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VOLUME INDEX OF SERVICES, MALAYSIA SECOND QUARTER 2026

Volume Index of Services grew by 5.9 per cent in the second quarter of 2026

PUTRAJAYA, 12 AUGUST 2026 – The **Volume Index of Services** recorded a **year-on-year growth of 5.9 per cent** in the second quarter of 2026, **reaching 170.1 points**, according to the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) in today's release of the **Volume Index of Services (2015=100), Second Quarter 2026**. The publication covers four segments, namely Wholesale & retail trade, Food & beverage and Accommodation; Business services and Finance; Information & communication and Transportation & storage; and Other services.

Overall, the growth in the Volume Index of Services in the second quarter of 2026 was mainly driven by the Wholesale & retail trade, Food & beverage, and Accommodation segment, which expanded by 5.3 per cent. This was followed by the Information & communication and Transportation & storage segment, which increased by 7.6 per cent. Meanwhile, the Business services and Finance segment grew by 5.2 per cent, while the Other services segment registered higher growth of 7.3 per cent.

The volume index for the **Wholesale & retail trade, Food & beverage and Accommodation** segment **rose by 5.3 per cent to 168.6 points**, supported by growth in Wholesale & retail trade (4.8%), Food & beverage (7.1%) and Accommodation (10.4%). The Wholesale trade was the main contributor to the segment's performance, expanding by 4.9 per cent to 157.1 points, followed by Retail trade (4.2%) and Motor vehicles (7.4%). This growth was driven by sustained consumer demand in the wholesale and retail trade sector, including motor vehicle sales, alongside stronger domestic tourism activities and festive season spending compared with the corresponding period of the previous year.

At the same time, the **Information & communication and Transportation & storage** segment **increased by 7.6 per cent to 193.5 points**, driven by growth in Information & communication (8.2%) and Transportation & storage (6.7%). The expansion of the

Information & communication subsector was underpinned by ongoing developments in digital technologies, including the expansion of data centres and digital services, reflecting rising demand for high-speed connectivity, cloud-based solutions and internet-based services.

Meanwhile, the **Business services and Finance** segment recorded a volume index of **158.7 points**, with a **growth of 5.2 per cent**. This increase was supported by Professional and Administrative & support services (5.4%), followed by Real estate (10.4%) and Finance & insurance (3.8%), driven by continued expansion in business activities, sustained demand for professional services, as well as favourable activity in the real estate market and financial services.

Additionally, the **Other services** segment grew by **7.3 per cent** to **147.5 points**, driven by increases in Arts, entertainment & recreation and Personal services & other activities (5.7%), Private health (8.3%), and Private education (7.9%). Growth in Arts, entertainment & recreation was supported by higher participation in leisure and recreational activities, while Personal Services & Other Activities benefited from sustained demand for services such as laundry, beauty and personal care, in line with increased consumer spending and lifestyle-related demand.

On a **quarter-on-quarter** basis, the Volume Index of Services **increased by 1.3 per cent** in the second quarter of 2026. This growth was driven by increases in the Information & communication and Transportation & storage segment (1.8%), followed by the Wholesale & retail trade, Food & beverage and Accommodation segment (1.4%), the Business services and Finance segment (0.9%) and the Other services segment (0.4%).

The seasonally adjusted Volume Index of Services increased by 0.9 per cent compared with the first quarter of 2026. This increase was driven by the Wholesale & Retail Trade, Food & Beverage and Accommodation segment (0.6%), followed by the Information & Communication and Transportation & Storage segment (1.8%), Business Services and Finance segment (0.9%) and Other Services segment (0.4%).

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: Volume Index of Services, Year-on-Year Percentage Change

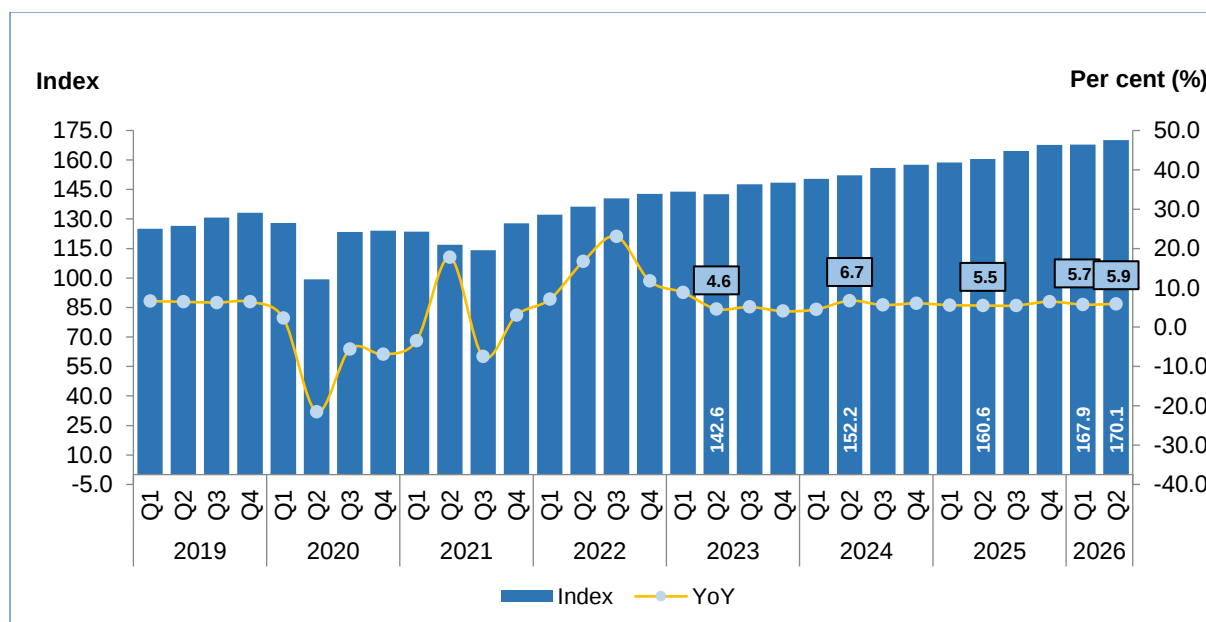
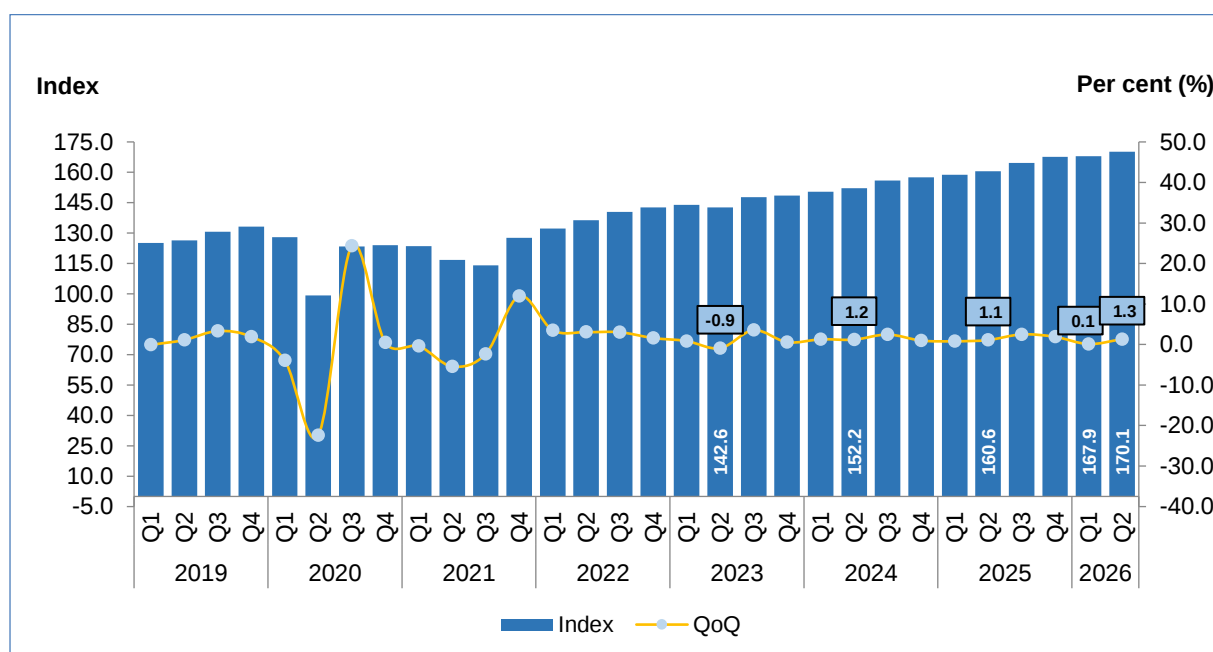


Chart 2: Volume Index of Services, Quarter-on-Quarter Percentage Change



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