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PUTRAJAYA, 11TH MARCH 2026 – The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) published **SPECIAL RELEASE FOR BUILDING AND STRUCTURAL WORKS, FEBRUARY 2026**. This report provides the unit price index of major building materials and the Building Material Cost Index (BCI) by building category and region.

In a statement today, Chief Statistician Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin mentioned that the unit price index of cement recorded an increase in February 2026, ranging from 0.2 per cent to 1.1 per cent as compared to the previous month. The highest increase in the price index of this material was recorded in Kuching (1.1%) and Perak (0.4%).

The Chief Statistician of Malaysia also informed that the unit price index of aggregates showed a slight increase in February 2026, with month-on-month change ranging from 0.1 per cent to 3.4 per cent in all areas in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak.

The unit price index of steel recorded a slight decrease in February 2026, ranging from negative 0.2 per cent to negative 1.4 per cent as compared to the previous month. In addition, the price index of steel & metal sections also registered a slight increase in February 2026, with month-on-month changes between 0.3 per cent to 1.6 per cent across all areas in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak.

An annual comparison for the period of February 2025 and February 2026 has indicated that the unit price index for steel recorded a decline ranging from negative 1.2 per cent to negative 8.1 per cent involving most areas in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak. The highest decrease in the unit price index for steel was observed in Kuching (-8.1%), followed by Sibü (-7.1%) and Miri (-6.8%).

Nevertheless, the year-on-year comparison of the unit price index of cement increased between 0.8 per cent to 5.9 per cent in February 2026 as compared to the same month last year across all areas in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak. The highest increase was observed in Pahang (5.9%), followed by Perak (5.5%) and Selangor, W.P. Kuala Lumpur, Melaka & Negeri Sembilan (5.1%).

The Chief Statistician of Malaysia also mentioned that the average price per unit of steel, consisting of mild steel round bars and Mycon 60 high tensile deformed bars, recorded a decrease of negative 1.4 per cent with an average price of RM3,404.40 per metric tonne as compared to the previous month (January 2026: RM3,454.00 per metric tonne). In addition, the average price of Ordinary Portland cement showed a slight increase (0.2%) with an average price of RM25.35 per 50 kg bag, as compared to January 2026 (RM25.30 per 50 kg bag).

The monthly comparison of BCI with steel bars, by building category and region in Peninsular Malaysia for February 2026 recorded a decline ranging from negative 0.1 per cent to negative 0.5 per cent in the areas of Pulau Pinang, Kedah and Perlis, as well as Pahang, Terengganu & Kelantan. However, a slight increase in the BCI with steel bars ranging from 0.1 per cent to 0.4 per cent was recorded in Perak and Johor.

The BCI with steel bars in Sabah recorded a slight increase 0.1 per cent to 0.5 per cent for all building categories in February 2026 as compared to the previous month.

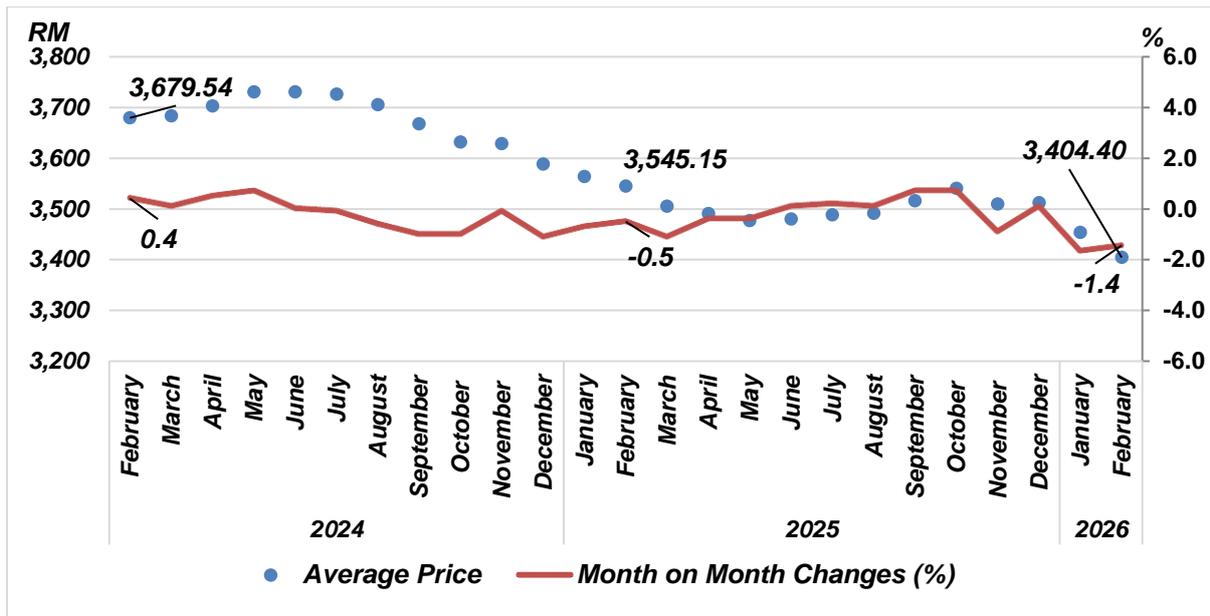
The month-on-month comparison of BCI with steel bars in Sarawak registered a slight decrease of 0.1 per cent for all categories of buildings in Kuching (except for the timber building, timber piling and piling categories). In addition, the BCI in Sibul and Miri recorded a slight increase ranging from 0.1 per cent to 0.2 per cent for all building categories.

The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) is conducting the **Economic Census 2026 (BE2026)**, with themed “**Data Nadi Ekonomi Rakyat**”. The sixth Economic Census, will be carried out from **5th January to 31st October 2026**. BE2026 aims to collect comprehensive and structured data from all registered and unregistered business establishments in Malaysia to assess the nation’s economic performance, structure and characteristics in an evidence-based manner.

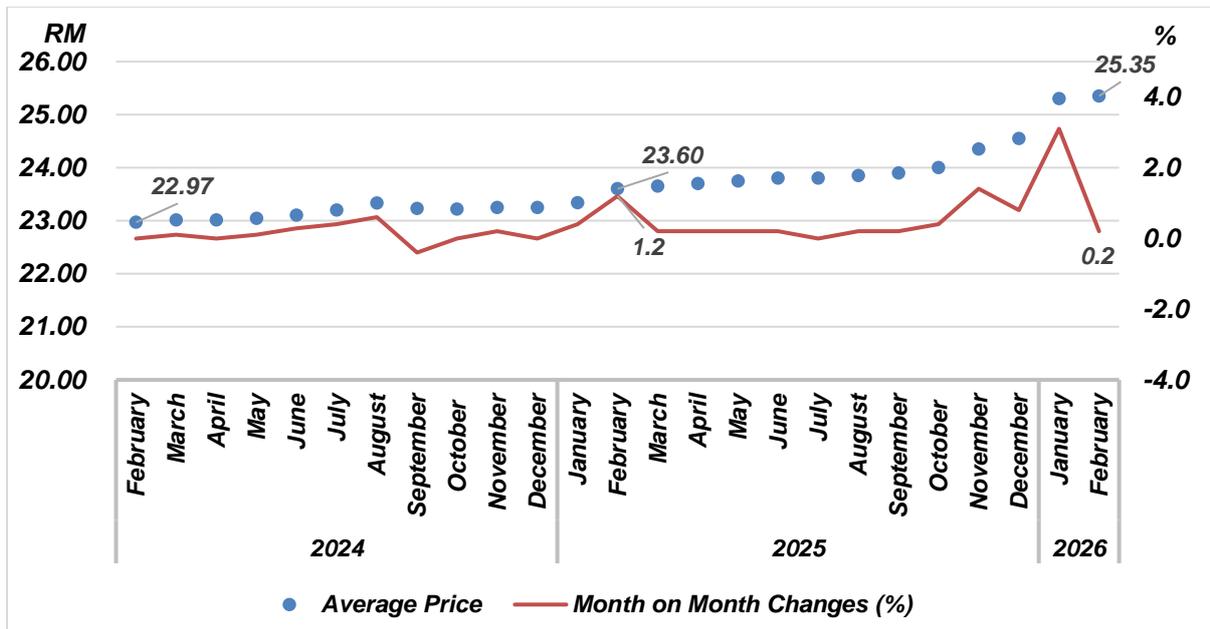
Malaysia has, for the first time, successfully secured the **top position** globally in the biennial **Open Data Inventory (ODIN) 2024/25** report released by Open Data Watch (ODW), surpassing 197 other countries. This achievement marks a significant leap from its 67th position in the ODIN 2022/23 assessment.

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**Chart 1: Average Price of Steel Bar, Malaysia,
February 2024 – February 2026**



**Chart 2: Average Price of Cement, Malaysia,
February 2024 – February 2026**



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