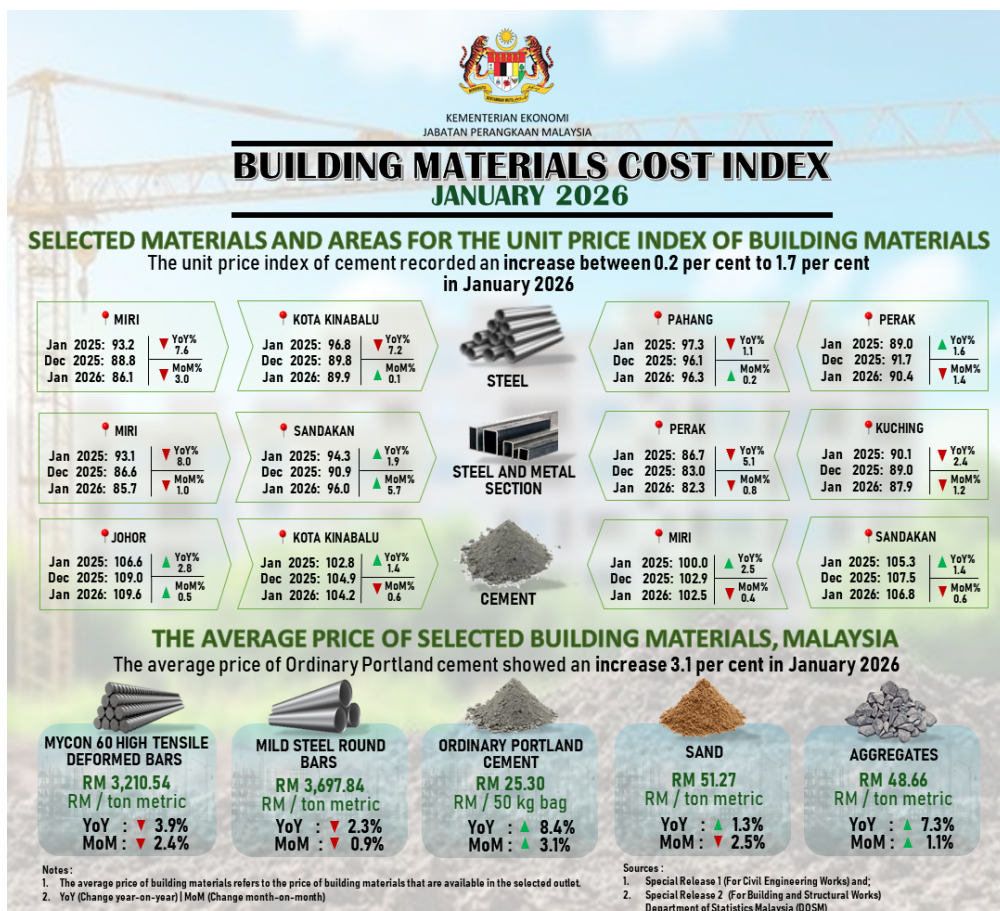




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## **The Unit Price Index of Building Materials**

- The unit price index of cement recorded an increase in January 2026, ranging from 0.2 per cent to 1.7 per cent as compared to the previous month. The highest increase in the price index of this material was recorded in Selangor, W.P. Kuala Lumpur, Melaka & Negeri Sembilan (1.7%), followed by Perak (1.6%) and Sandakan (0.8%).
- The unit price index of sand showed a slight increase in January 2026, with month-on-month change ranging from 0.5 per cent to 3.3 per cent in all areas in Peninsular Malaysia. Meanwhile, the unit price index of sand remained unchanged in Sabah and Sarawak.
- The unit price index of steel recorded a slight decrease in January 2026, ranging from negative 0.6 per cent to negative 3.0 per cent as compared to the previous month.
- The price index of steel & metal sections also registered a decrease in January 2026, with month-on-month changes between negative 0.3 per cent to negative 1.6 per cent across all areas in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak.
- An annual comparison for the period of January 2025 and January 2026 has indicated that the unit price index for steel recorded a decline ranging from negative 1.1 per cent to negative 7.6 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 (-7.6%) and followed by Kuching and Sibul (-7.4%), respectively and Kota Kinabalu (-7.2%).
- Nevertheless, the year-on-year comparison of the unit price index of cement increased between 0.4 per cent to 5.9 per cent in January 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 (5.1%) and Selangor, W.P. Kuala Lumpur, Melaka & Negeri Sembilan (4.9%).

## **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 a decrease of negative 1.7 per cent with an average price of RM3,454.00 per metric tonne as compared to the previous month (December 2025: RM3,512.10 per metric tonne).
- The average price of Ordinary Portland cement showed an increase (3.1%) with an average price of RM25.30 per 50 kg bag, as compared to December 2025 (RM24.55 per 50 kg bag).

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