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AUGUST 2026 TRADE PERFORMANCE

Trade Performance Continues on Strong External Demand

Malaysia's trade recorded another exceptional performance in August 2026, with trade, exports and imports each registering growth of more than 40% year-on-year (y-o-y). Trade rose 43.4% y-o-y to RM354.01 billion, supported by a 45.5% increase in exports to RM191.05 billion, while imports grew 41.1% to RM162.96 billion. A trade surplus of RM28.09 billion was recorded, extending the surplus streak to 76 consecutive months since May 2020.

Export growth was driven by stronger shipments of manufactured and mining goods, notably electrical and electronic (E&E) products, petroleum products, liquefied natural gas (LNG) as well as metalliferous ores and metal scrap. The sustained strength in these key products continued to underpin overall export growth, with E&E exports reaching RM656.14 billion in January to August 2026, putting them on track to surpass the full-year export value recorded in 2025.

Malaysia also recorded export gains across its major trading partners in August 2026, with shipments to ASEAN, the People's Republic of China (China), the United States (US), Taiwan and the European Union (EU) registering robust growth. Exports to the US and China recorded their highest monthly values thus far, reflecting sustained demand from two of the nation's largest trading partners. Export expansion was also recorded to FTA partners, including Hong Kong SAR, Japan, Mexico, the Republic of Korea (ROK), India, the United Kingdom (UK), Türkiye, Pakistan, Canada, Peru and

Chile demonstrating the continued expansion of Malaysia's presence across regional and global markets.

For the first eight months of 2026, trade expanded by 27.0% to RM2.514 trillion. Exports continued to grow at a faster pace than imports, rising 31.2% to RM1.356 trillion, while imports increased by 22.4% to RM1.158 trillion. Trade surplus reached RM198.66 billion, more than double the surplus recorded in the corresponding period last year. Trade, exports, imports and trade surplus all attained their highest cumulative values on record for the January to August period. It is worth noting that the trade surplus for the period had surpassed the full-year values recorded in 2024 and 2025, underscoring Malaysia's external trade strength and resilience.

Looking ahead, Malaysia will continue to strengthen the foundations for sustained trade growth by widening its market presence, enhancing the competitiveness of strategic industries and positioning local exporters to capture emerging global opportunities. Greater utilisation of FTAs and deeper engagement with established and emerging markets will create avenues for stronger export expansion, while efforts to move towards higher-value activities will further forge Malaysia's export base and long-term trade position.

Further details of **Malaysia's Trade Performance for August 2026 and January-August 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

Export of Manufactured and Mining Goods Steered Growth

In August 2026, exports of manufactured goods, which accounted for 89.5% of total exports, soared by 50.4% to RM170.94 billion backed by growing exports of E&E products, petroleum products, machinery, equipment and parts, manufactures of metal as well as optical and scientific equipment.

Exports of mining goods (5.3% share) rose 43.3% y-o-y to RM10.14 billion on robust exports of LNG due to higher export prices and quantity as well as metalliferous ores and metal scrap.

However, exports of agriculture goods (3.9% share) were down by 21.4% to RM7.50 billion, following a lower value of palm oil and palm oil-based agriculture products due to reduced export quantity.

Major exports in August 2026:

- E&E products, valued at RM92.48 billion and accounted for 48.4% of total exports, increased by 66.5% compared to August 2025;
- Petroleum products, RM11.07 billion, 5.8% of total exports, ↑21.7%;
- Machinery, equipment and parts, RM8.63 billion, 4.5% of total exports, ↑27.8%;
- Optical and scientific equipment, RM7.52 billion, 3.9% of total exports, ↑23.5%; and
- Manufactures of metal, RM6.68 billion, 3.5% of total exports, ↑35.4%.

On a month-on-month (m-o-m) basis, exports of mining goods recorded double-digit expansion of 14.4%, meanwhile exports of manufactured and agriculture goods slipped by 1.7% and 21.2%, respectively.

During the first eight months of 2026, exports of manufactured goods grew by 34.7% to RM1.204 trillion compared to the corresponding period in 2025, owing to rising exports of E&E products, petroleum products as well as optical and scientific equipment.

Exports of mining goods increased by 24.7% to RM73.82 billion due to higher shipments of metalliferous ores and metal scrap as well as LNG. Exports of agriculture goods, however dropped 8.9% to RM65.44 billion led by lower value of palm oil and palm oil-based agriculture products as well as natural rubber.

Trade Performance with Major Markets

In August 2026, Malaysia's trade with major trading partners namely **ASEAN, China, the US, Taiwan** and **the EU**, accounted for 73.5% share of total trade.

ASEAN – Trade Maintained Strong Growth Momentum

Malaysia's trade with ASEAN surged by 40.7% y-o-y to RM89.31 billion in August 2026, accounting for 25.2% of Malaysia's total trade. Exports recorded double-digit growth for the fifth consecutive month, expanding by 40.2% to RM52.44 billion, driven by robust exports of E&E products as well as machinery, equipment and parts. Imports from ASEAN increased by 41.5% to RM36.87 billion.

Breakdown of exports to ASEAN countries:

- Singapore RM30.74 billion, were up by 58.5%, y-o-y;
- Thailand RM7.29 billion, ↑33.2%;
- Viet Nam RM6.47 billion, ↑28.3%;
- Indonesia RM4.75 billion, ↑11.5%;
- Philippines RM2.37 billion, ↑15.2%;
- Cambodia RM357.1 million, ↓16.6%;
- Myanmar RM230.0 million, ↑1.3%;
- Brunei RM211.9 million, ↓58.9%;
- Timor-Leste RM20.0 million, ↑64.4% and
- Lao PDR RM7.2 million, ↑0.4%.

All ASEAN markets recorded export growth except Cambodia and Brunei. Exports to **Singapore, Thailand** and **Viet Nam** increased by RM11.34 billion, RM1.82 billion and RM1.43 billion, respectively attributed to higher exports of E&E products. Exports to Singapore reached their highest monthly value to date.

On a m-o-m basis, trade, exports and imports contracted by 8.4%, 6.4% and 11.2%, respectively.

For the first eight months of 2026, Malaysia's trade with ASEAN expanded by 25.8% to RM641.40 billion compared with the corresponding period in 2025. Exports to the region grew by 22.7% to RM368.07 billion, driven by higher 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 30.2% to RM273.33 billion.

China - Exports Registered New Record High

Trade with China grew by 45.4% to RM65.08 billion in August 2026, representing 18.4% of Malaysia's total trade and marking the 12th consecutive month of double-digit growth. Exports increased by 19.9% to a new record high of RM20.70 billion, marking the eighth consecutive month of growth, driven by robust exports of E&E products as well as metalliferous ores and metal scrap. Imports from China were up by 61.3% to RM44.38 billion.

Compared with July 2026, exports were higher by 0.6%, while trade and imports reduced by 2.0% and 3.2%, respectively.

During the period of January to August 2026, trade with China rose 35.0% to RM456.68 billion compared with the same period in 2025. Exports grew by 23.7% to RM148.56 billion supported by higher demand for E&E products, metalliferous ores and metal scrap, LNG, palm oil-based manufactured products as well as optical and scientific equipment. Imports from China expanded by 41.2% to RM308.12 billion.

The US – Exports Continued to Strengthen

Accounting for 13.4% of Malaysia's total trade in August 2026, trade with the US soared 82.7% y-o-y to RM47.55 billion. Exports more than doubled, rising by 130.4% to a new

high of RM37.46 billion, driven mainly by higher exports of E&E products. Imports from the US increased by 3.2% to RM10.09 billion.

Compared with July 2026, trade and exports were higher by 2.9% and 12.8%, respectively while imports decreased by 22.4%.

During the first eight months period, trade with the US rose 35.7% to RM328.84 billion compared with the corresponding period in 2025. Exports increased by 66.3% to RM244.05 billion, attributed to the rising demand for E&E products as well as optical and scientific equipment. Imports from the US slipped 11.4% to RM84.79 billion.

Taiwan – Trade Recorded Double-Digit Expansion for the 17th Consecutive Month

Malaysia's trade with Taiwan surged by 80.8% to RM35.96 billion compared with August 2025, accounting for 10.2% of Malaysia's total trade and marking the 17th consecutive month of double-digit growth in bilateral trade. Exports more than doubled, rising by 102.2% to RM14.32 billion, driven by robust exports of E&E products. Imports from Taiwan improved by 68.9% to RM21.64 billion.

Compared with July 2026, trade and imports rose 20.8% and 50.0%, respectively, while exports declined by 6.7%.

During the first eight months of 2026, trade with Taiwan was higher by 39.9% to RM213.50 billion compared with the same period in 2025. Exports surged by 75.5% to RM95.13 billion, stemming from robust exports of E&E products as well as optical and scientific equipment. Imports from Taiwan increased by 20.3% to RM118.37 billion.

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

Trade with the EU which represented 6.3% of Malaysia's total trade in August 2026, increased by 10.9% y-o-y to RM22.27 billion. Exports expanded by 20.0% to RM13.68 billion, backed by rising shipments of E&E products, manufactures of metal as well as

transport equipment. This marked the fifth successive month of double-digit growth for trade and exports to the EU. Imports from the EU declined by 1.0% to RM8.59 billion.

The top 10 EU markets which accounted for 92.8% of Malaysia's total exports to the region were:

- Netherlands RM5.22 billion, increased by 44.9%, y-o-y;
- Germany RM2.44 billion, ↓17.6%;
- France RM1.24 billion, ↑189.6%;
- Italy RM675.0 million, ↓10.7%;
- Belgium RM646.2 million, ↑21.4%;
- Ireland RM573.6 million, ↑417.6%;
- Poland RM571.1 million, ↑121.5%;
- Czech Republic RM472.9 million, ↓20.5%;
- Spain RM472.1 million, ↓33.2%; and
- Hungary RM378.0 million, ↑3.0%.

Among the major export markets that recorded growth were **the Netherlands** which increased by RM1.62 billion, **France**, by RM813.2 million, **Ireland**, by RM462.8 million, **Poland**, by RM313.3 million and **Hungary**, by RM10.8 million, driven by higher shipments of E&E products. Meanwhile, exports to **Belgium** were higher by RM114.0 million, led by rising exports of optical and scientific equipment.

On a m-o-m basis, trade, exports and imports contracted by 12.3%, 8.1% and 18.4%, respectively.

For the period of January to August 2026, trade with the EU grew by 21.0% to RM176.25 billion compared with the same period in 2025. Exports climbed 28.4% to RM104.41 billion led by higher demand for E&E products and petroleum products. Imports from the EU expanded by 11.6% to RM71.83 billion.

Trade with FTA Partners

In August 2026, trade with FTA partners which constituted 64.8% of Malaysia's total trade grew 40.5% y-o-y to RM229.51 billion. Exports to FTA partners increased by 31.5% to RM117.68 billion while imports expanded 51.4% to RM111.83 billion.

Markets that recorded export growth were **Hong Kong SAR**, which soared by 79.1% y-o-y to RM11.90 billion, **Mexico**, 53.1% to RM4.76 billion, **India**, 7.3% to RM4.85 billion and **the UK**, 30.0% to RM962.0 million, buoyed by rising exports of E&E products.

Meanwhile, exports to **Japan** grew by 50.9% to RM8.90 billion contributed by higher shipments of LNG while exports to **the ROK** and **Pakistan** rose 9.4% to RM5.11 billion and 28.2% to RM710.7 million, respectively, due to robust exports of petroleum products.

Additionally, exports to **Peru** expanded 26.8% to RM66.3 million attributed to growing exports of textiles, apparel and footwear, exports to **Chile** rose 11.0% to RM50.1 million supported by higher exports of palm oil-based manufactured products, exports to **Canada** increased by 14.8% to RM592.1 million, contributed by larger exports of jewellery and exports to **Türkiye** climbed 13.5% to RM1.74 billion, following increased exports of manufactures of metal.

On a m-o-m basis, trade, exports and imports with FTA partners were lower by 5.5%, 3.0% and 8.0%, respectively.

During the first eight months of 2026, trade with FTA partners rose 28.0% to RM1.654 trillion, exports climbed 23.6% to RM855.61 billion and imports expanded by 33.0% to RM798.58 billion compared with the same period in 2025.

Import Performance

Total imports in August 2026 rose 41.1% y-o-y to RM162.96 billion. The three main categories of imports by end use, which accounted for 74.6% of total imports were:

- **Intermediate goods**, valued at RM90.68 billion or 55.6% of total imports, surged by 50.5% y-o-y, as a result of growing imports of parts and accessories of non-transport capital goods;
- **Capital goods**, valued at RM21.59 billion or 13.3% of total imports, grew by 37.4%, attributed to higher imports of non-transport capital goods; and
- **Consumption goods**, valued at RM9.26 billion or 5.7% of total imports, slipped by 1.6%, due to lower imports of processed food and beverages mainly for household consumption.

Compared with July 2026, imports contracted by 4.7%. Imports of intermediate goods improved by 13.3%, meanwhile imports of capital and consumption goods declined by 4.0% and 15.6%, respectively.

During the first eight months of 2026, imports climbed 22.4% to RM1.158 trillion compared with the same period last year. Imports of intermediate goods rose 15.6% to RM553.64 billion, capital goods rose 7.8% to RM152.47 billion and consumption goods were up by 3.7% to RM80.80 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 Monday, 28th September 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>).*
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- *The August 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	191,049.0	162,960.1	28,088.9	354,009.2
Change m-o-m (%)	-1.3	-4.7	24.7	-2.9
Change y-o-y (%)	45.5	41.1	77.1	43.4
Jan-Aug 2025 ^f	1,033,368.2	946,084.3	87,283.9	1,979,452.5
Jan-Aug 2026^p	1,356,216.5	1,157,554.1	198,662.4	2,513,770.6
Change y-o-y (%)	31.2	22.4	127.6	27.0

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

TABLE 2: MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS (AUGUST 2026)

Markets	Aug 2026 ^p	Jul 2026 ^p	Aug 2025 ^f	Change m-o-m	Change y-o-y
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million	%	%
Total Trade	354,009.2	364,568.0	246,820.6	-2.9	43.4
ASEAN	89,313.7	97,549.8	63,484.0	-8.4	40.7
China	65,082.0	66,412.5	44,775.0	-2.0	45.4
Singapore	49,718.2	52,701.1	31,332.2	-5.7	58.7
USA	47,547.4	46,210.2	26,028.1	2.9	82.7
Taiwan	35,961.7	29,777.7	19,890.5	20.8	80.8
EU	22,270.0	25,405.1	20,074.4	-12.3	10.9
ROK	16,975.8	17,071.1	10,633.5	-0.6	59.6
Japan	15,386.9	14,915.8	11,281.0	3.2	36.4
Hong Kong SAR	13,445.4	12,478.8	8,293.0	7.7	62.1
Thailand	12,832.9	14,429.4	10,424.6	-11.1	23.1
Viet Nam	11,049.9	12,619.5	7,870.6	-12.4	40.4
Indonesia	10,153.0	11,687.5	9,646.0	-13.1	5.3

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

Markets	Jan-Aug 2026 ^p	Jan-Aug 2025 ^f	Change
	RM Million	RM Million	%
Total Trade	2,513,770.6	1,979,452.5	27.0
ASEAN	641,397.5	509,865.0	25.8
China	456,680.5	338,373.1	35.0
Singapore	339,394.5	266,876.0	27.2
USA	328,843.8	242,402.3	35.7
Taiwan	213,502.8	152,618.3	39.9
EU	176,246.5	145,688.1	21.0
ROK	109,276.4	75,964.3	43.9
Japan	108,652.6	94,717.6	14.7
Hong Kong SAR	105,175.5	70,993.3	48.1
Thailand	97,762.6	77,378.5	26.3
Viet Nam	82,073.9	57,168.7	43.6
Indonesia	81,250.6	74,256.3	9.4

TABLE 4: MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS (AUGUST 2026)

Products	Aug 2026 ^p	Jul 2026 ^p	Aug 2025 ^f	Change m-o-m	Change y-o-y
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million	%	%
Total Exports	191,049.0	193,550.5	131,341.2	-1.3	45.5
Electrical & Electronic Products	92,482.6	95,653.2	55,534.3	-3.3	66.5
Petroleum Products	11,066.5	10,308.8	9,096.4	7.3	21.7
Machinery, Equipment & Parts	8,629.5	9,645.4	6,753.5	-10.5	27.8
Optical & Scientific Equipment	7,518.4	7,635.3	6,085.8	-1.5	23.5
Manufactures of Metal	6,684.9	7,034.0	4,938.4	-5.0	35.4
LNG	6,096.0	5,083.6	4,015.3	19.9	51.8
Palm Oil & Palm Oil Based Agriculture Products	5,493.1	7,241.4	7,322.3	-24.1	-25.0
Chemicals & Chemical Products	5,339.6	5,807.1	5,505.8	-8.1	-3.0
Palm Oil-Based Manufactured Products	3,579.2	4,585.2	3,418.3	-21.9	4.7
Processed Food	2,699.2	2,999.7	3,313.4	-10.0	-18.5

TABLE 5: MAJOR EXPORT MARKETS (AUGUST 2026)

Markets	Aug 2026 ^p	Jul 2026 ^p	Aug 2025 ^f	Change m-o-m	Change y-o-y
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million	%	%
Total Exports	191,049.0	193,550.5	131,341.2	-1.3	45.5
ASEAN	52,444.6	56,015.0	37,420.0	-6.4	40.2
USA	37,458.8	33,204.8	16,256.1	12.8	130.4
Singapore	30,741.2	30,028.6	19,400.9	2.4	58.5
China	20,700.0	20,584.6	17,263.6	0.6	19.9
Taiwan	14,319.3	15,354.1	7,080.1	-6.7	102.2
EU	13,680.8	14,882.1	11,401.0	-8.1	20.0
Hong Kong SAR	11,897.1	10,185.1	6,643.0	16.8	79.1
Japan	8,900.4	8,347.8	5,896.9	6.6	50.9
Thailand	7,288.7	7,942.0	5,470.5	-8.2	33.2
Viet Nam	6,467.0	8,377.8	5,039.3	-22.8	28.3
Netherlands	5,222.5	5,722.0	3,603.4	-8.7	44.9
ROK	5,112.2	4,957.5	4,671.2	3.1	9.4

TABLE 6: MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS (JANUARY-AUGUST 2026)

Products	Jan-Aug 2026 ^p	Jan-Aug 2025 ^f	Change
	RM Million	RM Million	%
Total Exports	1,356,216.5	1,033,368.2	31.2
Electrical & Electronic Products	656,141.1	447,354.9	46.7
Petroleum Products	87,555.7	69,154.0	26.6
Machinery, Equipment & Parts	61,117.4	51,637.2	18.4
Optical & Scientific Equipment	56,434.1	41,013.9	37.6
Manufactures of Metal	50,420.6	41,462.3	21.6
Palm Oil & Palm Oil Based Agriculture Products	48,507.8	53,456.1	-9.3
Chemicals & Chemical Products	42,959.7	44,015.8	-2.4
LNG	40,257.5	34,335.6	17.2
Palm Oil-Based Manufactured Products	28,998.0	26,565.0	9.2
Processed Food	22,262.7	25,767.3	-13.6

TABLE 7: MAJOR EXPORT MARKETS (JANUARY-AUGUST 2026)

Markets	Jan-Aug 2026 ^p	Jan-Aug 2025 ^f	Change
	RM Million	RM Million	%
Total Exports	1,356,216.5	1,033,368.2	31.2
ASEAN	368,069.2	299,899.6	22.7
USA	244,050.6	146,747.3	66.3
Singapore	195,031.2	164,036.7	18.9
China	148,564.9	120,102.4	23.7
EU	104,412.1	81,323.1	28.4
Taiwan	95,128.9	54,214.5	75.5
Hong Kong SAR	89,761.5	58,612.6	53.1
Japan	59,216.0	51,201.6	15.7
Thailand	54,676.3	42,362.5	29.1
Viet Nam	50,281.2	35,054.9	43.4
ROK	42,256.7	34,278.5	23.3
India	41,685.5	33,790.2	23.4

TABLE 8: MAJOR IMPORT PRODUCTS (AUGUST 2026)

Products	Aug 2026 ^p	Jul 2026 ^p	Aug 2025 ^f	Change m-o-m	Change y-o-y
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million	%	%
Total Imports	162,960.1	171,017.6	115,479.4	-4.7	41.1
Electrical & Electronic Products	81,229.5	76,827.9	42,904.2	5.7	89.3
Machinery, Equipment & Parts	12,058.4	14,312.5	9,887.4	-15.7	22.0
Petroleum Products	10,481.2	13,445.5	8,276.1	-22.0	26.6
Chemicals & Chemical Products	7,913.6	9,337.5	8,222.5	-15.2	-3.8
Manufactures of Metal	6,777.5	7,402.7	5,621.3	-8.4	20.6
Crude Petroleum	6,711.8	3,125.6	3,588.5	114.7	87.0
Optical & Scientific Equipment	4,212.6	4,252.0	3,128.6	-0.9	34.7
Transport Equipment	3,740.0	6,117.3	5,881.9	-38.9	-36.4
Metalliferous Ores & Metal Scrap	2,272.5	2,353.2	2,177.3	-3.4	4.4
Iron & Steel Products	2,270.7	2,716.2	2,317.2	-16.4	-2.0

TABLE 9: MAJOR IMPORT SOURCES (AUGUST 2026)

Sources	Aug 2026 ^p	Jul 2026 ^p	Aug 2025 ^f	Change m-o-m	Change y-o-y
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million	%	%
Total Imports	162,960.1	171,017.6	115,479.4	-4.7	41.1
China	44,382.1	45,827.9	27,511.4	-3.2	61.3
ASEAN	36,869.1	41,534.8	26,064.0	-11.2	41.5
Taiwan	21,642.4	14,423.6	12,810.4	50.0	68.9
Singapore	18,977.0	22,672.5	11,931.3	-16.3	59.1
ROK	11,863.6	12,113.6	5,962.3	-2.1	99.0
USA	10,088.6	13,005.4	9,772.0	-22.4	3.2
EU	8,589.2	10,523.0	8,673.4	-18.4	-1.0
Japan	6,486.5	6,568.0	5,384.2	-1.2	20.5
Thailand	5,544.2	6,487.4	4,954.2	-14.5	11.9
Indonesia	5,398.7	6,230.7	5,382.0	-13.4	0.3
Viet Nam	4,583.0	4,241.8	2,831.2	8.0	61.9
Germany	2,747.8	3,647.0	2,589.3	-24.7	6.1

TABLE 10: MAJOR IMPORT PRODUCTS (JANUARY-AUGUST 2026)

Products	Jan-Aug 2026 ^p	Jan-Aug 2025 ^f	Change
	RM Million	RM Million	%
Total Imports	1,157,554.1	946,084.3	22.4
Electrical & Electronic Products	506,517.3	361,082.4	40.3
Machinery, Equipment & Parts	92,506.6	79,470.5	16.4
Petroleum Products	90,296.9	64,823.9	39.3
Chemicals & Chemical Products	68,262.8	64,007.1	6.6
Manufactures of Metal	50,845.5	42,851.8	18.7
Transport Equipment	34,873.1	39,211.3	-11.1
Crude Petroleum	29,652.4	35,488.0	-16.4
Optical & Scientific Equipment	29,141.3	22,825.8	27.7
Metalliferous Ores & Metal Scrap	19,422.7	14,093.2	37.8
Iron & Steel Products	19,241.3	18,937.4	1.6

TABLE 11: MAJOR IMPORT SOURCES (JANUARY-AUGUST 2026)

Sources	Jan-Aug 2026 ^p	Jan-Aug 2025 ^f	Change
	RM Million	RM Million	%
Total Imports	1,157,554.1	946,084.3	22.4
China	308,115.6	218,270.6	41.2
ASEAN	273,328.3	209,965.3	30.2
Singapore	144,363.3	102,839.2	40.4
Taiwan	118,373.9	98,403.8	20.3
USA	84,793.3	95,655.1	-11.4
EU	71,834.3	64,365.0	11.6
ROK	67,019.7	41,685.7	60.8
Japan	49,436.6	43,516.0	13.6
Thailand	43,086.3	35,016.0	23.0
Indonesia	42,373.1	41,117.4	3.1
Viet Nam	31,792.7	22,113.8	43.8
India	25,820.4	17,996.4	43.5

TABLE 12: EXPORTS TO FTA PARTNERS (AUGUST 2026)

Markets	Aug 2026 ^p	Jul 2026 ^p	Aug 2025 ^f	Change m-o-m	Change y-o-y
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million	%	%
Total Exports to FTA Partners	117,680.1	121,374.5	89,463.0	-3.0	31.5
Singapore	30,741.2	30,028.6	19,400.9	2.4	58.5
China	20,700.0	20,584.6	17,263.6	0.6	19.9
Hong Kong SAR	11,897.1	10,185.1	6,643.0	16.8	79.1
Japan	8,900.4	8,347.8	5,896.9	6.6	50.9
Thailand	7,288.7	7,942.0	5,470.5	-8.2	33.2
Viet Nam	6,467.0	8,377.8	5,039.3	-22.8	28.3
ROK	5,112.2	4,957.5	4,671.2	3.1	9.4
India	4,848.8	6,704.8	4,517.8	-27.7	7.3
Mexico	4,759.8	4,721.2	3,109.5	0.8	53.1
Indonesia	4,754.3	5,456.8	4,264.0	-12.9	11.5
Australia	3,308.4	3,102.4	4,819.9	6.6	-31.4
Philippines	2,367.2	2,806.0	2,055.2	-15.6	15.2
Turkiye	1,737.3	2,042.3	1,530.9	-14.9	13.5
UAE	1,208.6	1,461.5	1,289.4	-17.3	-6.3
United Kingdom	962.0	1,196.0	739.9	-19.6	30.0
Pakistan	710.7	455.6	554.2	56.0	28.2
Canada	592.1	936.4	515.6	-36.8	14.8
New Zealand	401.7	565.1	405.8	-28.9	-1.0
Cambodia	357.1	462.7	428.2	-22.8	-16.6
Myanmar	230.0	493.7	227.1	-53.4	1.3
Brunei	211.9	342.9	515.6	-38.2	-58.9
Peru	66.3	62.4	52.3	6.3	26.8
Chile	50.1	55.2	45.2	-9.2	11.0
Lao PDR	7.2	86.5	7.2	-91.7	0.4

TABLE 13: EXPORTS TO FTA PARTNERS (JANUARY-AUGUST 2026)

Markets	Jan-Aug 2026 ^p	Jan-Aug 2025 ^f	Change y-o-y
	RM Million	RM Million	%
Total Exports to FTA Partners	855,605.0	692,250.0	23.6
Singapore	195,031.2	164,036.7	18.9
China	148,564.9	120,102.4	23.7
Hong Kong SAR	89,761.5	58,612.6	53.1
Japan	59,216.0	51,201.6	15.7
Thailand	54,676.3	42,362.5	29.1
Viet Nam	50,281.2	35,054.9	43.4
ROK	42,256.7	34,278.5	23.3
India	41,685.5	33,790.2	23.4
Indonesia	38,877.5	33,138.9	17.3
Australia	32,336.4	32,523.3	-0.6
Mexico	29,506.4	19,650.5	50.2
Philippines	20,033.0	17,575.5	14.0
Turkiye	13,615.3	13,342.1	2.0
UAE	8,935.0	10,651.4	-16.1
United Kingdom	7,813.8	5,667.6	37.9
Canada	4,879.2	4,559.7	7.0
New Zealand	4,434.9	3,592.9	23.4
Pakistan	3,633.6	3,381.5	7.5
Myanmar	3,336.1	2,017.1	65.4
Cambodia	3,268.7	2,668.3	22.5
Brunei	2,369.8	2,958.9	-19.9
Chile	488.9	582.1	-16.0
Peru	472.2	453.1	4.2
Lao PDR	131.0	47.7	174.4

Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia
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Notes:

p - provisional data

f - final data

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

