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BUILDING COST INDEX, MALAYSIA OCTOBER 2025

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0.6 per cent to 2.5 per cent in October 2025***

PUTRAJAYA, November 12, 2025 – The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) published **SPECIAL RELEASE FOR BUILDING AND STRUCTURAL WORKS, OCTOBER 2025**. 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 steel recorded an increase in October 2025, ranging from 0.6 per cent to 2.5 per cent as compared to the previous month. The highest increase was observed in Perak (2.5%), followed by Selangor, W.P. Kuala Lumpur, Melaka & Negeri Sembilan (1.7%), Johor and Pahang (1.4%, respectively).

The Chief Statistician of Malaysia also informed that the unit price index of steel & metal sections showed a slight increase in October 2025, with month-on-month change ranging from 0.3 per cent to 2.0 per cent in all areas in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak. Meanwhile, the unit price index of cement remained unchanged in all areas except a slight decrease in the index for Terengganu & Kelantan (-0.2%) and Kota Kinabalu (-0.1%).

An annual comparison for the period of October 2024 and October 2025 indicated that the unit price index for steel recorded a decline ranging from negative 1.7 per cent to negative 7.3 per cent involving most areas in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak. The highest decrease in the unit price index for steel was observed in Tawau and Sibul (-7.3%, respectively) and followed by Pulau Pinang, Kedah and Perlis (-7.1%).

Nevertheless, the year-on-year comparison of the unit price index of cement increased between 0.5 per cent to 3.9 per cent in October 2025 as compared to the same month last year across all areas in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak. The highest increase was observed in Tawau (3.9%), followed by Sandakan (3.5%) and Selangor, W.P. Kuala Lumpur, Melaka & Negeri Sembilan (2.7%).

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 slight increase of 0.7 per cent with an average price of RM3,540.70 per metric tonne as compared to the previous month (September 2025: RM3,516.11 per metric tonne). In addition, the average price of Ordinary Portland cement also showed a slight increase (0.4%) with an average price of RM24.00 per 50 kg bag, as compared to September 2025 (RM23.90 per 50 kg bag).

A monthly comparison of BCI with steel bars for all building categories in Peninsular Malaysia recorded a slight increase ranging from 0.5 per cent to 2.5 per cent in October 2025 as compared to the previous month. The increase for BCI with steel was recorded for all building categories and areas.

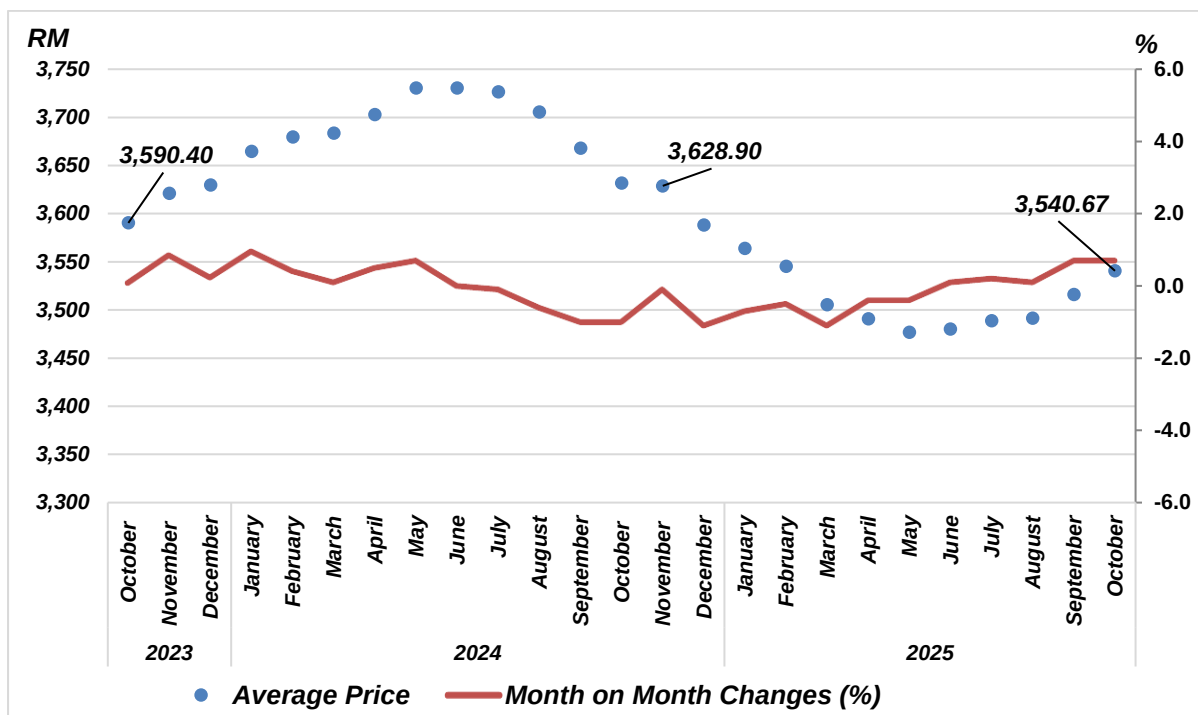
Apart from that, BCI with steel bars in Sabah recorded an increase between 0.4 per cent and 1.0 per cent for all building categories in October 2025 as compared to the previous month. During the same period, BCI with steel bars in Sarawak also registered a slight increase ranging from 0.1 per cent to 1.0 per cent for all categories of building.

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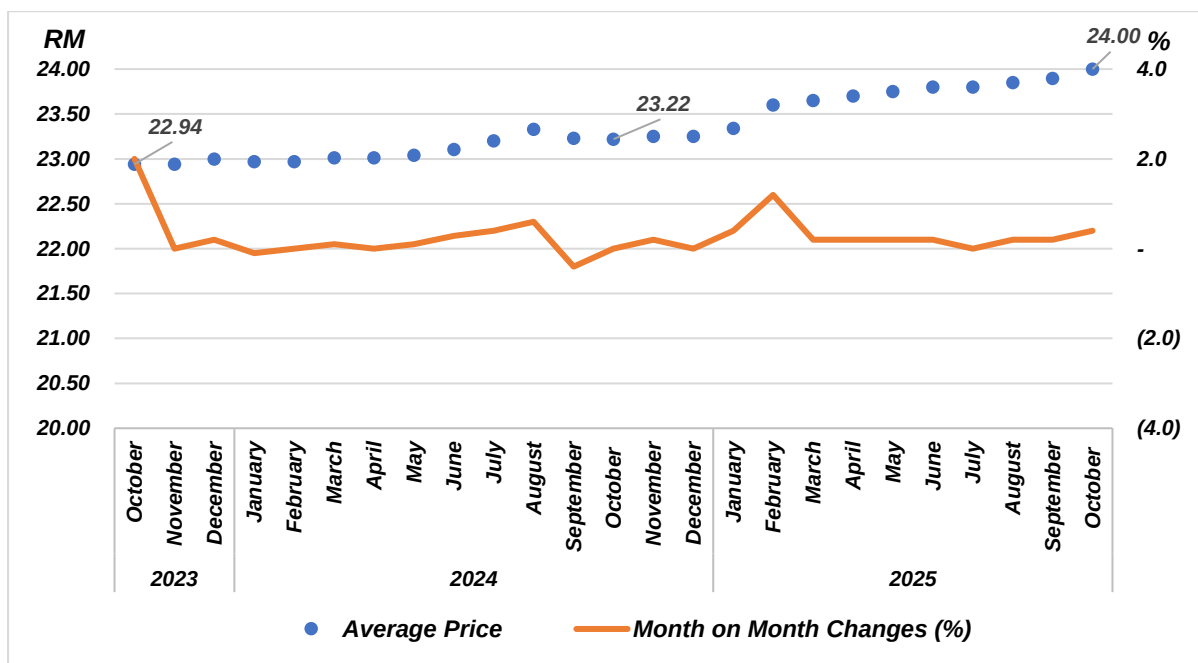
Malaysia has, for the first time, successfully secured the top position globally in the biennial Open Data Inventory (ODIN) 2024/25 report released by Open Data Watch (ODW), surpassing 197 other countries. This achievement marks a significant leap from its 67th position in the ODIN 2022/23 assessment.

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**Chart 1: Average Price of Steel Bar, Malaysia,
October 2023 – October 2025**



**Chart 2: Average Price of Cement, Malaysia,
October 2023 – October 2025**



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