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Powered by Broad-Based Growth, Trade Records Exceptional Performance in September

Malaysia's trade performance reached unprecedented levels in the first nine months of 2026, with total trade, exports, imports and trade surplus all hitting their highest levels in the January to September period, underscoring the strength of the country's trade performance amid a shifting global economic landscape. Total trade increased by 30.1% year-on-year (y-o-y) to RM2.910 trillion, with exports increased by 34.0% to RM1.571 trillion and imports expanded by 25.7% to RM1.339 trillion, resulting in a trade surplus of RM232.38 billion which increased by 115.7%.

Malaysia's export growth in the first nine months of 2026 was underpinned by broad-based gains in manufactured and mining sectors, both registering double-digit growth. Exports of electrical and electronic (E&E) products remained a key driver for growth, increasing by almost RM254 billion amid sustained global demand for semiconductors, rising investment in artificial intelligence (AI) and wider adoption of digital technologies. Export expansion was also supported by other manufactured goods, namely petroleum products; optical and scientific equipment; machinery, equipment and parts as well as manufactures of metal. Meanwhile, higher exports of metalliferous ores and metal scrap as well as liquefied natural gas (LNG) contributed to the positive performance of mining goods.

In terms of markets, Malaysia's export performance benefited from increased shipments to its major trading partners, with ASEAN, the People's Republic of China, the United States, Taiwan and the European Union all registering notable growth. Export

expansion was also broad-based across Malaysia's Free Trade Agreement (FTA) partners, reflecting stronger demand in markets such as Hong Kong SAR, Japan, India, the Republic of Korea, Australia, Mexico, Türkiye, the United Kingdom, Canada and Peru.

External trade delivered a remarkable performance in September 2026, with total trade, exports and imports all reaching new monthly highs. Total trade expanded by 53.7% y-o-y to RM396.50 billion, supported by robust growth of more than 50% in both exports and imports. Exports soared 54.5% to RM215.11 billion, marking the fastest growth since April 2021 and surpassing RM200 billion for the first time. Imports also grew by 52.7% to RM181.39 billion. The country recorded a trade surplus of RM33.72 billion, the 77th consecutive month of surplus since May 2020.

The positive trade momentum from January to September 2026 aligns with a favourable outlook for the country's external trade and economic growth. According to the Ministry of Finance's *Economic Outlook 2027*, total trade is projected to grow 27.2% in 2026, with exports increasing by 31.0% and imports rising by 23.1%. On the economic front, Malaysia's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth forecast for 2026 by the MOF to be ranged within 4.8% to 5.3%, while the World Bank has also upgraded its growth projection to 5.1% (cf. 4.4% in April 2026). At the global level, the WTO revised its forecast for global merchandise trade volume growth upwards in 2026 to 3.9% (cf. 1.9% in March 2026).

Despite the positive outlook, Malaysia's trade performance remains exposed to uncertainties arising from shifting trade policies by major economies and geopolitical tensions, particularly the ongoing conflicts in West Asia, which could disrupt global trade flows and intensify cost pressures. MITI and MATRADE will continue to assess these developments, strengthen market diversification, expand access to high-growth markets and help Malaysian exporters adapt to evolving global trade conditions.

Further details of **Malaysia's Trade Performance for September 2026 and January-September 2026** are available in the [Appendix](#) below, which should be read together with the [Notes](#) accompanying this report.

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Export Performance of Major Sectors

Exports of Manufactured and Mining Goods Reached All-Time High

In September 2026, exports of manufactured goods, which accounted for 89.1% of total exports, soared 58.6% y-o-y to a record high of RM191.57 billion buoyed by rising exports of E&E products, petroleum products, optical and scientific equipment as well as machinery, equipment and parts. E&E products as well as optical and scientific equipment recorded their highest monthly export value.

Exports of mining goods (5.3% share) surged 56.3% y-o-y to RM11.43 billion, the highest value ever recorded. This was driven by increased exports of LNG, supported by higher export prices, and crude petroleum, attributed to both higher export prices and quantities, as well as metalliferous ores and metal scrap.

However, exports of agriculture goods (4.2% share) fell 5.7% y-o-y to RM9.03 billion, following a lower value of palm oil and palm oil-based agriculture products due to reduced export quantity.

Major exports in September 2026:

- E&E products, valued at RM110.23 billion and accounted for 51.2% of total exports, increased by 69.2% compared to September 2025;
- Petroleum products, RM12.17 billion, 5.7% of total exports, ↑33.2%;
- Machinery, equipment and parts, RM8.73 billion, 4.1% of total exports, ↑38.4%;
- Optical and scientific equipment, RM8.11 billion, 3.8% of total exports, ↑43.2%; and
- Palm oil and palm oil-based agriculture products, RM6.77 billion, 3.1% of total exports, ↓9.1%.

On a month-on-month (m-o-m) basis, exports of manufactured, mining and agriculture goods posted double-digit expansion of 12.1%, 12.8% and 20.8%, respectively.

In the first nine months of 2026, exports of manufactured goods grew by 37.6% to RM1.395 trillion compared with the corresponding period in 2025, owing to rising exports of E&E products, petroleum products, optical and scientific equipment, machinery, equipment and parts as well as manufactures of metal. Exports of mining goods increased by 28.1% to RM85.25 billion due to higher shipments of metalliferous ores and metal scrap as well as LNG. Exports of agriculture goods, however dropped 8.5% to RM74.44 billion led by the lower values of palm oil and palm oil-based agriculture products as well as natural rubber.

Trade Performance with Major Markets

In September 2026, Malaysia's trade with major trading partners namely **ASEAN, the People's Republic of China (China), the United States (US), Taiwan and the European Union (EU)**, accounted for a 73.0% of total trade.

ASEAN – Highest Export Value Registered

Malaysia's total trade with ASEAN surged by 53.7% y-o-y to RM102.65 billion in September 2026, accounting for 25.9% of Malaysia's total trade. Exports recorded double-digit growth for the sixth consecutive month, expanding by 46.2% to a record high of RM59.55 billion, supported by strong exports of E&E products as well as machinery, equipment and parts. Imports from ASEAN increased by 65.4% to RM43.10 billion.

Breakdown of exports to ASEAN countries:

- Singapore RM35.45 billion, up by 50.4%, y-o-y;
- Thailand RM8.68 billion, ↑57.3%;
- Viet Nam RM7.68 billion, ↑55.0%;
- Indonesia RM4.29 billion, ↑9.9%;
- Philippines RM2.39 billion, ↑18.0%;
- Cambodia RM373.4 million, ↑3.9%;
- Brunei RM336.1 million, ↑24.4%;
- Myanmar RM323.5 million, ↑193.2%;
- Timor-Leste RM20.3 million, ↑56.6%; and
- Lao PDR RM12.2 million, ↑84.7%.

All ASEAN markets recorded export growth. Exports to **Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam** increased by RM11.88 billion, RM3.16 billion and RM2.73 billion, respectively attributed to higher exports of E&E products. Exports to **Singapore and Thailand** reached their highest monthly value to date.

On a m-o-m basis, total trade, exports and imports grew by 15.0%, 13.6% and 16.9%, respectively.

In the first nine months of 2026, Malaysia's total trade with ASEAN expanded by 29.0% to RM744.02 billion compared with the corresponding period in 2025. Exports to the region grew by 25.5% to RM427.61 billion, buoyed by growing exports of E&E products, petroleum products, machinery, equipment and parts, optical and scientific equipment as well as manufactures of metal. Imports from ASEAN increased by 34.1% to RM316.41 billion.

China - The Ninth Successive Month of Expansion

Total trade with China grew by 51.7% y-o-y to RM72.69 billion in September 2026, representing 18.3% of Malaysia's total trade and marking the 13th consecutive month of double-digit growth. Exports increased by 22.1% to RM20.39 billion, marking the ninth successive month of expansion, boosted by strong exports of E&E products, LNG as well as metalliferous ores and metal scrap. Imports from China were up by 67.6% to RM52.29 billion.

Compared with August 2026, total trade and imports expanded by 11.7% and 17.8%, respectively while exports edged down by 1.5%.

From January to September 2026, total trade with China rose 37.0% to RM529.37 billion compared with the same period in 2025. Exports grew 23.5% to RM168.96 billion led by higher demand for E&E products, metalliferous ores and metal scrap, LNG as well as optical and scientific equipment. Imports from China expanded by 44.5% to RM360.41 billion.

The US – Exports Strengthen to a New Milestone

In September 2026, total trade with the US accounted for 12.6% of Malaysia's total trade and surged by 72.8% y-o-y to RM49.87 billion. Exports grew by 89.9% to a new high of RM38.03 billion, bolstered mainly by higher exports of E&E products. Imports from the US increased by 34.1% to RM11.84 billion.

Compared with August 2026, total trade, exports and imports were higher by 4.9%, 1.6% and 17.3%, respectively.

During the first nine-month period, total trade with the US rose 39.6% to RM378.70 billion compared with the corresponding period in 2025. Exports increased by 69.1% to RM282.07 billion, led by rising demand for E&E products, optical and scientific equipment as well as manufactures of metal. Imports from the US contracted by 7.5% to RM96.63 billion.

Taiwan – The Highest Export Value Thus Far

Malaysia's total trade with Taiwan doubled from September 2025, expanding by 101.8% y-o-y to RM40.71 billion and representing 10.3% of Malaysia's total trade. Exports more than doubled, growing by 175.2% to RM21.45 billion on strong exports of E&E products, LNG and optical and scientific equipment. This was the highest monthly export value recorded thus far. Imports from Taiwan rose 55.6% to RM19.26 billion.

Compared with August 2026, total trade and exports expanded by 13.2% and 49.8%, respectively, while imports slipped by 11.0%.

In the first nine months of 2026, total trade with Taiwan rose 47.1% to RM254.21 billion compared with the same period in 2025. Exports surged by 88.0% to RM116.58 billion, stemming from higher exports of E&E products, optical and scientific equipment, machinery, equipment and parts as well as LNG. Imports from Taiwan increased by 24.2% to RM137.63 billion.

The EU – Total Trade and Exports Sustained Double-Digit Growth for Six Successive Months

Total trade with the EU in September 2026 represented 5.9% of Malaysia's total trade, expanding by 17.8% y-o-y to RM23.59 billion. Exports increased by 24.7% to RM14.79 billion, contributed by higher shipments of E&E products. This marked the sixth successive month of double-digit growth for total trade and exports to the EU. Imports from the EU increased by 7.9% to RM8.80 billion.

The top 10 EU markets which accounted for 95.0% of Malaysia's total exports to the region were:

- Netherlands RM6.18 billion, increased by 44.7%, y-o-y;
- Germany RM2.57 billion, ↓1.4%;
- France RM1.14 billion, ↑146.7%;
- Italy RM804.1 million, ↑29.0%;
- Ireland RM781.3 million, ↑34.2%;
- Czech Republic RM762.1 million, ↑128.6%;
- Belgium RM567.6 million, ↑18.7%;
- Poland RM463.0 million, ↑7.2%;
- Spain RM436.8 million, ↓34.2%; and
- Hungary RM343.3 million, ↓21.3%.

Major export markets that grew included **the Netherlands** which increased by RM1.91 billion y-o-y, **France**, by RM680.2 million, **Ireland**, by RM199.3 million, **the Czech Republic**, by RM428.7 million, attributed to higher shipments of E&E products. Exports to **the Czech Republic** hit a record monthly high.

Meanwhile, exports to **Italy** were higher by RM180.6 million, due to growing exports of palm oil and palm oil-based agriculture products, **Belgium**, by RM89.4 million, attributed to increased exports of petroleum products and **Poland**, by RM31.1 million, bolstered by higher exports of machinery, equipment and parts.

On a m-o-m basis, total trade, exports and imports were higher by 5.9%, 8.1% and 2.4%, respectively.

From January to September 2026, total trade with the EU grew by 20.6% to RM199.83 billion compared with the same period in 2025. Exports climbed 27.9% to RM119.20 billion attributed to increased demand for E&E products and petroleum products. Imports from the EU expanded by 11.2% to RM80.63 billion.

Trade with FTA Partners

In September 2026, total trade with FTA partners which constituted 66.0% of Malaysia's total trade grew 53.1% y-o-y to RM261.73 billion. Exports to FTA partners increased by 42.0% to RM130.78 billion while imports expanded by 66.0% to RM130.94 billion.

Markets that recorded export growth were **Hong Kong SAR**, which soared by 86.3% y-o-y to RM15.01 billion, **Japan**, 40.3% to RM8.74 billion, **Mexico**, 65.8% to RM4.53 billion and **Australia**, 19.1% to RM4.86 billion, supported by growing exports of E&E products.

Meanwhile, exports to **the United Arab Emirates (UAE)** grew by 36.1% y-o-y to RM1.52 billion and **Türkiye**, by 4.8% to RM1.59 billion, due to robust exports of petroleum products. Exports to **Peru** expanded by 42.2% to RM56.7 million and **Chile**, by 17.5% to RM47.4 million, attributed to growing exports of machinery, equipment and parts.

Additionally, exports to **India** surged by 43.7% y-o-y to RM6.46 billion, supported by higher exports of palm oil and palm oil-based agriculture products, exports to **the United Kingdom (UK)** grew by 65.3% to RM1.26 billion on higher exports of transport equipment, exports to **the Republic of Korea (ROK)** expanded by 21.7% to RM5.10 billion driven by higher demand for optical and scientific equipment and exports to **Canada** soared by 132.9% to RM1.01 billion following increased exports of iron and steel products. Exports to **Hong Kong SAR**, **the UK** and **Canada** posted their highest monthly values thus far.

On a m-o-m basis, total trade, exports and imports with FTA partners were higher by 14.0%, 11.1% and 17.1%, respectively.

During the first nine months of 2026, total trade with FTA partners rose 30.9% to RM1.916 trillion, exports climbed 25.8% to RM986.38 billion and imports expanded by 36.8% to RM929.51 billion compared with the same period in 2025.

Import Performance

Total imports in September 2026 rose 52.7% y-o-y to RM181.39 billion. The three main categories of imports by end use, which accounted for 69.1% of total imports were:

- **Intermediate goods**, valued at RM92.10 billion or 50.8% of total imports, surged by 69.6% y-o-y, as a result of higher imports of parts and accessories of non-transport capital goods;
- **Capital goods**, valued at RM22.32 billion or 12.3% of total imports, increased by 20.9%, following higher imports of non-transport capital goods; and
- **Consumption goods**, valued at RM10.91 billion or 6.0% of total imports, expanded by 18.2%, attributed to higher import of non-durables.

Compared with August 2026, imports increased by 11.3%. Imports of intermediate goods grew by 1.5%, imports of capital goods rose 3.5% and imports of consumption goods expanded by 17.9%.

During the first nine months of 2026, imports climbed 25.7% to RM1.339 trillion compared with the same period last year. Imports of intermediate goods rose 21.1% to RM645.77 billion, capital goods rose 9.3% to RM174.76 billion and consumption goods were up by 5.2% to RM91.70 billion.

Notes:

- *It should be noted that, conceptually, the export and import figures in the external trade statistics are different from that in the goods account of the balance of payments compilation. The compilation of international merchandise trade statistics is usually based on customs records, which essentially reflect the physical movement of goods across borders and follow international guidelines on concepts and definitions i.e. International Merchandise Trade Statistics: Concepts and Definitions 2010 (IMTS 2010) which is different from the principles of the System of National Accounts (SNA) and the Balance of Payments Compilation. Goods are defined in the SNA as “physical objects for which a demand exists, over which ownership rights can be established and whose ownership can be transferred from one institutional unit to another by engaging in transactions on markets”.*
- *“This is a preliminary release, full details would be published in the “MONTHLY EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS” report by the Department of Statistics, Malaysia, to be disseminated on Wednesday, 28th October 2026 and can be downloaded through statistic at the Department of Statistics, Malaysia’s portal (<https://newss.statistics.gov.my/newss-portalx/ep/epLogin.seam>).*
- *This media release can be accessed through the portal of Malaysian External Trade Statistics, Ministry of International Trade and Industry (<http://www.miti.gov.my>) and Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (<http://www.matrade.gov.my>).*
- *The September 2026 data is provisional and subject to revisions in later issue.*
- *With effect from reference month April 2018, selection of codes for exports and imports of palm oil and palm oil-based products has been reviewed and revised for better representation of the product and this has resulted in some changes to the data.*
- *FTA partners comprise of 24 countries: Australia, Brunei, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Hong Kong SAR, India, Indonesia, Japan, Lao PDR, Mexico, Myanmar, New Zealand, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Türkiye, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and Viet Nam.*
- *With effect from reference month of February 2020, the United Kingdom is no longer a Member State of the European Union (EU).*
- *With effect from the reference month of November 2025, Timor-Leste became the 11th member of ASEAN.*
- *Commencing from reference month of June 2022, Harmonised Commodity description and Coding system 2022 (HS2022) also known as Customs Duties Order (PDK) 2022 was used for the processing of external trade statistics (merchandise). This coding classification replaced the HS2017 which were in use from April 2017 to May 2022. However, for Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) Rev.4 is still in use with appropriate update.*
- *The WTO refers to world merchandise trade volume while the IMF refers to world trade volume (goods and services).*
- *Total figure may not add up exactly due to rounding.*

TABLE 1: SUMMARY OF MALAYSIA'S EXTERNAL TRADE

Year/ Period	<u>Total Exports</u> (RM Million)	<u>Total Imports</u> (RM Million)	<u>Trade Balance</u> (RM Million)	<u>Total Trade</u> (RM Million)
2025^f				
January	122,881.1	119,164.7	3,716.4	242,045.8
February	118,288.3	105,729.7	12,558.7	224,018.0
March	137,802.3	112,728.8	25,073.5	250,531.1
April	133,438.7	128,369.4	5,069.3	261,808.1
May	127,067.4	125,869.4	1,198.0	252,936.7
June	122,309.3	113,284.8	9,024.4	235,594.1
July	140,240.0	125,458.2	14,781.8	265,698.3
August	131,341.2	115,479.4	15,861.8	246,820.6
September	139,254.1	118,797.0	20,457.1	258,051.1
October	148,444.0	127,895.5	20,548.5	276,339.5
November	135,043.4	128,853.7	6,189.6	263,897.1
December	153,281.5	130,927.8	22,353.7	284,209.3
2025(Jan-Dec) ^f	1,609,391.2	1,452,558.4	156,832.8	3,061,949.6
2026^p				
January	146,827.7	124,869.2	21,958.5	271,697.0
February	130,952.4	114,244.3	16,708.0	245,196.7
March	148,788.0	124,291.4	24,496.7	273,079.4
April	183,270.4	154,044.2	29,226.2	337,314.7
May	183,860.6	143,987.2	39,873.4	327,847.7
June	177,917.8	162,140.1	15,777.7	340,057.9
July	193,550.5	171,017.6	22,532.9	364,568.0
August	191,033.2	162,947.8	28,085.4	353,981.0
September	215,112.7	181,388.9	33,723.7	396,501.6
Change m-o-m (%)	12.6	11.3	20.1	12.0
Change y-o-y (%)	54.5	52.7	64.9	53.7
2025^f				
Q1	378,971.7	337,623.1	41,348.6	716,594.8
Q2	382,815.3	367,523.6	15,291.7	750,338.9
Q3	410,835.2	359,734.6	51,100.6	770,569.9
Q4	436,768.9	387,677.0	49,091.9	824,446.0
2026^p				
Q1	426,568.1	363,404.9	63,163.2	789,973.0
Q2	545,048.9	460,171.5	84,877.4	1,005,220.3
Q3	599,696.3	515,354.3	84,342.0	1,115,050.7
Change q-o-q (%)	10.0	12.0	-0.6	10.9
Change y-o-y (%)	46.0	43.3	65.1	44.7
Jan-Sep 2025 ^f	1,172,622.3	1,064,881.3	107,740.9	2,237,503.6
Jan-Sep 2026^p	1,571,313.3	1,338,930.7	232,382.6	2,910,244.1
Change y-o-y (%)	34.0	25.7	115.7	30.1

Note: Total figure may not add up exactly due to rounding

TABLE 2: MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS (SEPTEMBER 2026)

Markets	Sep 2026 ^p	Aug 2026 ^p	Sep 2025 ^f	Change m-o-m	Change y-o-y
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million	%	%
Total Trade	396,501.6	353,981.0	258,051.1	12.0	53.7
ASEAN	102,650.4	89,290.7	66,788.3	15.0	53.7
China	72,686.9	65,084.3	47,900.4	11.7	51.7
Singapore	58,319.6	49,712.7	35,560.9	17.3	64.0
USA	49,870.4	47,538.0	28,855.4	4.9	72.8
Taiwan	40,713.2	35,960.5	20,171.5	13.2	101.8
EU	23,586.4	22,269.5	20,014.4	5.9	17.8
ROK	18,558.2	16,976.0	8,594.7	9.3	115.9
Hong Kong SAR	17,118.0	13,444.5	9,626.2	27.3	77.8
Japan	15,484.1	15,386.6	11,401.0	0.6	35.8
Thailand	14,046.0	12,829.8	10,315.7	9.5	36.2
Viet Nam	13,435.0	11,049.9	7,890.2	21.6	70.3
Indonesia	10,748.4	10,139.0	9,223.6	6.0	16.5

TABLE 3: MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS (JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2026)

Markets	Jan-Sep 2026 ^p	Jan-Sep 2025 ^f	Change
	RM Million	RM Million	%
Total Trade	2,910,244.1	2,237,503.6	30.1
ASEAN	744,024.9	576,653.3	29.0
China	529,369.6	386,273.5	37.0
Singapore	397,708.6	302,436.8	31.5
USA	378,704.8	271,257.7	39.6
Taiwan	254,214.8	172,789.7	47.1
EU	199,832.3	165,702.5	20.6
ROK	127,834.8	84,558.9	51.2
Japan	124,136.4	106,118.6	17.0
Hong Kong SAR	122,292.6	80,619.5	51.7
Thailand	111,805.5	87,694.2	27.5
Viet Nam	95,508.8	65,058.9	46.8
Indonesia	91,985.0	83,479.9	10.2

TABLE 4: MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS (SEPTEMBER 2026)

Products	Sep 2026 ^p	Aug 2026 ^p	Sep 2025 ^f	Change m-o-m	Change y-o-y
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million	%	%
Total Exports	215,112.7	191,033.2	139,254.1	12.6	54.5
Electrical & Electronic Products	110,229.3	92,489.4	65,137.0	19.2	69.2
Petroleum Products	12,173.0	11,066.5	9,141.0	10.0	33.2
Machinery, Equipment & Parts	8,726.3	8,628.9	6,307.3	1.1	38.4
Optical & Scientific Equipment	8,110.9	7,516.9	5,665.0	7.9	43.2
Palm Oil & Palm Oil Based Agriculture Products	6,774.8	5,485.5	7,450.2	23.5	-9.1
Manufactures of Metal	6,225.6	6,682.9	4,911.1	-6.8	26.8
LNG	5,491.6	6,096.0	3,769.5	-9.9	45.7
Chemicals & Chemical Products	5,186.4	5,336.3	5,293.6	-2.8	-2.0
Palm Oil-Based Manufactured Products	3,531.9	3,578.0	3,575.7	-1.3	-1.2
Processed Food	2,973.3	2,705.8	2,907.8	9.9	2.3

TABLE 5: MAJOR EXPORT MARKETS (SEPTEMBER 2026)

Markets	Sep 2026 ^p	Aug 2026 ^p	Sep 2025 ^f	Change m-o-m	Change y-o-y
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million	%	%
Total Exports	215,112.7	191,033.2	139,254.1	12.6	54.5
ASEAN	59,552.6	52,432.7	40,730.2	13.6	46.2
USA	38,033.4	37,449.3	20,028.9	1.6	89.9
Singapore	35,454.6	30,731.0	23,573.1	15.4	50.4
Taiwan	21,452.8	14,318.1	7,794.3	49.8	175.2
China	20,393.4	20,702.4	16,698.2	-1.5	22.1
Hong Kong SAR	15,006.1	11,896.2	8,056.3	26.1	86.3
EU	14,787.8	13,679.9	11,858.6	8.1	24.7
Japan	8,743.1	8,901.1	6,233.5	-1.8	40.3
Thailand	8,676.1	7,287.2	5,515.7	19.1	57.3
Viet Nam	7,681.0	6,467.0	4,955.0	18.8	55.0
India	6,462.9	4,849.8	4,497.7	33.3	43.7
Netherlands	6,184.3	5,223.0	4,273.1	18.4	44.7

TABLE 6: MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS (3rd QUARTER 2026)

Products	Q3 2026 ^p	Q2 2026 ^p	Q3 2025 ^f	Change q-o-q	Change y-o-y
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million	%	%
Total Exports	599,696.3	545,048.9	410,835.2	10.0	46.0
Electrical & Electronic Products	298,371.9	264,978.3	184,021.0	12.6	62.1
Petroleum Products	33,548.3	41,674.5	26,361.0	-19.5	27.3
Machinery, Equipment & Parts	27,000.5	23,262.9	19,880.8	16.1	35.8
Optical & Scientific Equipment	23,263.2	22,135.5	17,359.3	5.1	34.0
Manufactures of Metal	19,942.5	20,004.7	15,555.4	-0.3	28.2
Palm Oil & Palm Oil Based Agriculture Products	19,501.7	18,270.0	21,498.3	6.7	-9.3
LNG	16,671.2	16,128.7	12,241.2	3.4	36.2
Chemicals & Chemical Products	16,329.8	17,314.2	16,525.6	-5.7	-1.2
Palm Oil- Based Manufactured Products	11,695.1	11,620.4	10,687.0	0.6	9.4
Processed Food	8,678.8	8,235.9	9,763.5	5.4	-11.1

TABLE 7: MAJOR EXPORT MARKETS (3rd QUARTER 2026)

Markets	Q3 2026 ^p	Q2 2026 ^p	Q3 2025 ^f	Change q-o-q	Change y-o-y
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million	%	%
Total Exports	599,696.3	545,048.9	410,835.2	10.0	46.0
ASEAN	168,000.3	150,351.4	121,687.0	11.7	38.1
USA	108,687.6	98,572.1	54,751.1	10.3	98.5
Singapore	96,214.1	79,141.8	68,758.2	21.6	39.9
China	61,680.4	59,672.8	49,778.8	3.4	23.9
Taiwan	51,124.9	37,091.9	22,707.0	37.8	125.2
EU	43,349.8	40,610.3	34,124.7	6.7	27.0
Hong Kong SAR	37,087.4	35,958.0	21,117.4	3.1	75.6
Japan	25,992.1	22,105.8	18,979.1	17.6	37.0
Thailand	23,905.2	21,712.5	16,764.1	10.1	42.6
Viet Nam	22,525.7	20,098.4	14,717.2	12.1	53.1
India	18,017.5	16,228.4	13,638.9	11.0	32.1
Netherlands	17,129.4	16,758.9	11,492.6	2.2	49.0

TABLE 8: MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS (JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2026)

Products	Jan-Sep 2026 ^p	Jan-Sep 2025 ^f	Change
	RM Million	RM Million	%
Total Exports	1,571,313.3	1,172,622.3	34.0
Electrical & Electronic Products	766,377.1	512,491.9	49.5
Petroleum Products	99,728.7	78,295.0	27.4
Machinery, Equipment & Parts	69,843.1	57,944.5	20.5
Optical & Scientific Equipment	64,543.5	46,678.9	38.3
Manufactures of Metal	56,644.2	46,373.3	22.1
Palm Oil & Palm Oil Based Agriculture Products	55,275.0	60,906.3	-9.2
Chemicals & Chemical Products	48,142.8	49,309.4	-2.4
LNG	45,749.1	38,105.0	20.1
Palm Oil-Based Manufactured Products	32,528.7	30,140.7	7.9
Processed Food	25,242.6	28,675.1	-12.0

TABLE 9: MAJOR EXPORT MARKETS (JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2026)

Markets	Jan-Sep 2026 ^p	Jan-Sep 2025 ^f	Change
	RM Million	RM Million	%
Total Exports	1,571,313.3	1,172,622.3	34.0
ASEAN	427,610.0	340,629.9	25.5
USA	282,074.5	166,776.2	69.1
Singapore	230,475.6	187,609.9	22.8
China	168,960.7	136,800.6	23.5
EU	119,199.1	93,181.7	27.9
Taiwan	116,580.4	62,008.8	88.0
Hong Kong SAR	104,766.8	66,668.9	57.1
Japan	67,959.9	57,435.1	18.3
Thailand	63,350.9	47,878.2	32.3
Viet Nam	57,962.1	40,009.9	44.9
India	48,149.4	38,287.8	25.8
ROK	47,359.6	38,471.1	23.1

TABLE 10: MAJOR IMPORT PRODUCTS (SEPTEMBER 2026)

Products	Sep 2026 ^p	Aug 2026 ^p	Sep 2025 ^f	Change m-o-m	Change y-o-y
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million	%	%
Total Imports	181,388.9	162,947.8	118,797.0	11.3	52.7
Electrical & Electronic Products	87,926.8	81,288.6	45,730.3	8.2	92.3
Machinery, Equipment & Parts	14,127.6	12,037.9	9,585.8	17.4	47.4
Petroleum Products	11,871.8	10,485.8	7,992.2	13.2	48.5
Chemicals & Chemical Products	9,468.2	7,856.8	7,480.1	20.5	26.6
Manufactures of Metal	7,834.9	6,776.9	5,251.5	15.6	49.2
Crude Petroleum	5,454.0	6,711.8	6,663.6	-18.7	-18.2
Optical & Scientific Equipment	4,460.0	4,215.4	2,977.0	5.8	49.8
Transport Equipment	3,969.1	3,772.7	4,766.0	5.2	-16.7
Metalliferous Ores & Metal Scrap	3,209.4	2,272.5	1,464.9	41.2	119.1
Iron & Steel Products	3,030.0	2,265.2	2,271.5	33.8	33.4

TABLE 11: MAJOR IMPORT SOURCES (SEPTEMBER 2026)

Sources	Sep 2026 ^p	Aug 2026 ^p	Sep 2025 ^f	Change m-o-m	Change y-o-y
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million	%	%
Total Imports	181,388.9	162,947.8	118,797.0	11.3	52.7
China	52,293.5	44,381.9	31,202.2	17.8	67.6
ASEAN	43,097.7	36,858.0	26,058.1	16.9	65.4
Singapore	22,865.0	18,981.6	11,987.7	20.5	90.7
Taiwan	19,260.4	21,642.4	12,377.2	-11.0	55.6
ROK	13,455.4	11,863.6	4,402.1	13.4	205.7
USA	11,837.0	10,088.6	8,826.4	17.3	34.1
EU	8,798.6	8,589.6	8,155.9	2.4	7.9
Japan	6,740.9	6,485.4	5,167.5	3.9	30.4
Indonesia	6,463.4	5,384.6	5,323.2	20.0	21.4
Viet Nam	5,754.0	4,583.0	2,935.2	25.6	96.0
Thailand	5,369.9	5,542.6	4,800.0	-3.1	11.9
Australia	4,027.7	2,705.7	2,677.2	48.9	50.4

TABLE 12: MAJOR IMPORT PRODUCTS (3rd QUARTER 2026)

Products	Q3 2026 ^p	Q2 2026 ^p	Q3 2025 ^f	Change q-o-q	Change y-o-y
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million	%	%
Total Imports	515,354.3	460,171.5	359,734.6	12.0	43.3
Electrical & Electronic Products	246,043.3	195,314.8	137,172.3	26.0	79.4
Machinery, Equipment & Parts	40,478.0	35,322.5	30,333.9	14.6	33.4
Petroleum Products	35,803.1	42,629.1	25,152.2	-16.0	42.3
Chemicals & Chemical Products	26,662.5	28,675.9	23,663.8	-7.0	12.7
Manufactures of Metal	22,014.5	20,083.2	16,675.0	9.6	32.0
Crude Petroleum	15,291.3	12,510.2	15,875.5	22.2	-3.7
Transport Equipment	13,859.1	14,274.9	15,566.0	-2.9	-11.0
Optical & Scientific Equipment	12,927.4	11,247.5	9,626.8	14.9	34.3
Iron & Steel Products	8,011.5	7,902.7	7,077.6	1.4	13.2
Metalliferous Ores & Metal Scrap	7,835.0	6,889.7	5,518.7	13.7	42.0

TABLE 13: MAJOR IMPORT SOURCES (3rd QUARTER 2026)

Sources	Q3 2026 ^p	Q2 2026 ^p	Q3 2025 ^f	Change q-o-q	Change y-o-y
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million	%	%
Total Imports	515,354.3	460,171.5	359,734.6	12.0	43.3
China	142,503.3	124,748.7	87,347.4	14.2	63.1
ASEAN	121,490.6	111,128.6	80,946.6	9.3	50.1
Singapore	64,519.2	60,671.8	38,665.8	6.3	66.9
Taiwan	55,326.5	44,417.1	40,428.1	24.6	36.9
ROK	37,432.7	23,439.6	16,043.2	59.7	133.3
USA	34,931.0	35,652.3	29,468.2	-2.0	18.5
EU	27,911.1	28,385.0	25,354.0	-1.7	10.1
Japan	19,794.4	19,572.6	16,435.0	1.1	20.4
Indonesia	18,078.7	16,746.5	15,426.2	8.0	17.2
Thailand	17,400.0	17,424.1	14,662.5	-0.1	18.7
Viet Nam	14,578.7	12,244.7	9,142.9	19.1	59.5
India	10,983.2	11,909.3	5,956.8	-7.8	84.4

TABLE 14: MAJOR IMPORT PRODUCTS (JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2026)

Products	Jan-Sep 2026 ^p	Jan-Sep 2025 ^f	Change
	RM Million	RM Million	%
Total Imports	1,338,930.7	1,064,881.3	25.7
Electrical & Electronic Products	594,503.2	406,812.8	46.1
Machinery, Equipment & Parts	106,613.7	89,056.3	19.7
Petroleum Products	102,173.3	72,816.2	40.3
Chemicals & Chemical Products	77,674.3	71,487.2	8.7
Manufactures of Metal	58,679.8	48,103.3	22.0
Transport Equipment	38,874.9	43,977.3	-11.6
Crude Petroleum	35,106.3	42,151.6	-16.7
Optical & Scientific Equipment	33,604.1	25,802.7	30.2
Metalliferous Ores & Metal Scrap	22,632.0	15,558.1	45.5
Iron & Steel Products	22,265.8	21,208.9	5.0

TABLE 15: MAJOR IMPORT SOURCES (JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2026)

Sources	Jan-Sep 2026 ^p	Jan-Sep 2025 ^f	Change
	RM Million	RM Million	%
Total Imports	1,338,930.7	1,064,881.3	25.7
China	360,409.0	249,472.9	44.5
ASEAN	316,414.9	236,023.4	34.1
Singapore	167,233.0	114,827.0	45.6
Taiwan	137,634.3	110,780.9	24.2
USA	96,630.2	104,481.5	-7.5
EU	80,633.3	72,520.8	11.2
ROK	80,475.2	46,087.9	74.6
Japan	56,176.5	48,683.5	15.4
Indonesia	48,822.4	46,440.6	5.1
Thailand	48,454.7	39,816.0	21.7
Viet Nam	37,546.7	25,049.0	49.9
India	29,780.1	20,164.2	47.7

TABLE 16: EXPORTS TO FTA PARTNERS (SEPTEMBER 2026)

Markets	Sep 2026 ^p	Aug 2026 ^p	Sep 2025 ^f	Change m-o-m	Change y-o-y
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million	%	%
Total Exports to FTA Partners	130,784.4	117,674.7	92,073.1	11.1	42.0
Singapore	35,454.6	30,731.0	23,573.1	15.4	50.4
China	20,393.4	20,702.4	16,698.2	-1.5	22.1
Hong Kong SAR	15,006.1	11,896.2	8,056.3	26.1	86.3
Japan	8,743.1	8,901.1	6,233.5	-1.8	40.3
Thailand	8,676.1	7,287.2	5,515.7	19.1	57.3
Viet Nam	7,681.0	6,467.0	4,955.0	18.8	55.0
India	6,462.9	4,849.8	4,497.7	33.3	43.7
ROK	5,102.8	5,112.4	4,192.5	-0.2	21.7
Australia	4,861.5	3,307.7	4,081.2	47.0	19.1
Mexico	4,526.0	4,759.8	2,729.4	-4.9	65.8
Indonesia	4,285.0	4,754.4	3,900.3	-9.9	9.9
Philippines	2,390.6	2,367.2	2,026.6	1.0	18.0
Turkiye	1,592.0	1,738.5	1,519.1	-8.4	4.8
UAE	1,520.9	1,210.6	1,117.9	25.6	36.1
United Kingdom	1,256.6	962.5	760.4	30.6	65.3
Canada	1,006.8	592.1	432.3	70.0	132.9
Cambodia	373.4	357.1	359.4	4.6	3.9
Pakistan	362.1	710.7	457.2	-49.0	-20.8
Brunei	336.1	211.6	270.2	58.8	24.4
Myanmar	323.5	230.0	110.3	40.6	193.2
New Zealand	313.7	401.7	500.0	-21.9	-37.3
Peru	56.7	66.3	39.9	-14.5	42.2
Chile	47.4	50.1	40.3	-5.4	17.5
Lao PDR	12.2	7.2	6.6	69.3	84.7

TABLE 17: EXPORTS TO FTA PARTNERS (JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2026)

Markets	Jan-Sep 2026 ^p	Jan-Sep 2025 ^f	Change y-o-y
	RM Million	RM Million	%
Total Exports to FTA Partners	986,384.1	784,323.1	25.8
Singapore	230,475.6	187,609.9	22.8
China	168,960.7	136,800.6	23.5
Hong Kong SAR	104,766.8	66,668.9	57.1
Japan	67,959.9	57,435.1	18.3
Thailand	63,350.9	47,878.2	32.3
Viet Nam	57,962.1	40,009.9	44.9
India	48,149.4	38,287.8	25.8
ROK	47,359.6	38,471.1	23.1
Indonesia	43,162.6	37,039.3	16.5
Australia	37,197.3	36,604.5	1.6
Mexico	34,032.4	22,379.9	52.1
Philippines	22,423.6	19,602.0	14.4
Turkiye	15,208.4	14,861.2	2.3
UAE	10,458.0	11,769.2	-11.1
United Kingdom	9,070.9	6,427.9	41.1
Canada	5,886.0	4,992.0	17.9
New Zealand	4,748.7	4,092.9	16.0
Pakistan	3,995.7	3,838.7	4.1
Myanmar	3,659.6	2,127.4	72.0
Cambodia	3,642.2	3,027.8	20.3
Brunei	2,705.5	3,229.1	-16.2
Chile	536.3	622.5	-13.8
Peru	528.9	492.9	7.3
Lao PDR	143.2	54.3	163.5

Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia
Tabulated by: MATRADE

Notes:

p - provisional data

f - final data

CHART 1: MALAYSIA'S MONTHLY EXTERNAL TRADE PERFORMANCE, 2020 – SEPTEMBER 2026

