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The unit price index of sand recorded an increase between 0.1 per cent to 14.9 per cent in July 2026

PUTRAJAYA, 10TH AUGUST 2026 – The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) published **SPECIAL RELEASE FOR BUILDING AND STRUCTURAL WORKS, JULY 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 reported that the unit price index for sand recorded an increase in July 2026, ranging from 0.1 per cent to 14.9 per cent as compared to the previous month. The highest increase in the price index for this material was recorded in Terengganu & Kelantan (14.9%), followed by Kota Kinabalu (4.1%) and Pulau Pinang, Kedah & Perlis (2.8%).

The unit price index for steel also recorded a slight increase, with month-on-month increases ranging from 0.6 per cent to 0.9 per cent across selected areas. The highest increase was observed in Perak (0.9%), followed by Tawau (0.7%) and Sandakan (0.6%), while the index remained unchanged in most other areas across Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak.

The unit price index for cement recorded a slight increase ranging from 0.2 per cent to 0.8 per cent across selected areas as compared to the previous month. The highest increase was recorded in Perak (0.8%), followed by Selangor, W.P. Kuala Lumpur, Melaka & Negeri Sembilan (0.3%) and Pulau Pinang, Kedah & Perlis (0.2%). Meanwhile the unit price index for cement remained unchanged in most other areas across Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak.

An annual comparison for the period of July 2025 and July 2026 has indicated that the unit price index for steel recorded an increase ranging from 0.5 per cent to 8.4 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 (8.4%), followed by Johor (6.3%) and Pahang (4.8%).

The year-on-year unit price index for cement recorded increases ranging from 0.9 per cent to 7.5 per cent in July 2026 as compared with the same month of the previous year across all areas in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak. The highest increase was recorded in Perak (7.5%), followed by Kuching and Miri (7.2%), respectively.

The DOSM also reported 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 (-0.2%) with an average price of RM3,499.50 per metric tonne as compared to the previous month (June 2026: RM3,507.10 per metric tonne). Meanwhile, the average price of Ordinary Portland cement remained unchanged with an average price of RM25.70 per 50 kg bag.

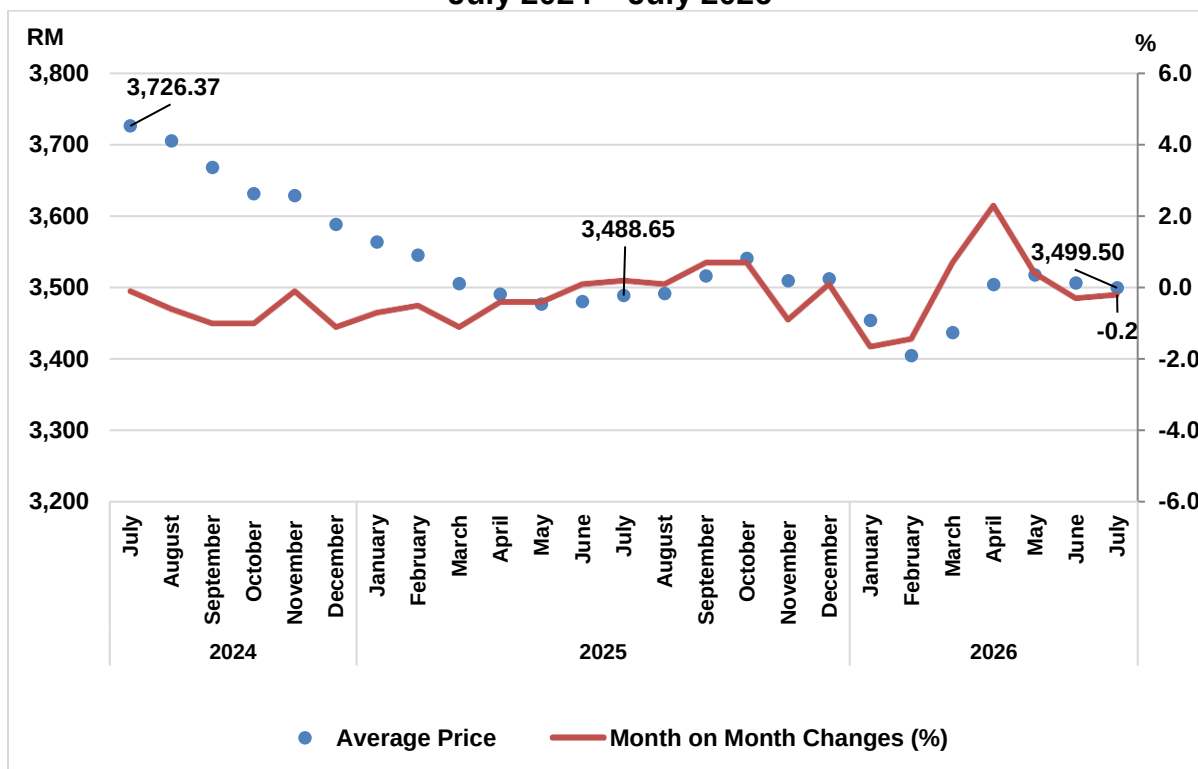
The monthly comparison of BCI with steel bars, by building category and region in Peninsular Malaysia for July 2026 recorded an increase ranging from 0.1 per cent to 1.4 per cent.

The BCI with steel bars in Sabah recorded a slight decrease ranging from 0.2 per cent to 0.5 per cent for all building categories in July 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 0.2 per cent to 1.3 per cent for all categories of buildings.

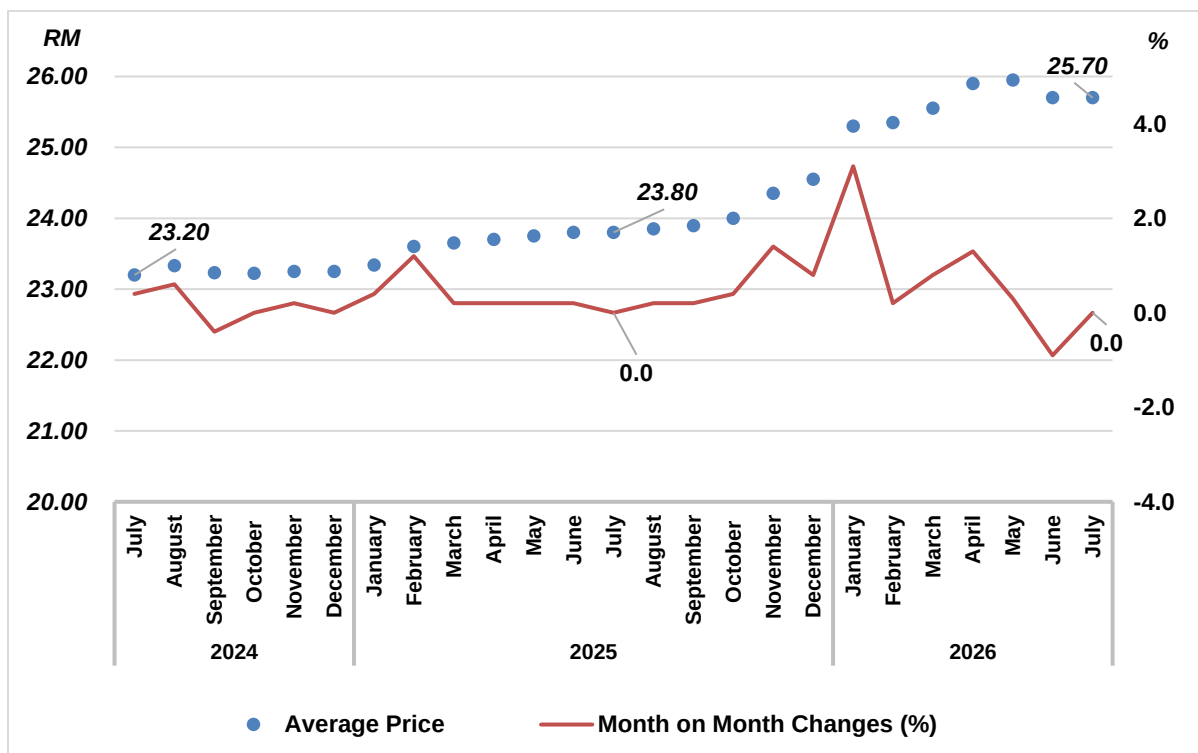
The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) is conducting the **Economic Census 2026 (BE2026)**, with themed “**Data Nadi Ekonomi Rakyat**”. The sixth Economic Census, will be carried out from **5th January to 31st October 2026**. BE2026 aims to collect comprehensive and structured data from all registered and unregistered business establishments in Malaysia to assess the nation’s economic performance, structure and characteristics in an evidence-based manner.

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



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



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