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ADVANCE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT ESTIMATES THIRD QUARTER OF 2025

Malaysia's GDP is projected to grow 5.2 per cent in the third quarter of 2025, driven by robust performance across all main sectors

PUTRAJAYA, 17 October 2025 – Today, the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) released the advance Gross Domestic Product (GDP) estimates¹ for the third quarter of 2025. The advance estimates indicate that Malaysia's economy grew by 5.2 per cent in the third quarter of 2025, marking an improvement from the 4.4 per cent growth in the previous quarter.

According to the Chief Statistician of Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, "Economic momentum in Malaysia strengthened in the third quarter of 2025. underpinned by solid performance in all main sectors. Domestic demand continued to be the primary engine of growth, particularly in tourism-related activities during public and school holidays. Sustained capital investment and rising external demand further bolstered economic expansion, despite headwinds from uncertain trade policies. Additionally, the reduction of the Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) by 25 basis points to 2.75 per cent and the disbursement of a one-off RM100 cash assistance to eligible Malaysians under the Sumbangan Asas Rahmah (SARA) initiative played a supportive role in stimulating domestic consumption, thereby reinforcing overall economic activity during the quarter. Regarding related indicators, the Industrial Production Index increased 4.2 per cent and 4.9 per cent in July and August, respectively. Manufacturing output increased by 2.8 per cent in August, largely supported by gains in export-oriented industries. The mining sector saw a robust 16.8 per cent rise in August, driven by higher production of crude oil & condensate and natural gas. Furthermore, sales in the wholesale & retail trade sector rose by 5.0 per cent in July and 4.9 per cent in August.

¹ The computation of advance GDP estimates for the third quarter of 2025 is based on the availability of various data sources. In general, there are differences between the advance GDP estimates and the preliminary GDP due to the availability of data from various sources during the compilation period.

The wholesale trade sub-sector led the way in August with a 5.1 per cent rise, closely followed by a 5.0 per cent increase in retail trade. Malaysia's trade performance fluctuated over the past two months. Exports posted solid growth in July at 6.5 per cent, but momentum eased to 1.7 per cent in August. Imports, meanwhile, dipped by 5.9 per cent in August after a modest uptick of 0.6 per cent in July. As a result, overall trade activity expanded by 3.6 per cent in July but declined by 2.0 per cent in August."

All sectors posted positive growth, with a turnaround in the Mining and quarrying sector, while the Services and Manufacturing sectors remained the anchors of expansion in this quarter. The **Services** sector grew by 5.1 per cent in the third quarter of 2025, bolstered by the Wholesale & retail trade, Transportation & storage and Food & beverages and accommodation sub-sectors. Furthermore, the **Manufacturing** sector expanded by 4.0 per cent (Q2 2025: 3.7%), mainly supported by Electrical, electronic & optical products as well as Vegetable and animal oils & fats and food processing.

He added, "The **Mining and quarrying** sector soared to 10.9 per cent from a decrease of 5.2 per cent in the previous quarter, mainly spearheaded by higher production of natural gas and crude oil & condensate. Meanwhile, the **Construction** sector continued its remarkable growth of 11.2 per cent, from 12.1 per cent following a strong performance in all segments, mainly Civil engineering and Specialised construction activities. Additionally, the **Agriculture** sector registered marginal growth of 0.4 per cent (Q2 2025: 2.1%), influenced by better performance in the Livestock sub-sector, however, Oil palm and Rubber sub-sectors contracted in this quarter."

Subsequent to this advance estimates, the preliminary GDP data, which will provide a detailed and comprehensive analysis of economic performance for the third quarter of 2025 will be released on 14 November 2025.

Table 1: GDP Growth by Kind of Economic Activity, (% YoY)

Kind of economic activity	Percentage share to GDP year 2024* (%)	Percentage change from corresponding quarter of preceding year YOY (%)									
		2023	2024		20	24	2025				
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3**	
GDP	100.0	3.5	5.1	4.2	5.9	5.4	4.9	4.4	4.4	5.2	
Agriculture	6.3	0.2	3.1	1.9	7.6	3.6	-0.7	0.7	2.1	0.4	
Mining & quarrying	6.0	0.5	0.9	4.3	2.7	-2.8	-0.7	-2.7	-5.2	10.9	
Manufacturing	23.1	0.7	4.2	2.1	4.7	5.6	4.2	4.1	3.7	4.0	
Construction	4.0	6.0	17.5	11.9	17.2	20.0	20.7	14.2	12.1	11.2	
Services	59.4	5.1	5.3	4.8	5.9	5.2	5.5	5.0	5.1	5.1	

Notes: * Excludes Import duties

** Advance estimates

Source: Department of Statistics Malaysia

Table 2: Comparison of Advance Estimates and Preliminary GDP, (% YoY)

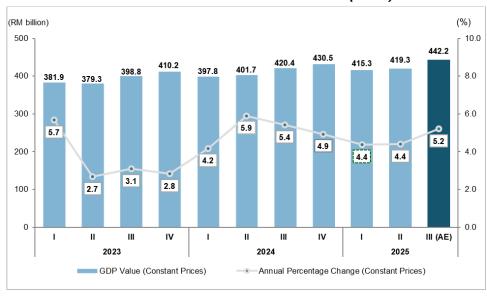
Kind of economic activity	2024									2025					
	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4		Q1		Q2		Q3		
	AE	Preliminary	AE												
GDP	3.9	4.2	5.8	5.9	5.3	5.4	4.8	5.0	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.4	5.2		
Agriculture	1.3	1.7	7.1	7.3	4.0	4.0	-0.6	-0.5	0.7	0.6	2.0	2.1	0.4		
Mining & quarrying	4.9	5.7	3.3	2.7	-3.4	-3.9	-1.4	-0.9	-4.9	-2.7	-7.4	-5.2	10.9		
Manufacturing	1.9	1.9	4.7	4.7	5.7	5.6	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.1	3.8	3.7	4.0		
Construction	9.8	11.9	17.2	17.3	19.5	19.9	19.6	20.7	14.5	14.2	11.0	12.1	11.2		
Services	4.4	4.8	5.6	5.9	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.5	5.2	5.0	5.3	5.1	5.1		

Notes: AE = Advance estimates

Source: Department of Statistics Malaysia

Preliminary GDP for Q3 2025 will be released on 14 November 2025

Chart 1: Gross Domestic Product (GDP)



Note: AE = Advance estimates

Source: Department of Statistics Malaysia

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Malaysia, for the first time, ranked as number one (1) globally in the biennial Open Data Inventory (ODIN) 2024/25 report released by Open Data Watch (ODW), surpassing 197 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'.

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