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MONTHLY MANUFACTURING STATISTICS, MALAYSIA MAY 2025

***The Manufacturing sector sales rose 2.4 per cent, amounted to
RM158.7 billion in May 2025***

PUTRAJAYA, 11 July 2025 – The sales value of the Manufacturing sector rose 2.4 per cent (April 2025: 4.7%), totalled at RM158.7 billion in May 2025. The Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM) reported today in the release of **Monthly Manufacturing Statistics, Malaysia, May 2025**.

Commenting on the latest Manufacturing sales performance, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician Malaysia said, “The growth in sales value within the Manufacturing sector was mainly contributed by the Food, beverages & tobacco sub-sector, sustained the strong expansion with a 13.0 per cent increase in May 2025 (April 2025: 10.8%). This growth was also supported by the Electrical & electronics products and the Non-metallic mineral products, basic metal & fabricated metal products sub-sectors, which rose by 5.0 per cent (April 2025: 9.6%) and 3.7 per cent (April 2025: 4.6%), respectively. However, the sales value dropped by 1.1 per cent to RM158.7 billion as against RM160.4 billion recorded in the prior month.”

Sales value growth in the export-oriented industries which accounting for 71.1 per cent of total sales, grew by 2.7 per cent in May 2025 (April 2025: 5.1%). The performance was primarily due to the increase in the Manufacture of vegetable & animal oils & fats by 15.9 per cent (April 2025: 12.2%). Meanwhile, the Manufacture of computer, electronics & optical products expanded by 4.9 per cent (April 2025: 10.2%), and the Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c. advanced by 7.7 per cent (April 2025: 9.5%). On a month-on-month comparison, export-oriented industries rebounded to 0.1 per cent (April 2025: -3.3%).

Likewise, the domestic-oriented industries expanded by 1.9 per cent in May 2025, following 3.6 per cent rise in April 2025. The performance was supported by robust growth in the Manufacture of food processing products at 10.5 per cent in May 2025 (April 2025: 10.0%), as well as in the Manufacture of basic metals (4.3%) and Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery & equipment (3.5%). On a month-on-month comparison, domestic-oriented industries declined 3.9 per cent.

Commenting on the number of employees, the Chief Statistician Malaysia stated, “A total of 2.40 million employees were recorded in this sector during May 2025, augmented by 0.9 per cent (April 2025: 1.2%). The augmentation was mainly driven by the Food, beverages & tobacco (1.8%); Non-metallic mineral products, basic metal & fabricated metal products (1.4%); and Electrical & electronics products (1.1%). On a month-on-month basis, the number of employees in this sector marginally decreased by 0.1 per cent.

On the same note, the salaries & wages paid in the Manufacturing sector also posted an increase of 1.6 per cent (April 2025: 2.4%), amounted to RM8.3 billion in May 2025. Furthermore, the salaries & wages paid improved by 0.2 per cent compared to RM8.3 billion recorded in the preceding month. Subsequently, the sales value per employee registered at RM66,163 (1.6%), while the average salaries & wages per employee was RM3,470, rose by 0.7 per cent year-on-year.”

Within the first five months this year (January – May 2025), the sales value of the Manufacturing sector was amounted to RM794.7 billion, increased by 3.8 per cent as compared to the same period of 2024 (January – May 2024: 3.3%). The number of employee upticked by 0.9 per cent to 2.40 million persons, while salaries & wages increased by 1.9 per cent to RM41.9 billion with the sales value per employee stood at RM331,327, grew 2.9 per cent.

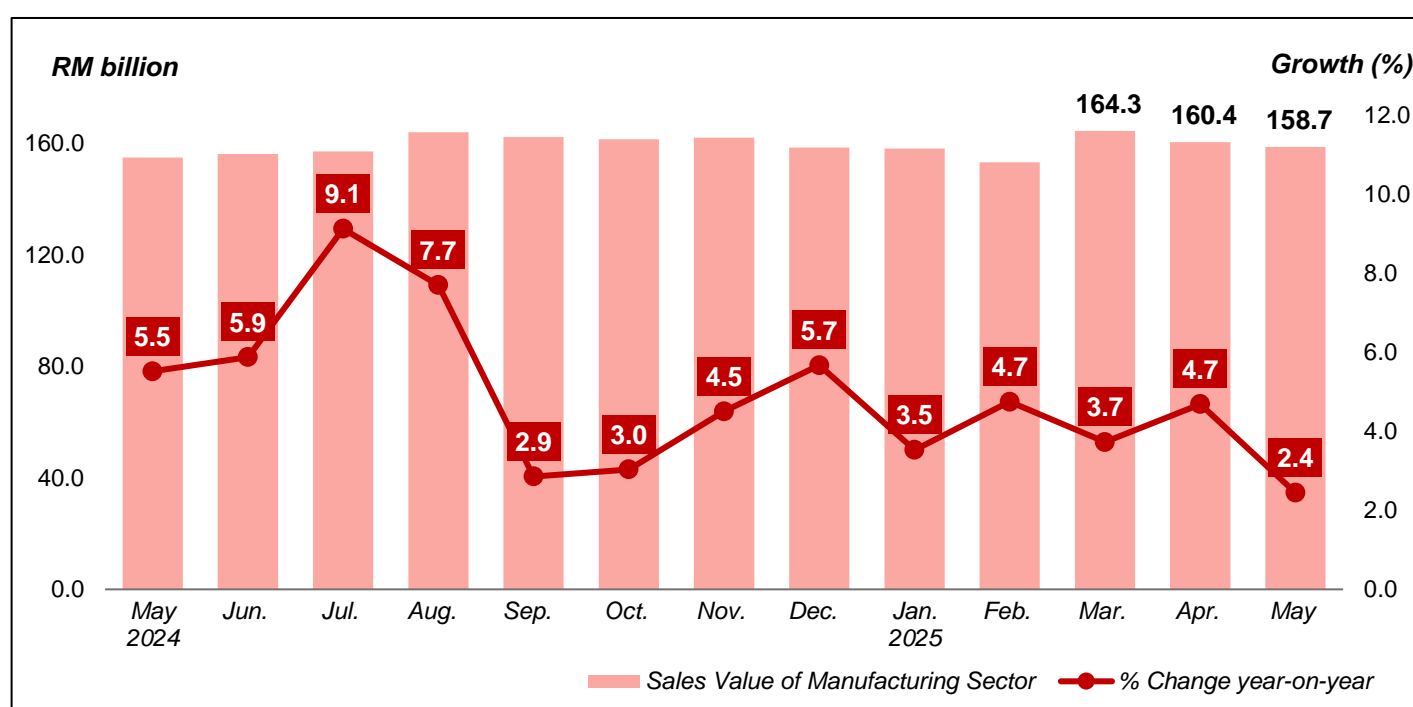
ASEAN-Malaysia 2025 Chairmanship: The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) will chair the 15th ASEAN Community Statistical System Committee (ACSS15) which aims to strengthen the statistical cooperation towards sustainable regional development.

Malaysia has, for the first time, successfully secured the top position globally in the biennial Open Data Inventory (ODIN) 2024/25 report released by Open Data Watch (ODW), surpassing 198 other countries. This achievement marks a significant leap from its 67th position in the ODIN 2022/23 assessment.

The Government of Malaysia has declared October 20th as National Statistics Day (MyStats Day), with the theme 'Statistics is the Essence of Life'. Meanwhile, the Fourth World Statistics Day will be celebrated on 20th October 2025, with the theme 'Driving Change with Quality Statistics and Data for Everyone'.

OpenDOSM NextGen is a medium that provides data catalogue and visualisations to facilitate users' analysis and can be accessed through <https://open.dosm.gov.my>.

**Chart 1: Sales Value of the Manufacturing Sector, Malaysia
May 2024 – May 2025**



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Chart 2: Growth of Manufacturing Sales Value by Sub-sector, Malaysia, April and May 2025

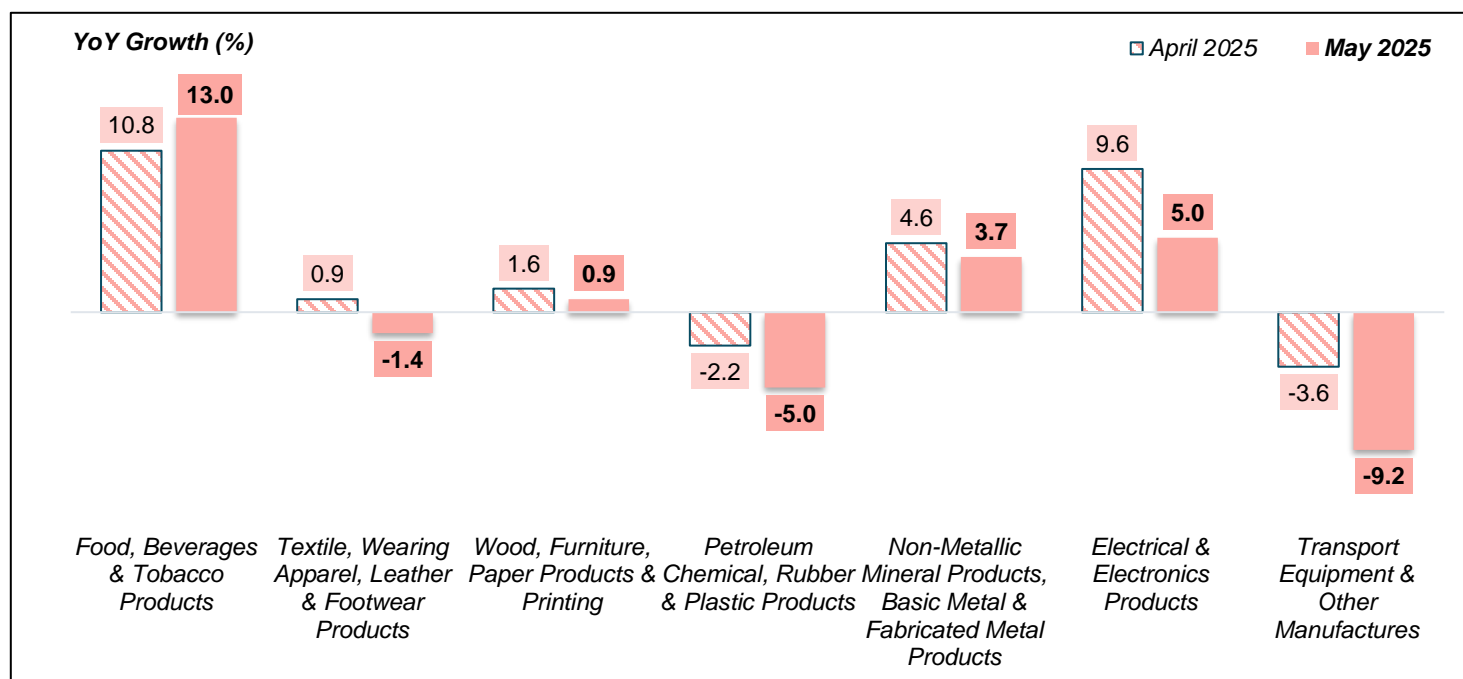


Chart 3: Sales Value of the Export and Domestic-oriented Industries for Manufacturing Sector, Malaysia, May 2024 – May 2025

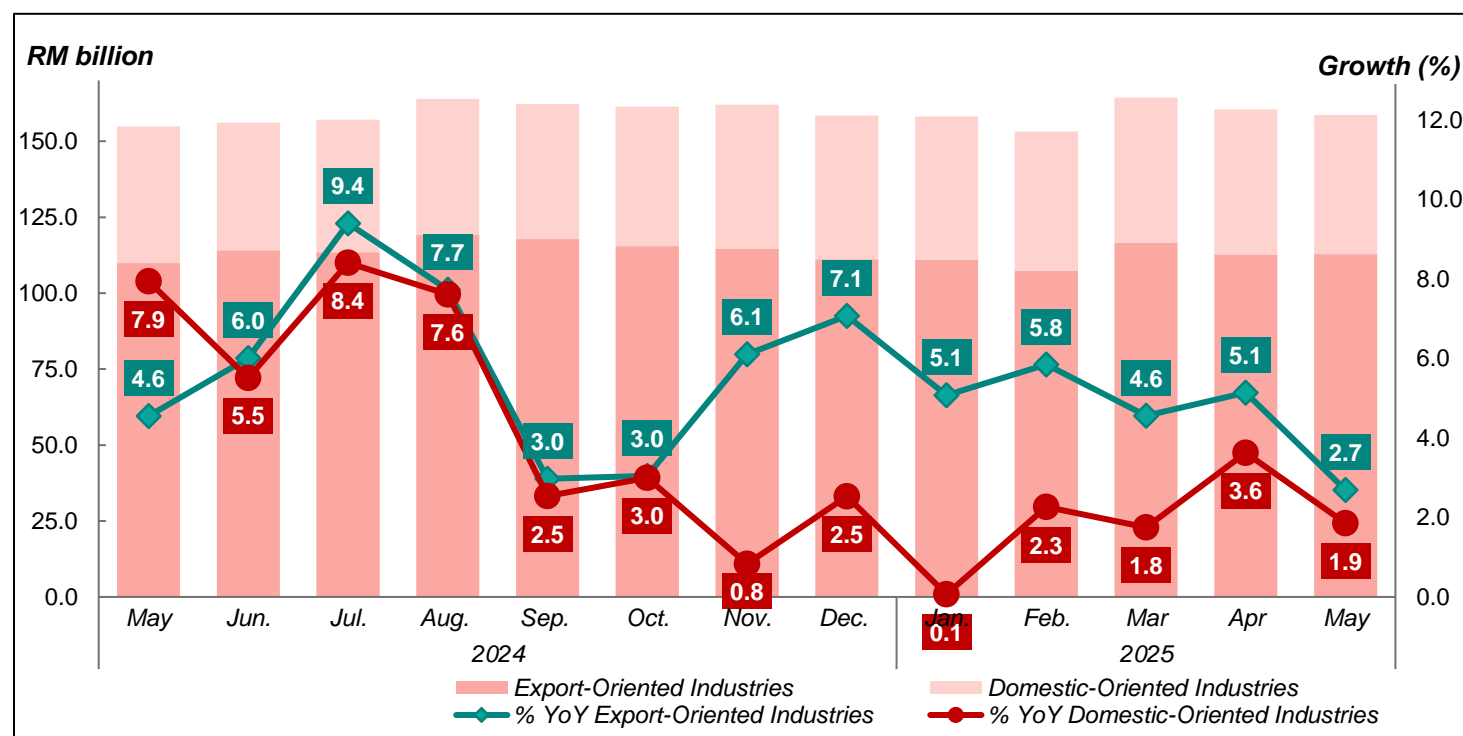
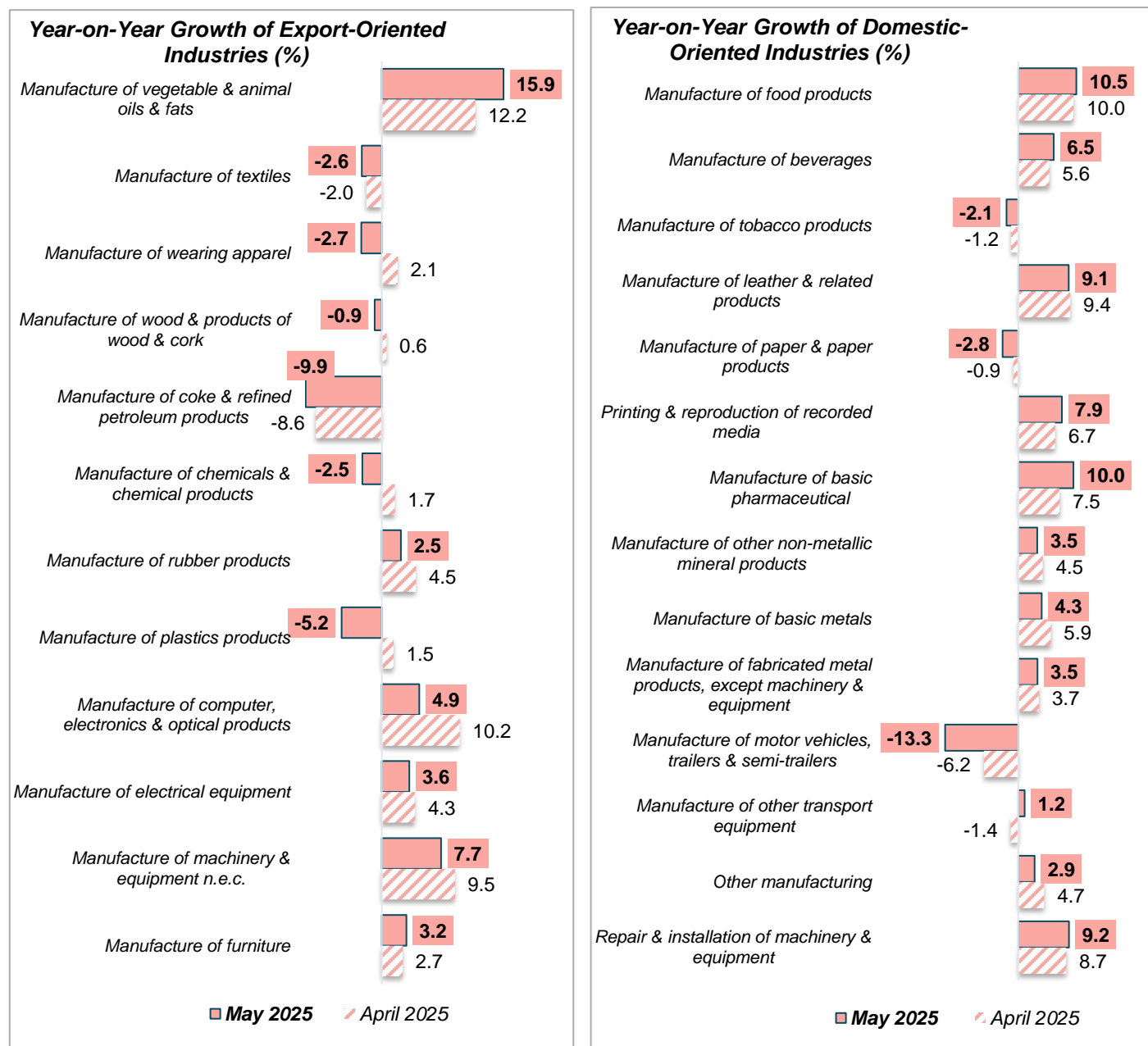


Chart 4: Sales Value of Manufacturing Export and Domestic-Oriented Groups, April and May 2025



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