

ECONOMY

Malaysia's Nominal GDP at RM2.03 trillion in 2025, Employees' Compensation Up 33.9%

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Malaysia's nominal Gross Domestic Product (GDP) increased by 4.8% to RM2.03 trillion in 2025, with Compensation of Employees (CE) accounting for 33.9% of GDP, up from 33.6% in 2024. According to the Department of Statistics Malaysia, CE grew by 5.8%, surpassing the overall pace of economic growth and resulting in a larger share of employee compensation in the Country's GDP.

Malaysia Prioritises Wage Growth Over Goods and Services Tax (GST) Return

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Economy Minister, Akmal Nasrullah Mohd Nasir said the Government will prioritise raising wages and broadening the income tax base before considering the reintroduction of the GST. He noted that only about 15% of Malaysia's workforce currently pays income tax, highlighting the need to address structural wage issues before introducing additional taxes that could affect household spending.

Strong Demand for Malaysia's US\$1.5 billion Sukuk Signals Investor Confidence

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Bank Negara Malaysia Governor, Dato' Sri Abdul Rasheed Ghaffour said Malaysia's successful US\$1.5 billion global sukuk issuance reflects strong investor confidence in the Country's economic fundamentals. He noted that the issuance received an overwhelming response, with demand reaching nearly five times the amount offered.

GOVERNMENT

JKPTG Drives Land Administration Transformation Ahead of 10th National Land Day

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The Department of the Director General of Land and Mines (JKPTG) continues to strengthen national land administration by expanding the implementation of the e-Tanah System, improving strata title management and enhancing land legislation to deliver more efficient and effective public services. The e-Tanah System is currently implemented in seven States and Federal Territories, namely Melaka, WPKL, Putrajaya, Labuan, Penang, Perak and Terengganu.

PROPERTY

303 'Sick' Housing Projects Worth RM40.2 billion Recorded as at June 2026

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As at 30 June 2026, a total of 303 private housing projects in Peninsular Malaysia had been classified as sick projects, involving 43,288 housing units with a Gross Development Value of RM40.25 billion. According to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, 100 of these projects have been confirmed as abandoned, affecting 27,998 housing units and 14,961 buyers.

[Architecture, Interior Design and Building Exhibition \(ARCHIDEX\) 2026 Officially Launches](#)

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About 40,000 visitors are expected to attend ARCHIDEX 2026, taking place from 29 July to 1 August 2026, with an estimated RM1.4 billion in business transactions to be generated. The exhibition features conferences, business matching sessions and showcases on architecture and the built environment. Running alongside ARCHIDEX is the ASEAN Real Estate Conference (AREC) 2026, organised by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, which serves as a platform for policymakers, developers and investors to discuss key issues and opportunities shaping the real estate sector across ASEAN.

[REHDA Institute Launches Housing Report, KPKT Highlights Cambridge Collaboration](#)

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Real Estate & Housing Developers' Association (REHDA) Institute launched its latest housing research publication, **Housing for All: Co-Creating a Needs-Driven Framework**, on 28 July 2026 in conjunction with the inaugural Senior Leadership Circle Roundtable under the proposed Malaysia–Cambridge Urban Platform (MCUP).

Officiating the event, Housing and Local Government Minister, Nga Kor Ming described the proposed platform as a strategic initiative to strengthen collaboration among researchers, policymakers and industry stakeholders in addressing Malaysia's housing and urban development challenges.

He also highlighted key findings from the report, noting that homeownership among the M40 group had fallen below that of the B40. The findings underscore the need to adopt broader measures of housing affordability, as traditional indicators such as the Median Multiple, while still valuable, no longer fully capture the housing challenges faced by many middle-income households.

[3,000 Applicants on Waiting List for DBKL's Public Housing](#)

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Around 3,000 applicants are still waiting for a unit under the People's Housing Programme (PPR) managed by Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL). Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories), Hannah Yeoh said priority is given to eligible B40 applicants based on the order in which their applications were submitted.

INFRASTRUCTURE

[Putrajaya Monorail Project Not Viable](#)

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The Ministry of Transport has determined that the abandoned Putrajaya monorail project, which has been stalled since 2004, is no longer viable due to the deteriorated condition of the existing rail infrastructure, including the long-abandoned underground tunnel. The conclusion was based on findings from a public transport study covering Putrajaya, Cyberjaya, Bangi and Kajang, which assessed the feasibility of reviving the monorail system.

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