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Malaysia’s food and beverage service volume rose 7.4% in the third quarter

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Malaysia’s food and beverage services sector expanded further in the third quarter of 2026, with the volume of services rising 7.4% from a year earlier even as revenue growth slowed from the pace seen in the previous quarter, according to provisional data released on November 13 by the Department of Statistics Malaysia.

The agency said nominal revenue in the food and beverage segment reached MYR22.81 billion in the July-to-September period, up 8.5% from a year earlier. That marked an increase of MYR1.78 billion from the same quarter of 2025. The annual revenue gain was lower than the 9.8% rise recorded in the second quarter, while annual volume growth improved from 7.1% to 7.4%.

The figures show a sector that continued to provide more services than a year earlier, but with sales value growing at a more moderate rate. The volume data are measured through Malaysia’s services volume index, which uses 2015 as its base year.

Compared with the second quarter, food and beverage service volume increased 3.0%. Revenue rose by MYR420.6 million, or 1.9%, from the previous quarter. The quarterly gains indicate that activity continued to build through the third quarter, even though the year-over-year increase in revenue was less pronounced than in the prior three-month period.

The statistics cover Malaysia’s food and beverage services industry, which includes restaurants and other outlets selling meals and drinks, and are part of a broader set of data on market services and accommodation.

The accommodation segment also posted solid growth in the third quarter, although its expansion in volume slowed from the previous quarter. The volume of accommodation services increased 9.0% from a year earlier, after a 10.4% annual rise in the second quarter. On a quarter-to-quarter basis, accommodation volume rose 2.5%.

Nominal revenue in accommodation reached MYR5.28 billion in the third quarter, up MYR513.5 million from a year earlier. That translated into annual growth of 10.8%, showing that the sector continued to outpace food and beverage services in both volume and revenue growth rates on a year-over-year basis.

Taken together, the data showed that both branches of Malaysia’s consumer-facing service economy sold more in value terms and delivered more services than a year earlier. The accommodation business maintained faster volume growth than food and beverage services, even as that pace eased from the second quarter. In food and beverage services, by contrast, annual volume growth strengthened slightly while annual revenue growth moderated.

For the first nine months of 2026, cumulative nominal revenue in food and beverage services increased 9.7% from the same period of 2025, based on the first three quarters of the year. In accommodation, cumulative nominal revenue for January through September rose 12.9%.

The third-quarter data were labeled provisional by the Department of Statistics Malaysia, which published the release and related tables on November 13.