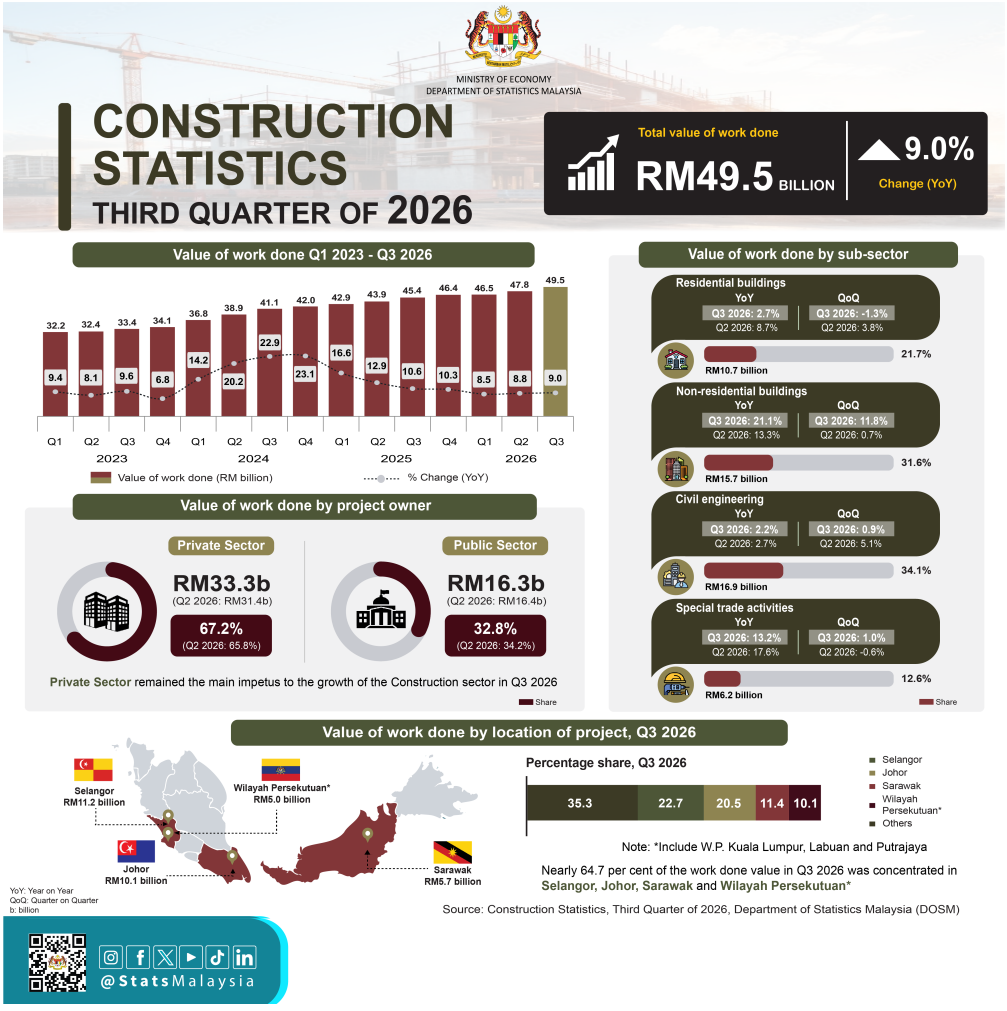
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The Construction sector posts 9.0 per cent growth to RM49.5 billion in the third quarter of 2026

The value of work done in the Construction sector rose to RM49.5 billion in the third quarter of 2026, sustaining its upward momentum with growth of 9.0 per cent (Q2 2026: 8.8%). The performance was mainly driven by the Non-residential buildings sub-sector, which grew to 21.1 per cent. The Special trade activities sub-sector also sustained double-digit expansion at 13.2 per cent, while the Residential buildings and Civil engineering sub-sectors grew at a more moderate pace of 2.7 per cent and 2.2 per cent, respectively. Meanwhile, on a quarter-on-quarter basis, the value of work done increased by 3.6 per cent (Q2 2026: 2.7%) in the third quarter of 2026.

The Civil engineering sub-sector remained the main contributor to the total value of work done this quarter, at RM16.9 billion (share: 34.1%). This was driven by the Construction of utility projects (RM9.4 billion) and Construction of roads and railways (RM5.6 billion). The Non-residential buildings sub-sector recorded RM15.7 billion, with its share increase to 31.6 per cent from 28.5 per cent in the same quarter of 2025, further narrowing the gap with the Civil engineering sub-sector. The Residential buildings sub-sector registered RM10.7 billion (share: 21.7%), while the Special trade activities sub-sector contributed RM6.2 billion (share: 12.6%), supported by Electrical installation (RM1.4 billion), Sites preparation (RM1.2 billion) and Plumbing, heat and air-conditioning installation (RM1.1 billion) activities.

The private sector remained the main driver of growth in this quarter, contributing RM33.3 billion or 67.2 per cent of the total value of work done. The private sector registered a growth of 12.7 per cent (Q2 2026: 11.4%), driven by the Non-residential buildings (21.8%) and Special trade activities (20.9%) sub-sectors. Notably, Civil engineering sub-sector in the private sector rebounded, growing 8.7 per cent after a contraction of 6.8 per cent in the previous quarter. Meanwhile, the value of work done by the public sector increased by 2.2 per cent (Q2 2026: 4.1%) to RM16.3 billion, representing 32.8 per cent of the total. This performance was supported primarily by the Non-residential buildings sub-sector, which rebounded to 17.8 per cent (Q2 2026: -8.0%).

By state, construction activity remained concentrated in Selangor, Johor, Sarawak and Wilayah Persekutuan (Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya and Labuan), which jointly accounted for 64.7 per cent of total work done. Selangor retained the top position at RM11.2 billion (22.7%), anchored by the Non-residential buildings (RM4.5 billion) and Residential buildings (RM2.7 billion) sub-sectors. Johor ranked second with RM10.1 billion (20.5%), where Non-residential buildings (RM4.0 billion) formed the largest component. Sarawak and Wilayah Persekutuan followed with RM5.7 billion (11.4%) and RM5.0 billion (10.1%), respectively.

Summarising the performance of Construction work done for the first three quarters of 2026, the sector registered a total value of RM143.9 billion, up 8.8 per cent from the

same period in 2025. Growth was moderate compared with the 13.3 per cent recorded in the first three quarters of 2025. This performance was supported by positive growth across all sub-sectors, particularly Special trade activities (18.3%) and Non-residential buildings (15.8%) sub-sectors.

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