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Production of Fresh Fruit Bunches (Oil Palm)
Sep 2025: 9,544,220 tonnes ▲ 3.3%
Aug 2025: 9,524,839 tonnes ▼ -3.1%

Production of Natural Rubber
Aug 2025: 31,285 tonnes ▼ -12.9%
July 2025: 35,884 tonnes ▼ -5.5%

Industrial Production Index (IPI)
Aug 2025: ▲ 4.9%
July 2025: ▲ 4.2%

Sales Value of Manufacturing
Aug 2025: RM168.3b ▲ 2.7%
July 2025: RM162.5b ▲ 3.5%

Sales Value of Wholesale & Retail Trade
Aug 2025: RM156.6b ▲ 4.9%
July 2025: RM156.4b ▲ 5.0%

EXTERNAL SECTOR

Exports
Sep 2025: RM138.7b ▲ 12.2%
*Aug 2025: RM131.6b ▲ 1.9%
July 2025: RM140.1b ▲ 6.5%

Imports
Sep 2025: RM118.8b ▲ 7.3%
*Aug 2025: RM115.5b ▼ -5.9%
July 2025: RM125.5b ▲ 0.6%

*As published for the corresponding month

PRICES

Consumer Price Index (CPI)
Sep 2025: ▲ 1.5%
Aug 2025: ▲ 1.3%
July 2025: ▲ 1.2%

Producer Price Index (PPI)
Sep 2025: ▼ -0.8%
Aug 2025: ▼ -2.8%
July 2025: ▼ -3.8%

LABOUR FORCE

Number of Employment Persons
Aug 2025: 16.99 mil persons ▲ 3.1%
July 2025: 16.95 mil persons ▲ 3.1%

Unemployment Rate
Aug 2025: 3.0%
July 2025: 3.0%

b: billion
Percentage Change: Year-on-Year

Source: Malaysian Economic Statistics Review, Vol. 10/ 2025, Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM)

Malaysia's Economy Maintains Its Steady Growth: Trade Surplus, and Employment Strengthen in August–September 2025

- *The Services and Manufacturing sectors were the main contributors, while Mining and quarrying sector returned to positive growth.*
- *In the agriculture sector, Natural rubber production decreased by 12.9 per cent year-on-year, while Oil palm fresh fruit bunches production increased slightly by 3.3 per cent year-on-year.*
- *Malaysia's Industrial Production Index (IPI) grew by 4.9 per cent year-on-year in August 2025. The stronger performance was mainly supported by a sharp rebound in the Mining sector (+16.8%), alongside continued growth in Manufacturing (+2.8%) and Electricity (+1.6%).*
- *The Manufacturing sector's sales value increased by 2.7 per cent year-on-year in August 2025. Growth was mainly driven by the Food, beverages & tobacco sub-sector (+9.6%), supported by Electrical & electronics products (+3.7%) and Non-metallic mineral products, basic metal & fabricated metal products (+3.3%).*
- *In August 2025, Malaysia's Volume Index of Wholesale & Retail Trade increased by 4.3 per cent year-on-year, driven by expansions in Wholesale trade (+5.5%), Retail trade (+3.7%) and Motor vehicles (+3.1%).*
- *Malaysia's inflation increased slightly to 1.3 per cent year-on-year in August 2025, driven mainly by higher costs in Insurance & Financial Services (+5.6%), Restaurants & Accommodation Services (+3.5%) and Food & Beverages (+2.0%). In September 2025, Malaysia's inflation increased 1.5 per cent.*
- *Malaysia's Producer Price Index (PPI) for Local Production recorded a 2.8 per cent decline year-on-year in August 2025. This was mainly attributed to decrease in Manufacturing (-4.0%) and Mining (-3.4%), while positive growth was seen in Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing (+7.3%), Electricity & Gas Supply (+4.1%) and Water Supply (+3.4%). Malaysia's PPI, decreased by 0.8 per cent in September 2025, easing from a 2.8 per cent decline in the previous month.*
- *Malaysia's total merchandise trade declined by 1.9 per cent year-on-year in August 2025. Exports increased by 1.9 per cent, mainly supported by Electrical and electronics (E&E) products (+10.1%) and Palm oil & palm oil-based products (+9.1%), while Imports fell by 5.9 per cent due to lower purchases of crude petroleum, gold (non-monetary) and E&E products. Consequently, the trade surplus surged by 153.8 per cent, marking the highest annual increase since December 2020. Malaysia's trade performance returned to stability in September 2025, recording a growth of 9.8 per cent.*
- *In August 2025, Malaysia's labour market remained stable, with the labour force increasing to 17.51 million persons. The Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) edged up to 70.9 per cent. The number of employed persons rose to 16.99 million, supporting an employment-to-population ratio of 68.8 per cent, while unemployed persons decreased slightly to 520.0 thousand, maintaining the unemployment rate at 3.0 per cent.*
- *Malaysia's economic outlook showed further moderation as the Leading Index (LI) fell by 0.5 per cent year-on-year to 113.7 points in August 2025.*