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STATE SOCIOECONOMIC INDICATORS, JOHOR FIRST QUARTER, 2026

Johor recorded stable socioeconomic performance in the ST1 2026, supported by expanding external trade, a resilient labour market and positive business sentiment

PUTRAJAYA, 21 MAY 2026 – Johor recorded stable socioeconomic performance in the First Quarter of 2026 (Q1 2026), with inflation increased, a stable labour market, positive business sentiment and an increasing population growth rate. These developments are highlighted in the publication **State Socioeconomic Indicators, Johor First Quarter 2026**, released today by the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM). The publication is a rebranding of State Pocket Stats, which has been further enhanced through the inclusion of selected key indicators highlighting economic and social statistics at the state level. Among the key economic indicators are production in selected Agriculture sub-sectors, inflation, external trade and the labour market, while key social indicators include population, as well as household income and expenditure. This publication aims to provide better understanding while serving as a reference for general users.

Malaysia's economy expanded by 5.4 per cent in the first quarter of 2026 (Q1 2026: RM437.7 billion) compared to 6.2 per cent in the previous quarter (Q4 2025: RM457.9 billion). According to the Chief Statistician of Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, "Malaysia's economy continued to expand in the first quarter of 2026, reflecting the resilience of economic fundamentals and stable growth conditions amid a challenging global environment."

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose by 2.0 per cent in March 2026 compared to 1.7 per cent in February 2026. This reflected the overall rising inflation, in line with the increase in the national price index following uncertainties in global commodity price movements.

From the external trade perspective, exports in Q1 2026 increased by 10.2 per cent to RM78.4 billion (Q1 2025: RM71.1 billion). In contrast, imports declined by 1.1 per cent to RM79.3 billion (Q1 2025: RM80.2 billion) during the same period. This performance reflected encouraging trade activities despite moderate imports.

Referring to the labour market, Johor maintained a stable level of labour force participation, supported by continued economic activities and sustained labour demand. The labour force recorded 2.19 million persons (Q4 2025: 2.17 million persons), meanwhile the labour force participation rate (LFPR) remained at 71.6 per cent (Q4 2025: 71.8%). In line with this scenario, the number of employed persons also recorded 2.13 million persons (Q4 2025: 2.12 million persons), while the unemployment rate remained low at 2.4 per cent (Q4 2025: 2.3%).

Looking ahead, the net balance of business expectations remained positive at +14.6 per cent for the period of January to June 2026, improving from +11.4 per cent in the previous quarter, indicating increasingly favourable business prospects in the near term. Positive future expectations reflected continued confidence among businesses towards the development of economic activities. This sentiment is consistent with the performance of the Manufacturing sector, which remained stable with an industrial capacity utilisation rate of 84.9 per cent in Q1 2026, reflecting sustainable and resilient operational levels among industrial players in the state. In addition, the value of work done in the construction sector recorded RM9.51 billion in Q1 2026 (Q4 2025: RM8.30 billion).

On demographic trends, the population increased to 4.223 million persons in Q1 2026, compared with 4.218 million persons in Q4 2025. Live births recorded 11,487 persons, while deaths were recorded at 6,024 persons during the same period.

The Chief Statistician of Malaysia mentioned that this publication serves as an initiative for communicating state-level statistics, providing a more frequent insights on socioeconomic performance and complementing the annual economic yardstick of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by State.

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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Table 1: Key Socioeconomic Indicators, Johor

Indicators	2024				2025				2026
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Exports (RM billion)	76,597	79,053	78,382	72,432	71,103	73,491	81,492	92,255	78,347
Imports (RM billion)	83,367	77,321	81,438	73,065	80,162	77,848	86,104	78,956	79,312
Labour force ('000)	2,114.6	2,129.8	2,141.0	2,147.7	2,149.7	2,162.0	2,194.4	2,172.7	2,185.0
Employed ('000)	2,067.2	2,081.6	2,092.8	2,098.2	2,093.6	2,114.7	2,147.3	2,123.8	2,132.9
Unemployed ('000)	47.4	48.2	48.2	49.6	56.1	47.3	47.1	48.9	52.1
Outside labour force ('000)	846.6	837.8	862.2	857.8	863.0	849.3	848.8	855.4	867.8
Labour force participation rate (%)	71.4	71.8	71.3	71.5	71.4	71.8	72.1	71.8	71.6
Unemployment rate (%)	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.6	2.2	2.1	2.3	2.4
Net Balance (%)	+2.4	+13.3	+22.1	+19.8	+16.9	+13.8	+9.4	+11.4	+14.6
Capacity Utilisation (%)	80.9	83.3	84.4	84.8	85.2	85.1	85.5	84.7	84.9
Value of Work Done (RM billion)	4,767.1	5,364.6	6,939.9	7,431.3	7,701.9	7,692.8	8,167.9	8,302.5	9,510.6
Natural Rubber Production ('000 tonnes)	940.5	936.8	1,288.0	1,075.6	805.7	747.8	1,029.5	904.0	960.7
Population ('000)	4,165.1	4,184.4	4,189.7	4,195.1	4,200.5	4,205.9	4,211.9	4,217.6	4,222.9
Live Births ('000)	12,845.0	12,245.0	12,809.0	13,112.0	12,129.0	11,680.0	11,783.0	12,432.0	11,487.0
Deaths ('000)	6,281.0	6,398.0	6,119.0	6,233.0	6,230.0	6,527.0	5,883.0	6,490.0	6,024.0

Indicator	2025												2026		
	Mac	Apr	Mei	Jun	Jul	Ogos	Sep	Okt	Nov	Dis	Jan	Feb	Mac	Apr	Mei
Consumer Price Index	2.1	2.2	1.8	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.3	2.1	1.7	2.0	2.1	1.7
Exports (RM mil.)	24,392	26,264	24,613	22,614	26,823	27,270	27,400	30,930	28,481	32,844	28,939	23,262	26,147	28,939	23,262
Imports (RM mil.)	26,317	24,466	25,855	27,527	31,890	25,507	28,707	29,015	23,555	26,386	27,193	24,774	27,345	27,193	24,774
Natural Rubber Production (Tonnes)	257	230	248	270	329	347	353	354	264	286	400	273	289	400	273
Crude Palm Oil (Tonnes)	208,068	251,762	266,101	267,833	295,924	300,073	286,513	308,911	310,697	284,723	242,400	199,228	196,653	242,400	199,228

Note: n.a. - not applicable

Chart 2: Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Malaysia, Q1 2023 – Q1 2026

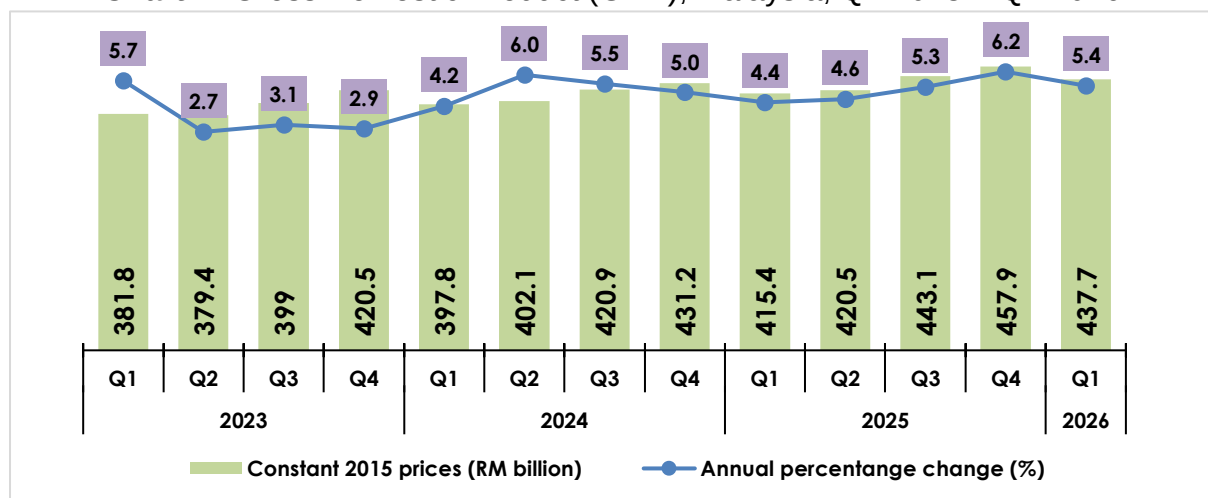


Chart 3: Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Johor, 2021–2024

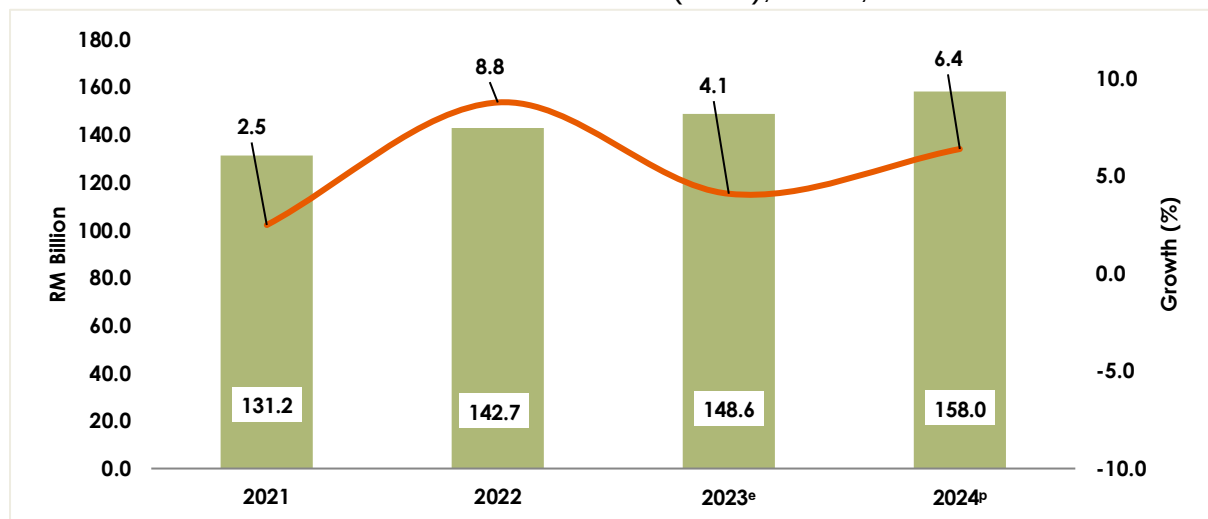


Chart 4 : Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by Sector, Johor, 2021– 2024

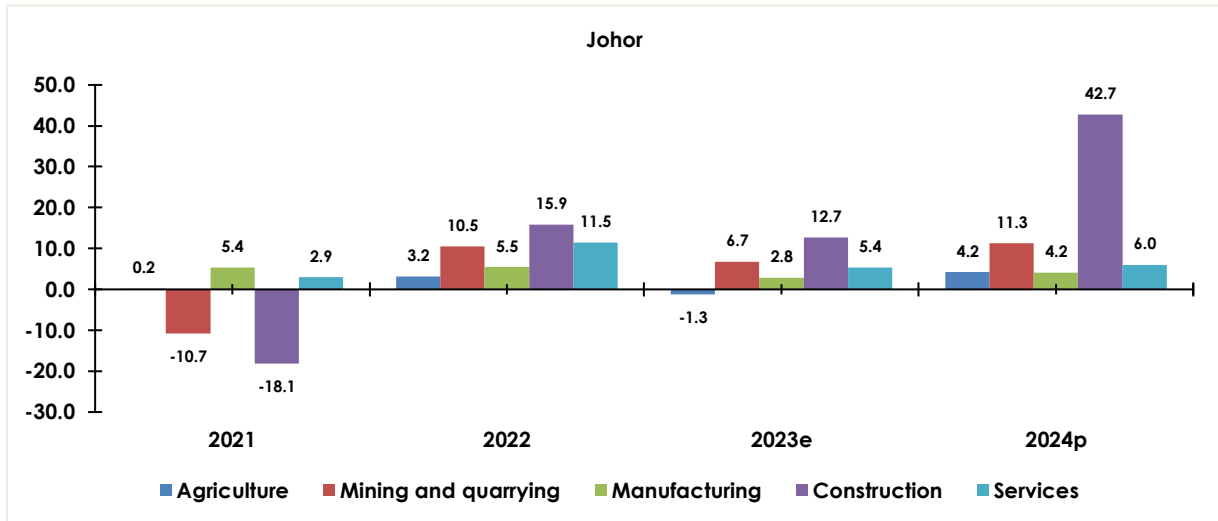


Chart 5: Consumer Price Index, Johor, March 2024 – March 2026

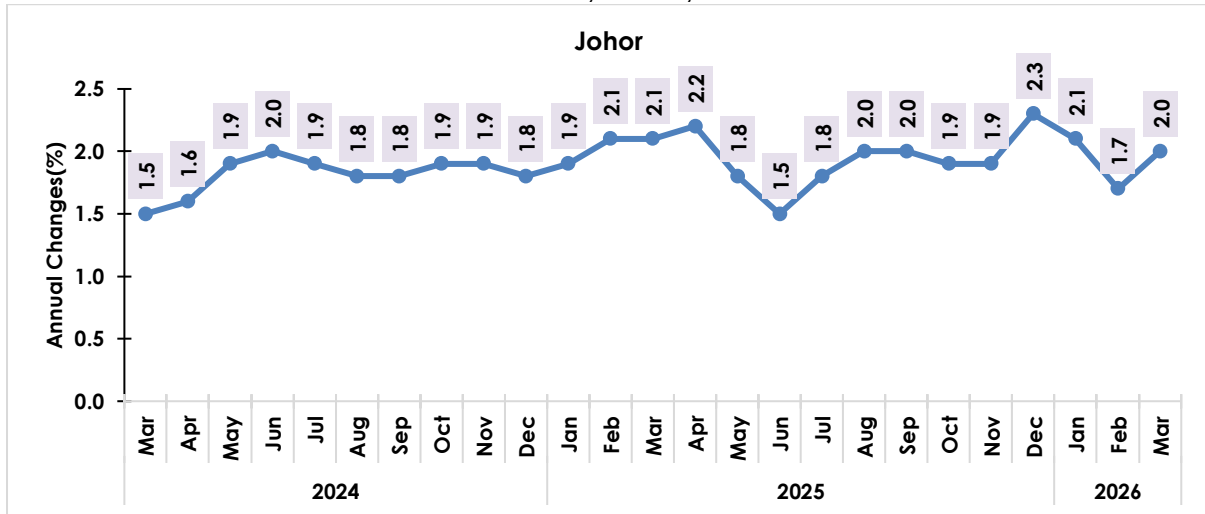


Chart 6: External Trade (Export), Johor, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

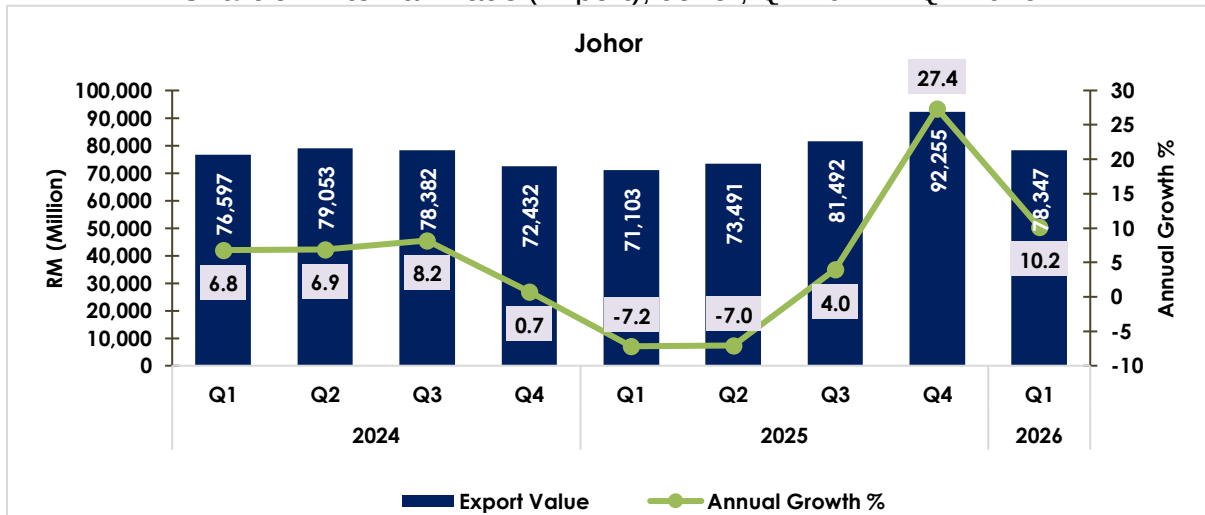


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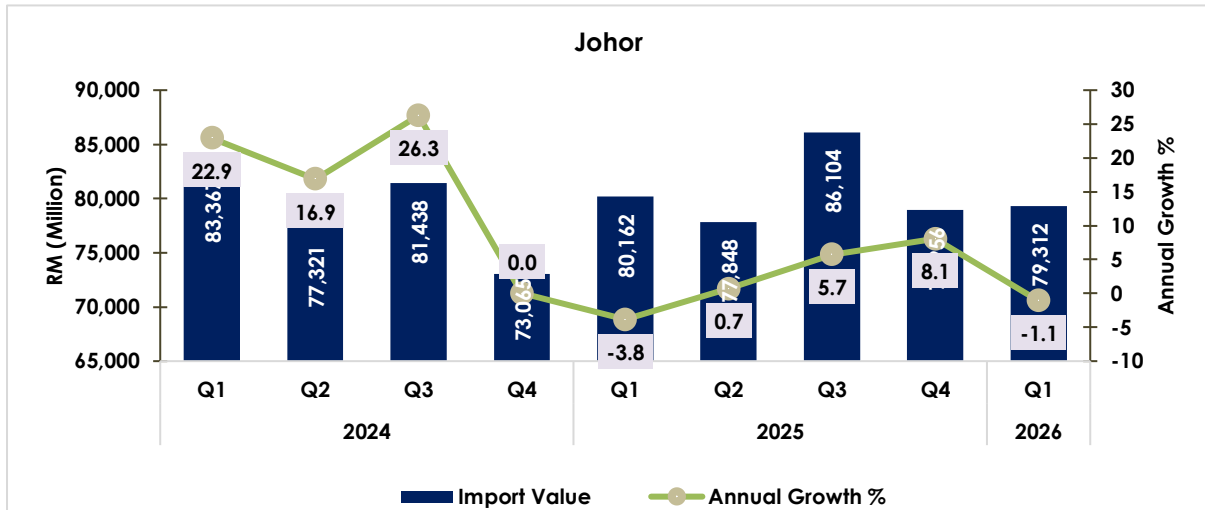


Chart 8: Principal Statistics of Labour Force, Johor, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

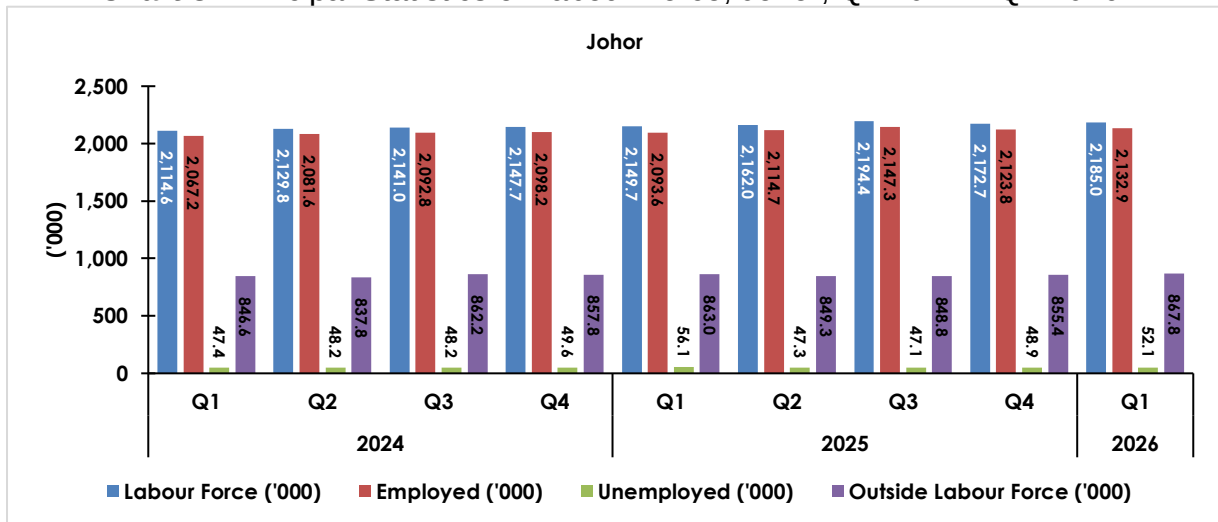


Chart 9: Labour Force Participation Rate and Unemployment Rate, Johor, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

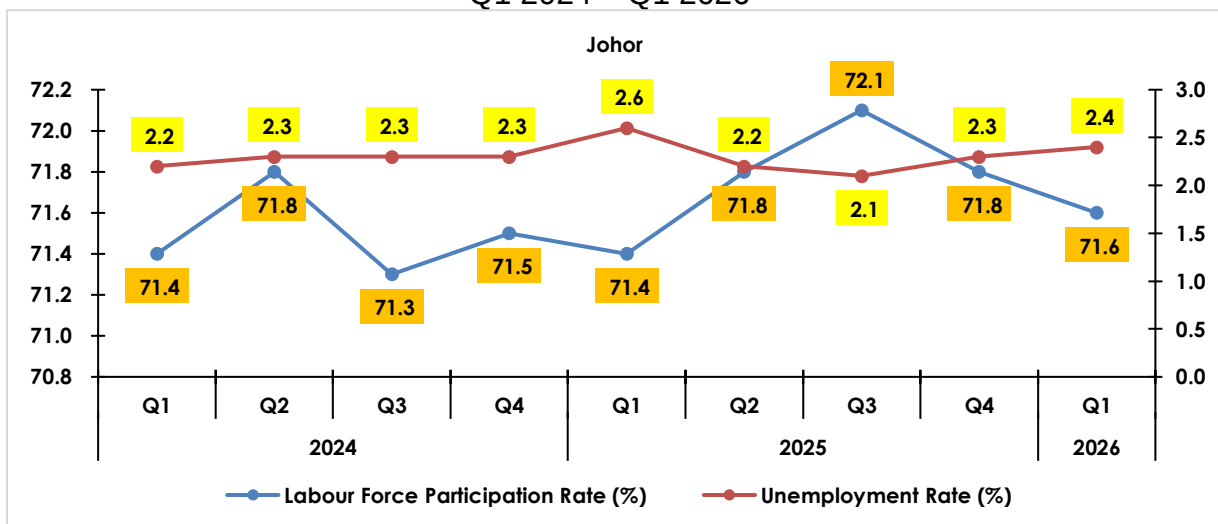


Chart 10: Net Balance of Business Performance for Upcoming Months, Johor, 2024 –2026

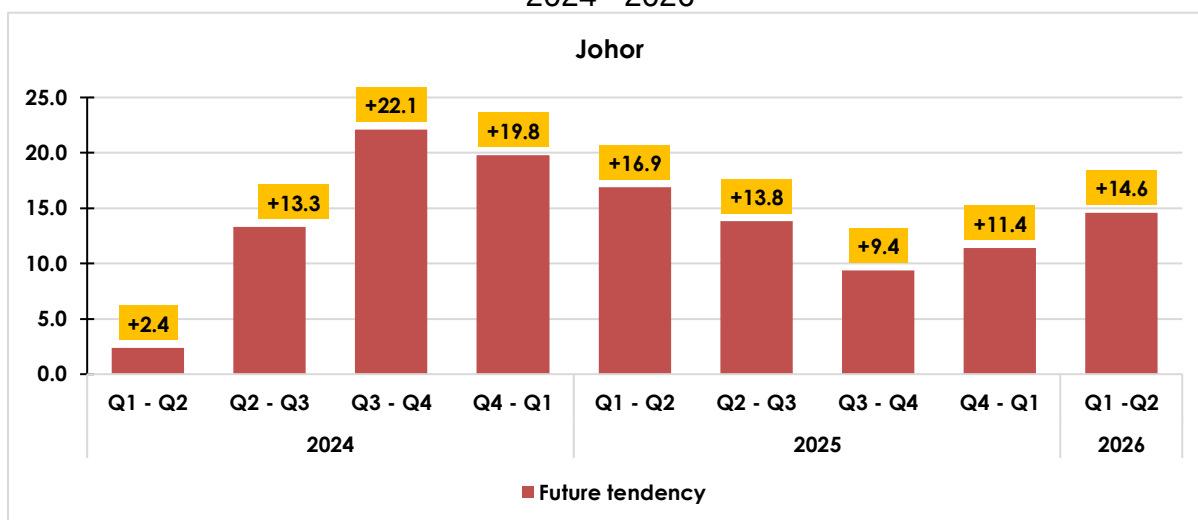


Chart 11: Manufacturing Industry Capacity Utilisation, Johor, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

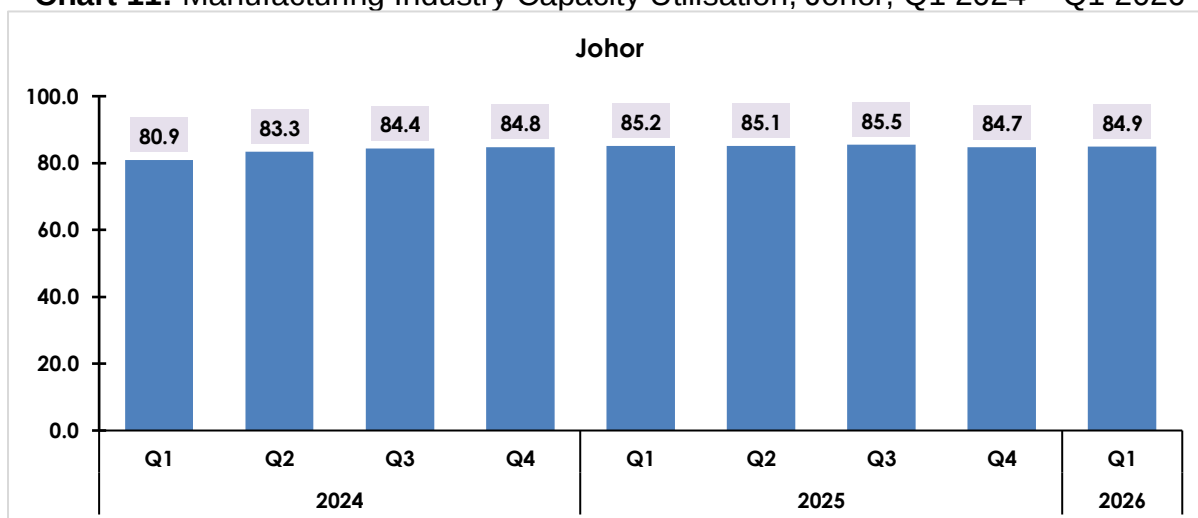


Chart 12: Value of Work Done Construction Sector, Johor, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

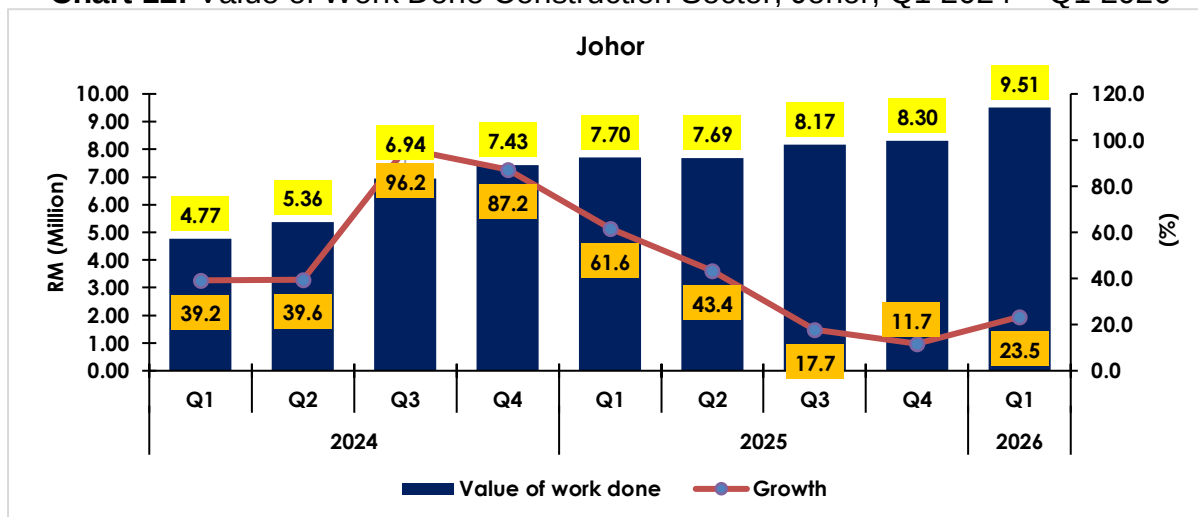


Chart 13: Crude Oil Palm, Johor, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

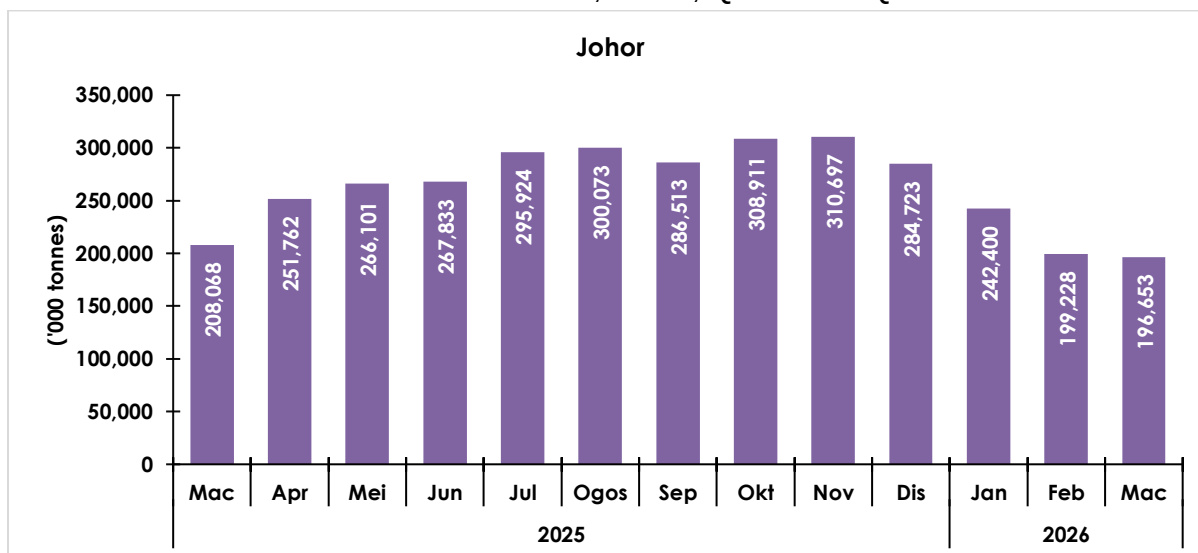


Chart 14: Production of Natural Rubber, Johor, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

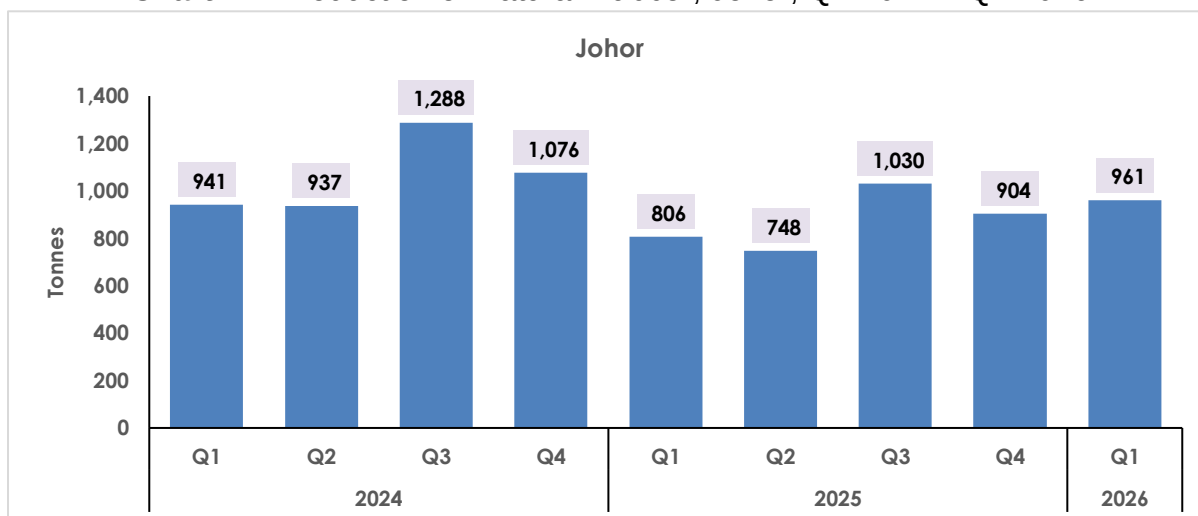


Chart 15: Total Population, Johor, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

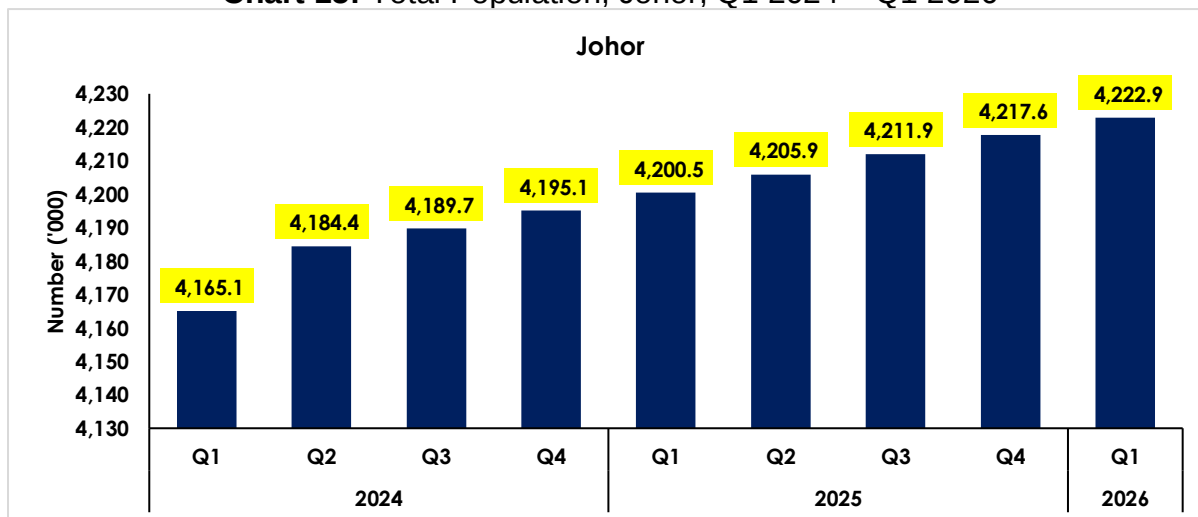


Chart 16: Vital Statistics on Live Births and Deaths, Johor, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

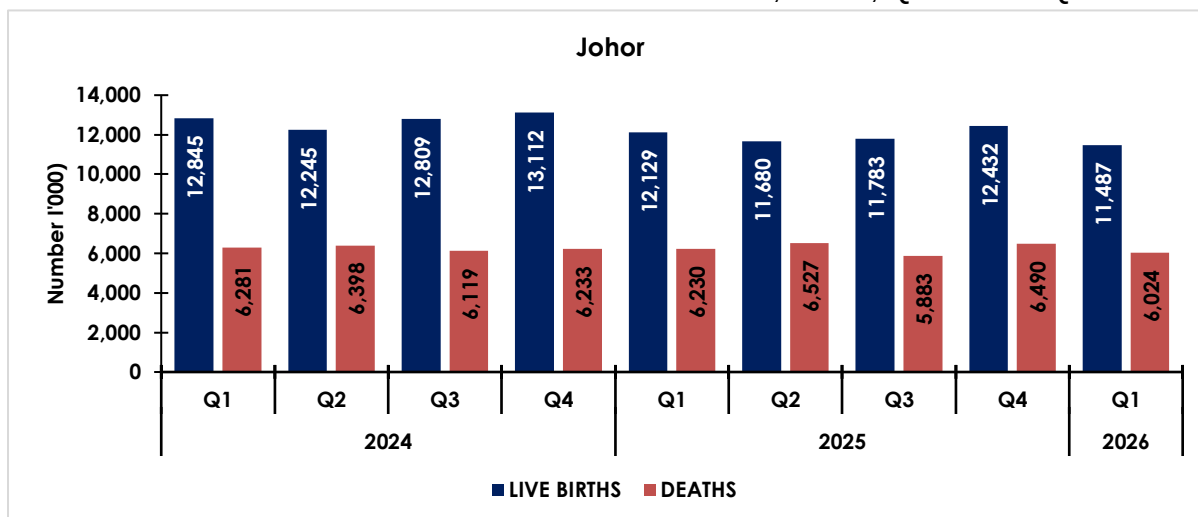


Chart 17: Supply of Residential Units, Johor, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

