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STATE SOCIOECONOMIC INDICATORS, MELAKA FIRST QUARTER, 2026

Melaka's socioeconomic performance remained stable, reflected by a resilient labour market and positive business sentiment

PUTRAJAYA, 21 MAY 2026 – Melaka recorded stable socioeconomic performance in the First Quarter of 2026 (Q1 2026), with a resilient labour market and positive business sentiment. This performance is highlighted in the publication **State Socioeconomic Indicators, Melaka 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 1.6 per cent in March 2026 compared to 1.4 per cent in February 2026. This indicates an overall rising inflation in line with the rise in the national price index following uncertainties in global commodity price movements.

From the external trade perspective, exports in Q1 2026 dropped by 38.0 per cent to RM5.8 billion (Q1 2025: RM9.4 billion). Imports also decreased by

1.2 per cent to RM7.9 billion (Q1 2025: RM8.0 billion) during the same period. This performance reflects measured pace of trade activity.

Referring to the labour market, Melaka maintained a stable position, supported by continuous economic activities and sustained labour demand. The labour force recorded 525.4 thousand persons (Q4 2025: 525.8 thousand persons) with the labour force participation rate (LFPR) standing at 69.8 per cent (Q4 2025: 69.9%). Meanwhile, the number of employed persons remained at 514.7 thousand persons (Q4 2025: 514.7 thousand persons), while the unemployment rate remained low at 2.0 per cent (Q4 2025: 2.1%).

Looking ahead, the net balance of business expectations rebounded to +3.1 per cent for January to June 2026, increasing from -5.8 per cent in the previous quarter, reflecting improving business prospects in the near term. The positive outlook indicates continued confidence among businesses in the expansion of economic activities. This sentiment is consistent with the stable performance of the Manufacturing sector, with industrial capacity utilisation at 87.7 per cent in Q1 2026, reflecting sustainable and resilient operational levels among industrial players in the state.

From a demographic perspective, the population stood at 1.057 million persons in Q1 2026, compared to 1.056 million persons in Q4 2025. Live births were recorded at 2,778 persons, while deaths totalled 1,585 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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Chart 1: Key Sosioecomonic Indicators, Melaka

Indicators	2024				2025				2026
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Exports (RM billion)	6,581	6,847	7,061	7,238	9,400	7,785	7,680	7,054	5,826
Imports (RM billion)	10,599	11,731	10,571	9,832	8,048	8,781	9,579	8,616	7,949
Labour force ('000)	515.3	522.1	524.1	522.9	526.6	524.9	532.5	525.8	525.4
Employed ('000)	505.6	513.3	514.8	512.5	516.9	515.9	522.1	514.7	514.7
Unemployed ('000)	9.7	8.8	9.3	10.4	9.7	9.0	10.4	11.1	10.6
Outside labour force ('000)	223.7	223.0	224.3	223.9	222.9	226.5	227.1	225.9	226.8
Labour force participation rate (%)	69.7	70.1	70.0	70.0	70.3	69.9	70.1	69.9	69.8
Unemployment rate (%)	1.9	1.7	1.8	2.0	1.8	1.7	2.0	2.1	2.0
Net Balance (%)	-1.9	-5.2	+2.4	+12.1	+1.0	+9.6	-6.5	-5.8	+3.1
Capacity Utilisation (%)	80.0	83.5	85.2	84.0	84.2	87.7	86.1	82.7	87.7
Value of Work Done (RM billion)	968	1,179	1,353	1,196	1,302	1,213	1,058	880	1,055
Natural Rubber Production ('000 tonnes)	287	143	245	218	253	235	334	297	44
Population ('000)	1,042.1	1,046.7	1,048.1	1,049.6	1,051.1	1,052.5	1,054.1	1,055.7	1,056.9
Live Births ('000)	3,201	2,992	3,056	3,295	2,884	2,853	2,997	3,110	2,778
Deaths ('000)	1,512	1,669	1,552	1,553	1,590	1,538	1,507	1,554	1,585

Indicator	2025												2026		
	Mac	Apr	Mei	Jun	Jul	Ogos	Sep	Okt	Nov	Dis	Jan	Feb	Mac	Apr	Mei
Consumer Price Index	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.8	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.6
Exports (RM mil.)	2,991	2,313	2,748	2,724	2,653	2,468	2,560	2,370	2,263	2,421	2,119	1,831	1,876		
Imports (RM mil.)	2,520	2,509	3,619	2,654	3,844	2,923	2,813	2,996	3,261	2,359	3,264	2,416	2,269		
Natural Rubber Production (Tonnes)	60	47	99	89	120	119	96	111	85	101	20	15	9		
Crude Palm Oil (Tonnes)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.		

Note: n.a. - not applicable

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

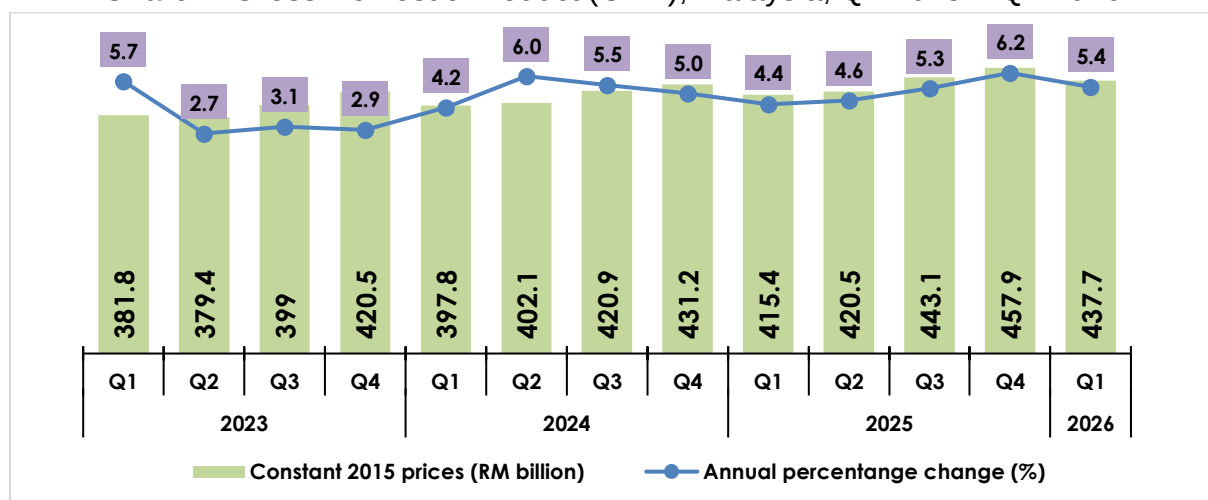


Chart 3: Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Melaka, 2021–2024

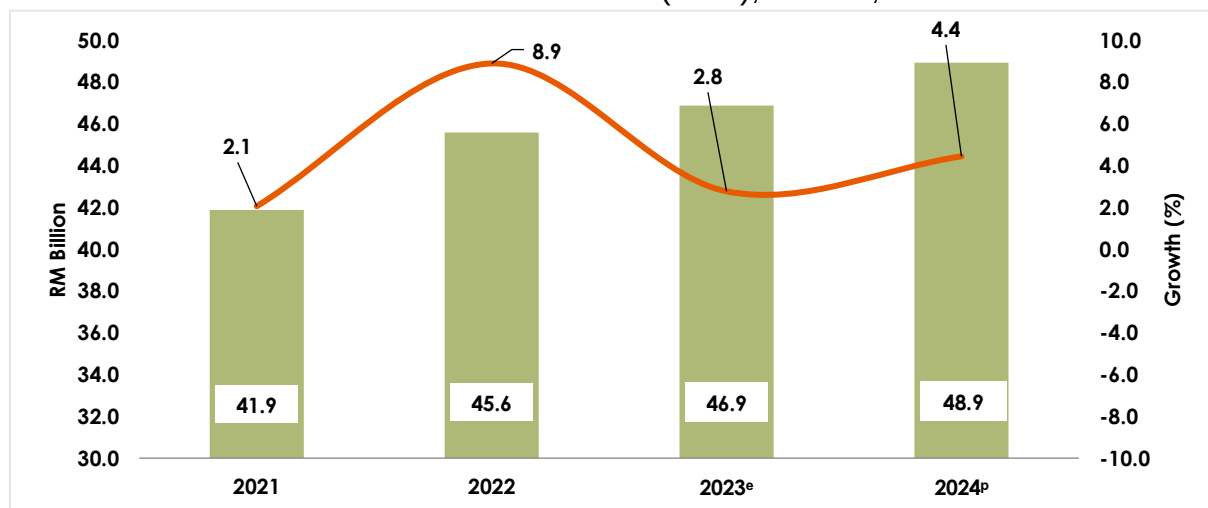


Chart 4 : Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by Sector, Melaka, 2021– 2024

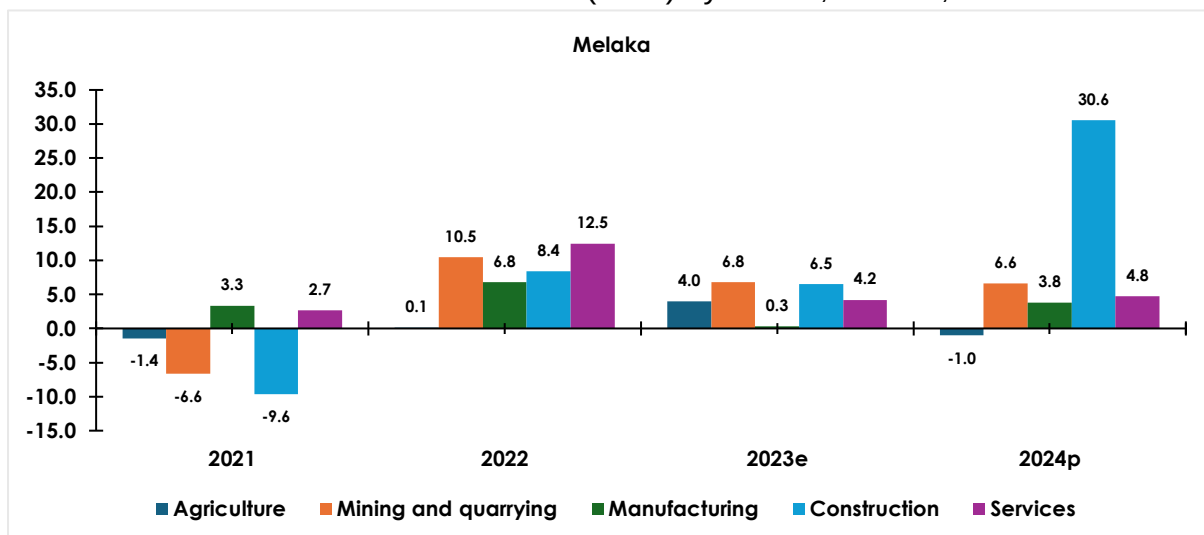


Chart 5: Consumer Price Index, Melaka, March 2024 – March 2026

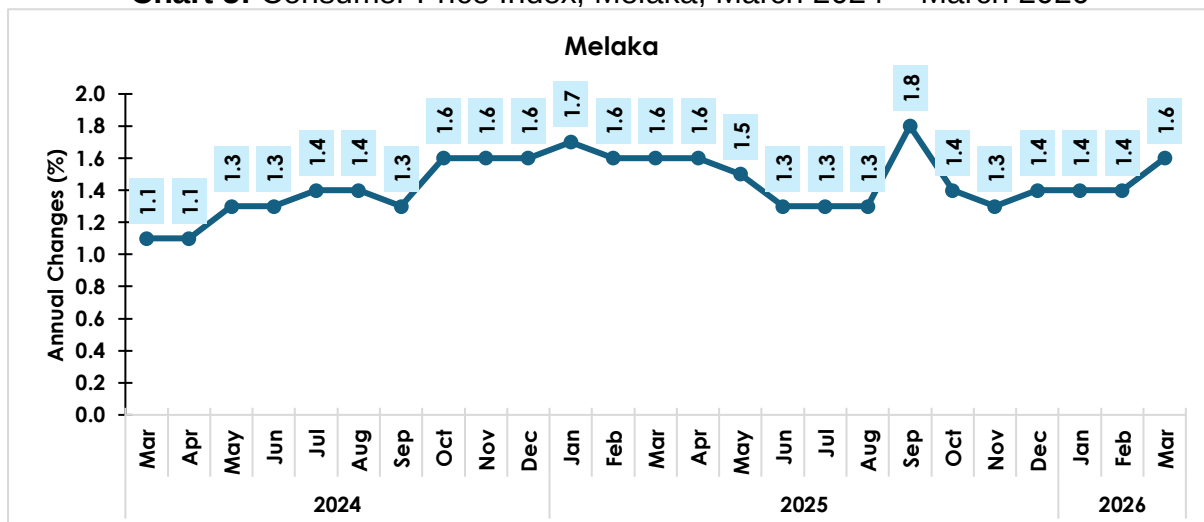


Chart 6: External Trade (Export), Melaka, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

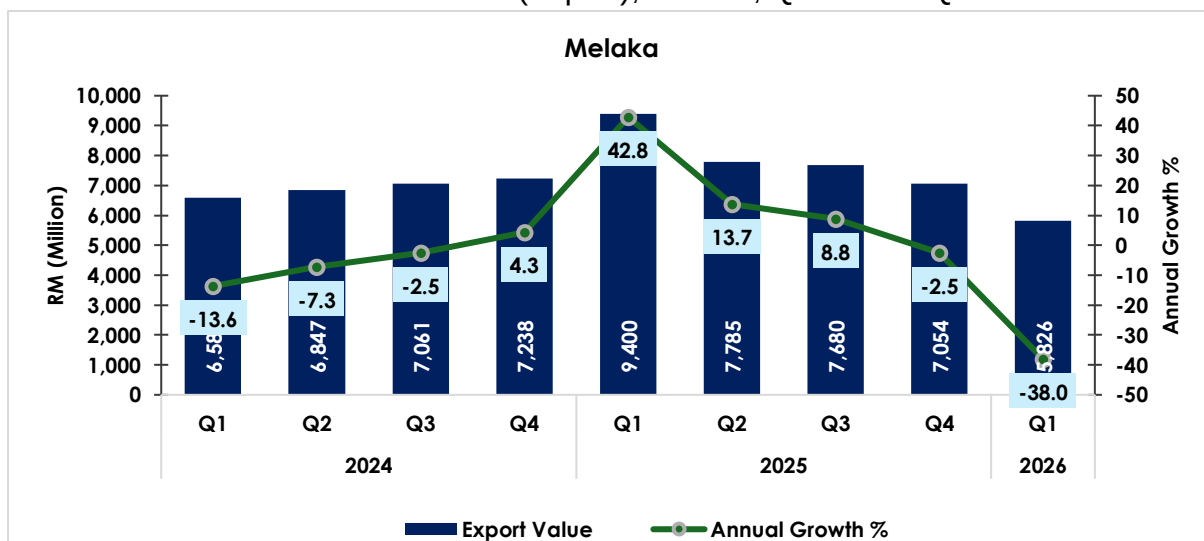


Chart 7: External Trade (Import), Melaka, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

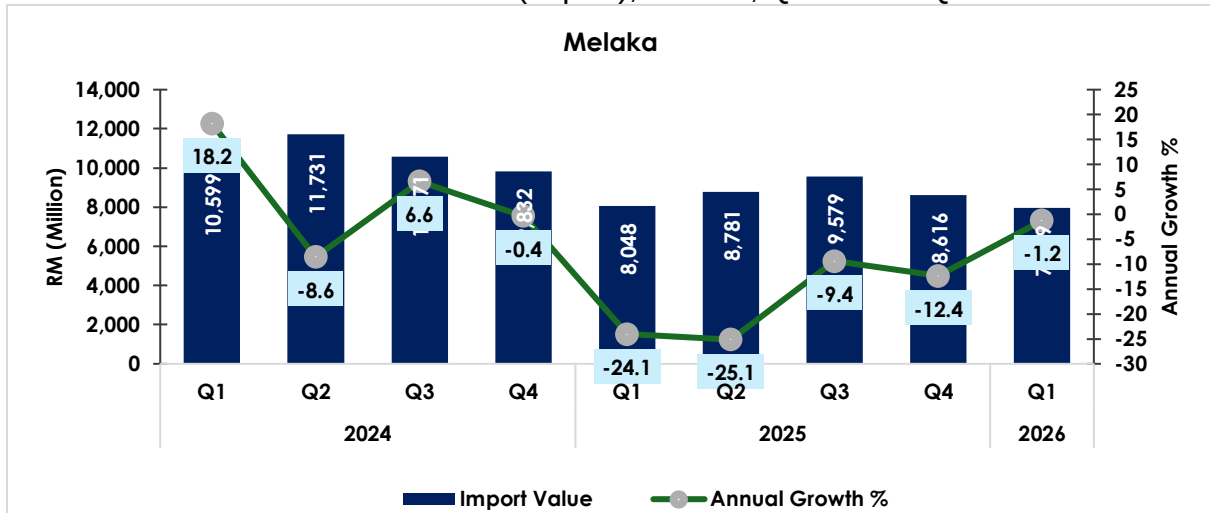


Chart 8: Principal Statistics of Labour Force, Melaka, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

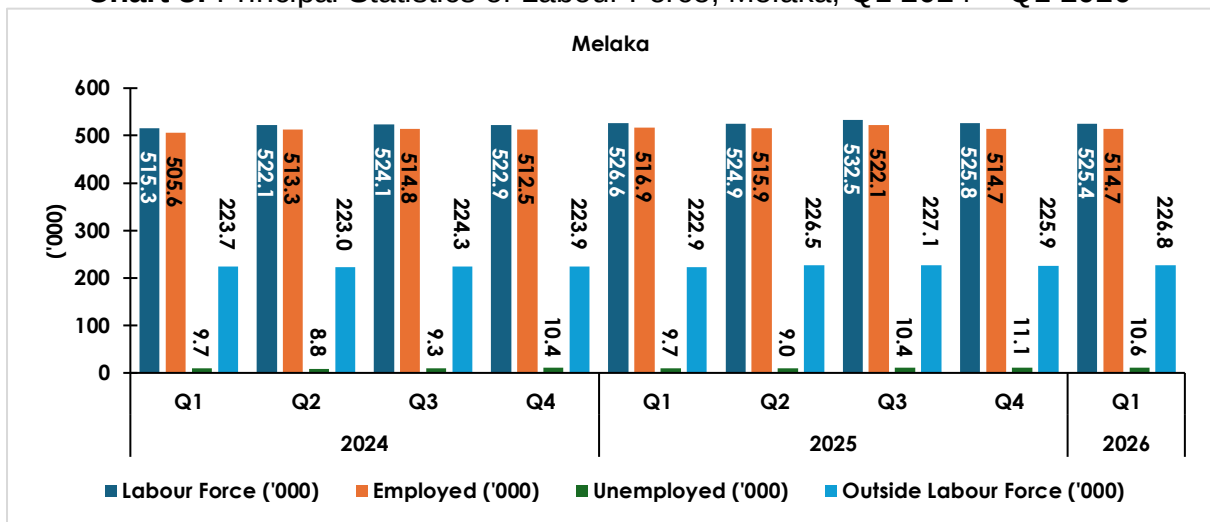


Chart 9: Labour Force Participation Rate and Unemployment Rate, Melaka, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

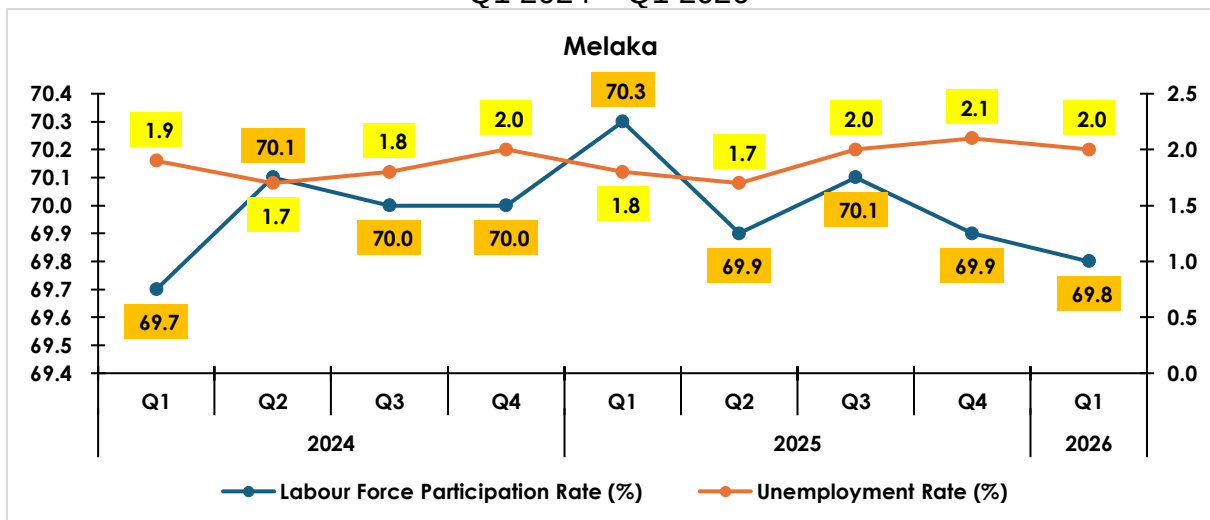


Chart 10: Net Balance of Business Performance for Upcoming Months, Melaka, 2024 – 2026

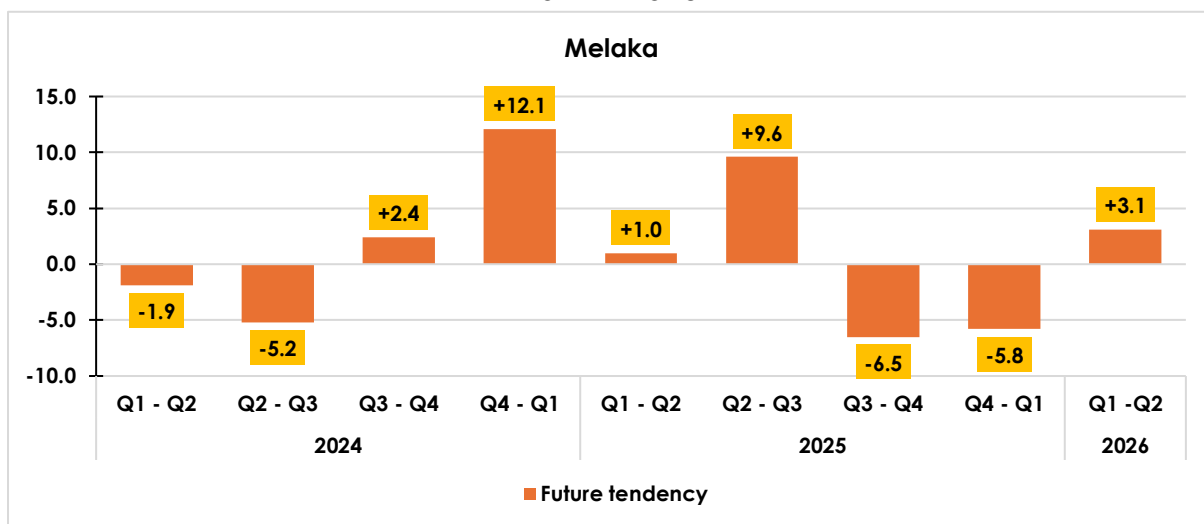


Chart 11: Manufacturing Industry Capacity Utilisation, Melaka, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

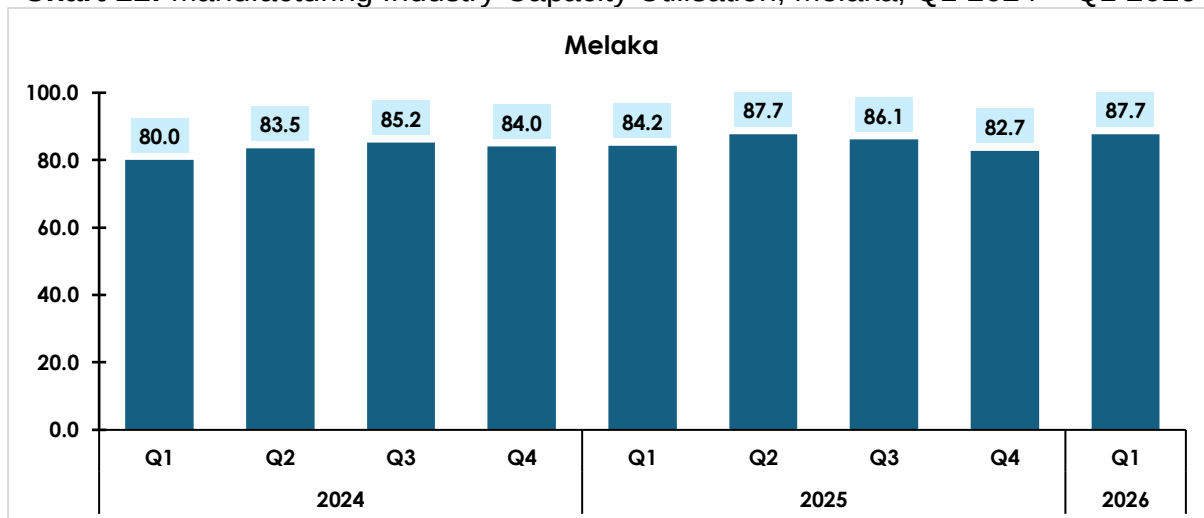


Chart 12: Value of Work Done Construction Sector, Melaka, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

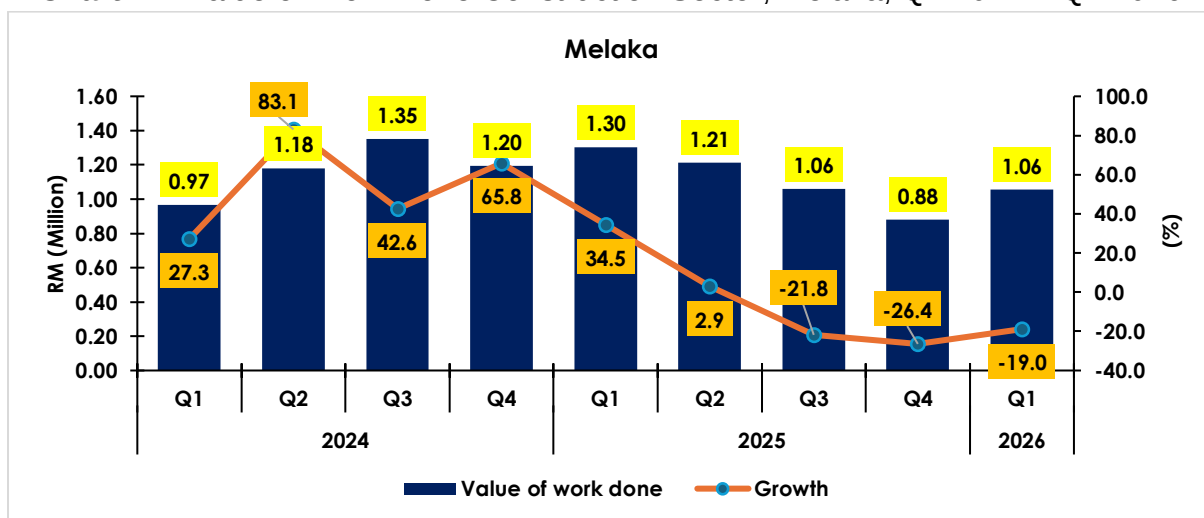


Chart 13: Crude Oil Palm, Melaka, Mar 2025 – Mar 2026

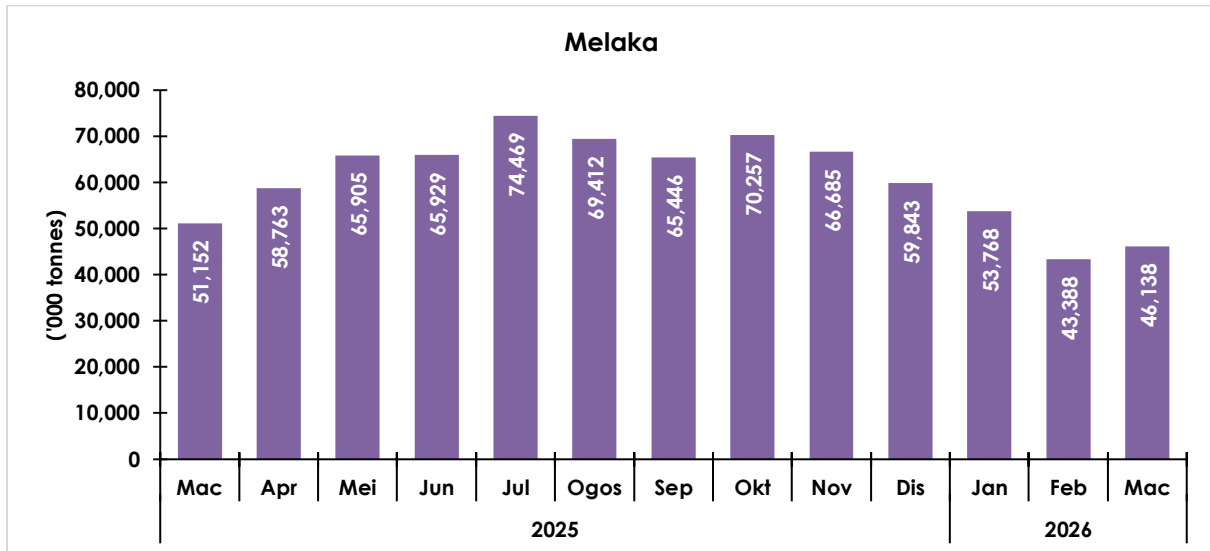


Chart 14: Production of Natural Rubber, Melaka, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

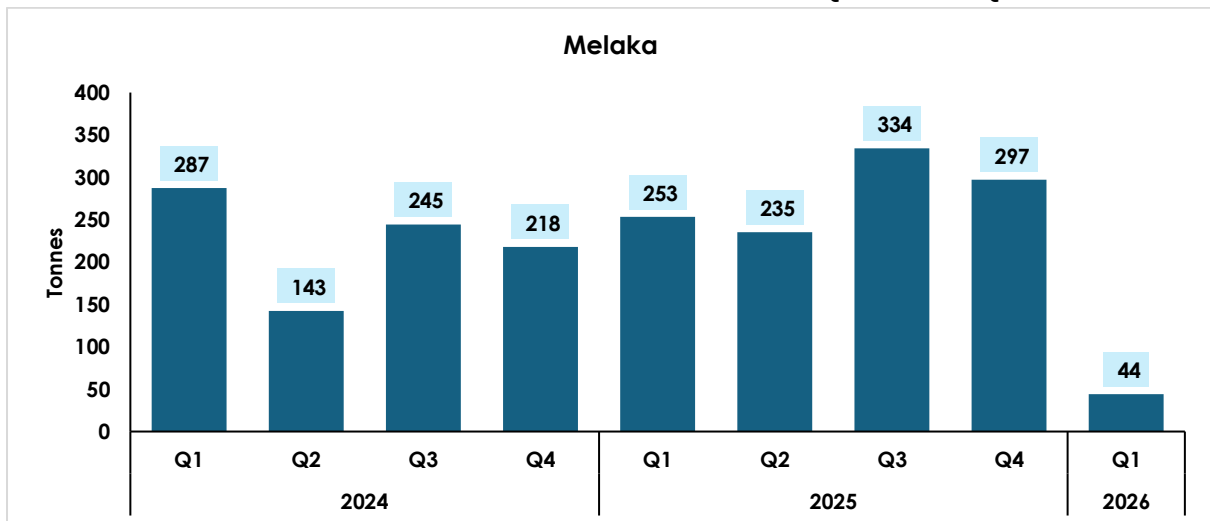


Chart 15: Total Population, Melaka, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

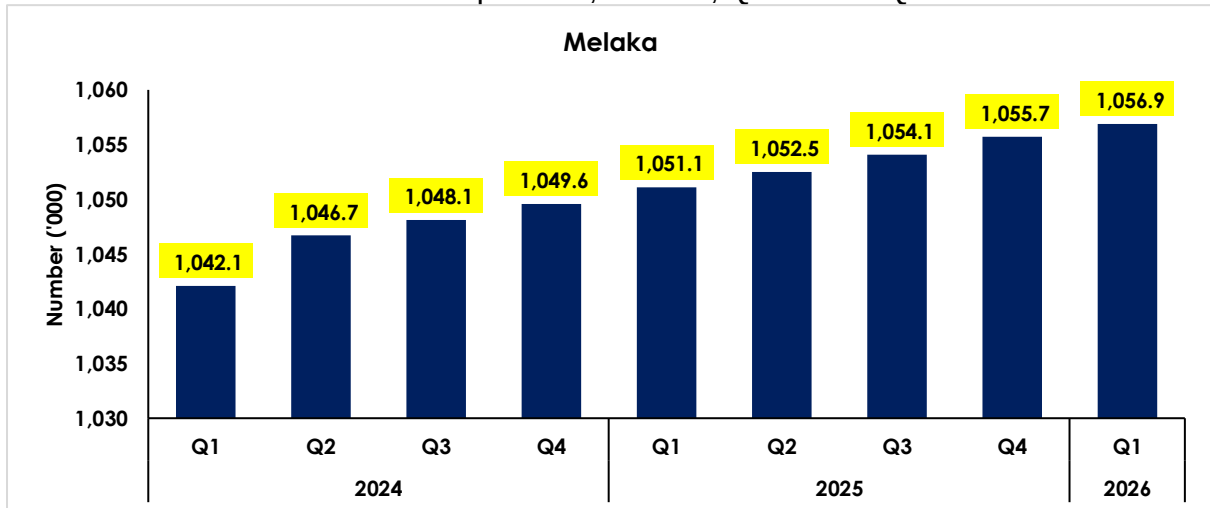


Chart 16: Vital Statistics on Live Births and Deaths, Melaka, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

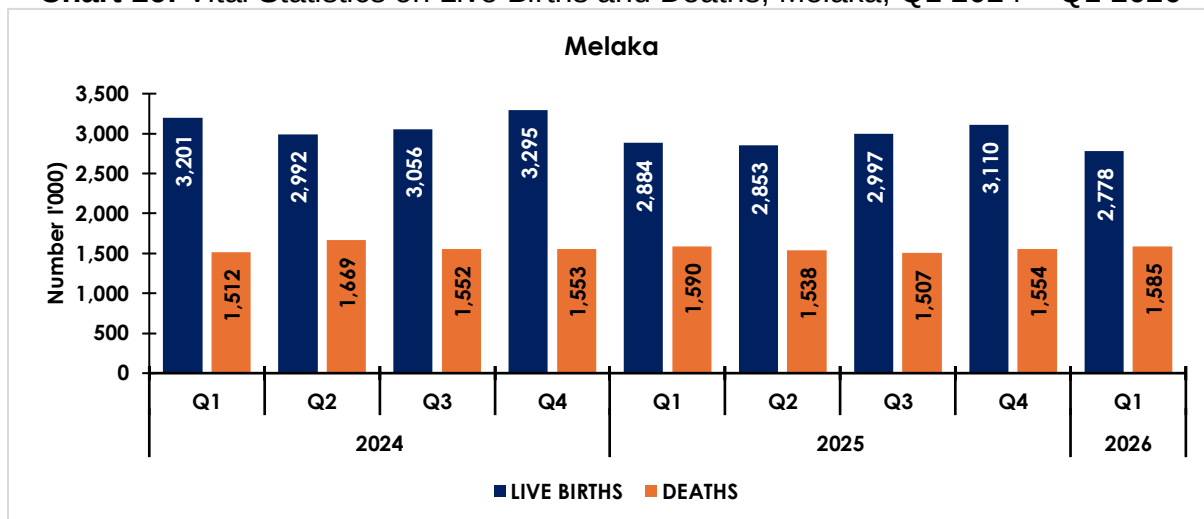


Chart 17: Supply of Residential Units, Melaka, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

