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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, MALAYSIA, OCTOBER 2026

Malaysia's inflation rose 1.9 per cent in October 2026

PUTRAJAYA, 19TH NOVEMBER 2026 – The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) published the **CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI), OCTOBER 2026.** This report provides the consumer price index of goods and services at the national and state levels.

Malaysia's inflation increased 1.9 per cent in October 2026 as compared to 1.8 per cent in the previous month, with the index rising to 137.7 points from 135.1 points in October 2025. This was driven by the Transport group which recorded a notable increase to 4.2 per cent as compared to 2.5 per cent in September 2026.

Inflation in the Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco group increased 2.9 per cent in October 2026 as compared 2.8 per cent in September 2026. Besides, the Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels group rose to 1.9 per cent as compared to 1.4 per cent in the previous month. The Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance and Clothing & Footwear groups also recorded increases in October 2026 to 0.5 per cent (September 2026: 0.3%) and 0.3 per cent (September 2026: 0.2%), respectively.

The Restaurant & Accommodation Services recorded a moderation in inflation to 2.1 per cent as compared to 2.2 per cent in September 2026. The Education and Food & Beverages groups registered increases of 1.8 per cent (September 2026: 2.1%) and 1.7 per cent (September 2026: 1.8%). At the same time, the Personal Care, Social Protection & Miscellaneous Goods & Services group also rose to 1.2 per cent in October 2026 as compared to 2.8 per cent in September 2026.

Nevertheless, inflation in the Information & Communication and Health groups remained at 1.8 per cent and 1.4 per cent, respectively, in October 2026, unchanged from the previous month. In addition, both the Recreation, Sport & Culture and Insurance & Financial Services groups registered inflation rates of 1.2 per cent in October 2026 (September 2026: 1.2%).

The Food & Beverages group which contributes 29.8 per cent of the total CPI weight increased 1.7 per cent in October 2026 as compared to 1.8 per cent as recorded in the previous month. The increase was driven by the Food away from home subgroup

which moderated to 2.5 per cent as compared to 2.6 per cent in September 2026. Meanwhile, the Food at home subgroup remained unchanged at 1.2 per cent in October 2026.

Inflation in the Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels group increased higher to 1.9 per cent in October 2026 as compared to 1.4 per cent in September 2026. This was driven by the Electricity, gas & fuel subgroup which recorded a substantial increase in inflation to 4.7 per cent in October 2026 (September 2026: 0.1%). On the other hand, the subgroup of Maintenance, repair & security of the dwelling increased slower to 2.3 per cent as compared to 2.9 per cent in the previous month, partly offsetting the rise in inflation for this group.

The increase in inflation for the Electricity, gas & fuel subgroup was driven by the revision of the Automatic Fuel Adjustment (AFA) rate imposed on domestic users in Peninsular Malaysia for consumption of more than 800 kilowatt hours (kWh). Besides, all domestic users in Sarawak are receiving a 25 per cent electricity bill discount from April to December 2026, benefiting approximately 714,000 households following the Sarawak government financial relief initiative.

Inflation in the Transport group increased 4.2 per cent in October 2026 as compared to 2.5 per cent in September 2026. This was attributed to the Operation of personal transport equipment subgroup which registered an increase of 4.9 per cent (September 2026: 2.7%). The Transport services of goods subgroup increased marginally to 0.1 per cent in October 2026 (September 2026: -0.5%). The Public transport services subgroup moderated to 5.8 per cent as compared to 7.8 per cent recorded in September 2026. The subgroup of Purchase of vehicles continued to record a decrease in October 2026 at negative 0.4 per cent (September 2026: -0.6%).

The average price of Unleaded petrol RON97 in October 2026 increased to RM5.00 per litre as compared to RM4.64 per litre in September 2026. The average market price of Diesel registered at RM5.20 per litre (September 2026: RM5.05 per litre) as compared to the subsidised price of RM2.10 per litre. Besides, the average market price of Unleaded petrol RON95 was recorded at RM4.52 per litre in October 2026 (September 2026: RM4.16 per litre) as compared to the subsidised price of RM1.99 per litre.

Seven states recorded increases above the national inflation level of 1.9 per cent, namely Negeri Sembilan (2.6%), Kedah (2.5%), Johor (2.3%), Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya (2.3%), Pahang (2.2%), Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan (2.2%) and Selangor (2.1%). All states registered an increase in Food & Beverages inflation, except Kelantan which recorded a decrease in October 2026.

On a month-on-month basis, the headline inflation in October 2026 increased marginally at 0.1 per cent, the same rate as in the previous month. The Transport group increased 0.7 per cent as compared to 0.6 per cent in September 2026. Both Health and Recreation, Sport & Culture groups increased marginally at 0.2 per cent and 0.1 per cent in the previous month. The Furnishings, Household Equipment &

Routine Household Maintenance and Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco also increased higher in October 2026 to 0.2 per cent (September 2026: -0.1%) and 0.1 per cent (September 2026: 0.0%). Meanwhile, the Personal Care, Social Protection & Miscellaneous Goods & Services group was in negative territory in October 2026 at negative 0.1 per cent (September 2026: 0.4%). Five groups recorded no changes in October 2026 namely Clothing & Footwear; Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels; Information & Communication; Education and Insurance & Financial Services.

Chart 1 **Malaysia Inflation, Core Inflation and Inflation without Fuel (Year-on-Year), October 2025 – October 2026**

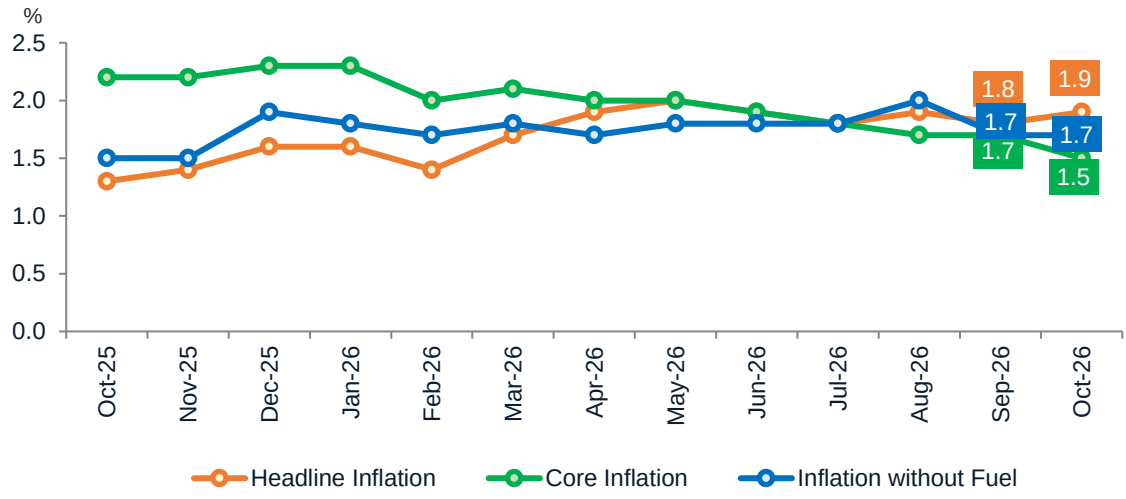


Chart 2 Inflation by Main Group (Year-on-Year), September 2026 & October 2026

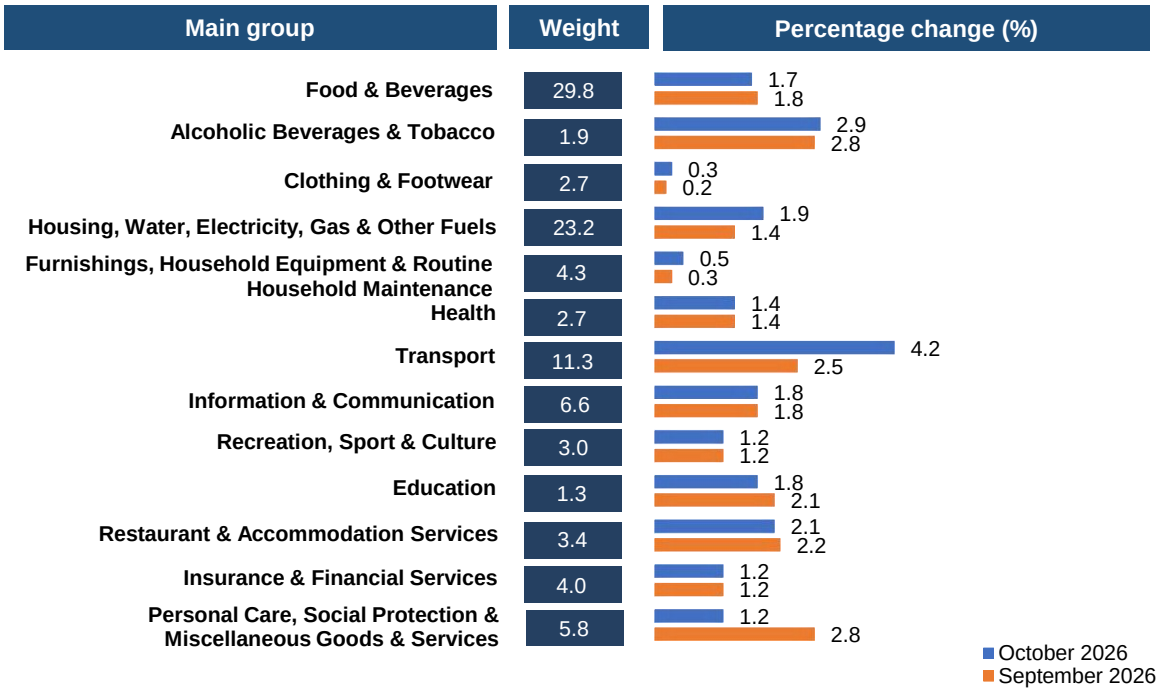
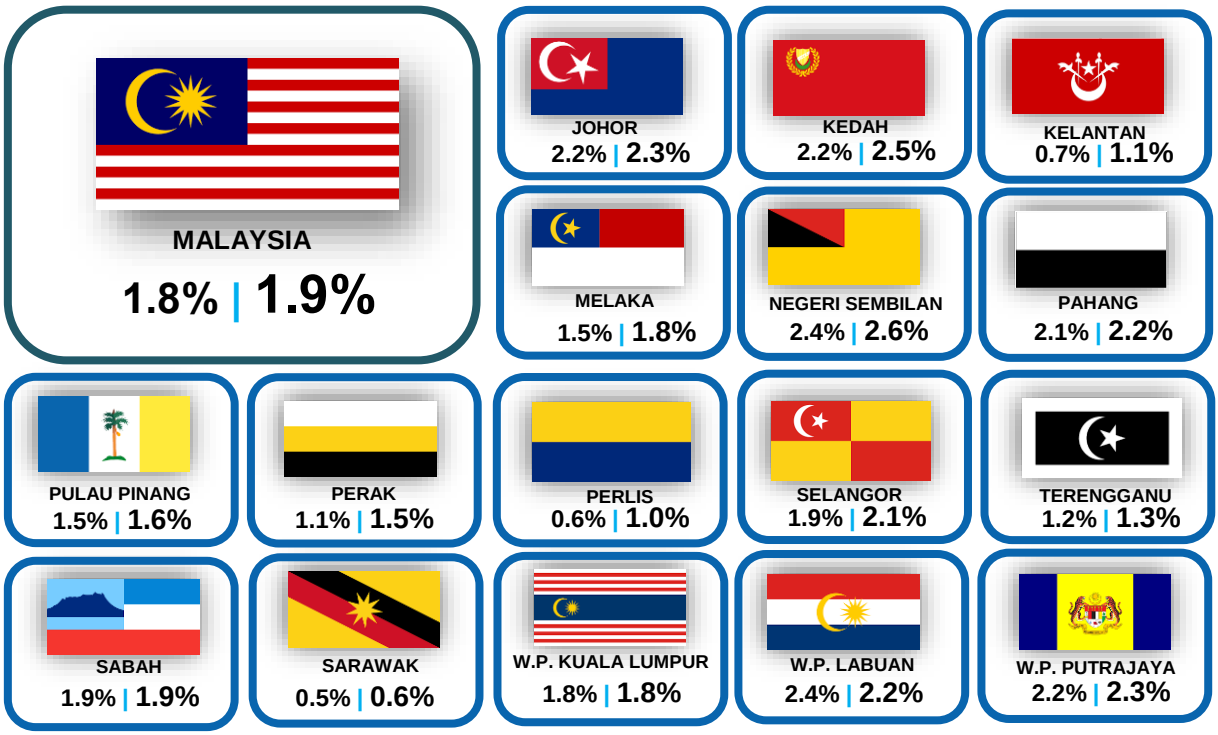


Chart 3 Inflation by State (Year-on-Year), September 2026 & October 2026



Note: W.P. refers to Wilayah Persekutuan

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