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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, MALAYSIA MAY 2025

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PUTRAJAYA, 24 June 2025 - Malaysia registered an inflation rate of 1.2 per cent in May 2025, marking the lowest rate in 51 months with the index points stood at 134.4 as against 132.8 in the same month of the previous year. The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) reported today on the release of **CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI), MAY 2025**.

The Food & Beverages group which contributes 29.8 per cent of the total CPI weight increased slower at 2.1 per cent in May 2025 (April 2025: 2.3%). This was attributed by the subgroup of Food at home that did not record any changes in May 2025 as compared to April 2025 which increased 0.5 per cent. However, the subgroup of Food away from home showed a higher increase, 4.4 per cent as compared to 4.3 per cent in the preceding month.

Besides, the group of Personal Care, Social Protection & Miscellaneous Goods & Services, 3.7 per cent (April 2025: 4.1%); Education, 2.2 per cent (April 2025: 2.3%); Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels, 1.7 per cent (April 2025: 2.0%); Recreation, Sport & Culture, 0.9 per cent (April 2025: 1.3%) and Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco, 0.6 per cent (April 2025: 0.8%) also registered a slower increase in May 2025. Moreover, Transport's group (0.7%) and Insurance & Financial Services (1.5%) increased at the same rate as recorded in the previous month.

Nevertheless, there are a few groups that recorded a higher increase as compared to April 2025 namely Restaurant & Accommodation Services, 3.0 per cent (April 2025: 2.9%), Health, 1.1 per cent (April 2025: 0.9%) and Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance, 0.2 per cent (April 2025: 0.1%). In addition, Information & Communication and Clothing & Footwear, remained at negative territory registering negative 5.2 per cent and negative 0.2 per cent respectively.

Chief Statistician Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin informed that 59.7 per cent of items (342 out of 573) recorded price increases. Nonetheless, out of this total, 330 items (96.5%) registered an increase of less than or equal to 10 per cent, while 12 items recorded increases of more than 10 per cent in May 2025. However, 180 items (31.4%) showed a decline and 51 items remained unchanged, and thus, to a certain extent offset the inflation from increasing further.

The inflation for the subgroup of Food at home did not register any changes in May 2025. Although the inflation for expenditure classes of Ready-made food & other food products not elsewhere classified; Fish & other seafood; Oils & fats and Sugar, confectionery & desserts increased in May 2025, there were also expenditure classes that recorded decreases such as Vegetables; Milk, other dairy products & eggs; Cereals & cereal products and Meat which have offset the inflation of this subgroup from increasing further.

The expenditure class of Vegetables declined to negative 5.5 per cent in May 2025 (April 2025: -1.8%). Among the vegetables that recorded decreases were Big onion, negative 24.4 per cent (April 2025: -20.5%); Mustard, negative 17.3 per cent (April 2025: -5.6%); Cucumber, negative 17.2 per cent (April 2025: -2.5%); Siew Pak Choy, negative 13.6 per cent (April 2025: -5.9%); Lettuce, negative 10.3 per cent (April 2025: 1.4%) and Cauliflower, negative 7.5 per cent (April 2025: -2.7%).

The inflation rate for expenditure class of Milk, other dairy products & eggs were also in the negative range at negative 1.9 per cent as compared to negative 1.3 per cent in the previous month. Fresh milk and Full cream milk declined to negative 1.3 per cent and negative 2.9 per cent respectively in May 2025. Full cream powdered milk also

declined to negative 3.6 per cent as compared to negative 1.8 per cent in April 2025. The expenditure subclass of Egg remained at a negative rate registering negative 5.3 per cent (April 2025: -4.7%).

Besides, the expenditure class of Meat also declined to negative 0.3 per cent in May 2025 (April 2025: -0.1%). The decrease was mainly contributed by Local beef and Chicken parts (frozen) which remained at a negative territory registering negative 4.0 per cent (April 2025: -3.9%) and negative 4.2 per cent (April 2025: -3.2%) respectively. However, Chicken as the largest component (32.6%) in the expenditure class of Meat increased slower to 2.0 per cent in May 2025 (April 2025: 2.3%). Based on the data collected by DOSM, the average price of Standard chicken in Malaysia for May 2025 was RM10.63 per kilogramme as compared to RM10.42 per kilogramme in May 2024 (April 2025: RM10.37). Meanwhile, the average price of Standard chicken in Peninsular Malaysia for May 2025 was RM9.94 per kilogramme as compared to RM9.71 per kilogramme in May 2024 (April 2025: RM9.63).

Meanwhile, the subgroup of Food away from home increased at a higher rate of 4.4 per cent as compared to 4.3 per cent in April 2025. Among the items that recorded increases in May 2025 were Roasted pork rice, 5.3 per cent (April 2025: 5.0%); Steamboat, 5.0 per cent (April 2025: 3.3%); Seafood dishes other than fish, 4.3 per cent (April 2025: 4.0%); Chicken rice, 3.4 per cent (April 2025: 3.2%); Local cakes, 3.4 per cent (April 2025: 3.1%) and Cooked fish, 3.3 per cent (April 2025: 3.0%).

Inflation for the group of Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels increased slower at 1.7 per cent in May 2025 as compared to 2.0 per cent in April 2025. This was driven by the subgroup for Actual rentals for housing and Water supply & miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling which increased slower to 1.9 per cent (April 2025: 2.3%) and 0.5 per cent (April 2025: 0.9%) respectively. However, Maintenance, repair & security of the dwelling recorded a higher increase at 4.9 per cent (April 2025: 4.7%).

Conversely, Health group increased at a higher rate of 1.1 per cent in May 2025 as compared to 0.9 per cent in the previous month. It was contributed by an increase in the Outpatient care services subgroup to 2.9 per cent (April 2025: 2.8%), Inpatient care services, 1.7 per cent (April 2025: 1.2%) and Medicines & health products, 0.6 per cent (April 2025: 0.5%). However, the subgroup of Other health services increased at a lower rate of 4.2 per cent (April 2025: 4.7%).

Furthermore, inflation for Transport remained at 0.7 per cent for four consecutive months. Even though the subgroup of Public transport services showed an increase of 1.3 per cent (April 2025: -2.8%), it was offset by a slower increase in the subgroup of Operation of personal transport equipment to 0.6 per cent in May 2025 as compared to 0.9 per cent in April 2025. Among the items that recorded a slower increase in May 2025 were Car maintenance services, 4.8 per cent (April 2025: 5.0%) and Car wash services, 3.7 per cent (April 2025: 4.3%).

In line with the changes in global oil market prices, the price of Diesel in May 2025 recorded a slower increase of 12.4 per cent (April 2025: 15.0%). The average price for Diesel in Peninsular Malaysia was RM2.81 per litre as compared to RM2.15 per litre in May 2024 (April 2025: RM2.95). However, the average price of Diesel for Sabah, Sarawak and Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan remained at RM2.15 per litre. Meanwhile, Unleaded petrol RON97 remained at a negative range of negative 10.4 per cent (April 2025: -6.3%). The average price of Unleaded petrol RON97 in May 2025 is RM3.11 per litre as against to RM3.47 per litre in May 2024 (April 2025: RM3.25).

Chief Statistician Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin also added that, with regards to inflation at the state level, 11 states recorded increases below the national inflation rate of 1.2 per cent with Kelantan recording the lowest increase at 0.3 per cent in May 2025. However, five states recorded increases above the national inflation level namely Johor (1.8%), Negeri Sembilan (1.6%), Selangor (1.5%), Melaka (1.5%) and Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (1.4%). All states registered an increase in the inflation of Food & Beverages. The increase was recorded by Negeri Sembilan at 3.4 per cent, followed by Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya (3.1%), Selangor (2.9%), Terengganu (2.6%), Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (2.6%), Johor (2.4%),

Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan (2.4%), Melaka (2.3%) and Sabah (2.1%), while, other states showed an increase below the national inflation of Food & Beverages (2.1%) in May 2025.

The monthly headline inflation increased 0.1 per cent in May 2025 as compared to April 2025. The increase was attributed by Restaurant & Accommodation Services (0.4%); Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (0.3%), while both Health and Education grew 0.2 per cent. In addition, Food & Beverages; Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco and Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance inclined 0.1 per cent respectively. Meanwhile, the decline in Transport (-0.2%), Information & Communication (-0.1%) and Recreation, Sport & Culture (-0.1%), to a certain extent offset the inflation from increasing further. Core inflation moderated to 1.8 per cent in May 2025 as compared to the preceding month (2.0%). The increase was driven by Personal Care, Social Protection & Miscellaneous Goods & Services (3.7%); Education (2.2%); Transport (2.1%) and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (2.1%).

In comparison to inflation in other selected countries, inflation in Malaysia (1.2%) was lower than inflation in Viet Nam (3.2%), Republic of Korea (1.9%), Indonesia (1.6%) and Philippines (1.3%). However, the rate was higher than Thailand (-0.6%) and China (-0.1%).

ASEAN-Malaysia 2025 Chairmanship: The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) will chair the 15th 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 67th position in the ODIN 2022/23 assessment.

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Chart 1

Monthly Inflation Malaysia, January 2011 – May 2025

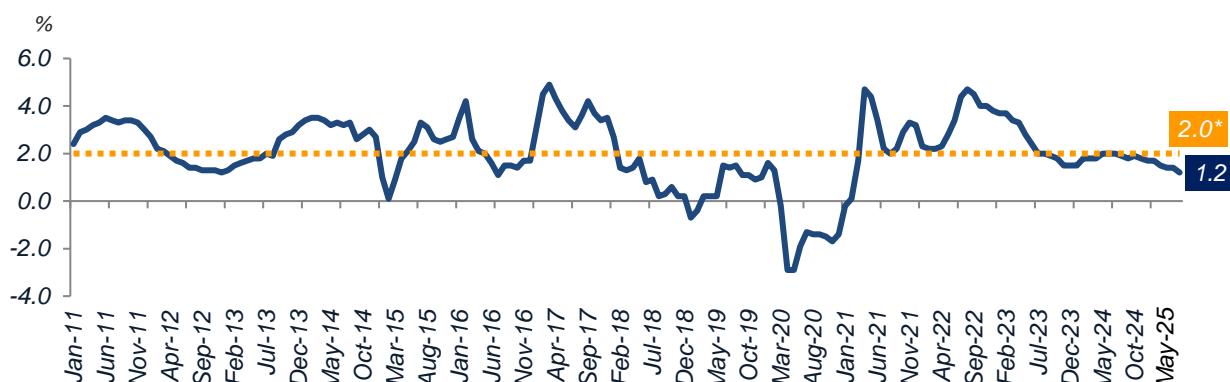


Chart 2

Malaysia Inflation, Core Inflation and Inflation without Fuel, May 2024 - May 2025

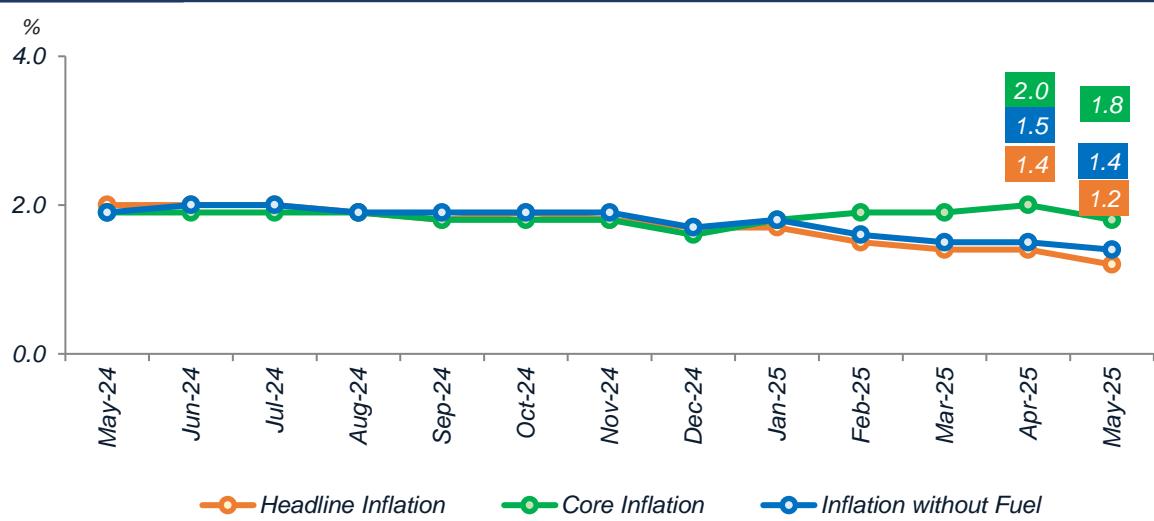


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Inflation for Income Group Below RM3,000, May 2024 - May 2025

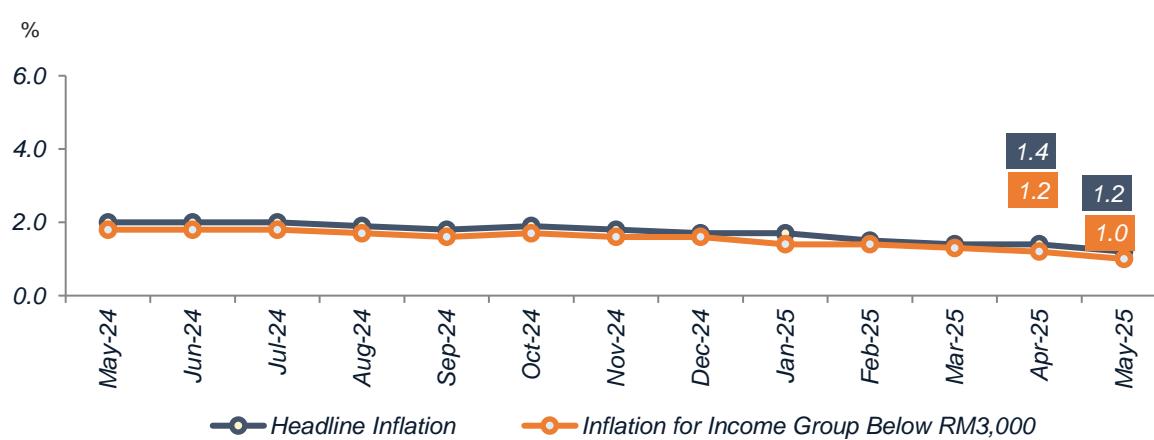


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Quarterly Inflation Malaysia, Q1 2011 - Q1 2025



Chart 5

Annual Inflation Malaysia, 2011 - 2024



Chart 6

Inflation by Quadrant, April 2025 & May 2025

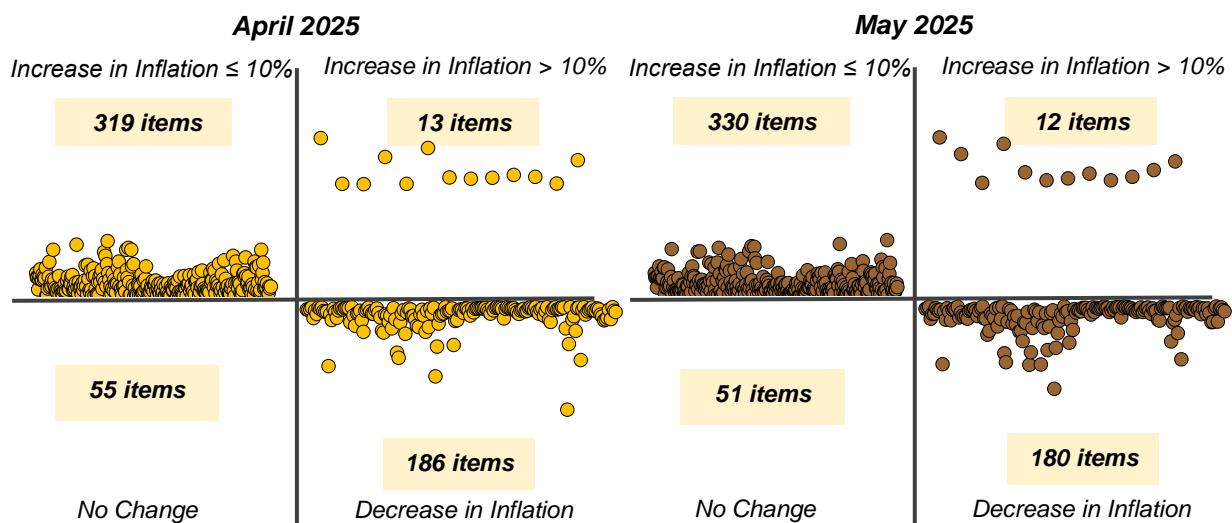


Chart 7

Distribution of Inflation for Food and Non-Food that Increased ≤10%, April 2025 & May 2025

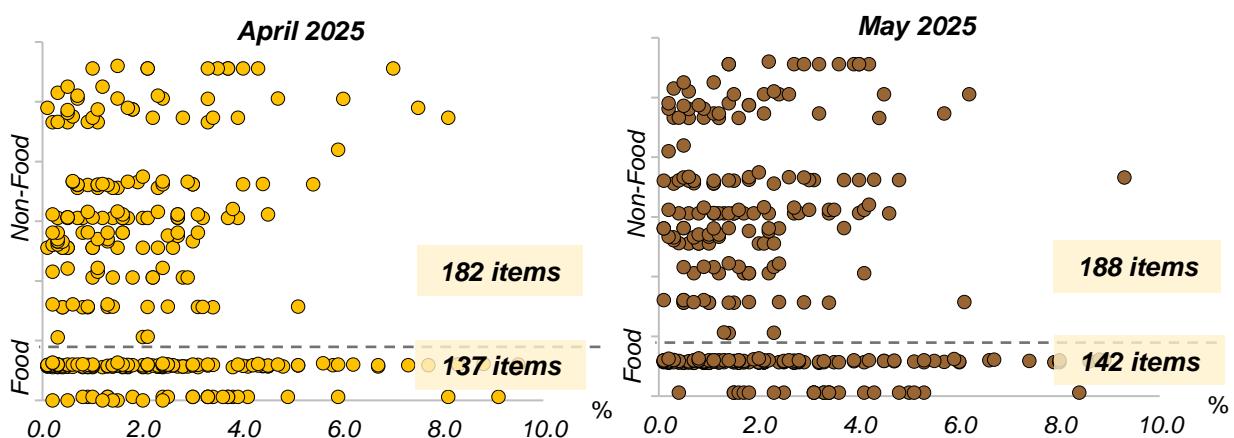


Chart 8

Average Price of Unleaded Petrol RON95, Unleaded Petrol RON97 and Diesel, May 2024 - May 2025

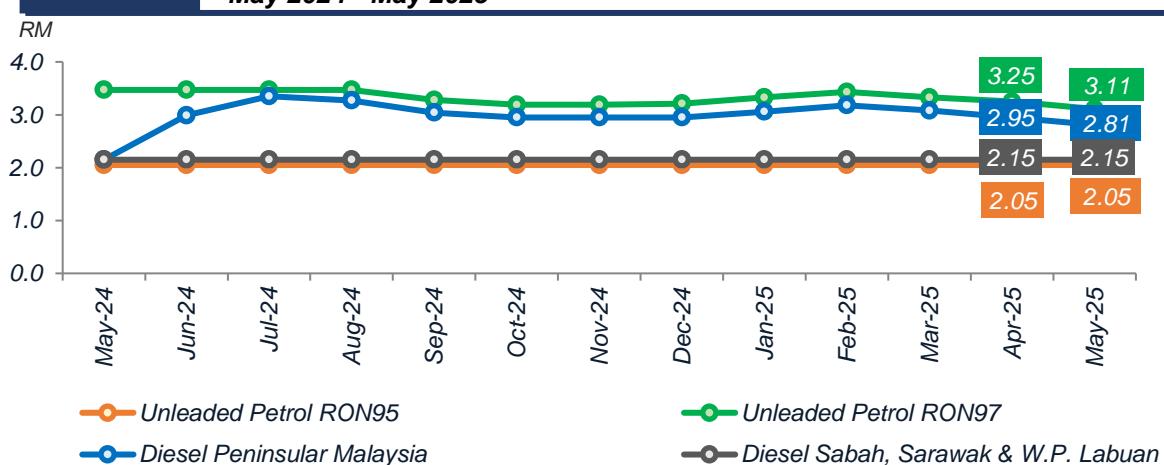


Chart 9

Inflation by Main Group, April 2025 & May 2025

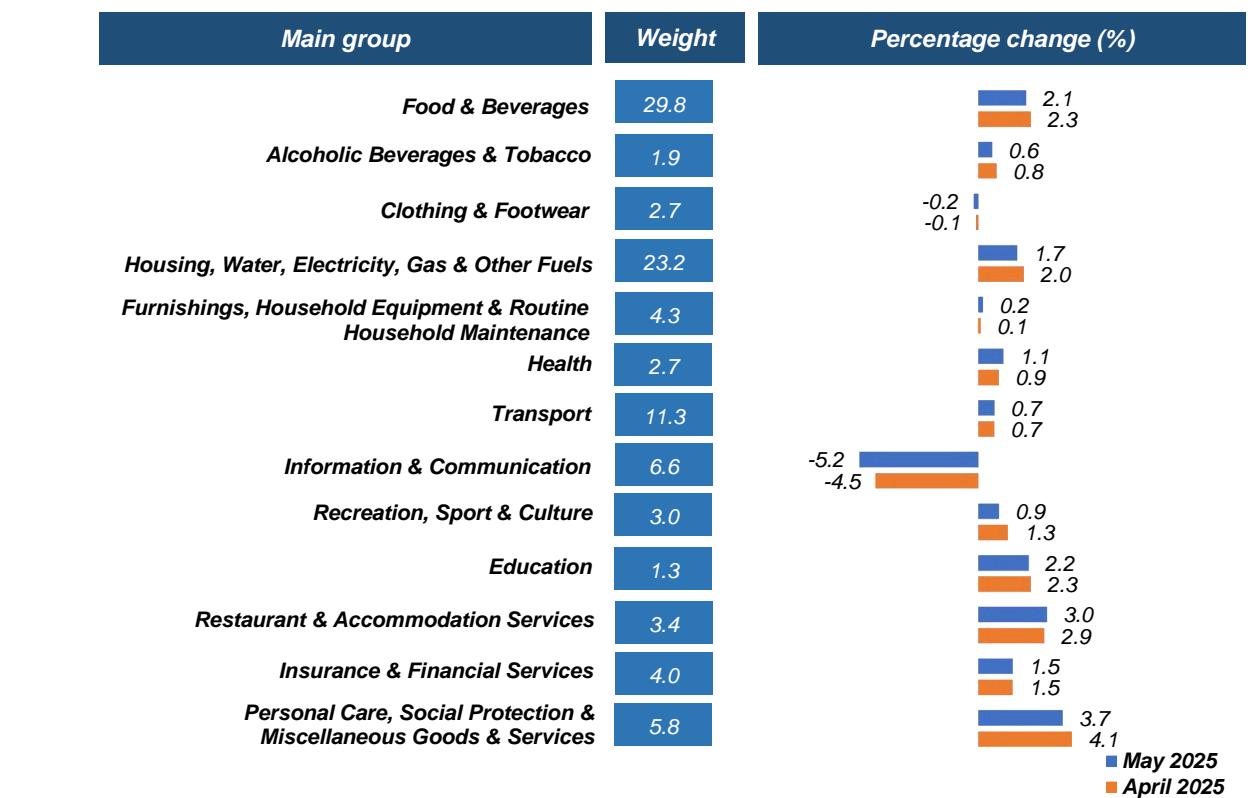


Chart 10

Inflation for Food & Beverages, May 2024 - May 2025

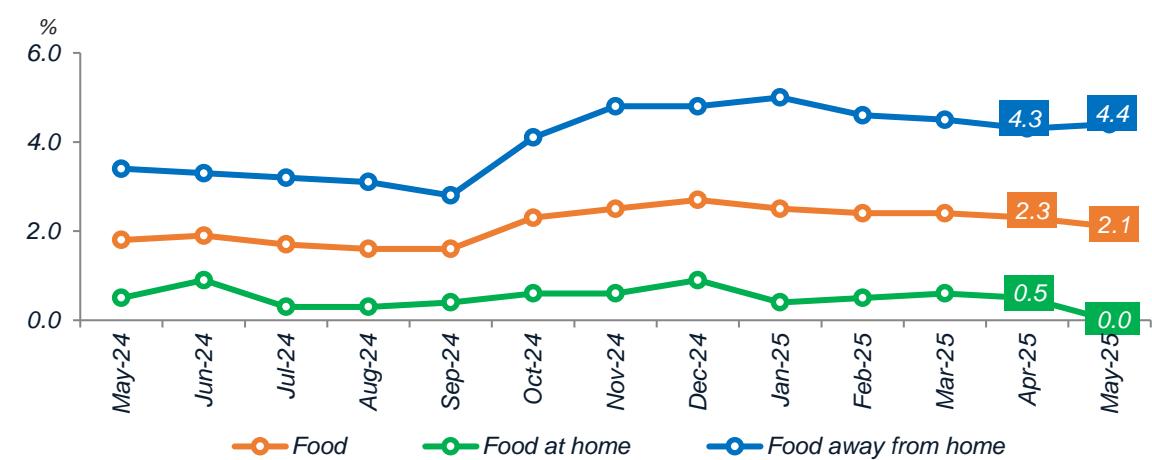
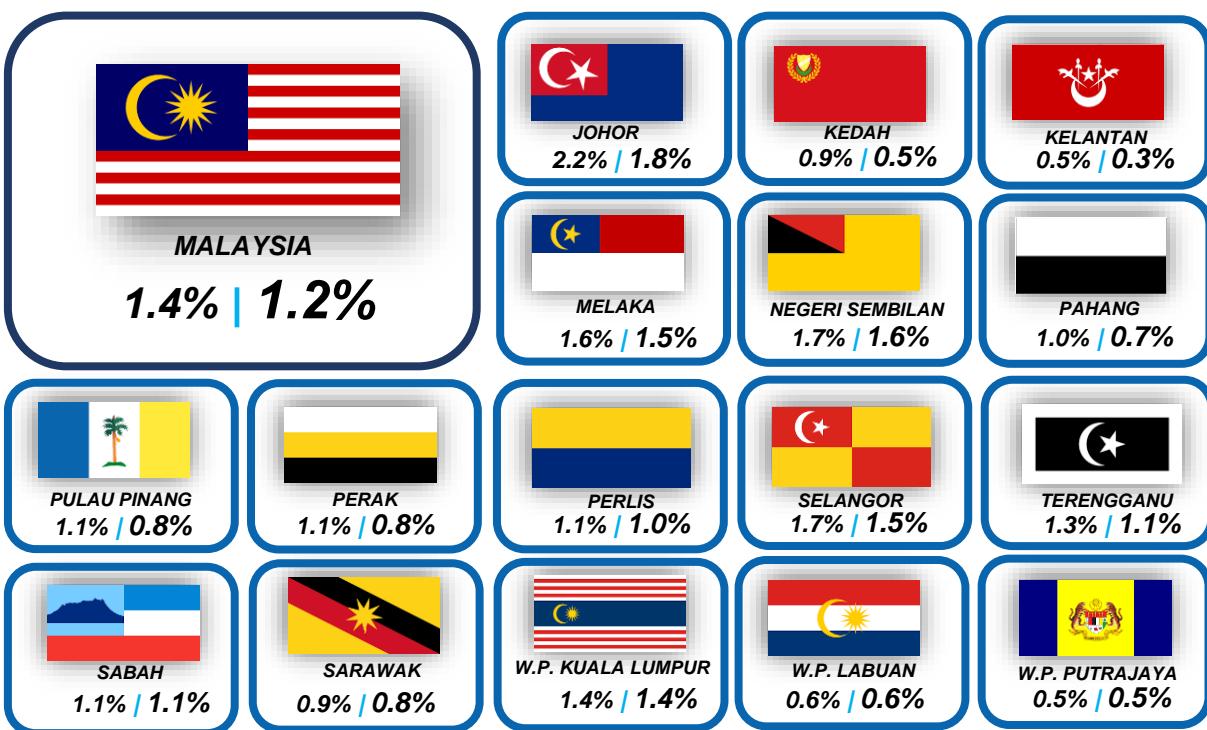


Chart 11

Inflation by State, April 2025 & May 2025



Note: W.P. refers to Wilayah Persekutuan

April 2025 | May 2025

Chart 12

Inflation of Selected Countries, May 2024 - May 2025

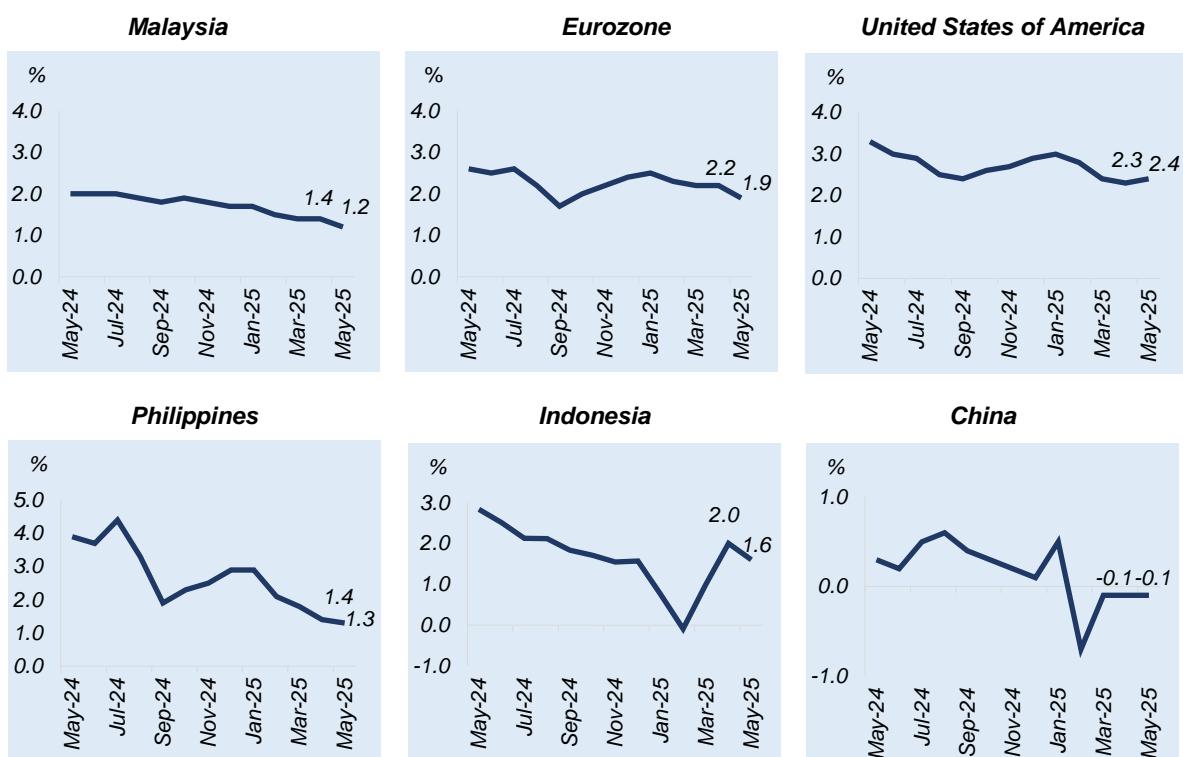
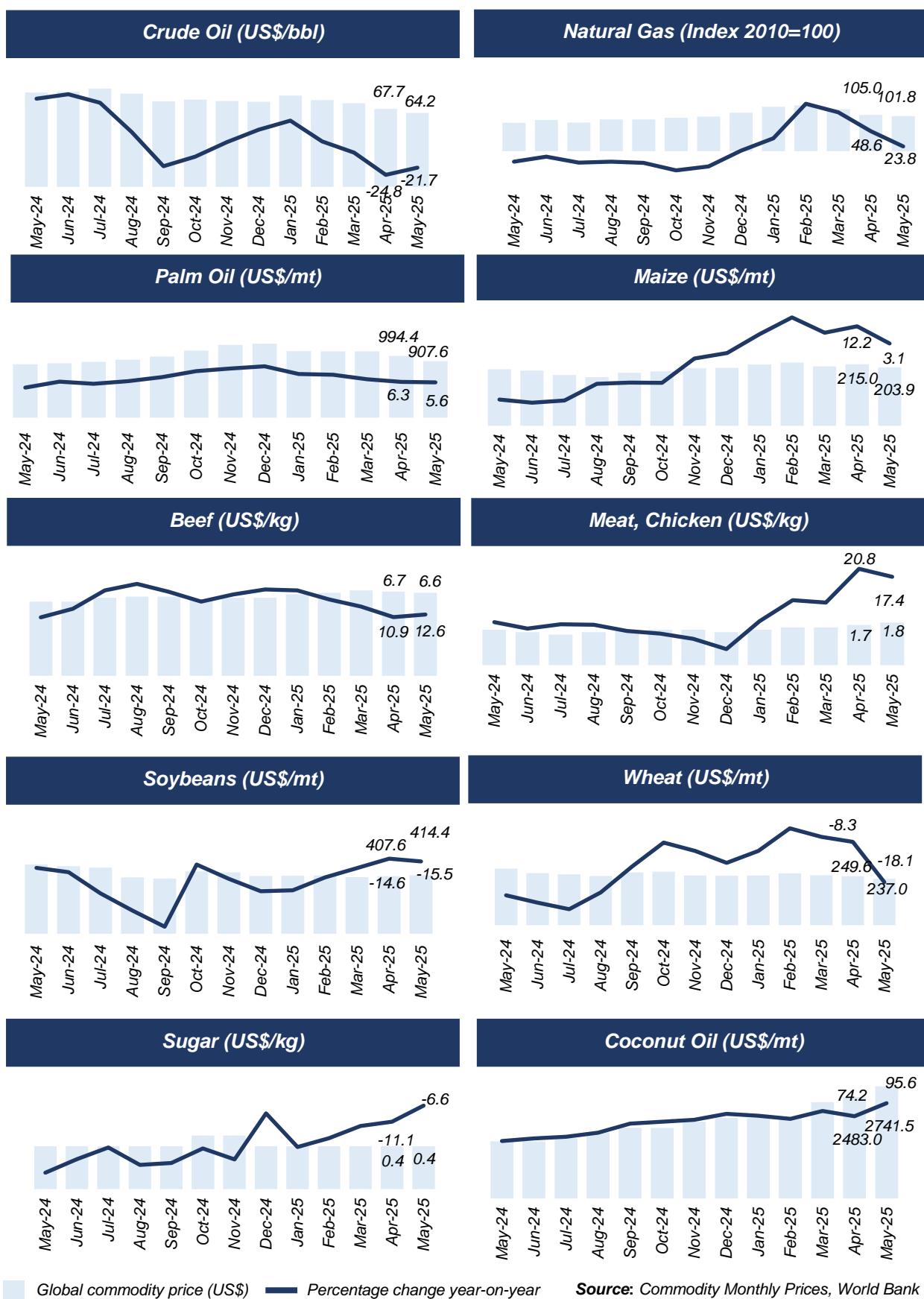


Chart 13

Global Selected Commodity Prices



Global commodity price (US\$)

Percentage change year-on-year

Source: Commodity Monthly Prices, World Bank

Notes:

Bbl : Brazilian Butt Lift (barrel) (1bbl = 159 litres)

Mt : Million Tonne

Mmbtu : Metric Million British Thermal Unit