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**MONTHLY MANUFACTURING STATISTICS, MALAYSIA,
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**Sales in the Manufacturing sector recorded RM159.2 billion,
expanded 3.9 per cent in February 2026**

PUTRAJAYA, APRIL 9, 2026 – The Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM) released the **Monthly Manufacturing Statistics, Malaysia, February 2026**. This publication consists of statistics on sales value, number of employees and salaries & wages of Manufacturing sector.

Commenting on the latest Manufacturing sales performance, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician Malaysia said, “The Manufacturing sector posted sales value of RM159.2 billion in February 2026, grew 3.9 per cent (January 2026: 7.1%). The growth in sales value within the Manufacturing sector was mainly contributed by the Electrical & electronics products sub-sector, rose 13.8 per cent in February 2026 (January 2026: 15.6%). The growth was further supported by the Non-metallic mineral products, basic metal & fabricated metal products sub-sector and Food, beverages & tobacco sub-sector, which increased by 3.2 per cent (January 2026: 5.7%) and 2.8 per cent (January 2026: 12.4%), respectively. In comparison by month-on-month, sales value declined 6.0 per cent, from RM169.2 billion recorded in January 2026.”

Sales value growth in the export-oriented industries which accounting for 70.4 per cent of total sales, expanded by 4.5 per cent in February 2026 (January 2026: 7.1%). The performance was led by the increase in the Electrical & Electronic sub-sector, which Manufacture of computer, electronics & optical products increased by 16.1 per cent (January 2026: 17.9%). Besides that, Manufacture of electrical equipment also registered an increment at 1.3 per cent (January 2026: 3.0%), while Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c. grew 1.5 per cent (January 2026: 7.7%). As compared to the sales value in the preceding month, the export-oriented industries dropped 5.6 per cent.

In the meantime, the domestic-oriented industries increased 2.7 per cent in February 2026 after registered 6.9 per cent in the previous month. The performance was mainly supported by the growth in the Manufacture of food processing products industry at 6.3 per cent in February 2026 (January 2026: 11.6%); as well as in the Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products (4.3%) and Manufacture of fabricated metal

products, except machinery & equipment (3.8%). Furthermore, the domestic-oriented industries contracted 6.7 per cent, based on month-on-month growth.

Commenting on the number of employees, the Chief Statistician Malaysia stated, “A total of 2.4 million employees were recorded in this sector during February 2026, augmented by 1.0 per cent (January 2026: 1.3%). The augmentation was mainly driven by the Food, beverages & tobacco (1.9%); Electrical & electronics products (1.5%); and Non-metallic mineral products, basic metal & fabricated metal products (1.1%) sub-sectors. Meanwhile, the number of employees in this sector decreased 0.4 per cent on month-on-month comparison.

Correspondingly, the salaries & wages paid in the Manufacturing sector also posted an expansion of 2.0 per cent (January 2026: 2.8%), amounted to RM8.58 billion in February 2026. As compared to the amount recorded in the prior month, the salaries & wages paid declined 1.5 per cent. Subsequently, the sales value per employee registered at RM65,870 (3.0%), while the average salaries & wages per employee was RM3,550, increased by 1.1 per cent year-on-year.”

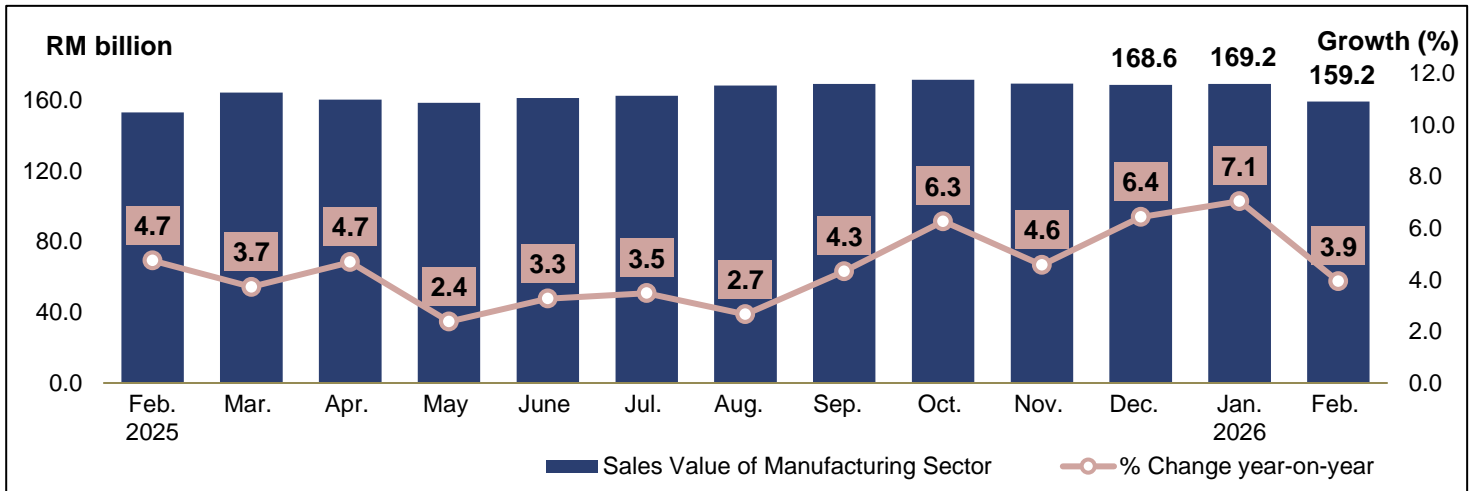
Concluding his statement, the Chief Statistician said, “For the period of January to February 2026, the Manufacturing sector recorded cumulative sales value of RM328.4 billion, grew 5.5 per cent as compared to the same period of 2025 (January – February 2025: 4.1%). The number of employees upticked by 1.0 per cent to 2.4 million persons, while salaries & wages increased by 2.4 per cent to RM17.3 billion. Moreover, the sales value per employee stood at RM135,908, increased 4.5 per cent.”

The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) is conducting the **Economic Census 2026 (BE2026)**, with themed “*Data Nadi Ekonomi Rakyat*”. The sixth Economic Census, will be carried out from **5th January to 31st October 2026**. BE2026 aims to collect comprehensive and structured data from all registered and unregistered business establishments in Malaysia to assess the nation’s economic performance, structure and characteristics in an evidence-based manner.

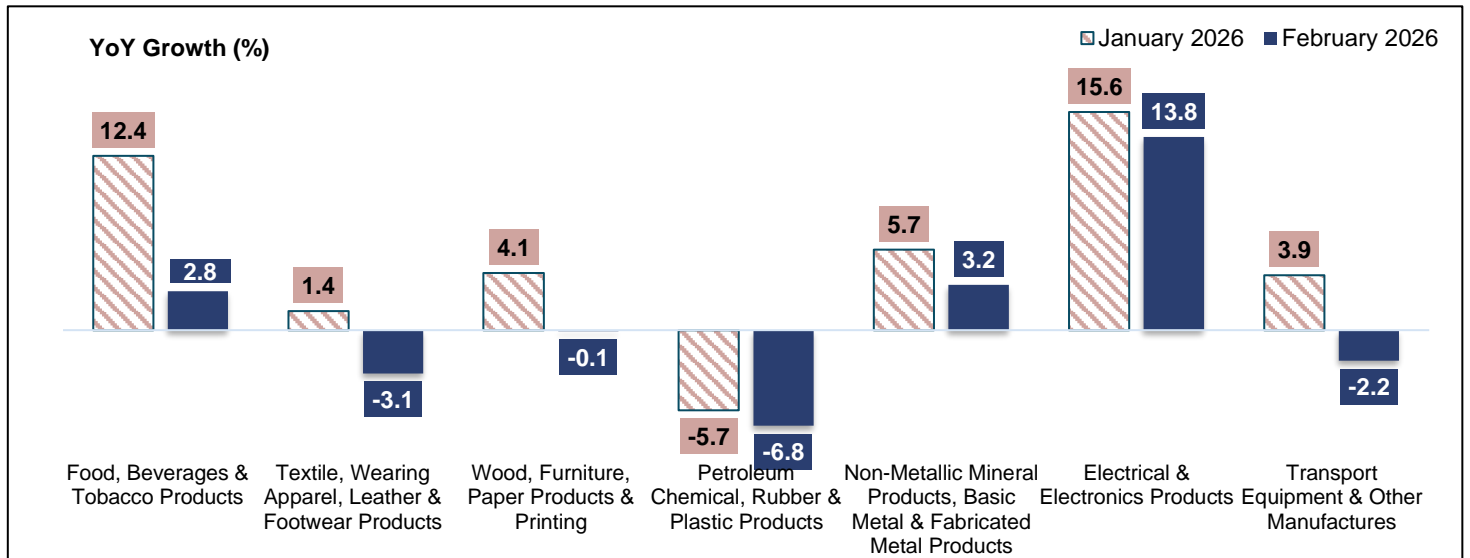
Malaysia has, for the first time, successfully secured the **top position** globally in the biennial **Open Data Inventory (ODIN) 2024/25** report released by Open Data Watch (ODW), surpassing 197 other countries. This achievement marks a significant leap from its 67th position in the ODIN 2022/23 assessment.

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**Chart 1: Sales Value of the Manufacturing Sector, Malaysia
February 2025 – February 2026**



**Chart 2: Growth of Manufacturing Sales Value by Sub-sector, Malaysia,
January and February 2026**



**Chart 3: Sales Value of the Export and Domestic-oriented Industries for
Manufacturing Sector, Malaysia, February 2025 – February 2026**

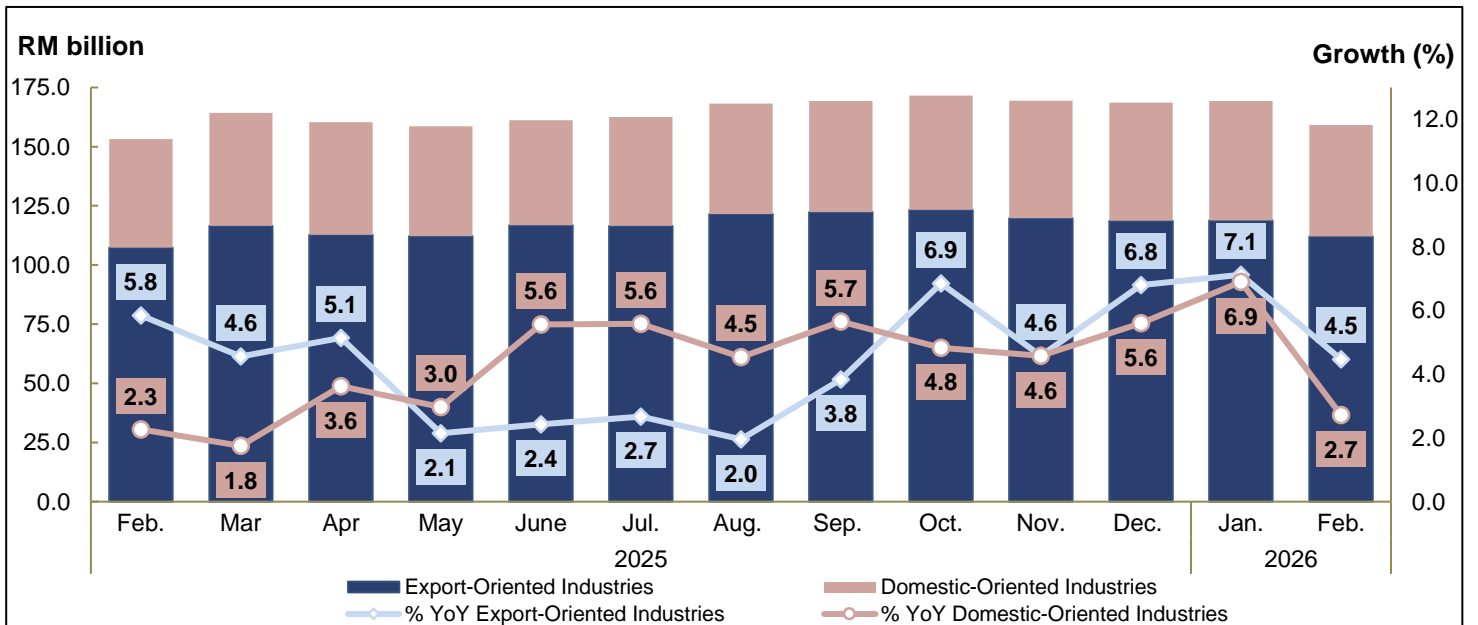
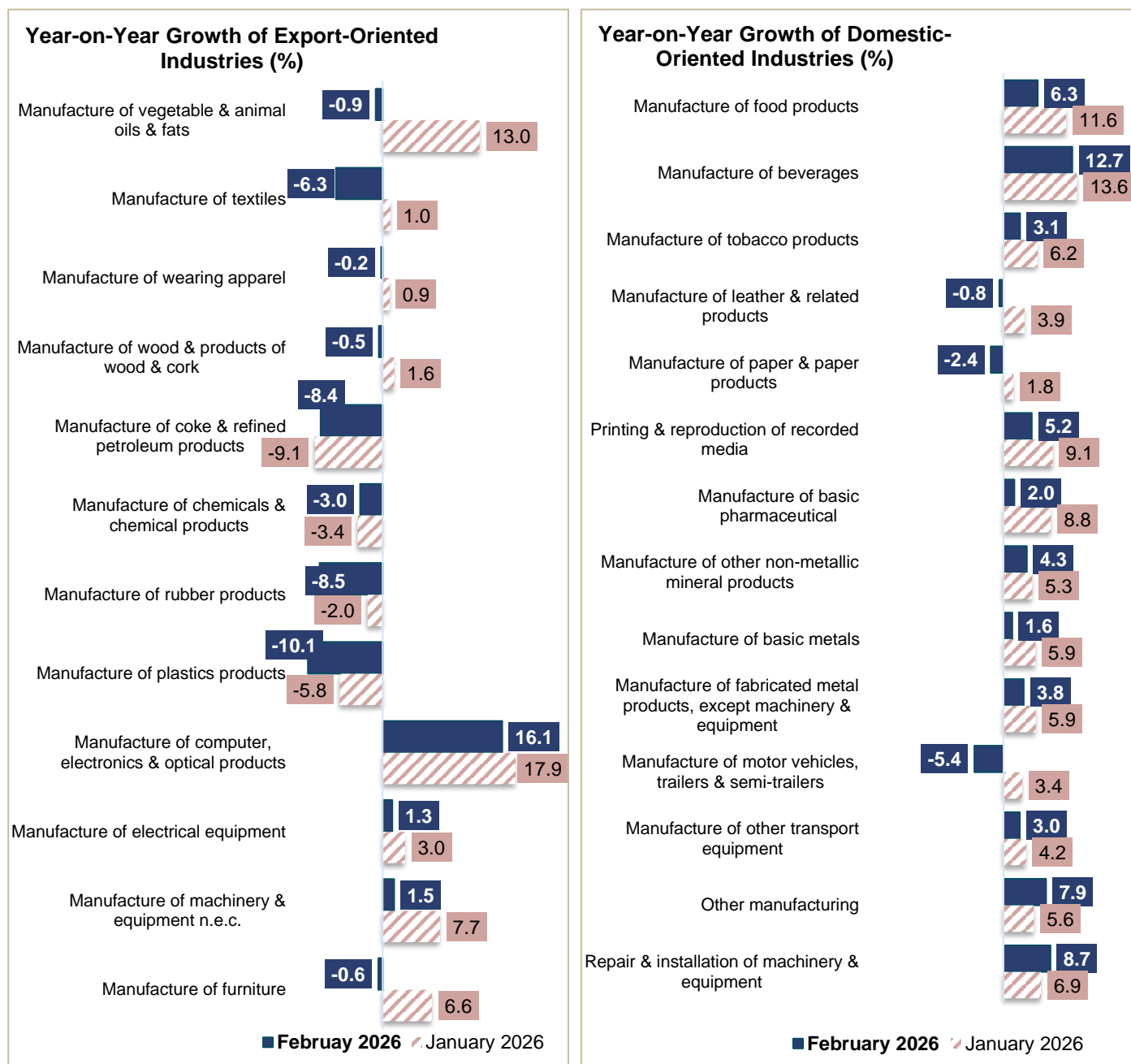


Chart 4: Sales Value of Manufacturing Export and Domestic-Oriented Groups, January and February 2026



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