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STATE SOCIOECONOMIC INDICATORS, NEGERI SEMBILAN FIRST QUARTER, 2026

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PUTRAJAYA, 21 MAY 2026 – Negeri Sembilan recorded steady socioeconomic performance in the First Quarter of 2026 (Q1 2026), with a stable labour market and positive business sentiment. These developments are highlighted in the publication **State Socioeconomic Indicators, Negeri Sembilan First Quarter, 2026** released today by the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM). The publication is a rebranding of Pocket Stats State, enhanced with 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 2.2 per cent in March 2026 compared to 2.0 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 declined by 14.7 per cent to RM4.8 billion (Q1 2025: RM5.6 billion). In contrast, imports increased by 8.2 per cent to RM9.8 billion (Q1 2025: RM9.1 billion) during the same period. This performance reflected continued trade activity despite a contraction in exports.

Referring to the labour market, Negeri Sembilan maintained a stable level of labour force participation, supported by continued economic activities a. The labour force recorded 578.1 thousand persons (Q4 2025: 579.8 thousand persons), while the labour force participation rate (LFPR) stood at 67.1 per cent (Q4 2025: 67.1%). In line with this trend, the number of employed persons recorded 564.1 thousand persons (Q4 2025: 565.1 thousand persons), while the unemployment rate remained low at 2.4 per cent (Q4 2025: 2.5%).

Looking ahead, the net balance of business expectations remained positive at +13.4 per cent for the period of January to June 2026, improving from +8.9 per cent in the previous quarter, reflecting more favourable business prospects in the near term. Positive future expectations indicated sustained confidence among businesses in economic activities. This sentiment was consistent with the stable performance of the Manufacturing sector, with industrial capacity utilisation at 85.4 per cent in Q1 2026, reflecting resilient operational conditions among industrial players in the state.

In terms of demographic trends, the population increased to 1.250 million persons in Q1 2026 compared to 1.248 million persons in Q4 2025. Live births recorded 3,405 persons, while deaths were recorded at 2,064 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, Negeri Sembilan

Indicators	2024				2025				2026
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Exports (RM billion)	6,507	6,296	5,967	5,433	5,582	6,112	5,868	5,326	4,762
Imports (RM billion)	12,110	12,871	9,722	10,221	9,083	9,389	8,961	9,756	9,826
Labour force ('000)	572.4	572.0	573.8	574.9	579.4	580.9	580.8	579.8	578.1
Employed ('000)	556.2	555.7	556.7	558.3	563.3	565.3	564.2	565.1	564.1
Unemployed ('000)	16.2	16.3	17.1	16.6	16.1	15.5	16.6	14.6	14.0
Outside labour force ('000)	273.4	278.1	279.3	281.5	277.0	276.9	281.8	284.0	284.0
Labour force participation rate (%)	67.7	67.3	67.3	67.1	67.7	67.7	67.3	67.1	67.1
Unemployment rate (%)	2.8	2.8	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.9	2.5	2.4
Net Balance (%)	+22.1	+17.6	+11.5	+12.7	+17.9	+10.1	+11.6	+8.9	+13.4
Capacity Utilisation (%)	85.0	84.4	85.7	83.2	83.0	85.9	86.9	86.2	85.4
Value of Work Done (RM billion)	1,510	1,330	1,218	1,284	1,281	1,191	1,447	1,326	1,753
Natural Rubber Production ('000 tonnes)	287	143	245	218	253	235	334	297	44
Population ('000)	1,235.8	1,239.5	1,240.7	1,242.0	1,243.3	1,244.6	1,245.7	1,248.1	1,250.1
Live Births ('000)	3,771	3,568	3,681	3,698	3,581	3,415	3,576	3,545	3,405
Deaths ('000)	2,170	2,193	2,238	2,085	2,100	2,009	1,996	2,142	2,064

Indicator	2025											2026		
	Mac	Apr	Mei	Jun	Jul	Ogos	Sep	Okt	Nov	Dis		Jan	Feb	Mac
Consumer Price Index	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.9	1.7	1.9	2.2		2.0	2.0	2.2
Exports (RM mil.)	2,072	2,058	2,170	1,884	2,226	1,887	1,755	1,728	1,925	1,674		1,669	1,460	1,633
Imports (RM mil.)	3,206	3,542	2,847	3,001	3,022	2,714	3,225	3,075	3,129	3,551		3,299	2,985	3,542
Natural Rubber Production (Tonnes)	60	47	99	89	120	119	96	111	85	101		20	15	9
Crude Palm Oil (Tonnes)	51,152	58,763	65,905	65,929	74,469	69,412	65,446	70,257	66,685	59,843		53,768	43,388	46,138

Note: n.a. - not applicable

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

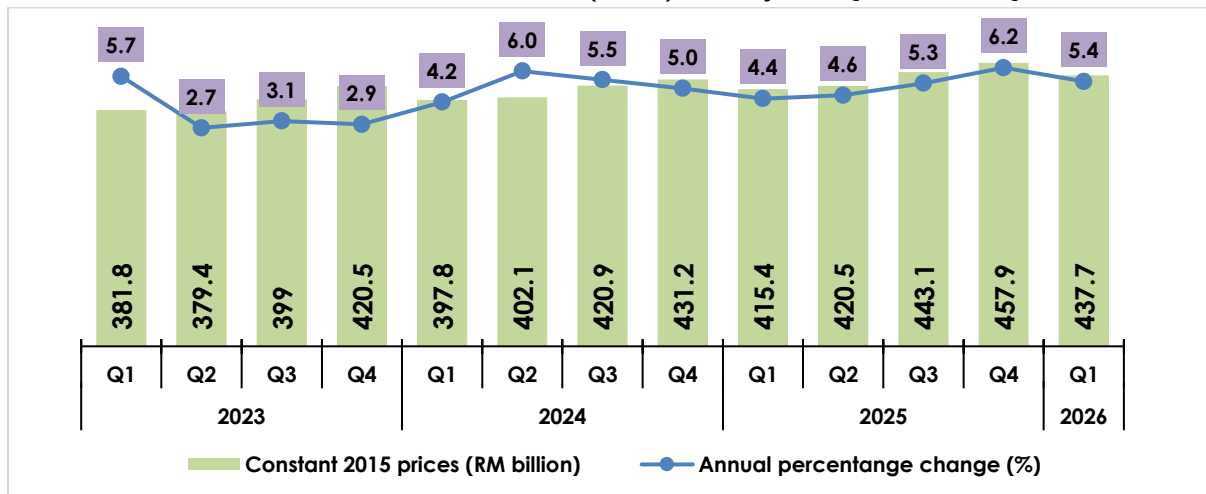


Chart 3: Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Negeri Sembilan, 2021–2024

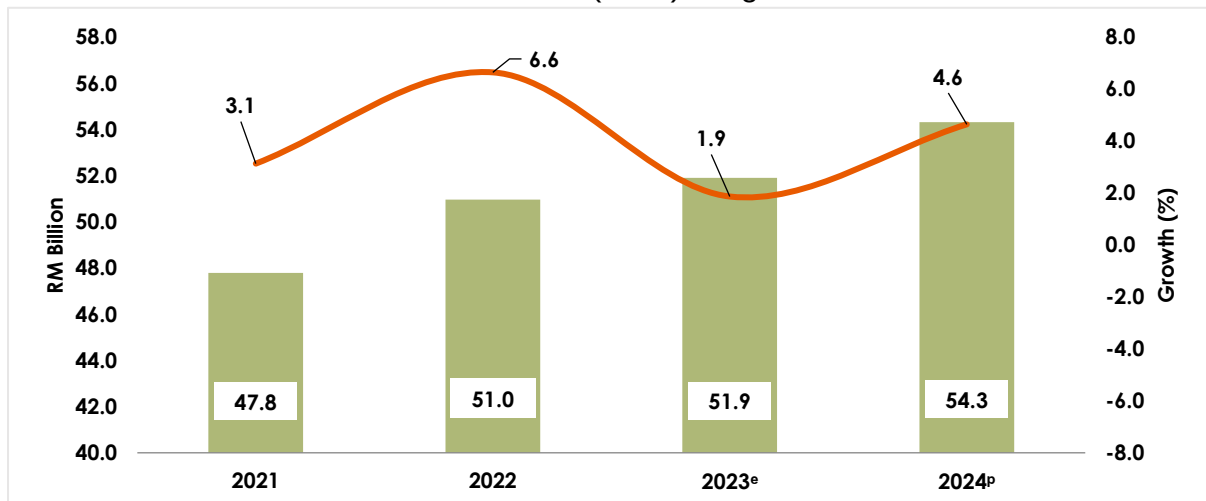


Chart 4 : Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by Sector, Negeri Sembilan, 2021– 2024

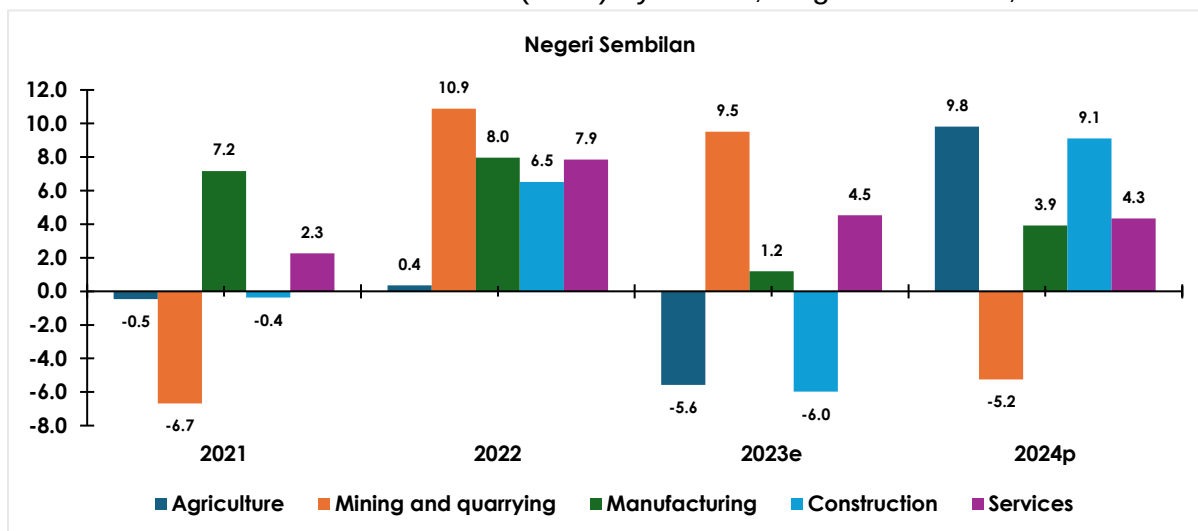


Chart 5: Consumer Price Index, Negeri Sembilan, March 2024 – March 2026

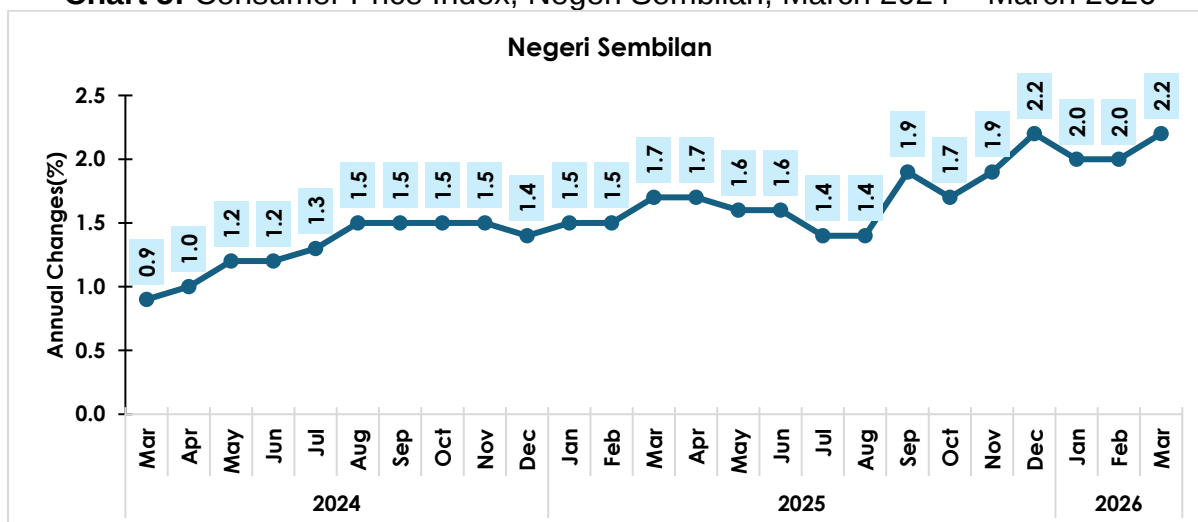


Chart 6: External Trade (Exports), Negeri Sembilan, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

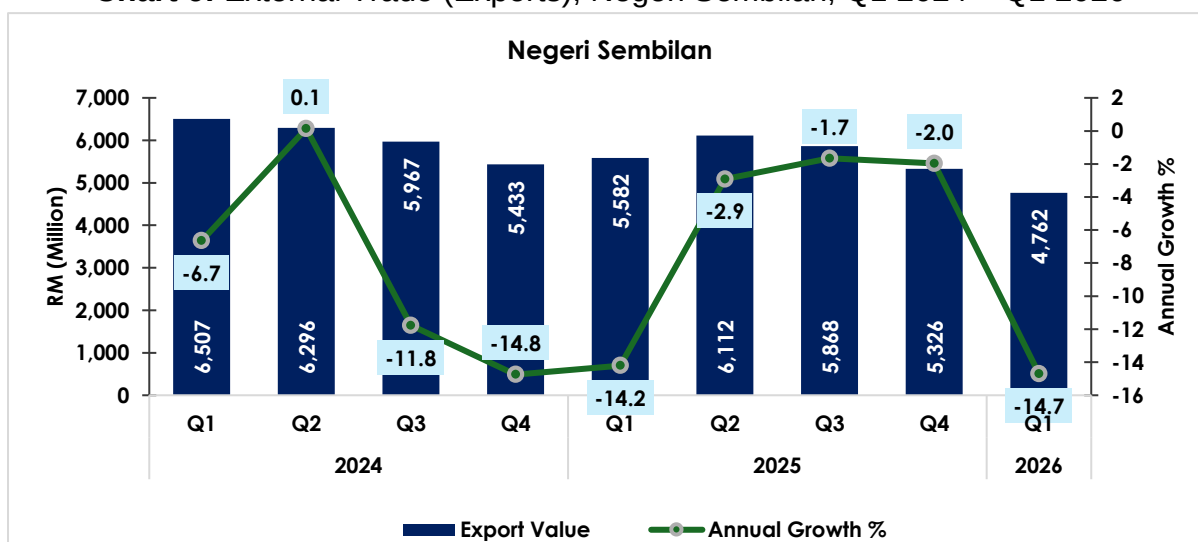


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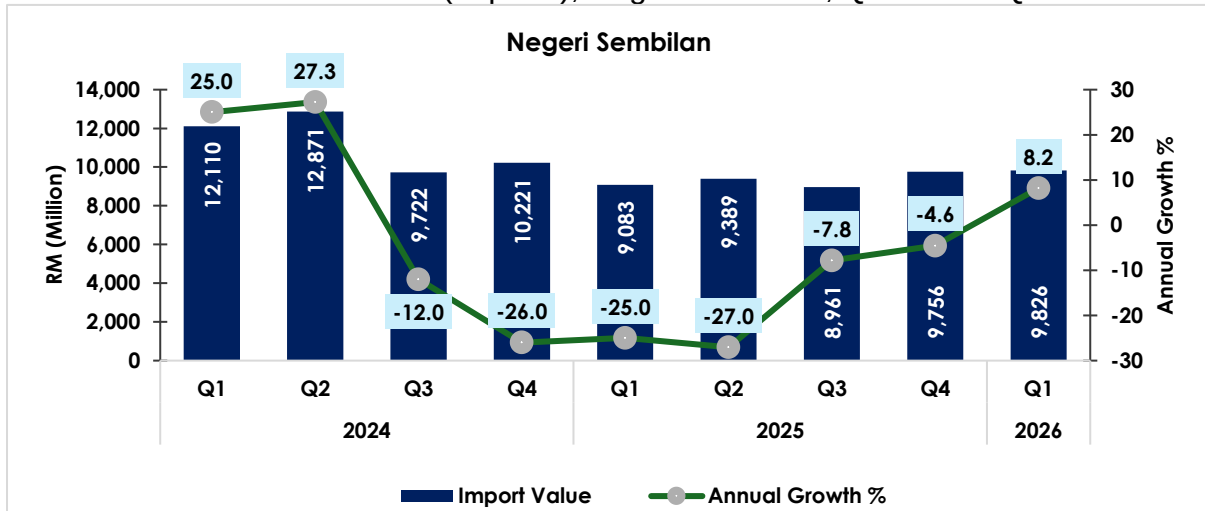


Chart 8: Principal Statistics of Labour Force, Negeri Sembilan, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

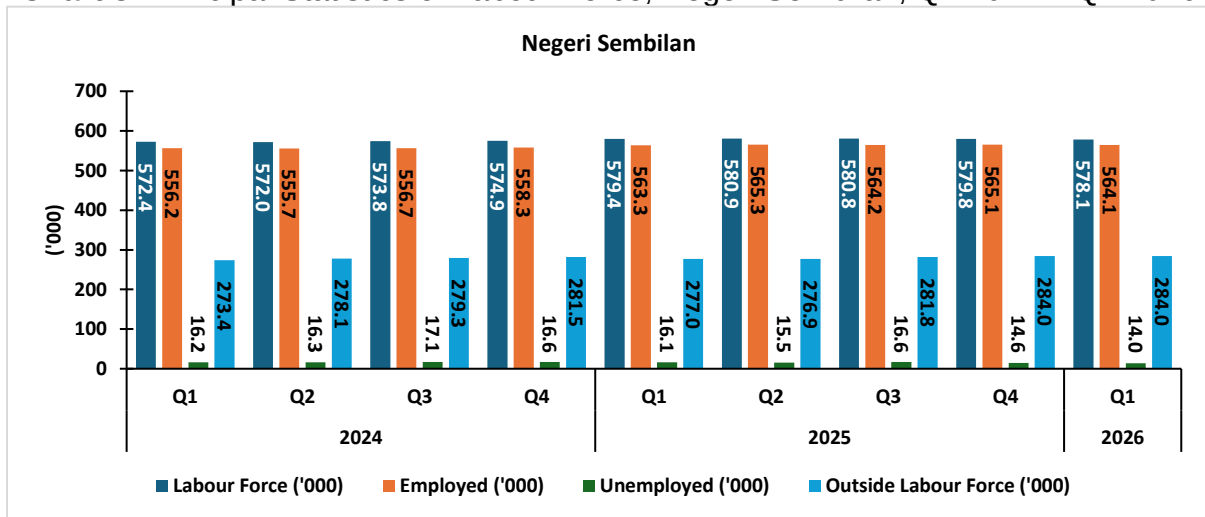


Chart 9: Labour Force Participation Rate and Unemployment Rate, Negeri Sembilan, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

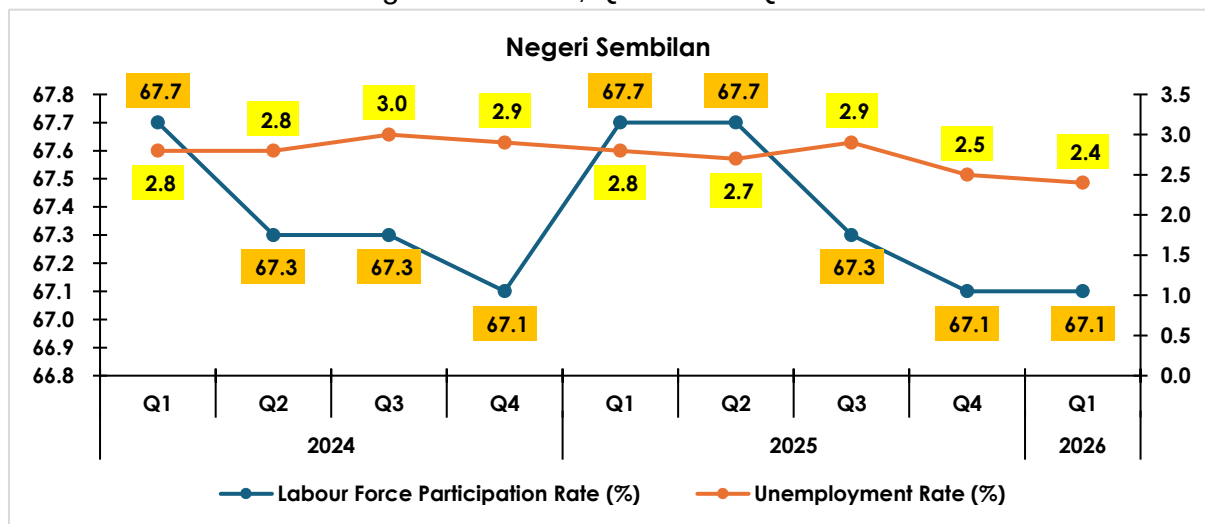


Chart 10: Net Balance of Business Performance for Upcoming Months, Negeri Sembilan, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

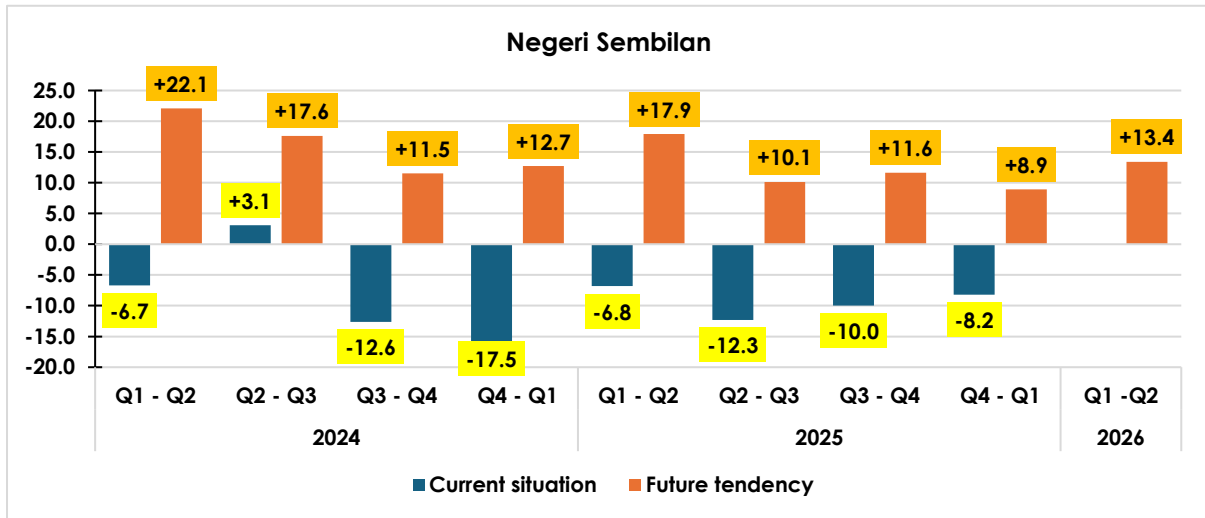


Chart 11: Manufacturing Industry Capacity Utilisation, Negeri Sembilan, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

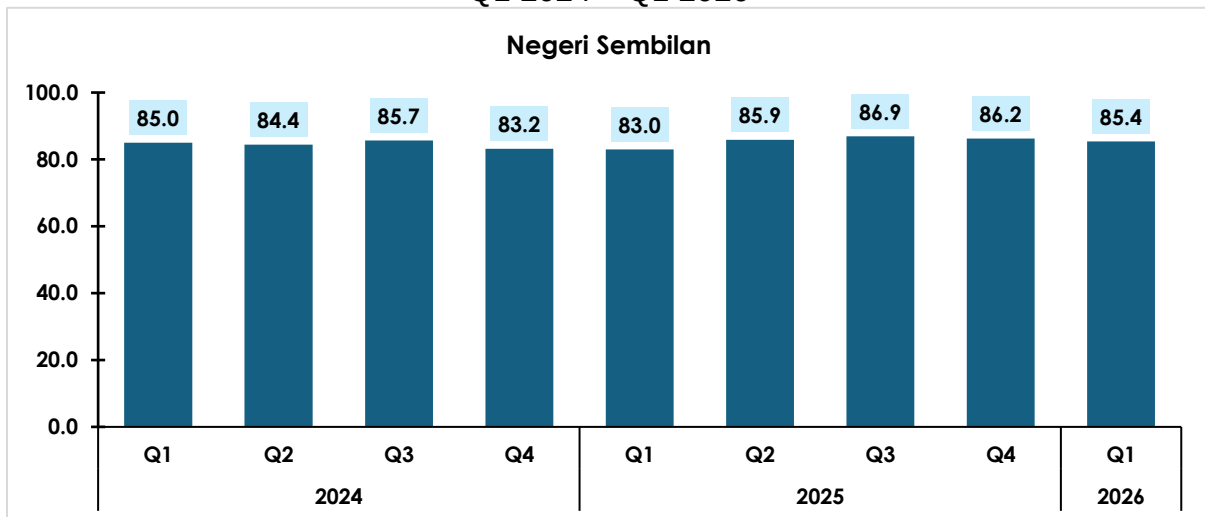


Chart 12: Value of Work Done Construction Sector, Negeri Sembilan, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

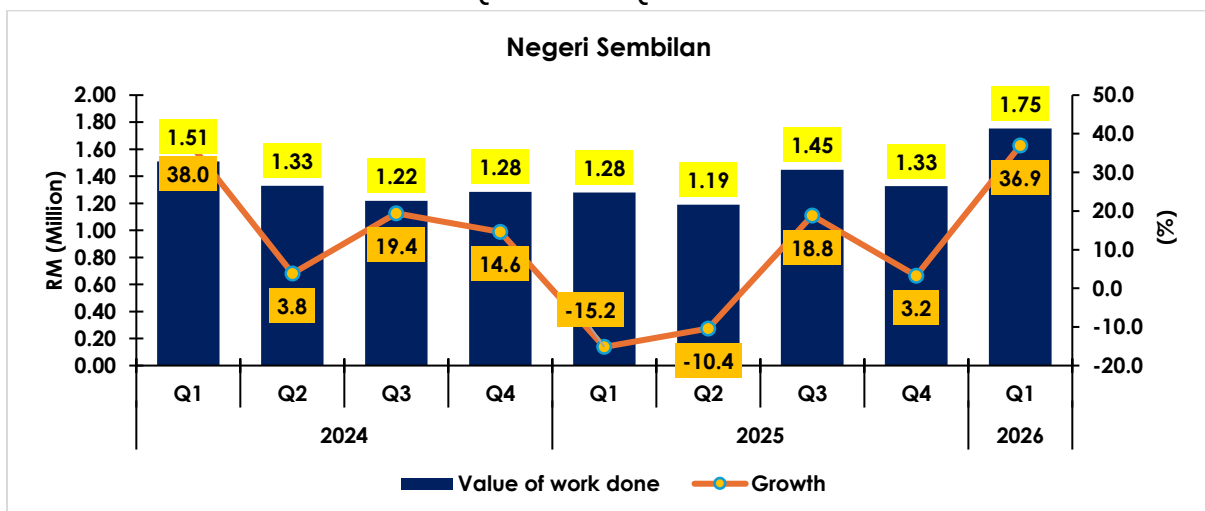


Chart 13: Crude Oil Palm, Negeri Sembilan, Mar 2025 – Mar 2026

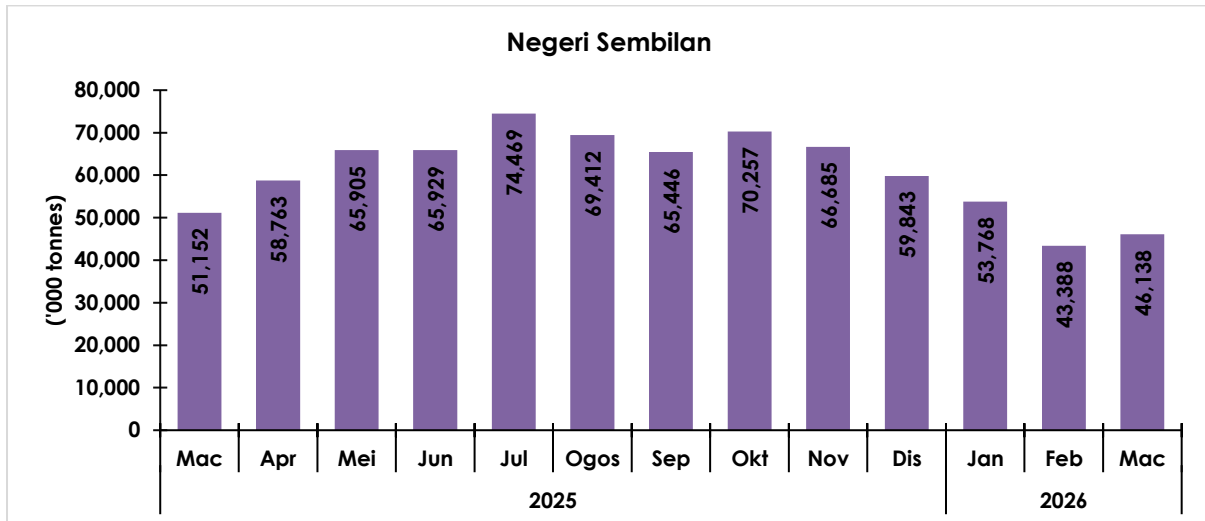


Chart 14: Production of Natural Rubber, Negeri Sembilan, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

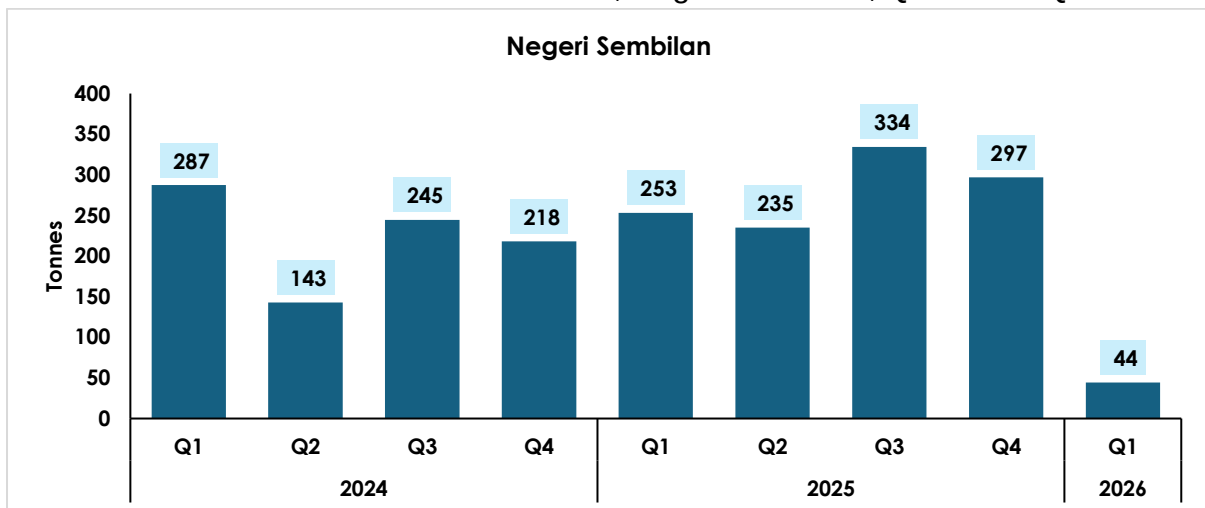


Chart 15: Total Population, Negeri Sembilan, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

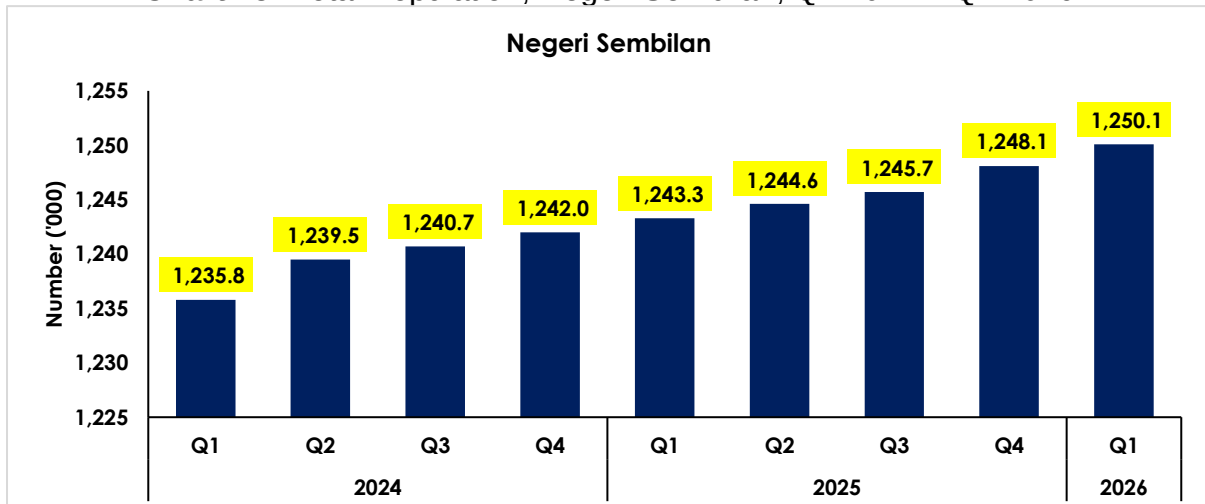


Chart 16: Vital Statistics on Live Births and Deaths, Negeri Sembilan, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

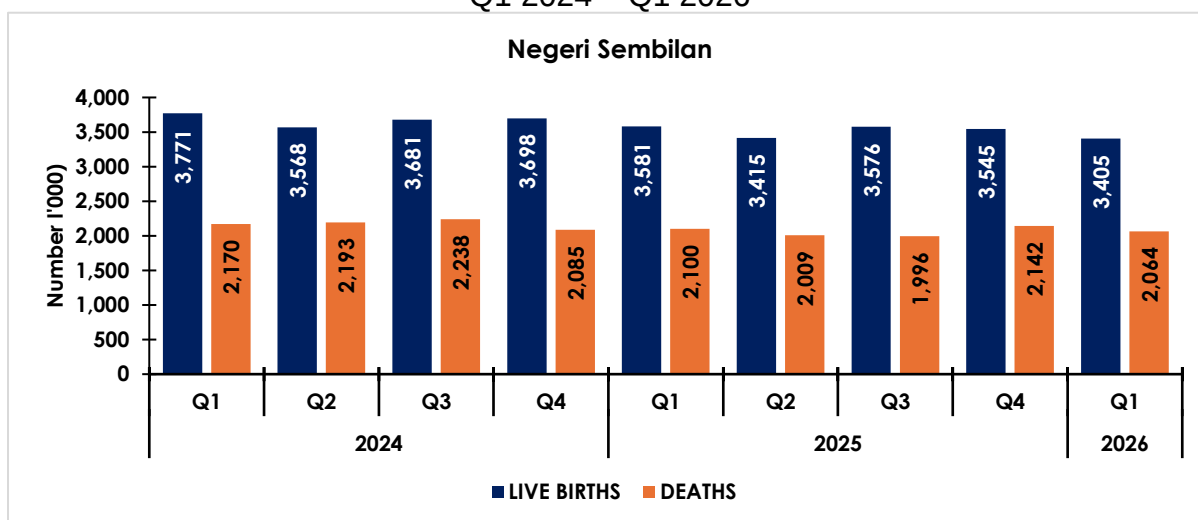


Chart 17: Supply of Residential Units, Negeri Sembilan, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

