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**PERFORMANCE OF WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE, MALAYSIA,
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PUTRAJAYA, 11TH SEPTEMBER 2026 – The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) published **PERFORMANCE OF WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE, JULY 2026**. Malaysia's Wholesale & Retail Trade recorded sales of **RM170.5 billion** in July 2026, an increase of **9.0 per cent** year-on-year. In tandem with the expansion in sales value, the volume index increased by **4.1 per cent**. All three sub-sectors continued to record positive growth in July 2026. Wholesale Trade recorded sales of RM78.4 billion, an increase of RM8.2 billion or 11.7 per cent year-on-year. Retail Trade increased by RM4.3 billion or 6.4 per cent to RM71.3 billion, while the Motor Vehicles sub-sector expanded by RM1.5 billion or 7.9 per cent to reach RM20.8 billion. Collectively, the three sub-sectors contributed RM14.1 billion to the increase in sales, led by Wholesale Trade, followed by Retail Trade and Motor Vehicles.

Wholesale Trade remained the main driver of the overall growth in July 2026, expanding by 11.7 per cent. The performance was mainly driven by the Other specialised wholesale group, surged by 22.8 per cent to RM31.7 billion. This was supported by higher sales of petrol, diesel, lubricants and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG). The increase partly reflected movements in market prices, particularly for petroleum-related products. Meanwhile, Wholesale of household goods expanded by 5.2 per cent to RM15.5 billion, supported by sustained demand for pharmaceutical and medical goods, jewellery and clothing. Wholesale of agricultural raw materials & live animals increased by 9.0 per cent, mainly attributable to stronger demand for palm oil. In addition, Wholesale of Food, Beverages & Tobacco recorded a 3.9 per cent growth, reaching RM14.7 billion, driven by higher sales of rice, other grains, flour & sugar, dairy products, and fish & other seafood.

The Retail trade sub-sector continued to record positive performance in July 2026, with sales increasing by 6.4 per cent to RM71.3 billion. The performance was led by Retail sale in non-specialised stores, which grew by 7.2 per cent to RM27.6 billion, supported by sales in supermarkets and department stores. Similarly, Retail sale of other goods in specialised stores increased by 7.6 per cent to RM15.1 billion, mainly

driven by higher demand for pharmaceutical and medical goods as well as jewellery. Furthermore, Retail sale of automotive fuel in specialised stores increased by 7.5 per cent, while Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialised stores increased by 6.4 per cent, supported by higher sales of bakery products and sugar confectionery, fish & other seafoods and dairy products & eggs.

The Motor Vehicles sub-sector recorded a growth of 7.9 per cent in July 2026, primarily driven by Sales of Motor Vehicles, which increased by 8.3 per cent to RM10.7 billion. Other groups within the sub-sector also posted positive growth, including Sale of motor vehicle parts & accessories (7.1%), Maintenance & repair of motor vehicles (6.8%), as well as, Sale, maintenance & repair of motorcycles & related parts & accessories (10.1%), supported by continued demand for vehicle servicing and aftermarket components.

The Online Retail Sales Index rose by 7.4 per cent year-on-year in July 2026, albeit at a more moderate pace compared with 9.0 per cent in June 2026. The continued expansion reflected sustained consumer demand through e-commerce platforms and the growing role of digital channels in supporting retail activity alongside physical stores.

In terms of volume, the Wholesale & Retail Trade sector registered a 4.1 per cent year-on-year increase in July 2026. The expansion was led by the Motor Vehicles sub-sector at 6.2 per cent, followed by Retail Trade (4.1%) and Wholesale Trade (3.6%). On a month-on-month basis, the volume index rose by 1.0 per cent, indicating a further expansion in trade activity during the month.

Overall, Wholesale & Retail Trade maintained a positive performance in July 2026, supported by Wholesale Trade activity, resilient household consumption, favourable automotive sales and promotional activities, demand for vehicle-related services and parts, as well as the expansion of online retail.

Chart 1: Sales Value of Wholesale & Retail Trade

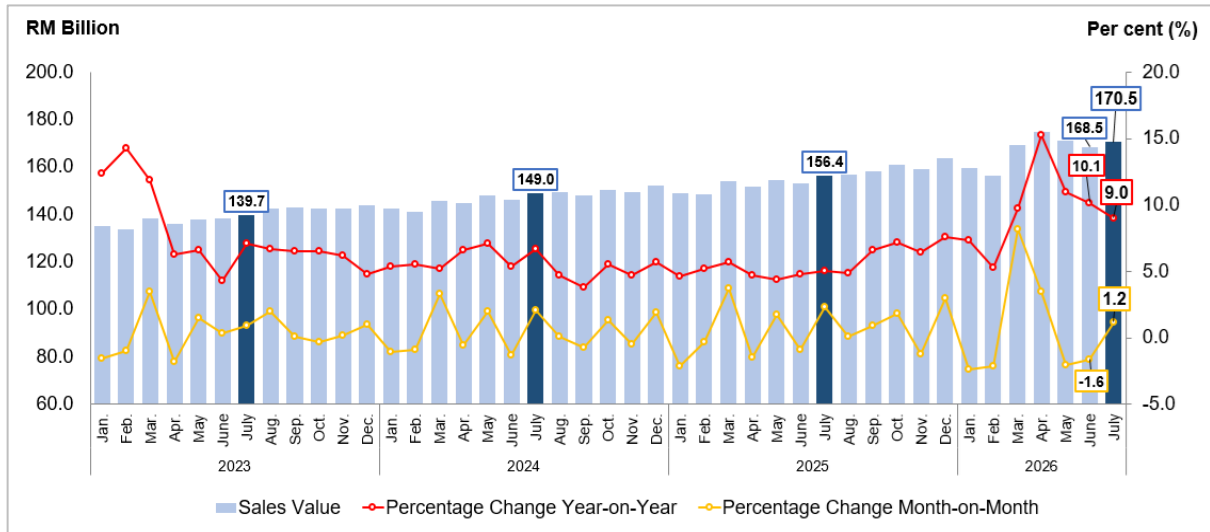


Chart 2: Sales Value of Wholesale Trade

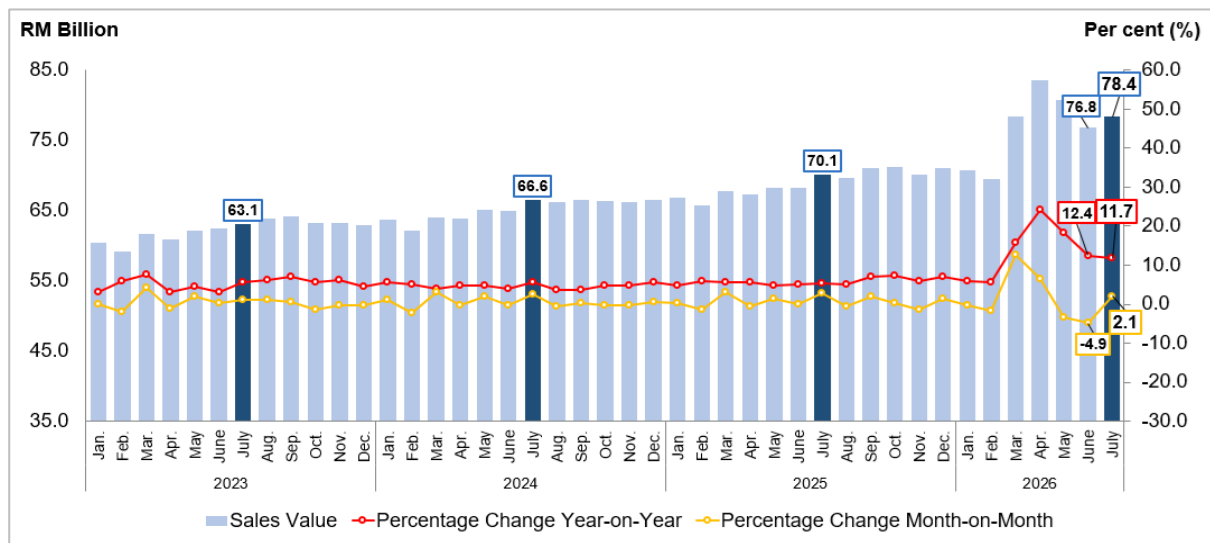


Chart 3: Sales Value of Retail Trade

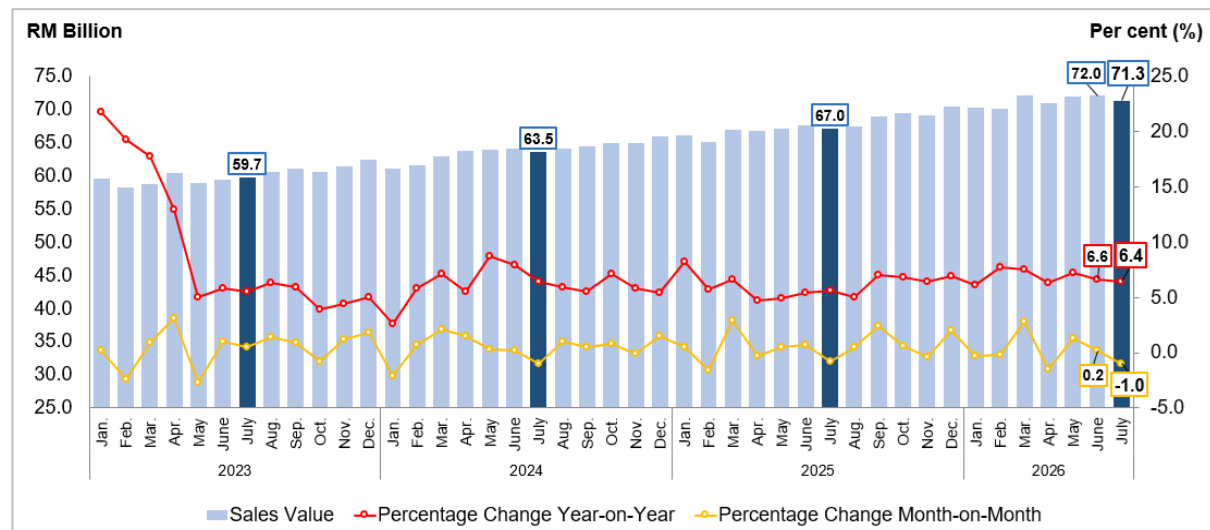


Chart 4: Sales Value of Motor Vehicles

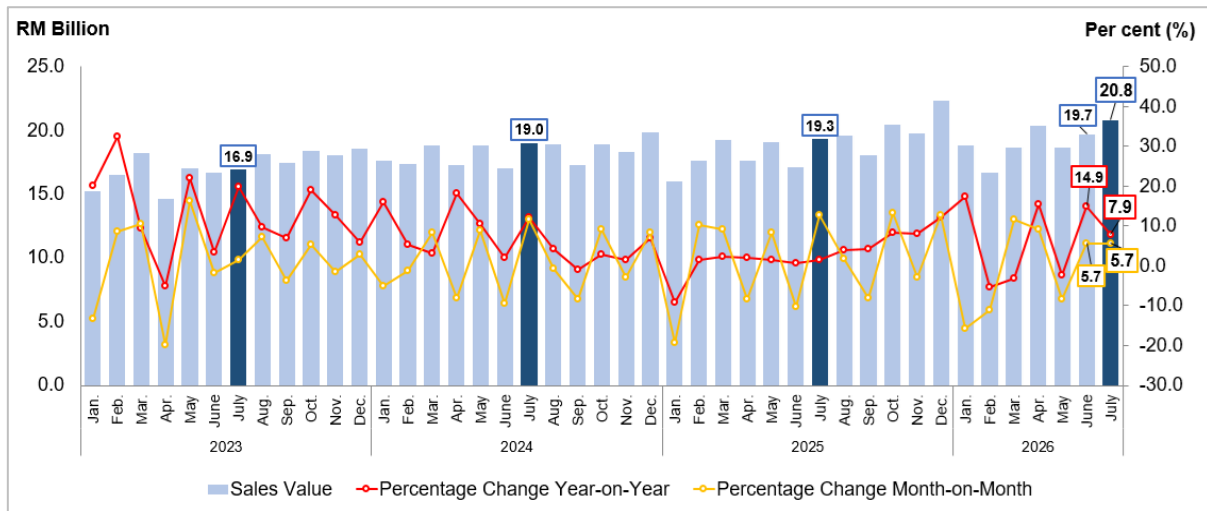


Chart 5: Index of Retail Sale Over the Internet

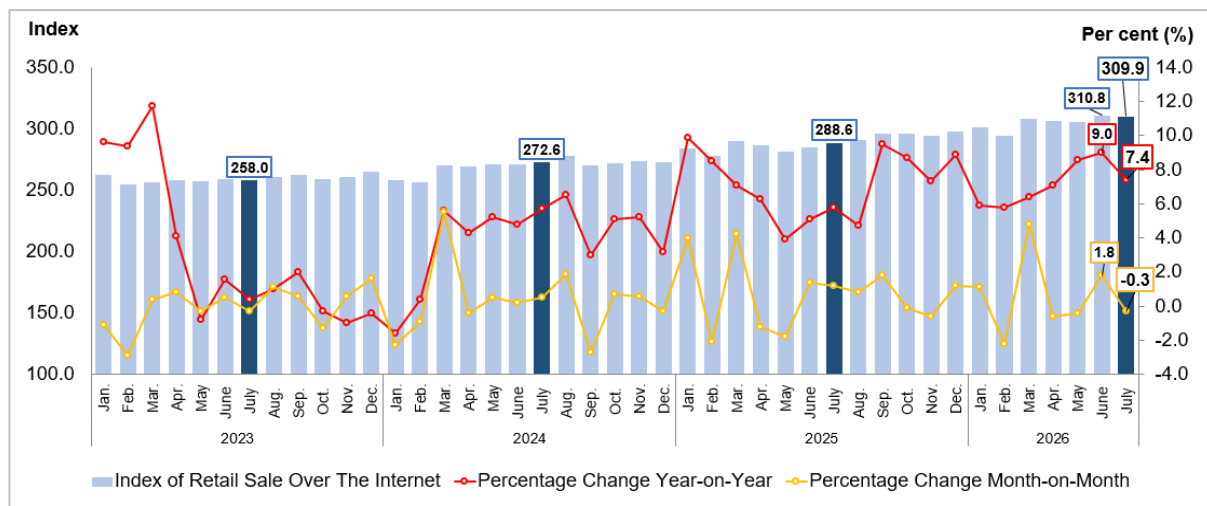
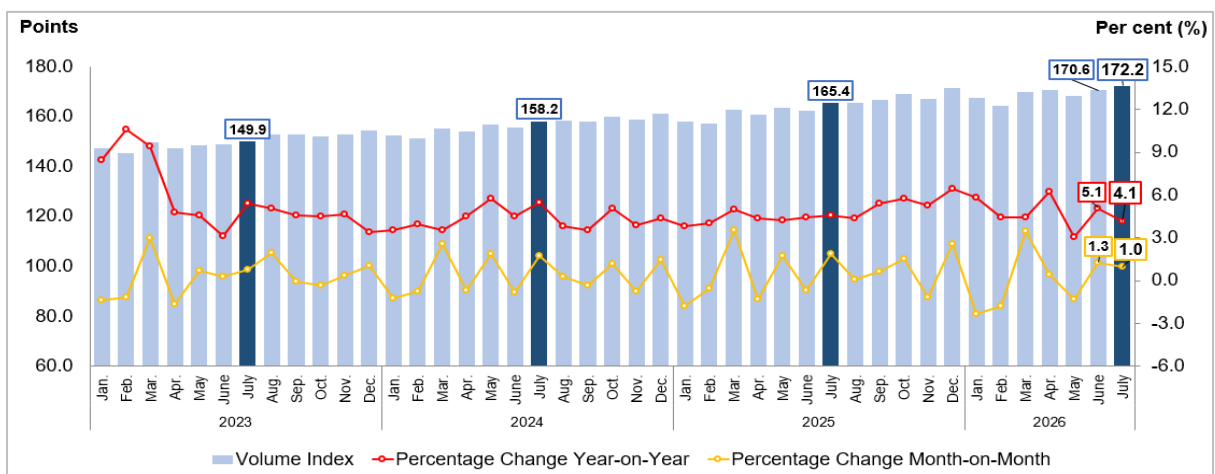


Chart 6: Volume Index of Wholesale & Retail Trade



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