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## **MALAYSIA EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS NOVEMBER 2025**

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***Malaysia's trade records RM263.8 billion in November 2025 amid strong export (+7.0%) & import (+15.8%) growth***

**PUTRAJAYA, 19 DECEMBER 2025** – Malaysia's trade performance showed further improvement in November 2025, with total trade rising by 11.1 per cent from RM237.4 billion to RM263.8 billion. The expansion was underpinned by stronger external demand, reflected in export growth of 7.0 per cent to RM135.0 billion and a 15.8 per cent increase in imports to RM128.9 billion. Meanwhile, the trade surplus stood at RM6.1 billion, marking a 58.8 per cent decline from RM14.8 billion as reported in the **MALAYSIA EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS BULETIN, NOVEMBER 2025** released today. This bulletin also presents the performance of export and import products with its trading partners.

Chief Statistician Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin highlighted Malaysia's exports rose in November 2025 reflecting a corresponding increase in re-exports and domestic exports. Re-exports accounted for 22.0 per cent of total exports and increased by 40.3 per cent year-on-year to RM29.8 billion. Meanwhile, domestic exports which contributed to 78.0 per cent, with marginal growth 0.3 per cent to RM105.2 billion. Similarly, imports also gained to RM128.9 billion, reflecting a rise of 15.8 per cent. Trade surplus narrowed by 58.8 per cent to RM6.1 billion, marking

*the 67<sup>th</sup> consecutive month of surplus since May 2020. Compared with October 2025, imports recorded a marginal increase of 0.7 per cent, from RM127.9 billion to RM128.9 billion. While, exports, total trade and trade surplus downed by 9.0 per cent, 4.5 per cent and 70.0 per cent, respectively.*

*Disaggregated by commodity groups perspective, 126 out of 258 export groups and 113 out of 259 import groups showed an increase as compared to the same month of the previous year.*

*Chief Statistician Malaysia further explained higher exports were primarily driven by increased of exports goods to Taiwan (+RM3.2 billion), followed by China (+RM1.4 billion), Hong Kong (+RM1.3 billion), the European Union (+RM1.2 billion), Mexico (+RM1.0 billion), Singapore (+RM736.0 million) and Viet Nam (+RM715.7 million). Moreover, the uplift in imports was mainly attributed to stronger inflows from China (+RM8.7 billion), followed by Costa Rica (+RM6.6 billion), Republic of Korea (+RM3.4 billion), the United Arab Emirates (+RM1.3 billion), Taiwan (+RM1.3 billion), Oman (+RM1.2 billion) and the European Union (+RM826.6 million).*

*Further commenting on exports, the increase was primarily driven by higher shipments of E&E products (+RM7.7 billion); optical & scientific equipment (+RM1.6 billion); metalliferous ores & metal scrap (+RM1.3 billion); palm oil-based manufactured products (+RM487.3 million); manufacture of metal (+RM393.1 million); and machinery, equipment & parts (+RM321.4 million). On top of that, the import uptick was driven by heightened inflows of E&E products (+RM17.5 billion); machinery, equipment & parts (+RM1.3 billion); metalliferous ores & metal scrap (+RM942.4 million); others (+RM922.2 million); optical & scientific equipment (+RM414.2 million); and palm oil-based manufactured products (+RM406.5 million).*

*To that end, the Chief Statistician Malaysia also underscored that the upswing in imports by End Use reflected higher demand for capital goods and intermediate goods. Capital goods (16.2% of total imports) rose 56.8 per cent or RM7.5 billion to reach RM20.8 billion. Imports of intermediate goods (51.5% of total imports) expanded by 5.0 per cent or RM3.2 billion, amounting to RM66.4 billion compared to November 2024. However, imports of consumption goods (7.7% of total imports) contracted by 1.7 per cent or RM172.3 million, settling at RM9.9 billion.*

*Malaysia's total trade for January to November 2025 amounted to RM2.8 trillion, reflecting a 5.8 per cent year-on-year expansion. This performance was underpinned by firmer export growth of 6.1 per cent and a 5.6 per cent increase in imports. The trade surplus likewise strengthened, rising 10.7 per cent to RM132.6 billion compared with the corresponding period in 2024.*

*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 67<sup>th</sup> position in the ODIN 2022/23 assessment.*

*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: External Trade Statistics, Jan 2024 – Nov 2025 (Value)*

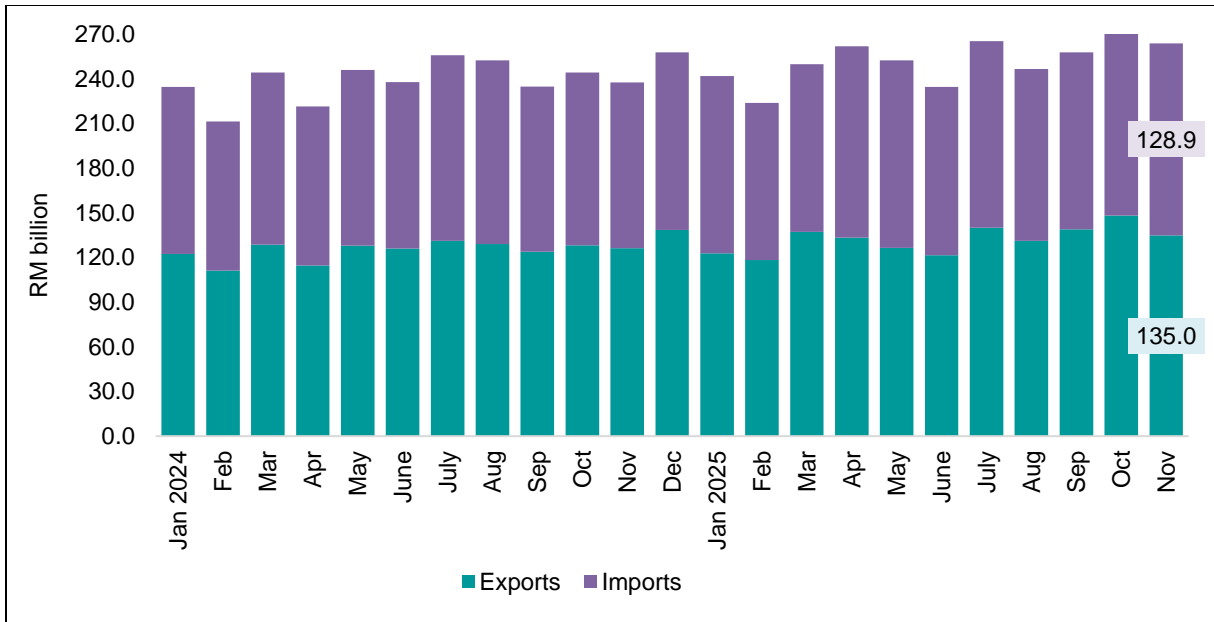


Chart 2: External Trade Statistics, Jan 2024 – Nov 2025  
(Annual Percentage Change)

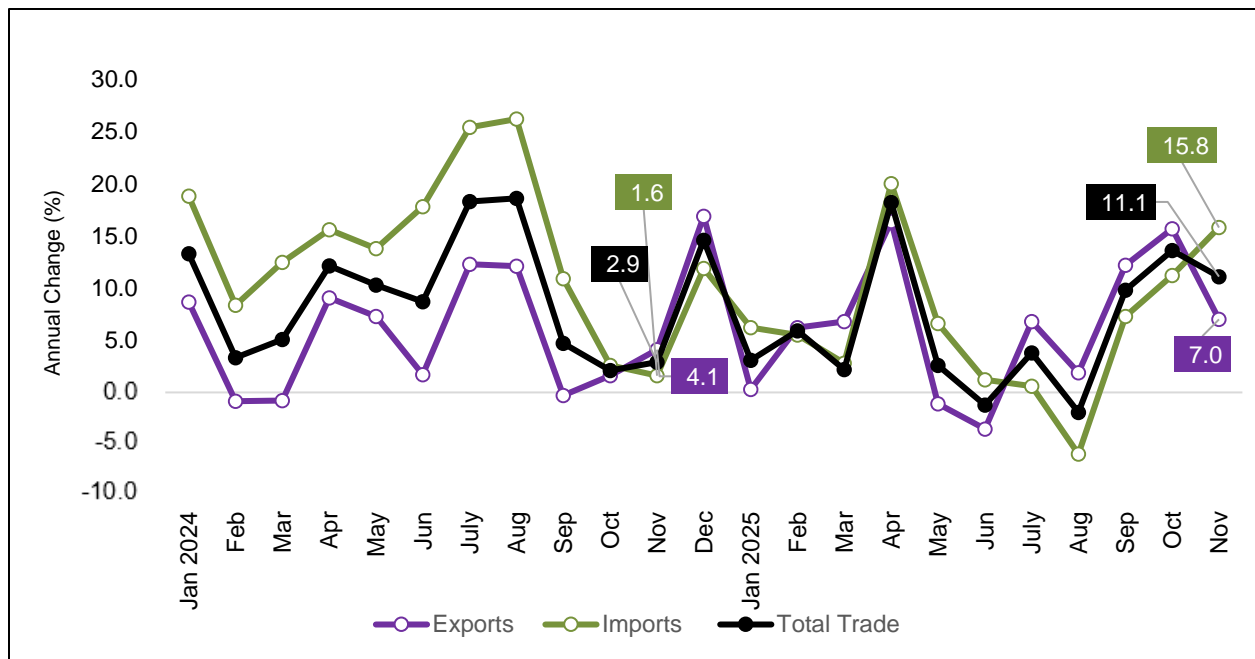
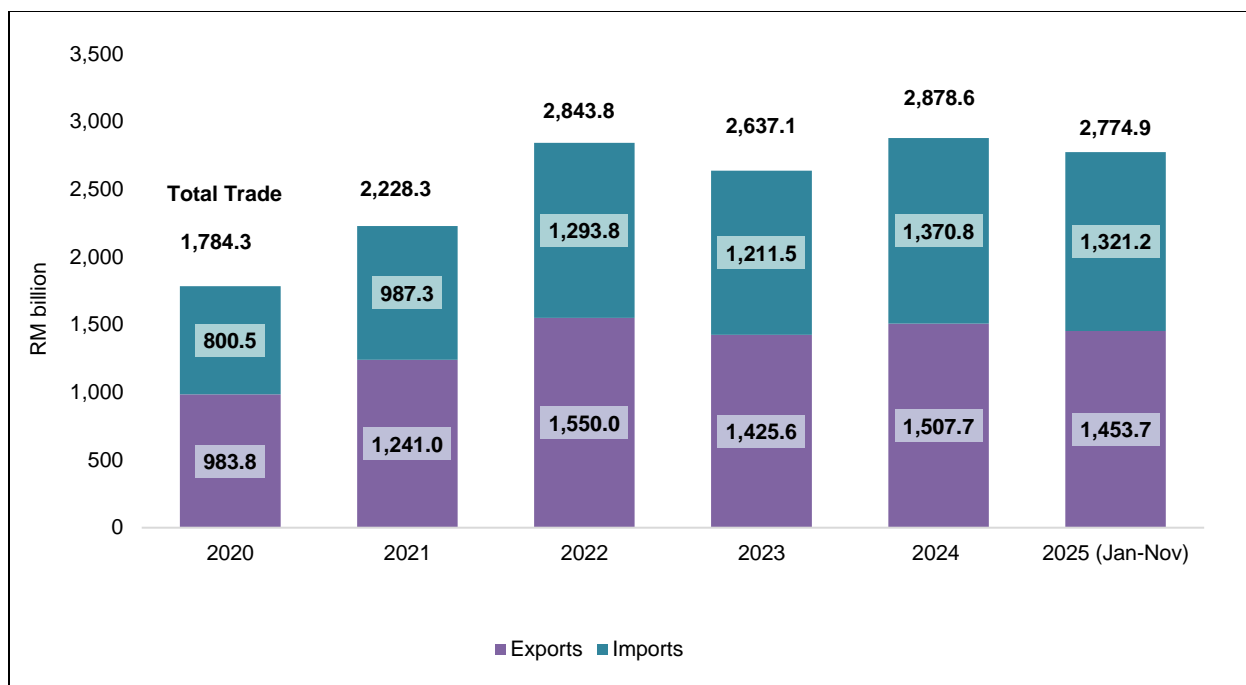
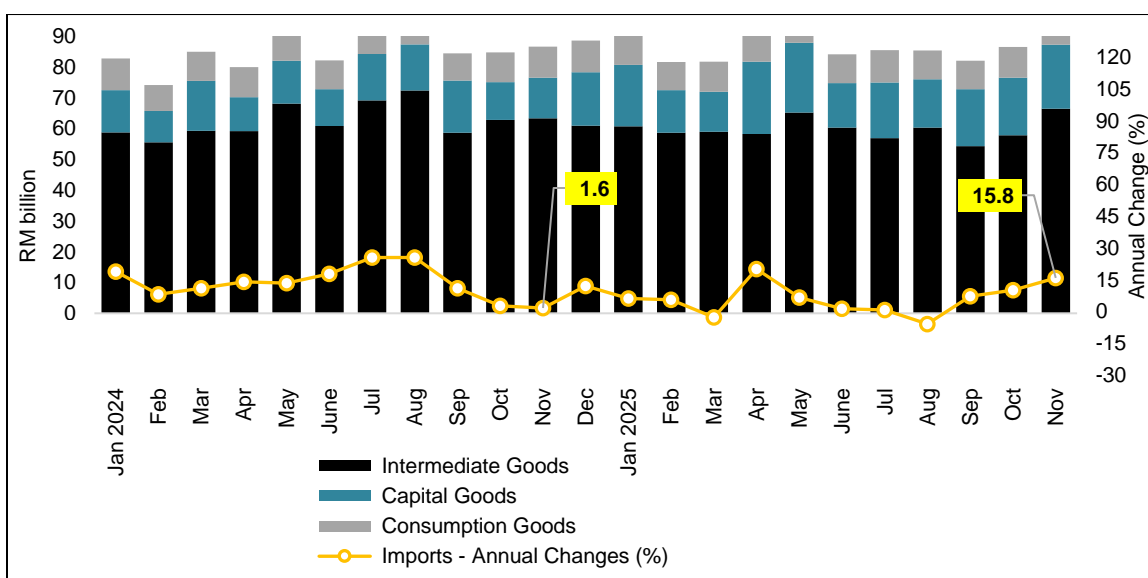


Chart 3: External Trade Statistics, 2020 – 2025 (Jan – Nov)



*Chart 4: Imports for End Use & Broad Economic Categories (BEC) Classification, Jan 2024 – Nov 2025  
(Value and Annual Percentage Change)*



*Chart 5: Imports for End Use & Broad Economic Categories (BEC) Classification, 2020 – 2025 (Jan – Nov)*

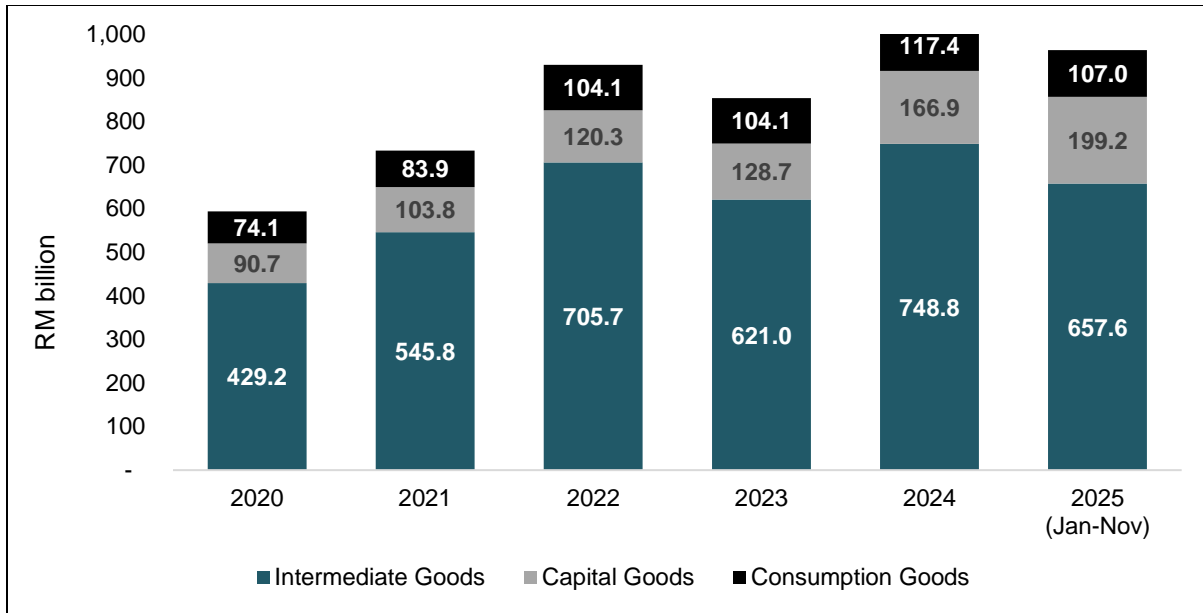


Table 1: Major Sub-sector Contributing to Export

COMMODITY DESCRIPTION	2024	2025	2025	SHARE TO TOTAL %	Y.O.Y	
	NOVEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER		VALUE	%
	RM MIL.	RM MIL.	RM MIL.		RM MIL.	
<b>Total</b>	126,105	148,330	134,974	100.0	8,869	7.0
Electrical & Electronic Products (E&E)	51,123	67,081	58,792	43.6	7,669	15.0
Petroleum Products	8,880	8,774	9,012	6.7	132.4	1.5
Palm Oil & Palm-Based Agriculture Products	7,354	9,142	6,668	4.9	(686.2)	(9.3)
Machinery, Equipment & Parts	6,210	6,633	6,531	4.8	321.4	5.2
Other Manufactures	6,296	5,563	6,387	4.7	90.7	1.4

Table 2: Major Sub-sector Contributing to Import

COMMODITY DESCRIPTION	2024	2025	2025	Y.O.Y
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	NOVEMBER RM MIL.	OCTOBER RM MIL.	NOVEMBER RM IML.	SHARE TO TOTAL %	VALUE RM MIL.	%
<b>Total</b>	111,270	127,912	128,858	100.0	17,588	15.8
<i>Electrical &amp; Electronic Products (E&amp;E)</i>	39,363	52,857	56,858	44.1	17,495	44.4
<i>Machinery, Equipment &amp; Parts</i>	8,613	10,321	9,923	7.7	1,310	15.2
<i>Petroleum Products</i>	8,805	7,740	7,611	5.9	(1,194)	(13.6)
<i>Chemical &amp; Chemical Products</i>	7,927	7,909	7,278	5.6	(649.6)	(8.2)
<i>Manufacture of Metal</i>	5,549	5,903	5,271	4.1	(277.5)	(5.0)

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