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STATE SOCIOECONOMIC INDICATORS, FEDERAL TERRITORIES FIRST QUARTER, 2026

The socioeconomic performance of Federal Territories remained resilient, supported by stable labour market conditions and positive business sentiment in Q1 2026

PUTRAJAYA, 21 MAY 2026 – The Federal Territories recorded a resilient socioeconomic performance in the First Quarter of 2026 (Q1 2026), supported by resilient economic activities, stable labour market conditions, positive business sentiment and manageable price movements. This performance is highlighted in the publication **State Socioeconomic Indicators, Federal Territories 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 a 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, 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."

Kuala Lumpur continued to strengthen its position as Malaysia's principal economic and commercial centre in the first quarter of 2026, supported by sustained economic activities and resilient labour market conditions. The labour force stood at 1.21 million persons with a labour force participation rate (LFPR) of 76.0 per cent, while the

unemployment rate remained stable at 3.4 per cent. From the external trade perspective, exports amounted to RM14.0 billion while imports increased by 4.1 per cent to RM29.7 billion, reflecting continued trade activities and domestic demand. Looking ahead, business sentiment remained positive with a net balance of +0.5 per cent for the period of January to June 2026, indicating continued confidence among business operators. Consumer prices increased moderately at 2.2 per cent in March 2026, reflecting manageable inflationary pressure amid global commodity price uncertainties. In view of the population, it remained stable at 2.08 million persons.

As for Putrajaya, the territory continued to demonstrate stable socioeconomic performance as the nation's administrative centre, supported by an active labour market and a positive business outlook. The labour force increased slightly to 62.9 thousand persons, with the highest LFPR among the Federal Territories at 79.2 per cent, while the unemployment rate remained low at 1.3 per cent. Business expectations were particularly encouraging, recording a net balance of +11.9 per cent, reflecting positive prospects for economic activities in the near term. Consumer prices also rose by 1.6 per cent in March 2026, in line with the national price trend. Meanwhile, the population reached 120.9 thousand persons, supported by continued positive demographic trends.

In the context of Labuan, the performance is supported by resilient business activities and industrial performance. External trade remained active with exports amounting to RM1.3 billion and imports recorded RM831 million during the quarter. Labour market conditions remained stable, with a labour force of 47.2 thousand persons and an LFPR of 67.1 per cent, while the unemployment rate stood at 5.1 per cent. Business sentiment also remained positive with a net balance of +0.7 per cent, supported by a manufacturing capacity utilisation rate of 94.4 per cent. Inflation increased to 2.4 per cent in March 2026, reflecting moderate price movements during the quarter. In tandem with these developments, the population reached 101.3 thousand persons, reflecting continued positive demographic trends.

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.

OpenDOSM NextGen is a medium that provides data catalogue and visualisations to facilitate users' analysis and can be accessed through <https://open.dosm.gov.my>.

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Table 1: Key Socioeconomic Indicators, Federal Territories

W.P Kuala Lumpur

Indicators	2024				2025				2026
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Exports (RM billion)	16,082	16,378	16,651	15,651	14,252	13,647	15,978	15,019	13,980
Imports (RM billion)	26,395	25,719	26,182	27,141	28,527	34,291	30,159	36,316	29,707
Labour force ('000)	1,169.6	1,190.3	1,186.7	1,192.2	1,194.9	1,190.2	1,210.7	1,201.6	1,210.4
Employed ('000)	1,134.4	1,155.8	1,154.7	1,159.3	1,158.5	1,155.8	1,174.2	1,163.7	1,169.6
Unemployed ('000)	35.2	34.5	32.0	32.9	36.4	34.4	36.4	37.9	40.9
Outside labour force ('000)	387.5	386.7	391.8	395.9	388.5	384.2	385.0	385.6	381.7
Labour force participation rate (%)	75.1	75.5	75.2	75.1	75.5	75.6	75.9	75.7	76.0
Unemployment rate (%)	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.8	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.4
Net Balance (%)	+10.9	+9.0	+14.9	+20.6	+2.3	+12.8	+5.1	+15.5	+0.5
Capacity Utilisation (%)	78.7	78.7	78.8	78.6	80.8	77.9	80.0	79.2	80.1
Value of Work Done (RM billion)	4,312	4,345	4,633	4,735	4,544	4,184	4,694	4,846	4,793
Natural Rubber Production ('000 tonnes)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Population ('000)	2,052.1	2,067.5	2,069.2	2,070.8	2,072.5	2,074.1	2,079.0	2,081.7	2,083.5
Live Births ('000)	5,523	5,129	5,159	5,418	5,586	5,381	5,648	5,542	5,179
Deaths ('000)	2,509	2,438	2,376	2,381	2,714	2,755	2,627	2,795	2,671

Indicator	2025										2026		
	Mac	Apr	Mei	Jun	Jul	Ogos	Sep	Okt	Nov	Dis	Jan	Feb	Mac
Consumer Price Index	1.1	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.6	2.2
Exports (RM mil.)	5,277	4,250	4,575	4,822	5,199	5,698	5,081	5,143	4,491	5,386	5,177	4,698	4,105
Imports (RM mil.)	9,864	13,395	11,469	9,427	9,185	8,737	12,237	12,824	12,319	11,172	10,800	9,601	9,306
Natural Rubber Production (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.
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

W.P Labuan

Indicators	2024				2025				2026
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Exports (RM billion)	2,005	1,639	1,331	2,330	1,722	1,430	1,547	1,603	1,339
Imports (RM billion)	885	677	761	1,193	704	576	688	786	831
Labour force ('000)	47.5	47.5	46.6	47.0	46.8	47.2	45.5	47.3	47.2
Employed ('000)	44.3	44.3	43.6	44.2	44.2	44.5	43.1	45.0	44.8
Unemployed ('000)	3.2	3.2	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.4
Outside labour force ('000)	23.1	22.6	22.8	23.2	23.0	23.2	22.8	23.1	23.1
Labour force participation rate (%)	67.2	67.8	67.1	67.0	67.0	67.0	66.7	67.2	67.1
Unemployment rate (%)	6.7	6.7	6.5	6.0	5.6	5.7	5.4	4.9	5.1
Net Balance (%)	+14.1	-5.4	0.0	+6.5	-5.4	-18.2	-11.9	-4.1	+0.7
Capacity Utilisation (%)	96.2	94.3	96.7	97.9	98.5	92.7	98.0	97.6	94.4
Value of Work Done (RM billion)	4,312	4,345	4,633	4,735	4,544	4,184	4,694	4,846	4,793
Natural Rubber Production ('000 tonnes)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Population ('000)	100.4	100.8	100.8	100.9	100.9	100.9	100.8	101.4	101.3
Live Births ('000)	324	316	335	335	278	271	290	307	294
Deaths ('000)	85	117	93	96	104	72	100	107	92

Indicator	2025										2026		
	Mac	Apr	Mei	Jun	Jul	Ogos	Sep	Okt	Nov	Dis	Jan	Feb	Mac
Consumer Price Index	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.8	1.5	2.1	2.4
Exports (RM mil.)	508	732	434	263	622	554	371	573	527	502	372	439	529
Imports (RM mil.)	211	154	187	235	151	281	256	311	195	281	385	251	196
Natural Rubber Production (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.
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.

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W.P Putrajaya

Indikator	2024				2025				2026
	ST1	ST2	ST3	ST4	ST1	ST2	ST3	ST4	ST1
Exports (RM billion)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imports (RM billion)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Labour force ('000)	60.2	61.5	61.3	61.2	62.1	62.9	63.0	63.2	62.9
Employed ('000)	59.1	60.4	60.3	60.0	61.3	62.1	62.0	62.1	62.0
Unemployed ('000)	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.2	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.1	0.8
Outside labour force ('000)	15.9	15.8	16.3	16.5	16.3	16.2	16.3	16.4	16.5
Labour force participation rate (%)	79.1	79.6	79.0	78.7	79.3	79.6	79.5	79.4	79.2
Unemployment rate (%)	1.8	1.9	1.6	2.0	1.3	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.3
Net Balance (%)	+12.8	+17.2	+1.2	+42.6	-3.8	+18.7	+7.3	+4.1	+11.9
Capacity Utilisation (%)	78.7	78.7	78.8	78.6	80.8	77.9	80.0	79.2	80.1
Value of Work Done (RM billion)	4,312	4,345	4,633	4,735	4,544	4,184	4,694	4,846	4,793
Natural Rubber Production ('000 tonnes)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Population ('000)	119.9	120.3	120.4	120.5	120.6	120.8	120.9	121.0	120.9
Live Births ('000)	392	373	419	364	373	378	343	366	347
Deaths ('000)	70	68	80	84	90	81	63	84	81

Indicator	2025										2026		
	Mac	Apr	Mei	Jun	Jul	Ogos	Sep	Okt	Nov	Dis	Jan	Feb	Mac
Consumer Price Index	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.6
Exports (RM mil.)	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.
Imports (RM mil.)	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.
Natural Rubber Production (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.
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

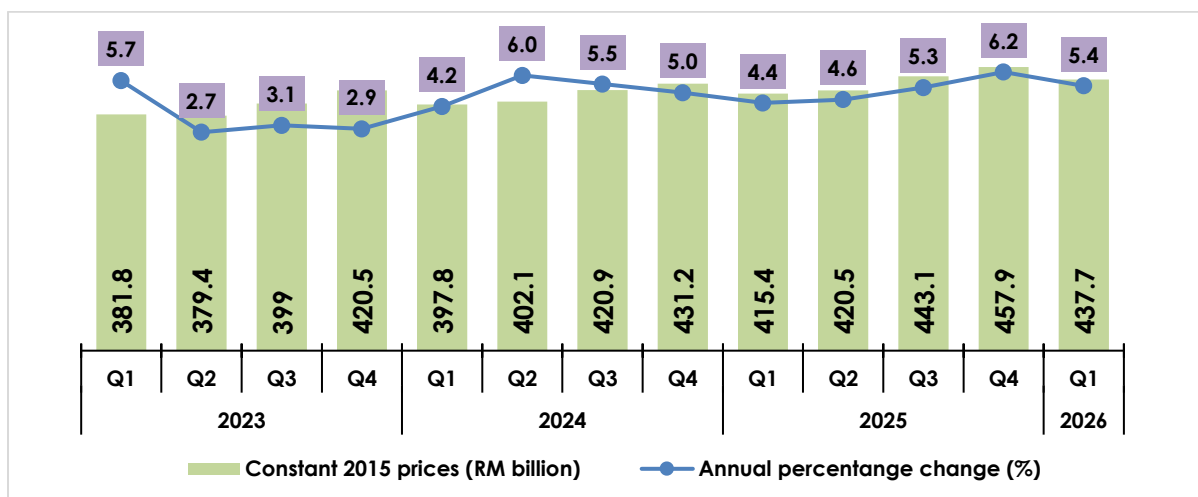


Chart 3: Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Federal Territories, 2021–2024

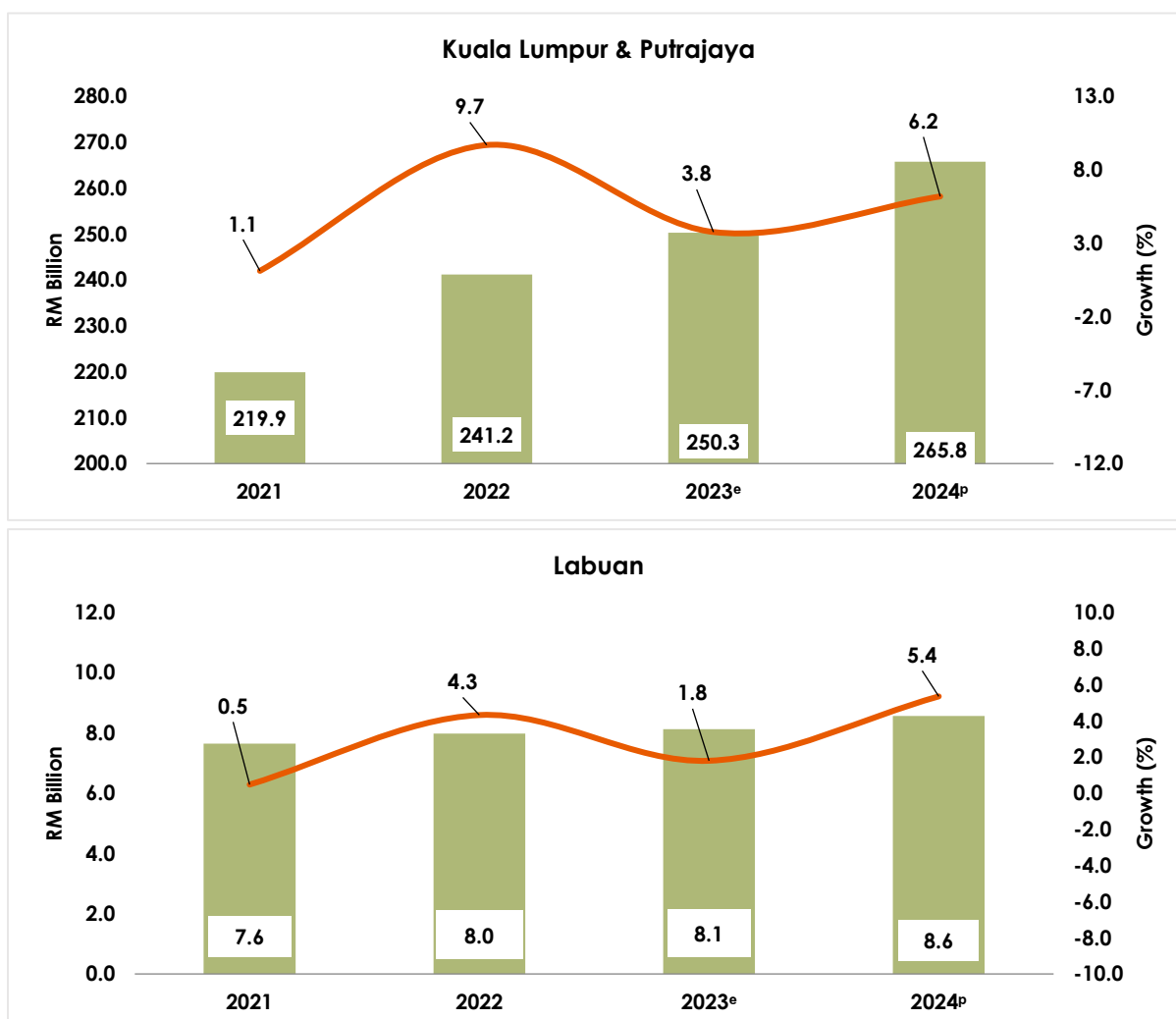


Chart 4 : Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by Sector, Federal Territories, 2021– 2024

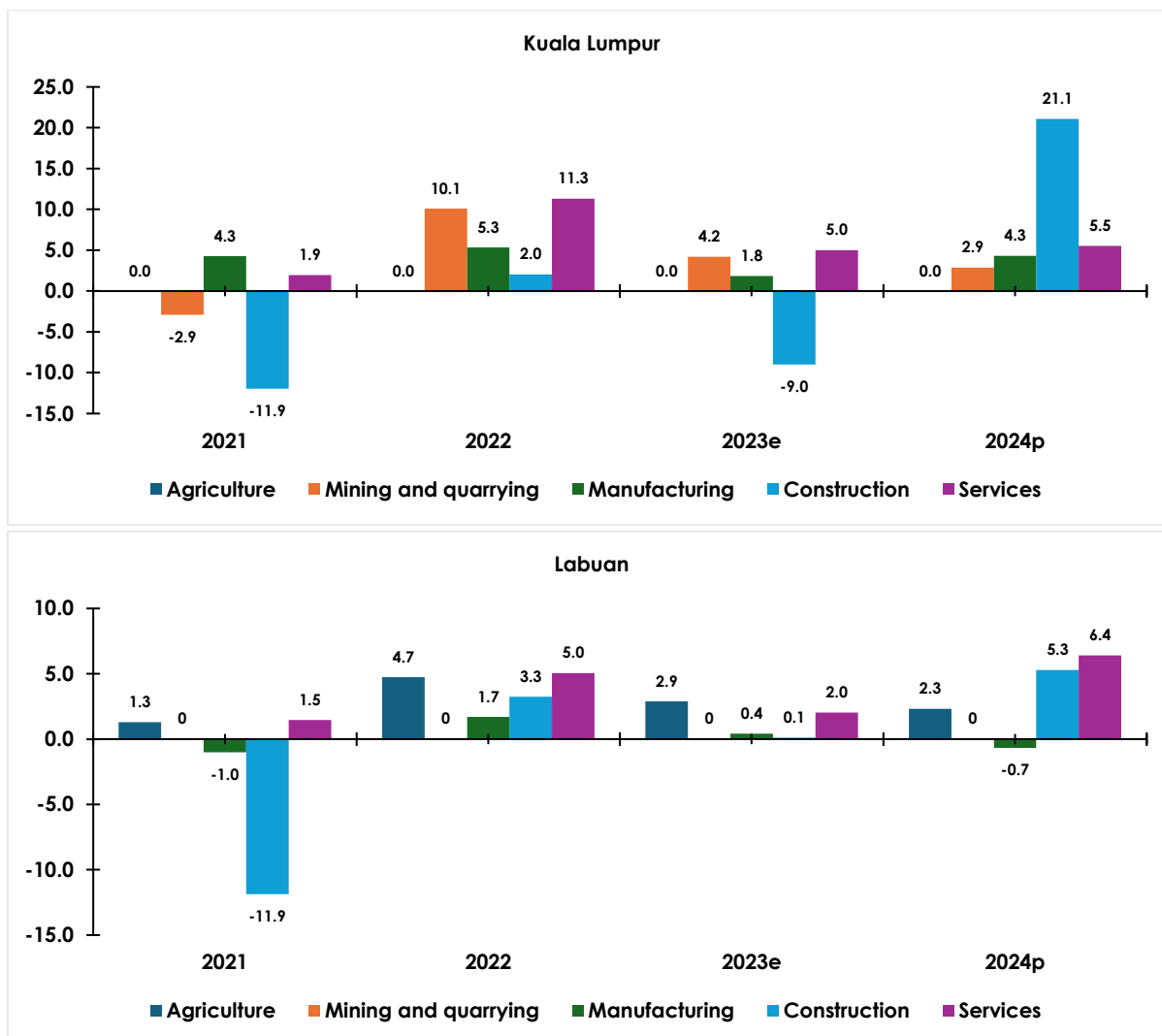


Chart 5: Consumer Price Index, Federal Territories, March 2024 – March 2026

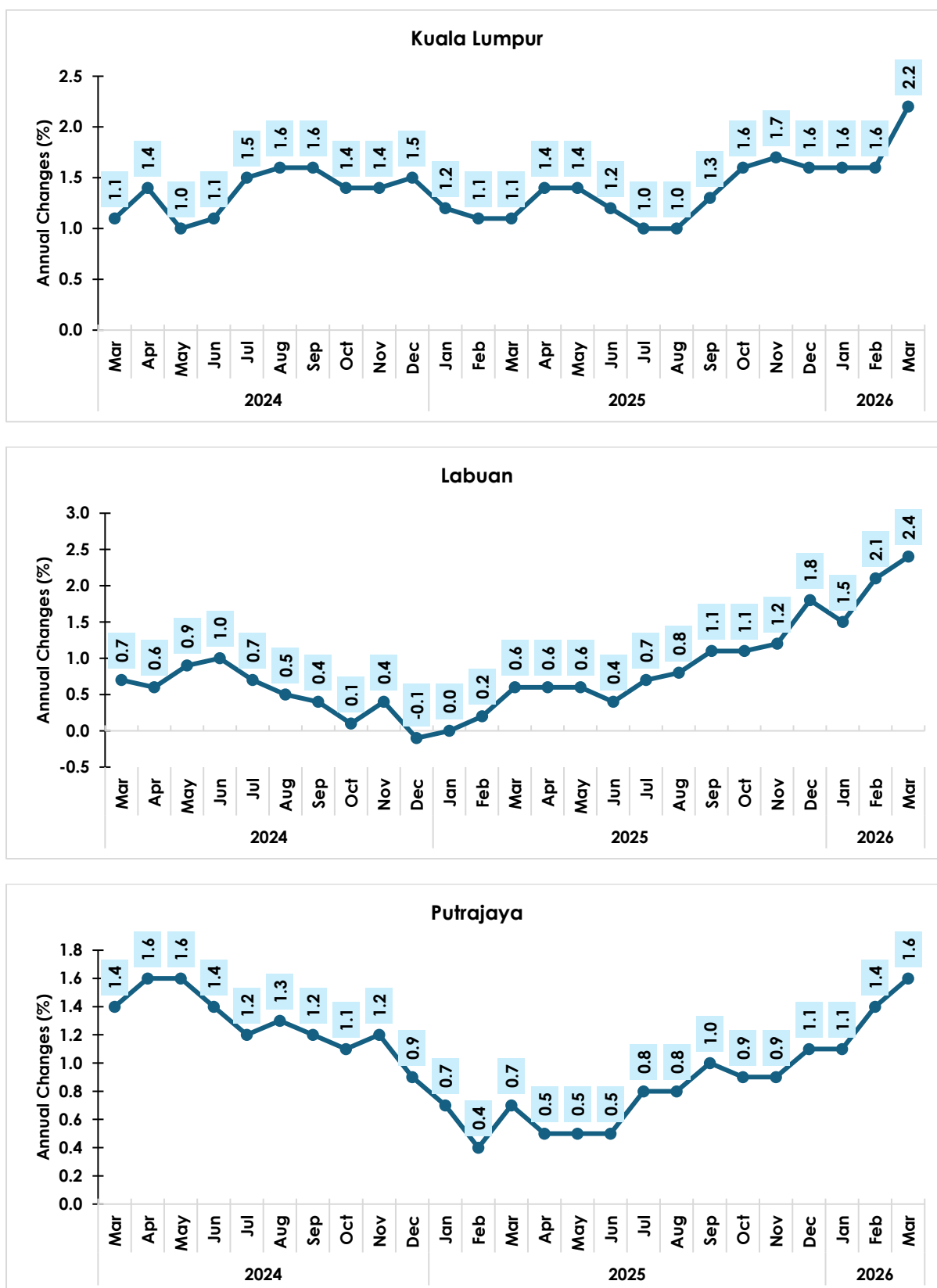


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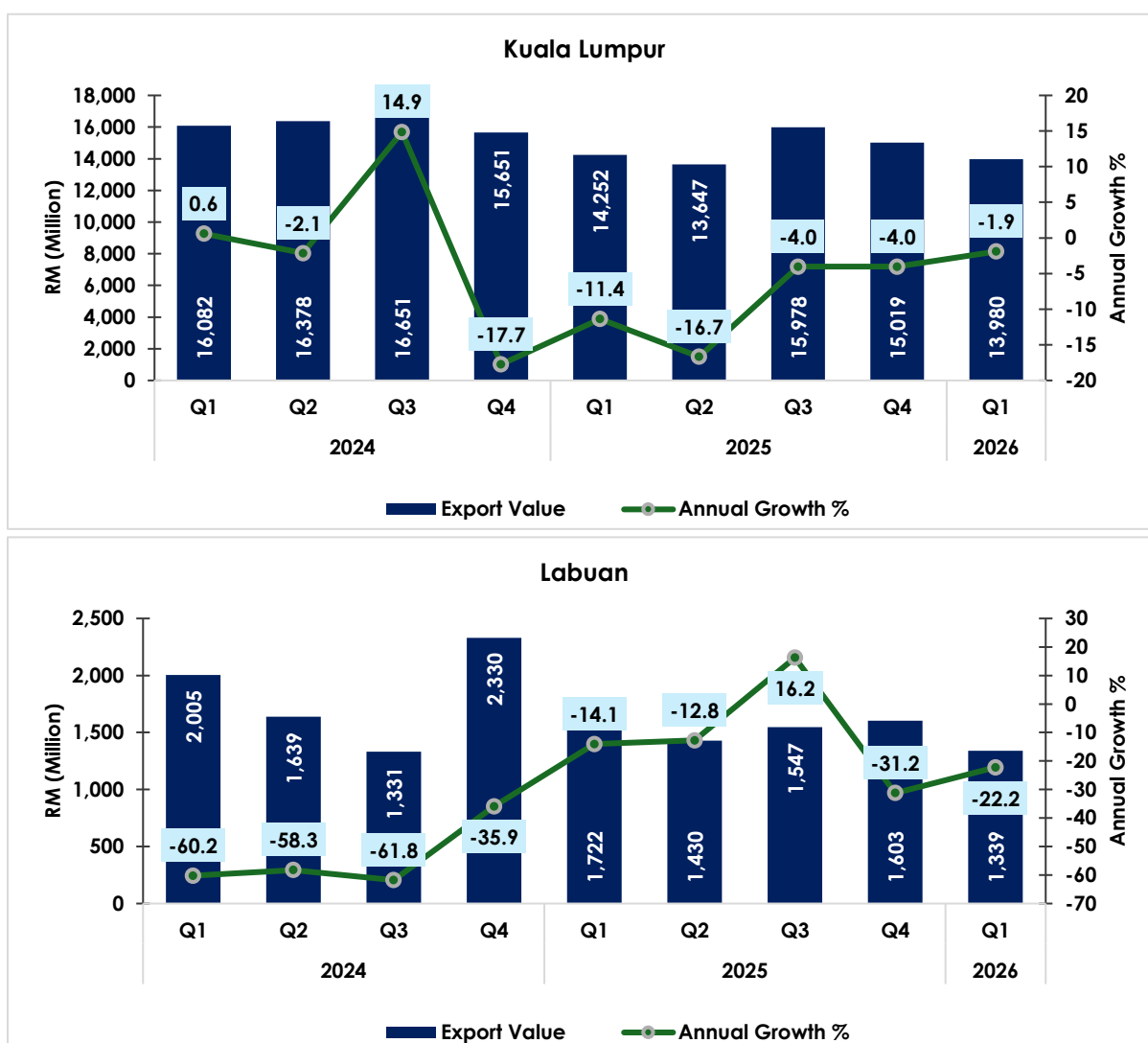


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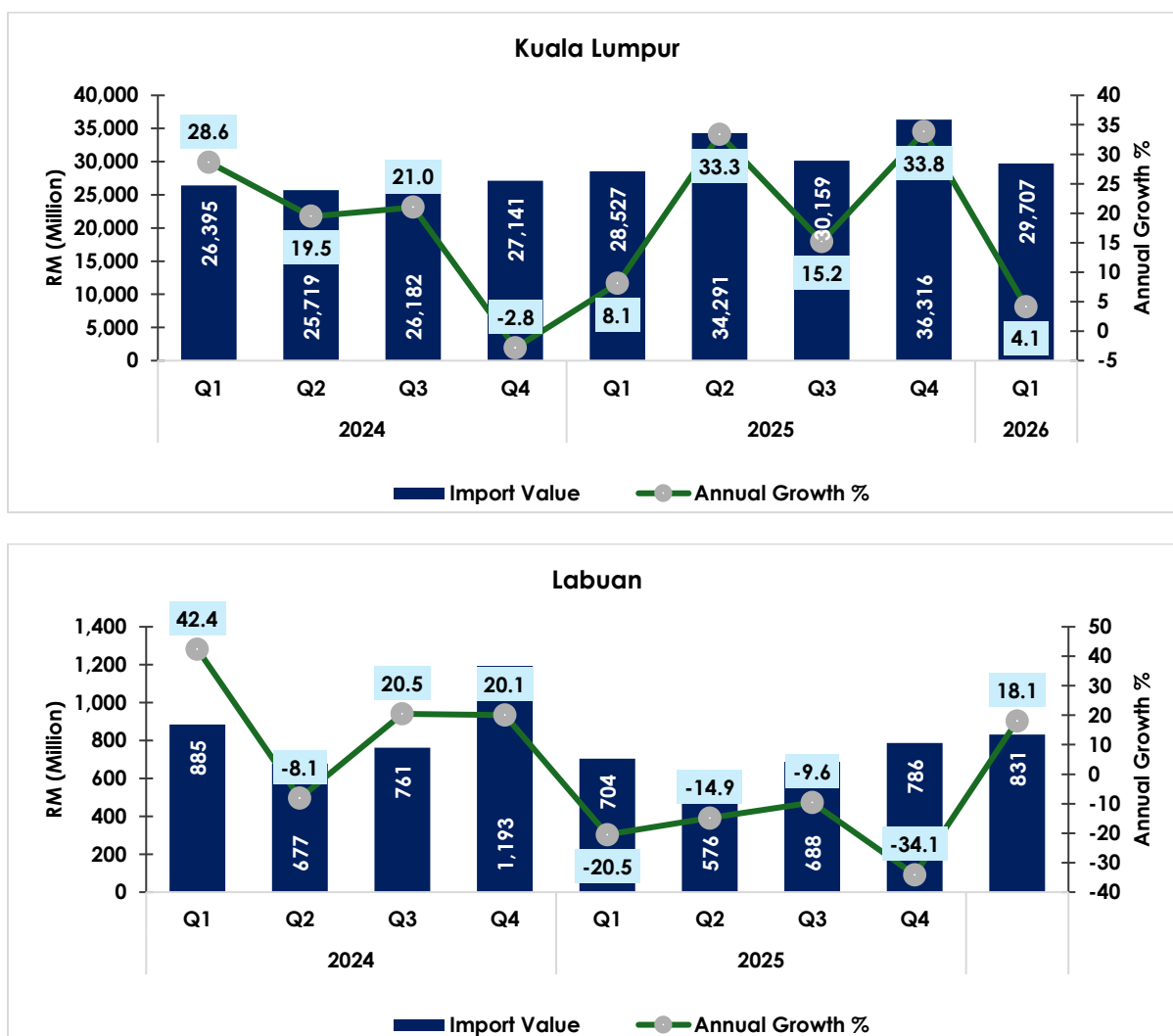


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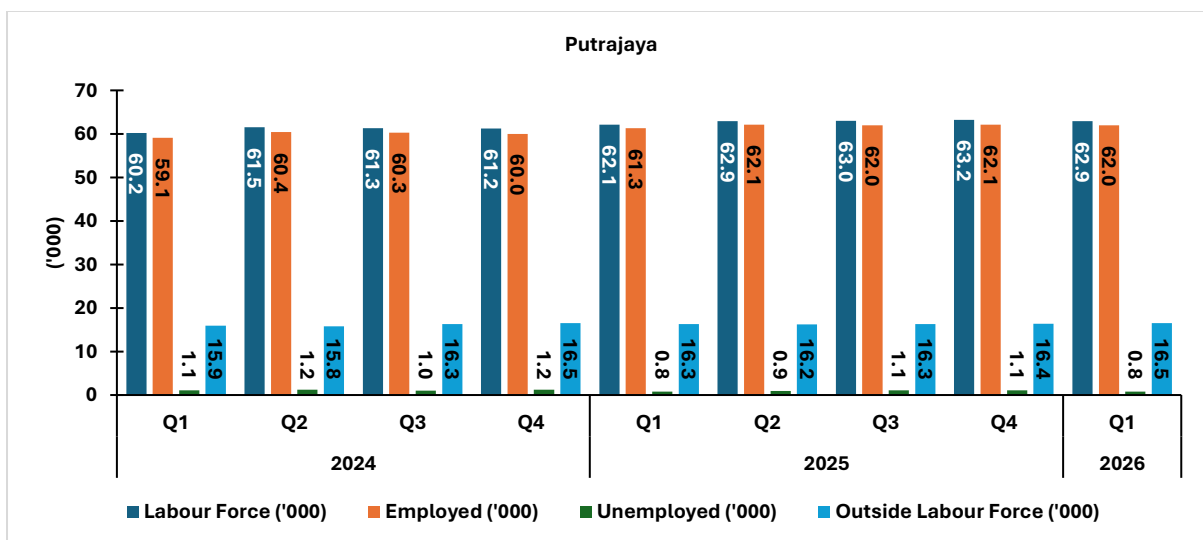
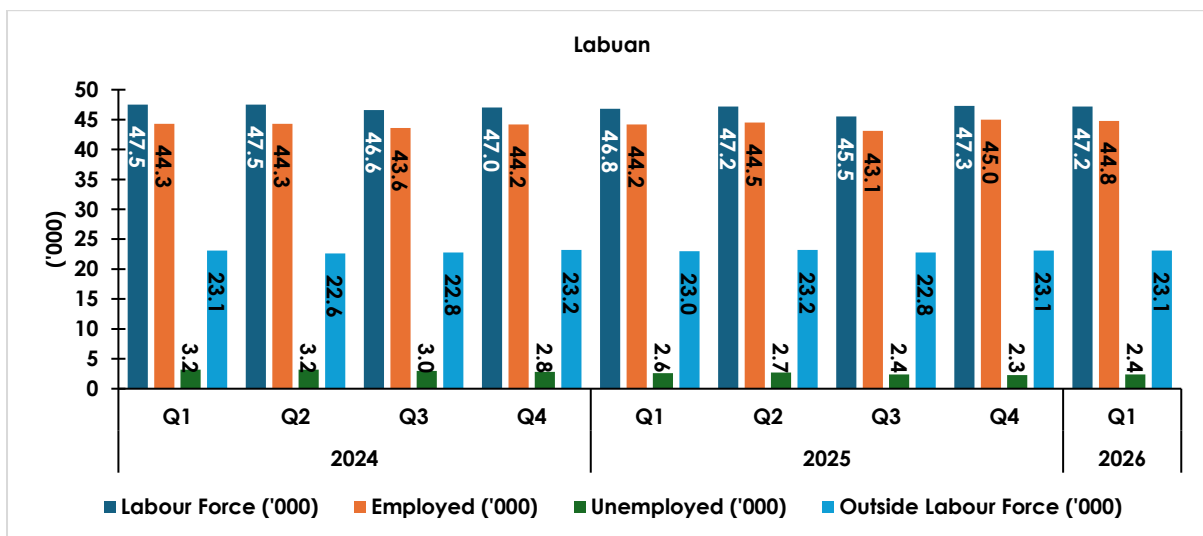
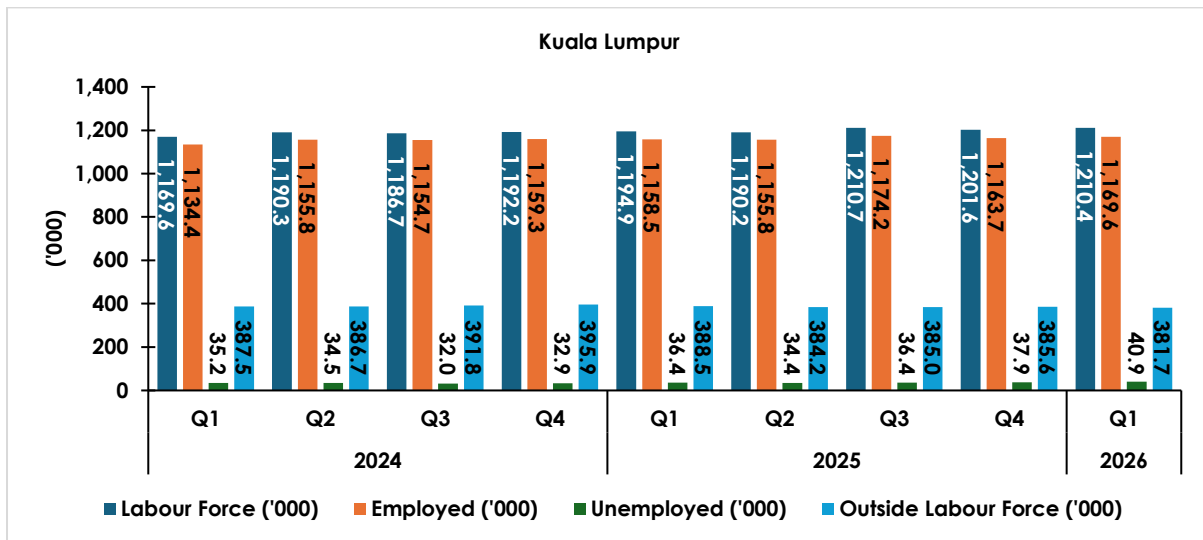


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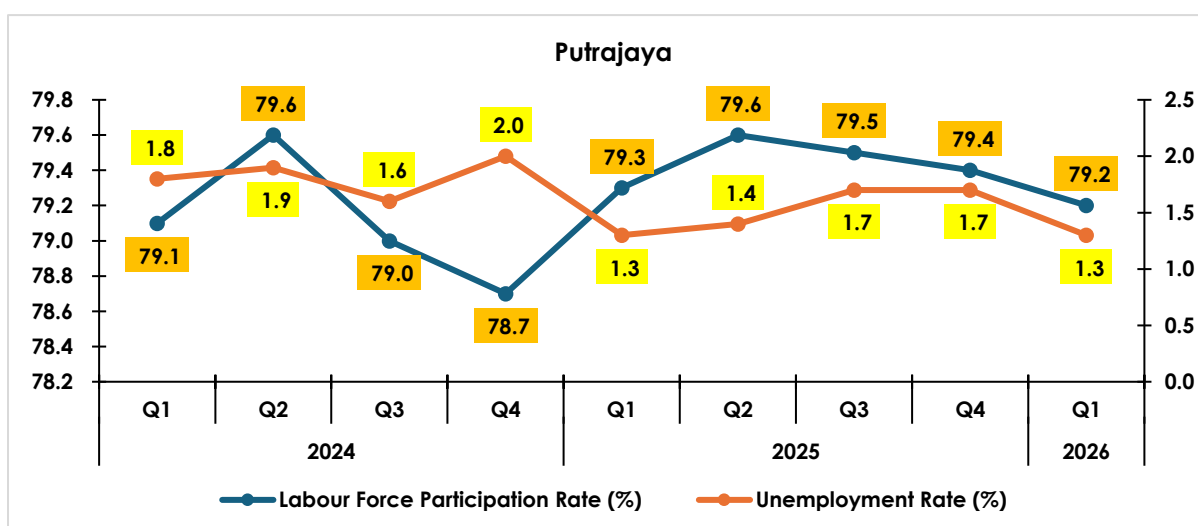
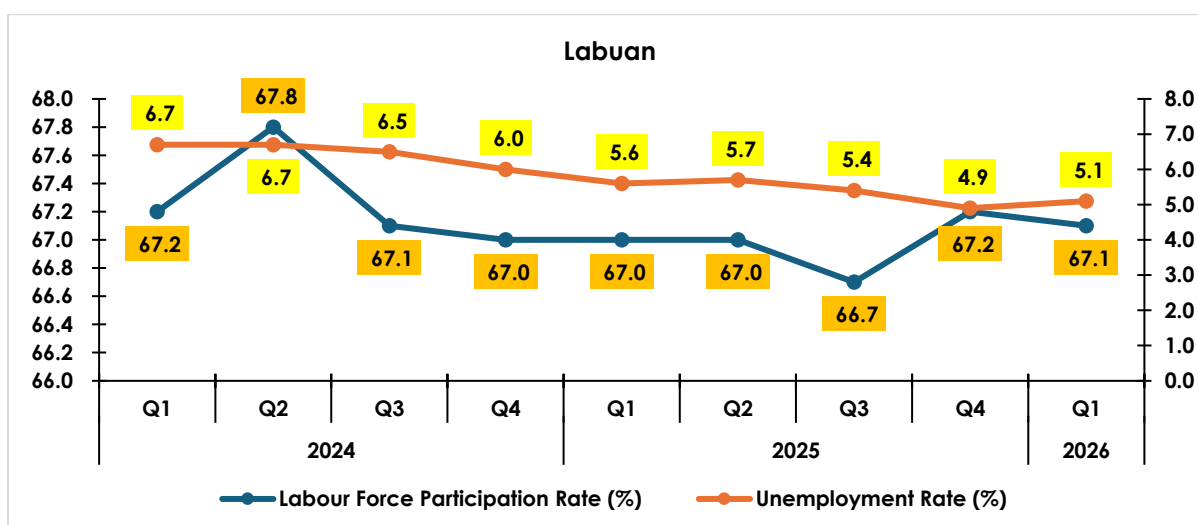
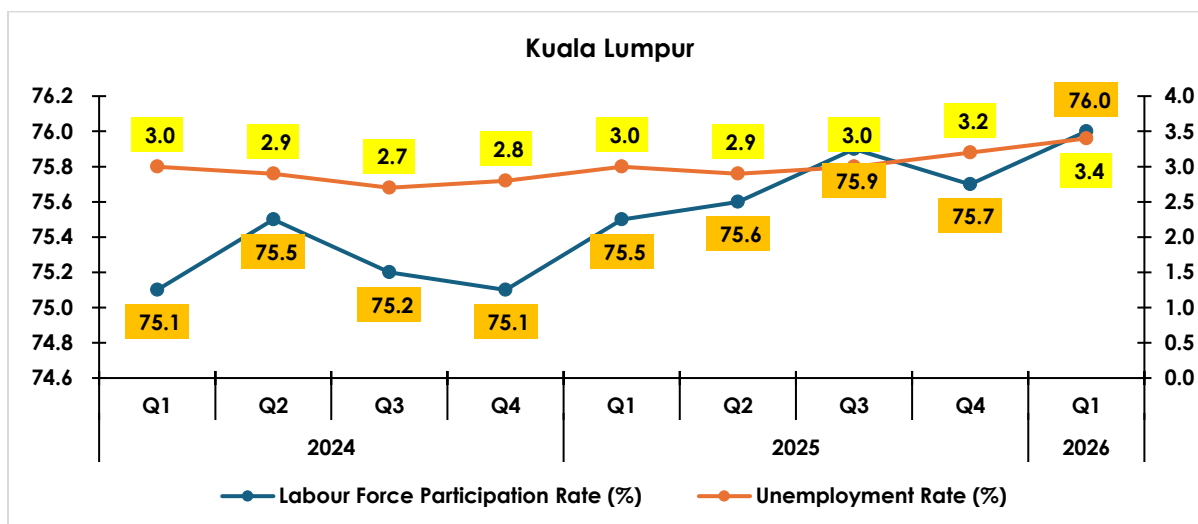


Chart 10: Net Balance of Business Performance for Upcoming Months, Federal Territories, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

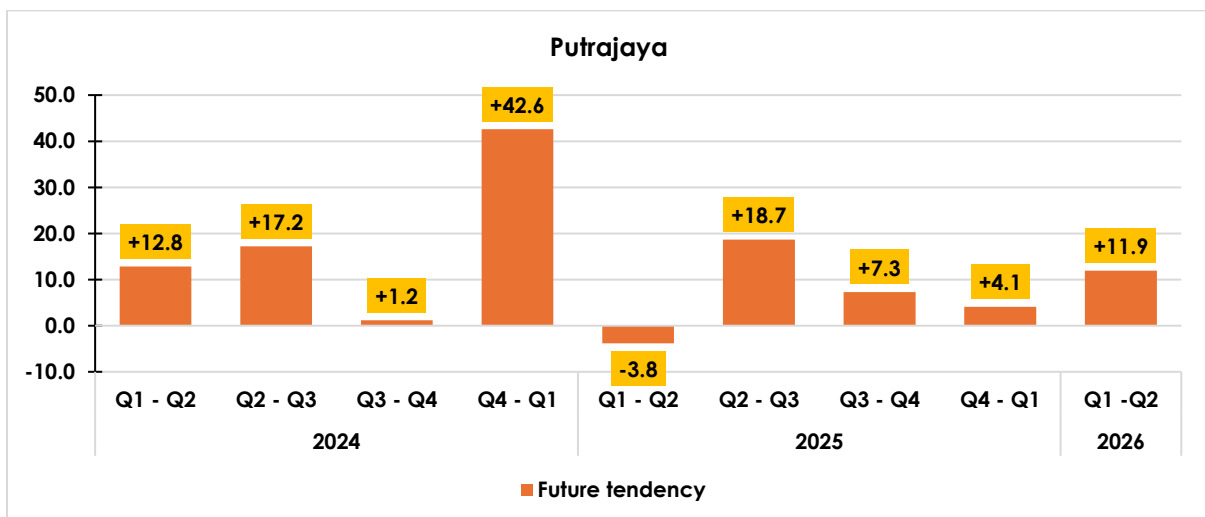
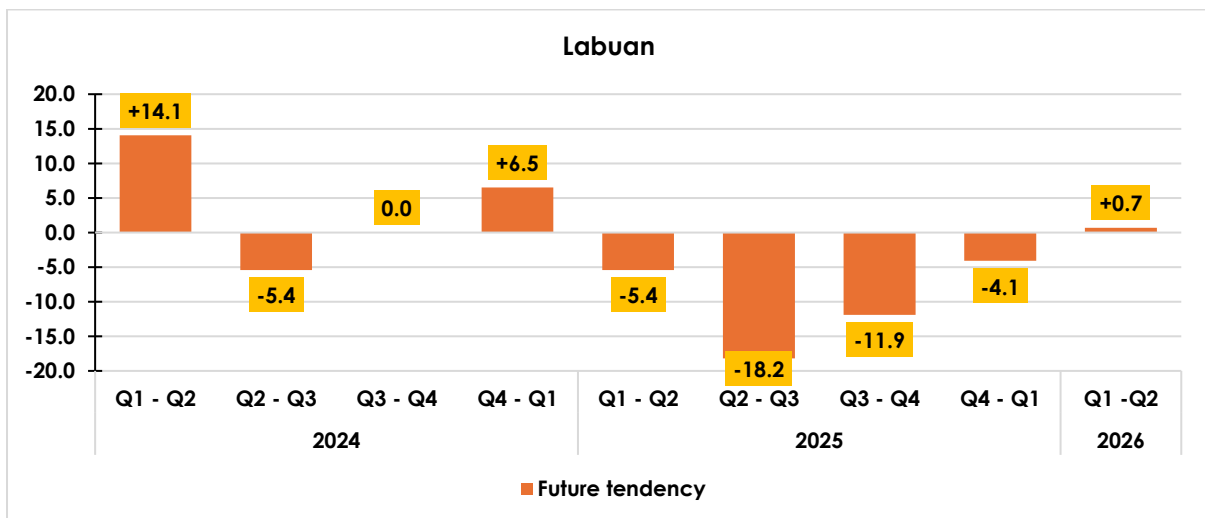
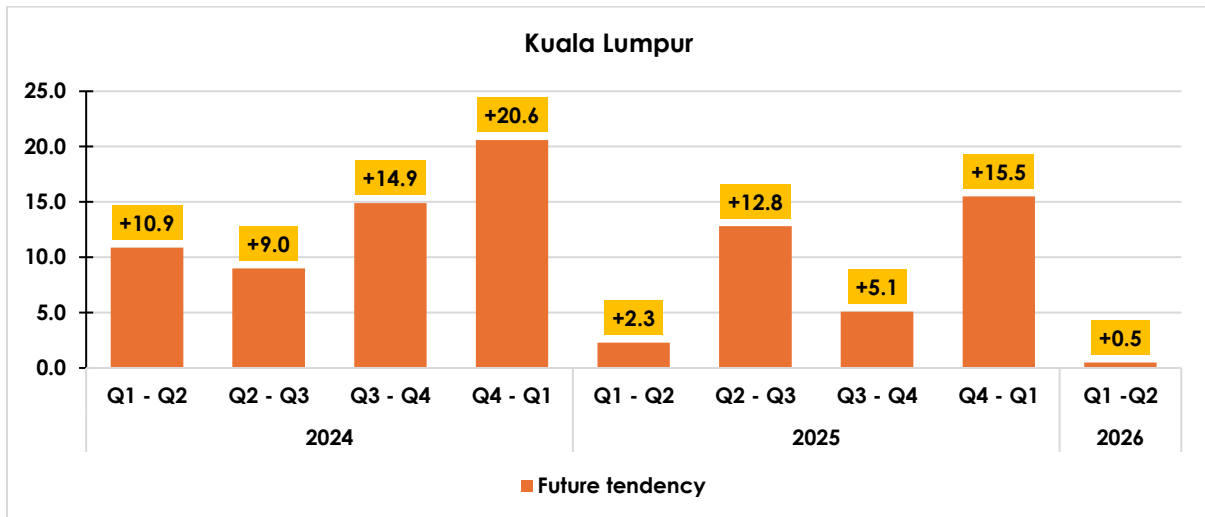


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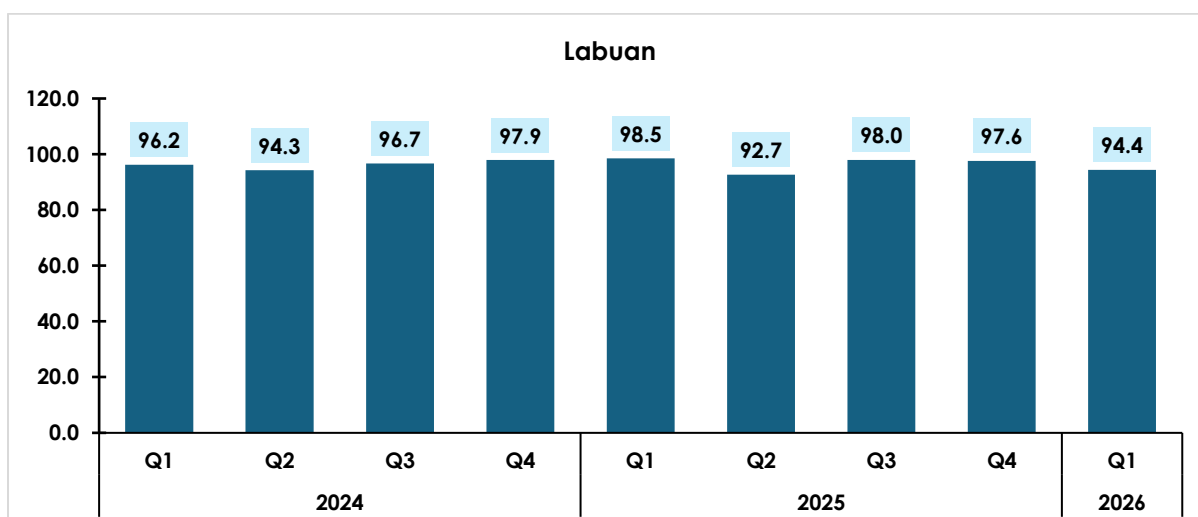
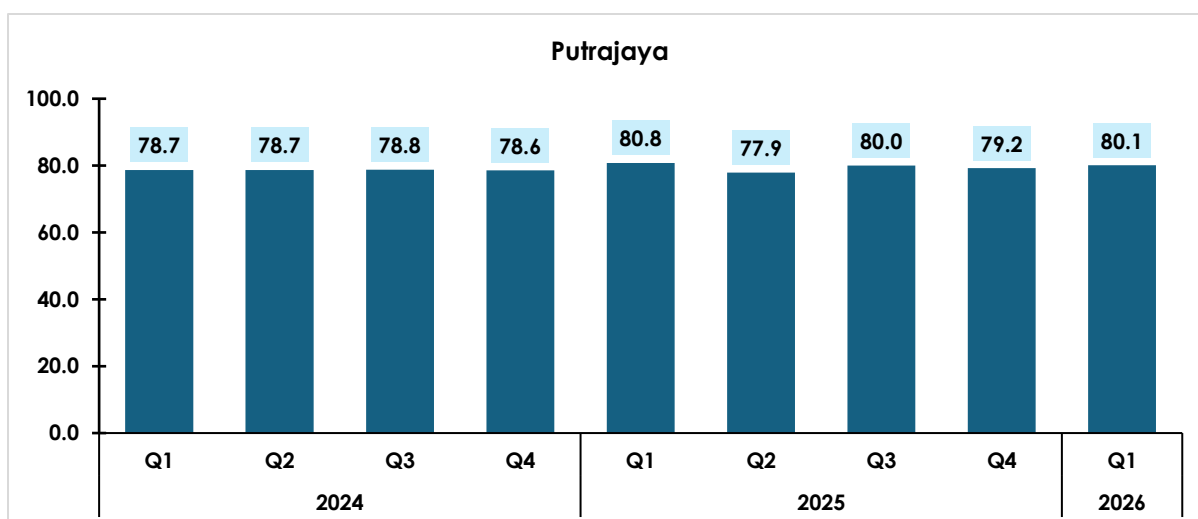
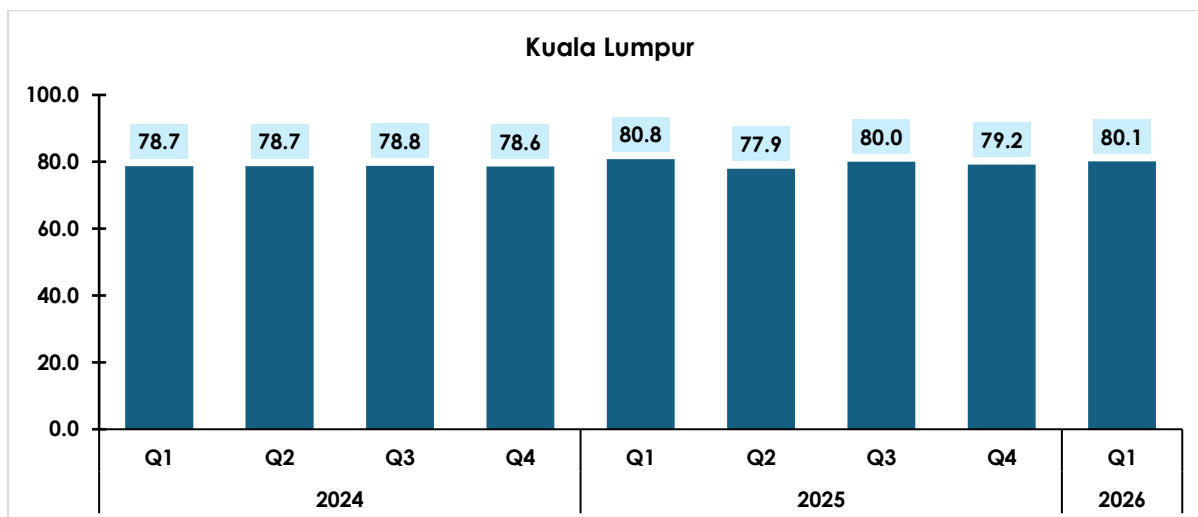


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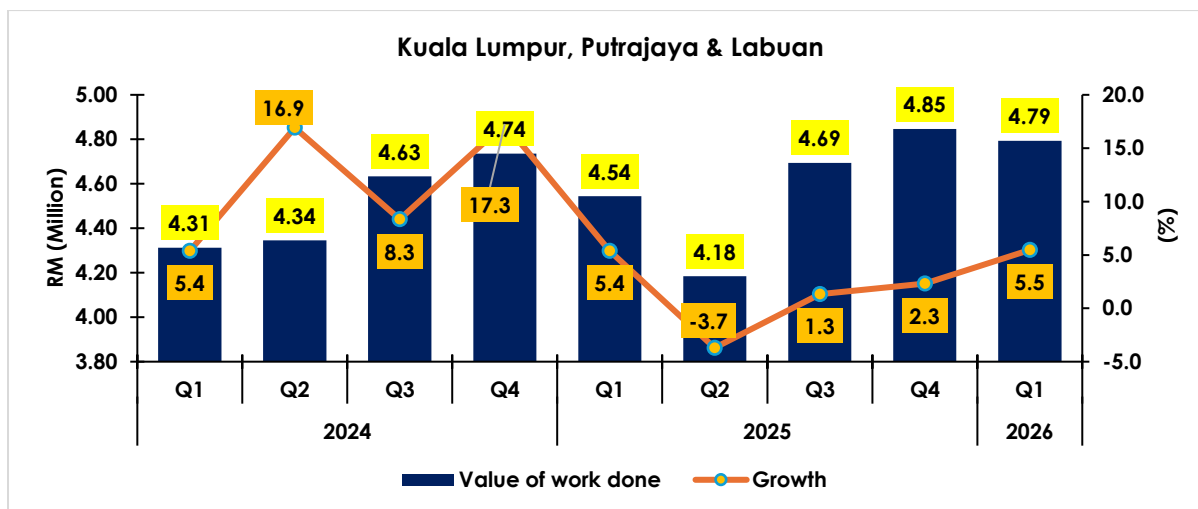


Chart 13: Total Population, Federal Territories, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

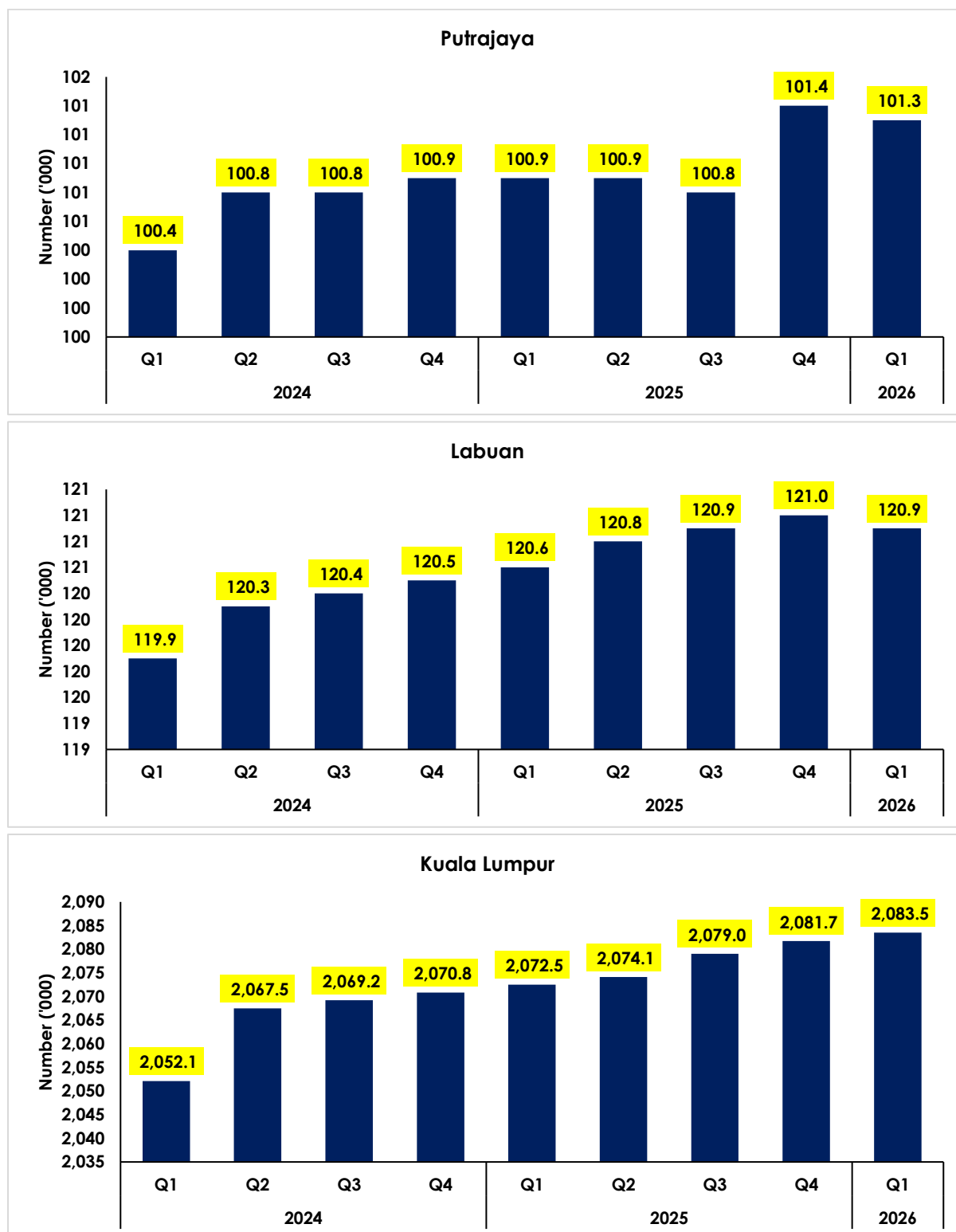


Chart 14: Vital Statistics on Live Births and Deaths, Federal Territories, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

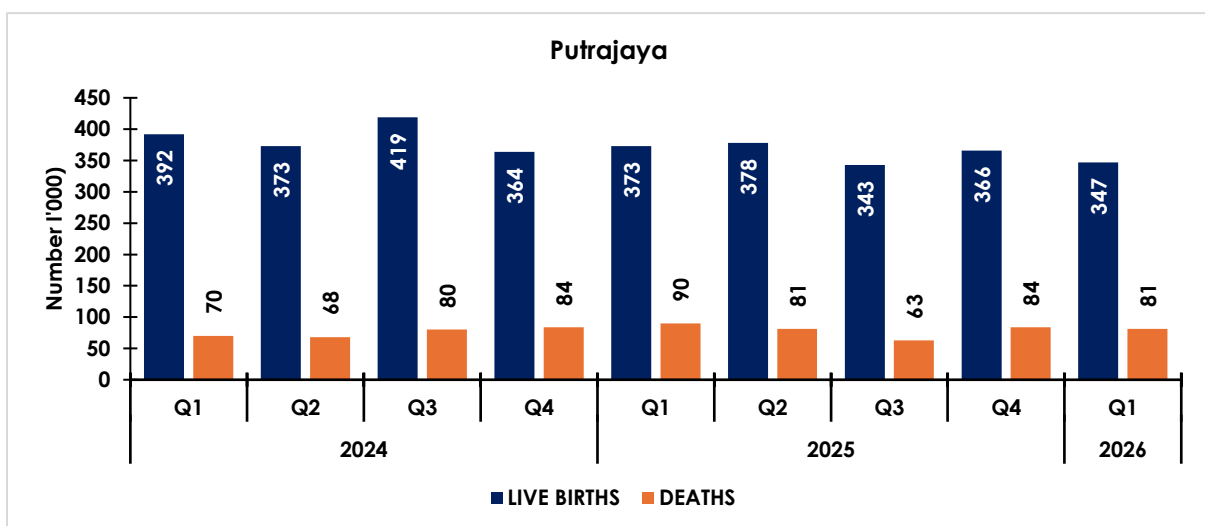
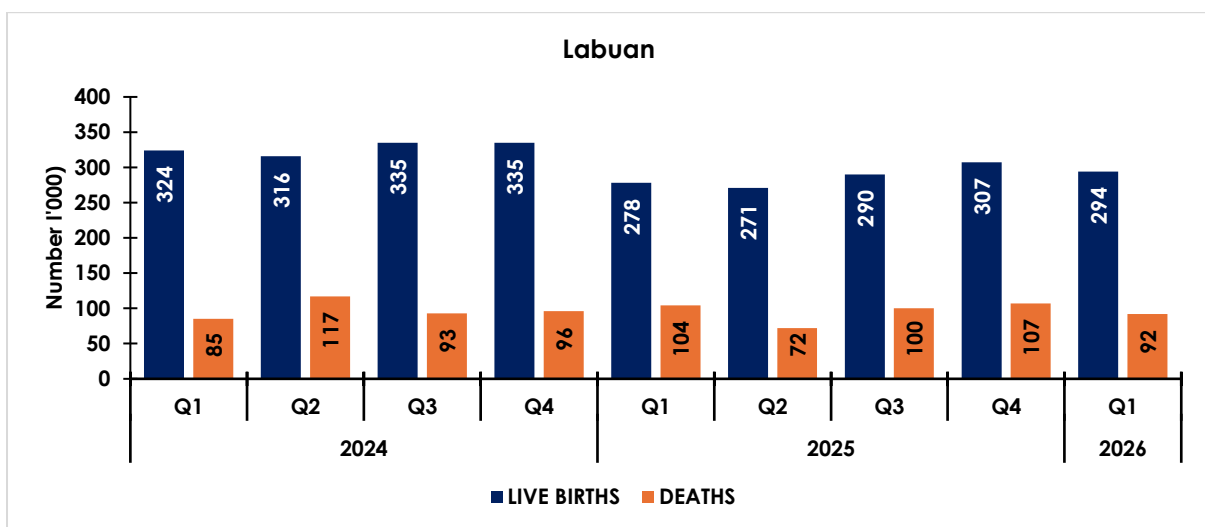
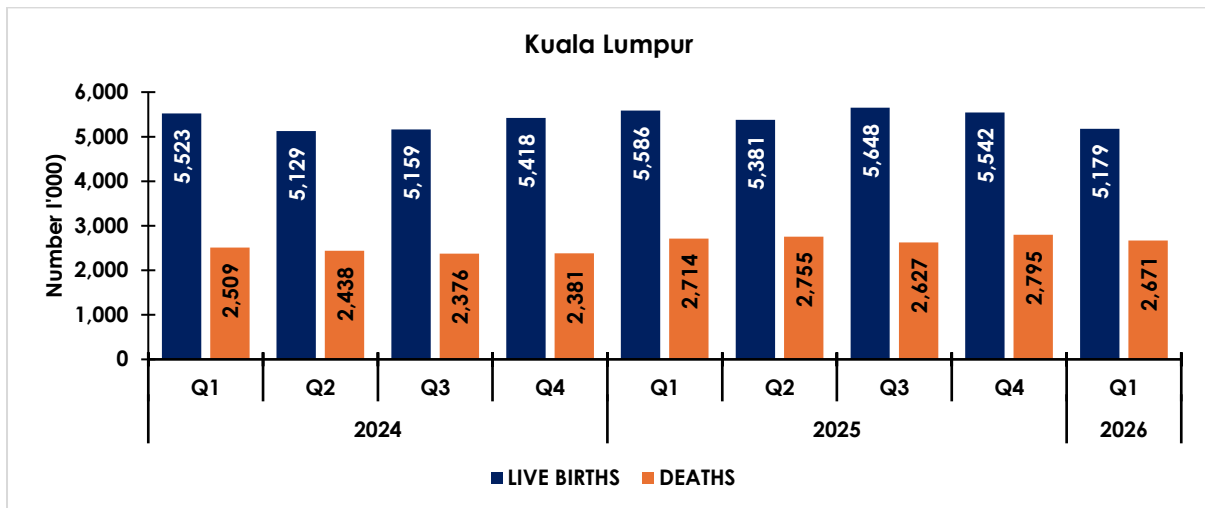


Chart 15: Supply of Residential Units, Federal Territories, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026

