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PERFORMANCE OF WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE, MALAYSIA, SEPTEMBER 2026

Malaysia's Wholesale & Retail Trade registered higher sales of RM183.1 billion in September 2026 with a 5.5 per cent increase in the volume index

PUTRAJAYA, 13 NOVEMBER 2026 – The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) published the **PERFORMANCE OF WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE, SEPTEMBER 2026**. Malaysia's Wholesale & Retail Trade recorded sales of **RM183.1 billion** in September 2026, an increase of **15.9 per cent** year-on-year. In tandem with the expansion in sales value, the volume index increased by **5.5 per cent**. The performance was underpinned by growth across all three sub-sectors. Wholesale trade recorded sales of RM89.0 billion, surging by RM17.9 billion or 25.3 per cent year-on-year. While, Retail trade registered sales of RM73.7 billion, an increase of RM4.7 billion or 6.9 per cent, while Motor vehicles recorded sales of RM20.5 billion, rising by RM2.4 billion or 13.4 per cent.

Wholesale trade continued to lead the growth in September 2026, expanding by 25.3 per cent, mainly driven by the Other specialised wholesale group, which grew by 56.7 per cent to RM40.4 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 7.0 per cent to RM16.2 billion, supported by demand for pharmaceutical & medical goods, electrical & electronics goods and clothing. Wholesale of food, beverages & tobacco increased by 6.0 per cent, driven by higher sales of rice, other grains, flour & sugar and fish & other seafood. In addition, Wholesale of machinery, equipment & supplies grew by 11.0 per cent to RM6.6 billion mainly attributable to sales of computers, electronic parts and telephone & communications equipment.

The Retail trade sub-sector continued to record positive growth in September 2026, with sales value increasing by 6.9 per cent to RM73.7 billion. The performance was led by Retail sale in non-specialised stores, which grew by 7.9 per cent to RM29.2 billion, supported by higher sales in supermarkets and mini markets. Similarly, Retail sale of other goods in specialised stores increased by 6.0 per cent to RM15.1 billion, mainly driven by higher demand for pharmaceutical and medical goods

and perfume & cosmetic. Furthermore, Retail sale of automotive fuel in specialised stores increased by 10.6 per cent, while Retail sale of information & communications equipment in specialised stores increased by 6.8 per cent.

The Motor vehicles sub-sector recorded a 13.4 per cent increase in September 2026, supported mainly by Sale of motor vehicles, which increased by 17.3 per cent to RM10.1 billion. Growth was also supported by sales in Sale, maintenance & repair of motorcycles & related parts & accessories (33.0%), Sale of motor vehicle parts & accessories (6.9%), and Maintenance & repair of motor vehicles (6.1%).

The online retail sales index recorded year-on-year growth of 6.3 per cent in September 2026, moderating from the 6.7 per cent increase registered in August 2026.

In terms of volume, the Wholesale & Retail Trade sector registered a 5.5 per cent year-on-year increase in September 2026. The growth was led by the Motor vehicles sub-sector at 12.1 per cent, followed by Wholesale trade (5.5%) and Retail trade (4.2%). On a monthly basis, the volume index rebounded by 2.5 per cent.

Chart 1: Sales Value of Wholesale & Retail Trade

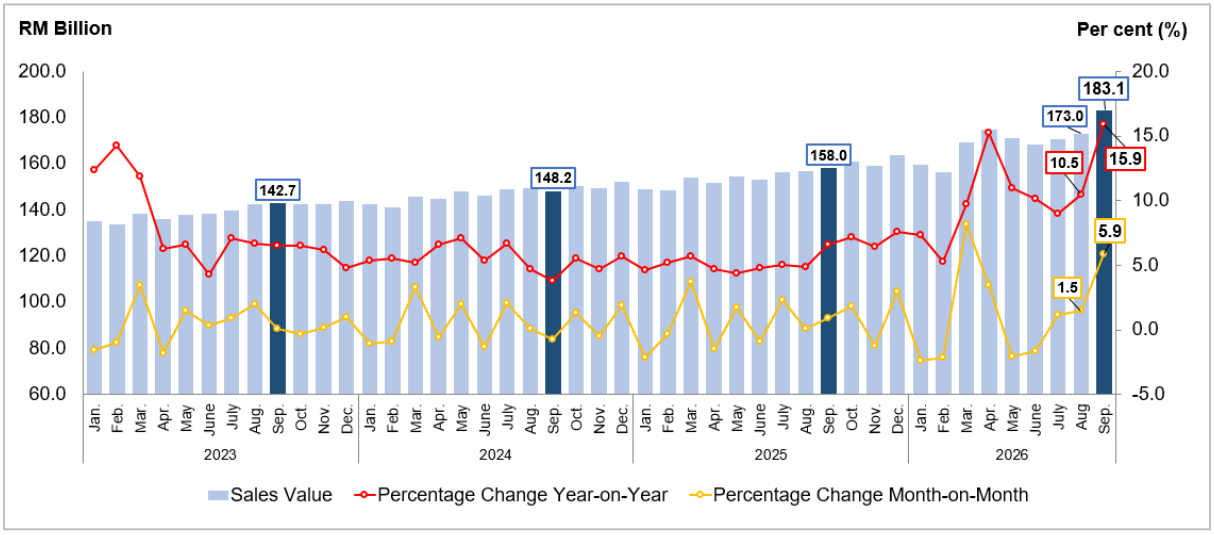


Chart 2: Sales Value of Wholesale Trade

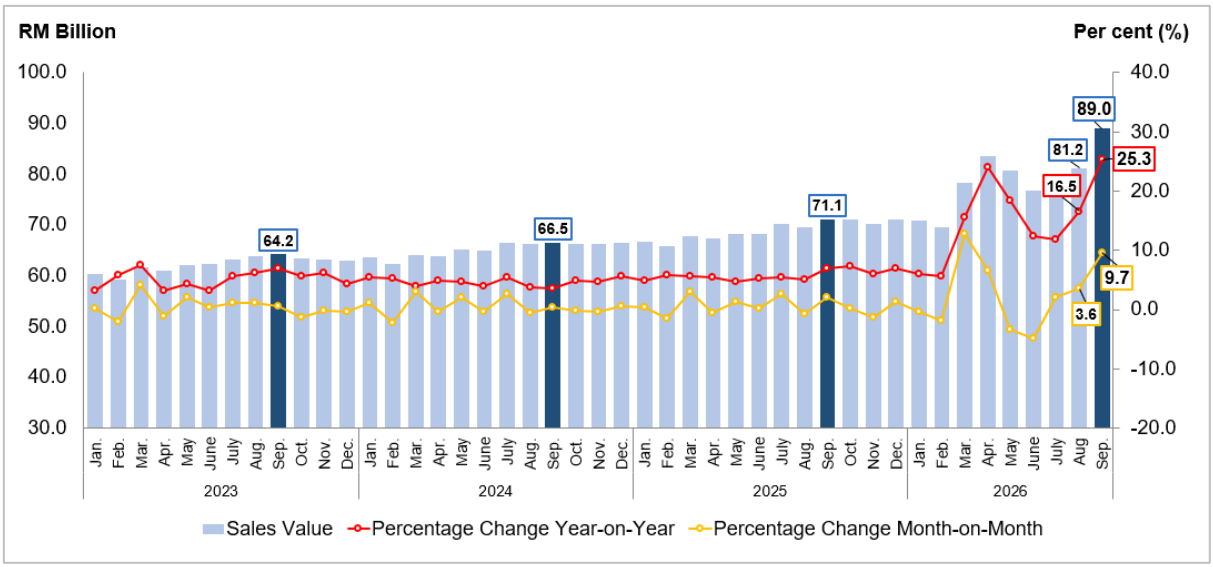


Chart 3: Sales Value of Retail Trade

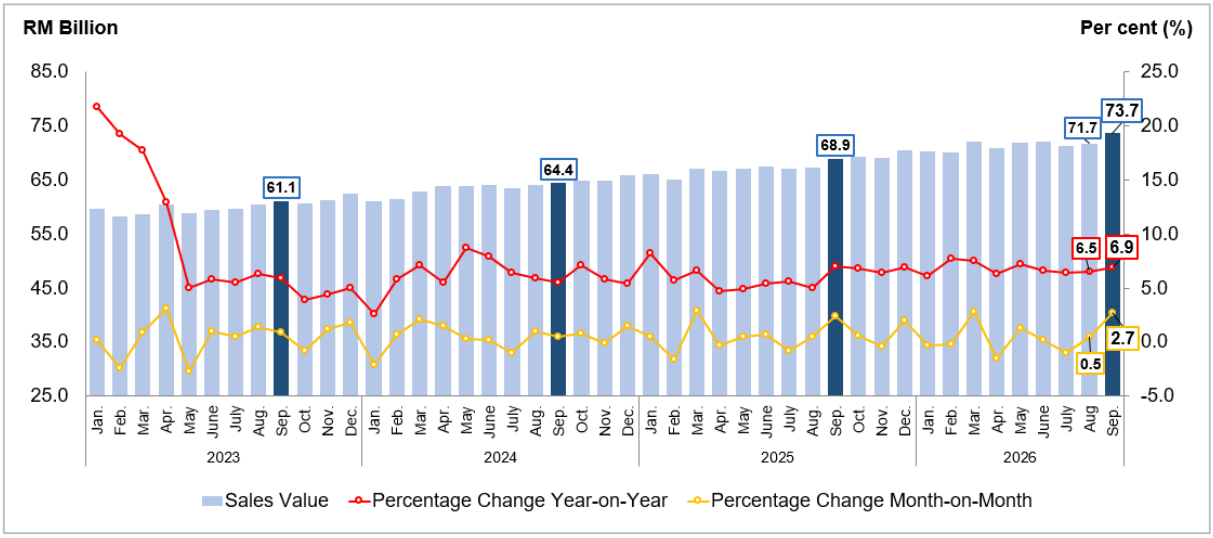


Chart 4: Sales Value of Motor Vehicles

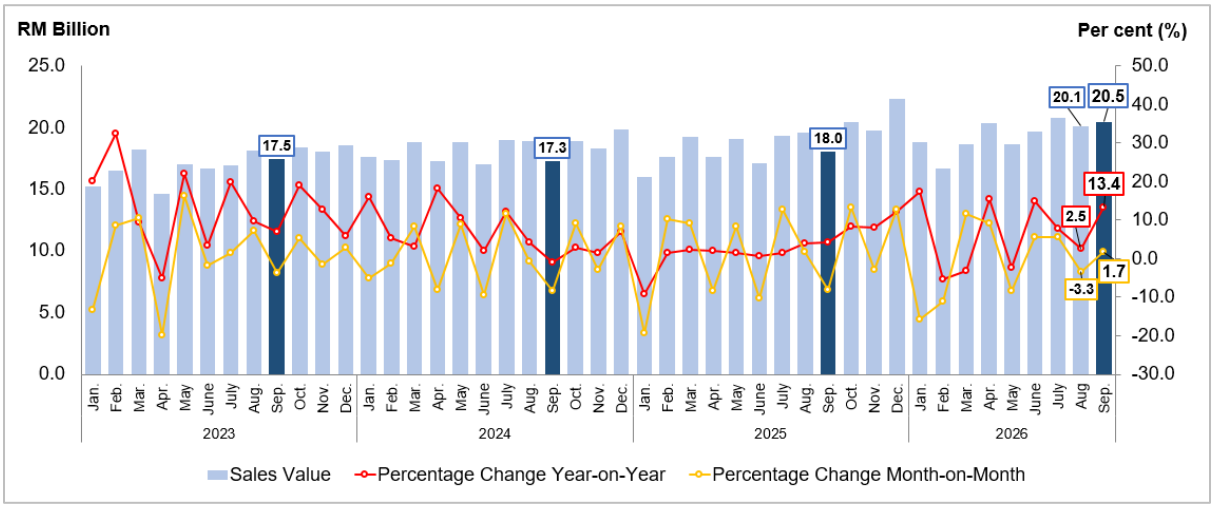


Chart 5: Index of Retail Sale Over the Internet

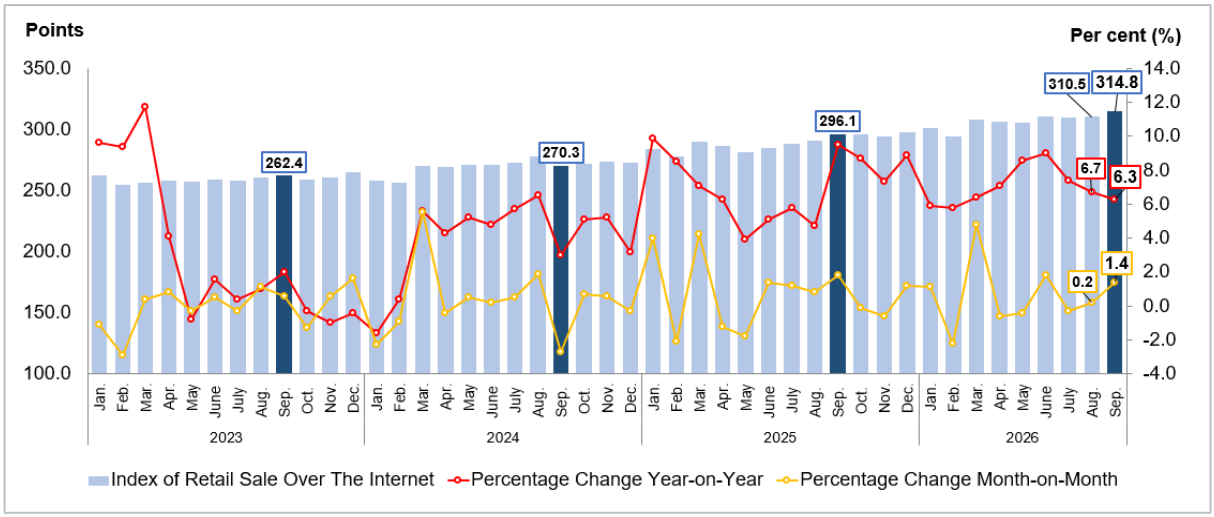
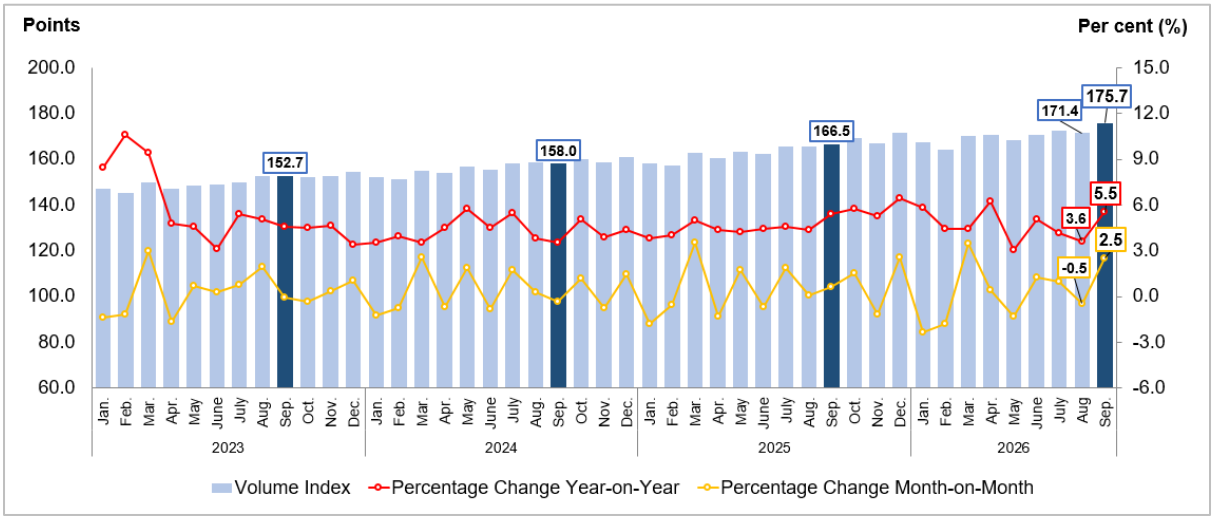


Chart 6: Volume Index of Wholesale & Retail Trade



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