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WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE MALAYSIA RECORDS RM111.7 BILLION IN JANUARY 2021



SALES VALUE OF WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE, JANUARY 2021

Sales of Wholesale & Retail Trade Malaysia Register RM111.7 billion



VOLUME INDEX OF WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE, JANUARY 2021

Volume Index Records -2.9 per cent Growth



Percentage change: Year-on-Year

Source: Performance of Wholesale & Retail Trade January 2021, Department of Statistics, Malaysia

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HIGHLIGHTS

Sales value of Wholesale & Retail Trade recorded **RM111.7 billion** in January 2021, registering **-2.7 per cent** contraction year-on-year. The contraction was due to Motor Vehicles which slipped **-13.8 per cent**. Similarly, Retail Trade and Wholesale Trade also decreased **-2.5 per cent** and **-0.4 per cent** respectively.

In terms of volume index, Wholesale & Retail Trade registered a growth of **-2.9 per cent** year-on-year to record **130.5 points**. The decline was due to the decrease of **-13.1 per cent** and **-3.2 per cent** in Motor Vehicles and Retail Trade respectively. Wholesale Trade also recorded a negative growth to register **-0.1 per cent**. As for seasonally adjusted volume index, it went down **2.0 per cent** month-on-month in January 2021.

Wholesale Trade

Wholesale Trade generated sales value of **RM55.4 billion** in January 2021, a decrease of **RM0.2 billion (-0.4%)** as against January 2020. Wholesale of Agricultural Raw Materials & Live Animals recorded a fall of **-6.0 per cent**, Other Specialised Wholesale **-4.9 per cent** and Wholesale on a Fee or Contract Basis **-4.7 per cent** as compared to the previous year. For monthly comparison, sales of this sub-sector rose **0.2 per cent**.

Volume index of Wholesale Trade registered **131.8 points**, contracted **0.1 per cent** year-on-year. The negative growth was recorded in Wholesale of Agricultural Raw Materials & Live Animals (**-7.6%**), Other Specialised Wholesale (**-5.0%**) and Wholesale on a Fee or Contract Basis (**-2.0%**). As for seasonally adjusted volume index, it increased **0.1 per cent** month-on-month.

Retail Trade

Sales of Retail Trade registered a negative growth of **2.5 per cent** as compared to January 2020. Among groups that contributed to this fall were Retail Sale of Automotive Fuel in Specialised Stores (**-14.1%**), Retail Sale of Other Goods in Specialised Stores (**-7.0%**) and Retail Sale of Cultural & Recreation Goods in Specialised Stores (**-5.1%**). Compared with December 2020, sales of this sub-sector edged down **2.6 per cent**.

Volume Index of Retail Trade recorded **-3.2 per cent** growth to **142.9 points** as compared to January 2020. Among the groups that contributed to this growth were Retail Sale of Automotive Fuel in Specialised Stores (**-12.5%**), Retail Sale of Other Goods in Specialised Stores (**-8.0%**) and Retail Sale of Cultural & Recreation Goods in Specialised Stores (**-6.4%**). As for seasonally adjusted volume index, it increased **2.2 per cent** as against December 2020.

Motor Vehicles

Sales value of Motor Vehicles sub-sector registered year-on-year growth of negative **13.8 per cent**. This decrease was attributed to Sale of Motor Vehicles which registered a growth of **-17.6 per cent** and Sale, Maintenance & Repair of Motorcycle **-11.1 per cent**. For monthly comparison, sales of this sub-sector contracted **20.5 per cent**.

The volume index of Motor Vehicles declined **-13.1 per cent** year-on-year to reach **90.6 points**. The decrease was contributed by Sale of Motor Vehicles (**-16.8%**) and Sale, Maintenance & Repair of Motorcycles (**-11.4%**). Seasonally adjusted volume index for this sub-sector went down **18.2 per cent** month-on-month.

The full publication of the Performance of Wholesale & Retail Trade, January 2021 can be downloaded from [eStatistik](#) portal.

Note.

Data for January 2021 is provisional. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the Performance of Wholesale & Retail Trade, February 2021.

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