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STATE SOCIOECONOMIC INDICATORS, TERENGGANU FIRST QUARTER, 2026

Terengganu's economic performance remained stable in the first quarter of 2026 with positive business sentiment.

PUTRAJAYA, 21 MAY 2026 – Terengganu shows stable socioeconomic performance in the First Quarter of 2026 (Q1 2026), with increased inflation, a stable labour market, positive business sentiment and population growth. These developments are highlighted in the publication **State Socioeconomic Indicators, Terengganu 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 1.7 per cent in March 2026 compared to 1.6 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 9.4 per cent to RM4.07 billion (Q1 2025: RM4.49 billion). Imports also declined by 4.0 per cent to RM1.29 billion (Q1 2025: RM1.34 billion) during the same period. This performance reflected slower trade activities in the reporting period.

Referring to the labour market, Terengganu maintained stable labour force participation, supported by continued economic activities and sustained labour demand. The labour force recorded 509.3 thousand persons (Q4 2025: 510.0 thousand persons), while the labour force participation rate (LFPR) stood at 61.3 per cent (Q4 2025: 61.5%). In line with this trend, the number of employed persons recorded 493.1 thousand persons (Q4 2025: 494.9 thousand persons), while the unemployment rate registered 3.2 per cent (Q4 2025: 3.0%).

Looking ahead, the net balance of business expectations remained positive at +15.8 per cent for the period January to June 2026, reflecting encouraging business prospects in the near term. Positive expectations indicated growing confidence among businesses regarding economic activities. This sentiment was consistent with the stable performance of the Manufacturing sector, with industrial capacity utilisation at 87.6 per cent in Q1 2026, reflecting resilient operational conditions among industrial players in the state.

In terms of demographic trends, the population increased to 1.252 million persons in Q1 2026 compared to 1.251 million persons in Q4 2025. Live births recorded 5,585 persons while deaths were recorded at 1,899 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, Terengganu

Indicators	2024				2025				2026
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Exports (RM billion)	5,536	6,136	5,264	4,558	4,494	3,571	4,460	4,615	4,072
Imports (RM billion)	1,974	2,089	1,876	1,372	1,338	1,460	1,161	1,384	1,285
Labour force ('000)	494.3	497.5	497.5	503.3	503.9	507.7	513.9	510.0	509.3
Employed ('000)	475.1	479.8	482.1	487.0	489.5	493.6	499.2	494.9	493.1
Unemployed ('000)	19.2	17.6	15.5	16.3	14.4	14.1	14.7	15.1	16.2
Outside labour force ('000)	318.9	316.7	319.5	316.1	319.0	316.1	320.0	319.8	321.2
Labour force participation rate (%)	60.8	61.1	60.9	61.4	61.2	61.6	61.6	61.5	61.3
Unemployment rate (%)	3.9	3.5	3.1	3.2	2.9	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.2
Net Balance (%)	+23.0	+14.2	+19.0	+12.1	+28.0	+44.7	+40.6	+13.7	+15.8
Capacity Utilisation (%)	81.9	84.8	85.8	82.8	86.7	90.1	88.5	87.1	87.6
Value of Work Done (RM billion)	1,087	1,018	1,238	1,368	1,020	1,276	781	942	855
Natural Rubber Production ('000 tonnes)	4,560	3,688	5,623	5,359	5,197	4,493	5,028	4,335	3,495
Population ('000)	1,226.2	1,231.5	1,235.4	1,239.2	1,243.1	1,246.9	1,248.6	1,250.6	1,252.3
Live Births ('000)	6,245	5,648	5,900	5,919	5,630	5,697	5,914	6,019	5,585
Deaths ('000)	1,834	1,961	1,915	1,958	1,940	1,895	1,818	2,006	1,899

Indicator	2025												2026		
	Mac	Apr	Mei	Jun	Jul	Ogos	Sep	Okt	Nov	Dis	Jan	Feb	Mac	Apr	Mei
Consumer Price Index	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.0	0.8	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.6	1.7	1.7
Exports (RM mil.)	1,674	1,435	843	1,292	1,389	1,575	1,495	1,606	1,409	1,600	926	1,249	1,898		
Imports (RM mil.)	462	461	553	446	438	429	293	378	475	532	450	432	402		
Natural Rubber Production (Tonnes)	1,164	1,281	1,538	1,675	1,809	1,663	1,556	1,618	1,478	1,239	1,293	1,235	967		
Crude Palm Oil (Tonnes)	24,503	36,379	38,218	39,763	50,034	50,098	49,597	55,293	51,578	43,315	33,873	27,969	32,865		

Note: n.a. - not applicable

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

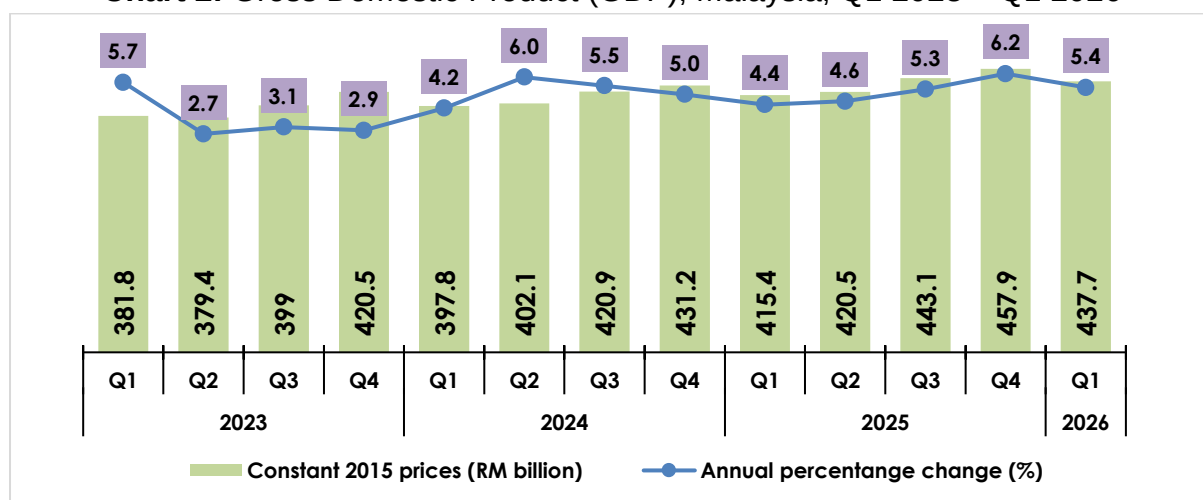


Chart 3: Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Terengganu, 2021–2024

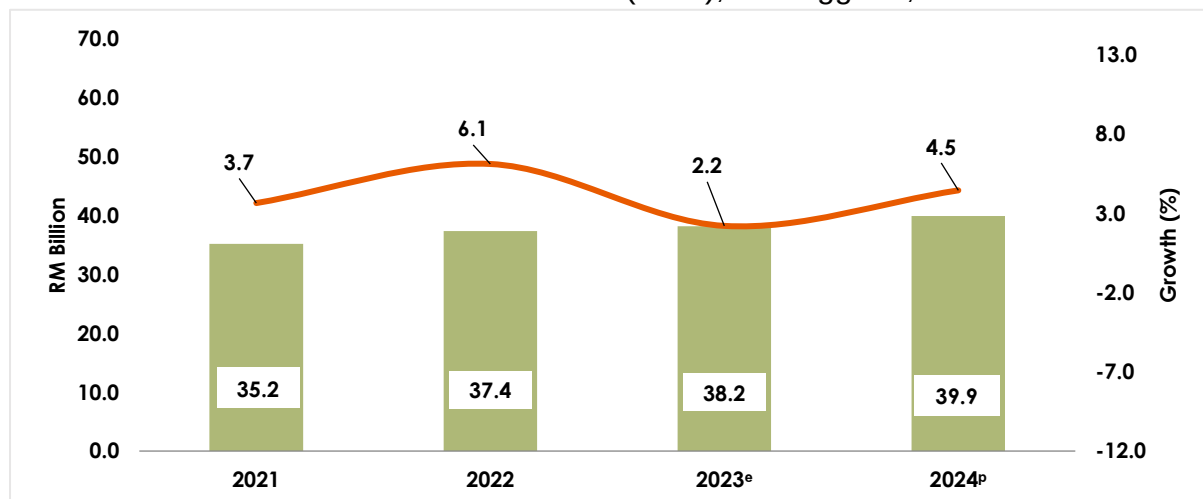


Chart 4 : Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by Sector, Terengganu, 2021– 2024

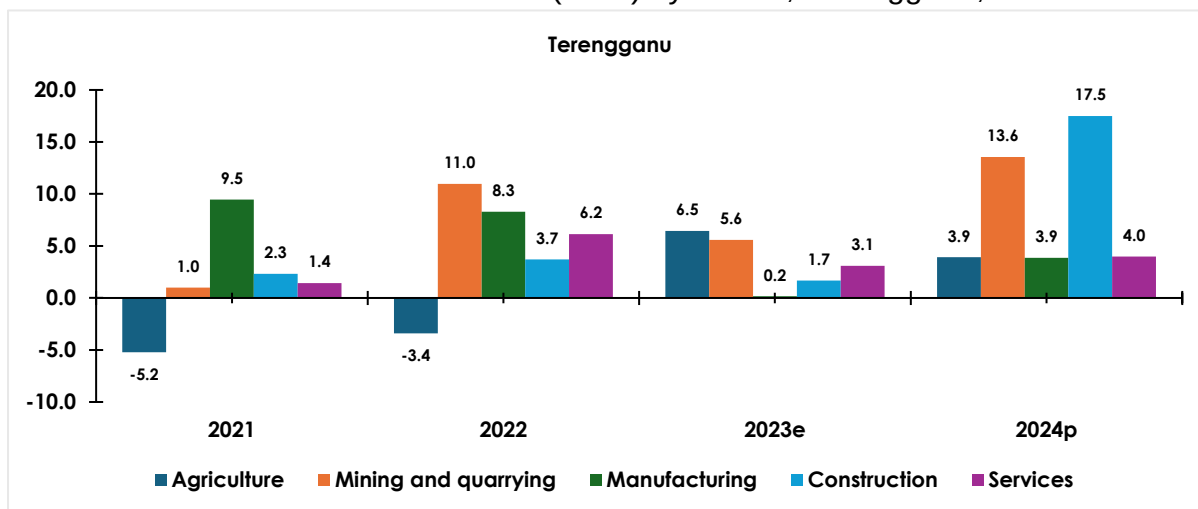


Chart 5: Consumer Price Index, Terengganu, March 2024 – March 2026

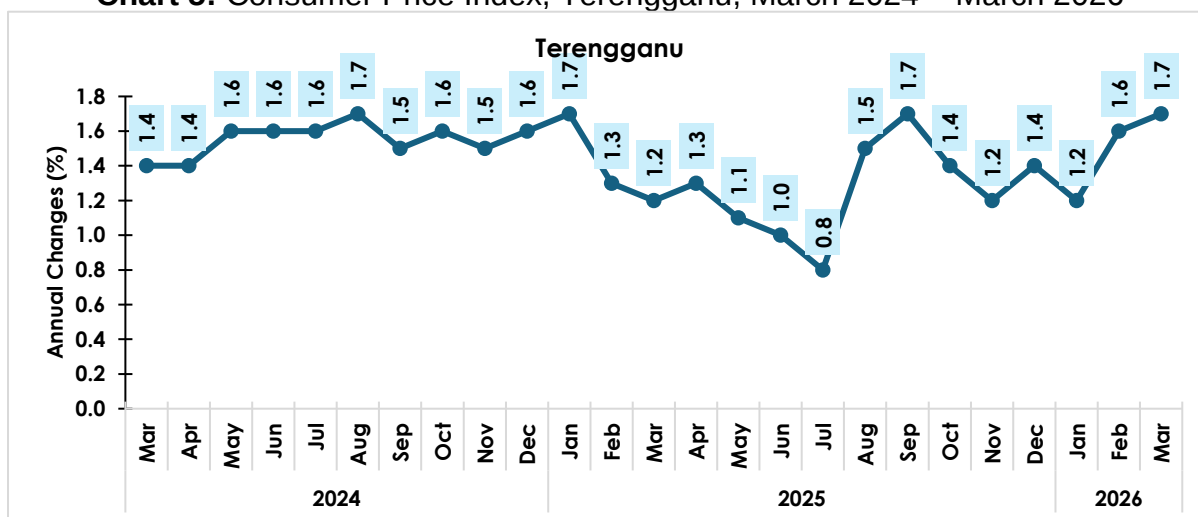


Chart 6: External Trade (Exports), Terengganu, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

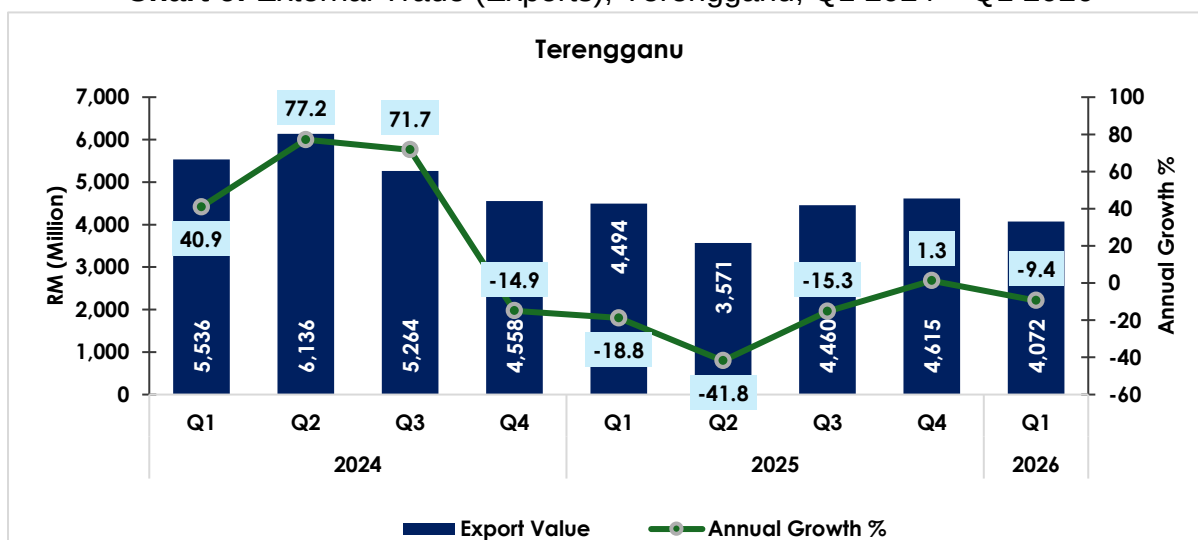


Chart 5: External Trade (Imports), Terengganu, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

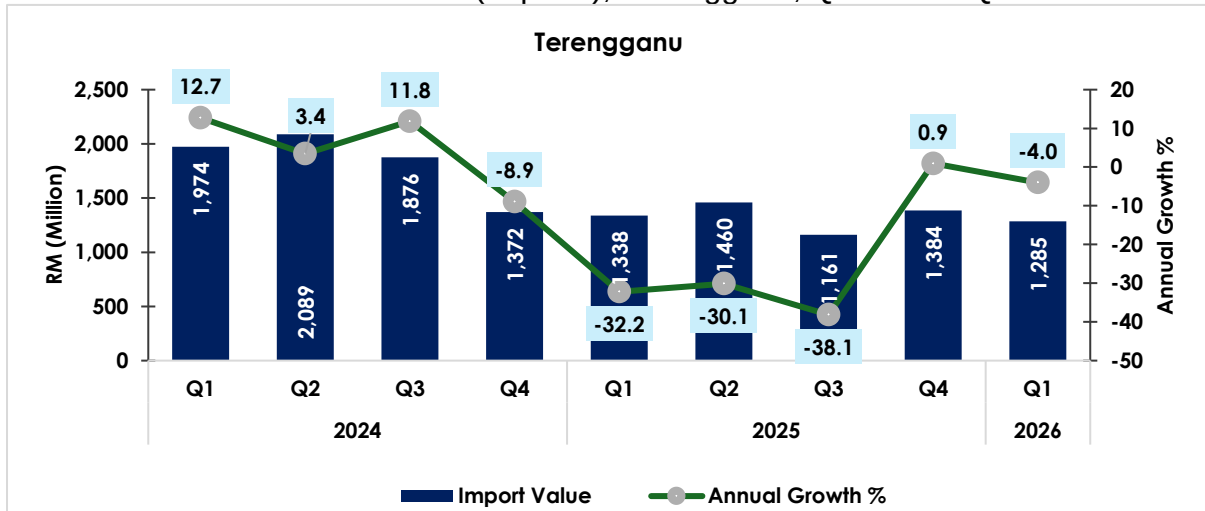


Chart 8: Principal Statistics of Labour Force, Terengganu, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

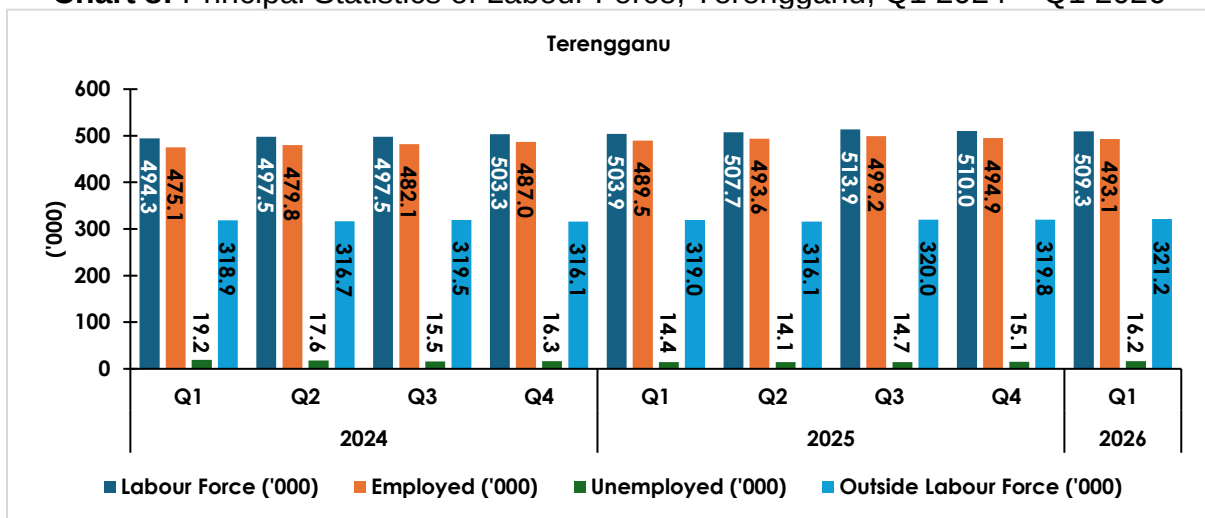


Chart 9: Labour Force Participation Rate and Unemployment Rate, Terengganu, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

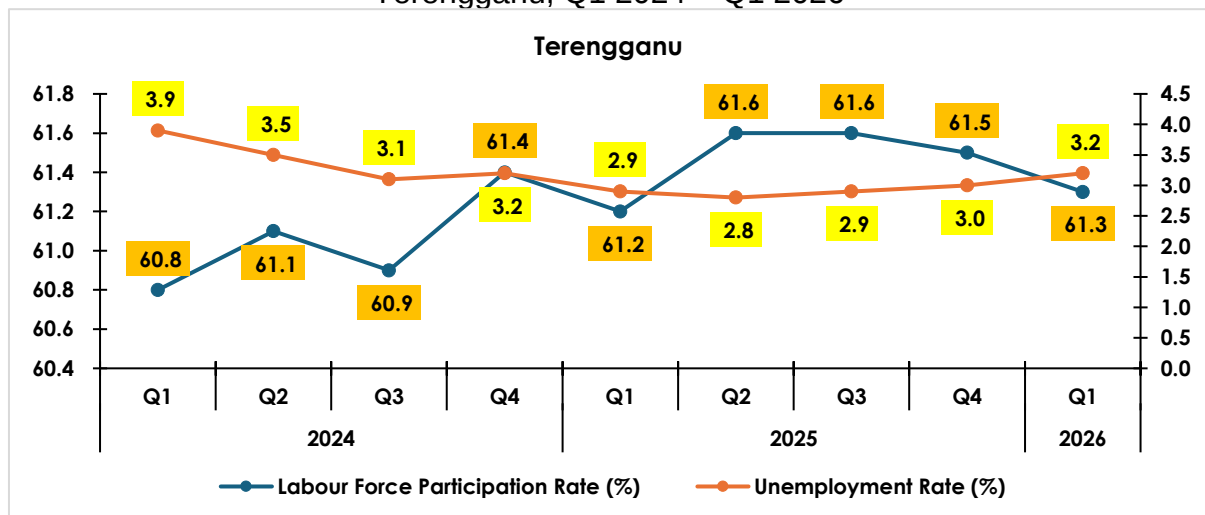


Chart 10: Net Balance of Business Performance for Upcoming Months, Terengganu, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

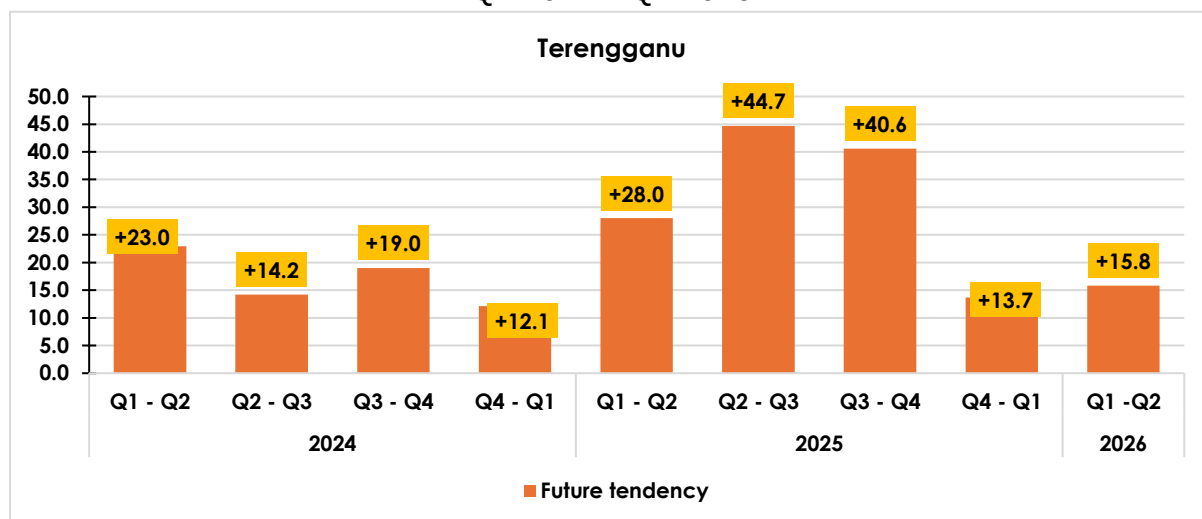


Chart 11: Manufacturing Industry Capacity Utilisation, Terengganu, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

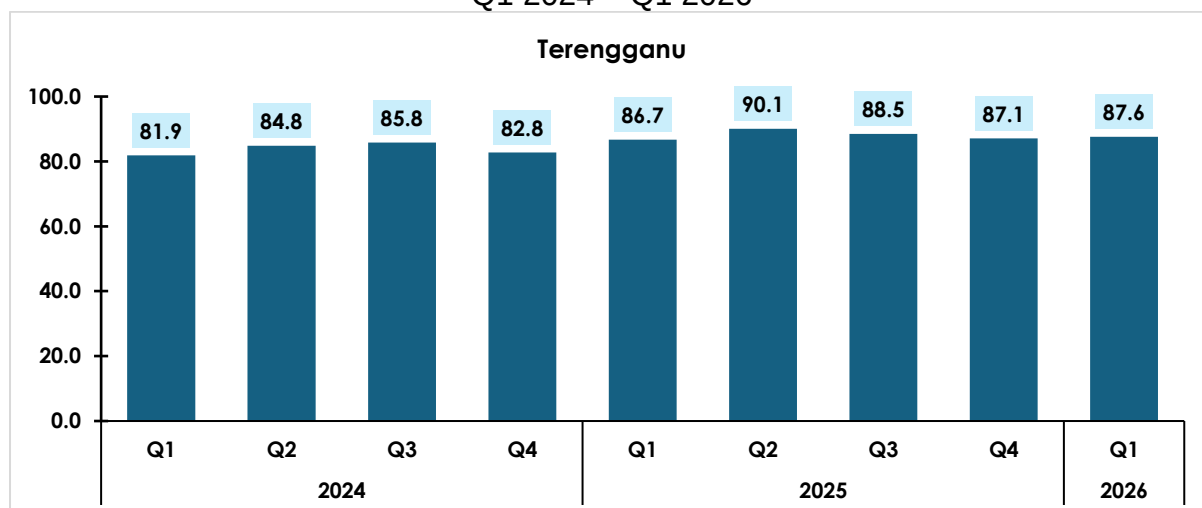


Chart 12: Value of Work Done Construction Sector, Terengganu, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

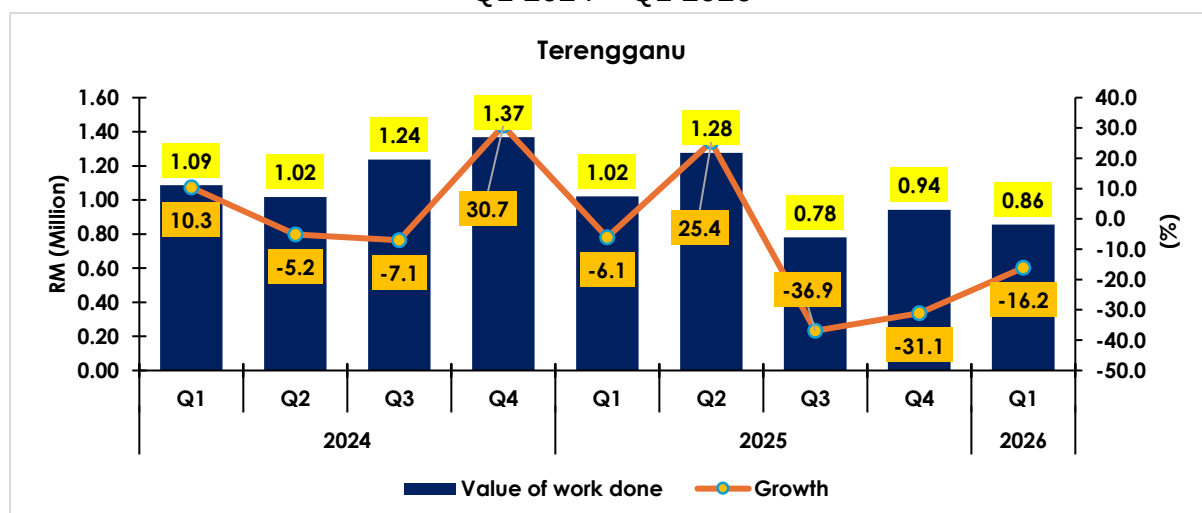


Chart 13: Crude Oil Palm, Terengganu, Mac 2025 – Mac 2026

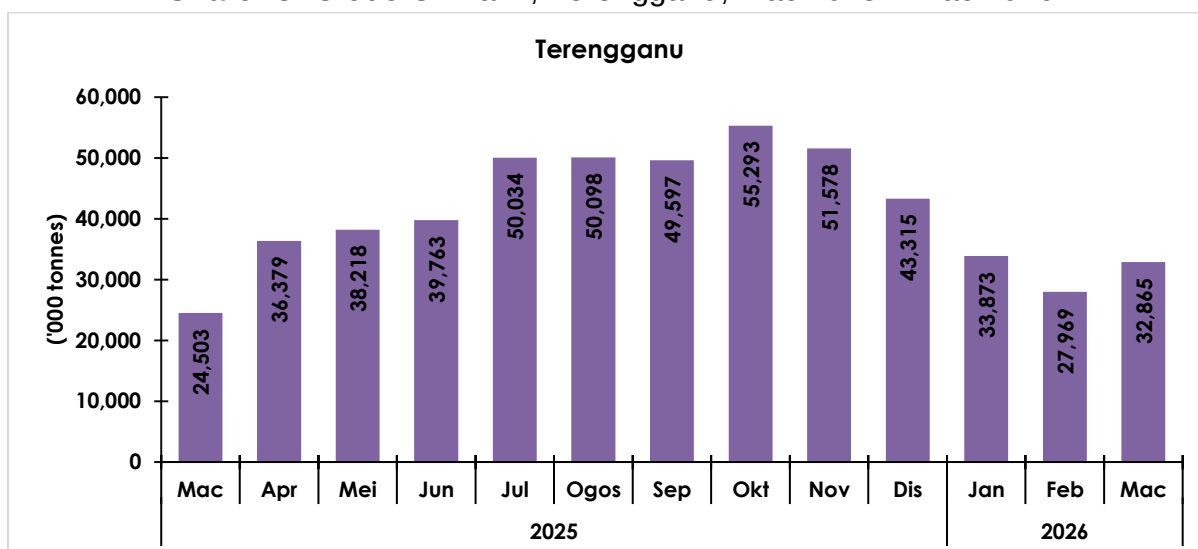


Chart 14: Production of natural rubber, Terengganu, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

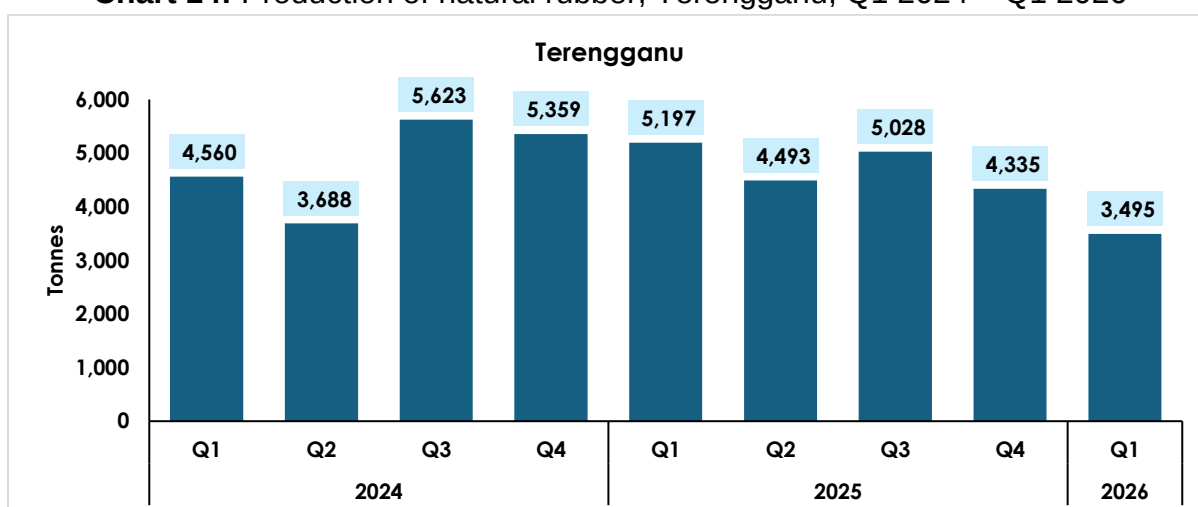


Chart 15: Total Population, Terengganu, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

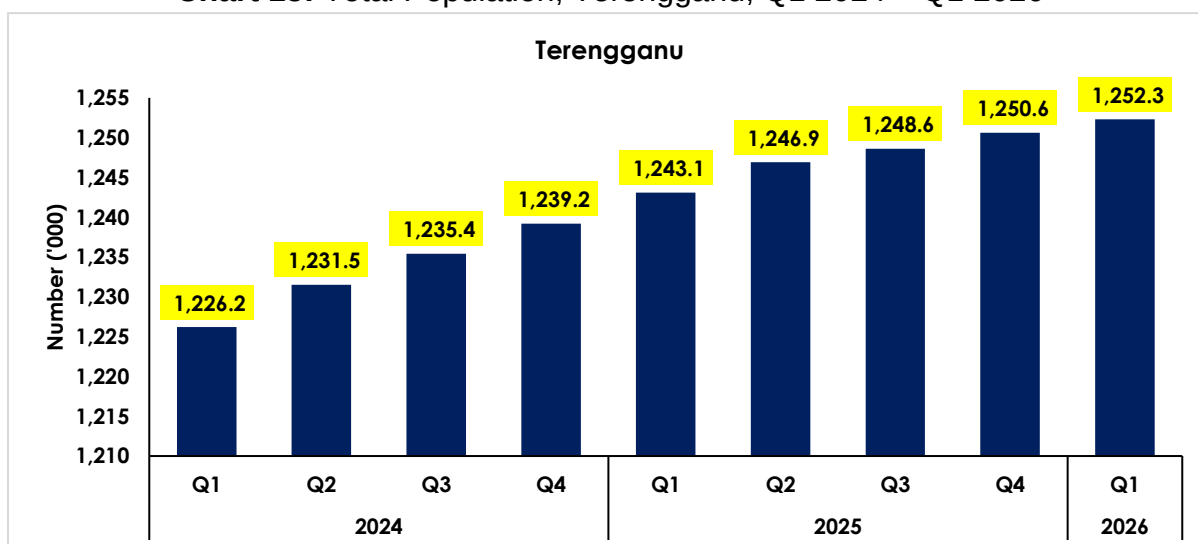


Chart 16: Vital Statistics on Live Births and Deaths, Terengganu, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

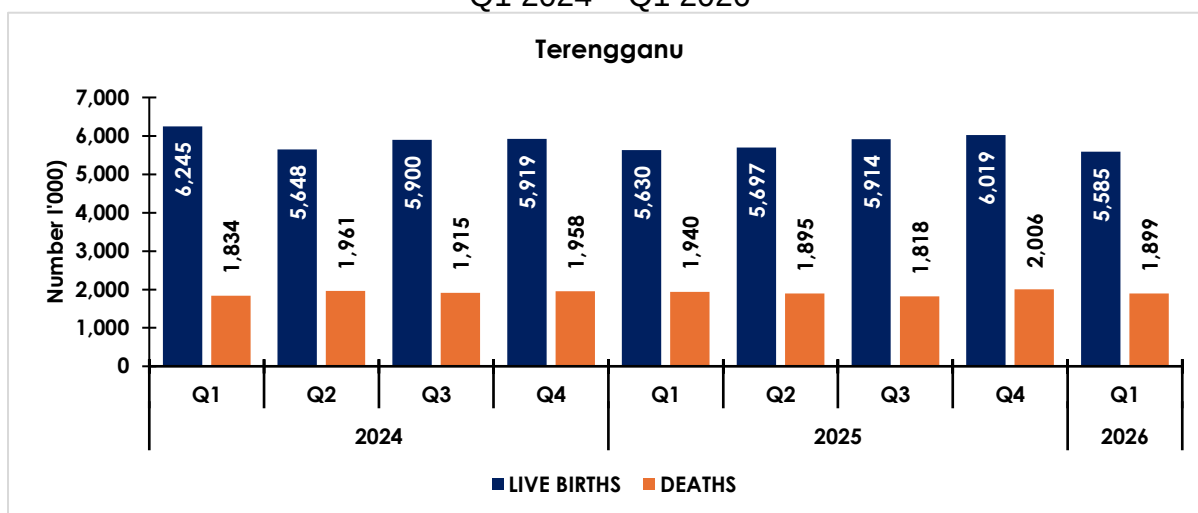


Chart 14: Supply of Residential Units, Terengganu, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

