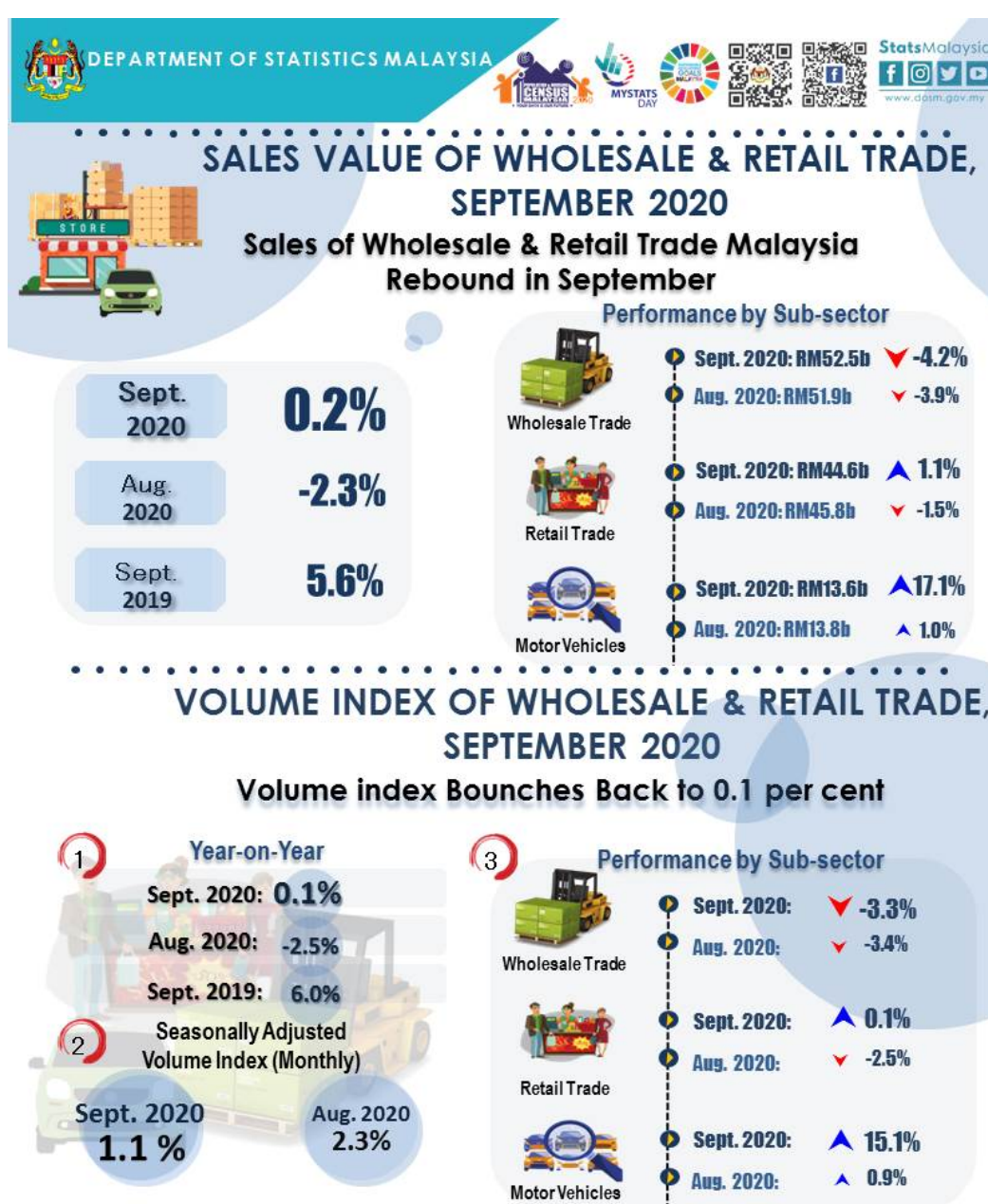




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Percentage change: Year-on-Year

Source: Performance of Wholesale & Retail Trade September 2020, Department of Statistics, Malaysia

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HIGHLIGHTS

Sales value of Wholesale & Retail Trade recorded **RM110.8 billion** in September 2020 with a growth of **0.2 per cent** year-on-year. This was the first positive growth recorded after the Covid-19 outbreak, led by Motor Vehicles which advanced by **17.1 per cent** or an increase of **RM2.0 billion**. Similarly, Retail Trade rose moderately to **1.1 per cent (RM0.5 billion)**. On the other hand, Wholesale Trade contracted **4.2 per cent (-RM2.3 billion)** within the same period.

In September 2020, volume index of Wholesale & Retail Trade was on the positive track to register **0.1 per cent** to record **130.0 points** as compared to the same month of the previous year. Motor Vehicles recorded a positive growth of **15.1 per cent**. Retail Trade also increased **0.1 per cent** within the same period. Contrarily, Wholesale Trade registered **-3.3 per cent**. As for seasonally adjusted volume index, it inched up **1.1 per cent** month-on-month.

Wholesale Trade

Wholesale Trade generated sales value of **RM52.5 billion** in September 2020, a decrease of **RM2.3 billion (-4.2%)** as against September 2019. Other Specialised Wholesale and Wholesale on a Fee or Contract Basis recorded a fall of **14.2 per cent** and **8.3 per cent** respectively as compared to the previous year. For monthly comparison, sales of this sub-sector increased **1.2 per cent**.

Volume index of Wholesale Trade registered **131.6 points**, contracted **3.3 per cent** year-on-year. The negative growth was recorded in Other Specialised Wholesale (**-12.6%**) and Wholesale on a Fee or Contract Basis (**-6.4%**). As for seasonally adjusted volume index, it increased **0.5 per cent** month-on-month.

Retail Trade

Sales of Retail Trade registered a positive growth of **1.1 per cent** as compared to September 2019. Among groups that contributed to this increment were Retail Trade Not in Stores, Stalls or Markets (**9.2%**), Retail Sale Via Stalls & Markets (**8.2%**), Retail Sale of Food, Beverages & Tobacco in Specialised Stores (**8.2%**) and Retail Sale in Non-specialised Stores (**7.6%**). Compared with August 2020, sales of this sub-sector declined **2.5 per cent**.

Volume Index of Retail Trade recorded **0.1 per cent** growth to **134.9 points** as compared to September 2019. Among the groups that contributed to this growth were Retail Trade Not in Stores, Stalls or Markets (**10.0%**), Retail Sale Via Stalls & Markets (**7.5%**), Retail Sale of Food, Beverages & Tobacco in Specialised Stores (**7.5%**) and Retail Sale in Non-specialised Stores (**6.7%**). As for seasonally adjusted volume index, it expanded **2.3 per cent** as against August 2020.

Motor Vehicles

Sales value of Motor Vehicles sub-sector registered year-on-year growth of **17.1 per cent**. This increase was attributed to Sale of Motor Vehicles which registered a growth of **34.8 per cent** and Sale, Maintenance & Repair of Motorcycle **9.4 per cent**. For monthly comparison, sales of this sub-sector decreased **0.8 per cent**.

The volume index of Motor Vehicles grew **15.1 per cent** year-on-year to reach **112.2 points**. The highest increment was contributed by Sale of Motor Vehicles (**41.0%**) and Sale, Maintenance & Repair of Motorcycles (**7.6%**). Seasonally adjusted volume index for this sub-sector went up **9.2 per cent** month-on-month.

The full publication of the Performance of Wholesale & Retail Trade, September 2020 can be downloaded from eStatistik portal.

Note.

Data for September 2020 is provisional. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the Performance of Wholesale & Retail Trade, October 2020.

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