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**The unit price index of cement increased by between
0.3 per cent to 1.9 per cent in September 2026**

PUTRAJAYA, 12TH OCTOBER 2026 – The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) published **SPECIAL RELEASE FOR BUILDING AND STRUCTURAL WORKS, SEPTEMBER 2026**. This report provides the Unit Price Index of major building materials and the Building Material Cost Index (BCI) by building category and region.

The unit price index for cement recorded an increase in September 2026, with month-on-month increases ranging from 0.3 per cent to 1.9 per cent across selected areas. The highest increase was recorded in Selangor, W.P. Kuala Lumpur, Melaka & Negeri Sembilan (1.9%) and followed by Kota Kinabalu and Kuching (0.3%), respectively.

The unit price index for sand recorded a slight decrease in September 2026, ranging from negative 0.1 per cent to negative 0.7 per cent as compared to the previous month. The decrease in the price index for this material was recorded in Selangor, W.P. Kuala Lumpur, Melaka & Negeri Sembilan (-0.7%), Perak and Johor (-0.5%), respectively.

Meanwhile, the unit price index for steel also recorded a decrease in September 2026, with month-on-month decreases ranging from negative 0.2 per cent to negative 1.6 per cent across selected areas. The decrease was observed in Johor (-1.6%), followed by Sibu and Miri (-1.3%), respectively.

An annual comparison for the period of September 2025 and September 2026 has indicated that the unit price index for steel recorded an increase ranging from 0.1 per cent to 5.1 per cent involving most areas in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak. The highest increase in the unit price index for steel was observed in Perak (5.1%), Johor (4.8%) and Tawau (3.8%).

The year-on-year unit price index for cement recorded increases ranging from 0.6 per cent to 7.4 per cent in September 2026 as compared with the same month of the previous year across all areas in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak. The highest increase was recorded in Selangor, W.P. Kuala Lumpur, Melaka & Negeri Sembilan (7.4%), followed by Kuching (7.0%) and Miri (6.6%).

DOSM also reported that the average price of Ordinary Portland cement remained unchanged, with an average price of RM25.80 per 50 kg bag. In addition, the average price per unit of steel, consisting of mild steel round bars and Mycon 60 high tensile deformed bars, recorded a decrease (-2.4%) with an average price of RM3,431.90 per metric tonne as compared to the previous month (August 2026: RM3,484.20 per metric tonne).

The monthly comparison of BCI with steel bars, by building category and region in Peninsular Malaysia for September 2026 recorded a decrease ranging from negative 0.1 per cent to negative 1.3 per cent. BCI with steel bars in Sabah recorded a decrease ranging from negative 0.1 per cent to negative 0.7 per cent for all building categories in September 2026 as compared to the previous month. Besides that, the month-on-month comparison of BCI with steel bars in Sarawak also registered a slight decrease ranging from negative 0.1 per cent to negative 0.5 per cent for all categories of buildings.

Chart 1: Average Price of Cement (Ordinary Portland), Malaysia, September 2024 – September 2026

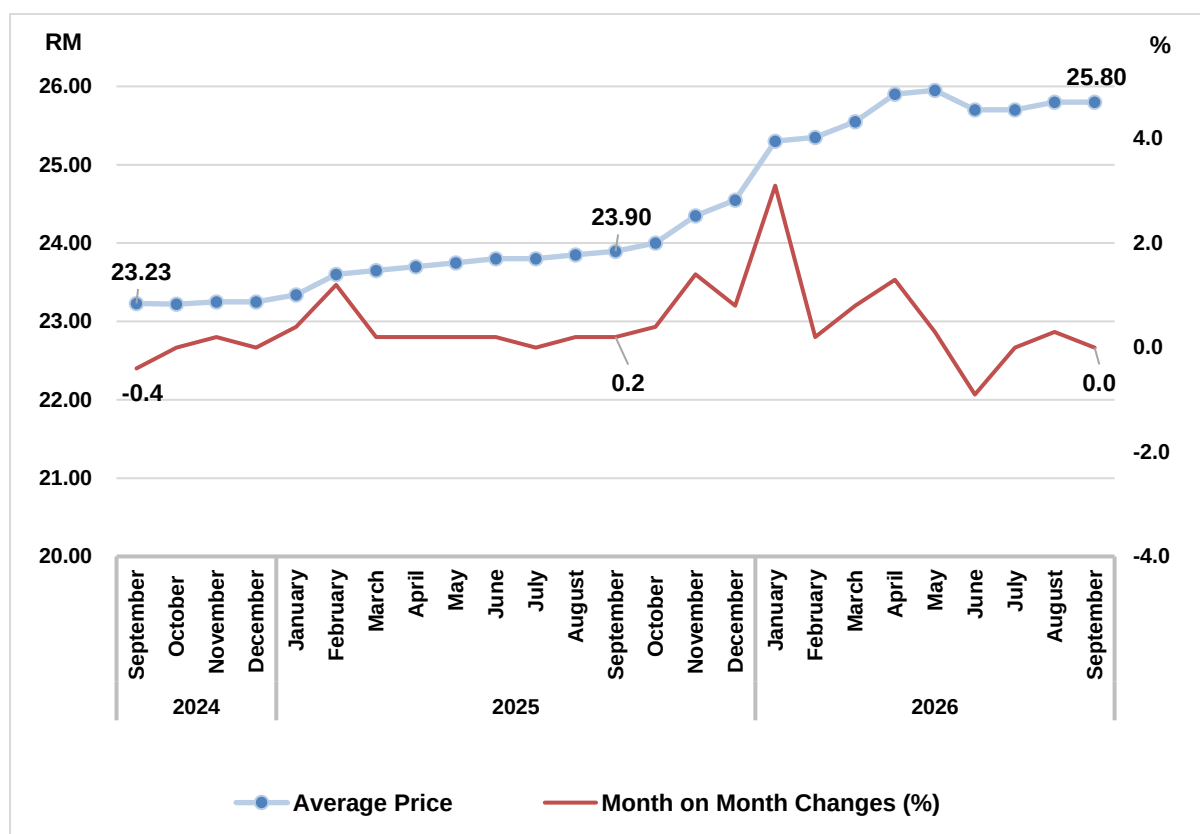
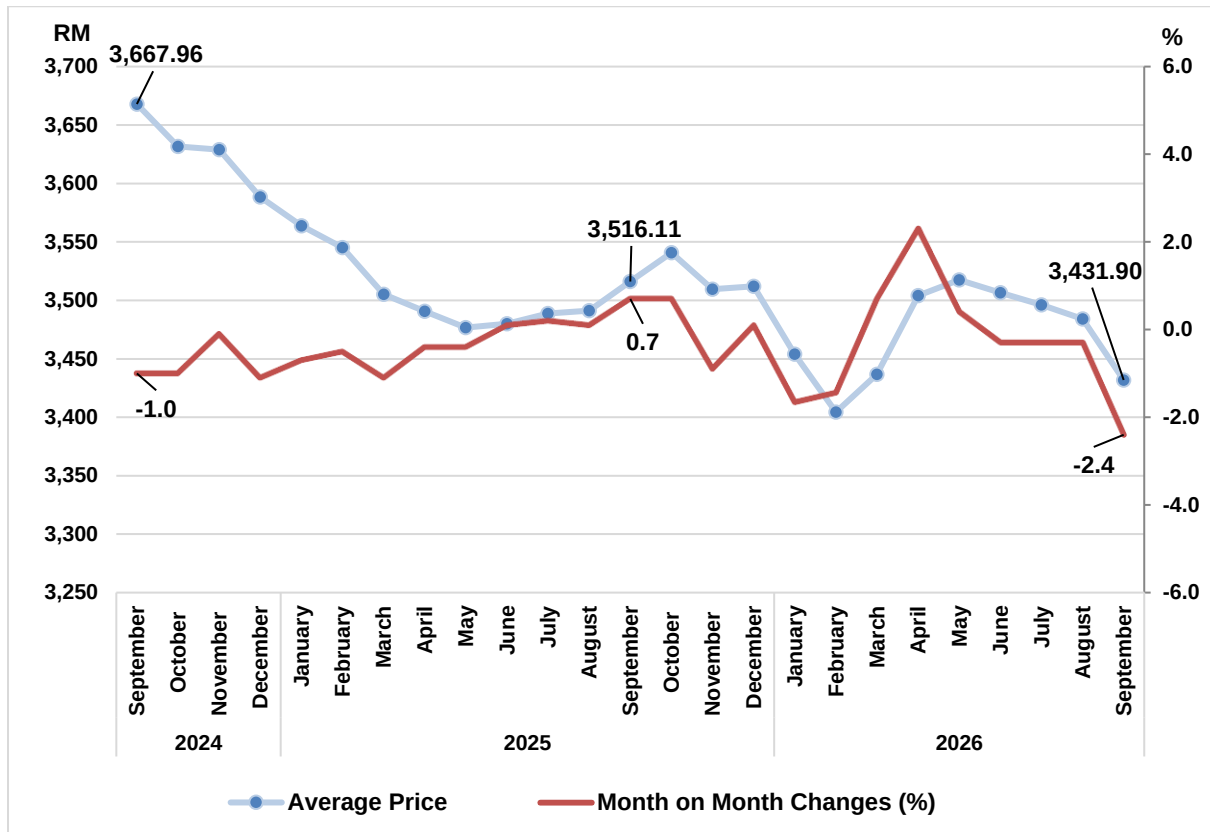


**Chart 2: Average Price of Steel Bar, Malaysia,
September 2024 – September 2026**



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