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MALAYSIA EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS JULY 2026

Malaysia's trade grew by 37.3 per cent to RM364.7 billion in July 2026, supported by higher exports and imports

PUTRAJAYA, 20TH AUGUST 2026 – Malaysia's trade performance continued to strengthen in July 2026, supported by sustained growth in both exports and imports. Total trade rose by 37.3 per cent from RM265.7 billion to RM364.7 billion, driven by stronger growth of exports (+38.0 %) valued at RM193.6 billion and imports (+36.4%) amounting to RM171.1 billion. In addition, the trade surplus increased by 51.9 per cent to RM22.5 billion in July 2026. The **MALAYSIA EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS BULLETIN, JULY 2026** released today by the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM). This bulletin also presents the performance of exports and imports products with its trading partners.

Malaysia's exports increased in July 2026, supported by growth in both re-exports and domestic exports. Re-exports, which accounted for 27.0 per cent of total exports, rose by 41.2 per cent year-on-year to RM52.3 billion. Meanwhile, domestic exports, contributing 73.0 per cent of total exports, expanded by 36.9 per cent to RM141.3 billion. Correspondingly, imports increased to RM171.1 billion, registering a rise of 36.4 per cent. The trade surplus increased by 51.9 per cent to RM22.5 billion, marking the 75th consecutive month of surplus since May 2020. Compared with June 2026, imports and total trade increased 5.5 per cent and 7.3 per cent, respectively. Meanwhile, exports and the trade surplus increased by 8.8 per cent and 42.4 per cent.

From the perspective of commodity groups, 144 out of 258 export groups and 182 out of 259 import groups posted gains as compared to the same month of the previous year.

The rise in exports was primarily underpinned by increased shipments to the United States (+RM14.7 billion), followed by Taiwan (+RM7.5 billion), China (+RM4.8 billion), Singapore (+RM4.3 billion), European Union (+RM4.0 billion), Hong Kong (+RM3.8 billion) and Viet Nam (+RM3.7 billion). The import rise largely reflected higher inflows originating from China (+RM17.2 billion), followed by Singapore (+RM7.9 billion), Republic of Korea (+RM6.4 billion), India (+RM2.7 billion), United

States (+RM2.1 billion), European Union (+RM2.0 billion) and Thailand (+RM1.7 billion).

Export growth was anchored by higher shipments of electrical & electronic products (+RM32.3 billion), other manufactures (+RM10.5 billion), machinery, equipment & parts (+RM2.8 billion), petroleum products (+RM2.2 billion), optical & scientific equipment (+RM2.0 billion) and metalliferous ores & metal scrap (+RM1.5 billion). Concurrently, the increase in imports was driven by stronger inflows of electrical & electronic products (+RM28.2 billion), petroleum products (+RM4.6 billion), machinery, equipment & parts (+RM3.5 billion), other manufacturing (+RM1.7 billion), manufacture of metal (+RM1.6 billion) and chemicals & chemical products (+RM1.4 billion).

From the perspective of End Use, the increase in imports was driven by strong demand for all three components, namely intermediate goods, capital goods and consumption goods. Imports of intermediate goods (46.8% of total imports) increased by 40.8 per cent or RM23.2 billion, to RM80.0 billion. Imports of capital goods (13.2% of total imports) also increased by 24.0 per cent or RM4.4 billion, settling at RM22.5 billion, whereas imports of consumption goods (6.4% of total imports) increased by 5.2 per cent or RM541.7 million, amounting to RM11.0 billion as compared to July 2025.

Total trade, exports and imports for the period of January to July 2026 registered an improvement. Total trade posted a double digit increase of 24.7 per cent, from RM1.7 trillion to RM2.2 trillion, in line with the rise in exports (+29.2%) as well as imports (+19.8%). Moreover, trade surplus expanded by 138.7 per cent to post a value of RM170.5 billion.

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: External Trade Statistics, Jan 2025 – July 2026 (Value)

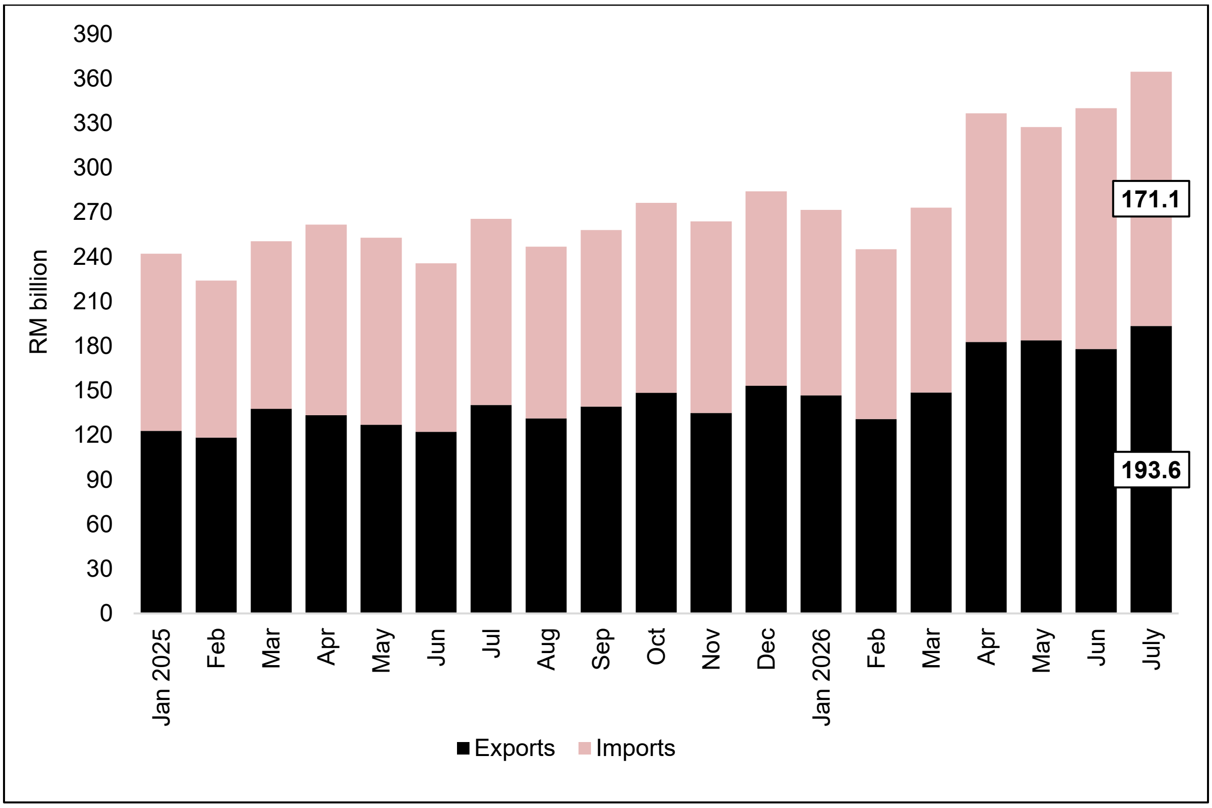


Chart 2: External Trade Statistics, Jan 2025 – July 2026
(Annual Percentage Change)

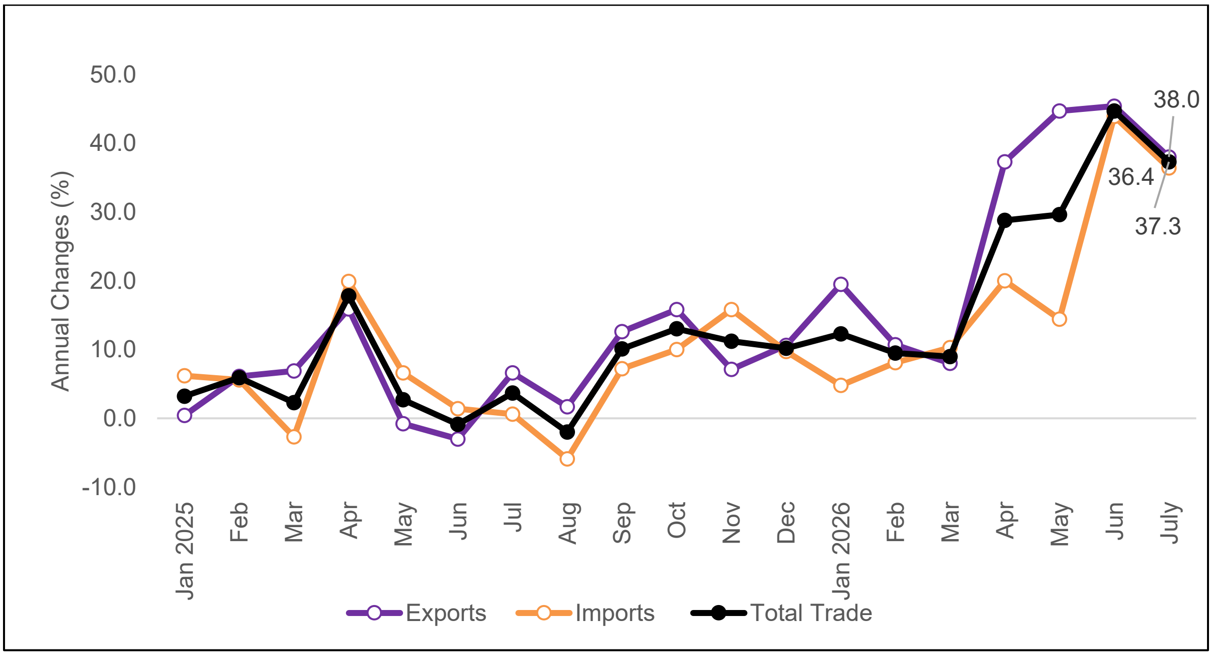


Chart 3: Total Trade Statistics, 2021 – 2026 (Jan-July) (Value)

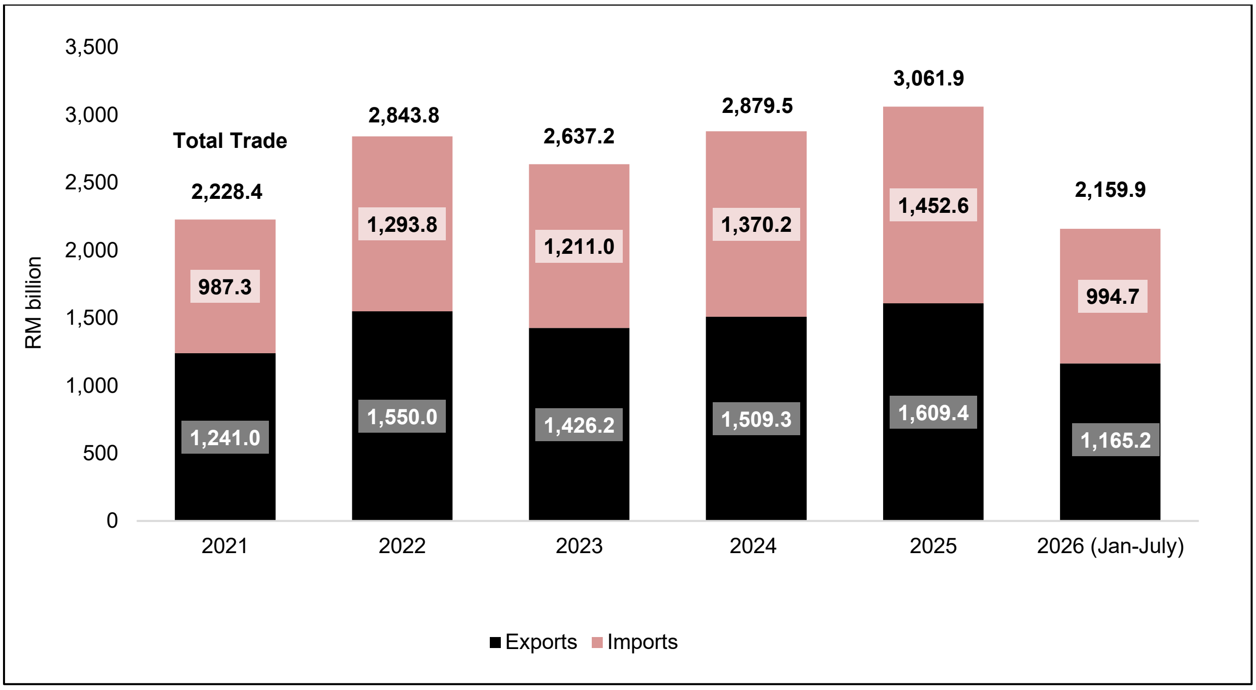
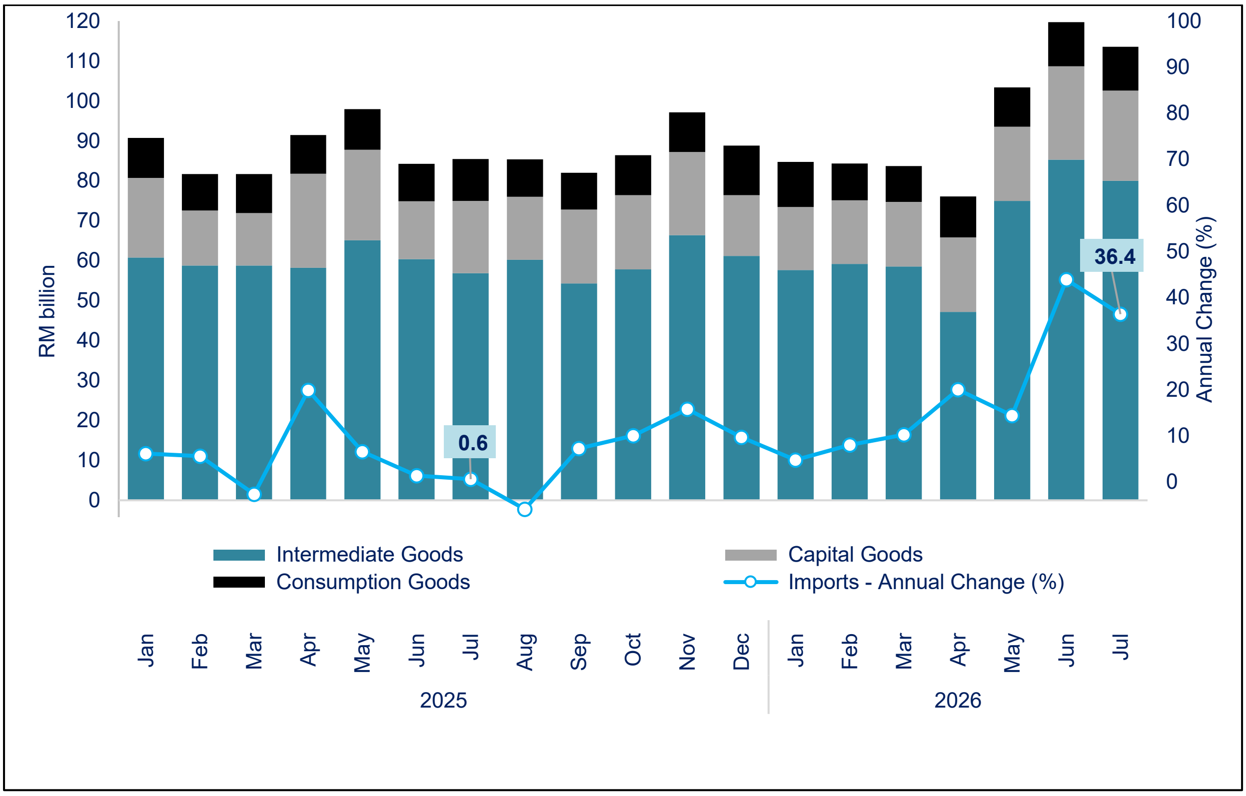


Chart 4: Imports for End Use & Broad Economic Categories (BEC) Classification, Jan 2025 – July 2026 (Value and Annual Percentage Change)



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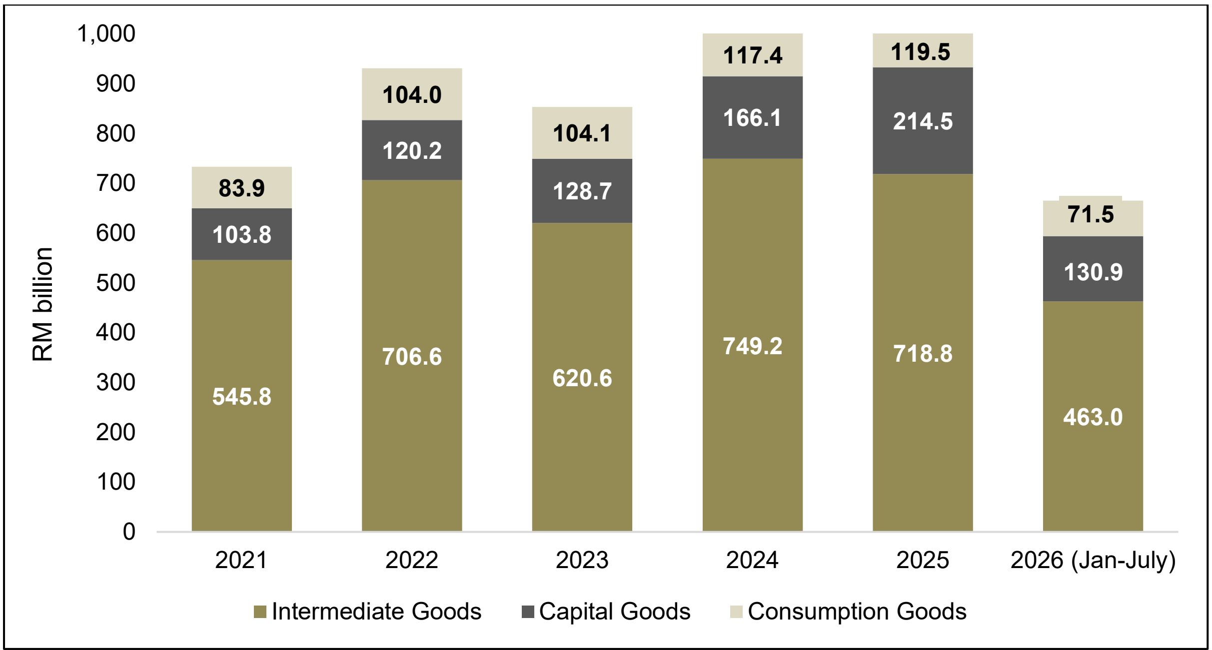

Table 1: Major Sub-sector Contributing to Export

COMMODITY DESCRIPTION	2025 JULY RM MIL.	2026 JUNE RM MIL.	2026 JULY RM MIL.	SHARE TO TOTAL %	Y.O.Y VALUE RM MIL.	Y.O.Y %
Total	140,240	177,918	193,598	100	53,358	38.0
Electrical & Electronic Products (E&E)	63,350	85,366	95,645	49.4	32,296	51.0
Other Manufactures	4,858	13,749	15,354	7.9	10,495	216.0
Machinery, Equipment & Parts	6,820	7,764	9,655	5.0	2,835	41.6
Petroleum Products	8,124	13,042	10,309	5.3	2,185	26.9
Optical & Scientific Equipment	5,608	7,276	7,637	3.9	2,029	36.2
Metalliferous Ores and Metal Scrap	1,261	1,767	2,713	1.4	1,453	115.2

Table 2: Major Sub-sector Contributing to Import

COMMODITY DESCRIPTION	2025 JULY RM MIL.	2026 JUNE RM MIL.	2026 JULY RM MIL.	SHARE TO TOTAL %	Y.O.Y VALUE RM MIL.	Y.O.Y %
Total	125,458	162,140	171,138	100	45,680	36.4
Electrical & Electronic Products (E&E)	48,538	71,945	76,761	44.9	28,224	58.1
Petroleum Products	8,884	14,057	13,460	7.9	4,576	51.5
Machinery, Equipment & Parts	10,861	12,294	14,394	8.4	3,534	32.5
Other Manufactures	3,006	5,066	4,755	2.8	1,749	58.2
Manufacture Of Metal	5,802	7,126	7,408	4.3	1,606	27.7
Chemical & Chemical Products	7,961	9,380	9,384	5.5	1,423	17.9