



VOLUME INDEX OF WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE FIRST QUARTER 2021



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**Volume Index of Wholesale & Retail Trade Increased
1.5 per cent in the First Quarter of 2021**



**Q4 2020
-1.3%**



Wholesale Trade



Retail Trade



Motor Vehicles



0.5%

Q4 2020

0.5%

Q1 2021

**Seasonally Adjusted Volume
Index grew 0.5% as against
the previous
quarter**

Percentage change: Year-on-Year

Source: Volume Index of Wholesale & Retail Trade, First Quarter 2021, Department of Statistics Malaysia

In the first quarter of 2021, volume index of Wholesale & Retail Trade rebounded for the first time after 3 consecutive quarters of negative growth due to COVID-19 to record **1.5 per cent** year-on-year. This growth was attributed to Motor Vehicles sub-sector which grew **6.6 per cent**. This was followed by Retail Trade and Wholesale Trade with **0.9 per cent** and **0.8 per cent** respectively. Meanwhile, for quarter-on-quarter comparison, volume index decreased **1.4 per cent** in this quarter.

Meanwhile, seasonally adjusted volume index of Wholesale & Retail Trade grew **0.5 per cent** as against the fourth quarter of 2020. This growth was underpinned by

Retail Trade, Motor Vehicles and Wholesale Trade sub-sector which recorded increases of **2.5 per cent**, **1.6 per cent** and **0.6 per cent** respectively as compared to the previous quarter.

Table 1: Volume Index of Wholesale & Retail Trade by Sub-sector

Sub-sector (2015=100)	Volume index			
	Original	% Change YoY	Seasonally Adjusted	% Change QoQ
Volume index of Wholesale & Retail Trade	129.3	1.5	129.6	0.5
Volume index of Wholesale Trade	127.8	0.8	129.3	0.6
Volume index of Retail Trade	139.9	0.9	139.6	2.5
Volume index of Motor Vehicles	104.0	6.6	106.9	1.6

Wholesale Trade Sub-sector

Volume index of Wholesale Trade sub-sector on the positive trend to record **0.8 per cent** growth in first quarter 2021 as compared to the same quarter in 2020. This increment was attributed to Non-specialised Wholesale with **5.4 per cent**, Wholesale of Machinery, Equipment & Supplies **4.8 per cent**, Wholesale of Household Goods as well as Wholesale of Food, Beverages & Tobacco which recorded a growth of **4.4 per cent** respectively. For quarterly growth, volume index of Wholesale Trade went down **2.5 per cent**.

Retail Trade Sub-sector

For the first quarter of 2021, Retail Trade recorded **0.9 per cent** growth as against the same quarter of the previous year, pushed up by Retail Sale Not in Stores, Stalls or Markets **7.8 per cent**, Retail Sale via Stalls & Market **6.9 per cent**, Retail Sale of Food, Beverages & Tobacco **5.2 per cent**, Retail Sale of Information & Communication Equipment **4.3 per cent** and Retail Sale in Non-specialised Stores **3.2 per cent**. For quarter-on-quarter comparison, volume index of this sub-sector fell **0.05 per cent**.

Motor Vehicles Sub-sector

Volume index of Motor Vehicles went up **6.6 per cent** year-on-year, underpinned by Sales, Maintenance & Repair of Motorcycles and Sales of Motor Vehicles which expanded **18.9 per cent** and **14.2 per cent** respectively. However, Sales of Motor Vehicle Parts & Accessories and Maintenance & Repair of Motor Vehicles recorded negative growth of **-3.2 per cent** and **-3.9 per cent** respectively. For performance of this sub-sector as against the previous quarter, it decreased **2.5 per cent**.

The full publication of the Quarterly Volume Index of Wholesale & Retail Trade, First 2021 can be downloaded from [eStatistik](#) portal.

Note.

Data for first quarter of 2021 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the publication of second quarter 2021.

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