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PERFORMANCE OF WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE, MALAYSIA, APRIL 2026

Malaysia's Wholesale and retail trade recorded sales of RM174.8 billion in April 2026

PUTRAJAYA, 12TH JUNE 2026 – The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) today released the **Performance of Wholesale & Retail Trade**, **April 2026**. Total sales amounted to RM174.8 billion, recording a 15.3 per cent year-on-year growth, while the volume index increased by 6.2 per cent compared to April 2025.

In a statement today, the Chief Statistician Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, said, "The sales performance in April 2026 was supported by positive growth across all sub-sectors. Wholesale trade recorded total sales of RM83.5 billion, an increase of RM16.2 billion compared with the same month a year ago, registering a sales growth of 24.1 per cent and a volume growth of 7.3 per cent. Retail trade registered sales of RM71.0 billion, up RM4.2 billion year-on-year, representing a growth of 6.3 per cent. Meanwhile, the Motor vehicles sub-sector recorded sales of RM20.4 billion, an increase of RM2.7 billion, registering a growth of 15.5 per cent compared with April 2025."

Elaborating on the performance of the Wholesale trade sub-sector, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin stated that the growth was mainly led by the Other specialised wholesale group, which recorded an increase of RM12.8 billion in sales to RM37.4 billion, registering a growth of 52.0 per cent. Meanwhile, the volume index increased by 8.6 per cent. The rise in sales value was primarily attributed to higher prices of petroleum products, particularly petrol, diesel and lubricants, following the increase in global crude oil prices. The upward movement in oil prices was influenced by global supply disruptions and geopolitical tensions, which led to higher sales in value terms despite a relatively lower growth in trading volume.

In addition, higher sales were recorded for construction materials, hardware, plumbing, heating equipment and supplies. Meanwhile, the Wholesale of household goods expanded by 8.2 per cent to RM15.4 billion, supported by continued growth in pharmaceutical & medical goods, electrical & electronics goods, as well as perfumeries & cosmetics. The Wholesale of food, beverages & tobacco increased by 6.9 per cent, underpinned by higher sales of rice, other grains, flour & sugar, dairy products, fish & other seafood, and meat, poultry & eggs. Furthermore, the Wholesale of agricultural raw materials & live animals recorded an 11.7 per cent increase to RM6.8 billion, driven mainly by stronger demand for palm oil and rubber.

“The Retail trade sub-sector continued to record steady performance in April, led by Retail sales in non-specialised stores, which increased by 6.1 per cent to RM27.3 billion. The growth was supported by sustained performance in hypermarkets, mini markets, and convenience stores. Retail sales in specialised stores also rose by 6.8 per cent to RM15.0 billion, driven by higher demand for clothing, perfumery & cosmetics, as well as aquarium fishes, pet animals & pet food. In addition, Retail sales of automotive fuels increased by 12.5 per cent, attributed to higher petrol prices, with volume growth recorded at 5.8 per cent. Retail sale of household equipment grew by 3.5 per cent, supported by construction materials, hardware, paints & glass, and household utensils & cutlery,” said the Chief Statistician.

The growth in the Motor vehicles sub-sector during the month was mainly supported by strong performance in Sales of motor vehicles, which increased by 18.1 per cent to RM10.3 billion. This performance was in line with data from the Malaysian Automotive Association (MAA), which reported total vehicle sales of 72,113 units, while the Road Transport Department Malaysia (JPJ) recorded 77,869 vehicle registrations during the same period. Other groups within the sub-sector also registered positive growth, including Sales of motor vehicle parts & accessories (9.2%), Sales, maintenance & repair of motorcycles (38.7%), as well as Maintenance & repair of motor vehicles (9.9%), indicating continued demand for vehicle servicing and aftermarket components.

Meanwhile, online retail sales continued to register positive growth in April, with the sales index increasing by 7.1 per cent year-on-year, compared with 6.4 per cent in the previous month. This performance indicates the continued strength of the e-commerce segment, supported by steady online consumer spending.

Digital payment activities continued to strengthen in April. Credit card and debit card transactions increased by 6.3 per cent and 1.3 per cent year-on-year, respectively. The Real-time Retail Payments Platform (RPP) maintained strong performance, with total transactions amounting to RM360.7 billion, representing a growth of 29.9 per cent. Meanwhile, FPX transactions rose by 22.9 per cent to RM43.7 billion. JomPAY transaction also increased by 3.8 per cent year-on-year to reach RM4.9 billion.

In terms of the volume index, Wholesale & retail trade recorded a year-on-year increase of 6.2 per cent, supported mainly by the Motor vehicles and Wholesale trade sub-sectors, which grew by 13.6 per cent and 7.3 per cent, respectively. Retail trade registered a growth of 3.9 per cent of growth. On a month-on-month basis, the volume index increased by 0.4 per cent.

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: Sales Value of Wholesale & Retail Trade

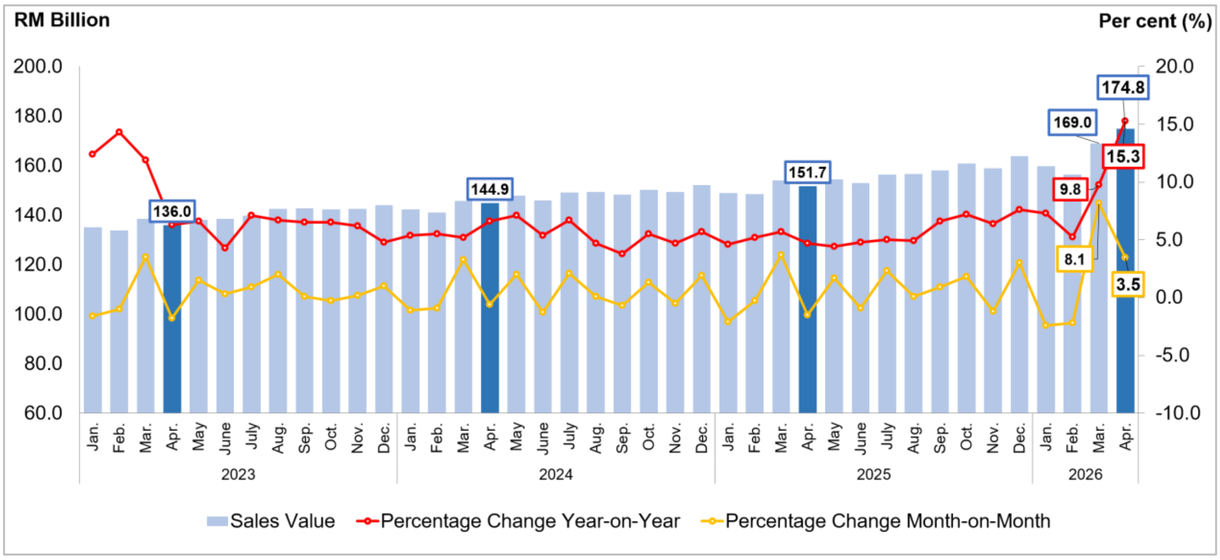

Chart 2: Sales Value of Wholesale Trade

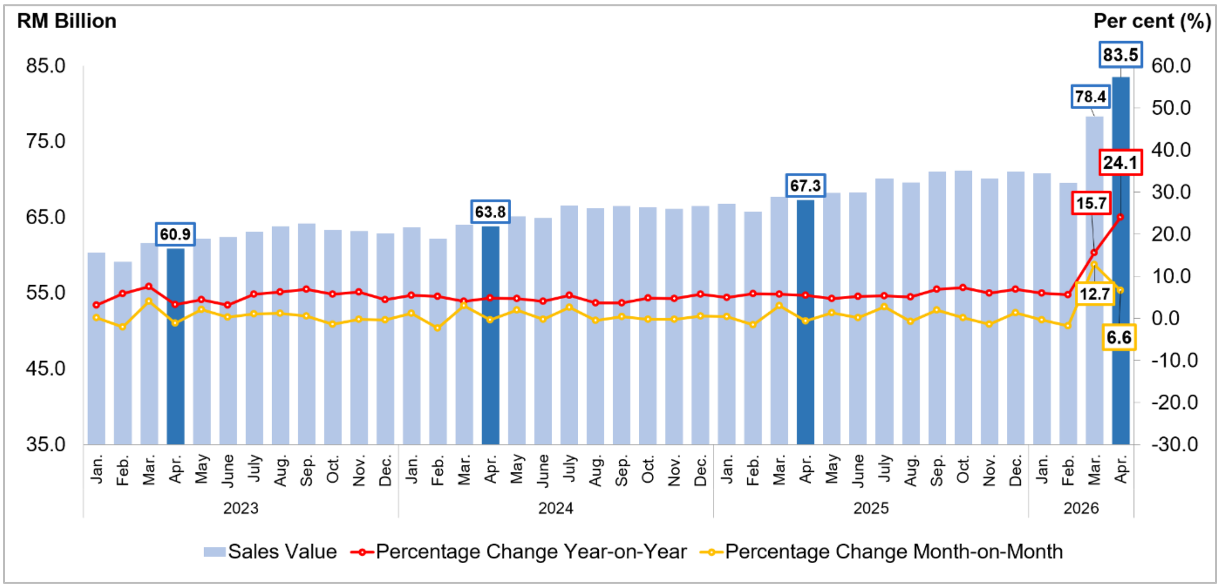

Chart 3: Sales Value of Retail Trade

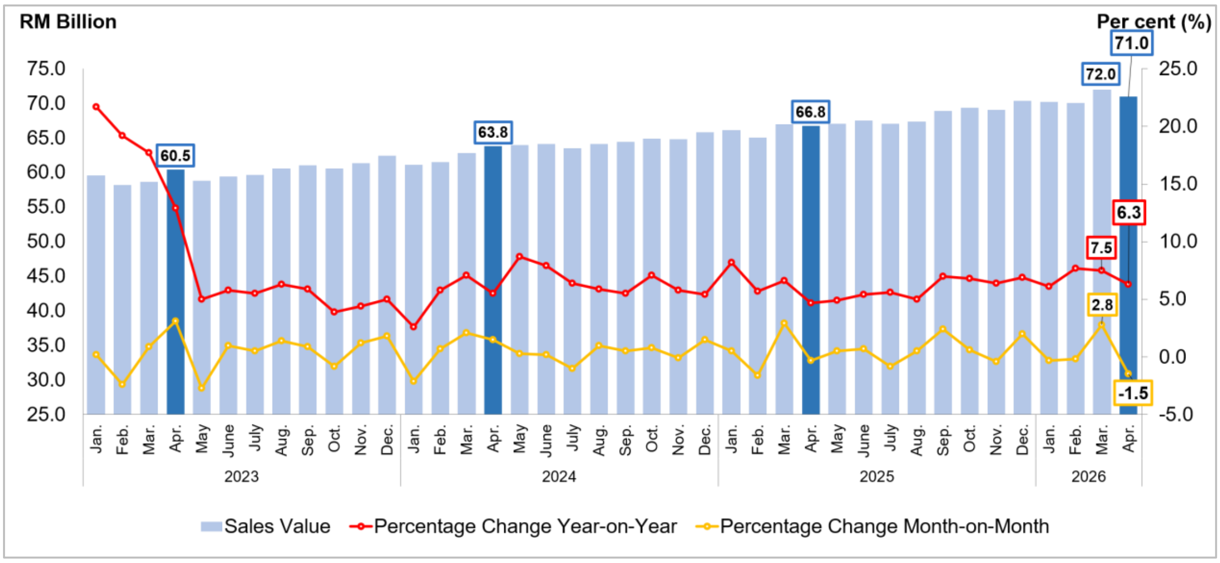

Chart 4: Sales Value of Motor Vehicles

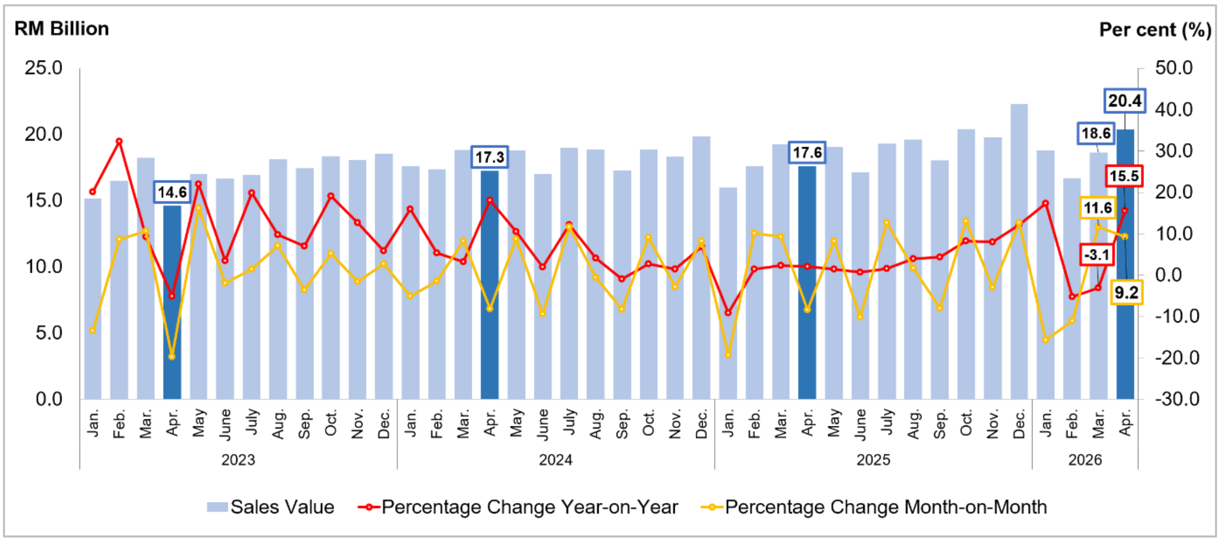

Chart 5: Index of Retail Sale Over the Internet

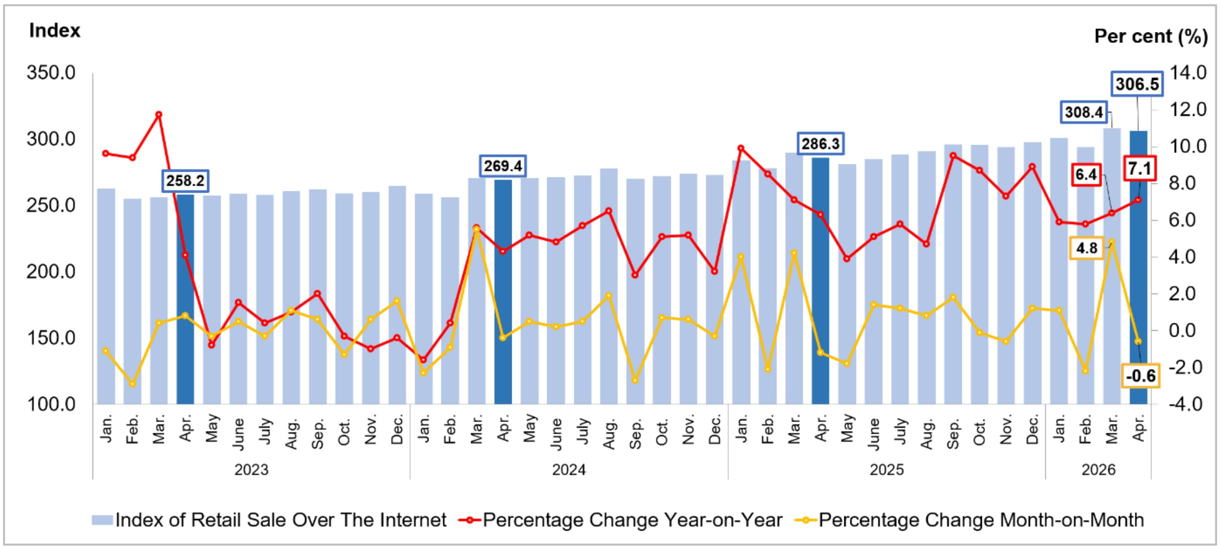

Table 1: Payment Platforms in Malaysia (January 2025 – April 2026)

Year	Month	Payment Instruments			Payment System				
		(RM billion)							
		Credit Card	Debit Card	E-money	Interbank GIRO	FPX	Direct Debit	JomPAY	RPP
2025	Jan.	20.1	14.9	19.5	142.0	38.6	6.4	5.0	290.7
	Feb.	16.8	12.7	17.3	118.1	32.9	6.0	4.9	250.3
	Mar.	19.1	15.6	20.3	140.3	40.4	6.4	4.9	297.7
	Apr.	17.7	13.3	19.7	130.0	35.5	7.3	4.7	277.8
	May	18.7	14.1	21.5	130.0	39.2	6.9	4.9	289.4
	June	18.1	13.2	21.1	125.0	31.2	6.8	4.8	277.2
	July	18.8	13.3	22.8	140.7	41.4	8.0	5.3	311.5
	Aug.	19.2	13.5	23.7	131.4	41.3	7.2	5.2	306.8
	Sept.	19.0	12.9	23.9	131.2	40.3	7.7	4.6	307.8
	Oct.	19.4	13.7	26.3	141.1	40.7	8.0	4.9	344.1
	Nov.	19.5	13.5	27.0	126.8	41.5	7.2	4.5	322.6
	Dec.	21.4	15.0	29.4	152.9	42.2	8.4	4.8	362.3
2026	Jan.	20.7	14.6	30.3	138.9	51.2	7.5	4.9	359.0
	Feb.	18.2	13.5	30.2	122.0	40.6	6.9	4.7	323.8
	Mar.	20.1	15.5	33.3	143.4	48.7	8.4	4.9	369.4
	Apr.	18.8	13.4	32.1	136.5	43.7	8.5	4.9	360.7
		Year-on-Year (%)							
2025	Jan.	6.8	19.9	68.2	2.1	24.6	3.5	-1.0	26.6
	Feb.	-2.6	1.8	50.7	-2.3	19.3	3.8	2.8	20.6
	Mar.	7.0	16.2	71.2	9.2	25.9	1.4	3.5	29.9
	Apr.	5.5	4.5	68.7	0.5	25.4	9.1	0.8	21.1
	May	5.4	8.0	70.2	-3.9	21.1	9.0	0.6	20.3
	June	5.7	3.8	66.7	5.2	11.4	20.2	3.8	20.3
	July	6.0	5.4	69.8	1.6	23.4	16.9	3.2	21.6
	Aug.	7.8	6.3	67.0	-1.9	20.5	19.3	0.1	20.5
	Sept.	5.8	2.4	62.7	3.5	27.2	31.4	-0.6	26.1
	Oct.	4.7	4.2	66.7	6.4	27.6	25.4	0.7	31.0
	Nov.	6.9	6.8	66.9	-2.7	20.4	15.8	-3.7	23.6
	Dec.	4.2	1.4	64.2	6.5	20.6	23.7	-2.5	23.2
2026	Jan.	2.7	-1.9	55.4	-2.2	32.6	17.3	-1.7	23.5
	Feb.	8.5	6.3	74.8	3.3	23.3	15.5	-5.0	29.4
	Mar.	5.5	-0.7	64.3	2.2	20.4	31.5	0.3	24.1
	Apr.	6.3	1.3	63.1	4.9	22.9	16.5	3.8	29.9

Source: Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM)

Table 2: M1 Monetary Aggregates in Malaysia (January 2025 – April 2026)

Year	Month	M1 (RM billion)	Year-on-Year (%)
2025	Jan.	663.3	3.8
	Feb.	661.9	3.4
	Mar.	667.5	3.4
	Apr.	662.9	3.8
	May	663.1	4.4
	June	681.6	6.1
	July	680.2	6.8
	Aug.	679.5	6.6
	Sept.	694.3	7.7
	Oct.	693.5	7.5
	Nov.	700.5	6.9
	Dec.	726.3	9.0
2026	Jan.	722.2	8.9
	Feb.	727.8	10.0
	Mar.	743.4	11.4
	Apr.	727.6	9.8

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