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## **The Unit Price Index of Building Materials**

- The unit price index of steel recorded an increase in March 2026, ranging from 0.2 per cent to 1.1 per cent as compared to the previous month. The highest increase in the price index for this material was recorded in Terengganu & Kelantan (1.1%), followed by Kota Kinabalu and Tawau (1.0%), respectively.
- The unit price index of cement also recorded an increase in March 2026, ranging from 0.1 per cent to 1.0 per cent in all areas in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak. The highest increase in the price index for this material was recorded in Miri (1.0%), followed by Kuching and Sibul (0.5%), respectively.
- The price index of steel and metal sections registered a slight increase in March 2026, with month-on-month changes ranging from 0.1 per cent to 1.0 per cent across all areas in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak.
- The unit price index of sand showed a slight increase in March 2026, with month-on-month change ranging from 0.3 per cent to 5.2 per cent in all areas in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak.
- An annual comparison for the period of March 2025 and March 2026 has indicated that the unit price index for steel recorded a decline ranging from negative 1.0 per cent to negative 6.9 per cent involving most areas in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak. The highest decrease in the unit price index for steel was observed in Miri (-6.9%), followed by Kuching (-6.7%) and Sibul (-5.5%).
- The year-on-year comparison of the unit price index of cement increased between 0.5 per cent to 5.9 per cent in March 2026 as compared to the same month last year across all areas in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak. The highest increase was observed in Pahang (5.9%), followed by Perak (5.6%) and Kuching (5.3%).

## **Average Price of Selected Building Materials**

- The average price per unit of steel, consisting of mild steel round bars and Mycon 60 high tensile deformed bars, recorded an increase of 0.7 per cent with an average price of RM3,426.80 per metric tonne as compared to the previous month (February 2026: RM3,404.40 per metric tonne).
- The average price of Ordinary Portland cement also showed an increase (0.8%) with an average price of RM25.55 per 50 kg bag, as compared to February 2026 (RM25.35 per 50 kg bag).

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