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## **MALAYSIA EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS JULY 2025**

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***Malaysia's trade rebounded by 3.8 per cent to RM265.9 billion boosted by higher exports (+6.8%) and imports (+0.6%)***

**PUTRAJAYA, 19 AUGUST 2025** – Malaysia's trade performance recorded a positive growth in July 2025 with a total trade exhibited an increase of 3.8 per cent from RM256.2 billion in the previous year to RM265.9 billion. This performance primarily driven by a marginal growth in imports by 0.6 per cent, reaching RM125.5 billion and exports by 6.8 per cent, valued at RM140.4 billion in July 2025 as reported today in the **MALAYSIA EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS BULETIN, JULY 2025**. This bulletin also presents the performance of export and import products with its trading partners.

Chief Statistician Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin highlighted Malaysia's exports increased in July 2025 in tandem with the rise in re-exports (26.4% to total exports) escalated by 42.0 per cent as compared to July 2024, worth RM37.0 billion. On the other hand, domestic exports (73.6% to total exports), downed by 1.9 per cent to RM103.4 billion. Meanwhile, imports worth RM125.5 billion recorded marginal increase of 0.6 per cent. Trade surplus escalated by 120.7 per cent to RM15.0 billion, 63<sup>rd</sup> consecutive month of surplus since May 2020. Comparing with June 2025, exports, imports, total trade and trade

*balance recorded an increase of 15.5 per cent, 10.9 per cent, 13.3 per cent and 78.2 per cent, respectively.*

*From a commodity group perspective, 140 out of 258 export groups and 118 out of 259 import groups showed an increase as compared to the same month of the previous year.*

*Chief Statistician Malaysia further explained higher exports was primarily driven by increased shipments to Singapore (+RM4.7 billion), followed by Taiwan (+RM2.5 billion), Mexico (+RM1.0 billion), China (+RM1.0 billion), the United States (+RM680.2 million), the European Union (+RM589.4 million) and the United Arab Emirates (+RM394.6 million). Moreover, the increase in imports was mainly attributed to higher inflows from Taiwan (+RM5.2 billion), followed by China (+RM1.7 billion), Republic of Korea (+RM1.6 billion), Viet Nam (+RM825.2 million), Oman (+RM755.7 million), Sudan (+RM696.7 million) and Saudi Arabia (+RM679.7 million).*

*Further commenting on exports, the increase was largely attributed to higher shipments of E&E products (+RM11.6 billion); machinery, equipment & parts (+RM936.1 million); palm oil-based manufactured products (+RM529.7 million); optical & scientific equipment (+RM492.3 million); processed food (+RM440.5 million); and metalliferous ores & metal scrap (+RM224.7 million). In addition, import growth was driven by higher inflows of electrical & electronic products (+RM5.4 billion); crude petroleum (+RM771.2 million); optical & scientific equipment (+RM741.3 million); transport equipment (+RM443.2 million); other manufactures (+RM385.6 million); and palm oil & palm-based agriculture products (+RM380.6 million).*

*Additionally, the Chief Statistician Malaysia also underscored the upsurge in imports by End Use reflected increased demand for capital good. Imports of capital goods (14.5% of total imports), climbed by 20.6 per cent or RM3.1 billion to post a value of RM18.2 billion. However, consumption goods (8.3% of total imports), downed by 5.0 per cent or RM546.3 million to post a value of RM10.4 billion. Imports of intermediate goods (45.3% of total imports), decreased by 17.8 per cent or RM12.3 billion valued at RM56.8 billion as compared to July 2024.*

*Malaysia's total trade for the period of January to July 2025 improved by 4.7 per cent to RM1.7 trillion, supported by growth in exports (+4.3%) and imports (+5.1%). Nonetheless, trade surplus decreased by 4.7 per cent to post a value of RM70.3 billion as compared to the same period in 2024.*

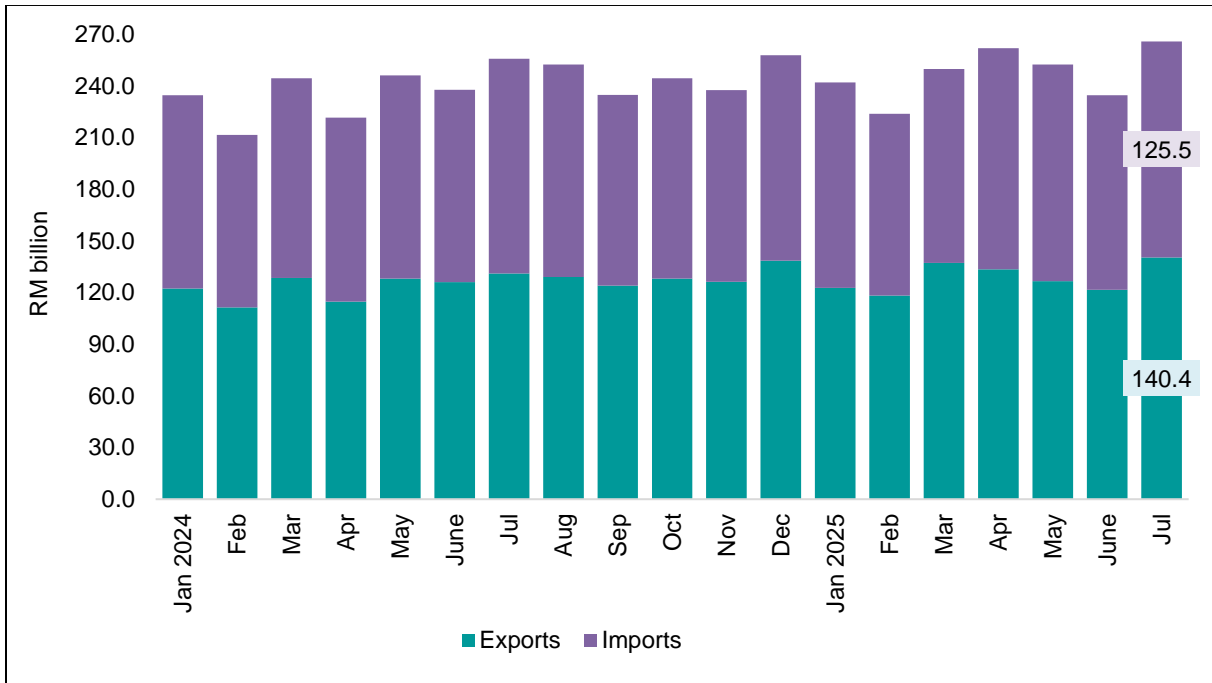
*ASEAN-Malaysia 2025 Chairmanship: The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) will chair the 15<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Community Statistical System Committee (ACSS15) which aims to strengthen the statistical cooperation towards sustainable regional development.*

*Malaysia, for the first time, ranked as number one (1) globally in the biennial Open Data Inventory (ODIN) 2024/25 report released by Open Data Watch (ODW), surpassing 197 other countries. This achievement marks a significant leap from its 67<sup>th</sup> position in the ODIN 2022/23 assessment.*

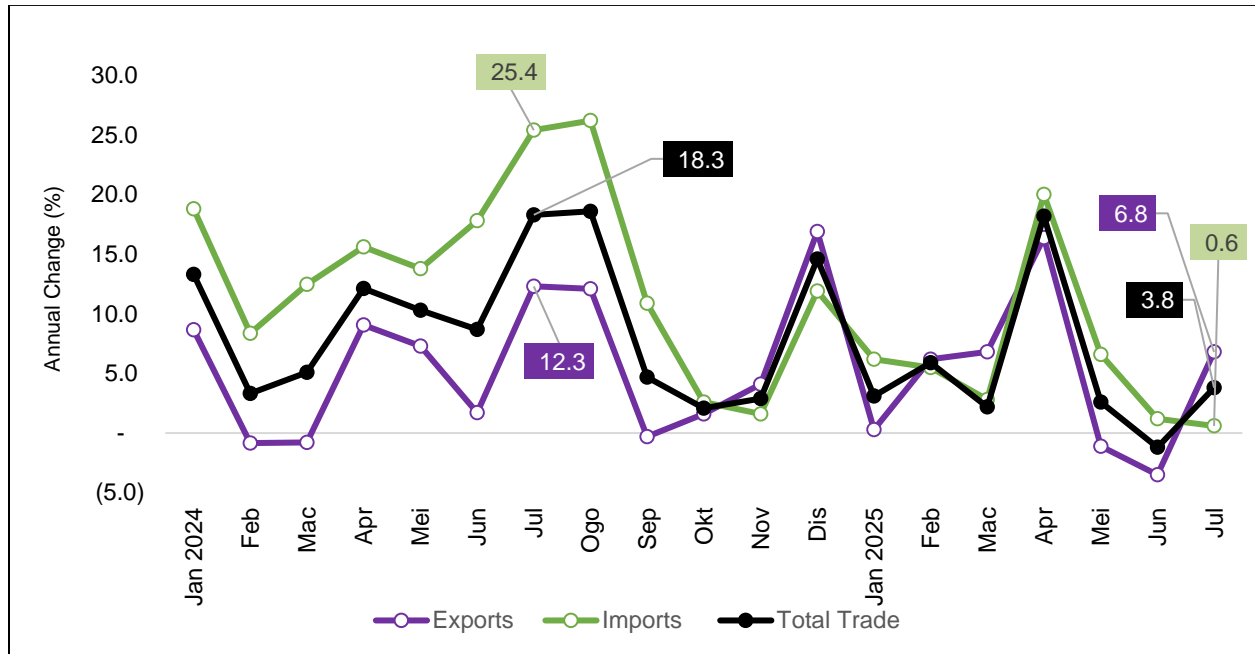
*The Government of Malaysia has declared October 20<sup>th</sup> as National Statistics Day (MyStats Day), with the theme 'Statistics is the Essence of Life'. Meanwhile, the Fourth World Statistics Day will be celebrated on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025, with the theme 'Driving Change with Quality Statistics and Data for Everyone'.*

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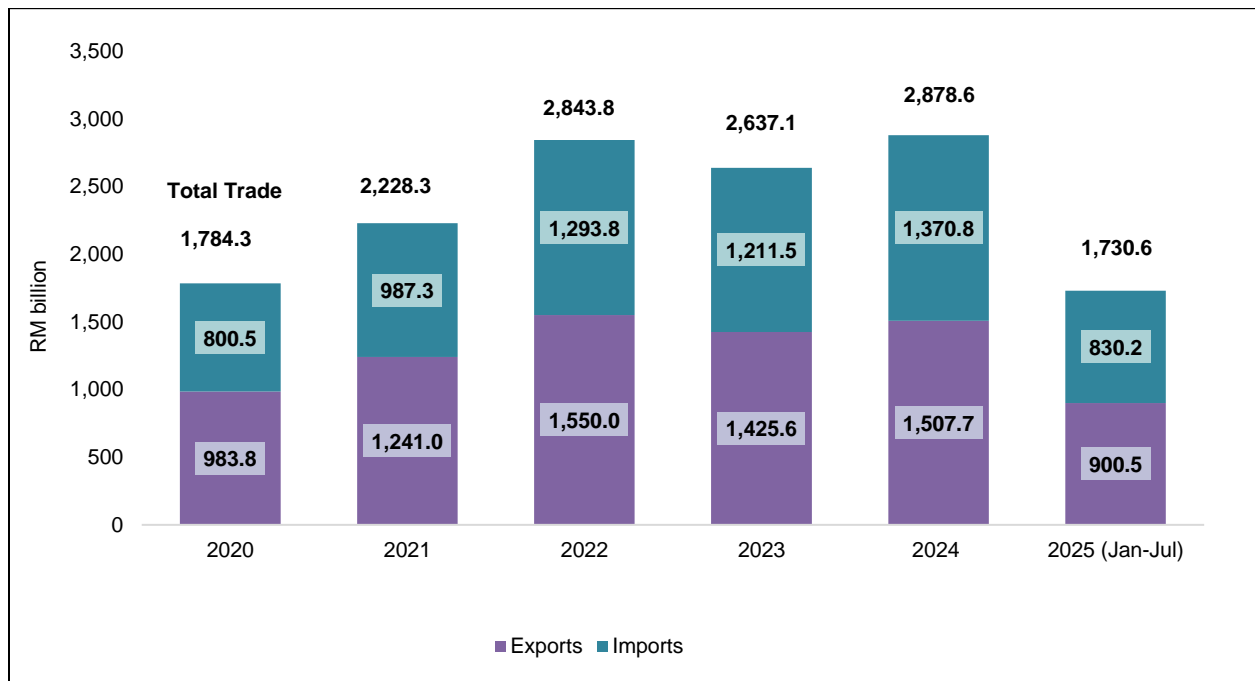
Chart 1: External Trade Statistics, Jan 2024 – Jul 2025 (Value)



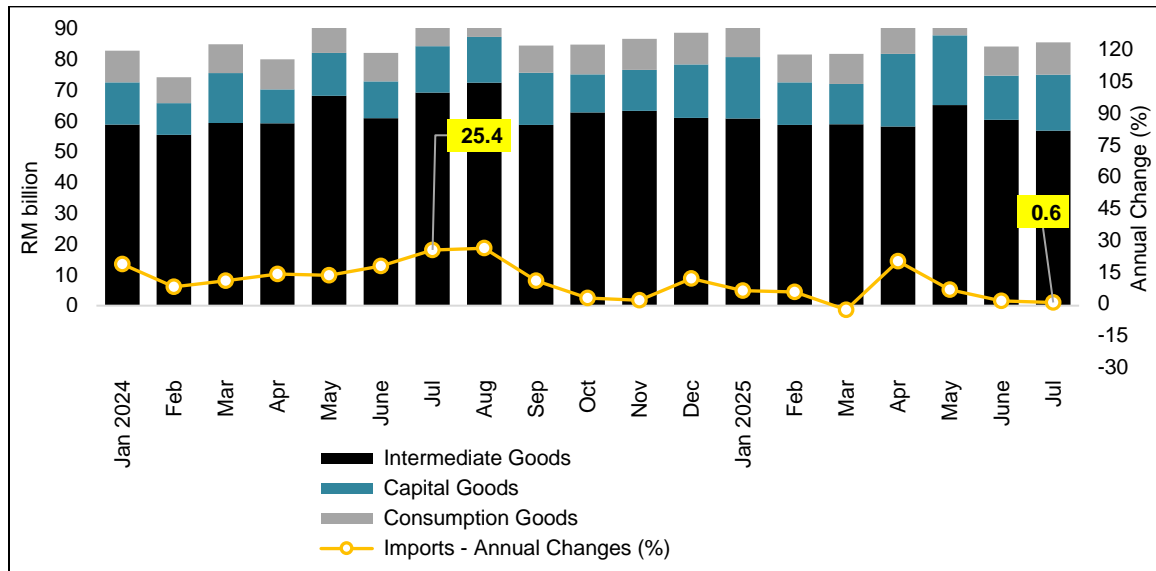
*Chart 2: External Trade Statistics, Jan 2024 – Jul 2025  
(Annual Percentage Change)*



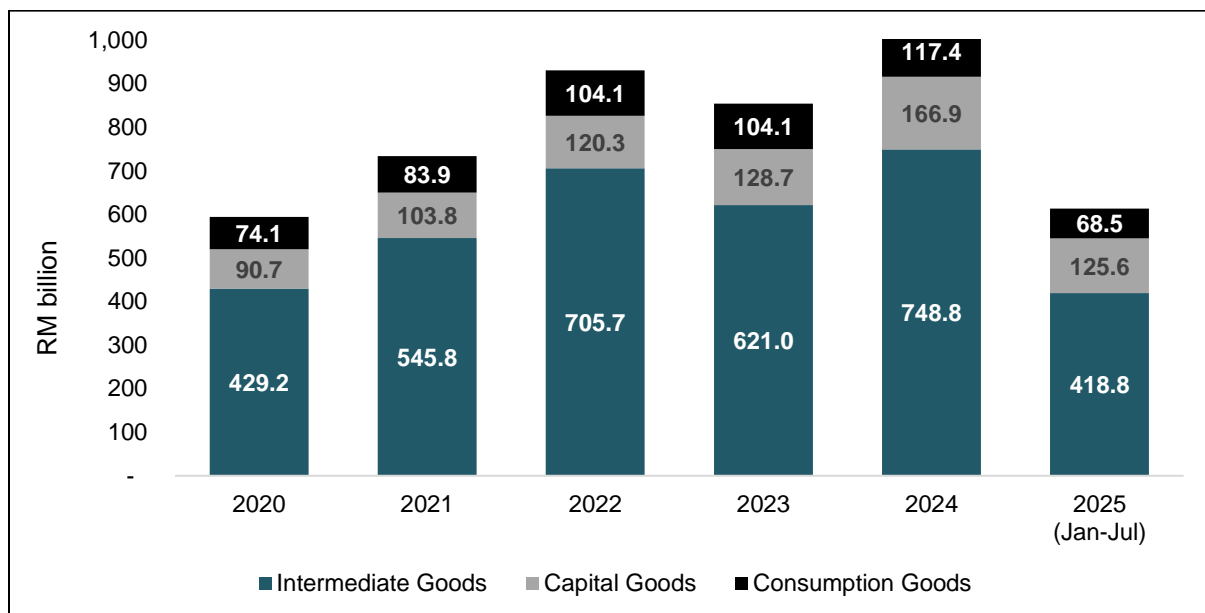
*Chart 3: External Trade Statistics, 2020 – 2025 (Jan – Jul)*



*Chart 4: Imports for End Use & Broad Economic Categories (BEC) Classification,  
Jan 2024 – Jul 2025  
(Value and Annual Percentage Change)*



*Chart 5: Imports for End Use & Broad Economic Categories (BEC) Classification,  
2020 – 2025 (Jan – Jul)*



*Table 1: Major Sub-sector Contributing to Export*

COMMODITY DESCRIPTION	2024	2025	2025	SHARE TO TOTAL %	Y.O.Y	
	JULY RM MIL.	JUNE RM MIL.	JULY RM MIL.		VALUE RM MIL.	%
<b>Total</b>	131,503	121,550	140,448	100.0	8,945	6.8
<i>Electrical &amp; Electronic Products (E&amp;E)</i>	51,697	53,977	63,314	45.1	11,616	22.5
<i>Petroleum Products</i>	11,161	8,383	8,124	5.8	(3,037)	(27.2)
<i>Machinery, Equipment &amp; Parts</i>	5,900	6,555	6,836	4.9	936.1	15.9
<i>Palm Oil &amp; Palm-Based Agriculture Products</i>	7,646	6,930	6,724	4.8	(922.2)	(12.1)
<i>Manufacture of Metal</i>	5,649	4,280	5,705	4.1	55.9	1.0

*Table 2: Major Sub-sector Contributing to Import*

COMMODITY DESCRIPTION	2024	2025	2025	SHARE TO TOTAL %	Y.O.Y	
	JULY RM MIL.	JUNE RM MIL.	JULY RM IML.		VALUE RM MIL.	%
<b>Total</b>	124,716	113,145	125,469	100.0	753.5	0.6
<i>Electrical &amp; Electronic Products (E&amp;E)</i>	43,181	39,811	48,551	38.7	5,370	12.4
<i>Machinery, Equipment &amp; Parts</i>	11,713	10,550	10,953	8.7	(759.6)	(6.5)
<i>Petroleum Products</i>	11,029	8,466	8,884	7.1	(2,145)	(19.4)
<i>Chemical &amp; Chemical Products</i>	9,180	8,246	7,976	6.4	(1,204)	(13.1)
<i>Manufacture of Metal</i>	6,497	5,450	5,804	4.6	(692.9)	(10.7)

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