Key Highlights for 1Q 2026

GDP recorded resilient growth of 5.4% (4Q 2025: 6.2%)

What are the factors supporting growth?

Continued household spending
Private Consumption: 4.7% (4Q 2025: 5.6%)

Steady investment activities
Gross Fixed Capital Formation: 7.3% (4Q 2025: 9.3%)

Sustained exports growth, driven by E&E, travel and ICT
Exports of Goods and Services: 5.2% (4Q 2025: 6.3%)

Labour market conditions remained favourable

Unemployment Rate
2.9%
(4Q 2025: 3%)

Private Sector Nominal Wages
4.1%
(4Q 2025: 4.1%)

Headline inflation edged higher to 1.6% (4Q 2025: 1.3%)

What are the key factors affecting inflation?

Higher electricity charges slowed the decline in electricity inflation
Electricity inflation: -6%
(4Q 2025: -10.3%)

Higher fuel prices in March slowed the decline in fuel inflation
Fuel inflation: -1.5%
(4Q 2025: -1.9%)

Lower core inflation mainly driven by food away and rental
Core inflation: 2.1%
(4Q 2025: 2.3%)

The ringgit appreciated against currencies of most trading partners in the first quarter

Ringgit NEER*
1.4%
(4Q 2025: 3.8%;
YTD: 2.9%)

MYR/USD
0.5%
(4Q 2025: 3.9%;
YTD: 3.3%)

US Dollar Index
1.7%
(4Q 2025: 0.6%;
YTD: 0.2%)

*NEER: Nominal Effective Exchange Rate
Note: YTD as of 13 May 2026.