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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, MALAYSIA, AUGUST 2026

Malaysia's inflation increased 1.9 per cent in August 2026

PUTRAJAYA, 18TH SEPTEMBER 2026 – The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) published the **CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI), AUGUST 2026**. This report provides the consumer price index of goods and services at the national and state levels.

Malaysia's inflation increased 1.9 per cent in August 2026 as compared to 1.8 per cent in the previous month, with the index points increased to 137.5 from 134.9 (August 2025). This was driven by the Transport group which increased 2.0 per cent as compared to 1.4 per cent in July 2026.

The Personal Care, Social Protection & Miscellaneous Goods & Services group rose to 3.2 per cent in August 2026 as compared to 2.9 per cent in July 2026. This was followed by the increase in Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco, 2.8 per cent (July 2026: 2.7%). Both Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels and Restaurant & Accommodation Services increased 2.1 per cent in August 2026 as compared to 1.8 per cent and 2.0 per cent in the previous month, respectively. Besides, Food & Beverages group increased 1.9 per cent in August 2026 (July 2026: 1.8%), while Health group increased 1.3 per cent as compared to 1.1 per cent in the previous month. In addition, the Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance increased marginally at 0.4 per cent (July 2026: 0.3%).

The Information & Communication group moderated to 2.6 per cent as compared to 3.4 per cent in July 2026. The Education and Recreation, Sport & Culture groups increased 1.9 per cent (July 2026: 2.0%) and 1.1 per cent (July 2026: 1.2%), respectively. At the same time, the Insurance & Financial Services group also eased to 1.0 per cent in August 2026 as compared to 1.1 per cent in the previous month. Meanwhile, the Clothing & Footwear group remained at 0.1 per cent, the same rate as in the previous month.

The Food & Beverages group which contributes 29.8 per cent of the total CPI weight increased 1.9 per cent in August 2026 as compared to 1.8 per cent as recorded in the previous month. The increase was driven by the Food at home subgroup which increased 1.4 per cent as compared to 1.2 per cent in July 2026. Meanwhile, the Food

away from home subgroup increased 2.5 per cent, the same rate as recorded in the previous month.

The Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels group increased 2.1 per cent in August 2026 as compared to 1.8 per cent in July 2026. This was driven by the Electricity, gas & fuel subgroup which increased 3.3 per cent as compared to 2.0 per cent in July 2026. Besides, the Maintenance, repair & security of the dwelling and Actual rentals for housing increased 2.9 per cent (July 2026: 2.5%) and 1.5 per cent (July 2026: 1.4%), respectively. Nevertheless, the Water supply & miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling moderated to 5.1 per cent from 7.3 per cent in the previous month.

The increase in inflation for the Electricity, gas & fuel subgroup was driven by the revision of the Automatic Fuel Adjustment (AFA) rate imposed on domestic users in Peninsular Malaysia for consumption of more than 600 kilowatt hours (kWh). Besides, all domestic users in Sarawak are receiving a 25 per cent electricity bill discount from April to December 2026, benefiting approximately 714,000 households following the Sarawak government financial relief initiative.

Inflation for the Transport group increased 2.0 per cent in August 2026 as compared to 1.4 per cent in July 2026. This was attributed to the Public transport services and Operation of personal transport equipment subgroups which rose to 10.5 per cent (July 2026: 6.5%) and 1.8 per cent (July 2026: 1.3%). Meanwhile, the subgroups of Transport services of goods and the Purchase of vehicles continued to record a decrease in August 2026 at negative 1.3 per cent and negative 0.7 per cent, respectively.

The average price of Unleaded petrol RON97 in August 2026 increased to RM4.28 per litre as compared to RM4.07 per litre in July 2026. The average market price of Diesel registered at RM4.60 per litre (July 2026: RM4.14 per litre) as compared to the subsidised price of RM2.10 per litre. Besides, the average market price of Unleaded petrol RON95 was recorded at RM3.75 per litre in August 2026 (July 2026: RM3.47 per litre) as compared to the subsidised price of RM1.99 per litre.

Nine states recorded increases above the national inflation level of 1.9 per cent, namely Negeri Sembilan (2.5%), Johor (2.3%), Kedah (2.3%), Pahang (2.3%), Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan (2.3%), Selangor (2.1%), Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (2.1%), Melaka (2.0%) and Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya (2.0%). All states registered an increase in Food & Beverages inflation, except Kelantan which recorded a decrease in August 2026.

On month-on-month basis, the headline inflation in August 2026 increased marginally at 0.3 per cent (July 2026: 0.0%). This was driven by the inflation of Transport group that registered 0.6 per cent as compared to negative 1.1 per cent in the previous month. This was followed by the Personal Care, Social Protection & Miscellaneous Goods & Services which increased 0.5 per cent (July 2026: -0.5%). Both groups of Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels and Restaurant & Accommodation

Services increased 0.4 per cent as compared to 0.1 per cent and 0.2 per cent in the previous month, respectively. Meanwhile, Food & Beverages moderated to 0.2 per cent in August 2026 as compared to 0.3 per cent in July 2026. However, three groups recorded no increases in August 2026 namely Clothing & Footwear, Information & Communication and Insurance & Financial Services.

Chart 1

**Malaysia Inflation, Core Inflation and Inflation without Fuel,
August 2025 – August 2026**

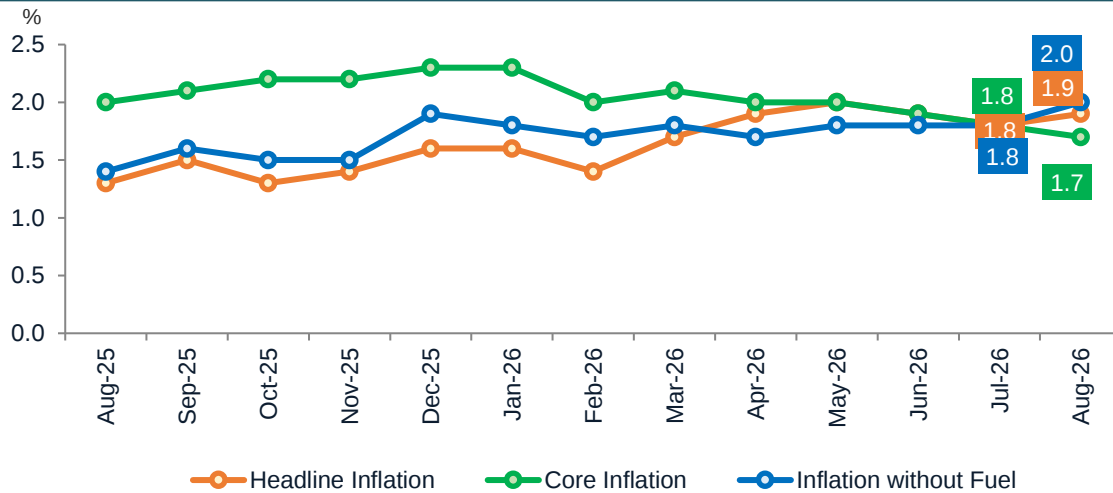


Chart 2

Inflation by Main Group, July 2026 & August 2026

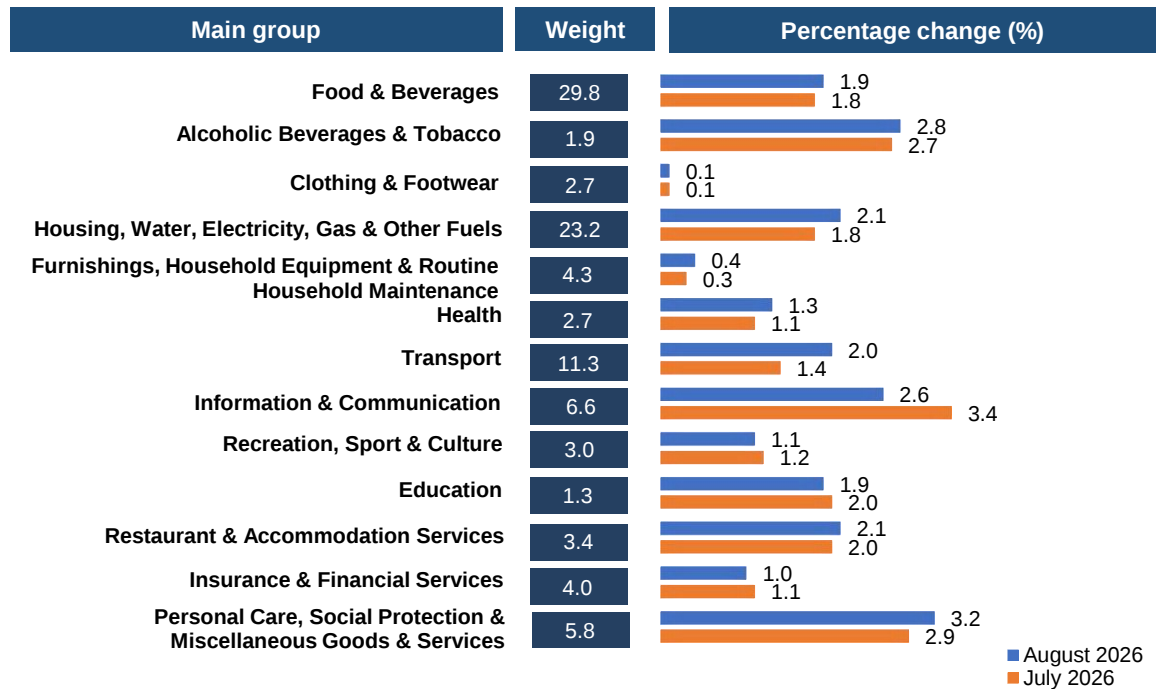
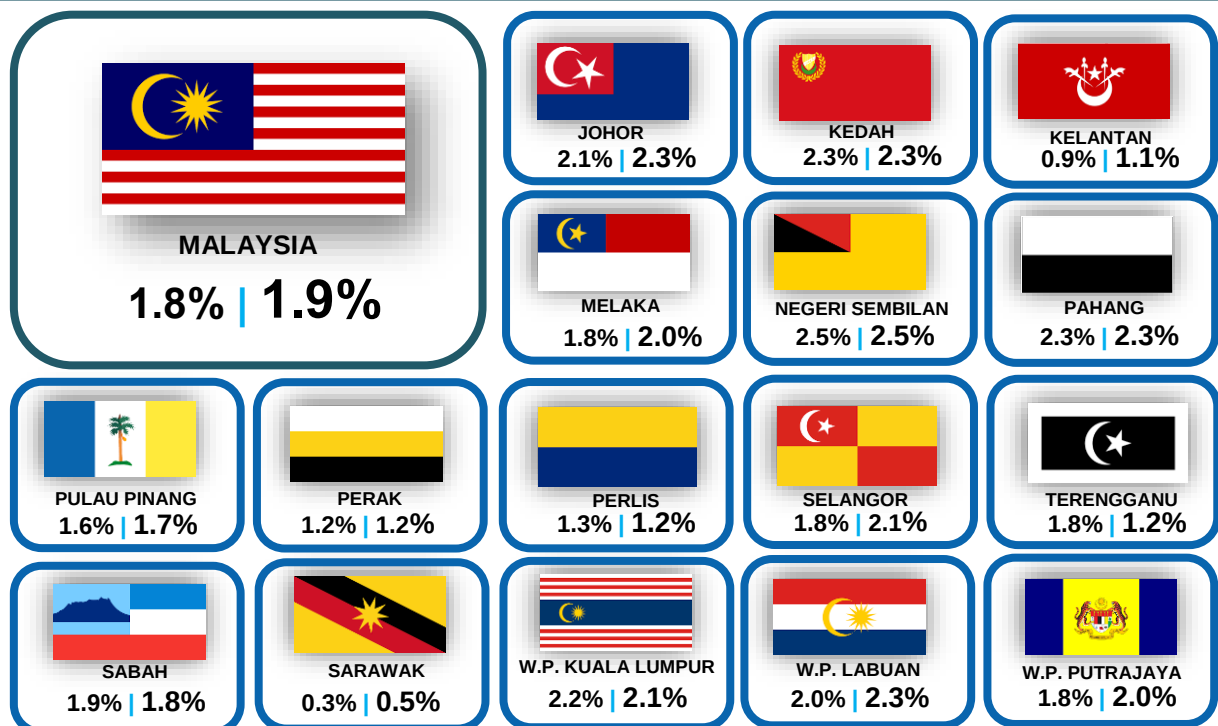


Chart 3

Inflation by State, July 2026 & August 2026



Note: W.P. refers to Wilayah Persekutuan

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