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The unit price index of sand recorded an increase between 0.5 per cent to 6.4 per cent in June 2026

PUTRAJAYA, 9TH JULY 2026 – The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) published **SPECIAL RELEASE FOR BUILDING AND STRUCTURAL WORKS, JUNE 2026**. This report provides the unit price index of major building materials and the Building Material Cost Index (BCI) by building category and region.

In a statement today, DOSM stated that the unit price index of sand recorded an increase in June 2026, with month-on-month changes ranging from 0.5 per cent to 6.4 per cent in all areas in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak. The highest increase in the price index for this material was recorded in Pulau Pinang, Kedah & Perlis (6.4%), followed by Johor (6.1%) and Kuching (4.3%).

The DOSM informed that the unit price index of aggregates also recorded an increase in June 2026, ranging from 0.1 per cent to 5.6 per cent as compared to the previous month. The highest increase in the price index for this material was recorded in Perak (5.6%), followed by Pahang (3.7%) and Johor (3.5%).

Nevertheless, the price index of steel registered a slight decrease in June 2026, with month-on-month changes ranging from negative 0.1 per cent to negative 1.2 per cent across all areas in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak. The highest decrease in the price index for this material was recorded in Perak (-1.2%), followed by Sandakan (-0.8%) and Kota Kinabalu (-0.7%). Meanwhile, the unit price index of cement remained unchanged in June 2026, in all areas in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak.

An annual comparison for the period of June 2025 and June 2026 has indicated that the unit price index for steel recorded an increase ranging from 0.5 per cent to 8.6 per cent involving most areas in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak. The highest increase in the unit price index for steel was observed in Perak (8.6%), followed by Johor (6.0%) and Pahang (4.8%).

The year-on-year comparison of the unit price index of cement increased between 0.9 per cent to 7.2 per cent in June 2026 as compared to the same month last year across all areas in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak. The highest increase was observed in Kuching and Miri, at 7.5 per cent respectively, followed by Pahang (6.7%).

In addition, the year-on-year comparison between June 2025 and June 2026 showed that the unit price index of sand increased by between 1.4 per cent and 23.9 per cent across all regions in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak.

The DOSM also mentioned that the average price per unit of steel, consisting of mild steel round bars and Mycon 60 high tensile deformed bars, recorded a slight decrease (-0.3%) with an average price of RM3,507.10 per metric tonne as compared to the previous month (May 2026: RM3,517.50 per metric tonne). In addition, the average price of Ordinary Portland cement also showed a slight decrease (-0.9%) with an average price of RM25.70 per 50 kg bag, as compared to May 2026 (RM25.95 per 50 kg bag).

The monthly comparison of BCI with steel bars, by building category and region in Peninsular Malaysia for June 2026 recorded an increase ranging from 0.1 per cent to 3.1 per cent.

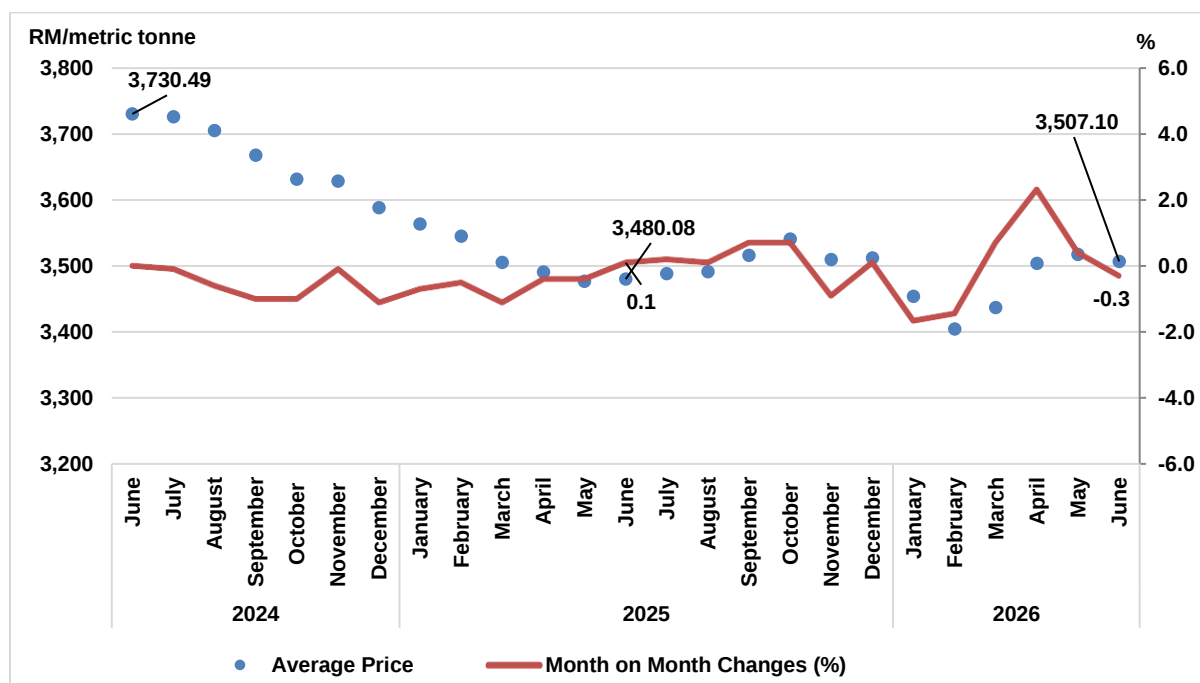
The BCI with steel bars in Sabah recorded a slight decrease ranging from negative 0.1 per cent to negative 1.5 per cent for all building categories in June 2026 as compared to the previous month. However, the month-on-month comparison of BCI with steel bars in Sarawak registered an increase ranging from 0.1 per cent to 0.7 per cent for all categories of buildings.

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.

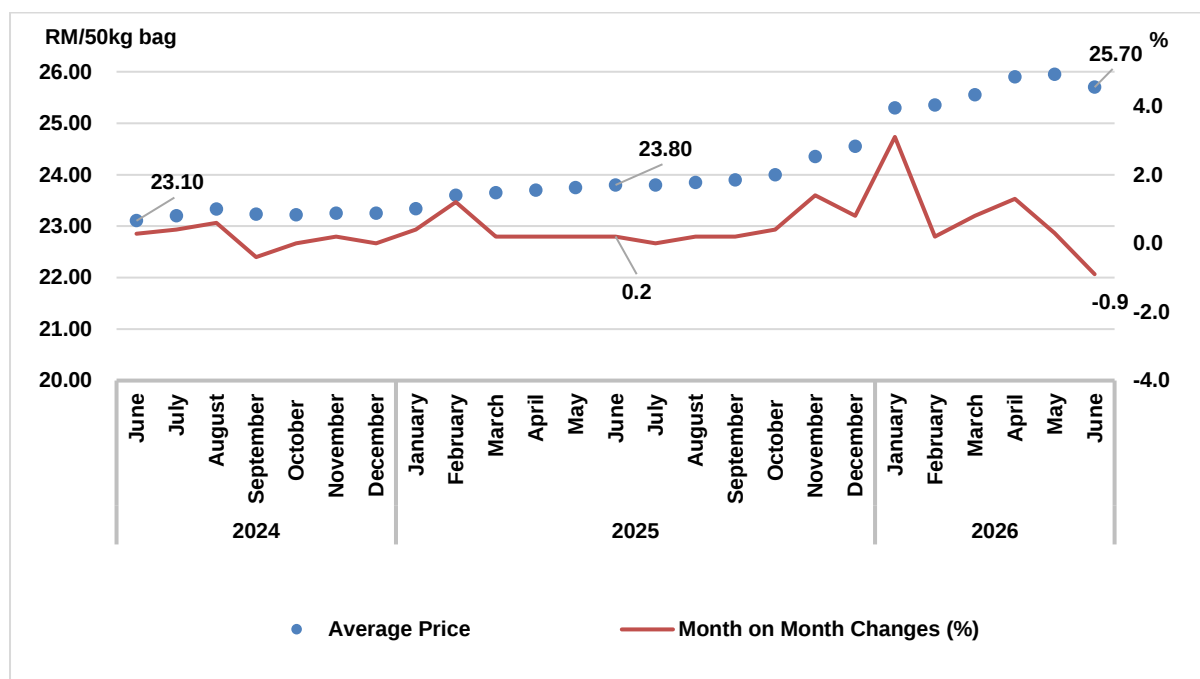
Malaysia has, for the first time, successfully secured the **top position** globally in the biennial **Open Data Inventory (ODIN) 2024/25** report released by Open Data Watch (ODW), surpassing 197 other countries. This achievement marks a significant leap from its 67th position in the ODIN 2022/23 assessment.

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**Chart 1: Average Price of Steel Bar, Malaysia,
June 2024 – June 2026**



**Chart 2: Average Price of Cement (Ordinary Portland), Malaysia,
June 2024 – June 2026**



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