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## ***PERFORMANCE OF WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE, MALAYSIA, APRIL 2025***

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***Wholesale & retail trade sales reached RM151.7 billion in April 2025,  
grew 4.7 per cent***

***PUTRAJAYA, JUNE 13, 2025*** – The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) today released the ***PERFORMANCE OF WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE, APRIL 2025*** report. Wholesale & retail trade recorded total sales of RM151.7 billion in April, marking a year-on-year growth of 4.7 per cent.

*In an official statement, Chief Statistician Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, stated that the growth in Wholesale and retail trade sales for April 2025 was primarily supported by the performance of the Wholesale and retail trade sub-sectors. The Wholesale trade sub-sector registered RM67.3 billion in sales, an increase of RM3.5 billion or 5.5 per cent year-on-year, reflecting steady business activity across supply chains. The Retail trade sub-sector recorded RM66.8 billion, up RM3.0 billion or 4.7 per cent year-on-year, in line with increased consumer spending during the Hari Raya Aidilfitri month. The Motor vehicles sub-sector posted RM17.6 billion in sales, a year-on-year increase of RM0.4 billion*

or 2.1 per cent.

*Complementing the growth in trade, Malaysia's digital payment transactions recorded strong year-on-year increases in April 2025. E-money transactions rose by 68.7 per cent to RM19.7 billion, reflecting higher usage in micro and retail payments. Real-time Retail Payments Platform (RPP) transactions totalled RM277.8 billion, maintaining the highest transaction value among payment methods, while FPX transactions increased by 25.4 per cent to RM35.5 billion, supported by higher online banking activities. Credit card transactions remained steady at RM17.7 billion, while debit card transactions grew by 4.5 per cent to RM13.3 billion. These figures indicate continued expansion in digital payment usage, aligned with ongoing shifts in transaction preferences and broader digital integration in Malaysia's payment ecosystem.*

*According to the Chief Statistician, the Wholesale of food, beverages & tobacco recorded a 7.5 per cent increase year-on-year, reaching RM13.9 billion. This growth was primarily driven by higher sales in industries such as meat, poultry, eggs, dairy products, and vegetables. The Wholesale of household goods also showed a positive performance, expanding by 6.6 per cent to RM14.2 billion. In addition, Other specialised wholesale trade contributed to the overall growth of the sub-sector, registering a 2.8 per cent increase to RM24.6 billion. Meanwhile, the Wholesale of machinery, equipment, and supplies recorded a strong growth of 9.8 per cent year-on-year, amounting to RM5.4 billion. This was mainly supported by increased sales in the Wholesale of computer hardware, software and peripherals, as well as the telecommunications equipment and mobile phones.*

*Elaborating on the performance of the Retail trade sub-sector, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd. Uzir Mahidin highlighted that Retail sales in non-specialised stores increased by 4.2 per cent year-on-year to RM25.7 billion, supported by higher sales in provision*

stores, mini markets, and convenience stores. Retail sales in specialised stores also recorded a growth of 4.5 per cent to RM14.1 billion. Retail sales of automotive fuel rose by 5.6 per cent to RM6.2 billion, largely driven by heightened intercity travel and open house activities during the Hari Raya Aidilfitri celebrations. Additionally, Retail sales of information & communication equipment registered a 5.5 per cent increase to RM5.2 billion, with notable contributions from Retail sales of computers, computer equipment & supplies, and telecommunication equipment. Meanwhile, Retail sales of household goods expanded by 3.6 per cent to RM7.5 billion, further underscoring the steady momentum within the retail trade sub-sector.

During the same period, the Motor vehicles sub-sector recorded an increase in sales compared to the previous year, supported by a 13.4 per cent rise in Sales, maintenance & repair of motorcycles, amounting to RM1.1 billion. This was followed by a 2.5 per cent growth in Sales of motor vehicle parts & accessories, reaching RM5.1 billion. A similar trend was reported by the Malaysian Automotive Association (MAA), which recorded sales of 60,527 vehicles compared to 59,905 vehicles in the previous year. Meanwhile, the Road Transport Department (JPJ) reported 64,485 vehicle registrations, higher than the 62,959 registrations recorded last year.

Online retail sales in April showed an increase, with the index rose by 6.3 per cent year-on-year. However, for seasonal adjustment, the index recorded a month-on-month growth of -1.2 per cent.

In terms of volume index, Wholesale & retail trade recorded a year-on-year increase of 4.3 per cent. This growth was mainly driven by the Wholesale trade sub-sector, which rose by 6.6 per cent, followed by Retail trade with a 3.4 per cent increase. Meanwhile, the Motor vehicles sub-sector recorded a marginal increase

*of 0.8 per cent in this month. Conversely, in terms of seasonal adjustment, the volume index posted a month-on-month decrease of -0.3 per cent compared to March 2025.*

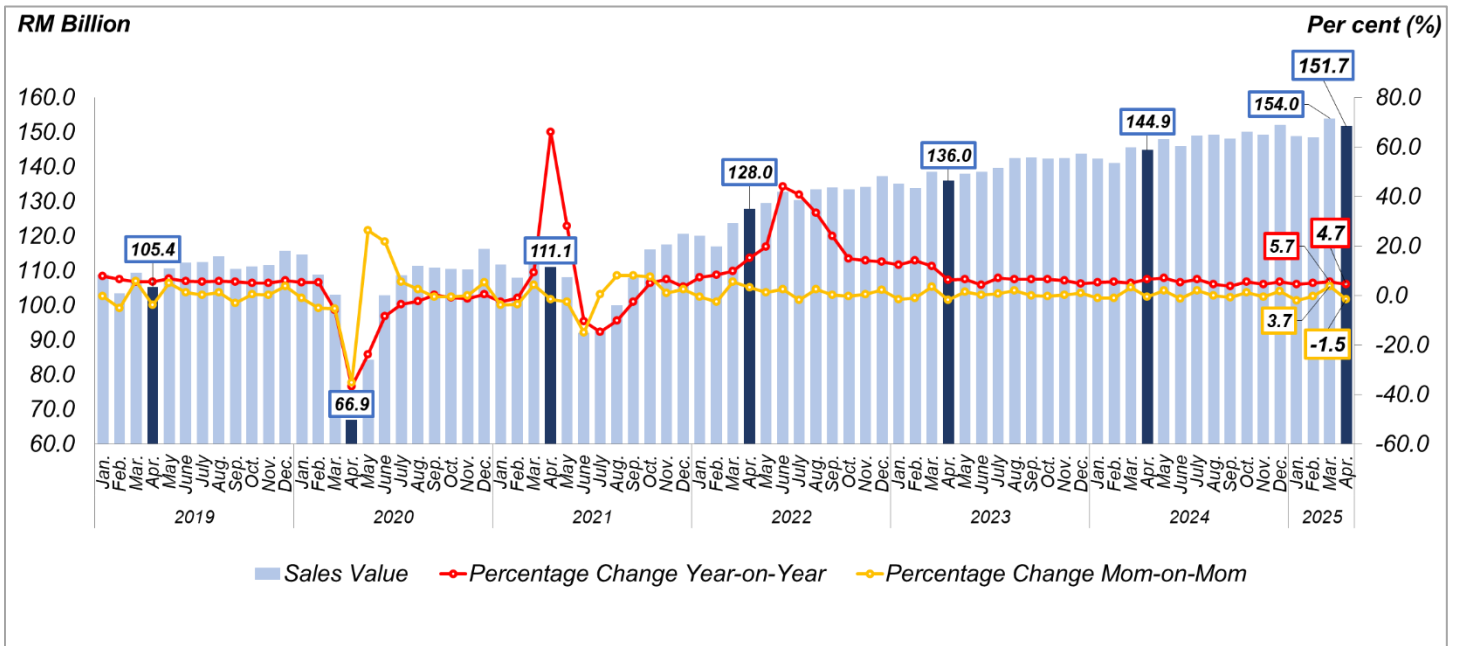
*ASEAN-Malaysia 2025 Chairmanship: The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) will chair the 15<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Community Statistical System Committee (ACSS15) which aims to strengthen the statistical cooperation towards sustainable regional development.*

*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 198 other countries. This achievement marks a significant leap from its 67<sup>th</sup> position in the ODIN 2022/23 assessment.*

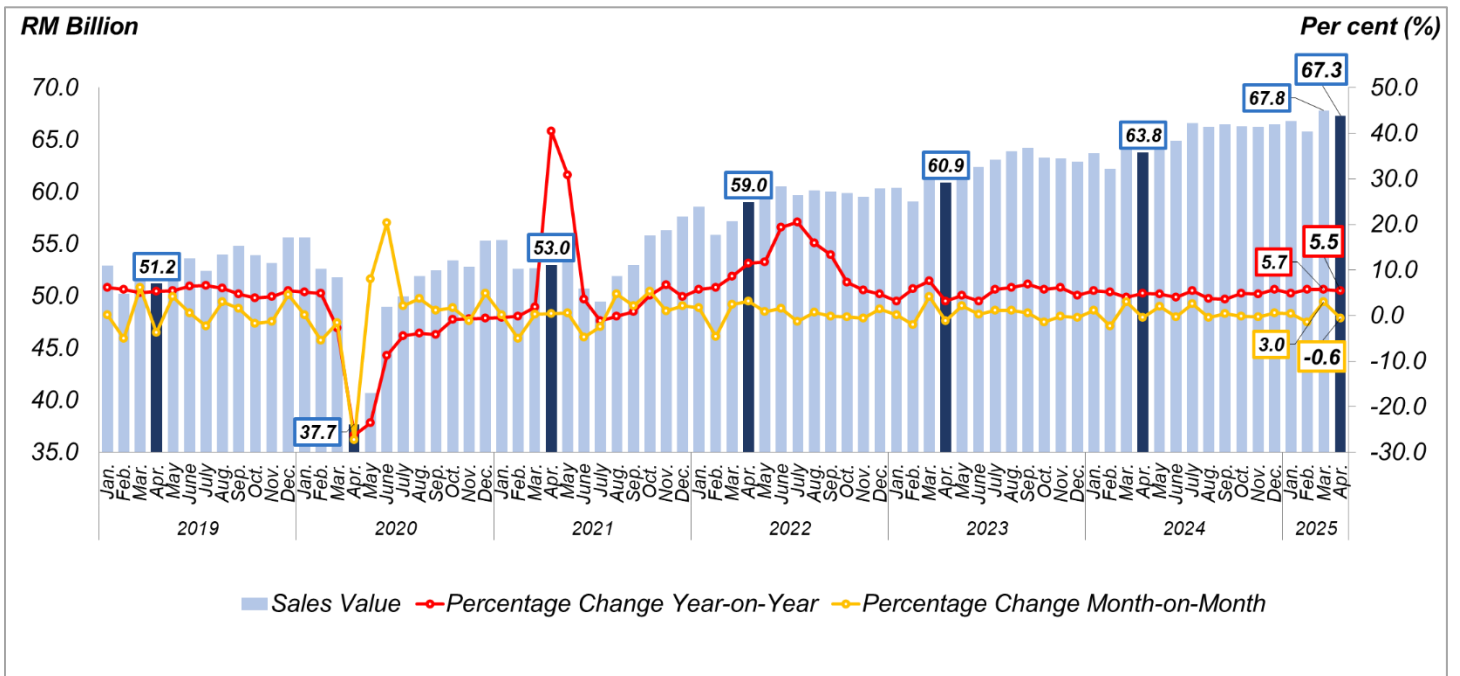
*The Government of Malaysia has declared October 20<sup>th</sup> as National Statistics Day (MyStats Day), with the theme 'Statistics is the Essence of Life'. Meanwhile, the Fourth World Statistics Day will be celebrated on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025, with the theme 'Driving Change with Quality Statistics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

*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>.*

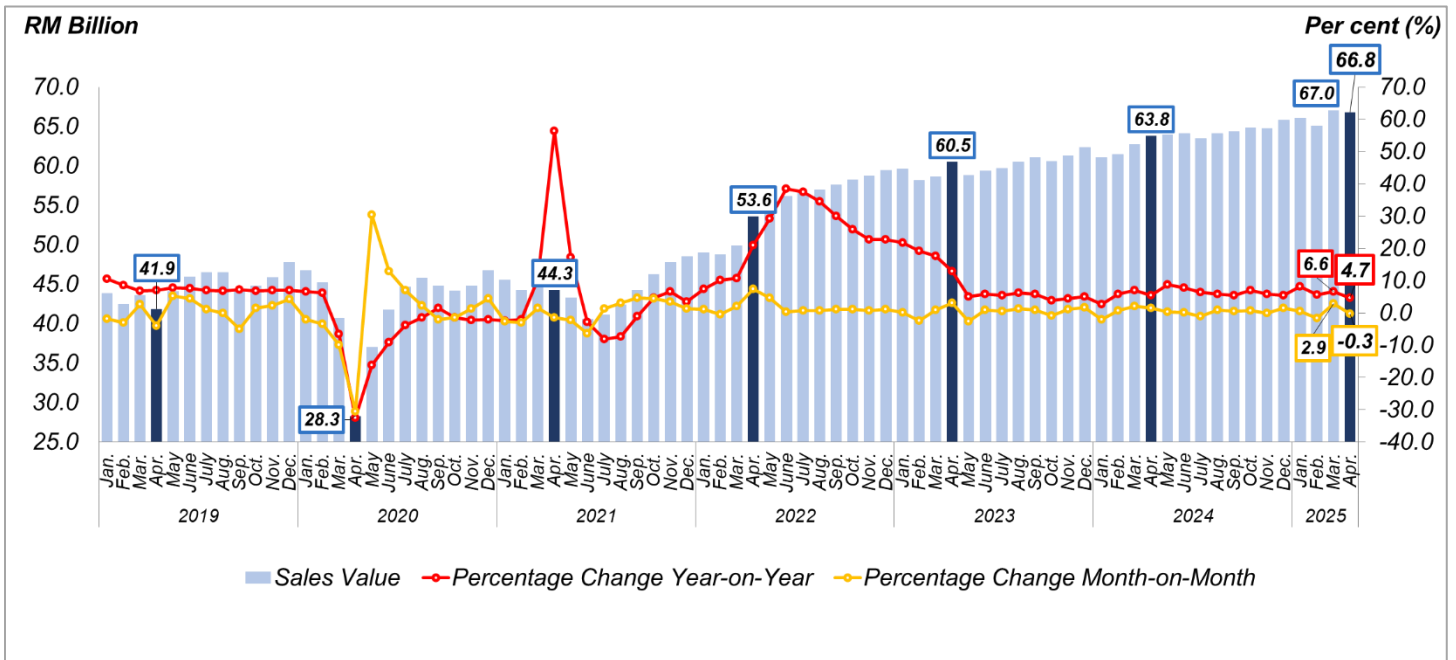
**Chart 1: Sales Value of Wholesale & Retail Trade**



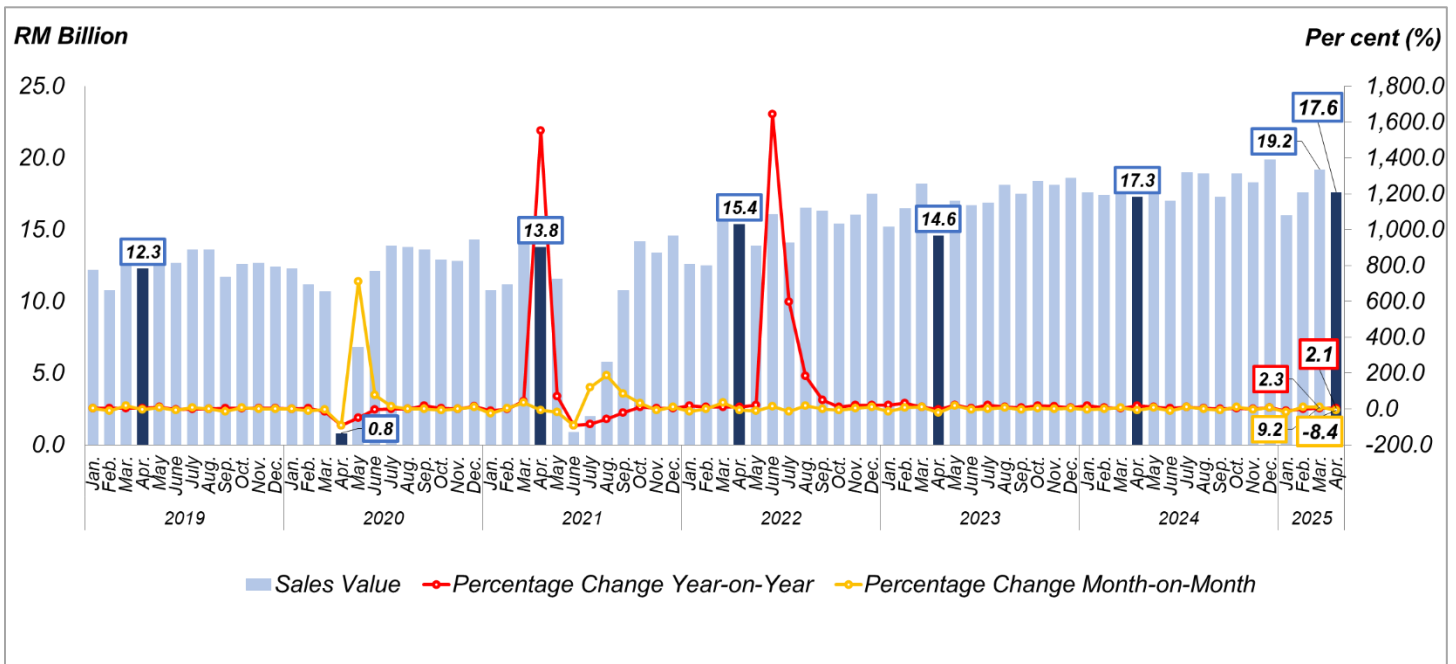
**Chart 2: Sales Value of Wholesale Trade**



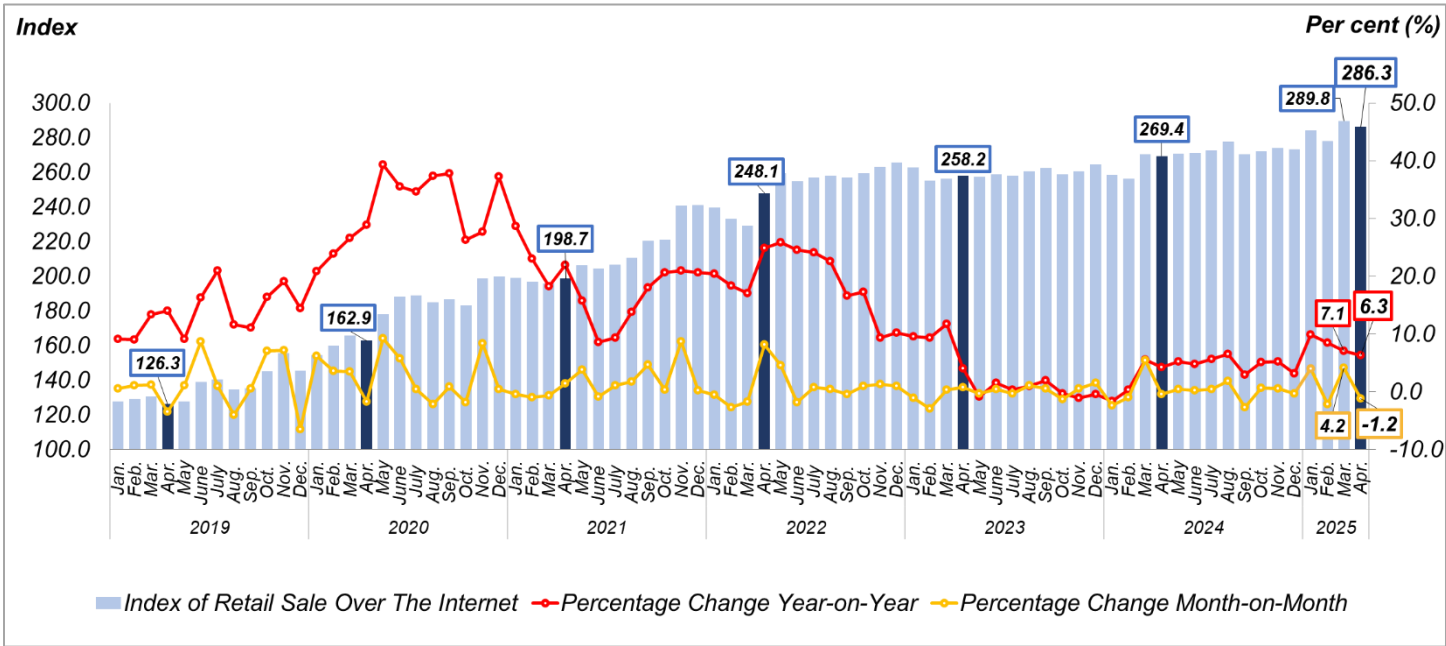
**Chart 3: Sales Value of Retail Trade**



**Chart 4: Sales Value of Motor Vehicles**



### Chart 5: Index of Online Retail Sales



**Table 1: Payment Platforms in Malaysia  
(January 2024 – April 2025)**

Year	Month	Payment Instruments				Payment System			
		(RM billion)							
		Credit Card	Debit Card	E-money	Interbank GIRO	FPX	Direct Debit	JomPAY	RPP
2024	Jan.	18.8	12.4	11.6	139.1	31.0	6.2	5.0	229.6
	Feb.	17.3	12.5	11.5	120.9	27.6	5.8	4.8	207.5
	Mar.	17.8	13.4	11.8	128.5	32.1	6.3	4.7	229.2
	Apr.	16.8	12.7	11.7	129.4	28.3	6.7	4.7	229.4
	May	17.7	13.0	12.6	135.4	32.3	6.3	4.8	240.6
	June	17.1	12.7	12.7	118.9	28.0	5.6	4.6	230.4
	July	17.7	12.6	13.4	138.5	33.5	6.8	5.2	256.1
	Aug.	17.8	12.7	14.2	133.9	34.3	6.0	5.2	254.7
	Sept.	17.9	12.6	14.7	126.8	31.7	5.9	4.7	244.2
	Oct.	18.5	13.2	15.8	132.6	31.9	6.4	4.9	262.6
	Nov.	18.2	12.6	16.2	130.3	34.5	6.2	4.7	261.0
	Dec.	20.5	14.7	17.9	143.5	35.0	6.8	4.9	294.1
2025	Jan.	20.1	14.9	19.5	142.0	38.6	6.4	5.0	290.7
	Feb.	16.8	12.7	17.3	118.1	32.9	6.0	4.9	250.3
	Mar.	19.1	15.6	20.3	140.3	40.4	6.4	4.9	297.7
	Apr.	17.7	13.3	19.7	130.0	35.5	7.3	4.7	277.8
Year-on-Year (%)									
2025	Jan.	6.8	19.9	68.2	2.1	24.6	3.5	-1.0	26.6
	Feb.	-2.6	1.8	50.7	-2.3	19.3	3.8	2.8	20.6
	Mar.	7.0	16.2	71.2	9.2	25.9	1.4	3.5	29.9
	Apr.	5.5	4.5	68.7	0.5	25.4	9.1	0.8	21.1

Source: Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM)

**Table 2: M1 Monetary Aggregates in Malaysia  
(January 2024 – April 2025)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>M1 (RM billion)</b>	<b>Year-on-Year (%)</b>
2024	Jan.	639.2	6.4
	Feb.	639.9	6.9
	Mar.	645.3	8.0
	Apr.	638.5	7.1
	May	635.4	6.8
	June	642.1	6.4
	July	636.8	7.2
	Aug.	637.5	6.0
	Sept.	644.9	6.0
	Oct.	645.2	4.5
	Nov.	655.0	4.9
	Dec.	666.5	4.4
2025	Jan.	663.3	3.8
	Feb.	661.9	3.4
	Mar.	667.5	3.4
	Apr.	662.9	3.8

Source: Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM)

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