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**PERFORMANCE OF WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE, MALAYSIA,
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PUTRAJAYA, 9TH OCTOBER 2026 – The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) published the **PERFORMANCE OF WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE, AUGUST 2026**. Malaysia's Wholesale & Retail Trade recorded sales of **RM173.0 billion** in August 2026, an increase of **10.5 per cent** year-on-year. In tandem with the expansion in sales value, the volume index increased by **3.6 per cent**. The performance was supported by growth across all three sub-sectors. Wholesale trade recorded sales of RM81.2 billion, an increase of RM11.5 billion or 16.5 per cent year-on-year. Retail trade increased by RM4.4 billion or 6.5 per cent to RM71.7 billion, while the Motor vehicles sub-sector expanded by RM0.5 billion or 2.5 per cent to reach RM20.1 billion. Collectively, the three sub-sectors contributed RM16.4 billion to the increase in sales, led by Wholesale trade, followed by Retail trade and Motor vehicles.

Wholesale trade continued to lead the growth in August 2026, expanding by 16.5 per cent, mainly driven by the Other specialised wholesale group, which surged by 35.6 per cent to RM35.1 billion. The increase was supported by higher sales of petrol, diesel, lubricants and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), partly influenced by movements in market prices, particularly for petroleum-related products. Meanwhile, Wholesale of household goods increased by 5.9 per cent to RM15.5 billion, supported by demand for pharmaceutical & medical goods and clothing. Wholesale of food, beverages & tobacco increased by 4.0 per cent, driven by higher sales of rice, other grains, flour & sugar, dairy products, and fish & other seafood. In addition, Wholesale of agricultural raw materials & live animals grew by 6.8 per cent to RM6.9 billion, mainly attributable to stronger demand for palm oil.

The Retail trade sub-sector continued its momentum in August 2026, with sales increasing by 6.5 per cent to RM71.7 billion. The performance was led by Retail sale in non-specialised stores, which grew by 7.5 per cent to RM28.1 billion, supported by higher sales in supermarkets and department stores. Similarly, Retail sale of other goods in specialised stores increased by 6.9 per cent to RM15.0 billion, mainly driven by higher demand for pharmaceutical and medical goods. Furthermore, Retail sale of

automotive fuel in specialised stores increased by 8.9 per cent, while Retail sale of other household equipment in specialised stores increased by 3.5 per cent.

The Motor vehicles sub-sector recorded a 2.5 per cent increase in August 2026, supported mainly by Sale of motor vehicle parts & accessories, which increased by 6.7 per cent to RM5.5 billion. Growth was also supported by sales in Maintenance & repair of motor vehicles (5.3%) and Sale, maintenance & repair of motorcycles & related parts & accessories (9.9%).

The online retail sales index increased by 6.7 per cent year-on-year in August 2026, moderating from 7.4 per cent in July 2026. Nevertheless, the continued expansion reflected sustained consumer demand through e-commerce platforms and the growing role of digital channels.

In terms of volume, the Wholesale & retail trade sector registered a 3.6 per cent year-on-year increase in August 2026. The growth was led by the Wholesale trade sub-sector at 4.0 per cent, followed by Retail trade (3.8%) and Motor vehicles (1.5%). In contrast, on a monthly basis, the volume index decreased marginally by 0.5 per cent.

Chart 1: Sales Value of Wholesale & Retail Trade

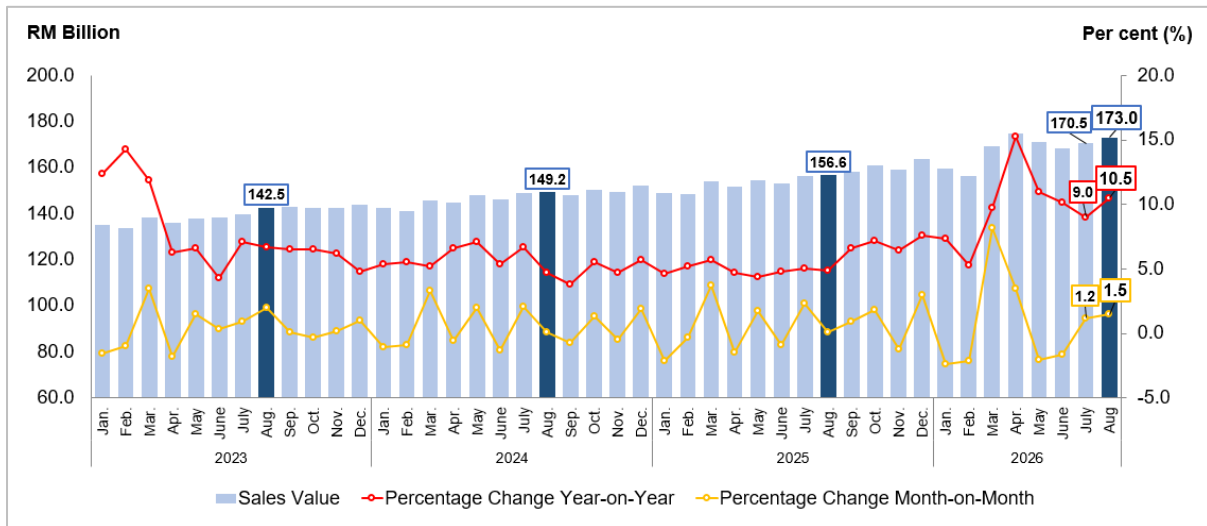


Chart 2: Sales Value of Wholesale Trade

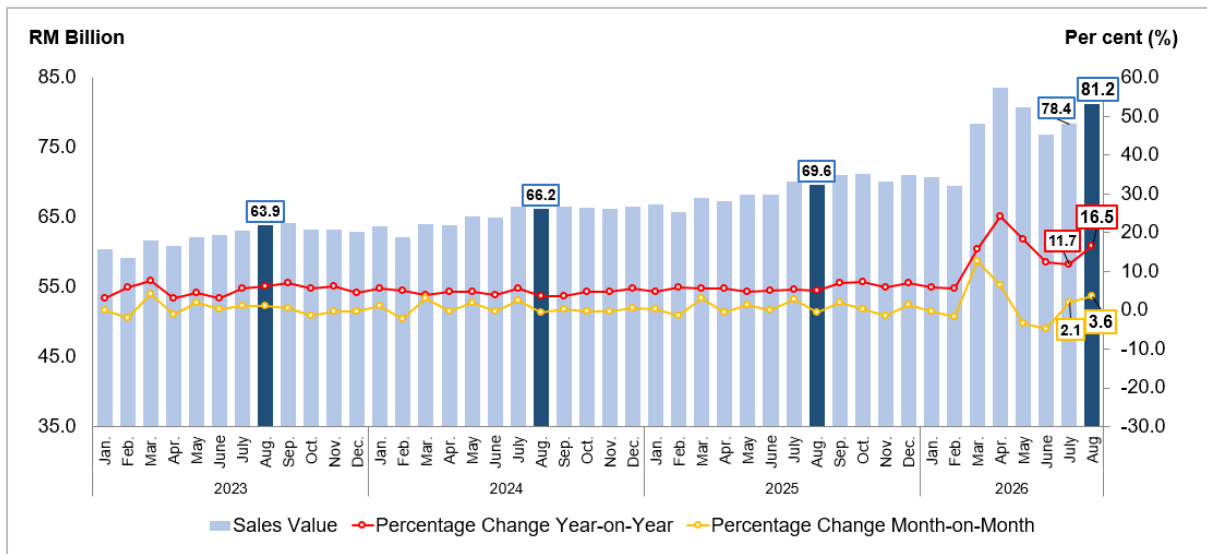


Chart 3: Sales Value of Retail Trade

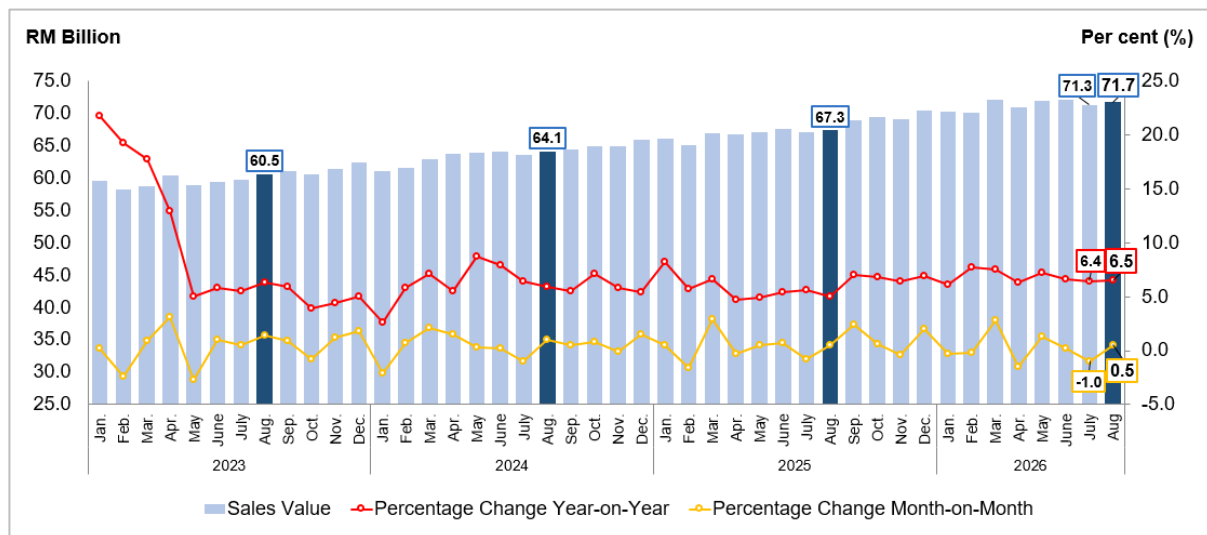


Chart 4: Sales Value of Motor Vehicles

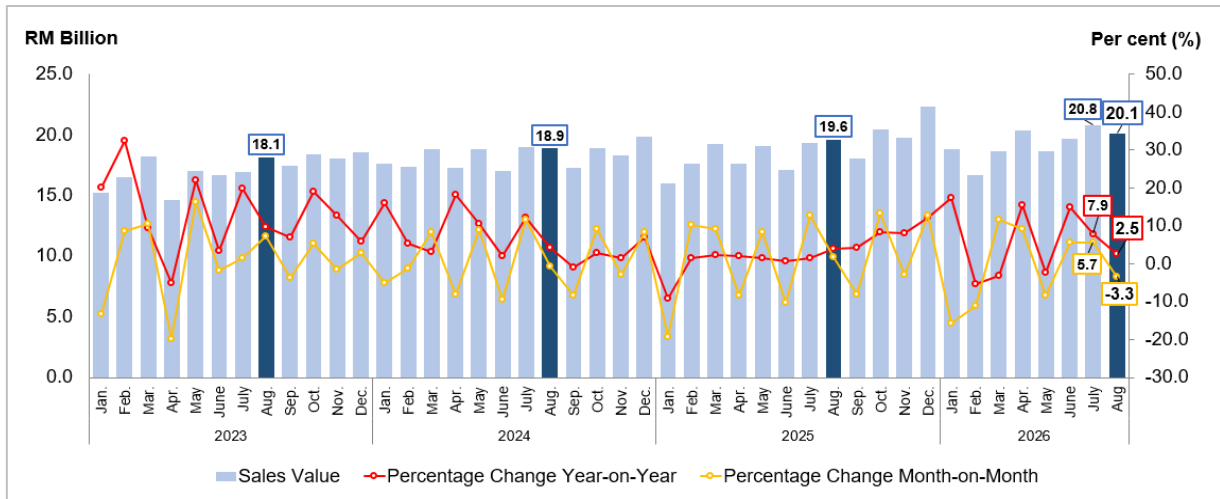


Chart 5: Index of Retail Sale Over the Internet

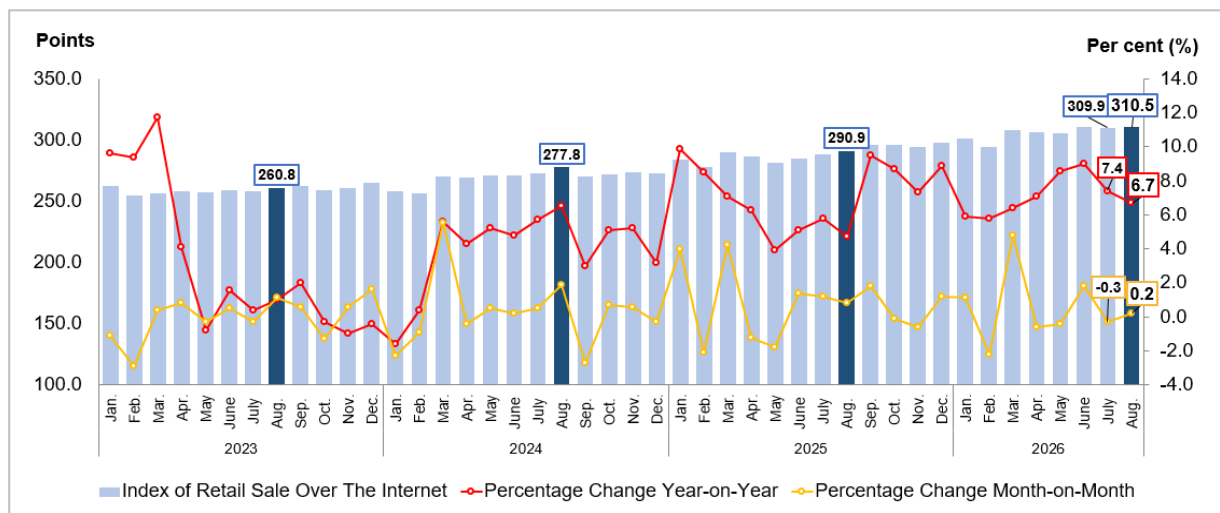
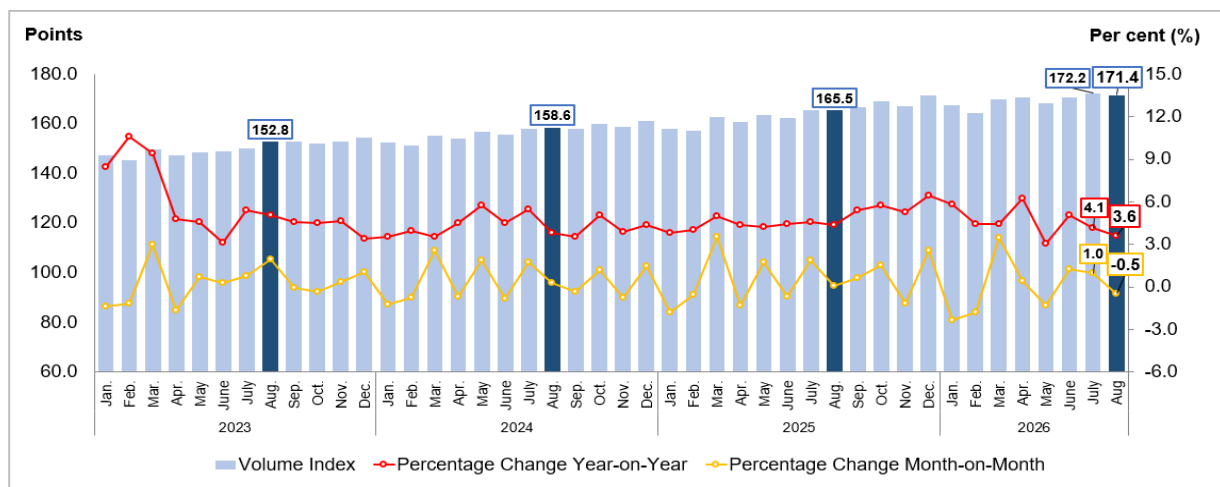


Chart 6: Volume Index of Wholesale & Retail Trade



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