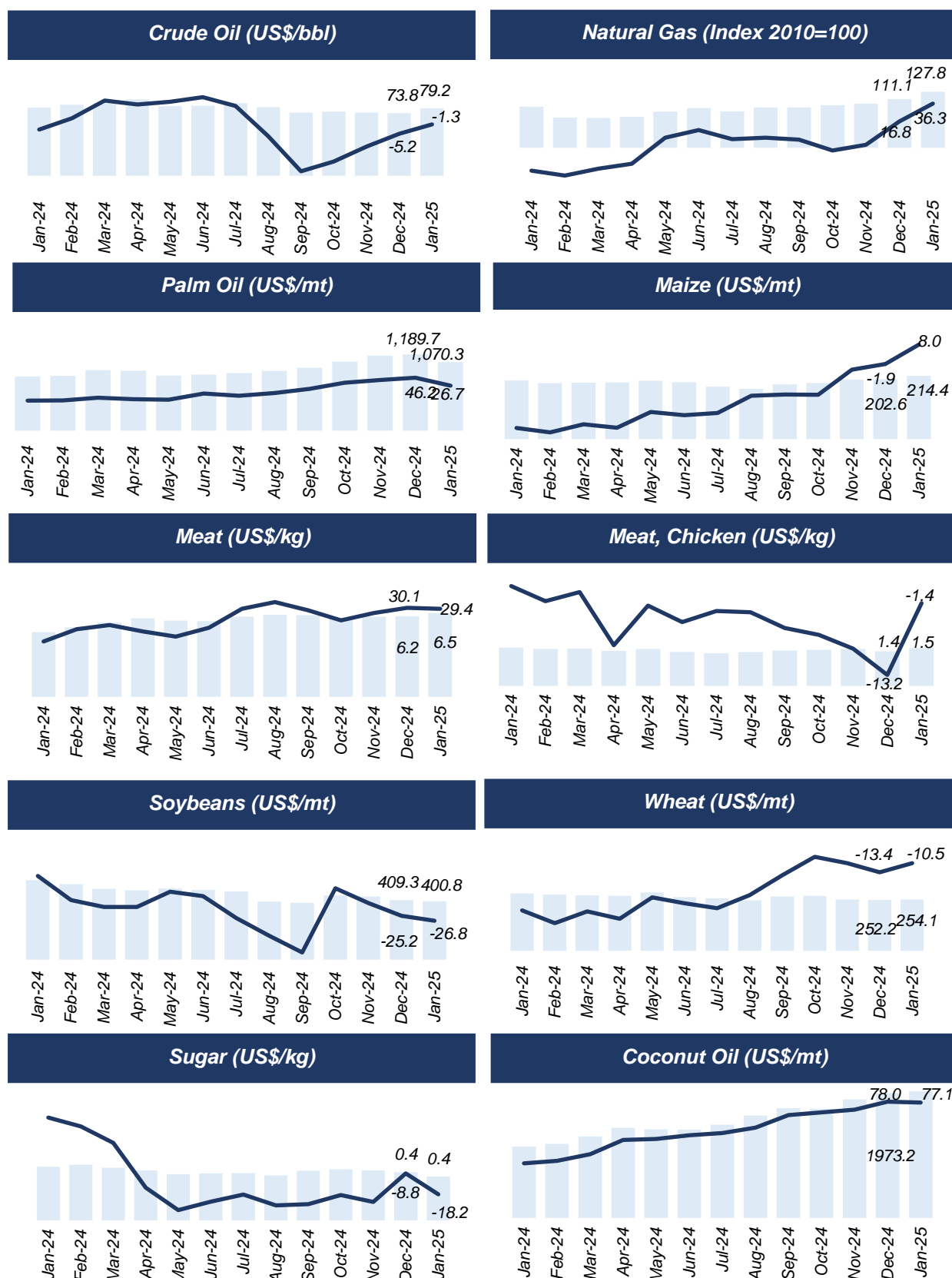


Chart 13 Global Selected Commodity Prices



Global commodity price (US\$) — Percentage change year-on-year

Source: Commodity Monthly Prices, World Bank

Notes:

Bbl : Brazilian Butt Lift (barrel) (1bbl = 159 litres)

Mt : Million Tonne

Mmbtu : Metric Million British Thermal Unit