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PUTRAJAYA, MAY 8, 2026 – The Industrial Production Index rose by 3.1 per cent year-on-year in March 2026, led by 5.5 per cent growth in the Manufacturing output. The Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM) reported today in the release of the **Industrial Production Index (IPI), Malaysia, March 2026**. This publication presents IPI statistics, consisting of three sectors namely Mining, Manufacturing and Electricity.

Commenting on the report, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, the Chief Statistician said, "The Industrial Production Index (IPI) maintained its growth by registering 3.1 per cent in March 2026 (February 2026: 3.1%). This performance was driven by a 5.5 per cent increase in the Manufacturing sector (February 2026: 4.2%) and a 4.9 per cent growth in Electricity output (February 2026: 4.6%). Meanwhile, the Mining sector continued to decline, recording a negative growth of 6.5 per cent compared to a contraction of 2.0 per cent in February 2026. On a month-on-month basis, the IPI rebounded by 9.3 per cent after registering a negative 9.2 per cent growth in the previous month."

The Chief Statistician further commented, "The output for the export-oriented industries which accounted for two-thirds of Manufacturing sector, expanded by 6.7 per cent in March 2026 as compared to 5.0 per cent registered in the previous month. The expansion was supported mainly by the Manufacture of computer, electronics & optical products which augmented by 14.8 per cent; and followed by the Manufacture of vegetable & animal oils & fats at 13.5 per cent. This year-on-year growth is reflected in the country's export performance, which increased by 8.3 percent in March 2026. Compared to February 2026, the export-oriented industries ascended by 11.9 per cent after recording a negative 8.1 per cent growth in the previous month.

In the meantime, the domestic oriented industries tick up by 2.8 per cent in March 2026, compared to 2.7 per cent in the previous month. This positive growth was driven by Manufacture of food processing products (7.2%); and the Manufacturing of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment (4.0%). Compared to the previous month, domestic oriented industries turnaround by 1.4 per cent."

Elaborating further, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin said, "The deterioration of 6.5 per cent in the Mining sector in March 2026 was due to a decline in both components where Crude Oil & Condensate production by 11.3 per cent (February 2026: -4.3%) and Natural Gas output recorded a further decrease of 3.4 per cent (February 2026: -0.4%). As compared to the previous month, the Mining index accelerated by 12.3 per cent following a drop 14.3 per cent rise in the preceding month. Meanwhile, the generation of Electricity edge up by 4.9 per cent year-on-year in March 2026 (February 2026: 4.6%). On a month-on-month basis, the Electricity index soared by 12.1 per cent (February 2026: -8.0%)."

On a global scale, the IPI for several countries increased, including Singapore (10.1%) Vietnam (7.2%), South Korea (3.6%), Japan (2.3%), Thailand (0.8%) and Taiwan (28.7%) in March 2026. Conversely, China (5.7%) and United States (0.7%) continued to increase with a slower growth during this month.

Summarising his statement on the IPI performance for the first three months of this year (January – March 2026), the Chief Statistician said, "The IPI increased by 4.0 per cent compared to the same period in 2025, with the Manufacturing sector indices showing an expansion of 5.7 per and Electricity sector at 5.2 per cent, while the Mining index showed a decrease of 2.9 per cent."

The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) is conducting the **Economic Census 2026 (BE2026)**, with themed **"*Data Nadi Ekonomi Rakyat*"**. The sixth Economic Census, will be carried out from **5th January to 31st October 2026**. BE2026 aims to collect comprehensive and structured data from all registered and unregistered business establishments in Malaysia to assess the nation's economic performance, structure and characteristics in an evidence-based manner.

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 197 other countries. This achievement marks a significant leap from its 67th position in the ODIN 2022/23 assessment.

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Chart 1: Industrial Production Index,Malaysia,
March 2025 – March 2026

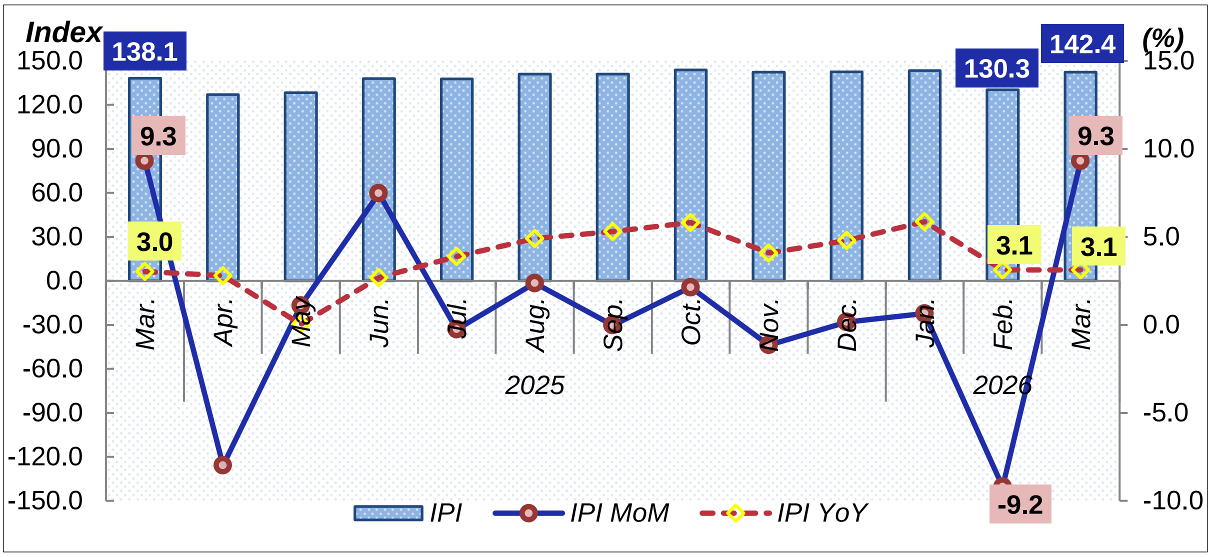


Chart 2: Industrial Production Index and Its Components, Malaysia
March 2025 – March 2026

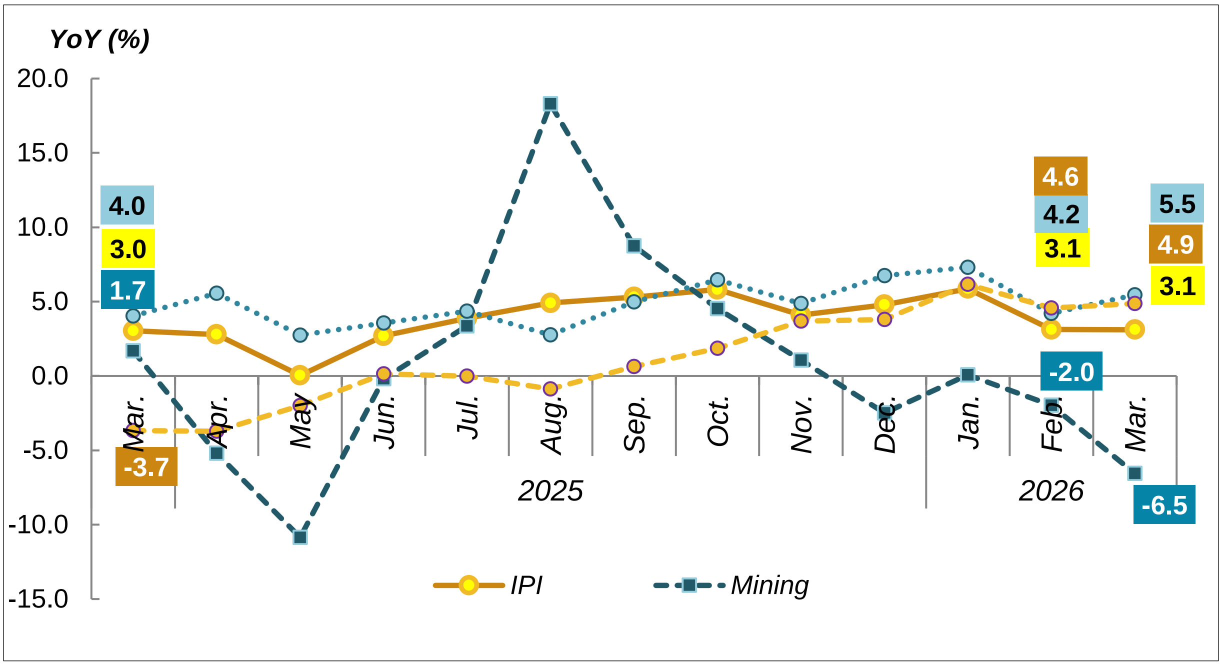


Chart 3: Manufacturing Index Growth by Sub-sector, Malaysia, February 2026 and March 2026

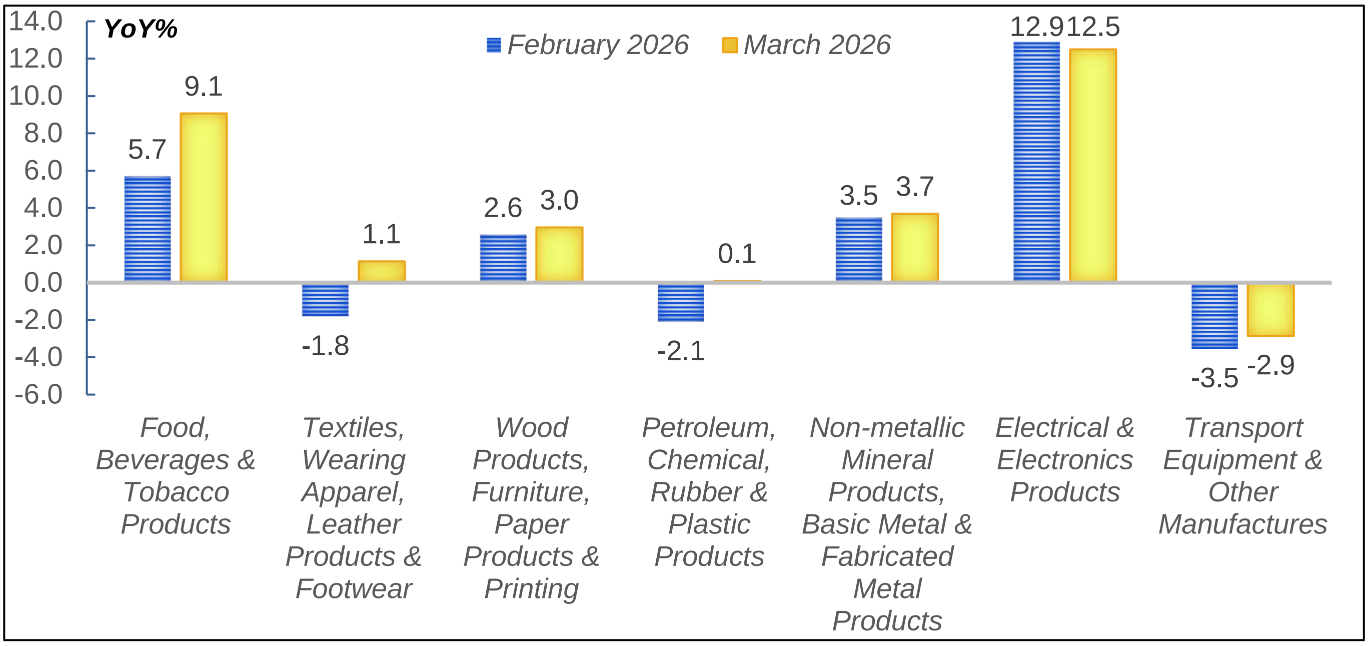


Chart 4: Manufacturing Index by Export and Domestic Oriented Industries, Malaysia, March 2025 – March 2026

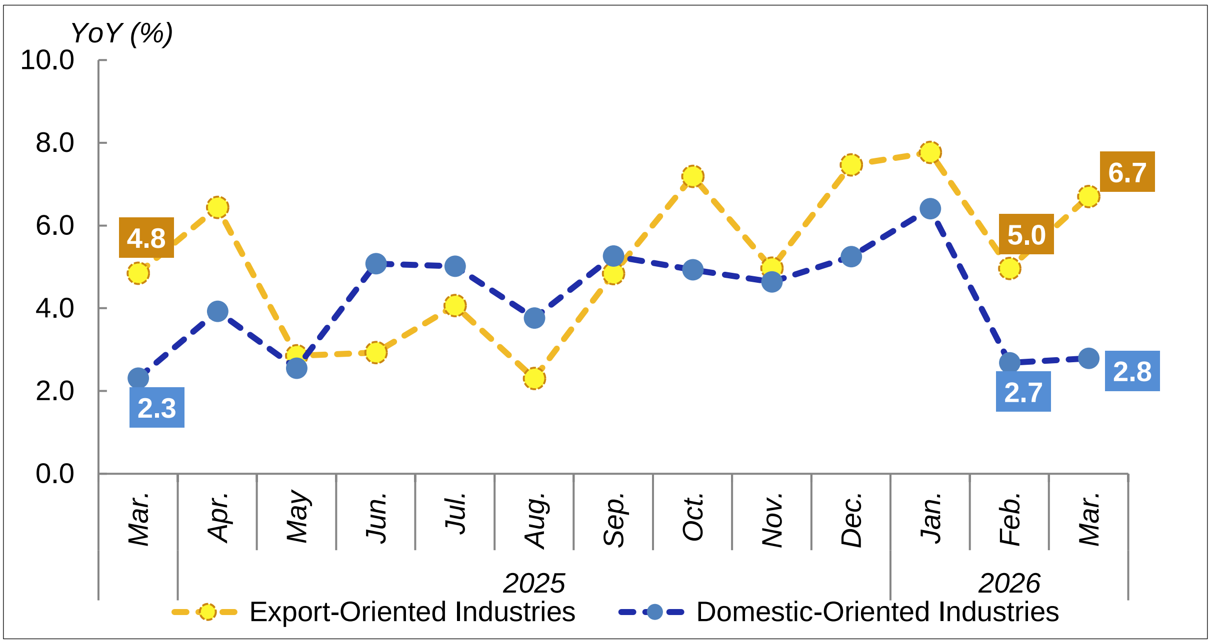


Chart 5: Manufacturing Export-Oriented by Group, Malaysia, February 2026 and March 2026

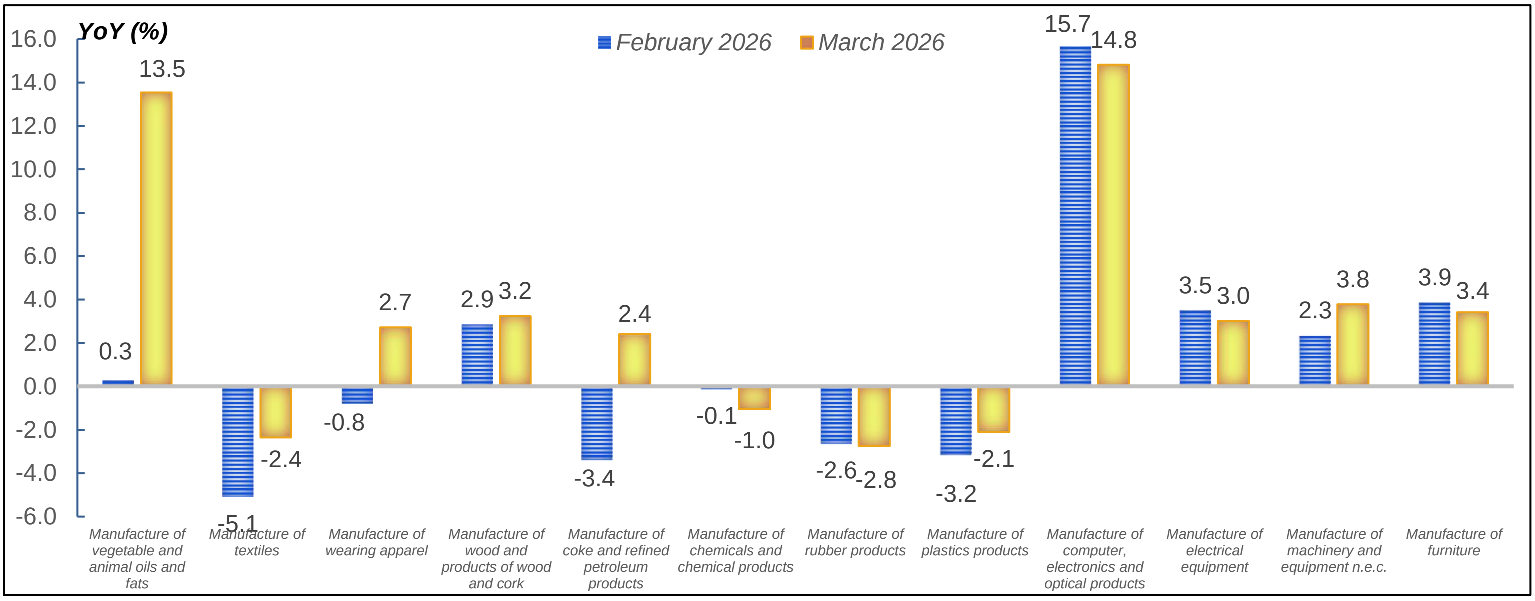
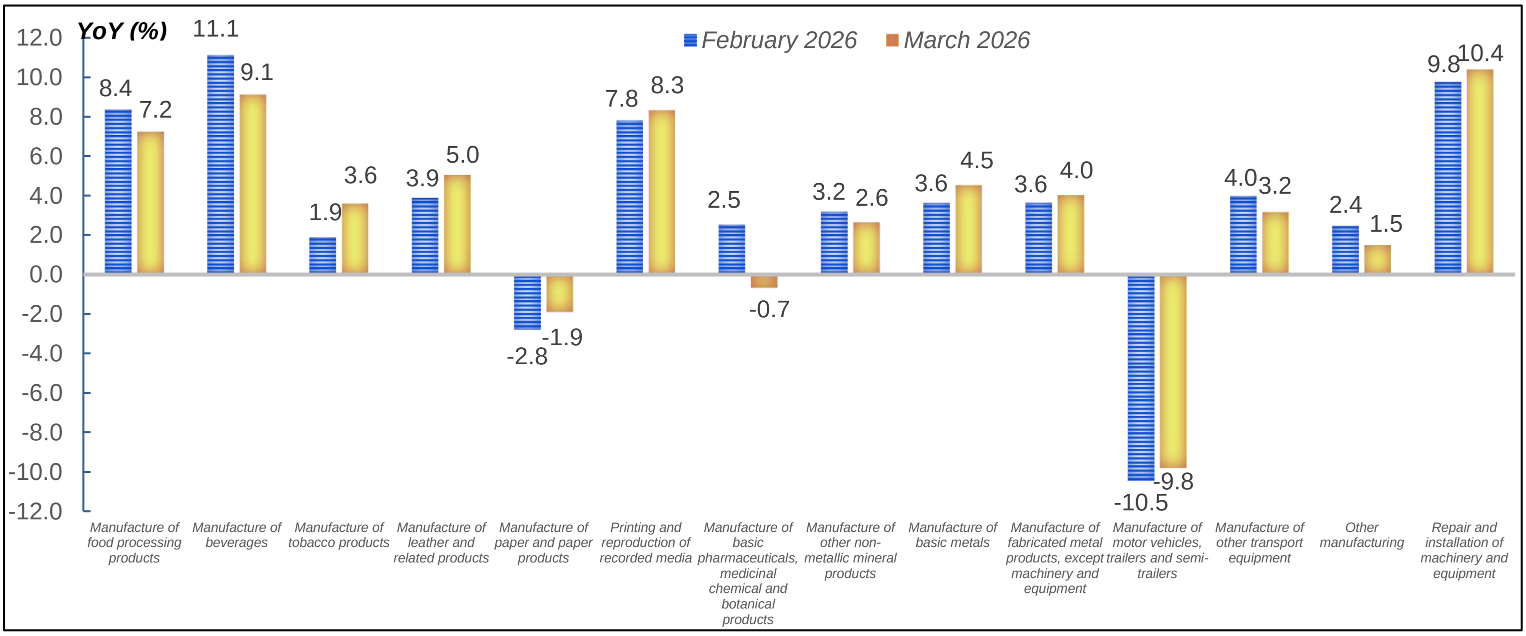


Chart 6: Manufacturing Domestic-Oriented by Group, Malaysia, February 2026 and March 2026



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