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STATE SOCIOECONOMIC INDICATORS, SELANGOR FIRST QUARTER, 2026

Selangor portrays mixed economic performance with steady business outlook despite increased inflation

PUTRAJAYA, 21 MAY 2026 – Selangor recorded mixed socioeconomic performance in the First Quarter of 2026 (Q1 2026), with increased inflation, steady labour market, positive business sentiment and an increasing population growth rate. This performance is highlighted in the publication **State Socioeconomic Indicators, Selangor 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 1.3 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 12.4 per cent to RM60.2 billion (Q1 2025: RM68.7 billion). Conversely, imports increased by 5.0 per cent to RM88.7 billion (Q1 2025: RM84.5 billion) during the same period. This performance reflected encouraging trade activities despite slower exports growth.

Referring to the labour market, Selangor maintained a stable labour force participation, supported by continuous economic activities. The labour force recorded 4.14 million persons (Q4 2025: 4.11 million persons), while the labour force participation rate (LFPR) stood at 78.0 per cent (Q4 2025: 77.8%). In line with this scenario, the number of employed persons recorded 4.05 million persons (Q4 2025: 4.03 million persons), while the unemployment rate was 2.0 per cent (Q4 2025: 2.1%).

Looking ahead, the net balance of business expectations remained positive at +9.2 per cent for the period of January to June 2026, compared to +12.5 per cent in the previous quarter, reflecting continued favourable business prospects in the near term. The positive outlook indicates sustained confidence among businesses towards the developments of economic activities. This sentiment is consistent with the stable performance of the Manufacturing sector, with an industrial capacity utilisation at 85.1 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 RM 10.9 billion in Q1 2026 (Q4 2025: RM11.0 billion).

From a demographic perspective, the population reached 7.44 million persons in Q1 2026, compared to 7.43 million persons in Q4 2025. Live births were recorded at 17,990 persons, while deaths totalled 8,042 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, Selangor

Indicators	2024				2025				2026
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Exports (RM billion)	64,049	66,387	66,408	68,840	68,664	68,635	68,187	67,932	60,177
Imports (RM billion)	82,323	87,556	95,007	91,944	84,471	102,576	93,450	101,442	88,680
Labour force ('000)	4,025.0	4,072.5	4,126.6	4,097.1	4,080.3	4,069.5	4,023.8	4,113.0	4,136.4
Employed ('000)	3,927.6	3,965.1	4,020.7	4,004.6	3,986.8	3,976.7	3,937.7	4,026.9	4,053.9
Unemployed ('000)	97.4	107.4	105.9	92.6	93.5	92.8	86.2	86.1	82.4
Outside labour force ('000)	1,203.4	1,222.0	1,243.7	1,208.6	1,193.4	1,211.1	1,181.1	1,174.9	1,164.1
Labour force participation rate (%)	77.0	76.9	76.8	77.2	77.4	77.1	77.3	77.8	78.0
Unemployment rate (%)	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.0
Net Balance (%)	+16.3	+15.7	+22.2	+9.5	+6.4	+13.1	+19.8	+12.5	+9.2
Capacity Utilisation (%)	83.0	84.6	85.3	84.1	83.6	84.0	85.4	85.7	85.1
Value of Work Done (RM billion)	8,306	8,697	9,337	9,448	11,103	9,730	10,482	11,041	10,897
Natural Rubber Production ('000 tonnes)	544	429	447	265	219	404	426	281	301
Population ('000)	7,324.5	7,362.7	7,373.7	7,384.8	7,395.8	7,406.8	7,417.6	7,430.5	7,441.6
Live Births ('000)	20,920	20,269	20,889	21,096	19,109	18,207	19,021	18,790	17,990
Deaths ('000)	8,346	8,145	8,263	8,348	8,061	8,077	7,535	8,101	8,042

Indicator	2025												2026		
	Mac	Apr	Mei	Jun	Jul	Ogos	Sep	Okt	Nov	Dis	Jan	Feb	Mac	Apr	Mei
Consumer Price Index	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.3	1.6	1.6
Exports (RM mil.)	25,951	24,203	23,826	20,605	24,642	22,539	21,007	24,408	20,529	22,995	20,856	18,012	21,310		
Imports (RM mil.)	27,527	38,077	36,896	27,604	32,235	31,423	29,792	30,873	33,754	36,816	30,940	26,902	30,839		
Natural Rubber Production (Tonnes)	77	89	154	161	164	132	129	108	93	80	76	87	137		
Crude Palm Oil (Tonnes)	47,520	50,620	50,146	48,814	56,932	52,288	50,690	50,128	45,167	45,086	41,313	36,809	40,399		

Note: n.a. - not applicable

Chart 2: Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Malaysia, 2024 - 2026

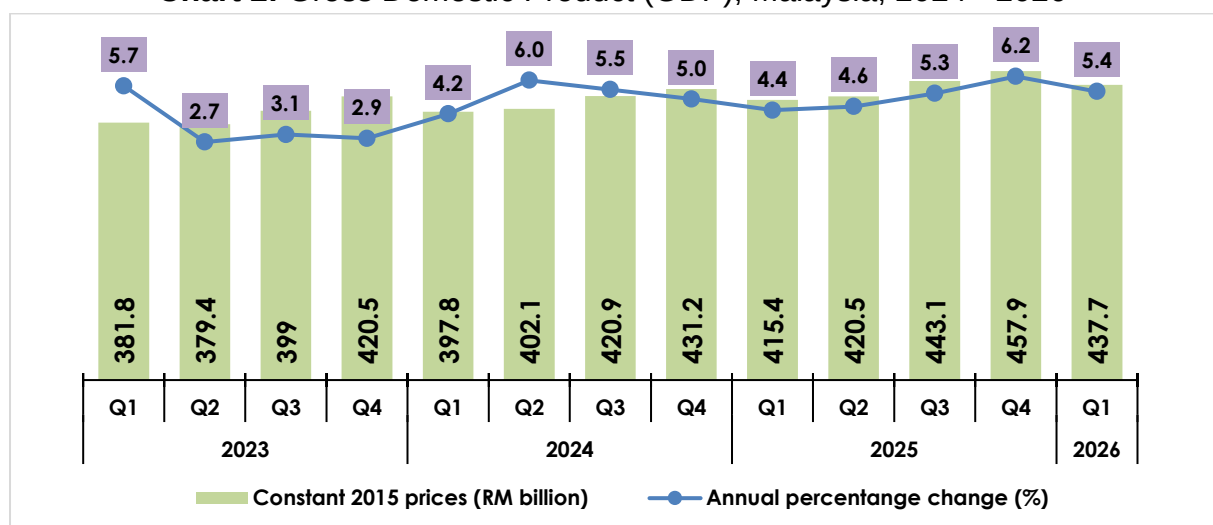


Chart 3: Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Selangor, 2021–2024

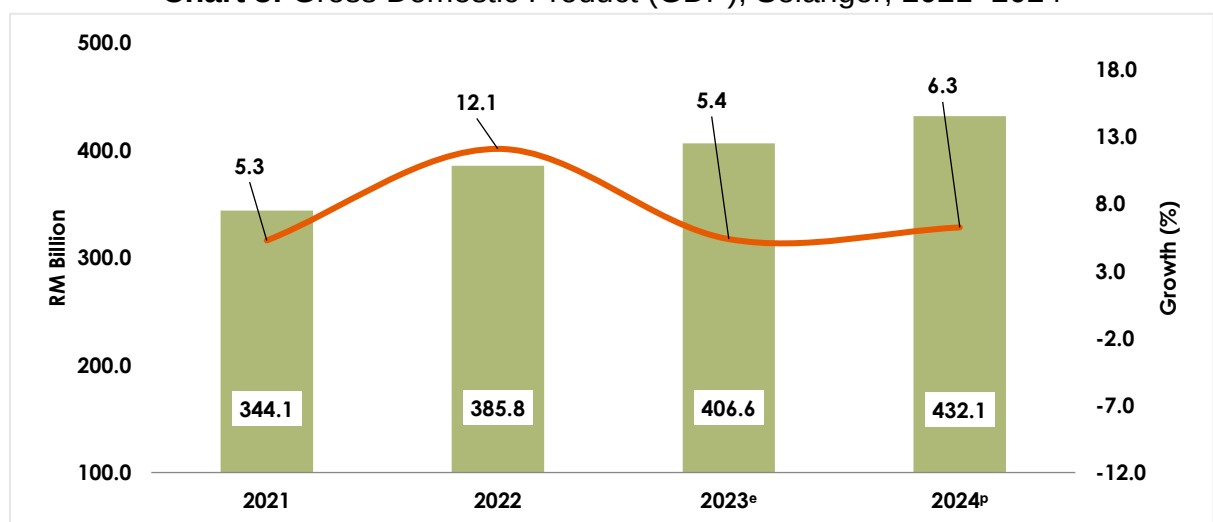


Chart 4: Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by Sector, Selangor, 2021– 2024

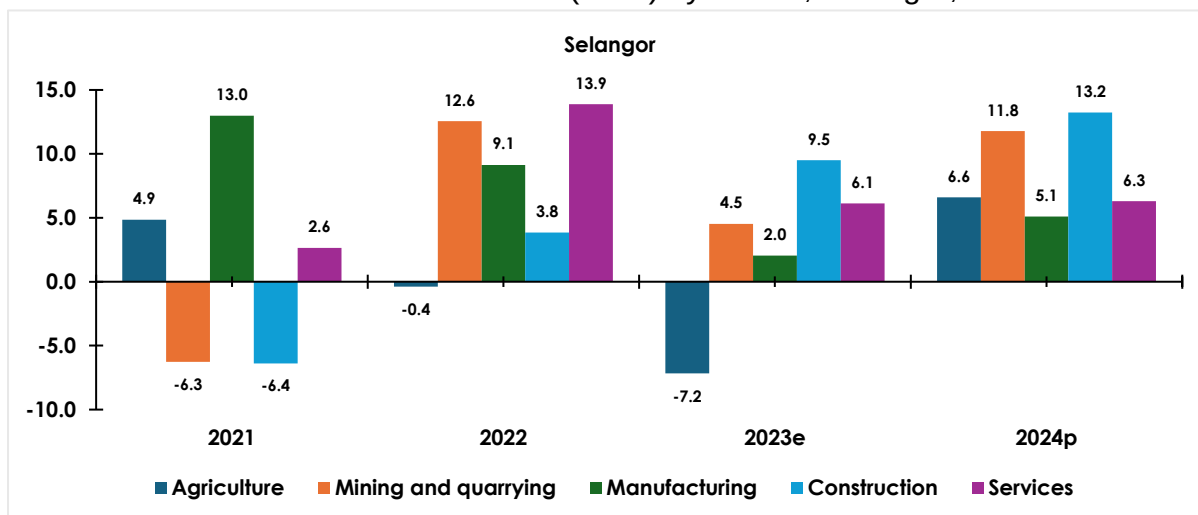


Chart 5: Consumer Price Index, Selangor, March 2024 – March 2026

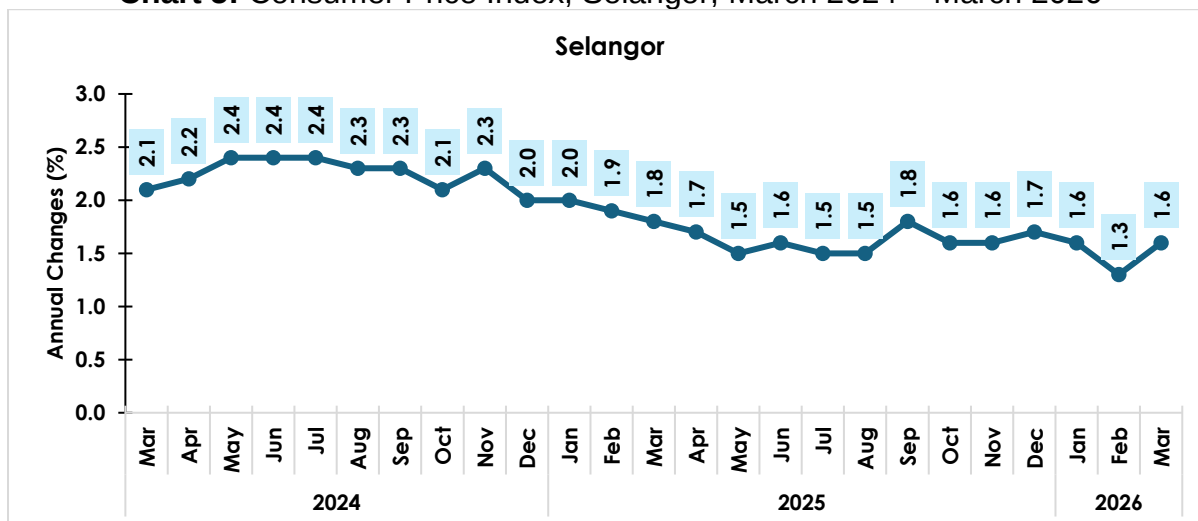


Chart 6: External Trade (Exports), Selangor, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

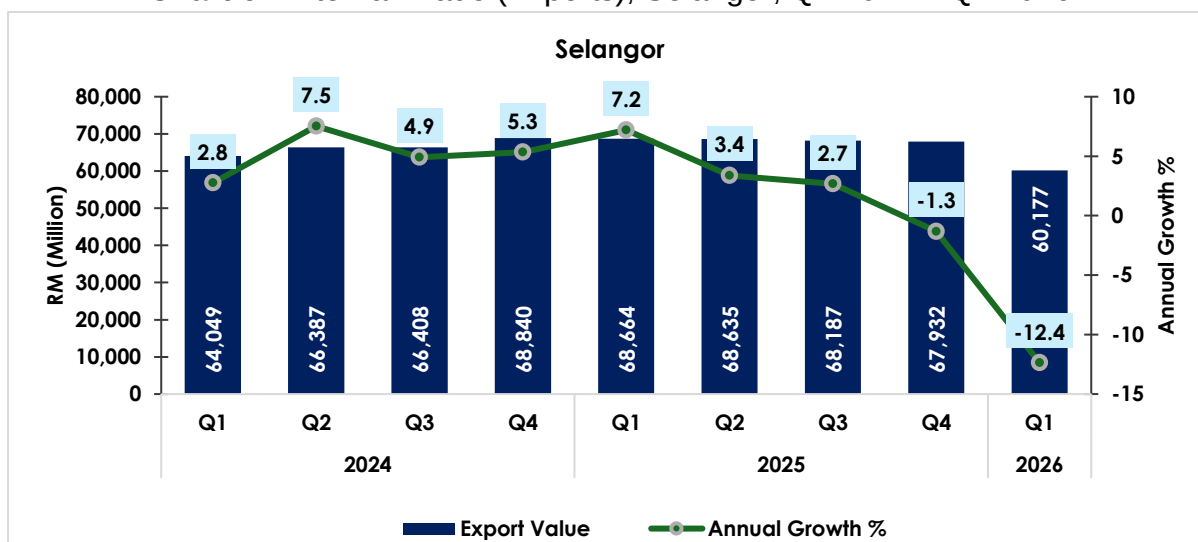


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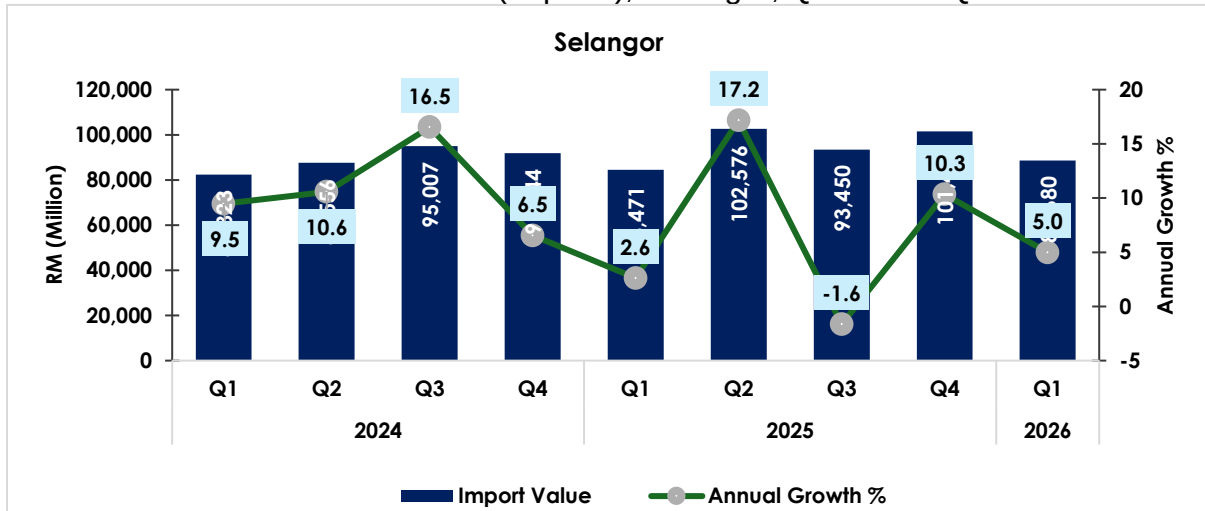


Chart 8: Principal Statistics of Labour Force, Selangor, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

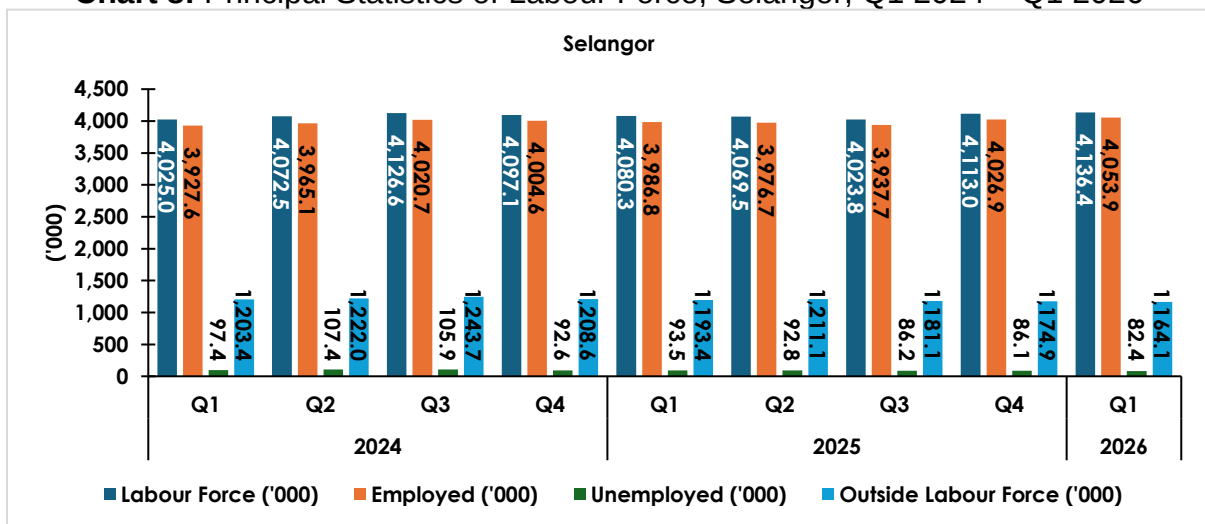


Chart 9: Labour Force Participation Rate and Unemployment Rate, Selangor, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

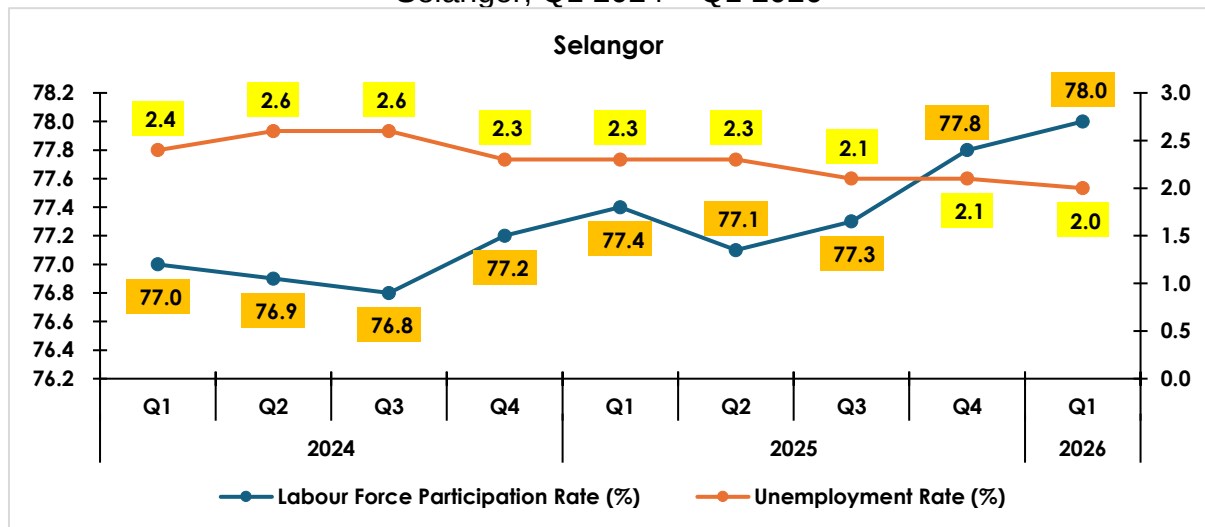


Chart 10: Net Balance of Business Performance for Upcoming Months, Selangor, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

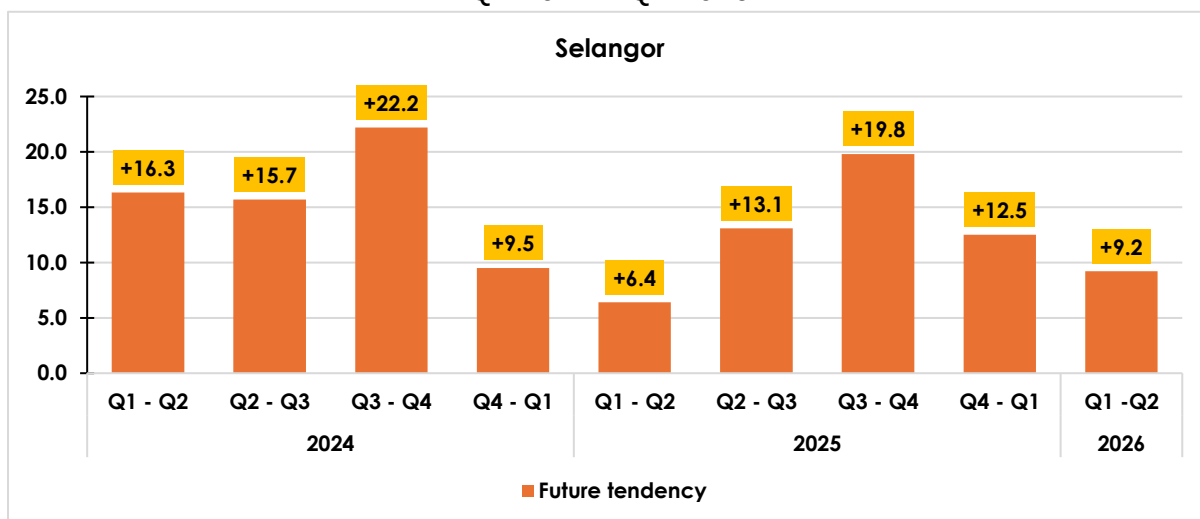


Chart 11: Manufacturing Industry Capacity Utilisation, Selangor, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

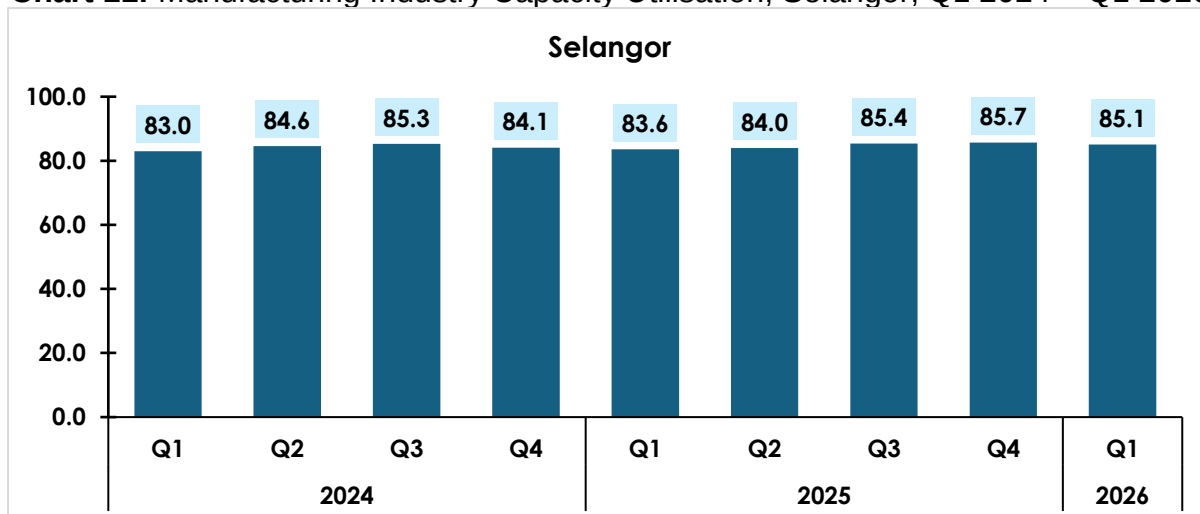


Chart 12: Value of Work Done Construction Sector, Selangor, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

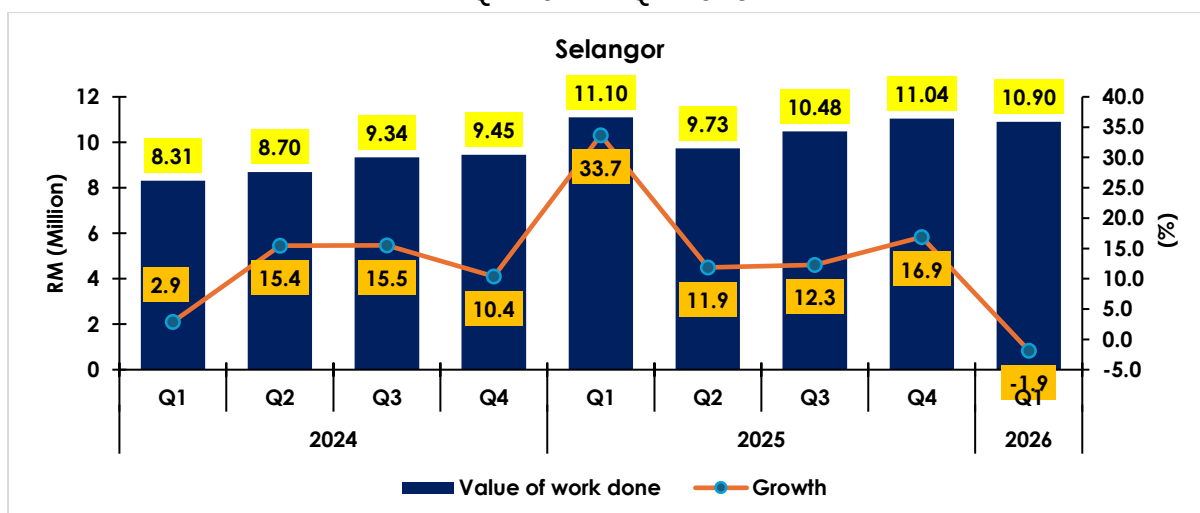


Chart 13: Crude Palm Oil, Selangor, Mac 2025 – Mac 2026

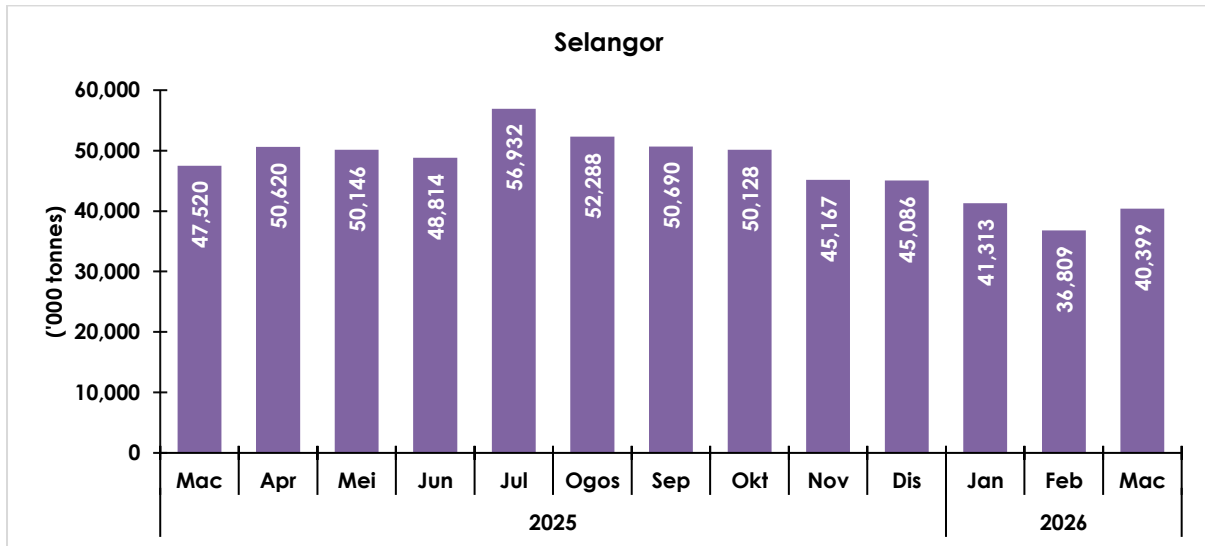


Chart 14: Production of natural rubber, Selangor, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

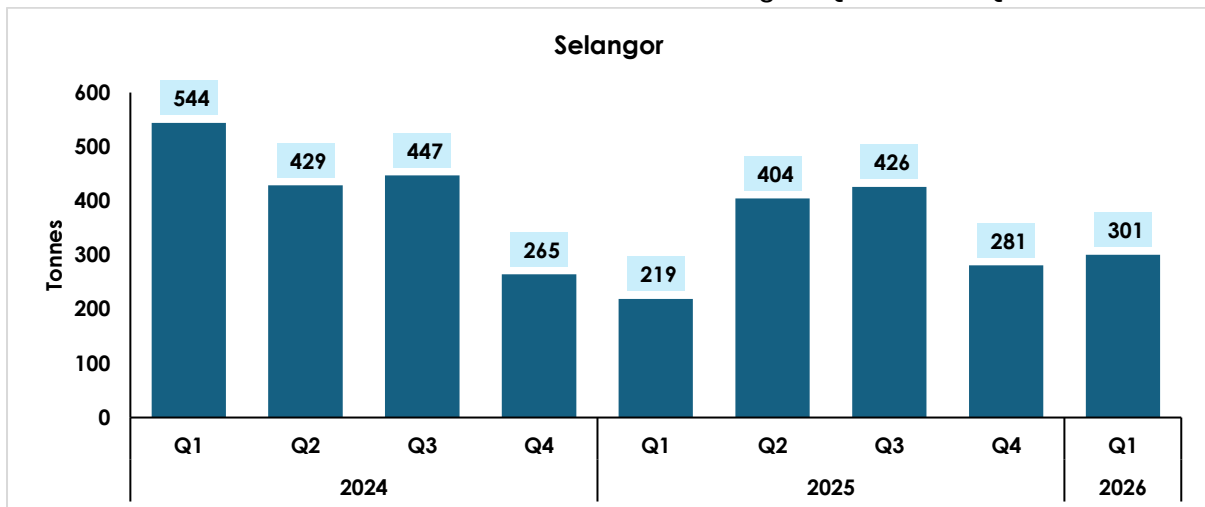


Chart 15: Total Population, Selangor, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

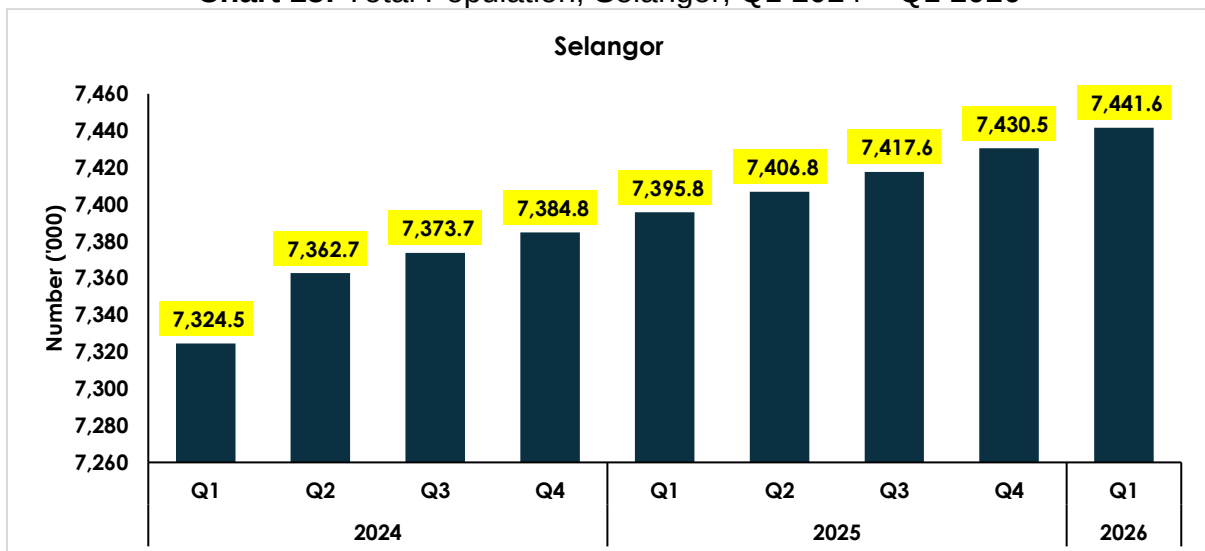


Chart 16: Vital Statistics on Live Births and Deaths, Selangor, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

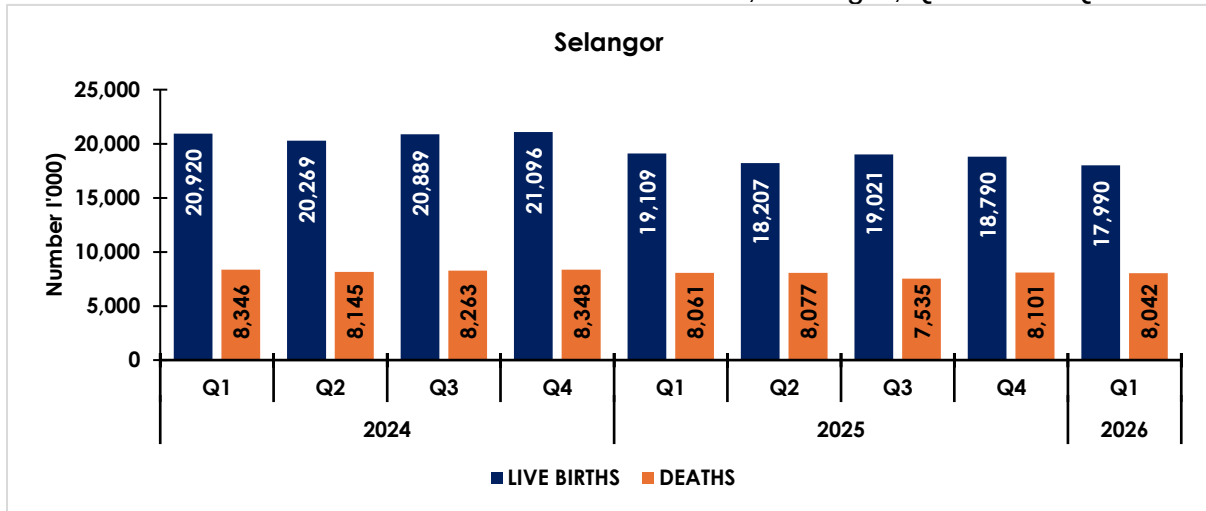


Chart 17: Supply of Residential Units, Selangor, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

