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**ADVANCE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT ESTIMATES  
THIRD QUARTER OF 2026**

**Advance GDP estimates indicate Malaysia's economy expanded  
by 5.3 per cent in the third quarter of 2026**

**PUTRAJAYA, 16 OCTOBER 2026** – The advance estimates of Gross Domestic Product (GDP)<sup>1</sup> indicate that Malaysia's economy expanded by 5.3 per cent after registering 6.0 per cent growth in the preceding quarter, as reported in the **Advance GDP Estimates, Third Quarter of 2026** released today.

The expansion of Malaysia's economy by 5.3 per cent in the third quarter of 2026 was underpinned by positive performance across all economic sectors, except Mining & quarrying, which recorded a contraction. Cumulatively, for the first three quarters of 2026, Malaysia's economy registered growth of 5.5 per cent, higher than 4.8 per cent recorded in the corresponding period of 2025.

The **Services** sector remained the main impetus of economic growth in the third quarter of 2026, recording an increase of 5.4 per cent (Q2 2026: 5.9%). The performance was driven by the Wholesale & retail trade, Information & communication and Finance & insurance sub-sectors. Meanwhile, the **Manufacturing** sector strengthened to 7.5 per cent (Q2 2026: 7.3%), backed by export-oriented industries, particularly Electrical, electronic & optical products and Petroleum, chemicals, rubber & plastics products.

The **Construction** sector grew by 6.0 per cent as compared to 6.5 per cent in the preceding quarter, supported by the Non-residential buildings sub-sector particularly data centre construction projects, as well as Specialised construction activities. Meanwhile, the **Agriculture** sector rebounded to 1.3 per cent (Q2 2026: -3.7%), driven by Oil palm and Livestock sub-sectors.

<sup>1</sup> The computation of advance GDP estimates for the third quarter of 2026 is based on the availability of various data sources. In general, there are differences between the advance GDP estimates and the preliminary GDP due to the availability of data from various sources during the compilation period.

Conversely, the **Mining & quarrying** sector contracted by 4.9 per cent (Q2 2026: 9.2%), mainly attributed to a decline in the Crude oil & condensate sub-sector.

The preliminary GDP which provides a detailed and comprehensive analysis of economic performance for the third quarter of 2026 will be released on **18 November 2026**.

**Table 1: GDP Growth by Kind of Economic Activity, (% YoY)**

| Kind of economic activity | Percentage share to GDP year 2025* (%) | Percentage change from corresponding quarter of preceding year<br>YOY (%) |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                           |                                        | 2024                                                                      | 2025       | 2025       |            |            |            | 2026       |            |            |
|                           |                                        |                                                                           |            | Q1         | Q2         | Q3         | Q4         | Q1         | Q2         | Q3**       |
| <b>GDP</b>                | <b>100.0</b>                           | <b>5.2</b>                                                                | <b>5.2</b> | <b>4.4</b> | <b>4.6</b> | <b>5.3</b> | <b>6.2</b> | <b>5.4</b> | <b>6.0</b> | <b>5.3</b> |
| Agriculture               | 6.1                                    | 3.4                                                                       | 2.2        | 0.7        | 2.5        | 0.2        | 5.7        | 2.6        | -3.7       | 1.3        |
| Mining & quarrying        | 5.7                                    | 1.2                                                                       | 0.6        | -2.6       | -5.2       | 9.4        | 1.4        | -2.1       | 9.2        | -4.9       |
| Manufacturing             | 23.0                                   | 4.2                                                                       | 4.5        | 4.2        | 3.7        | 4.1        | 6.0        | 5.9        | 7.3        | 7.5        |
| Construction              | 4.3                                    | 17.6                                                                      | 12.2       | 14.2       | 12.1       | 11.7       | 10.9       | 7.7        | 6.5        | 6.0        |
| Services                  | 59.5                                   | 5.4                                                                       | 5.4        | 5.1        | 5.1        | 5.3        | 6.2        | 5.6        | 5.9        | 5.4        |

Notes: \* Exclude Import duties

\*\* Advance estimates

Source: Department of Statistics Malaysia

**Table 2: Comparison of Advance GDP Estimates and Preliminary, (% YoY)**

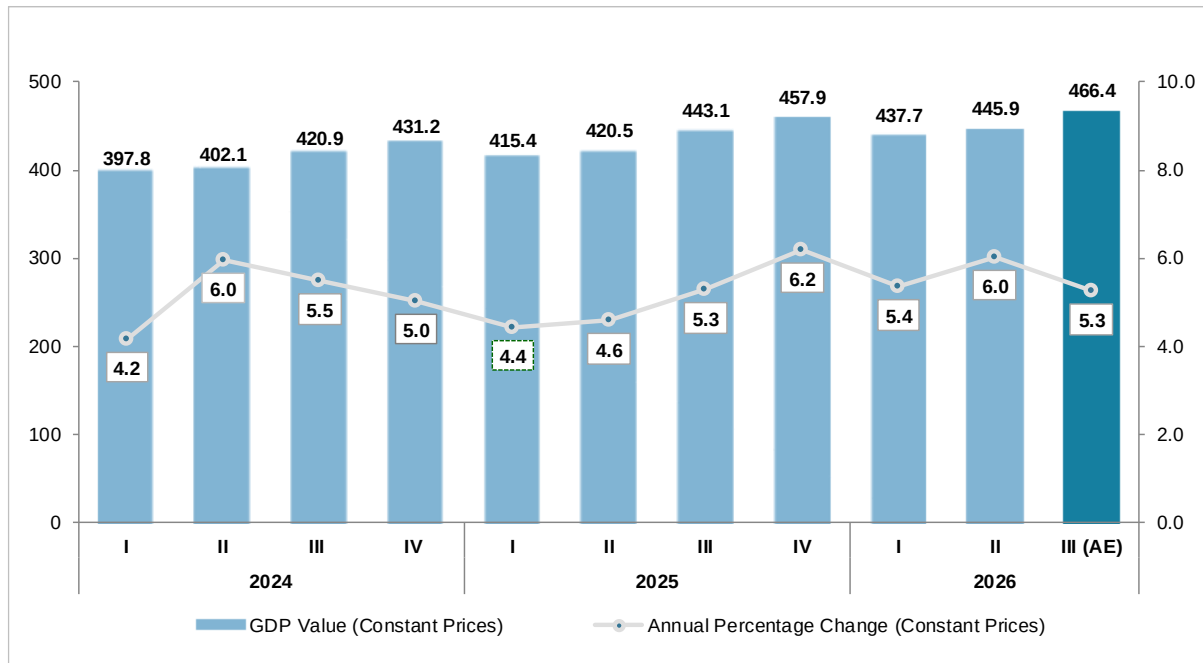
| Kind of economic activity | 2025       |             |            |             |            |             |            |             | 2026       |             |            |             |            |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|
|                           | Q1         |             | Q2         |             | Q3         |             | Q4         |             | Q1         |             | Q2         |             | Q3         |
|                           | AE         | Preliminary | AE         | Preliminary | AE         | Preliminary | AE         | Preliminary | AE         | Preliminary | AE         | Preliminary | AE         |
| <b>GDP</b>                | <b>4.4</b> | <b>4.4</b>  | <b>4.5</b> | <b>4.6</b>  | <b>5.2</b> | <b>5.3</b>  | <b>5.7</b> | <b>6.2</b>  | <b>5.3</b> | <b>5.4</b>  | <b>5.8</b> | <b>6.0</b>  | <b>5.3</b> |
| Agriculture               | 0.7        | 0.7         | 2.0        | 2.5         | 0.4        | 0.2         | 5.1        | 5.7         | 2.8        | 2.6         | -3.7       | -3.7        | 1.3        |
| Mining & quarrying        | -4.9       | -2.6        | -7.4       | -5.2        | 10.9       | 9.4         | 1.1        | 1.4         | -1.1       | -2.1        | 10.2       | 9.2         | -4.9       |
| Manufacturing             | 4.2        | 4.2         | 3.8        | 3.7         | 4.0        | 4.1         | 6.0        | 6.0         | 5.8        | 5.9         | 7.5        | 7.3         | 7.5        |
| Construction              | 14.5       | 14.2        | 11.0       | 12.1        | 11.2       | 11.7        | 11.9       | 10.9        | 7.8        | 7.7         | 6.6        | 6.5         | 6.0        |
| Services                  | 5.2        | 5.1         | 5.3        | 5.1         | 5.1        | 5.3         | 5.4        | 6.2         | 5.4        | 5.6         | 5.4        | 5.9         | 5.4        |

Notes: AE = Advance estimates

Preliminary GDP for Q3 2026 will be released on 18 November 2026

Source: Department of Statistics Malaysia

**Chart 1: Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Q1 2024 – Q3 2026**



Note: AE = Advance estimates

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