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MEDIA STATEMENT

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, MALAYSIA, APRIL 2026

Malaysia's inflation increased at 1.9 per cent in April 2026

PUTRAJAYA, 19TH MAY 2026 – Malaysia's inflation increased at 1.9 per cent in April 2026 with the index points increased to 136.9 from 134.3 in the same month of the previous year. The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) reported today on the release of **CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI), APRIL 2026**.

Chief Statistician Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin informed that Malaysia's inflation in April 2026 was mainly driven by an increase of Transport group to 4.1 per cent from 1.6 per cent in March 2026. In addition, Malaysia's inflation also contributed by increases in Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco, 2.8 per cent (March 2026: 2.7%); Information & Communication, 2.0 per cent (March 2026: 1.4%); Food & Beverages, 1.2 per cent (March 2026: 1.1%) and Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance, 0.4 per cent (March 2026: 0.1%). Besides, the inflation of Insurance & Financial Services (4.9%), Restaurant & Accommodation Services (2.6%) and Health (1.4%) recorded the same rate as the previous month.

The inflation for Personal Care, Social Protection & Miscellaneous Goods & Services group moderated to 4.8 per cent in April 2026 as compared to 7.0 per cent in the previous month. The inflation also eased for Education (2.4%); Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (1.1%) and Recreation, Sport & Culture (0.9%) groups. Meanwhile, Clothing & Footwear group declined to negative 0.1 per cent in April 2026 (March 2026: -0.1%).

About 63.5 per cent of items (364 out of 573) recorded price increases. Nonetheless, out of this total, 356 items (97.8%) registered an increase of less than or equal to 10 per cent, while only 8 items recorded increases of more than 10 per cent in April 2026. The remainder 165 items (28.8%), showed a decline and 44 items remained unchanged.

The Food & Beverages group which contributes 29.8 per cent of the total CPI weight increased 1.2 per cent in April 2026 (March 2026: 1.1%). This was contributed by the subgroup of Food away from home, 2.6 per cent (March 2026: 2.3%). Meanwhile, the subgroup of Food at home remained unchanged in April 2026 (March 2026: 0.1%). Three expenditure classes of Food at home which eased in April 2026 as compared

to March 2026 were Fish & other seafood; Meat and Sugar, confectionery & desserts. Meanwhile, the expenditure classes of Vegetables and Milk, other dairy products & egg registered a decrease as compared to the previous month.

The expenditure class of Meat eased to 0.6 per cent in April 2026 as compared to 0.9 per cent in March 2026. This were contributed by Local lamb and Pork which increased to 2.4 per cent (March 2026: 2.7%) and 1.4 per cent (March 2026: 3.4%), respectively. Chicken as the largest component comprised of 32.6 per cent in the expenditure class of Meat has registered a decrease to negative 0.8 per cent as compared to negative 0.3 per cent registered in the previous month. The average price of Standard chicken for Malaysia in April 2026 was at RM10.39 per kilogramme as compared to RM10.37 per kilogramme in April 2025 (March 2026: RM10.59). Meanwhile, the average price of Standard chicken in Peninsular Malaysia was RM9.54 per kilogramme as compared to RM9.63 per kilogramme in April 2025 (March 2026: RM9.84).

The inflation of expenditure class of Milk, other dairy products & eggs decreased to negative 0.9 per cent in April 2026 (March 2026: 0.0%). The decline was mainly driven by the decrease of expenditure subclass of Egg at the rate of negative 0.7 per cent (March 2026: 2.1%). In addition, ths expenditure subclasses of Other milk & cream, negative 2.4 per cent (March 2026: -2.5%); Non-animal milk, negative 0.4 per cent (March 2026: 0.5%) and Yoghurt & similar products, negative 0.1 per cent (March 2026: 0.5%) also recorded a negative inflation rate in April 2026.

The expenditure class for Vegetables decreased to negative 4.7 per cent as compared to March 2026 (-4.9%). Among the Vegetables that still showed year-on-year decrease in April 2026 were Garlic, negative 15.6 per cent (March 2026: -16.2%); Big onion, negative 15.2 per cent (March 2026: -18.6%); Brinjals, negative 15.1 per cent (March 2026: -13.0%); Tomatoes, negative 11.3 per cent (March 2026: -15.1%) and French beans, negative 3.3 per cent (March 2026: -10.7%).

The subgroup of Food away from home recorded a higher inflation rate of 2.6 per cent in April 2026 as compared to 2.3 per cent in the previous month. Among the items that increased higher in April 2026 were Cooked beef, 4.8 per cent (March 2026: 4.3%); Cake, 4.6 per cent (March 2026: 0.3%); Murtabak, 4.3 per cent (March 2026: 4.2%) and Fried rice, 3.9 per cent (March 2026: 3.5%).

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels group increased to 1.1 per cent in April 2026 as compared to 1.2 per cent in March 2026. This was driven by the subgroup of Maintenance, repair & security of the dwelling which eased to 2.3 per cent as compared to 3.3 per cent in March 2026. In the meantime, the subgroup of Water supply & miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling (6.8%) and Actual rentals for housing (1.5%) recorded the same rate as the previous month. Meanwhile, the subgroup of Electricity, gas & fuel remained in the negative territory at negative 4.5 per cent (March 2026: -4.0%).

The Automatic Fuel Adjustment (AFA) revised rate was imposed on domestic users in Peninsular Malaysia for consumption of more than 600 kilowatt hours (kWh) received a rebate of 0.47 cents/kWh for the period between 1st to 30th April 2026 as compared with the AFA applied for the period between 1st to 31st March 2026 (2.15 cents/kWh). This adjustment impacted the average electricity tariff as against the previous period. However, domestic users consuming 600 kWh and below remained unaffected. Besides, all domestic users in Sarawak are receiving a 25 per cent electricity bill discount from April to December 2026, benefiting approximately 714,000 households following the Sarawak government financial relief initiative.

Inflation for Transport group increased significantly to 4.1 per cent as compared to 1.6 per cent in March 2026. This was driven by the subgroup of Operation of personal transport equipment, 4.8 per cent (March 2026: 1.5%). Nevertheless, the inflation of Public transport services subgroup (7.0%) increased at the same rate as registered in the previous month. However, Transport services of goods and Purchase of vehicles recorded decreases in April 2026 to negative 1.3 per cent (March 2026: -1.9%) and negative 0.2 per cent (March 2026: -0.5%).

The average price of Unleaded petrol RON97 in April 2026 increased to RM5.06 per litre as compared to RM4.03 per litre in March 2026. The average price for Diesel in Peninsular Malaysia recorded a higher rate of RM5.92 per litre as compared to RM4.12 per litre in the previous month. Meanwhile, the average price of Diesel for Sabah, Sarawak and Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan remained at RM2.15 per litre. The average market price of Unleaded petrol RON95 increased to RM4.00 per litre (March 2026: RM3.16 per litre) as compared to the subsidised price of RM1.99 per litre.

The Chief Statistician Malaysia also added that, with regards to inflation at the state level, eight states recorded increases above the national inflation level (1.9%), namely Pahang (2.8%), Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan (2.7%), Negeri Sembilan (2.5%), Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (2.5%), Johor (2.4%), Sabah (2.1%), Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya (2.1%) and Selangor (2.0%). However, the remainder eight states recorded increases below and equal to the national inflation rate, with Sarawak registered the lowest inflation (0.4%) in April 2026. All states registered an increase in inflation of Food & Beverages except Kelantan (-1.3%). Seven states recorded increases above the national inflation of Food & Beverages (1.2%) in April 2026. The highest increase was recorded by Negeri Sembilan (2.5%), followed by Johor (2.2%), Pahang (2.1%), Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (1.8%), Melaka (1.6%), Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan (1.6%) and Pulau Pinang (1.4%). Meanwhile, other states showed increases below to the national inflation of Food & Beverages.

The monthly headline inflation in April 2026 increased to 0.4 per cent as compared to 0.3 per cent in March 2026. This was driven by the group of Transport, 2.5 per cent (March 2026: 2.1%); Information & Communication, 1.6 per cent (March 2026: 0.8%); Restaurant & Accommodation Services, 0.4 per cent (March 2026: -0.1%); Recreation, Sport & Culture, 0.3 per cent (March 2026: 0.2%); Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco, 0.2 per cent (March 2026: 0.1%) and Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine

Household Maintenance, 0.2 per cent (March 2026: -0.1%). Meanwhile, the group of Health and Education remained at 0.2 per cent in April 2026 as compared to the previous month. The group of Food & Beverages, Clothing & Footwear and Insurance & Financial Services did not record any changes in April 2026 as compared to the previous month. In contrast, Personal Care, Social Protection & Miscellaneous Goods & Services and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels groups registered decreases to negative 0.7 per cent and negative 0.1 per cent in April 2026, respectively.

In comparison to inflation in other selected countries, inflation in Malaysia in April 2026 (1.9%) was lower than inflation in Philippines (7.2%), Viet Nam (5.5%), Thailand (2.9%), Republic of Korea (2.6%) and Indonesia (2.4%). However, the rate was higher than China (1.2%).

The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) is conducting the Economic Census 2026 (BE2026), themed “Data Nadi Ekonomi Rakyat”. The sixth Economic Census, running from 5th January to 31st October 2026. BE2026 aims to collect comprehensive, 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.

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>.

MyPrice Dashboard is a platform developed in collaboration with the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Cost of Living (KPDN) that displays daily prices of selected essential goods across Malaysia. The initiative is timely in tandem with rising prices of essential goods and requires an intervention from the government and various parties. The dashboard can be accessed via the following link <https://www.dosm.gov.my/portal-main/article/dashboardmyprice>.

MyHIES is an interactive dashboard that displays information on income distribution, expenditure patterns, poverty and income inequality in Malaysia. The data is available in time series format at the national, state, administrative district and locality levels, with selected socioeconomic indicators. Please visit <https://myhies.dosm.gov.my> for more information.

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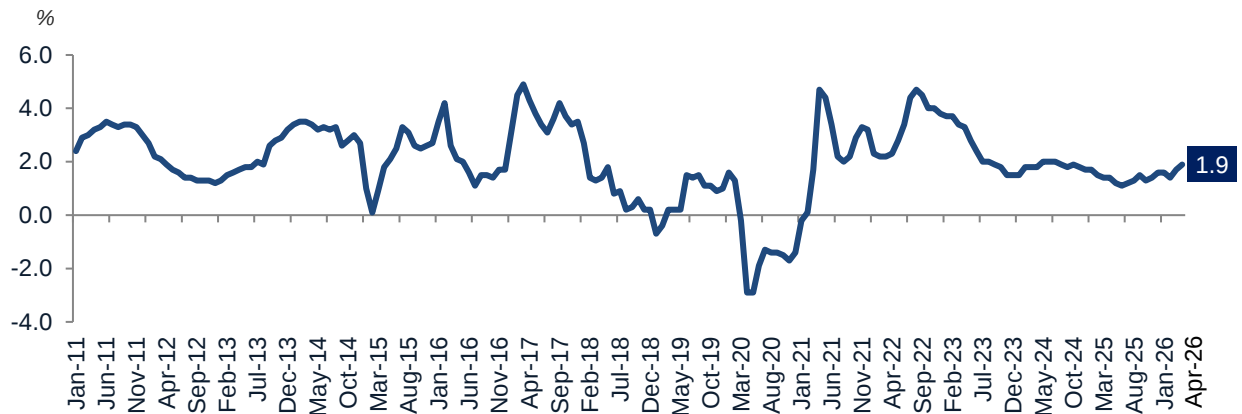
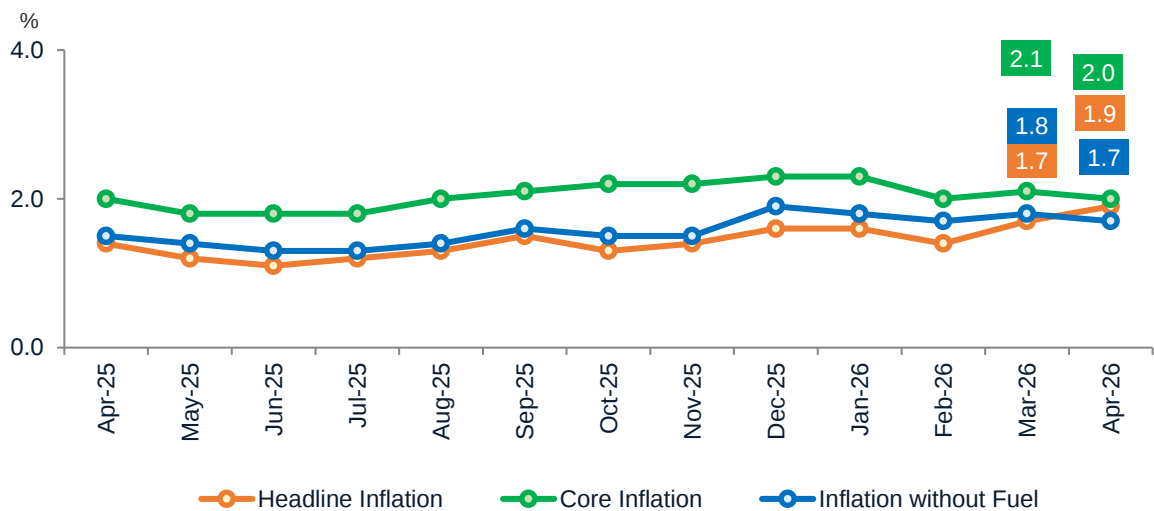
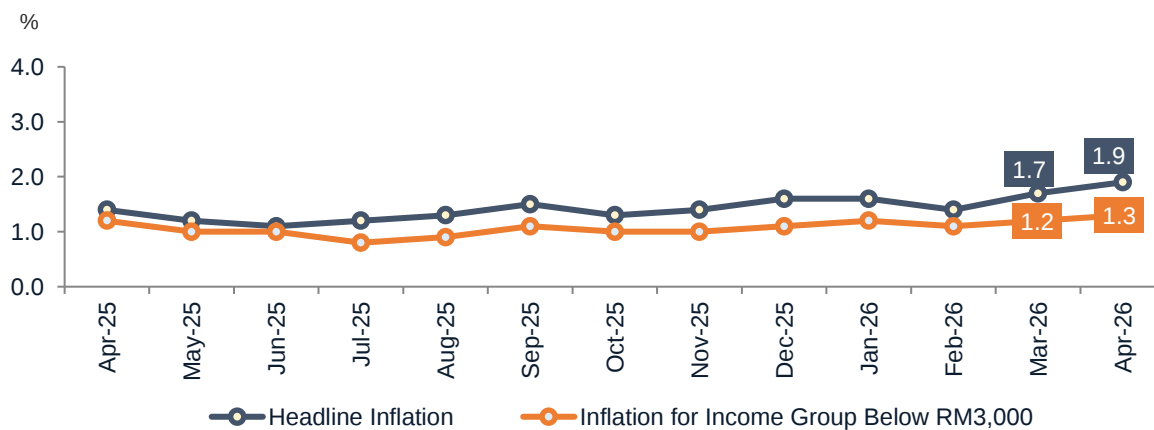
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Monthly Inflation Malaysia, January 2011 – April 2026

Chart 2
Malaysia Inflation, Core Inflation and Inflation without Fuel, April 2025 – April 2026

Chart 3
Inflation for Income Group Below RM3,000, April 2025 – April 2026


Chart 4

Quarterly Inflation Malaysia, Q1 2011 – Q1 2026

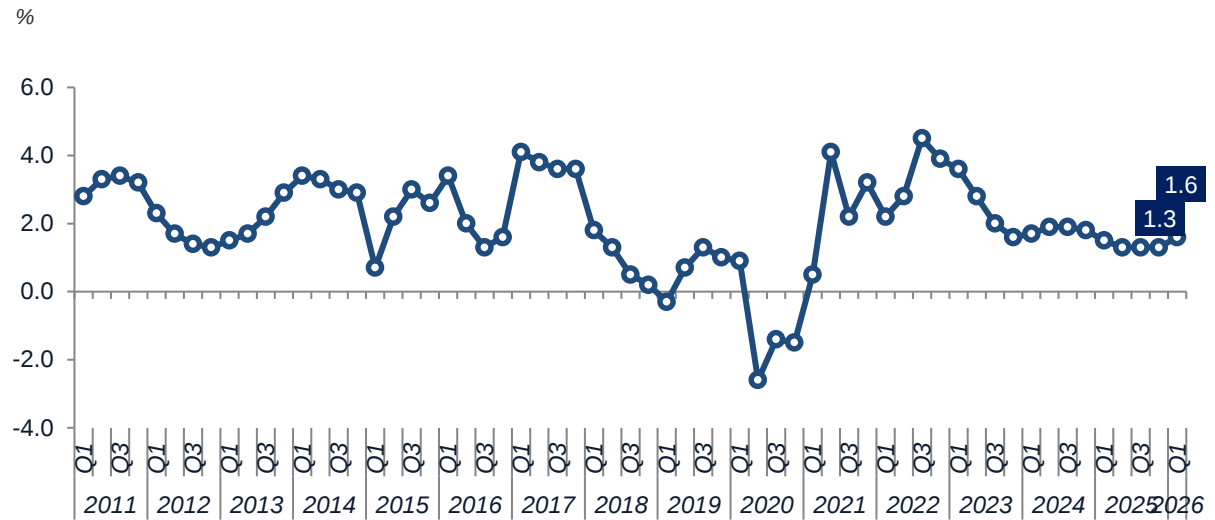


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Annual Inflation Malaysia, 2011 - 2025

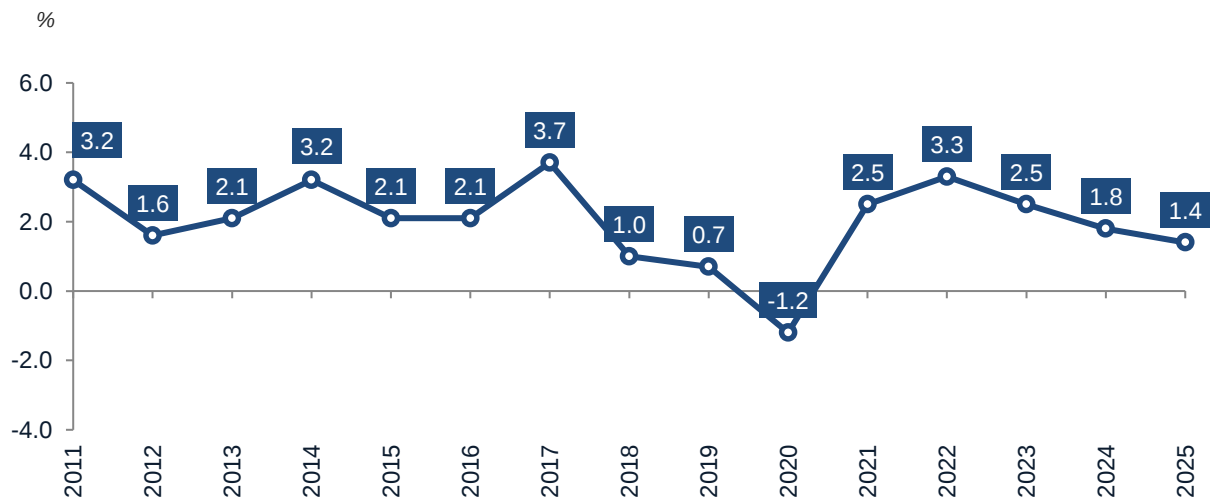


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Inflation by Quadrant, March 2026 & April 2026

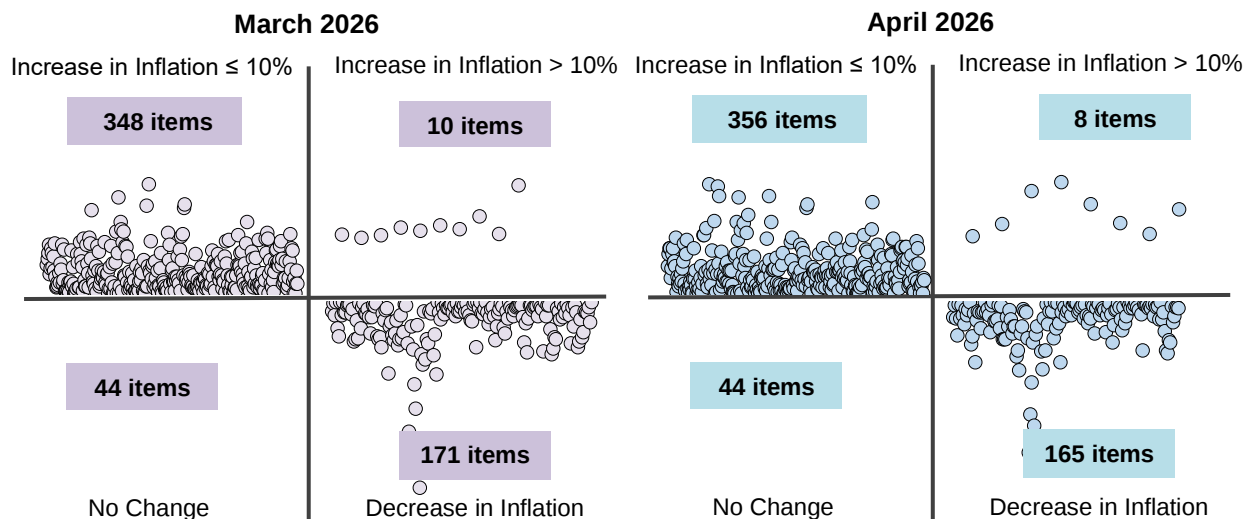


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Distribution of Inflation for Food and Non-Food that Increased ≤10%, March 2026 & April 2026

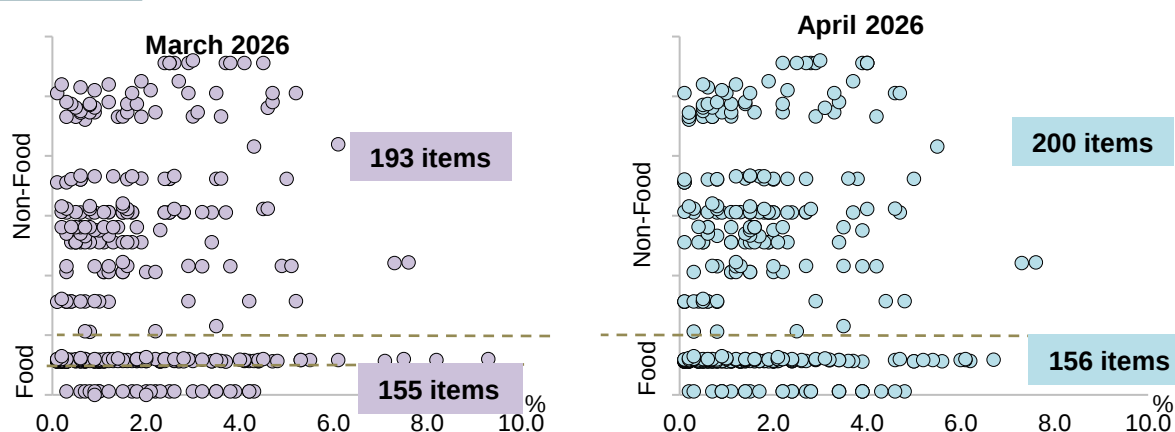


Chart 8

Average Price of Unleaded Petrol RON95, Unleaded Petrol RON97 and Diesel, April 2025 – April 2026

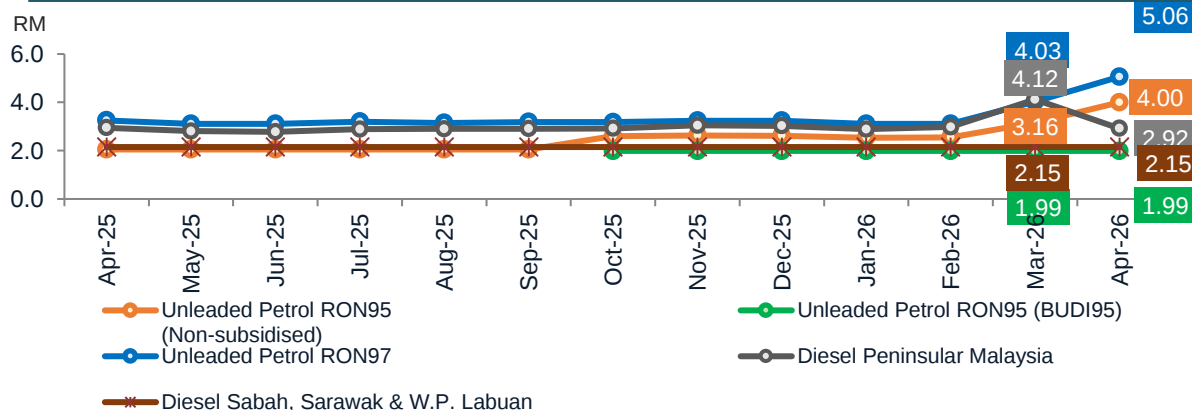


Chart 9

Inflation by Main Group, March 2026 & April 2026

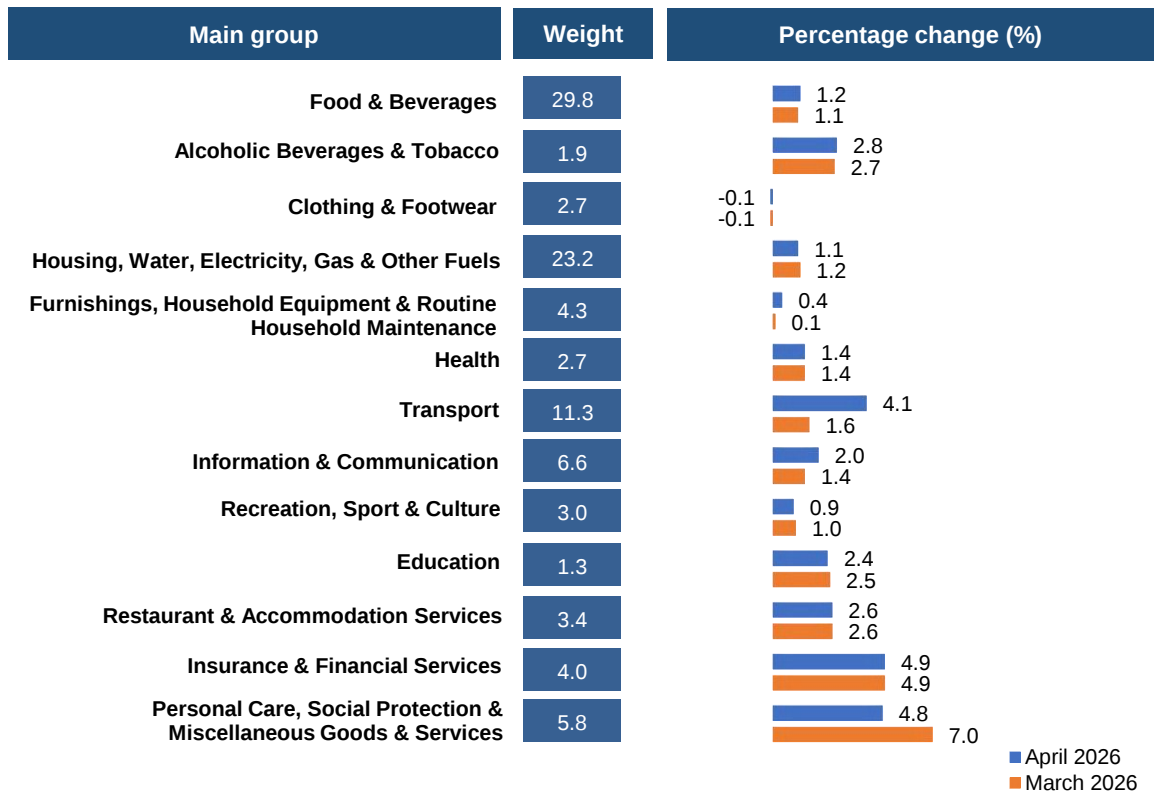


Chart 10

Inflation for Food & Beverages, April 2025 – April 2026

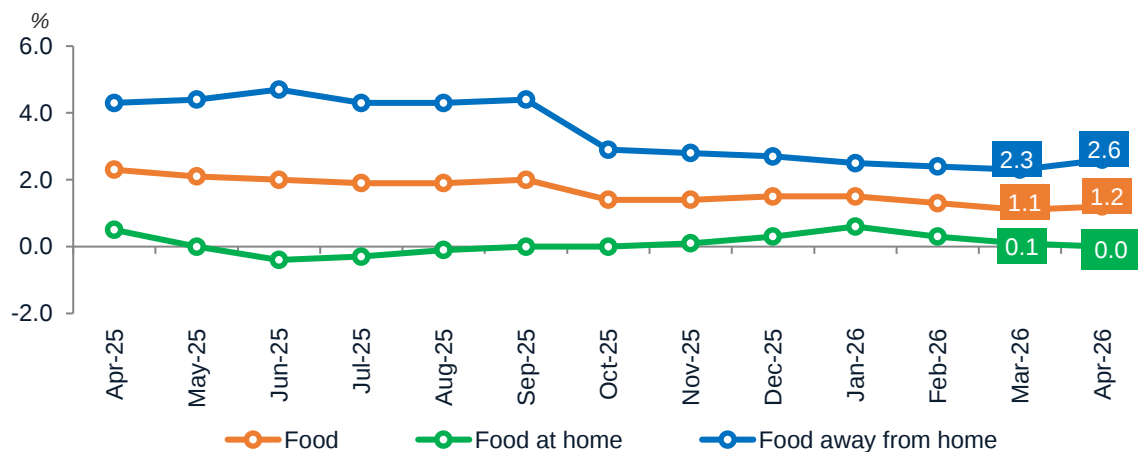
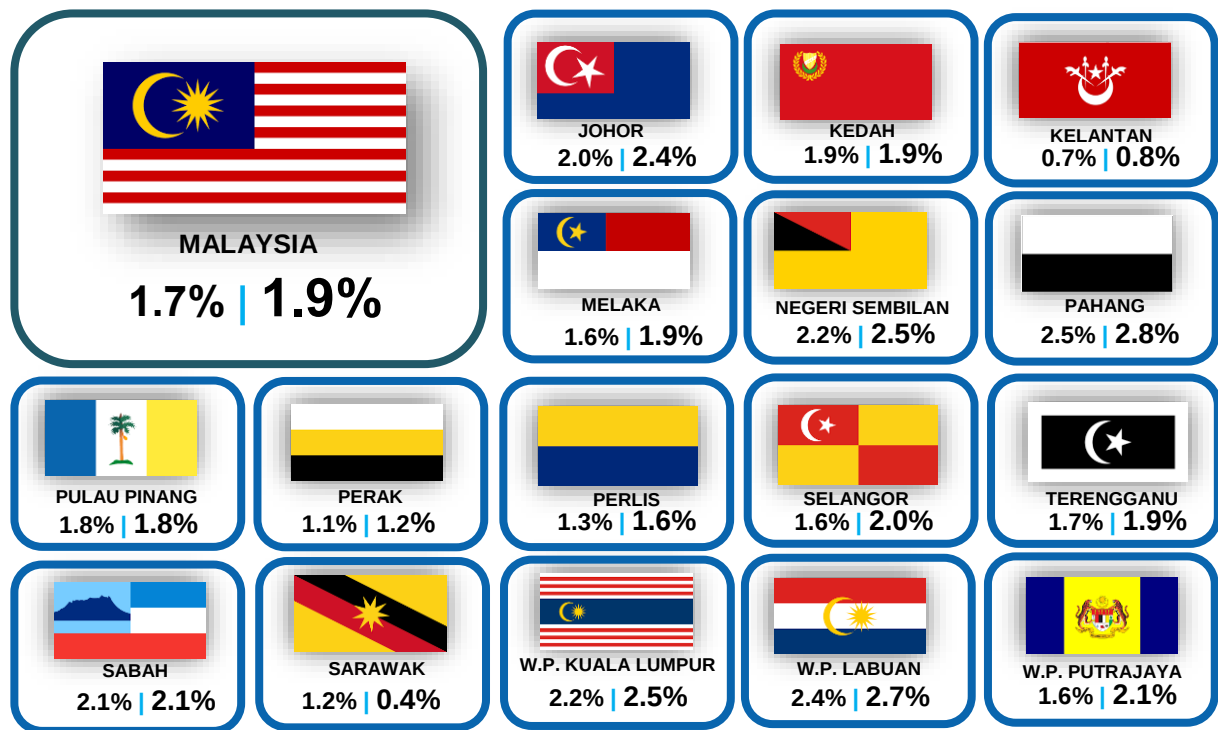


Chart 11

Inflation by State, March 2026 & April 2026



Note: W.P. refers to Wilayah Persekutuan

March 2026 | April 2026

Chart 12

Inflation of Selected Countries, April 2025 – April 2026

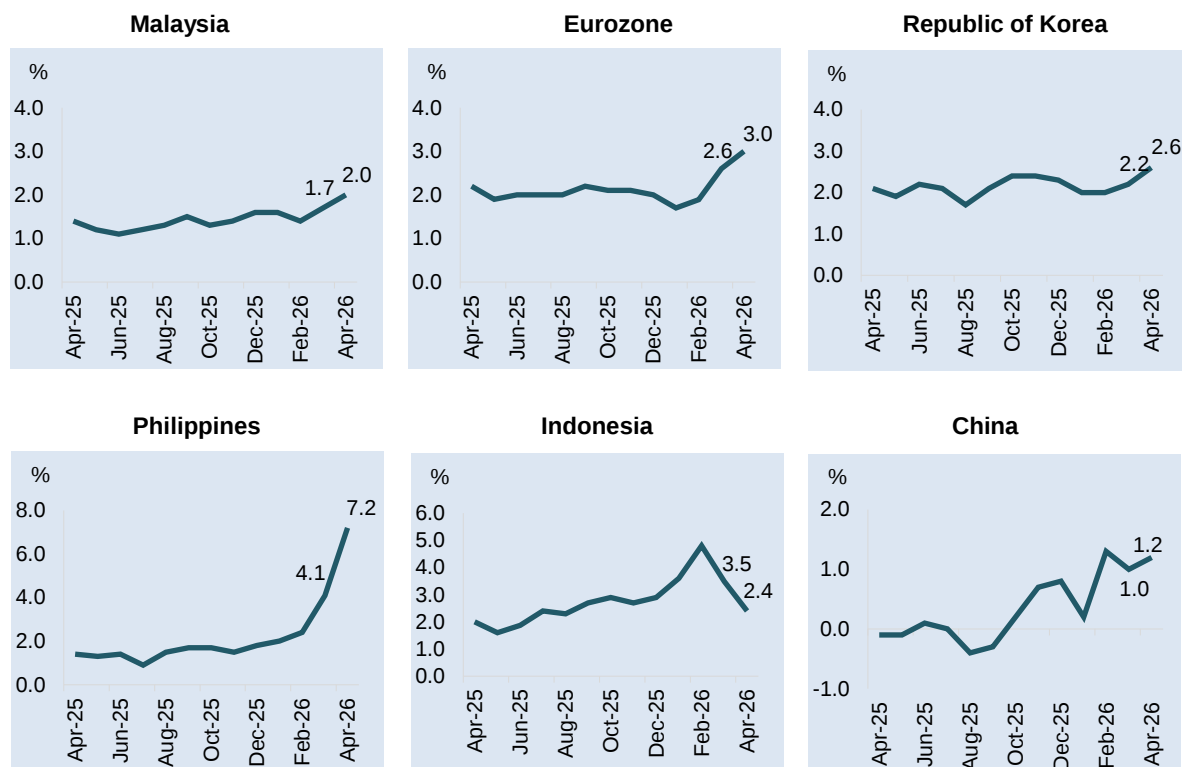
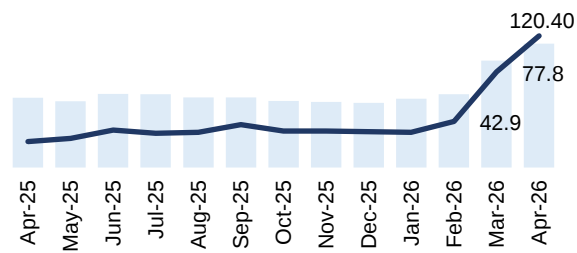


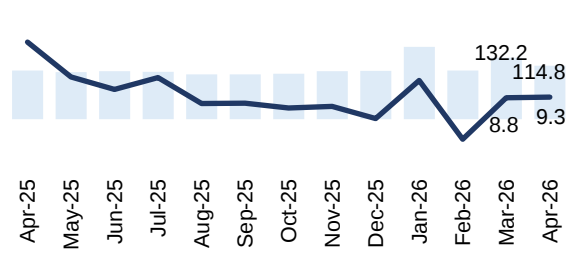
Chart 13

Global Selected Commodity Prices

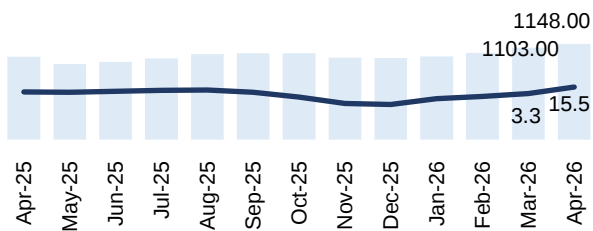
Crude Oil (US\$/bbl)



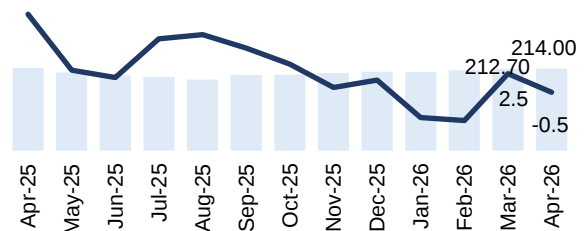
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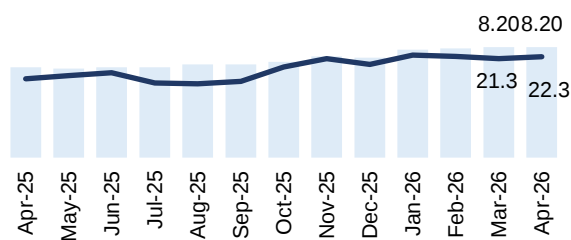
Palm Oil (US\$/mt)



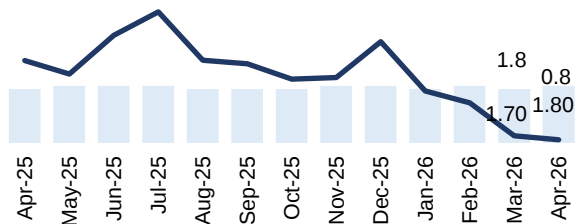
Maize (US\$/mt)



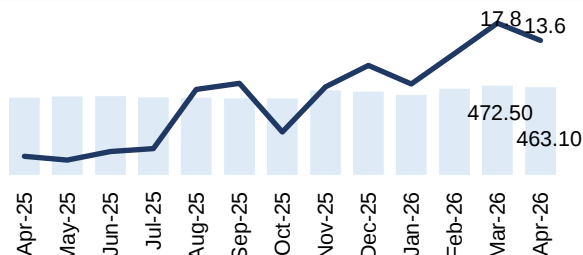
Beef (US\$/kg)



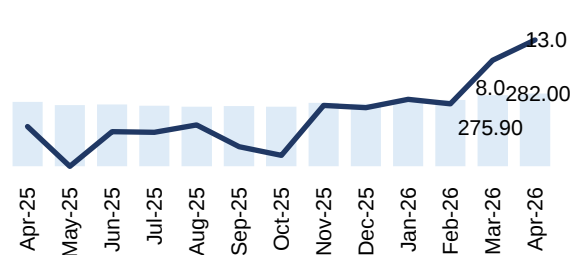
Meat, Chicken (US\$/kg)



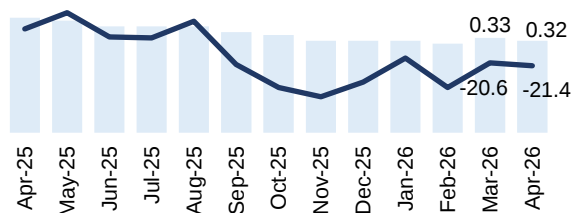
Soybeans (US\$/mt)



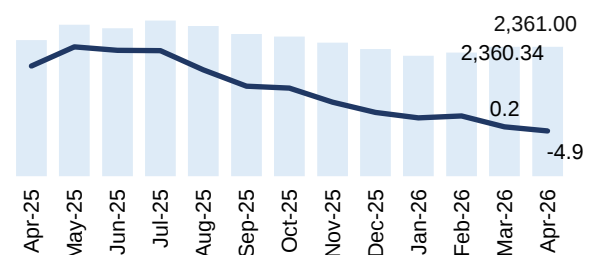
Wheat (US\$/mt)



Sugar (US\$/kg)



Coconut Oil (US\$/mt)



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

Source: Commodity Monthly Prices, World Bank

Notes:

Bbl : Barrel (1bbl = 159 litres)

Mt : Million Tonne

Mmbtu : Metric Million British Thermal Unit

Chart 14

Percentage Change of Producer Price Index (PPI) Local Production, Malaysia

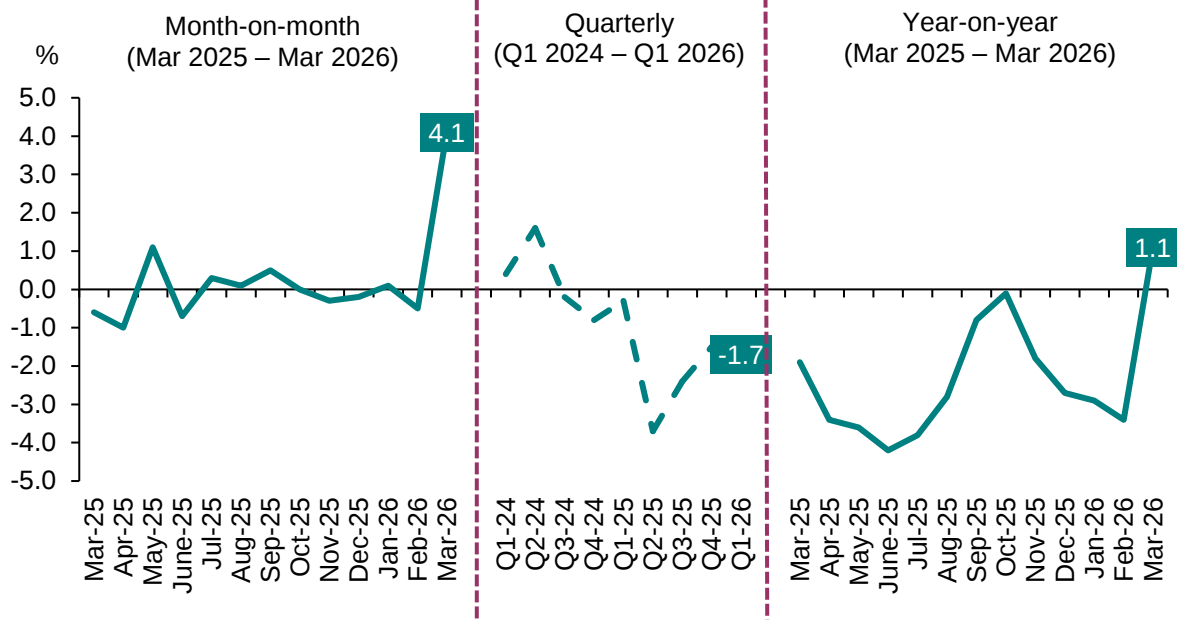


Chart 15

Percentage Change of Producer Price Index (PPI) Local Production by Sector (Year-on-Year), Malaysia

