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Malaysia's inflation increased 1.8 per cent in September 2026

PUTRAJAYA, 19TH OCTOBER 2026 – The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) published the **CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI), SEPTEMBER 2026**. This report provides the consumer price index of goods and services at the national and state levels.

Malaysia's inflation increased 1.8 per cent in September 2026 as compared to 1.9 per cent in the previous month, with the index points increased to 137.6 from 135.2 (September 2025). This was driven by the Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels group which eased to 1.4 per cent as compared to 2.1 per cent in August 2026.

The Personal Care, Social Protection & Miscellaneous Goods & Services group moderated to 2.8 per cent in September 2026 as compared to 3.2 per cent in August 2026. Information & Communication and Food & Beverages groups also eased to 1.8 per cent as compared to 2.6 per cent and 1.9 per cent in the previous month, respectively. Besides, Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance group increased 0.3 per cent as compared to 0.4 per cent in August 2026.

Nevertheless, the Transport group increased 2.5 per cent in September 2026 as compared to 2.0 per cent in August 2026. The Restaurant & Accommodation Services and Education groups increased 2.2 per cent and 2.1 per cent as compared to 2.1 per cent and 1.9 per cent in the previous month, respectively. Apart from that, Health group recorded an increase of 1.4 per cent (August 2026: 1.3%). Both Recreation, Sport & Culture and Insurance & Financial Services groups increased 1.2 per cent as compared to 1.1 per cent and 1.0 per cent in August 2026, respectively. At the same time, the Clothing & Footwear increased marginally to 0.2 per cent in September 2026 (August 2026: 0.1%). Meanwhile, the Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco group remained at 2.8 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 1.8 per cent in September 2026 as compared to 1.9 per cent as recorded in the previous month. The increase was driven by the Food at home subgroup which moderated to 1.2 per cent as compared to 1.4 per cent in August 2026. Meanwhile,

the Food away from home subgroup increased 2.6 per cent in September 2026 (August 2026: 2.5%).

The Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels group eased to 1.4 per cent in September 2026 as compared to 2.1 per cent in August 2026. This was driven by the Water supply & miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling and Electricity, gas & fuel subgroup which recorded lower inflation rate in September 2026 at 1.3 per cent (August 2026: 5.1%) and 0.1 per cent (August 2026: 3.3%), respectively.

The slower pace 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 800 kilowatt hours (kWh). The Government has expanded electricity bill protection for domestic users from 600 kWh to 800 kWh per month, effective for electricity consumption from 1 September to 31 December 2026 to ease the cost of living pressures faced by households. 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 2.5 per cent in September 2026 as compared to 2.0 per cent in August 2026. This was attributed to the Operation of personal transport equipment subgroups which rose to 2.7 per cent (August 2026: 1.8%). Meanwhile, the Public transport services subgroup moderated to 7.8 per cent as compared to 10.5 per cent recorded in August 2026. The subgroup of Purchase of vehicles and Transport services of goods continued to record a decrease in September 2026 at negative 0.6 per cent and negative 0.5 per cent, respectively.

The average price of Unleaded petrol RON97 in September 2026 increased to RM4.64 per litre as compared to RM4.28 per litre in August 2026. The average market price of Diesel registered at RM5.05 per litre (August 2026: RM4.60 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 RM4.16 per litre in September 2026 (August 2026: RM3.75 per litre) as compared to the subsidised price of RM1.99 per litre.

Eight states recorded increases above the national inflation level of 1.8 per cent, namely Negeri Sembilan (2.4%), Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan (2.4%), Johor (2.2%), Kedah (2.2%), Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya (2.2%), Pahang (2.1%), Selangor (1.9%) and Sabah (1.9%). All states registered an increase in Food & Beverages inflation, except Kelantan which recorded a decrease in September 2026.

On month-on-month basis, the headline inflation in September 2026 increased marginally at 0.1 per cent (August 2026: 0.3%). The Personal Care, Social Protection & Miscellaneous Goods & Services group eased to 0.4 per cent in September 2026 (August 2026: 0.5%). This was followed by the Restaurant & Accommodation Services group which moderated to 0.1 per cent (August 2026: 0.4%). Both Food & Beverages

and Health also eased to 0.1 per cent as compared to 0.2 per cent in August 2026. The Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (-0.4%) and Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (-0.1%) were in negative territory in September 2026. Meanwhile, there are three groups which recorded higher increases in September 2026 namely Information & Communication, 0.3 per cent (August 2026: 0.0%), Insurance & Financial Services, 0.2 per cent (August 2026: 0.0%) and Education, 0.2 per cent (August 2026: 0.1%).

Malaysia's inflation for the third quarter of 2026 increased 1.9 per cent, the same rate as recorded in the previous month. Among the groups that recorded increases as compared to the previous quarter were Information & Communication (2.6%); Food & Beverages (1.8%); Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (1.8%); Recreation, Sport & Culture (1.2%) and Clothing & Footwear (0.1%). However, the increase was offset by slower increases in several groups, including Personal Care, Social Protection & Miscellaneous Goods & Services (3.0%); Restaurant & Accommodation Services (2.1%); Transport (2.0%); Education (2.0%) and Insurance & Financial Services (1.1%).

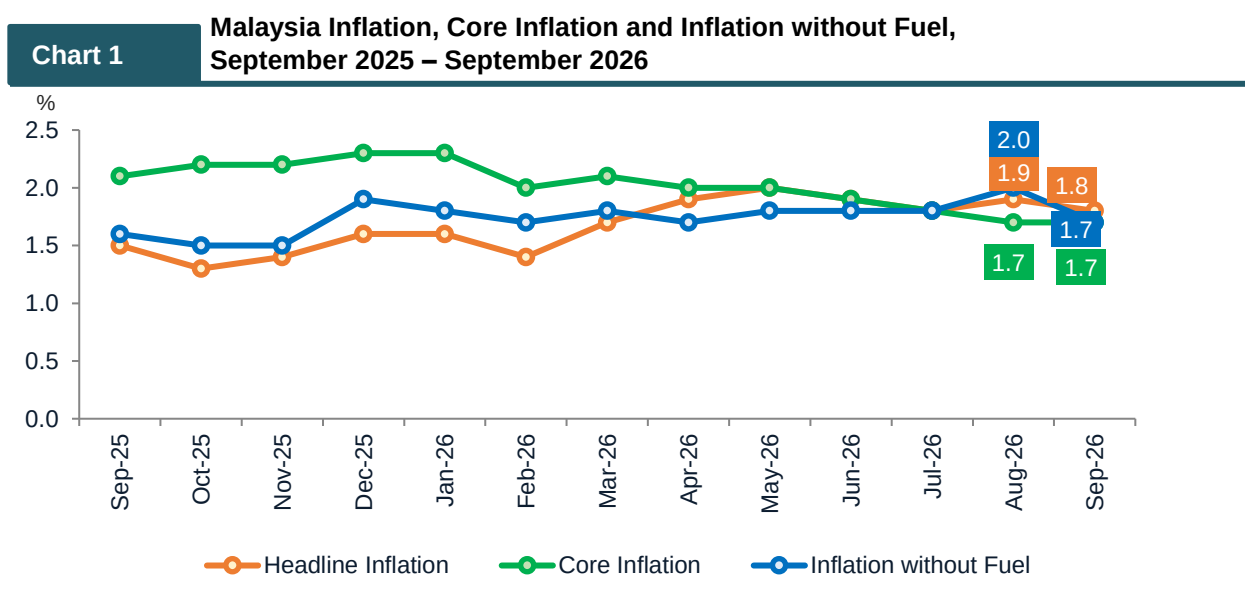


Chart 2

Inflation by Main Group, August 2026 & September 2026

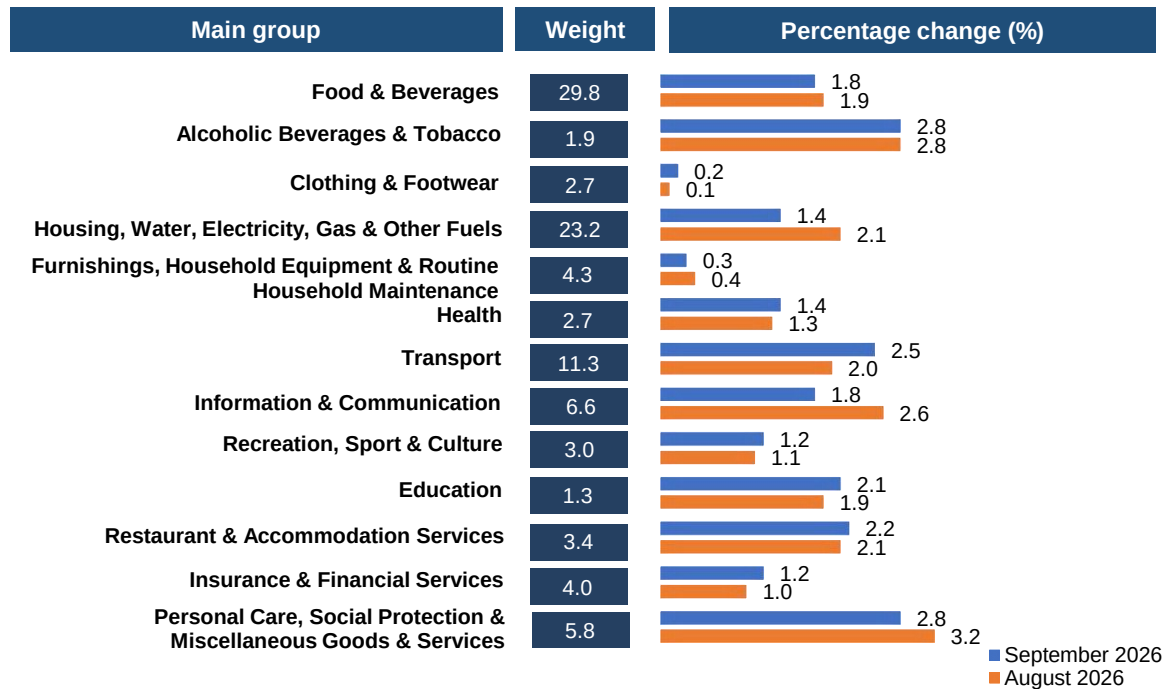
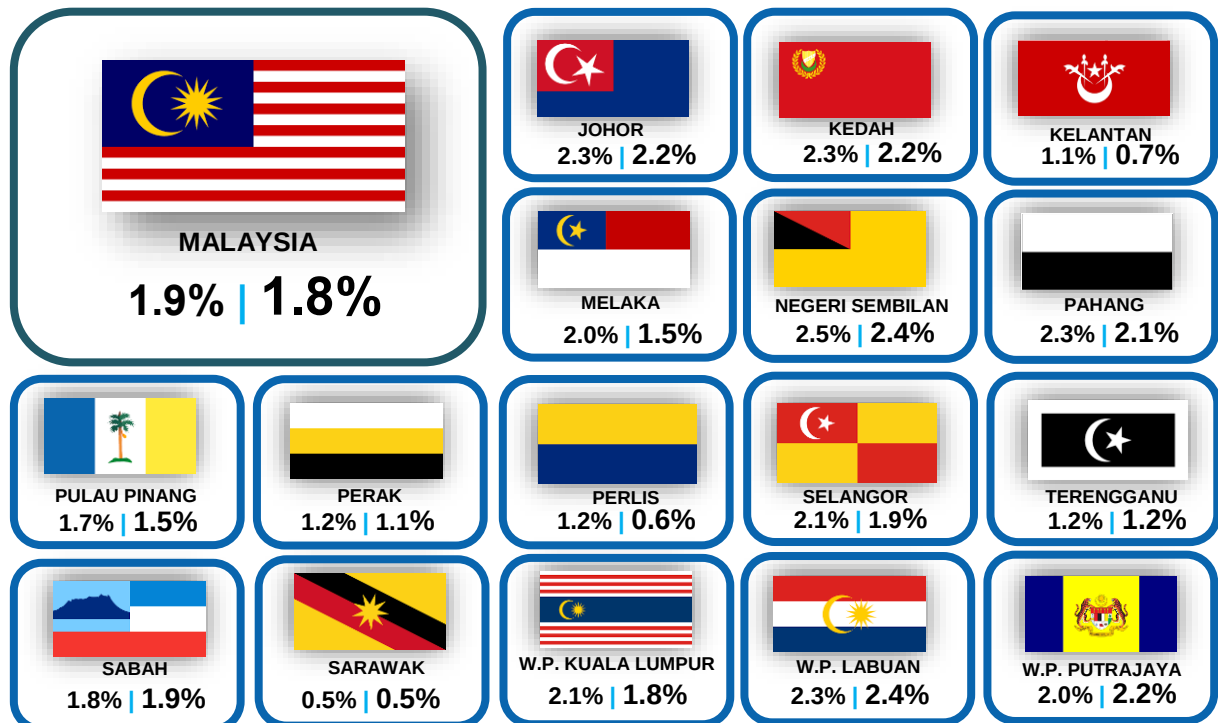


Chart 3

Inflation by State, August 2026 & September 2026



Note: W.P. refers to Wilayah Persekutuan

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