

**Embargo: Only to be published or disseminated at 1200 hours, Wednesday, February 8, 2023**



MINISTRY OF ECONOMY  
DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS MALAYSIA

**MEDIA STATEMENT  
FOR VOLUME INDEX OF WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE, MALAYSIA,  
FOURTH QUARTER 2022**

---

***Volume Index of Wholesale & Retail Trade Malaysia registered a growth of 9.9 per cent in fourth quarter 2022***

**PUTRAJAYA, FEBRUARY 8, 2023** – *The volume index of Wholesale & Retail Trade Malaysia registered a growth of 9.9 per cent year-on-year in fourth quarter of 2022, bringing the overall performance for 2022 to 14.3 per cent as reported today in **VOLUME INDEX OF WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE (2015=100), FOURTH QUARTER 2022**. This report also presents statistics on volume index of Wholesale & Retail Trade by sub-sector.*

*Commenting on the report, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician Malaysia in a statement today said, "The increase was attributed to Retail Trade sub-sector which rose 19.3 per cent, followed by Motor Vehicles and Wholesale Trade which increased 7.0 per cent and 0.9 per cent, respectively. For quarter-on-quarter comparison, volume index increased 1.6 per cent, supported by Motor Vehicles which grew 5.1 per cent."*

*Moving on to performance across sub-sectors, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin*

*added to note that, “Volume index of Retail Trade recorded a positive growth of 19.3 per cent, contributed by Retail Sale of Automotive Fuel in Specialised Stores with 35.7 per cent. This was followed by Retail Sale of Other Goods in Specialised Stores 32.9 per cent and Retail Sale of Non-Specialised Stores 22.0 per cent. Meanwhile, volume index of Retail Trade climbed up 2.0 per cent as compared to the previous quarter.”*

*Commenting further on the performance of volume index of Motor Vehicles, he pointed out that the increase of 7.0 per cent in this sub-sector was attributed to Sales of Motor Vehicles Parts & Accessories and Maintenance & Repair of Motor Vehicles with 29.2 per cent and 25.6 per cent, respectively. The Chief Statistician added that, “Sales of Motor Vehicles also increased 5.9 per cent. For quarter-on-quarter performance, volume index of Retail Trade climbed up 5.1 per cent as compared to the previous quarter.*

*Dato’ Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin added to note that, “Volume index of Wholesale Trade sub-sector recorded a positive growth of 0.9 per cent in fourth quarter 2022 as compared to the same quarter in 2021. This positive growth was contributed by Wholesale of Agricultural Raw Materials & Live Animals of 13.7 per cent. This was followed by Wholesale on a Fee or Contract Basis 11.7 per cent and Wholesale of Household Goods 8.1 per cent. For quarter-on-quarter comparison, volume index of Wholesale Trade rose 0.6 per cent.”*

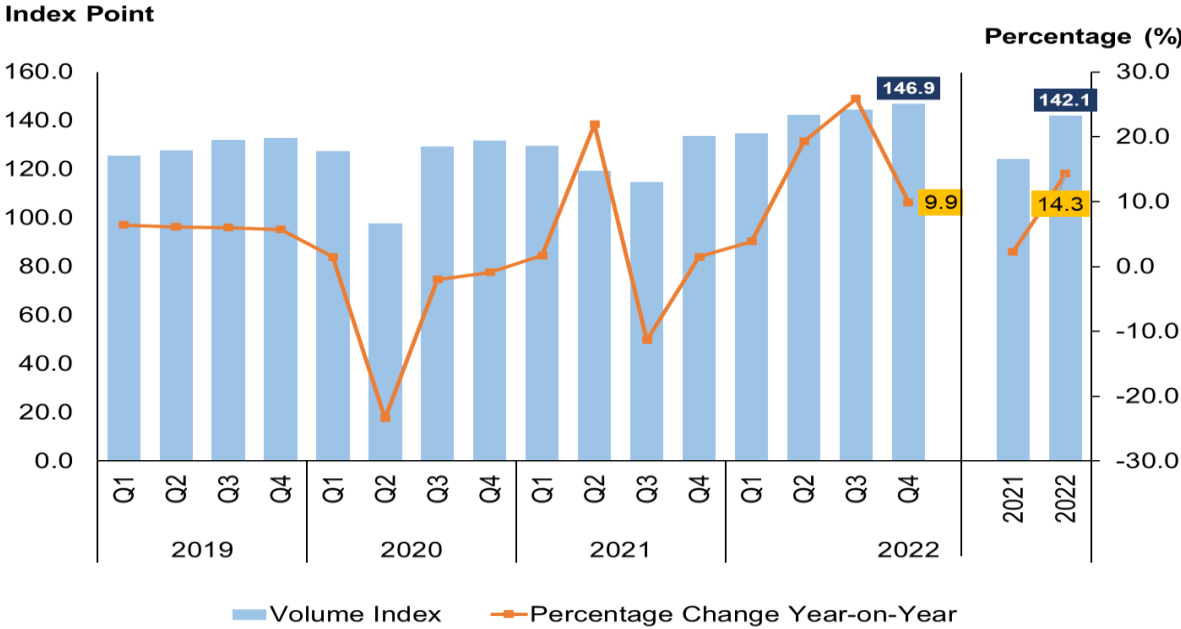
*“As for seasonally adjusted volume index, Wholesale & Retail Trade decreased -1.8 per cent as against the third quarter of 2022. Wholesale Trade and Retail Trade sub-sectors recorded a negative growth of -2.0 per cent and -0.1 per cent, respectively,” he explained.*

*The Chief Statistician also added, “Volume index of Wholesale & Retail ended 2022 with 142.1 points, went up 14.3 per cent, supported by Motor Vehicles, Retail Trade and Wholesale Trade which grew 39.2 per cent, 19.2 per cent, and*

3.6 per cent, respectively.”

DOSM has launched OpenDOSM NextGen as a platform that provides a catalogue of data and visualisation that facilitates users in analysing various types of data. OpenDOSM NextGen is an open-source data sharing medium and accessible through <https://open.dosm.gov.my> portal.

**Chart 1: Volume Index of Wholesale & Retail Trade**



Released by:

**THE OFFICE OF CHIEF STATISTICIAN MALAYSIA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS, MALAYSIA**  
**8 FEBRUARY 2023**