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MALAYSIA EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS OCTOBER 2025

Malaysia's trade thrived in October 2025, reaching RM277.6 billion, the highest trade value ever recorded, driven by double-digit growth in both exports (+15.7%) and imports (+11.2%)

PUTRAJAYA, 19 NOVEMBER 2025 *– Malaysia's trade performance strengthened in October 2025, with total trade increasing by 13.6 per cent to RM277.6 billion from RM244.5 billion, thereby charting a new milestone in history with the highest trade value ever recorded. This solid performance was driven by export growth (+15.7%) and import growth (+11.2%), which surged to RM148.3 billion and RM129.3 billion, respectively, both charting a new milestone as the highest export and import values in history. In tandem, the trade surplus rose significantly by 58.9 per cent, from RM12.0 billion to RM19.0 billion in October 2025 as reported in the* ***MALAYSIA EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS BULETIN, OCTOBER 2025*** *released today. 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 rose in October 2025 reflecting a corresponding increase in re-exports and domestic exports. Re-exports accounted for 26.4 per cent of total exports and increased by 36.4 per cent year-on-year to RM39.1 billion. Meanwhile, domestic *exports which contributed to 73.6 per cent, rose to RM109.2 billion. Similarly, imports also gained to RM129.3 billion, reflecting a rise of 11.2 per cent. Trade surplus edged up by 58.9 per cent to RM19.0 billion, marking the 66th consecutive month of surplus since May 2020. Compared with September 2025, exports, imports and total trade recorded an increase of 6.7 per cent, 8.9 per cent and 7.7 per cent, respectively. While, trade surplus downed by 6.1 per cent from RM20.0 billion to RM19.0 billion.*

Disaggregated by commodity groups perspective, 152 out of 259 export groups and 137 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 were primarily driven by increased of exports goods to Singapore (+RM5.1 billion), followed by Hong Kong (+RM2.7 billion), the European Union (+RM2.5 billion), Taiwan (+RM2.3 billion), Mexico (+RM1.9 billion), China (+RM1.2 billion) and Viet Nam (+RM1.1 billion). Moreover, the uplift in imports was mainly attributed to stronger inflows from China (+RM8.7 billion), followed by Taiwan (+RM3.2 billion), Costa Rica (+RM2.8 billion), Viet Nam (+RM2.2 billion), Japan (+RM756.2 million), Australia (+RM698.3 million) and Hong Kong (+RM666.5 million).

Further commenting on exports, the increase was primarily driven by higher shipments of E&E products (+RM14.0 billion); palm oil & palm-based agriculture products (+RM1.8 billion); optical & scientific equipment (+RM1.6 billion); manufacture of metal (+RM1.1 billion); machinery, equipment & parts (+RM961.6 million); and palm oil-based manufactured products (+RM764.1 million). On top of that, the import uptick was driven by heightened inflows of E&E products (+RM12.6 billion); metalliferous ores & metal scrap (+RM1.4 billion); manufacture of metal (+RM765.3 million); other manufactures

(+RM523.8 million); optical & scientific equipment (+RM459.9 million); and palm oil-based manufactured products (+RM377.5 million).

To that end, the Chief Statistician Malaysia also underscored that the upswing in imports by End Use reflected higher demand for capital goods and consumption goods. Capital goods (14.5% of total imports) rose 51.9 per cent or RM6.4 billion to reach RM18.7 billion. Imports of consumption goods (7.7% of total imports) expanded by 3.6 per cent or RM344.5 million, amounting to RM10.0 billion compared to October 2024. However, imports of intermediate goods (45.8% of total imports) contracted by 5.7 per cent or RM3.6 billion, settling at RM59.2 billion.

Malaysia's total trade reached RM2.5 trillion for the January to October 2025 period, marking a year-on-year increase of 5.4 per cent. The growth was supported by stronger export (+6.0%) and import (+4.7%) performance. The trade surplus also grew, rising 19.1 per cent to RM125.0 billion compared to the same period in 2024.

Malaysia has, for the first time, successfully secured the top position 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 67th position in the ODIN 2022/23 assessment.

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

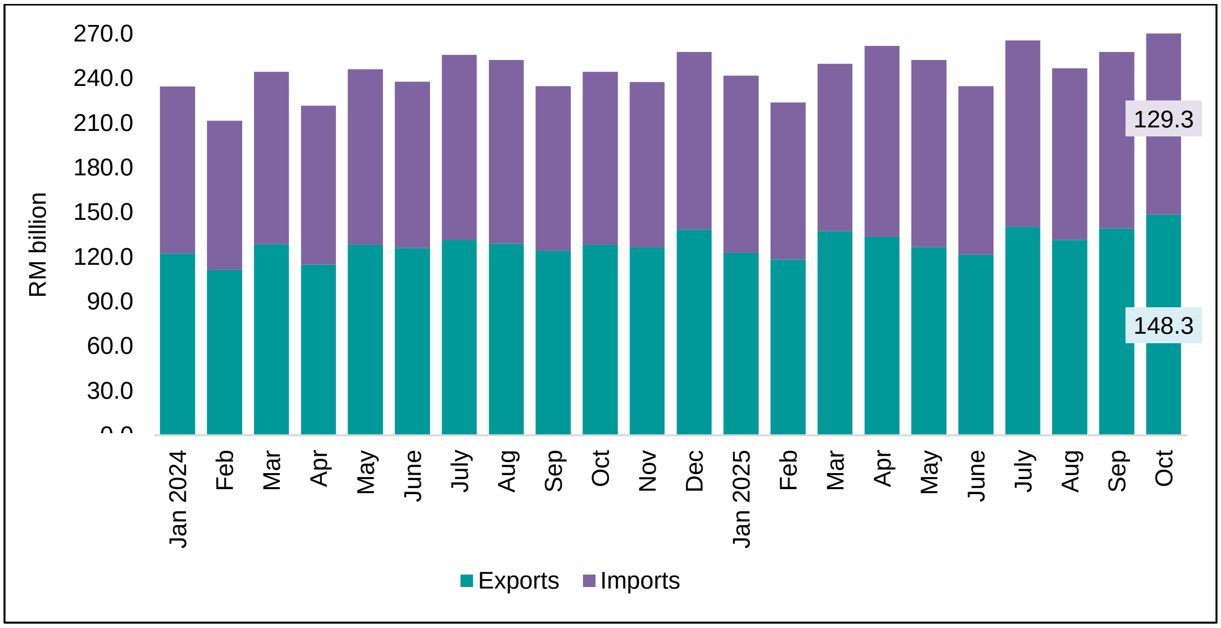


Chart 2: External Trade Statistics, Jan 2024 – Oct 2025 (Annual Percentage Change)

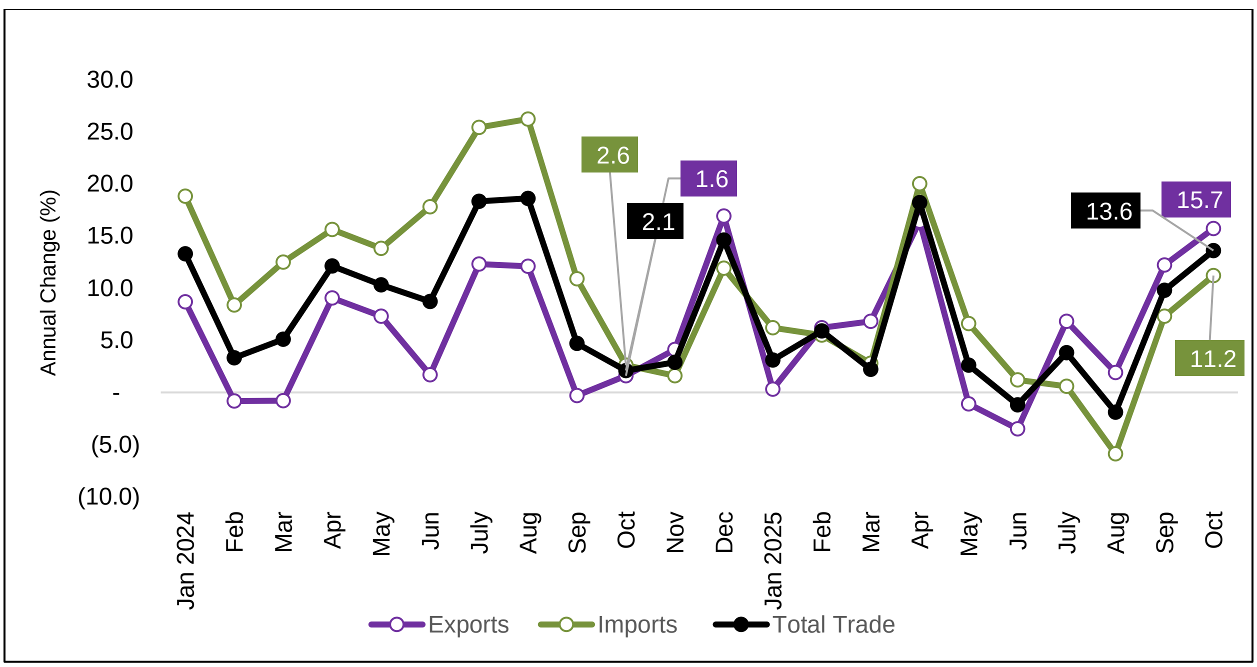


Chart 3: External Trade Statistics, 2020 – 2025 (Jan – Oct)

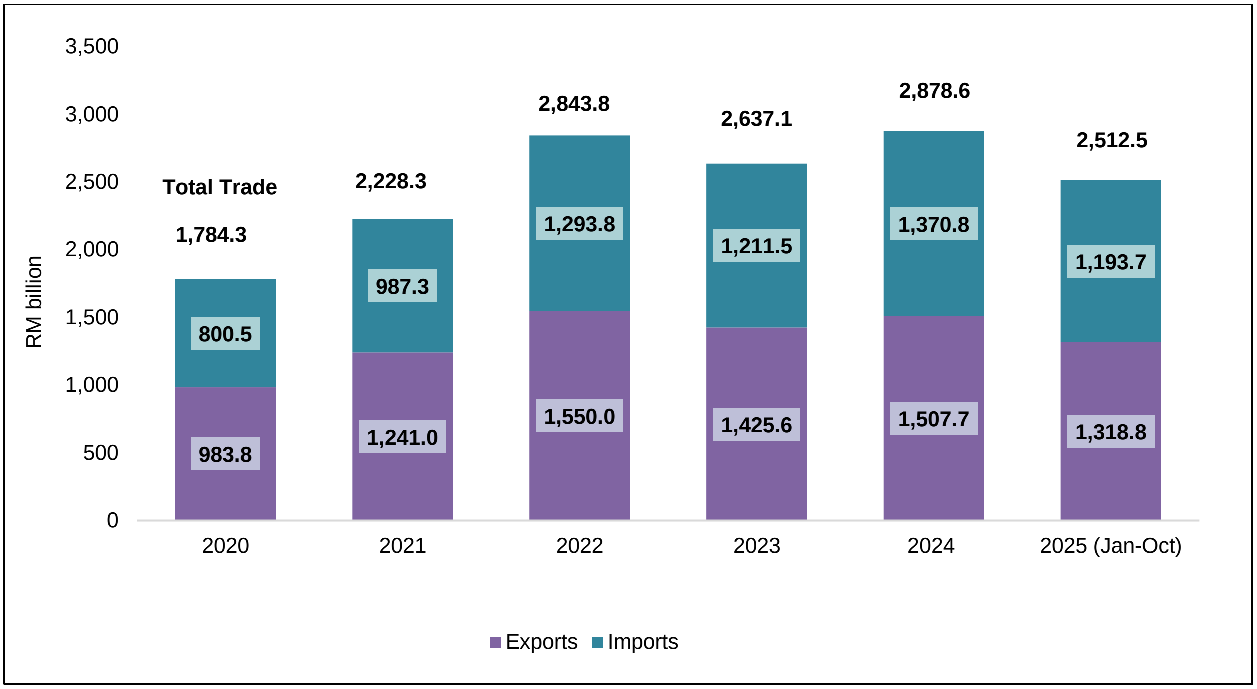
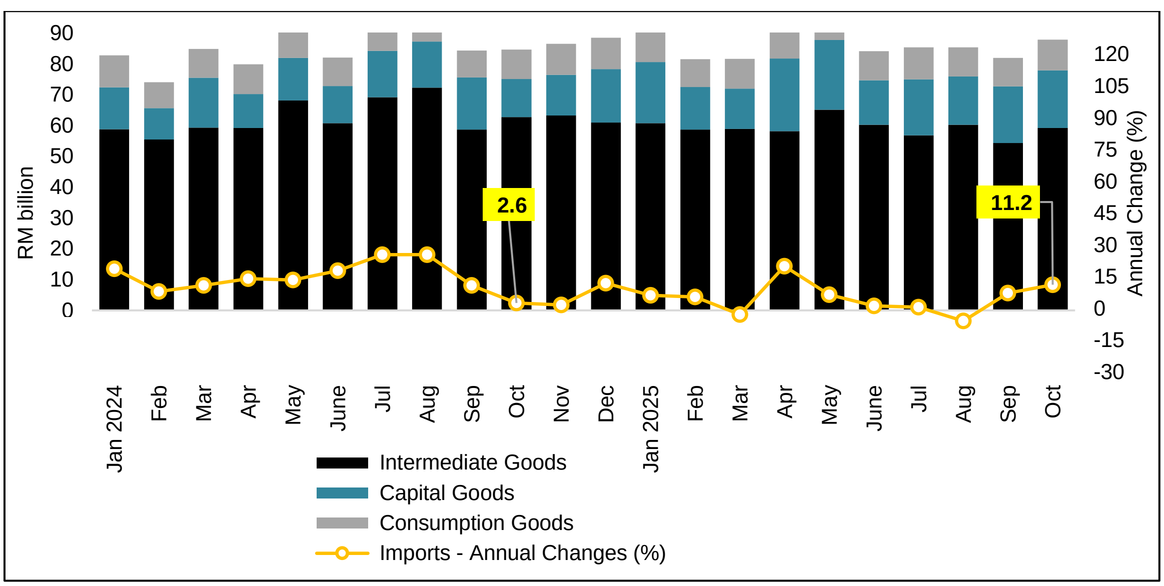


Chart 4: Imports for End Use & Broad Economic Categories (BEC) Classification, Jan 2024 – Oct 2025
(Value and Annual Percentage Change)



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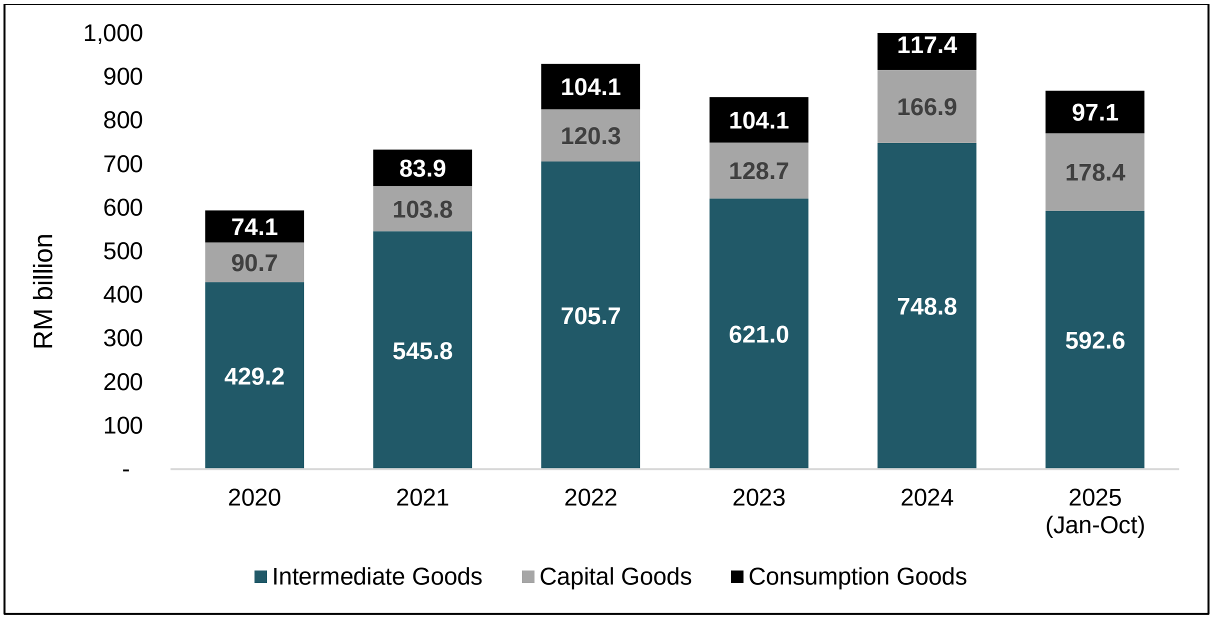

Table 1: Major Sub-sector Contributing to Export

COMMODITY DESCRIPTION	2024 OCTOBER RM MIL.	2025 SEPTEMBER RM MIL.	2025 OCTOBER RM MIL.	SHARE TO TOTAL %	Y.O.Y VALUE RM MIL.	Y.O.Y %
Total	128,224	139,026	148,322	100.0	20,098	15.7
Electrical & Electronic Products (E&E)	53,035	65,137	67,072	45.2	14,037	26.5
Palm Oil & Palm-Based Agriculture Products	7,384	7,450	9,142	6.2	1,758	23.8
Petroleum Products	9,548	9,141	8,778	5.9	(770.2)	(8.1)
Optical & Scientific Equipment	5,114	5,665	6,732	4.5	1,617	31.6
Machinery, Equipment & Parts	5,660	6,307	6,622	4.5	961.6	17.0

Table 2: Major Sub-sector Contributing to Import

COMMODITY DESCRIPTION	2024	2025	2025	SHARE TO TOTAL %	Y.O.Y	
	OCTOBER RM MIL.	SEPTEMBER RM MIL.	OCTOBER RM IML.		VALUE RM MIL.	%
Total	116,269	118,796	129,327	100.0	13,058	11.2
Electrical & Electronic Products (E&E)	41,233	45,731	53,848	41.6	12,615	30.6
Machinery, Equipment & Parts	10,714	9,588	10,470	8.1	(244.0)	(2.3)
Chemical & Chemical Products	8,500	7,480	7,929	6.1	(571.0)	(6.7)
Petroleum Products	8,794	7,992	7,746	6.0	(1,048)	(11.9)
Manufacture of Metal	5,569	5,251	6,334	4.9	765.3	13.7

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