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### **CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, MALAYSIA AUGUST 2025**

#### ***Malaysia's inflation increased 1.3 per cent in August 2025***

**PUTRAJAYA, 23 September 2025** - Malaysia's inflation increased 1.3 per cent in August 2025 with the index points stood at 134.9 as against 133.2 in the same month of the previous year. The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) reported today on the release of **CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI), AUGUST 2025**.

The increase was driven by a higher increase in the group of Insurance & Financial Services, 5.6 per cent (July 2025: 5.5%); Personal Care, Social Protection & Miscellaneous Goods & Services, 4.0 per cent (July 2025: 3.9%); Restaurant & Accommodation Services, 3.5 per cent (July 2025: 3.1%); Education, 2.4 per cent (July 2025: 2.2%); Food & Beverages, 2.0 per cent (July 2025: 1.9%); Recreation, Sport & Culture, 0.9 per cent (July 2025: 0.8%) and Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance groups, 0.2 per cent (July 2025: 0.1%). Meanwhile, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels, 1.2 per cent (July 2025: 1.3%); Health, 1.1 per cent (July 2025: 1.2%); Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco, 0.4 per cent (July 2025: 0.6%) and Transport, 0.2 per cent (July 2025: 0.4%) showed slower increases as compared to July 2025. Additionally, Information & Communication and Clothing & Footwear remained at negative territory, registering negative 5.6 per cent and negative 0.1 per cent respectively.

Chief Statistician Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin informed that 59.7 per cent of items (342 out of 573) recorded price increases. Nonetheless, out of this total, 332 items (97.1%) registered an increase of less than or equal to 10 per cent, while only 10 items recorded increases of more than 10 per cent in

August 2025. The remainder 185 items (32.3%), showed a decline and 46 items remained unchanged.

The Food & Beverages group which contributes 29.8 per cent of the total CPI weight increased at 2.0 per cent in August 2025 as compared to 1.9 per cent in preceding month. The inflation of the Food away from home, remained at 4.3 per cent as recorded in the previous month. Meanwhile, Food at home decreased to negative 0.1 per cent in August 2025 (July 2025: -0.3%). This was contributed by the decrease of expenditure classes for Vegetables (-6.5%); Milk, other dairy products & eggs (-1.4%); Fruits & nuts (-0.7%); Cereals & cereal products (-0.6%) and Meat (-0.5%). However, some expenditure classes recorded increases in August 2025 namely Fish & other seafood (2.3%); Oils & fats (1.4%) and Sugar, confectionery & desserts (0.6%).

The expenditure class of Vegetables declined to negative 6.5 per cent in August 2025 (July 2025: -6.6%). Among the vegetables that recorded decreases were Big onion, negative 24.1 per cent (July 2025: -24.1%); Tomatoes, negative 12.9 per cent (July 2025: -22.1%); Lady's finger, negative 12.2 per cent (July 2025: -5.1%); Cauliflower, negative 10.3 per cent (July 2025: -9.4%); Mustard, negative 9.8 per cent (July 2025: -9.0%) and Garlic, negative 9.6 per cent (July 2025: 6.4%).

Besides, the expenditure class of Meat also declined to negative 0.5 per cent in August 2025 (July 2025: -0.9%). Chicken as the largest component (32.6%) in the expenditure class of Meat increased to 0.2 per cent (July 2025: -0.6%). Based on the data collected by DOSM, the average price of Standard chicken in Malaysia for August 2025 was RM10.17 per kilogramme as compared to RM10.15 per kilogramme in August 2024 (July 2025: RM10.25). Meanwhile, the average price of Standard chicken in Peninsular Malaysia for August 2025 was RM9.33 per kilogramme as compared to RM9.27 per kilogramme in August 2024 (July 2025: RM9.43). Moreover, the inflation of expenditure class for Meat also contributed by Local beef and Chicken parts which remained at a negative territory, registering negative 3.9 per cent (July 2025: -4.2%) and negative 1.9 per cent (July 2025: -2.1%) respectively.

Meanwhile, the expenditure class of Fish & other seafood showed an increase to 2.3 per cent in August 2025 as compared to 1.8 per cent in the previous month. This was contributed by Horse mackerel (14.8%); Barramundi (7.2%), Tuna mackerel (6.1%), Yellowtail scad (5.6%) and Cuttlefish (4.3%). The subgroup of Food away from home remained at 4.3 per cent in August 2025. Among the items that recorded an increase in August 2025 were Satay (4.9%), Roasted pork rice (4.6%), Cooked beef (4.6%), Cooked chicken (3.9%), Rice with side dishes (3.8%) and Martabak (3.6%).

Inflation for the Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels group increased at a slower rate of 1.2 per cent as compared to 1.3 per cent in the previous month. This slower increase was driven by the subgroup of Electricity, gas & fuels, which declined to negative 4.5 per cent in August 2025 (July 2025: -3.4%). The decrease in the subgroup was due to the Automatic Fuel Adjustment (AFA) revised rate imposed on domestic users in Peninsular Malaysia for consuming more than 600 kilowatt hours (kWh), which will receive a rebate of 1.45 cents/kWh for the period between 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 as compared with the initial AFA applied for the period between 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025. This adjustment reduces the average electricity tariff as compared to the previous period. However, domestic users consuming 600 kWh and below remain unaffected.

On the other hand, the subgroups of Maintenance, repair & security of the dwelling and Water supply & miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling increased to 4.9 per cent (July 2025: 4.7%) and 2.6 per cent (July 2025: 0.5%) respectively. The state governments have submitted applications to the National Water Services Commission (SPAN) for a water tariff review driven by the public needs to further strengthen the capacity of treated water supply services. Five states namely Johor, Kedah, Melaka, Pahang and Terengganu have implemented this new water tariff adjustment effective 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025. Meanwhile, several other states are scheduled to implement the new water tariff on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 such as Negeri Sembilan, Perlis, Selangor, Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur and Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya.

*The inflation for the Transport group eased to 0.2 per cent in August 2025 (July 2025: 0.4%). Although the subgroup of Operation of personal transport equipment increased to 0.4 per cent as compared to 0.3 per cent in July 2025, the decrease of Public transport services to negative 0.2 per cent (July 2025: 1.5%), has offset the increase in this group. Besides, the subgroup of Transport services of goods recorded the slower increase to 0.1 per cent in August 2025 as compared to 2.0 per cent in July 2025.*

*Both inflation for Unleaded petrol RON97 and Diesel remained in negative territory, recording negative 9.2 per cent (July 2025: -7.8%) and negative 5.7 per cent (July 2025: -7.1%). The average price of RON97 unleaded petrol in August 2025 was RM3.15 per litre as compared to RM3.47 per litre in August 2024 (July 2025: RM3.20). Meanwhile, the average price for Diesel in Peninsular Malaysia was RM2.90 per litre as compared to RM3.27 per litre in August 2024 (July 2025: RM2.89). However, the average price of Diesel for Sabah, Sarawak and Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan remained at RM2.15 per litre.*

*Insurance & Financial Services group recorded an increase of 5.6 per cent in August 2025 as compared to 5.5 per cent in July 2025. This rise was driven by the increase in the Premium charges for motor vehicle insurance to 1.7 per cent as compared to 1.3 per cent in the previous month. Premium charges for hospital benefit insurance and Premium including service charges for motorcycles/scooters insurance remained at the same rate as the preceding month at 14.7 per cent 1.8 per cent respectively. In addition, the Restaurants & Accommodation Services group also posted a higher increase of 3.5 per cent (July 2025: 3.1%). These were contributed by the inflation for subgroup of Accommodation services, 2.3 per cent (July 2025: 1.0%).*

*Chief Statistician Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin also added that, with regards to inflation at the state level, 10 states recorded increases below the national inflation rate of 1.3 per cent with Kelantan recording the lowest inflation (0.1%) in August 2025. However, four states recorded increases above the national inflation level namely Johor (2.0%), Selangor (1.5%), Terengganu (1.5%) and Negeri Sembilan (1.4%). All Food & Beverages inflation recorded an increase, with the highest increase registered by both Negeri Sembilan and Wilayah Persekutuan*

*Labuan at 3.0 per cent. This was followed by Selangor (2.8%), Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya (2.8%), Terengganu (2.6%), Melaka (2.4%), Johor (2.3%), Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (2.1%) and Pahang (2.0%), while, other states showed an increase below the national inflation of Food & Beverages (2.0%) in August 2025.*

*The monthly headline inflation increased 0.1 per cent in August 2025 as compared to July 2025. The increase was attributed by the Information & Communication (0.8%) and Restaurant & Accommodation Services (0.4%). The inflation for Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels; Recreation, Sport & Culture; Education and Personal Care, Social Protection & Miscellaneous Goods & Services increased to 0.2 per cent. Meanwhile, the decline of Transport group to negative 0.1 per cent, to a certain extent has eased the inflation of this group from increasing further. Core inflation increased higher at 2.0 per cent in August 2025 as compared to the previous month (1.8%). The increase was driven by Insurance & Financial Services (5.6%); Personal Care, Social Protection & Miscellaneous Goods & Services (4.0%); Restaurants & Accommodation Services (3.5%) and Food & Beverages (3.4%).*

*In comparison to inflation in other selected countries, inflation in Malaysia (1.3%) was lower than inflation in Viet Nam (3.2%), Indonesia (2.3%) and the Republic of Korea (1.7%). However, the rate was higher than Thailand (-0.8%) and China (-0.4%).*

*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*

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*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'.*

*OpenDOSM NextGen is a medium that provides data catalogue and visualisations to facilitate users' analysis and can be accessed through <https://open.dosm.gov.my>.*

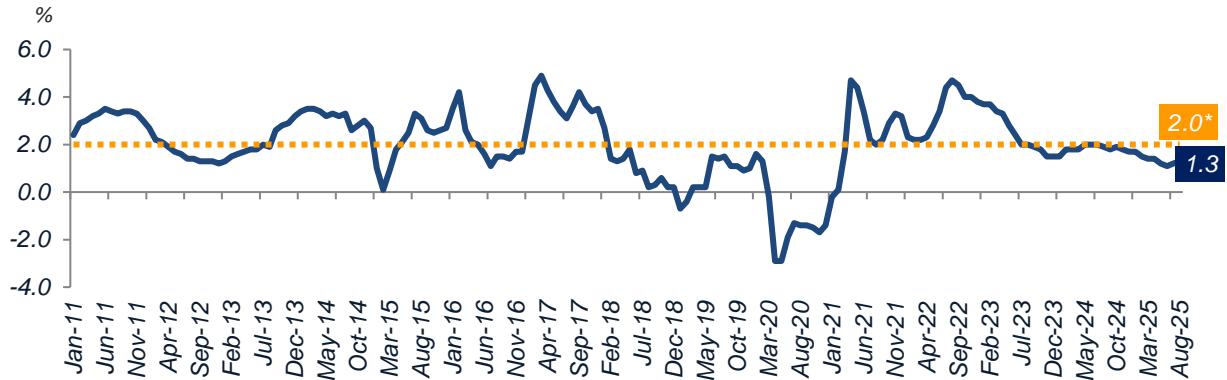
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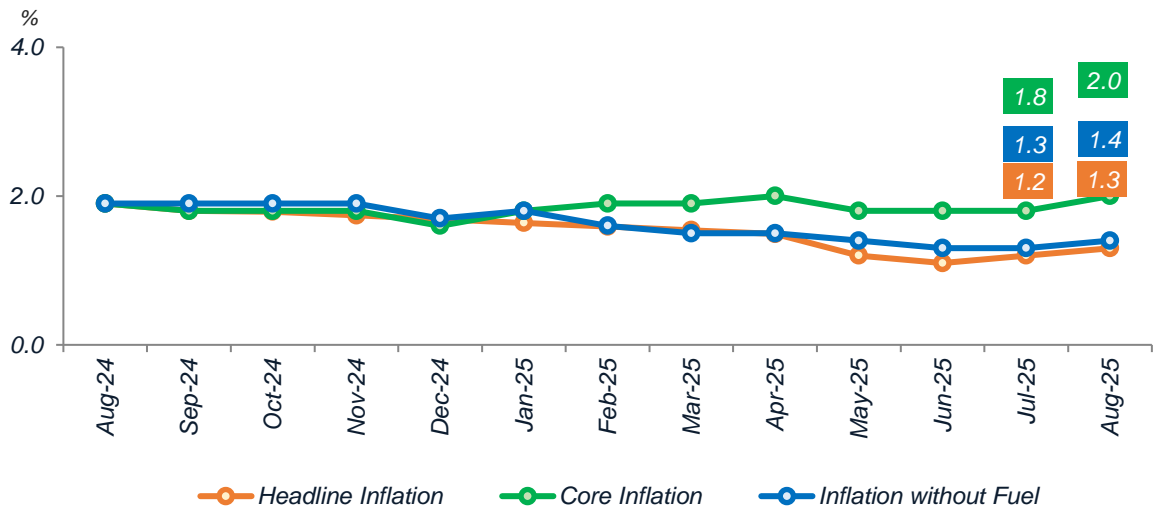
**Chart 1**

**Monthly Inflation Malaysia, January 2011 – August 2025**



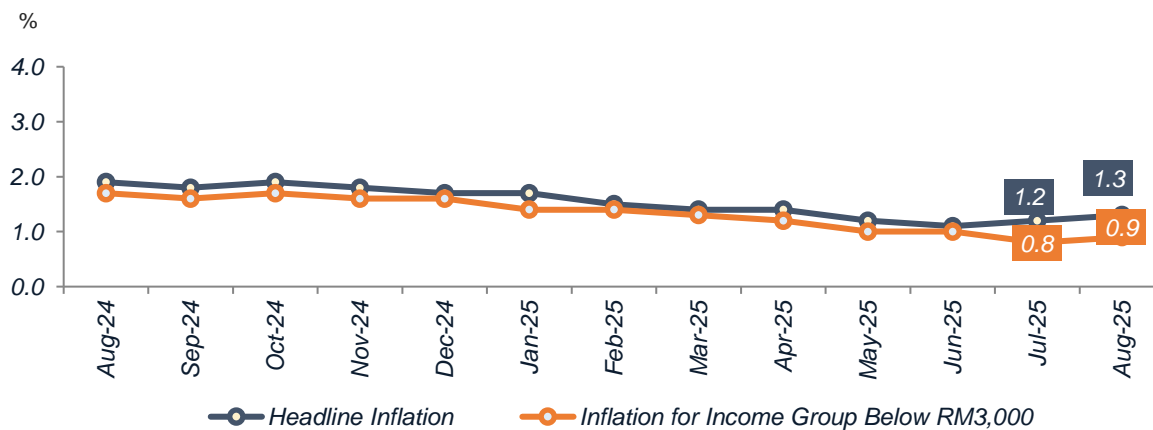
**Chart 2**

**Malaysia Inflation, Core Inflation and Inflation without Fuel, August 2024 - August 2025**



**Chart 3**

**Inflation for Income Group Below RM3,000, August 2024 - August 2025**



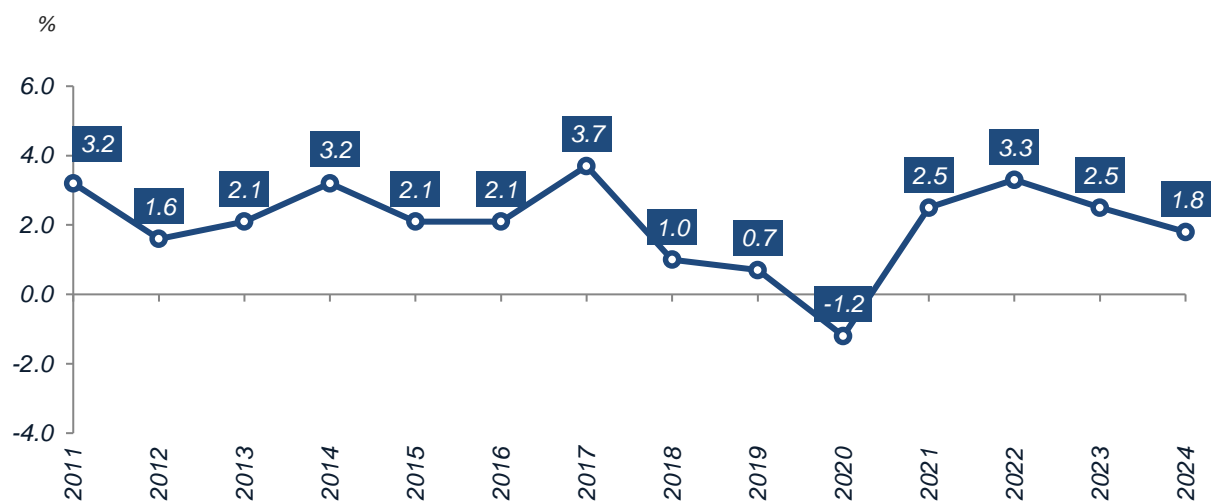
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**Quarterly Inflation Malaysia, Q1 2011 – Q2 2025**



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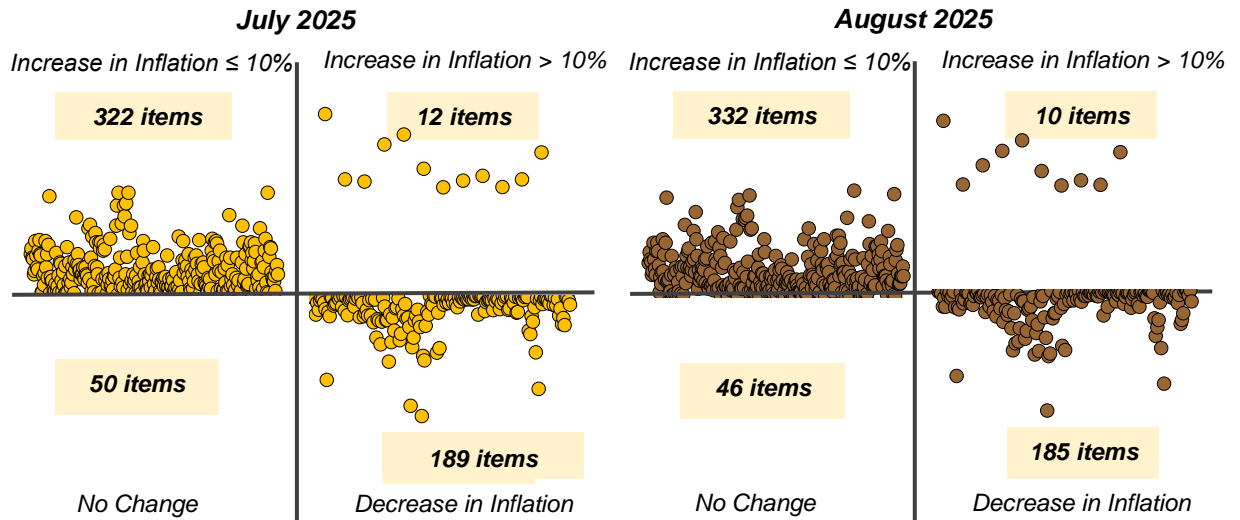
**Annual Inflation Malaysia, 2011 - 2024**





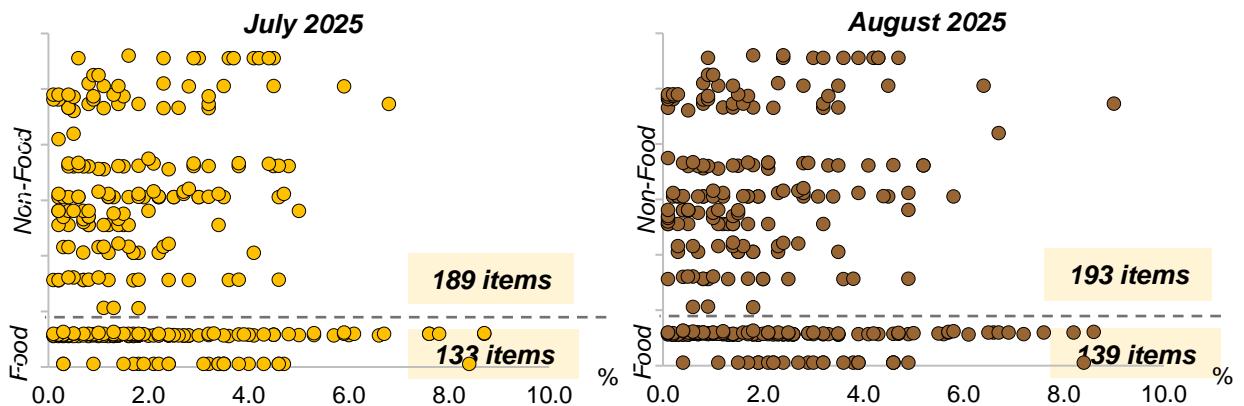
**Chart 6**

**Inflation by Quadrant, July 2025 & August 2025**



**Chart 7**

**Distribution of Inflation for Food and Non-Food that Increased  $\leq 10\%$ , July 2025 & August 2025**



**Chart 8**

**Average Price of Unleaded Petrol RON95, Unleaded Petrol RON97 and Diesel, August 2024 - August 2025**

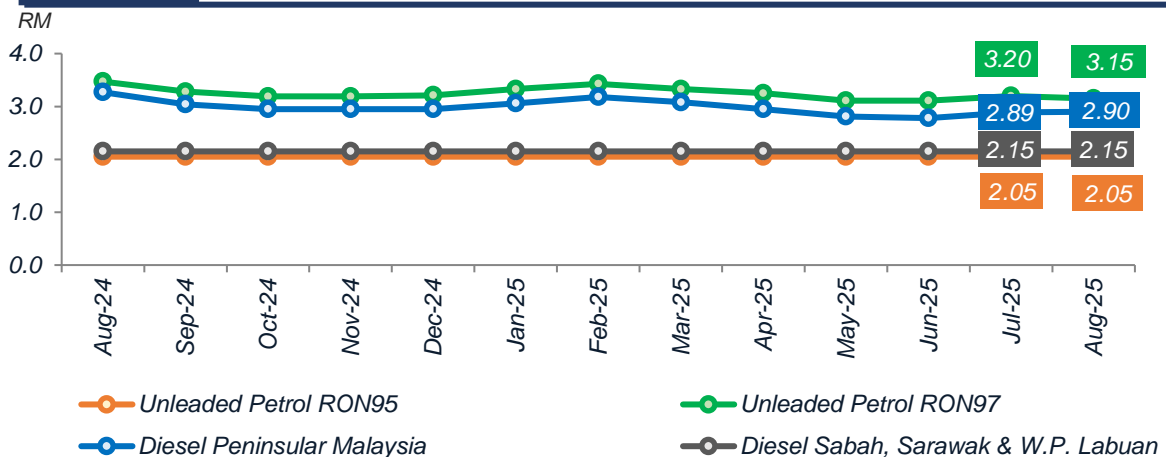


Chart 9

Inflation by Main Group, July 2025 & August 2025

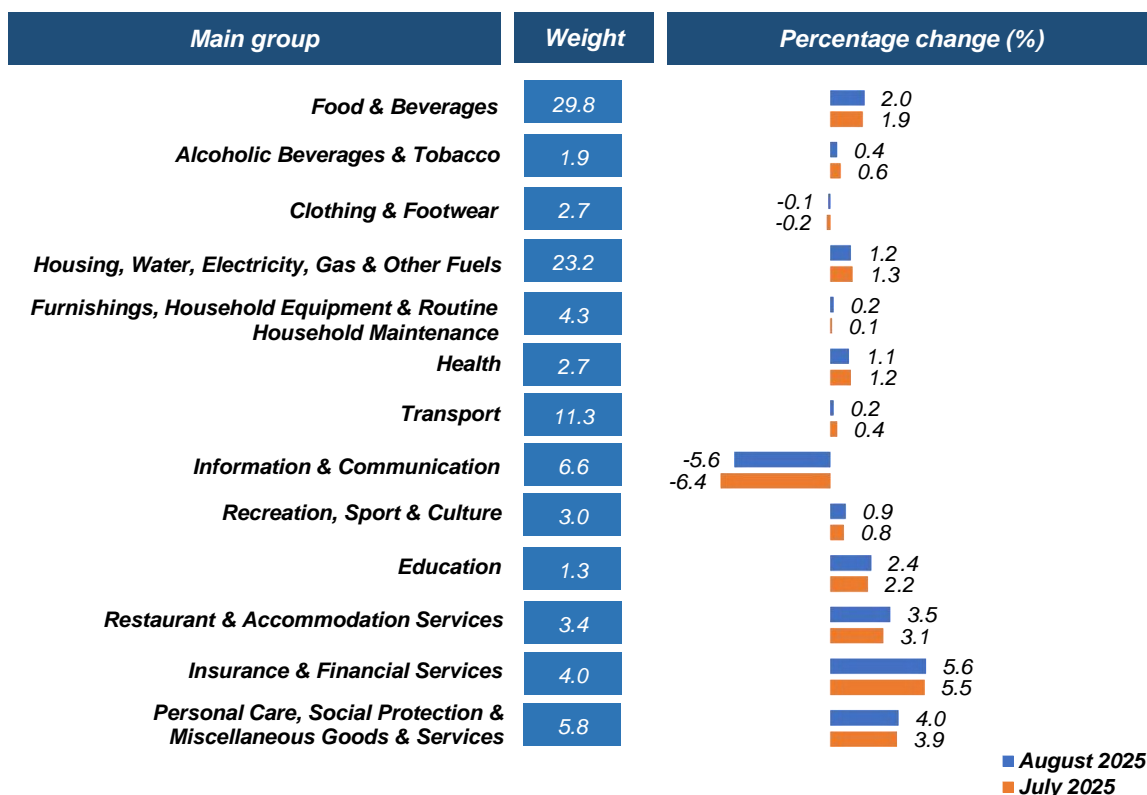
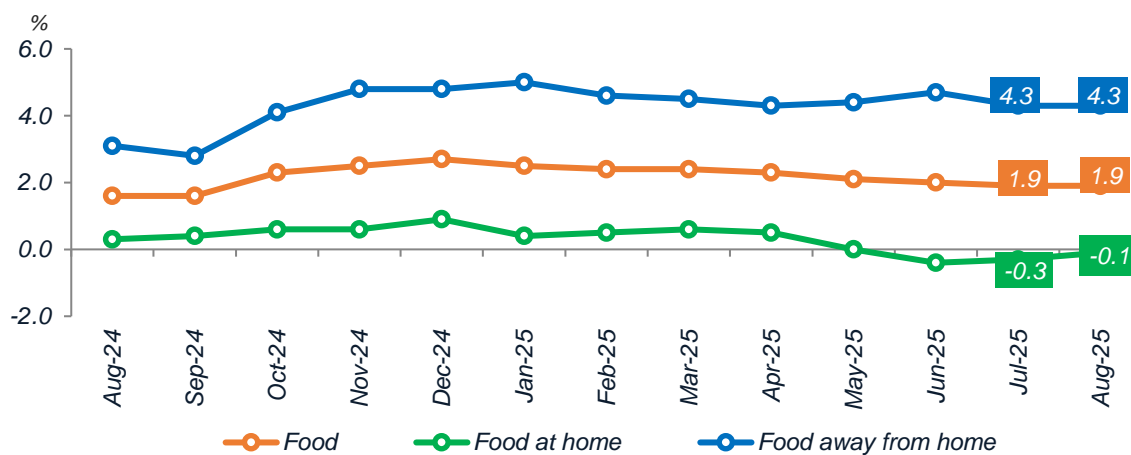
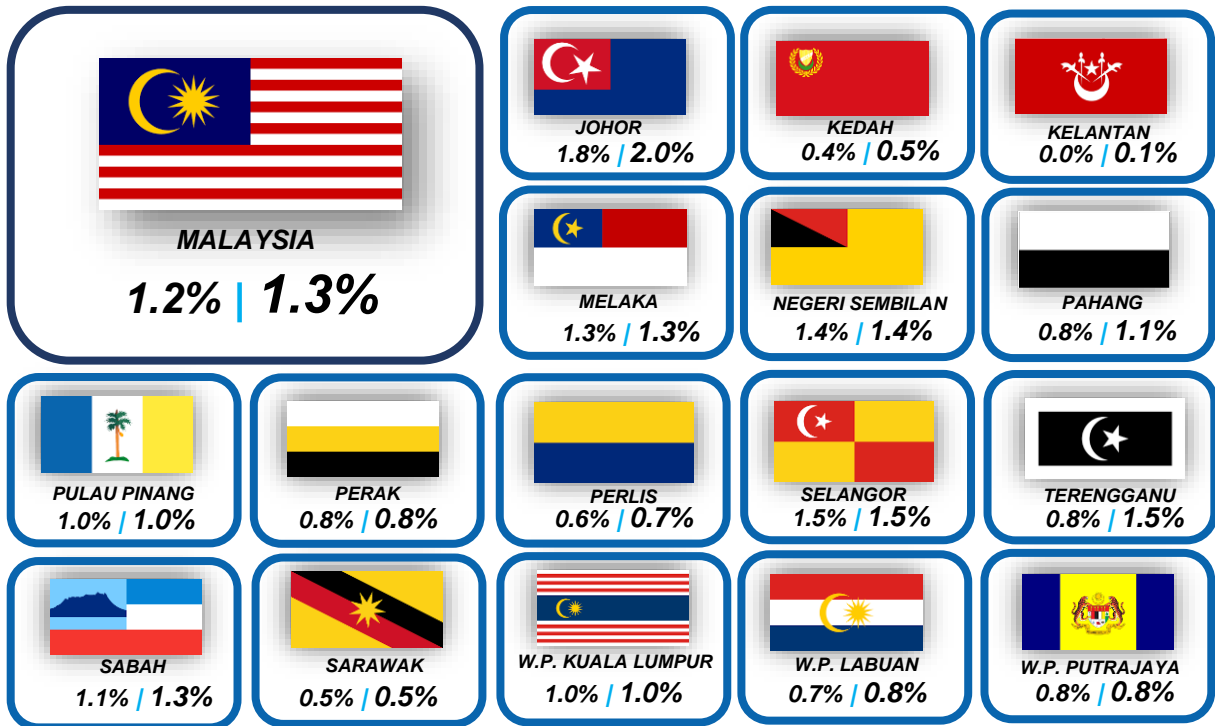


Chart 10

Inflation for Food & Beverages, August 2024 - August 2025



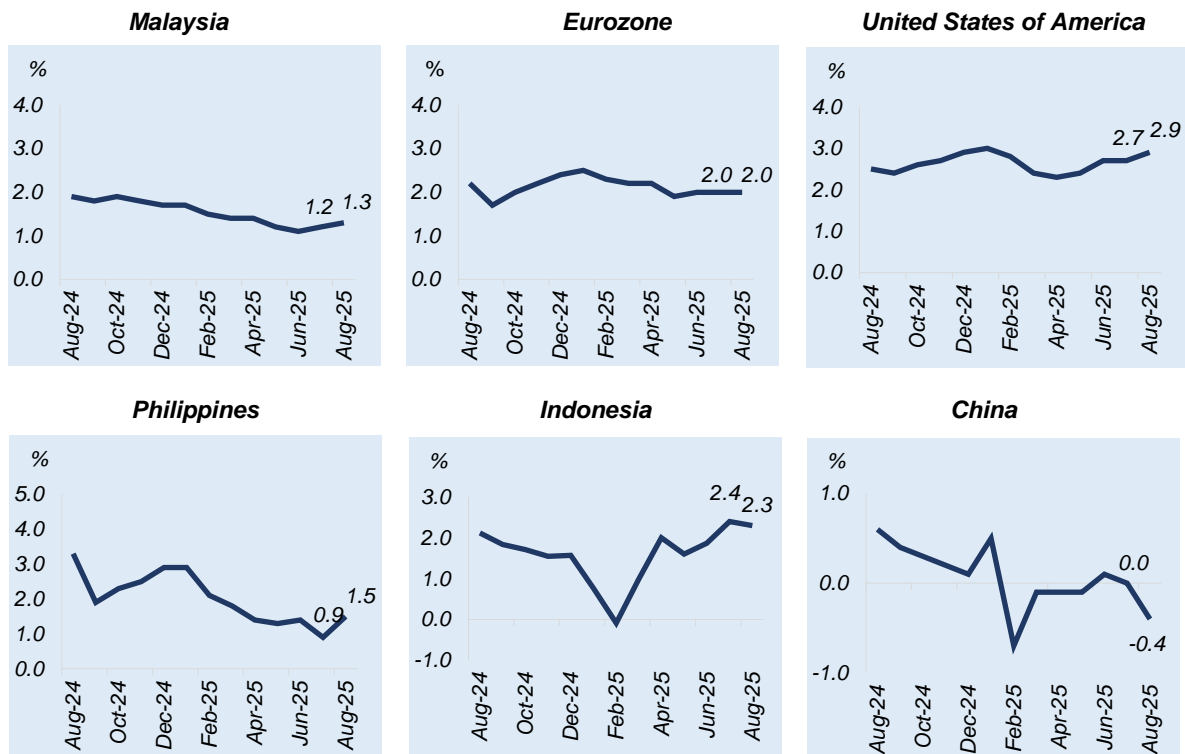
**Chart 11** Inflation by State, July 2025 & August 2025



Note: W.P. refers to Wilayah Persekutuan

July 2025 | August 2025

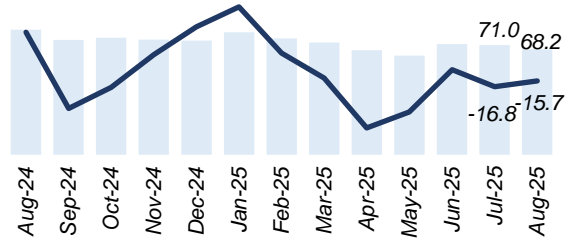
**Chart 12** Inflation of Selected Countries, August 2024 - August 2025



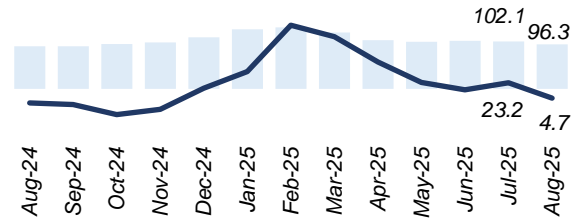
**Chart 13**

**Global Selected Commodity Prices**

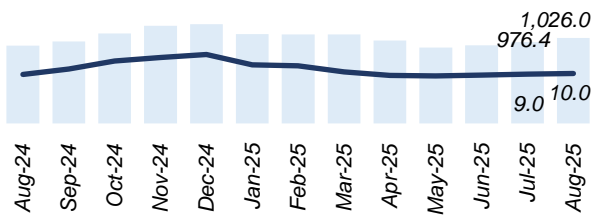
**Crude Oil (US\$/bbl)**



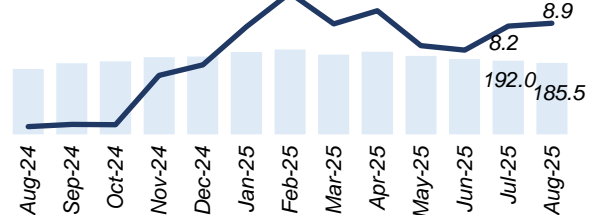
**Natural Gas (Index 2010=100)**



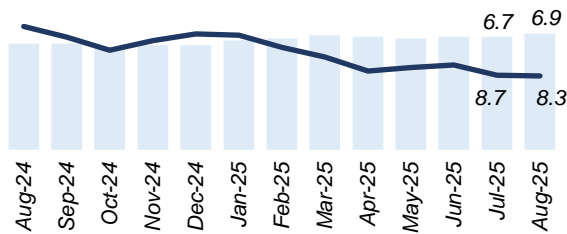
**Palm Oil (US\$/mt)**



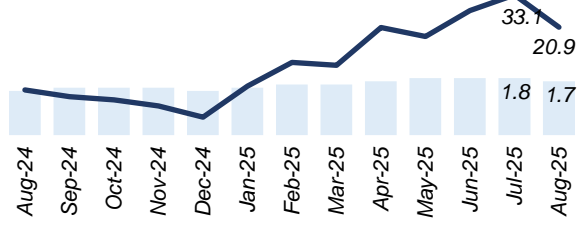
**Maize (US\$/mt)**



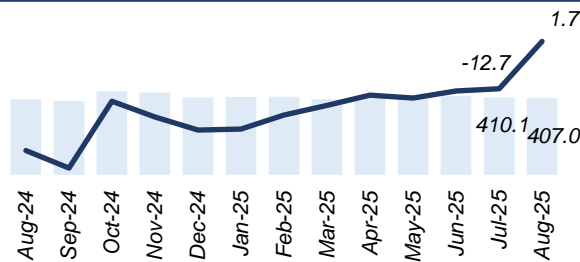
**Beef (US\$/kg)**



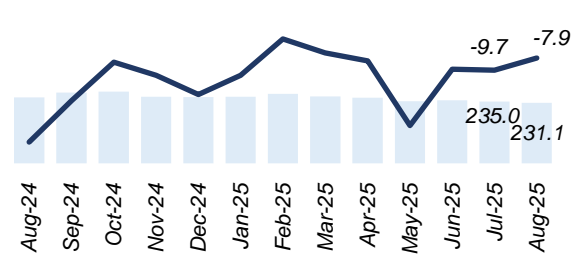
**Meat, Chicken (US\$/kg)**



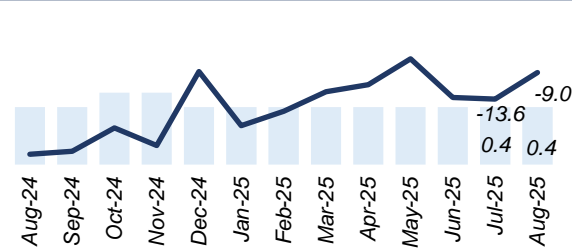
**Soybeans (US\$/mt)**



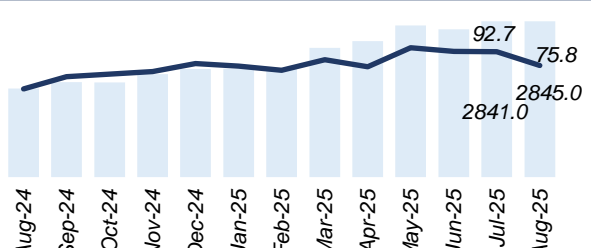
**Wheat (US\$/mt)**



**Sugar (US\$/kg)**



**Coconut Oil (US\$/mt)**



Global commodity price (US\$) — Percentage change year-on-year

Source: Commodity Monthly Prices, World Bank

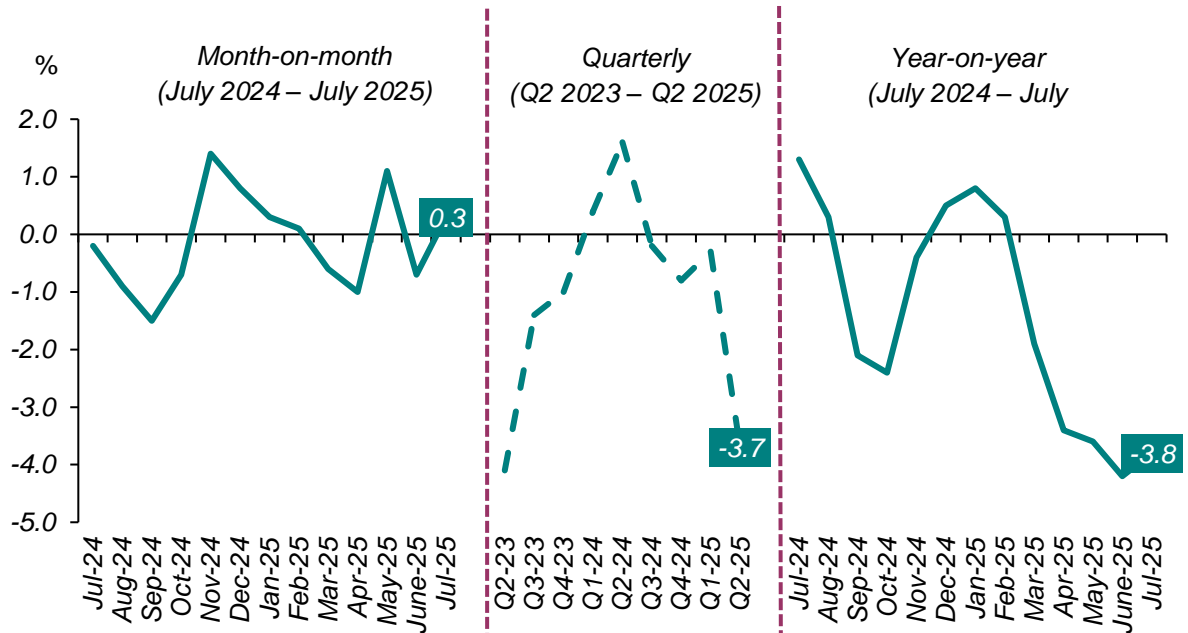
**Notes:**

**Bbl** : Brazilian Butt Lift (barrel) (1bbl = 159 litres)

**Mt** : Million Tonne

**Mmbtu** : Metric Million British Thermal Unit

**Chart 14** Percentage Change of Producer Price Index (PPI) Local Production, Malaysia



**Chart 15** Percentage Change of Producer Price Index (PPI) Local Production by Sector (Year-on-Year), Malaysia

