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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, MALAYSIA, MAY 2026

Malaysia's inflation increased 2.0 per cent in May 2026

PUTRAJAYA, 19TH JUNE 2026 – Malaysia's inflation increased 2.0 per cent in May 2026 with the index points increased to 137.1 from 134.4 in the same month of the previous year. The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) reported today on the release of **CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI), MAY 2026**.

Chief Statistician Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin informed that four groups registered higher inflation in May 2026, namely Information & Communication, 2.1 per cent (April 2026: 2.0%); Food & Beverages, 1.4 per cent (April 2026: 1.2%); Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels, 1.2 per cent (April 2026: 1.1%) and Recreation, Sport & Culture, 1.1 per cent (April 2026: 0.9%). Concurrently, inflation moderated for Transport at 3.8 per cent (April 2026: 4.1%); Restaurant & Accommodation Services, 2.5 per cent (April 2026: 2.6%); Education, 2.2 per cent (April 2026: 2.4%) and Health, 1.2 per cent (April 2026: 1.4%).

The groups which the inflation rate remained the same were Insurance & Financial Services (4.9%); Personal Care, Social Protection & Miscellaneous Goods & Services (4.8%); Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco (2.8%) and Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (0.4%). Meanwhile, Clothing & Footwear group declined to negative 0.1 per cent in May 2026 (April 2026: -0.1%).

About 63.5 per cent of items (364 out of 573) recorded price increases. Nonetheless, out of this total, 355 items (97.5%) registered an increase of less than or equal to 10 per cent, while only 9 items recorded increases of more than 10 per cent in May 2026. The remainder 167 items (29.1%), showed a decline and 42 items remained unchanged.

The Food & Beverages group which contributes 29.8 per cent of the total CPI weight increased 1.4 per cent in May 2026 (April 2026: 1.2%). The inflation rate for the Food away from home subgroup registered 2.5 per cent increase as compared to 2.6 per cent in April 2026. Meanwhile, the Food at home subgroup increased 0.3 per cent in May 2026 (April 2026: 0.0%). Two expenditure classes of Food at home recorded higher increases in May 2026 as compared to April 2026, namely Fish & other seafood and Sugar, confectionery & desserts. Meanwhile, the expenditure

classes of Vegetables and Milk, other dairy products & egg registered declines in May 2026.

The expenditure class of Meat eased to 0.2 per cent in May 2026 as compared to 0.6 per cent in April 2026. This was attributed to Local lamb and Pork which increased to 2.2 per cent (April 2026: 2.4%) and 0.7 per cent (April 2026: 1.4%), respectively. Meanwhile, Chicken as the largest component comprised of 32.6 per cent in the expenditure class of Meat has registered a decrease to negative 2.4 per cent as compared to negative 0.8 per cent in the previous month. The average price of Standard chicken for Malaysia in May 2026 was at RM10.48 per kilogramme as compared to RM10.63 per kilogramme in May 2025 (April 2026: RM10.39). Meanwhile, the average price of Standard chicken in Peninsular Malaysia was RM9.66 per kilogramme as compared to RM9.94 per kilogramme in May 2025 (April 2026: RM9.54).

The inflation of expenditure class of Milk, other dairy products & eggs decreased to negative 0.8 per cent in May 2026 (April 2026: -0.9%). The decline was driven by decreases in the expenditure subclasses of Other milk & cream, negative 1.9 per cent (April 2026: -2.4%); Eggs, negative 1.0 per cent (April 2026: -0.7%); Yoghurt & similar products, negative 0.9 per cent (April 2026: -0.1%); Non-animal milk, negative 0.3 per cent (April 2026: -0.4%) and Raw & whole milk, negative 0.1 per cent (April 2026: 0.0%).

The expenditure class of Vegetables decreased to negative 1.5 per cent in May 2026 as compared to negative 4.7 per cent in April 2026. Among the Vegetables that continued to record year-on-year declines in May 2026 were Garlic, negative 16.1 per cent (April 2026: -15.6%); Big onion, negative 13.0 per cent (April 2026: -15.2%); Brinjals, negative 12.7 per cent (April 2026: -15.1%) and Tomatoes, negative 6.9 per cent (April 2026: -11.3%).

The subgroup of Food away from home increased 2.5 per cent in May 2026 as compared to 2.6 per cent in the previous month. Among the items that recorded slower increases in May 2026 were Martabak (4.1%); Food made from noodles (3.5%); Fried rice (3.4%); Roasted pork rice (3.2%) and Roti canai (2.6%).

The Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels group increased 1.2 per cent in May 2026 as compared to 1.1 per cent in April 2026. The increase in this group was contributed by inflation in the Maintenance, repair & security of the dwelling subgroup which rose to 2.4 per cent (April 2026: 2.3%). Meanwhile, the subgroup of Actual rentals for housing eased to 1.4 per cent (April 2026: 1.5%), and the subgroup of Water supply & miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling remained unchanged at 6.8 per cent as compared to the previous month. The subgroup of Electricity, gas & fuel remained in the negative territory at negative 3.1 per cent (April 2026: -4.5%).

The Automatic Fuel Adjustment (AFA) revised rate was imposed on domestic users in Peninsular Malaysia for consumption of more than 600 kilowatt hours (kWh), whereby the AFA rate for the period 1st to 31st May 2026 was set at 1.38 sen/kWh (surcharge)

by the Energy Commission as compared with a rebate of 0.47 sen/kWh provided for the period 1st to 30th April 2026. This adjustment impacted the average electricity tariff as against the previous period. However, domestic users consuming 600 kWh and below remained unaffected.

Inflation for the Transport group moderated in May 2026 to 3.8 per cent as compared to 4.1 per cent in April 2026. This was due to by the subgroup of Public transport services and Operation of personal transport equipment which increased to 6.8 per cent (April 2026: 7.0%) and 4.2 per cent (April 2026: 4.8%), respectively. Meanwhile, Transport services of goods and Purchase of vehicles decreased as in April 2026 at negative 1.3 per cent and negative 0.2 per cent respectively.

The average price of Unleaded petrol RON97 in May 2026 decreased to RM4.81 per litre as compared to RM5.06 per litre in April 2026. The average price for Diesel in Peninsular Malaysia recorded at RM5.01 per litre as compared to RM5.92 per litre in the previous month. Meanwhile, the average price of Diesel for Sabah, Sarawak and Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan remained at RM2.15 per litre. The average market price of Unleaded petrol RON95 recorded at RM3.97 per litre in May 2026 (April 2026: RM4.00 per litre) as compared to the subsidised price of RM1.99 per litre.

The Chief Statistician Malaysia also added that, with regards to inflation at the state level, eight states recorded increases above the national inflation level (2.0%), namely Pahang (2.8%), Negeri Sembilan (2.6%), Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan (2.6%), Johor (2.5%), Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (2.4%), Kedah (2.2%), Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya (2.2%) and Melaka (2.1%). However, the remainder eight states recorded increases below and equal to the national inflation rate, with Sarawak registered the lowest inflation (0.5%) in May 2026. All states registered an increase in inflation for Food & Beverages except Kelantan (-1.0%). Seven states recorded increases above the national inflation of Food & Beverages (1.4%) in May 2026. The highest increase was recorded by Johor (2.7%) followed by Melaka (2.3%), Negeri Sembilan (2.3%), Pahang (2.3%), Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (2.1%), Kedah (1.7%) and Pulau Pinang (1.6%). Meanwhile, other states showed increases below to the national inflation of Food & Beverages.

On month-on-month basis, the headline inflation in May 2026 registered marginal increase of 0.1 per cent as compared to 0.4 per cent in April 2026. Six out of 13 groups recorded increases in May 2026, namely Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels, 0.5 per cent (April 2026: -0.1%); Food & Beverages, 0.3 per cent (April 2026: 0%); Restaurant & Accommodation Services, 0.3 per cent (April 2026: 0.4%); Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance, 0.1 per cent (April 2026: 0.2%); Recreation, Sport & Culture, 0.1 per cent (April 2026: 0.3%) and Education, 0.1 per cent (April 2026: 0.2%). Meanwhile, the inflation for Transport, negative 0.5 per cent (April 2026: 2.5%); Health, negative 0.1 per cent (April 2026: 0.2%) and Personal Care, Social Protection & Miscellaneous Goods & Services, negative 0.1 per cent (April 2026: -0.7%) were in negative territory in May 2026. The remaining groups, Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco, Clothing &

Footwear, Information & Communication and Insurance & Financial Services did not show any increase in May 2026.

In comparison to inflation in other selected countries, inflation in Malaysia in May 2026 (2.0%) was lower than inflation in Philippines (6.8%), Viet Nam (5.6%), Republic of Korea (3.1%), Indonesia (3.1%) and Thailand (2.8%). However, the rate was higher than China (1.2%).

The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) is conducting the Economic Census 2026 (BE2026), themed “Data Nadi Ekonomi Rakyat”. The sixth Economic Census, running from 5th January to 31st October 2026. BE2026 aims to collect comprehensive, 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>.

MyPrice Dashboard is a platform developed in collaboration with the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Cost of Living (KPDN) that displays daily prices of selected essential goods across Malaysia. The initiative is timely in tandem with rising prices of essential goods and requires an intervention from the government and various parties. The dashboard can be accessed via the following link <https://www.dosm.gov.my/portal-main/article/dashboardmyprice>.

MyHIES is an interactive dashboard that displays information on income distribution, expenditure patterns, poverty and income inequality in Malaysia. The data is available in time series format at the national, state, administrative district and locality levels, with selected socioeconomic indicators. Please visit <https://www.dosm.gov.my/portal-main/article/dbhies> for more information.

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Monthly Inflation Malaysia, January 2011 – May 2026

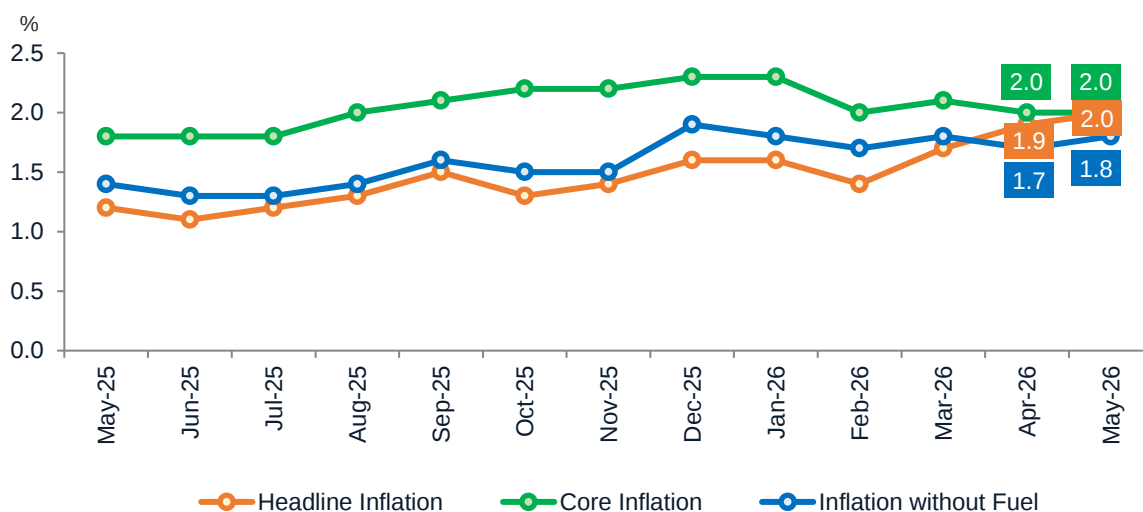
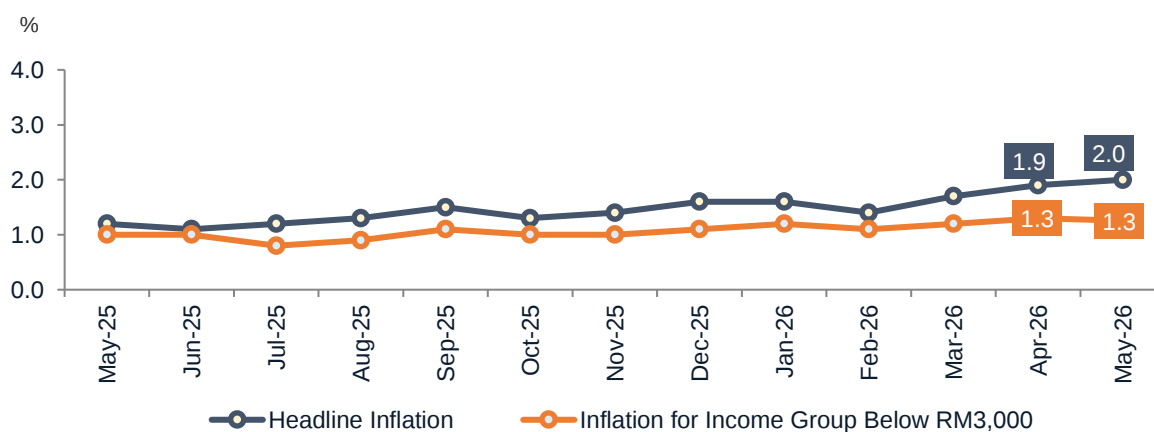
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Malaysia Inflation, Core Inflation and Inflation without Fuel, May 2025 – May 2026

Chart 3
Inflation for Income Group Below RM3,000, May 2025 – May 2026


Chart 4

Quarterly Inflation Malaysia, Q1 2011 – Q1 2026

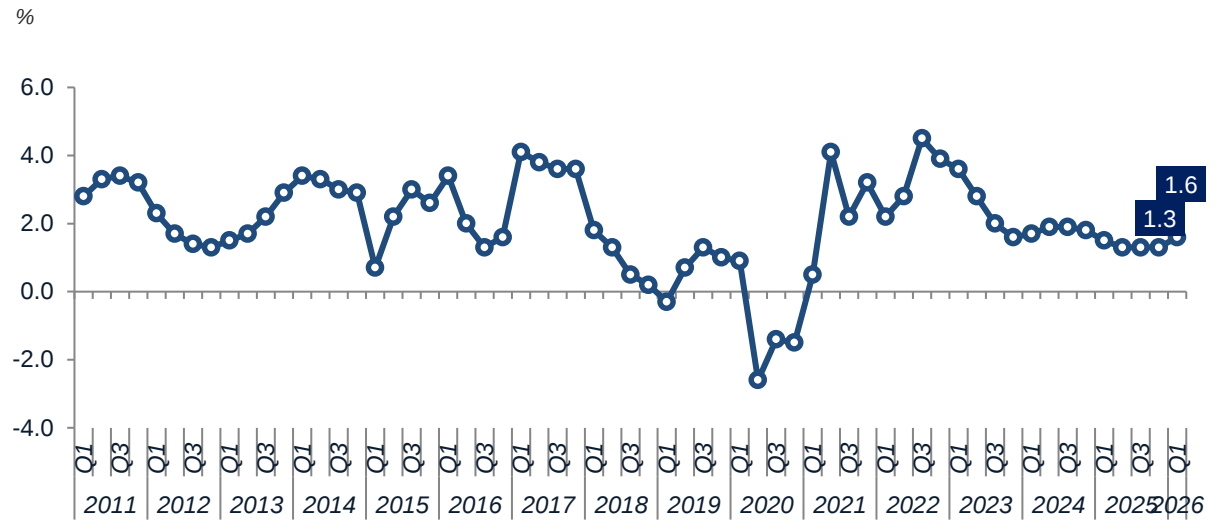


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Annual Inflation Malaysia, 2011 - 2025

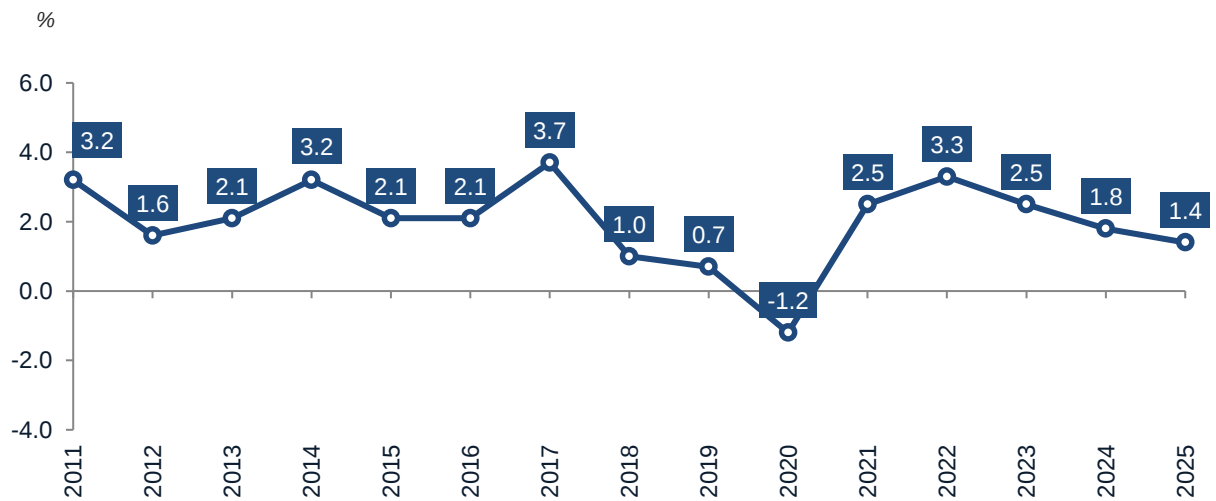


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Inflation by Quadrant, April 2026 & May 2026

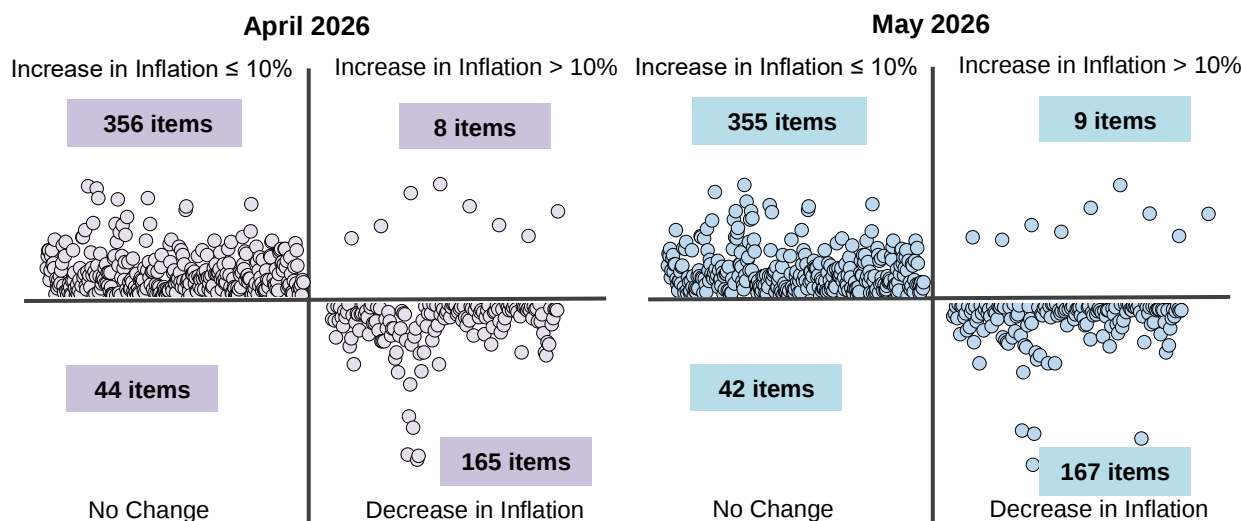


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Distribution of Inflation for Food and Non-Food that Increased ≤10%, April 2026 & May 2026

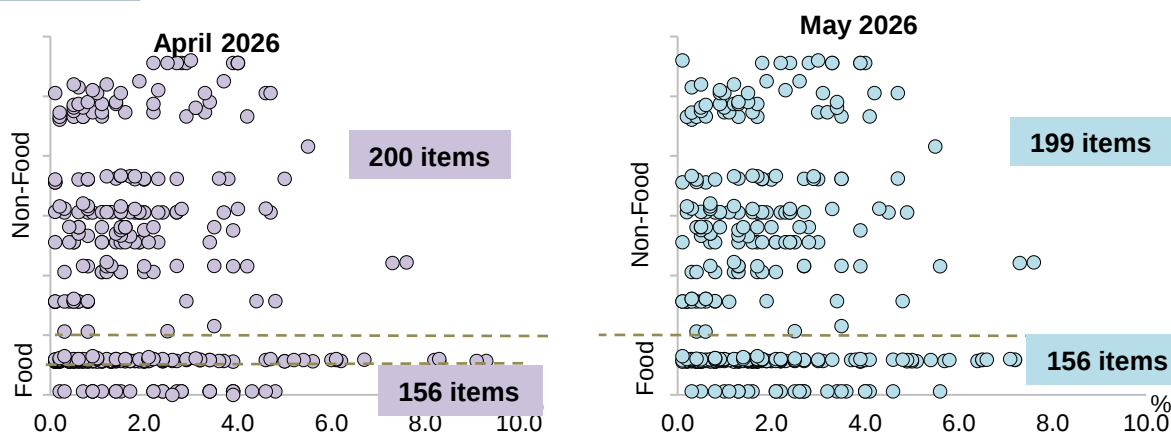


Chart 8

Average Price of Unleaded Petrol RON95, Unleaded Petrol RON97 and Diesel, May 2025 – May 2026

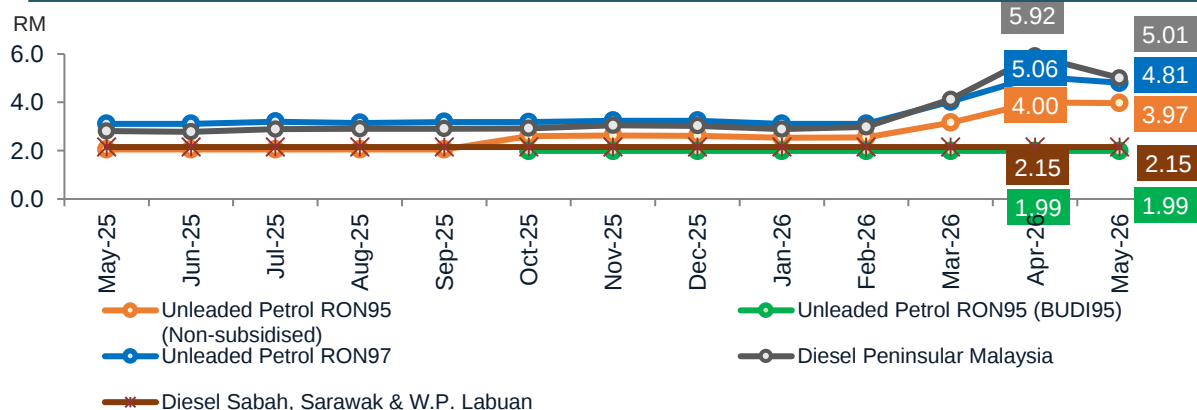


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Inflation by Main Group, April 2026 & May 2026

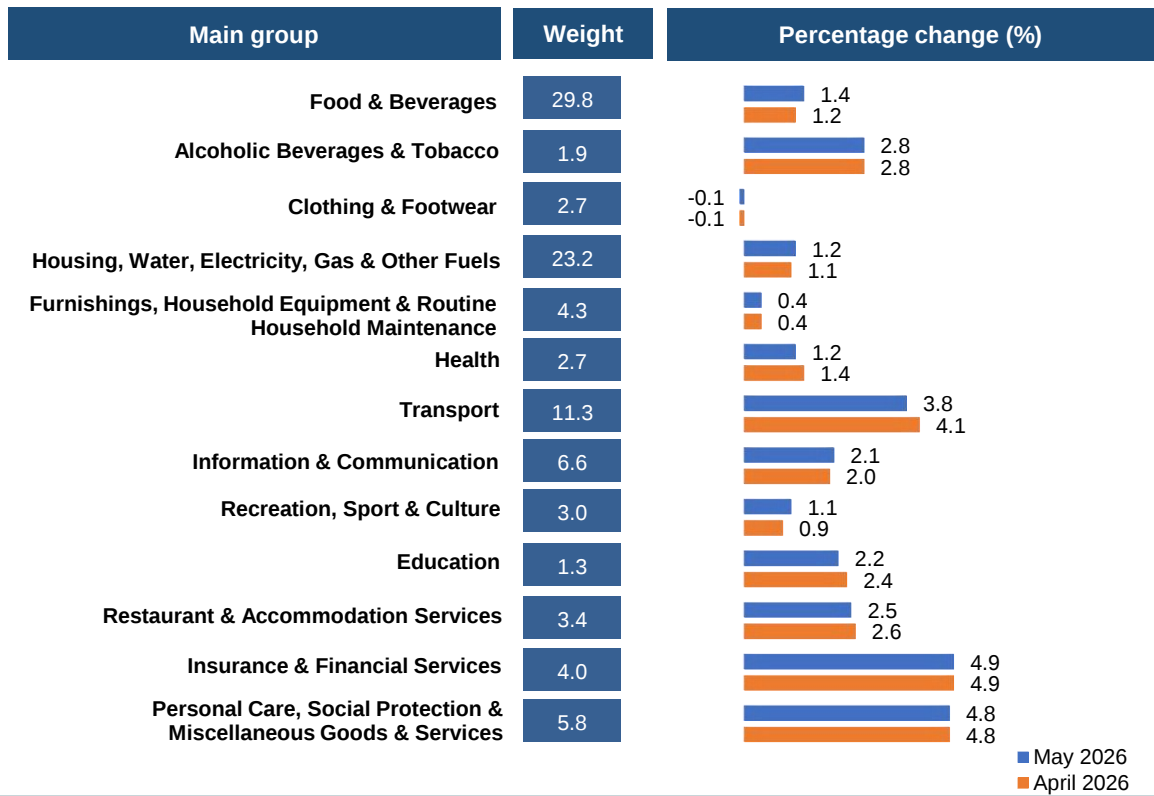


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Inflation for Food & Beverages, May 2025 – May 2026

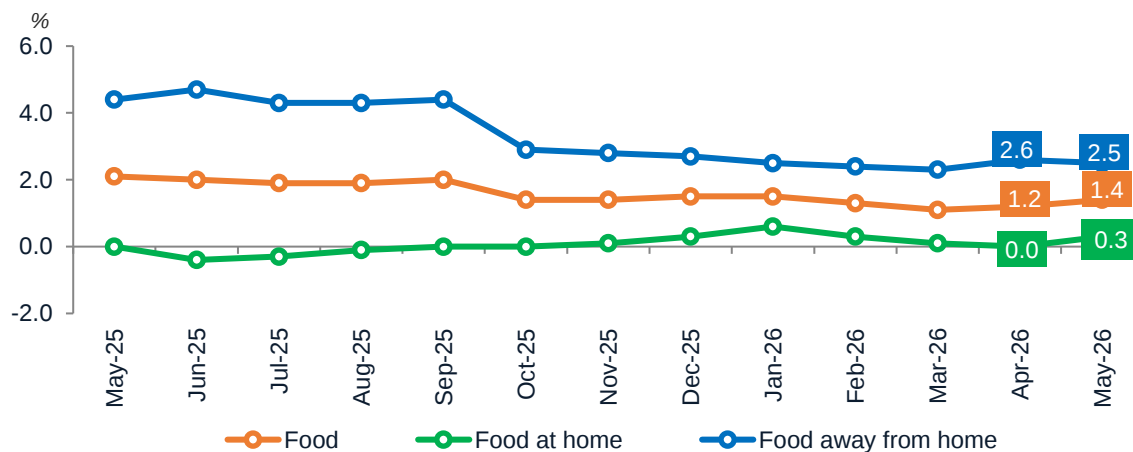
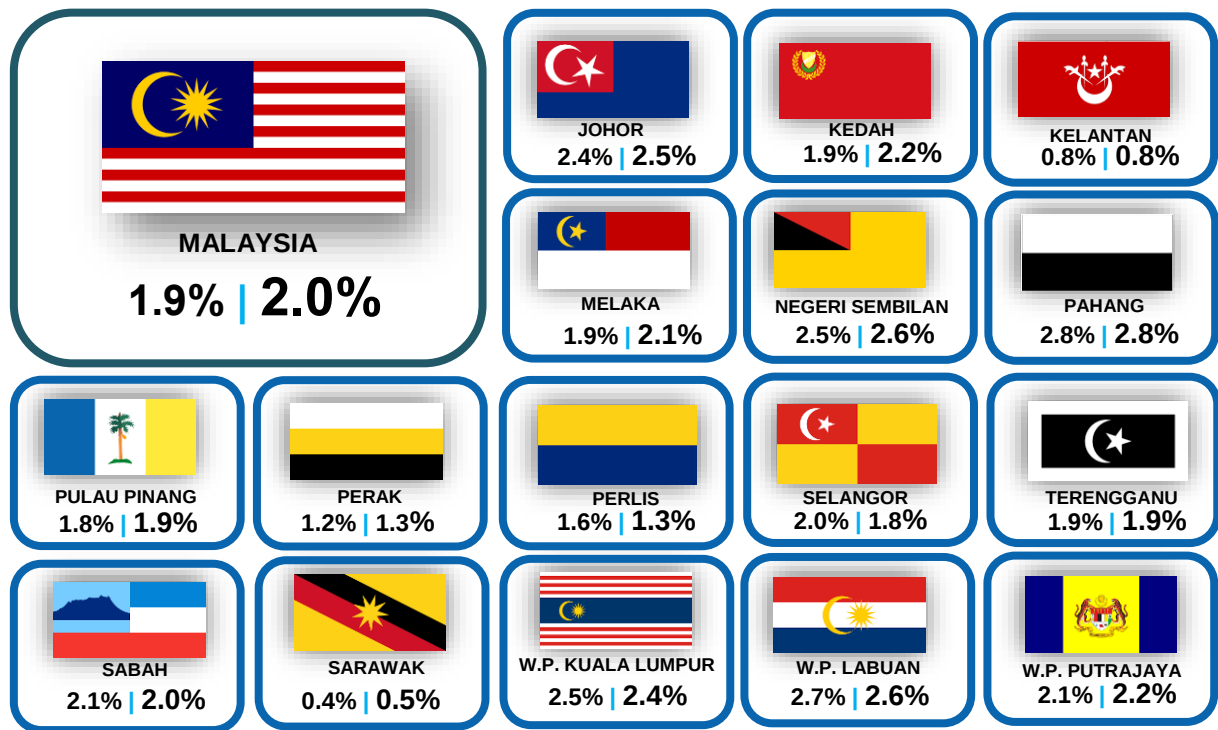


Chart 11

Inflation by State, April 2026 & May 2026



Note: W.P. refers to Wilayah Persekutuan

April 2026 | May 2026

Chart 12

Inflation of Selected Countries, May 2025 – May 2026

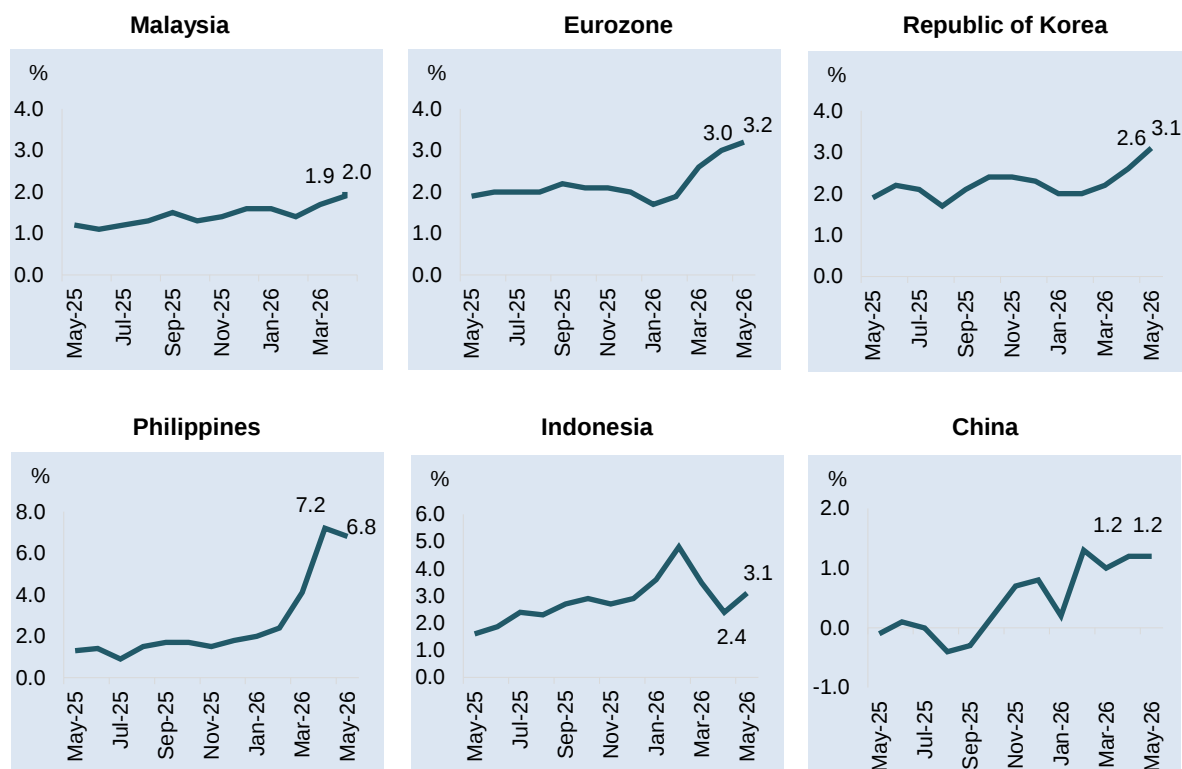
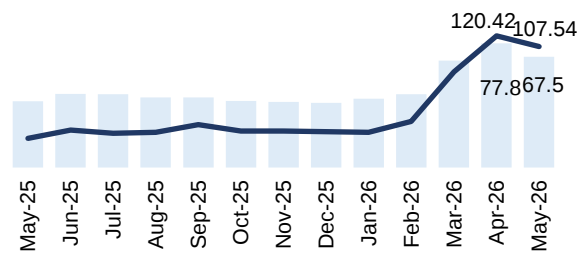


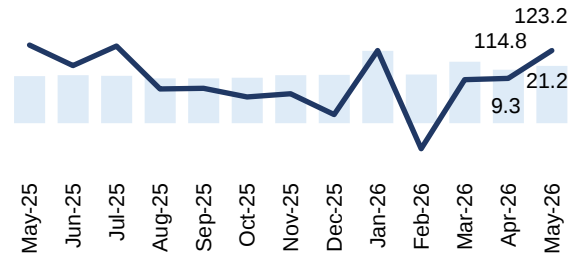
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Global Selected Commodity Prices

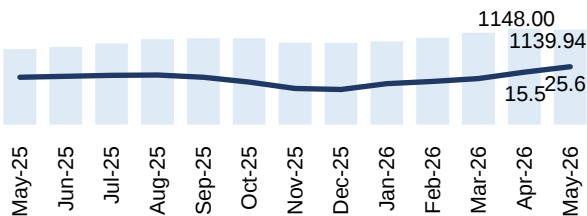
Crude Oil (US\$/bbl)



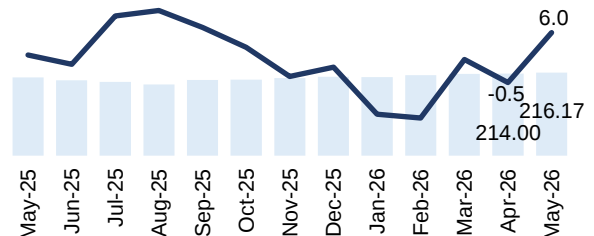
Natural Gas (Index 2010=100)



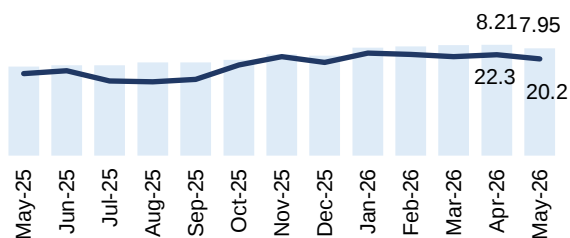
Palm Oil (US\$/mt)



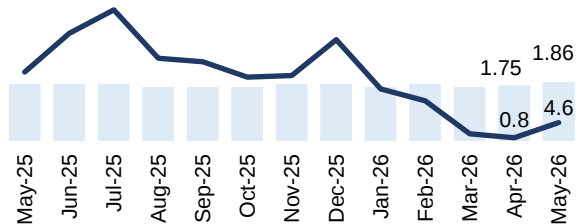
Maize (US\$/mt)



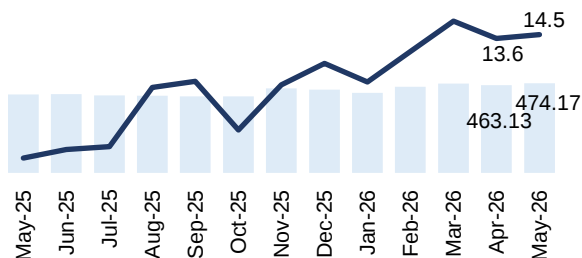
Beef (US\$/kg)



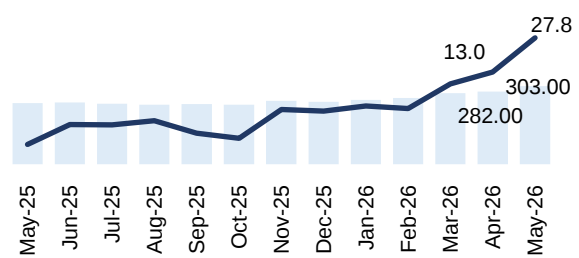
Meat, Chicken (US\$/kg)



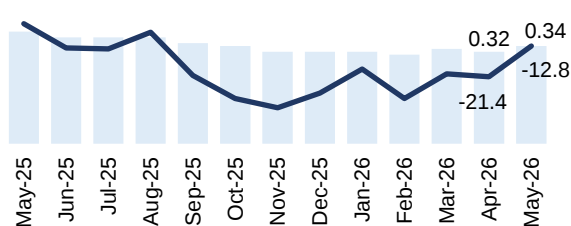
Soybeans (US\$/mt)



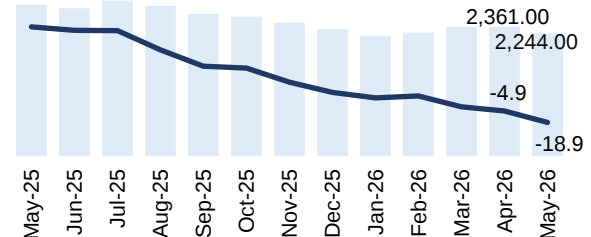
Wheat (US\$/mt)



Sugar (US\$/kg)



Coconut Oil (US\$/mt)



Global commodity price (US\$)

Percentage change year-on-year

Source: Commodity Monthly Prices, World Bank

Notes:

Bbl : Barrel (1bbl = 159 litres)

Mt : Million Tonne

Mmbtu : Metric Million British Thermal Unit

Chart 14

Percentage Change of Producer Price Index (PPI) Local Production, Malaysia

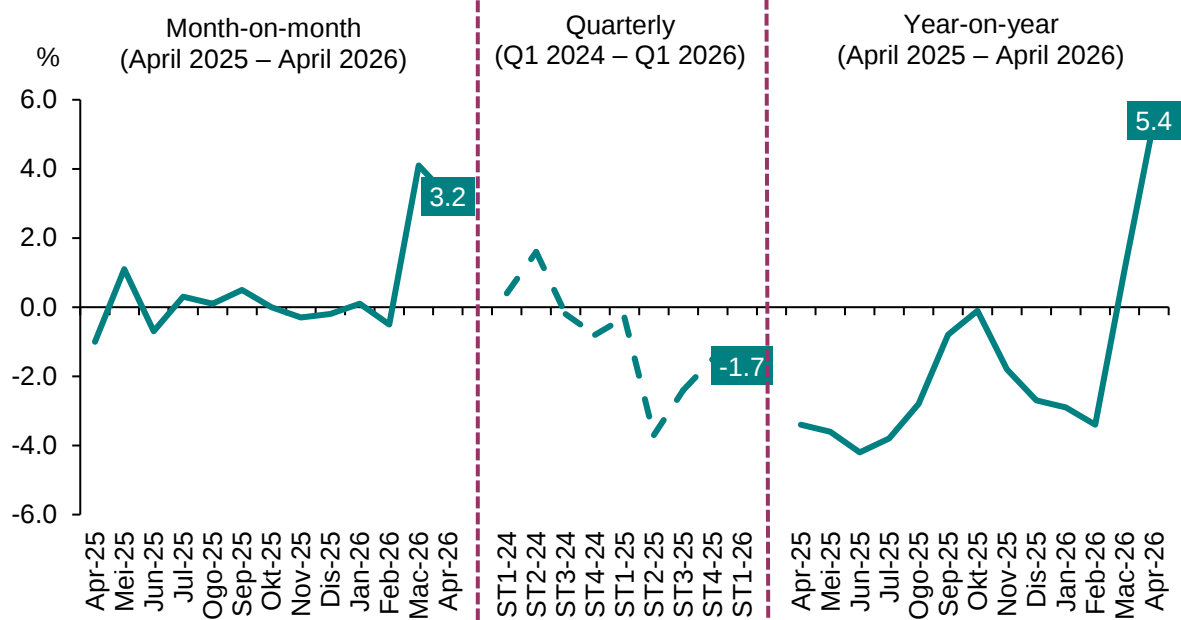


Chart 15

Percentage Change of Producer Price Index (PPI) Local Production by Sector (Year-on-Year), Malaysia

