



WEEKLY ECONOMIC BULLETIN

DEPARTMENT OF FISCAL POLICY

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

SRI LANKA

The Week in Review
20th April – 24th April 2026

REAL SECTOR

- Economy expanded by 5.0 percent in 2025.
- Price of Brent Crude Oil increased by 7.66 USD bbl and WTI increased by 3.31 USD bbl, respectively.
- CCPI - Headline inflation (2021=100) increased to 2.2 percent (YoY) in March, 2026 from 1.6 percent (YoY) in February, 2026.
- NCPI – Headline inflation (2021=100) increased to 2.4 percent (YoY) in March, 2026 from 1.6 percent (YoY) in February, 2026.

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EXTERNAL SECTOR

- The Sri Lankan rupee slightly depreciated to USD 1 = Rs. 317.96 from USD 1 = Rs. 315.99
- Exports decreased to USD 1,057.8 mn in February 2026 compared to USD 1,148.7 mn in January 2026.
- Imports increased to USD 1,833.8 mn in February 2026 compared to USD 1,803.3 mn in January 2026.
- Trade deficit
 - USD 776.1 mn in February, 2026
- The gross official reserves stood at USD 7.0 bn as end of March 2026.
- **Workers' remittances recorded USD 814.8 mn in March 2026.**

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FISCAL SECTOR

Revenue (Provisional)

Jan 2026

- **Total Revenue** - Rs. 468.7 bn
(Excluding Grants)
- Tax Revenue - Rs. 434.2 bn
- Non-Tax Revenue - Rs. 34.5 bn

Expenditure (Provisional)

Jan 2026

- **Total Expenditure** - Rs. 472.6 bn
- Recurrent Expenditure - Rs. 429.4 bn
- Capital Expenditure - Rs. 43.1 bn

Debt (Provisional)

▪ End of Dec 2025

Total Outstanding Government Debt
- Rs. 29,994.7 bn

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MONETARY SECTOR

- All Share Price Index (ASPI) increased by 0.90 percent to 22,567.63 points as at 24th April 2026 from 22,773.29 points as at 17th April 2026
- S&P SL 20 Index increased by 0.95 percent to 6,204.62 points as at 24th April, 2026 from 6,263.94 points as at 17th April, 2026
- Credit to the private sector increased by 26.4 percent (YoY) in February, 2026

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REAL SECTOR

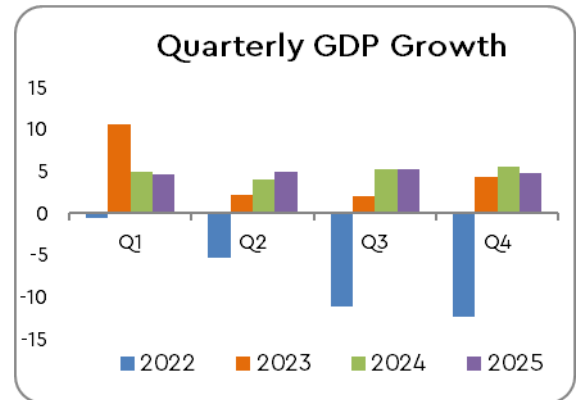
PRODUCTION

	1 st Q	2 nd Q	3 rd Q	4 th Q	Annual
2021	5.2	13.2	-2.1	2.7	4.2
Agriculture	4.4	11.7	-3.1	-7.0	1.0
Industry	6.6	22.7	-1.8	0.1	5.7
Services	4.4	7.3	-1.6	4.3	3.4
2022	-0.7	-5.3	-11.1	-12.4	-7.3
Agriculture	-3.7	-7.3	-8.1	2.7	-4.1
Industry	-3.7	-10.2	-21.3	-30.2	-16.0
Services	1.3	-2.0	-5.3	-4.6	-2.6
2023	-10.6	-2.2	2.0	4.3	-2.0
Agriculture	1.9	1.4	-0.7	-2.1	0.1
Industry	-24.3	-12.4	0.1	7.9	-9.2
Services	-4.5	1.6	2.8	3.0	0.5
2024	5.0	4.0	5.3	5.5	5.0
Agriculture	1.6	1.7	2.2	-2.8	0.6
Industry	11.3	9.6	10.7	13.1	11.1
Services	2.4	1.9	2.4	2.8	2.4
2025	4.7	5.0	5.3	4.8	5.0
Agriculture	-1.3	2.5	2.2	2.1	1.4
Industry	9.8	5.7	7.9	7.3	7.8
Services	2.7	4.0	3.6	3.1	3.3

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

Note : Growth rate of value-added terms based on year 2010 up to 2021

Growth rate of value-added terms based on year 2015 from 2022



GDP expanded by 5.0 % in 2025

The Sri Lankan economy experienced a growth of 5.0 percent in 2025. This expansion was observed recording a 1.4 percent, 7.8 percent and 3.3 percent growth in the agriculture, industry and service sector, respectively.

PADDY PRODUCTION

Category	Unit	2023			2024			2025		
		2022/ 2023 Maha	2023 Yala	Total	2023/ 2024 Maha	2024 Yala	Total	2024/ 2025 Maha	2025 Yala	Total
Production	Mn.Mt	2.70	1.82	4.52	2.72	1.98	4.7	2.75	2.31	5.06
	Bushels Mn.	129.2	87.1	216.3	130.5	94.7	225.2	131.6	110.63	242.23
Forecasted Production	Mn. Mt	2.62	1.83	4.45	2.63	1.77	4.4	2.57	2.27	4.48
Difference in Production	Mn. Mt	0.08	-0.01	0.07	0.09	0.21	0.3	0.18	0.04	0.22
Net Extent Harvested	Hectare s ('000)	722.5	440.3	1,162.8	702.1	429.7	1,131.8	701.5	485.0	1,186.5
	Acres '000)	1,785.3	1,088.0	2,873.3	1,735.0	1,061.9	2,796.9	1,733.3	1,198.5	2,931.80
Average Yield	kg per ha	3,554	3,822	3,688	3,712	3,893	3,803	3,679	4,760	8,439

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

(a) Provisional

TEA, RUBBER & COCONUT PRODUCTION

Category	Crop	February 2025	February 2026	% Change
Production	Tea (Mn. Kg)	15.6	18.0	15.2
	Rubber (Mn. Kg)	7.4	4.9	-33.6
	Coconut (Mn. Nuts)			
Exports (USD Mn)		February 2025	February 2026	% Change
	Tea	119.4	115.0	-3.7
	Rubber	3.0	2.9	-1.5
	Coconut	41.6	47.6	14.4
Average Gross Prices		February 2025	February 2026	% Change
	Tea (Rs./ Kg)	1,187.06	1,163.10	-2.0
	Rubber (Rs./ Kg)	-	-	-
	Coconut (Rs./nut)	140.00	100.26	-28.4

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

FACTORY INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX (2015=100)

Item (a)	2025 February (c)	2026 February (c)	Change %
Manufacture of Food Products	97.3	102.3	5.2
Manufacture of Beverages	111.7	110.6	-1.0
Manufacture of Tobacco Products	71.7	67.3	-6.1
Manufacture of Textiles	94.7	93.2	-1.6
Manufacture of Wearing Apparel	86.6	102.4	18.3
Manufacture of Leather and Related Products	99.8	116.8	17.0
Manufacture of Wood products, except Furniture; Articles of Straw & plaiting materials	78.9	77.8	-1.5
Manufacture of Paper and Paper Products	55.9	55.4	-0.9
Printing and Reproduction of Recorded Media	103.3	144.9	40.1
Manufacture of Coke and Refined Petroleum Products	95.1	94.5	-0.6
Manufacture of Chemicals and Chemical Products	73.4	77.4	5.3
Manufacture of Basic Pharmaceuticals, Pharmaceutical preparations	107.8	111.5	3.5
Manufacture of Rubber and Plastic Products	88.0	68.6	-22.0
Manufacture of Other Non-Metallic Mineral Products	112.8	108.2	-4.1
Manufacture of Basic Metals	115.2	104.7	-9.1
Manufacture of Fabricated Metal Products (except machines and equipment)	73.1	90.7	23.9
Manufacture of Electrical Equipment	66.2	67.0	1.2
Manufacture of Machinery and Equipment (n.e.c)	135.7	99.3	-26.8
Manufacture of Furniture	58.0	65.4	12.6
Other Manufacturing	57.9	67.7	16.9
Overall Factory Industrial Production Index	93.4	97.3	4.1

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

(a) The Factory Industrial Production Index (FIP) has been replaced with the Index of Industrial Production (IIP)

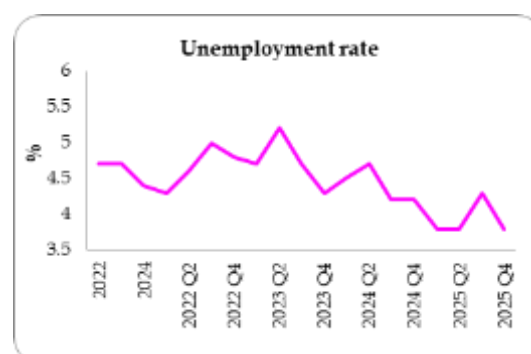
(b) Revised

(c) Provisional

LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

Employment	2024 Q3	2024 Q4	2024 Annual	2025 Q1	2025 Q2	2025 Q3	2025 Q4
Labour Force Participation Rate	46.9	47.7	47.4	49.7	49.3	49.9	48.8
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.2	4.4	3.8	3.8	4.3	3.8
Male	2.6	2.8	3.0	2.5	2.6	3.2	2.7
Female	7.2	6.9	7.1	6.3	6.0	6.2	5.7
20-29	15.8	15.2	16.1	13.8	13.8	14.9	13.1
20-24	19.9	18.5	20.7	18.3	19.6	16.8	17.3
25-29	12.4	12.7	12.5	10.1	9.3	13.3	9.5

Source : Department of Census & Statistics



CRUDE OIL PRICES

CRUDE OIL PRICES – SINGAPORE PLATTS PRICES (USD/BBL)

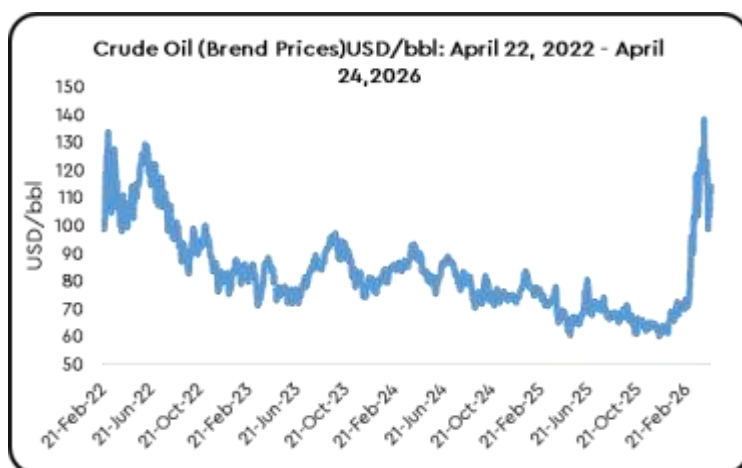
Item	Apr 20	Apr 21	Apr 22	Apr 23	Apr 24	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Brent	94.68	95.14	98.32	103.02	106.05	98.39	103.89	66.28
WTI	88.38	88.50	89.39	94.18	96.69	93.38	91.69	62.42
Petrol	118.90	118.00	122.35	125.54	125.19	121.30	145.50	76.10
Diesel	152.17	150.02	164.11	167.71	174.64	167.70	218.54	75.90
Kerosene	182.53	177.41	184.15	178.33	185.62	204.13	199.63	81.08

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka
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CRUDE OIL PRICES (MONTHLY AVERAGE) (USD/BBL)

Month	Brent Europe	WTI Cushing, Oklahoma
Sep - 2024	74.02	70.24
Oct	75.63	71.99
Nov	74.35	69.95
Dec	73.86	70.12
Jan - 2025	79.27	75.74
Feb	75.44	71.53
Mar	72.73	68.24
Apr	68.13	63.54
May	64.45	62.17
June	71.44	68.17
July	71.04	68.39
Aug	67.87	64.86
Sep	67.99	63.96
Oct	64.54	60.89
Nov	63.80	60.06
Dec	62.54	57.97
Jan - 2026	66.60	60.04
Feb	70.89	64.51
Mar	99.40	91.38

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration via FRED®



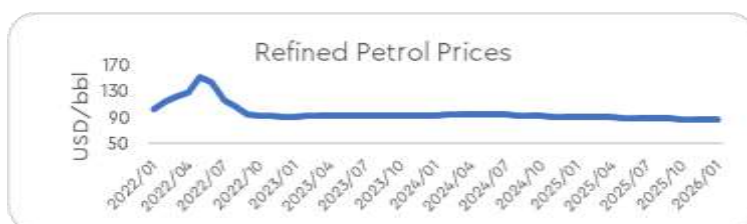
MONTHLY AVERAGE REFINED PRODUCT PRICES – SINGAPORE PLATTS PRICES (USD/BBL)

Month	Petrol	Diesel	Kerosene
Oct - 2024	79.76	81.59	87.96
Nov	79.07	82.89	89.62
Dec	81.75	82.60	86.64
Jan - 2025	83.97	88.72	92.92
Feb	85.01	86.17	91.58
Mar	79.71	80.88	85.34
Apr	76.00	76.28	81.04
May	74.61	73.46	78.15
June	80.13	81.17	84.90
July	77.91	84.20	87.23
Aug	77.76	80.08	84.27
Sep	79.53	82.96	87.08
Oct	77.16	53.49	87.49
Nov	78.88	0.00	93.22
Dec	71.96	78.73	84.22
Jan - 2026	72.50	80.55	83.53
Feb	75.28	88.98	88.81
Mar	87.44	88.42	97.82

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

LOCAL MARKET PRICES OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (RS.)

Item	Unit	End 2023	End 2024	End 2025	Current Price 2026
Auto Diesel	1 liter	329.00	286.00	277.00	382.00
Petrol (Octane 92)	1 liter	346.00	309.00	294.00	398.00
Kerosene oil	1 liter	247.00	188.00	180.00	255.00
L P Gas	12.5 kg	3,565.00	3,690.00	3,690.00	4,765.00

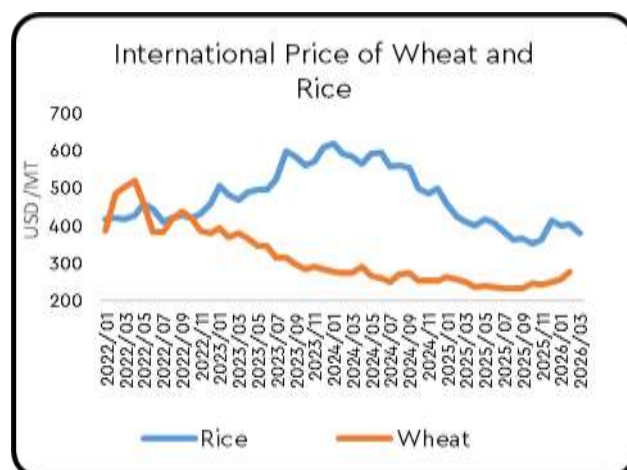


COMMODITY PRICES

INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES

Month	Rice Thai,25% USD/MT	Wheat (HRW) USD/MT
July - 2024	557.00	260.30
Aug	560.00	250.90
Sep	556.00	269.70
Oct	499.00	272.90
Nov	487.00	253.80
Dec	500.00	252.20
Jan - 2025	459.00	254.10
Feb	424.00	264.60
Mar	410.00	255.40
Apr	401.00	249.60
May	416.00	237.00
June	408.00	240.10
July	382.00	235.00
Aug	363.00	231.10
Sep	367.00	233.80
Oct	351.00	230.80
Nov	362.00	245.90
Dec	414.00	242.80
Jan - 2026	402.00	249.90
Feb	404.00	257.60
Mar	379.00	275.90

Source: FAO Web Site, Available at <https://fpma.apps.fao.org/qIEWS/food-prices/tool/public/#/dataset/international>



Category	Commodity	Unit	Quarterly Averages				
			Jan - Mar 2025	Apr - Jun 2025	Jul - Sep 2025	Oct - Dec 2025	Jan - Mar 2026
Energy	Crude Oil average	USD/mt	74.2	65.9	67.5	62.1	75.7
	Cocoa	USD/kg	9.56	8.51	7.33	5.78	3.93
Non-Energy, Agriculture, Beverages	Coffee, Arabica	USD/kg	8.59	8.47	8.03	8.78	7.49
	Tea, average	USD/kg	2.72	2.97	3.00	2.96	2.71
	Tea, Colombo auctions	USD/kg	4.05	3.86	3.93	3.95	3.75
Food, Fats & Oils	Coconut Oil	USD/mt	2,108	2,650	2,727	2,437	2,272
	Soybean Oil	USD/mt	1,043	1,154	1,237	1,125	1,306
	Palm Oil	USD/mt	1,068	946	1,013	1,001	1,049
Grains	Maize	USD/mt	214.2	205.0	191.6	201.9	208.9
	Wheat, US HRW	USD/mt	258.0	242.2	233.3	239.8	261.1
Other Food	Meat, Beef	USD/kg	6.62	6.67	6.83	7.33	8.10
	Meat, Chicken	USD/kg	1.60	1.77	1.73	1.76	1.73
	Sugar, World	USD/kg	0.41	0.39	0.36	0.32	0.32
Raw Materials, Timber	Plywood	¢/sheets	358.3	378.0	370.2	354.3	348.2
Other Raw Materials Fertilizers	Rubber RSS3, US	USD /kg	2.38	2.16	2.16	2.03	2.26
	Phosphate Rock	USD/mt	152.5	152.5	250.0	152.5	152.5
	TSP	USD/mt	479.0	559.6	660.8	611.1	541.2
	Urea	USD/mt	403.8	399.8	488.3	398.7	537.7
Metals and Minerals	Aluminium	USD/mt	2,630	2,449	2,619	2,829	3,193
	Gold	USD /toz	2,863	3,293	3,459	4,152	4,876
	Iron ore	USD /dmt	101.6	95.5	100.1	103.5	102.9

Source: The World Bank, Available at <https://thedocs.worldbank.org/en/doc/5d903e848db1d1b83e0ec8f744e55570-0350012021/related/CMO-Pink-Sheet-September-2023.pdf>, <https://3mgas.vn/news/saudi-aramco-lpg-prices-per-metric-tonne-mt-n150.html> and <https://www.globaldairytrade.info/en/product-results/whole-milk-powder/?c= US cent USD = US dollar>

WHOLESALE PRICES
WEEK ENDING 24th April 2026 (RS /KG)

PETTAH MARKET

DAMBULLA MARKET

Average Wholesale Prices	Week Ending 24/04/2026	Week Ago	Year Ago, Annual Avg.
Rice (Rs/Kg)			
Samba	248.00	n.a	235.00
Kekulu (Red)	195.00	n.a	215.00
Vegetable			
Beans	370.00	n.a	420.00
Cabbage	108.00	n.a	248.00
Carrots	270.00	n.a	410.00
Tomatoes	124.00	n.a	540.00
Pumpkin	50.00	n.a	176.00
Snake Gourd	210.00	n.a	290.00
Brinjals	140.00	n.a	330.00
Other Foods			
Red-Onions (Local)	270.00	n.a	263.00
Big Onions (Imported)	130.20	n.a	99.80
Potatoes (Local)	297.20	n.a	304.60
Dried Chillies (Imported)	917.60	n.a	555.00
Dhal	274.60	n.a	259.60
Eggs (White) (Each)	31.60	n.a	23.00
Coconut (Each)	130.00	n.a	176.00
Green Chillies	190.00	n.a	400.00
Lime	200.00	n.a	136.00
FISH MARKET – PELIYAGODA			
Kelawalla	1,600.00	1,700.00	-
Balaya	940.00	1,000.00	-
Salaya	576.00	250.00	-
Hurulla	1,050.00	1,100.00	-

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Food Item	Wholesale (Average)
Rice (Rs/Kg)	
Samba	240.00
Kekulu (Red)	203.00
Vegetables	
Pumpkins	50.40
Snake Gourd	121.00
Ash Plantains	94.00
Beans	305.00
Carrots	227.00
Tomatoes	55.60
Cabbage	68.00
Other Foods	
Potatoes (Local)	229.00
Dried Chillies (Imported)	976.00
Big-Onions (Imported)	132.40
Red-Onions (Local)	209.00
Coconut (Each)	111.60

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

MARANDAGAHAMULA AVERAGE PRICE OF RICE (RS/KG)

Item	Week Ending 24/04/2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	245.00	253.00	243.60	236.00
Kekulu (White)	195.40	199.00	199.60	211.40
Kekulu (Red)	197.80	198.00	204.00	215.20
Nadu	200.20	211.00	208.40	223.00

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

WEEKLY RETAIL COMMODITY PRICES – 3rd WEEK OF APRIL 2026

Item	Unit	Week ending 17/04/2026	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago
Rice					
Samba (Avg.)	1kg	268.28	275.87	-5.3%	249.51
No. 1	1kg	256.56	256.18	-1.8%	243.64
No. 2	1kg				
Nadu Red	1kg	233.18	238.18	-2.1%	242.54
Raw Red (Avg)	1kg	203.25	209.34	-1.0%	222.33
No. 1	1kg	216.00	218.18	-1.0%	222.33
No. 2	1kg	190.50	200.50	-1.1%	-
Wheat Flour	1kg	190.20	183.07	0.1%	182.25
Bread	450g	133.13	132.00	0.6%	132.00
Sugar	1kg	228.75	230.90	-2.5%	238.42
Maliban	400g	1,150.00	1,150.00	0.0%	1,088.75
Anchor	400g	1,150.00	1,150.00	0.0%	1,096.43
Pelwatta	400g	1,150.00	1,125.00	0.0%	1,050.00
Potatoes (Import)	1 kg	198.91	206.36	0.5%	205.19
Potatoes (Local)	1kg	391.67	387.00	5.0%	374.79
Mysore Dhal (Avg)	1kg	374.04	329.63	-3.2%	348.66
Cowpea (Avg)	1kg	940.25	913.67	-0.6%	824.60
Green Gram (Avg)	1kg	934.46	830.75	2.9%	881.51
Kadalai (Avg)	1kg	538.00	514.68	1.7%	551.78
Meat					
Beef	1kg	3,033.33	2,992.86	2.3%	2,719.13
Chicken					
Fresh	1kg	1,506.15	1,402.14	5.3%	1,195.82
Broiler	1kg	1,280.00	1,180.00	4.9%	1,075.58
Fresh Fish					
Paraw	1kg	2,735.00	2,722.94	3.2%	2,210.05
Balaya	1kg	1,784.00	1,510.00	-4.1%	1,252.25
Kelawalla	1kg	2,432.63	2,350.00	1.6%	2,247.37
Salaya	1kg	710.00	596.50	-3.9%	576.64
Dried Fish					
Spratts	1kg	1,525.00	1,414.81	-0.5%	1,018.88
Eggs	Each	36.74	37.85	-14.6%	33.02
Coconut	Each	171.41	167.23	-1.1%	197.44
Coconut Oil	750ml	752.50	684.23	-1.0%	646.41
Red Onions	1kg	399.64	361.53	3.9%	431.83
B- Onions (Import)	1kg	179.66	186.29	-5.6%	158.74
Brinjal	1kg	355.86	385.00	3.4%	628.04
Beans Green	1kg	571.38	528.67	12.1%	679.11
Bandakka	1kg	294.29	280.69	1.6%	465.45
Leeks	1kg	366.67	378.67	-5.9%	349.96
Beet Root	1kg	295.33	345.33	-13.1%	547.43
Carrot	1kg	450.67	454.67	2.1%	617.17
Green Chillies	1kg	603.45	567.00	4.3%	821.70
Raddish	1kg	276.92	271.85	-5.3%	301.80
Vetakolu	1kg	401.48	391.03	6.9%	547.67
Bitter Gourd	1kg	445.19	516.55	-1.6%	595.19
Snake Gourd	1kg	365.83	371.85	0.4%	498.60
Kolikuttu	1kg	460.45	375.56	12.2%	355.98
Papaw	1kg	294.78	397.20	-15.1%	217.28
Pineapple	1kg	407.39	475.38	3.6%	438.45

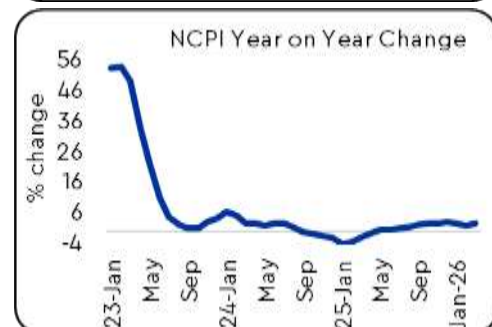
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INFLATION

TRENDS IN INFLATION

Month	CCPI (%)			NCPI (%)		
	(2021=100)			(2021=100)		
	Index Number	% Change Month on Month	Y on Y %	Index Number	% Change Month on Month	Y on Y %
Jun - 24	195.6	0.8	1.7	208.1	0.9	2.4
July	194.7	-0.5	2.4	206.9	-0.6	2.5
Aug	191.1	-1.8	0.5	204.1	-1.4	1.1
Sep	190.9	-0.1	-0.5	203.1	-0.5	-0.2
Oct	189.9	-0.5	-0.8	202.1	-0.5	-0.7
Nov	189.4	-0.3	-2.1	202.4	0.1	-1.7
Dec	191.7	1.2	-1.7	204.6	1.1	-2.0
Jan - 25	192.6	0.5	-4.0	206.4	0.9	-4.0
Feb	192.2	-0.2	-4.2	206.2	-0.1	-3.9
March	191.6	-0.3	-2.6	206.0	-0.1	-1.9
April	191.2	-0.2	-2.0	206.5	0.2	-0.8
May	192.8	0.8	-0.7	207.5	0.5	0.6
June	194.5	0.9	-0.6	208.7	0.6	0.3
July	194.1	-0.2	-0.3	208.3	-0.2	0.7
Aug	193.3	-0.4	1.2	207.2	-0.5	1.5
Sep	193.7	0.2	1.5	207.4	0.1	2.1
Oct	193.8	0.1	2.1	207.5	0.0	2.7
Nov	193.4	-0.2	2.1	207.2	-0.1	2.4
Dec	195.8	1.2	2.1	210.5	1.6	2.9
Jan - 26	197.0	0.6	2.3	211.4	0.4	2.4
Feb	195.3	-0.9	1.6	209.4	-0.9	1.6
Mar	195.8	0.3	2.2	210.9	0.7	2.4

Source: Department of Census and Statistics



CONTRIBUTION OF FOOD ITEMS TO CCPI FROM MARCH 2025 TO MARCH 2026 (Base 2021=100)

Commodity	Value Change Rs.	Change %
Food	407.42	0.23
Rice	-24.43	-0.01
Coconut	-846.63	-0.48
Sea Fish	1,212.26	0.69
Chicken	302.37	0.17
Fresh Fruits		
Vegetables	-511.17	-0.29
Dried Chillies	104.24	0.06
Eggs	111.97	0.06
Red Onions	-66.13	-0.04
Big Onions		
Potatoes	-50.18	-0.03
Garlic	-63.63	-0.04

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

MOVEMENTS OF THE CCPI IN FOOD ITEM (2021=100)

Month	Index Number	% Change Month to Month	Inflation
			Y on Y
Jun - 24	239.1	2.8	1.4
July	239.4	0.1	1.5
Aug	234.6	-2.0	0.8
Sep	233.3	-0.6	-0.3
Oct	231.9	-0.6	1.0
Nov	231.7	-0.1	0.6
Dec	240.7	3.9	0.8
Jan - 25	241.5	0.3	-2.6
Feb	242.3	0.3	-0.2
March	239.2	-1.3	0.6
April	238.4	-0.3	1.3
May	244.8	2.7	5.2
June	249.3	1.8	4.3
July	243.0	-2.5	1.5
Aug	239.4	-1.5	2.0
Sep	240.1	0.3	2.9
Oct	240.0	0.0	3.5
Nov	238.6	-0.6	3.0
Dec	247.9	3.9	3.0
Jan - 26	249.4	0.6	3.3
Feb	242.9	-2.6	0.2
Mar	240.9	-0.8	0.7

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

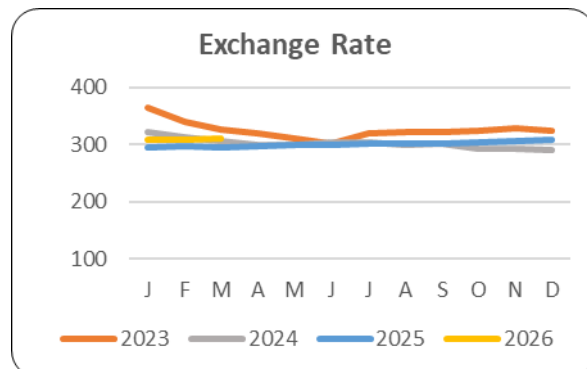


EXTERNAL SECTOR

EXCHANGE RATES (AVERAGE)

Currency	Week Ending 24 th April 2026	Week Ago	Year Ago	% Change 2025/26
US Dollar	317.96	315.99	299.84	6.04
Sterling Pound	427.12	427.12	398.20	7.26
Euro	371.34	372.15	340.22	9.15
Japanese Yen	1.99	1.98	2.10	-5.24
Indian Rupee	3.37	3.39	3.51	-3.99

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka



EXTERNAL TRADE

Category	February 2025 (USD mn)	February 2026 (USD mn)	Growth Rate (%)	Jan – Feb 2025 (USD mn)	Jan – Feb 2026 (USD mn)	Growth Rate (%)
Exports	1,052.9	1,057.8	0.5	2,105.7	2,206.6	4.8
Agricultural	229.2	232.7	1.5	451.0	496.2	10.0
Tea	119.4	115.0	-3.7	232.1	236.8	2.0
Other	109.8	117.7	7.2	218.9	259.4	18.5
Industrial	821.4	820.9	-0.1	1,649.7	1,698.2	2.9
Rubber Products	80.1	75.5	-5.8	151.9	151.0	-0.5
Textiles and Garments	428.3	385.9	-9.9	889.7	834.5	-6.2
Food, Beverage and Tobacco	58.3	73.9	26.8	114.2	145.0	27.0
Other	254.7	285.6	12.1	493.9	567.7	14.9
Mineral	1.4	3.4	142.7	2.5	8.7	250.9
Unclassified	0.8	0.7	-17.5	2.5	3.5	36.1
Imports	1,464.2	1,833.8	25.2	3,249.7	3,637.1	11.9
Consumer Goods	351.0	476.3	35.7	731.3	951.3	30.1
Food and Beverages	199.2	162.1	-18.7	440.6	322.9	-26.7
Other Consumer Goods	151.8	314.2	107.0	290.7	628.4	116.2
Intermediate Goods	840.0	993.4	18.3	1,901.4	1,928.3	1.4
Petroleum	278.4	398.0	43.0	696.0	651.4	-6.4
Textiles & Textile Articles	230.8	228.9	-0.8	463.6	471.9	1.8
Other Intermediate Goods	330.8	366.5	10.8	741.8	805.0	8.5
Investment Goods	269.4	363.7	35.0	609.5	756.3	24.1
Machinery and Equipment	176.5	229.0	29.7	416.3	465.3	11.8
Transport Equipment	17.4	56.4	223.4	34.4	129.1	274.7
Building Material	74.9	77.8	3.8	158.0	160.8	1.7
Other Investment Goods	0.6	0.5	-16.7	0.8	1.1	37.5
Unclassified	3.8	0.5	-87.8	7.5	1.2	-83.7
Trade Balance	-411.3	-776.1		-1,144.0	-1,430.6	

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Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



Highlights

- Export earnings decreased by 7.9 percent to USD 1,057.8 mn in February 2026 compared to USD 1,148.7 mn in January 2026.
- Import expenditure increased by 1.7 percent to USD 1,833.8 mn in February 2026 compared to USD 1,803.3 mn in January 2026.
- Trade deficit widened to USD 776.1 mn in February 2026 compared to USD 654.5 mn in January 2026.

EXTERNAL ASSETS

External Assets (USD bn)	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026
Total Reserves	11.6	12.4	12.4	12.0	11.8	11.7	11.9	11.7	11.5	11.3	12.3	12.4	13.0
Gross Official Reserves	6.1	6.5	6.3	6.3	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.0	6.8	6.8	7.3

Gross official Reserves USD 7.3 bn as end March 2026.

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

WORKERS' REMITTANCES

Category		2025 March	2026 March	Jan – Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2026	% Change
Inflow	USD mn	693.3	814.8	1,814.4	2,294.9	26.5
	Rs. bn	205.2	254.1	537.6	712.3	32.5

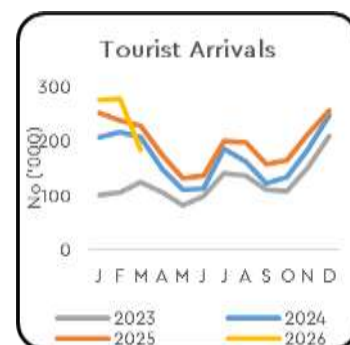
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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TOURIST ARRIVALS

Month	Arrivals				Earnings USD mn			
	2024	2025	2026	% change 2025/26	2024	2025	2026	% change 2025/26
Jan	208,253	252,761	277,327	9.7	341.80	400.7	378.3	-5.6
Feb	218,350	240,217	279,328	16.28	345.70	367.6	352.0	-4.2
Mar	209,181	229,298	183,979	-19.8	338.40	354.0	223.7	36.8
Apr	148,867	174,608			225.7	256.7		
May	112,128	132,919			154.0	164.1		
Jun	113,470	138,241			151.1	169.5		
July	187,810	200,244			328.3	318.5		
Aug	164,609	198,235			282.1	258.9		
Sep	122,140	158,971			181.0	182.9		
Oct	135,907	165,193			185.6	186.1		
Nov	184,158	212,906			272.9	251.6		
Dec	248,592	258,928			362.1	308.6		
Total	2,053,465	2,362,521	740,634		3,168.6	3,219.2	954.0	

Source: Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority





FISCAL SECTOR

GOVERNMENT REVENUE (Rs. Mn)

Item	2022	2023	2024	2025 (a)	2026 (a) Jan
Tax Revenue	1,751,132	2,720,563	3,704,577	5,049,192	434,227
Income Tax	534,021	911,355	1,026,199	1,139,373	44,153
VAT	463,062	694,460	1,309,680	1,746,874	187,306
Excise Duty	342,523	469,622	598,529	1,058,707	102,358
PAL	180,595	175,486	170,014	180,853	16,807
Customs Duty	50,009	105,120	111,147	275,894	26,337
SCL	40,194	51,327	115,199	164,599	11,153
CESS	70,318	57,184	81,129	90,373	7,824
SSCL	36,111	216,181	250,869	294,520	29,678
Other	34,712	39,827	41,812	98,000	8,613
Non-Tax Revenue	228,052	328,259	326,261	400,210	34,519
Total Revenue	1,979,184	3,048,822	4,030,838	5,449,402	468,746

Source: Department of Fiscal Policy
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GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE (Rs. Mn)

Item	2022	2023	2024	2025 (a)	2026 (a) Jan
Government Expenditure	4,472,556	5,356,591	6,130,739	6,230,415	472,559
Recurrent Expenditure	3,519,634	4,699,679	5,339,941	5,232,388	429,413
Salaries & Wages	956,211	939,496	1,066,048	1,163,942	102,723
Goods & Services	182,857	299,700	350,879	334,687	17,788
Interest	1,565,190	2,455,600	2,689,500	2,500,674	226,635
Subsidies & Transfers	815,376	1,004,884	1,233,514	1,233,085	82,267
Capital & Net Lending	952,923	656,912	790,798	998,026	43,146
Public Investments	1,014,293	932,745	817,092	1,015,825	43,569
Other	-61,370	-275,833	-26,294	-17,798	-423

Compiled by Department of Fiscal Policy
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GOVERNMENT DEBT (Rs.Bn)

	End 2023	End 2024	End Aug 2025 (a)	End Sep 2025 (a)	End Oct 2025 (a)	End Nov 2025 (a)	End 2025 (a)
Total Domestic Debt	17,051.9	18,309.66	18,679.49	18,701.46	18,653.51	18,535.75	18,675.32
Total Foreign Debt	11,644.1	10,429.04	10,980.73	10,974.34	11,018.72	11,079.53	11,319.36
Total Government Debt	28,695.9	28,738.70	29,660.22	29,675.81	29,672.23	29,615.28	29,994.69

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka
(a) provisional

KEY FISCAL INDICATORS 2023 -2025

Indicator	2023		2024		2025	
	Rs.bn.	% of GDP	Rs.bn.	% of GDP	Rs.bn.	% of GDP
Total Revenue	3,048.82	11.1	4,030.84	13.4	5,449.40	16.6
Tax Revenue	2,720.56	9.9	3,704.58	12.3	5,049.19	15.4
Non-Tax Revenue	328.26	1.2	326.26	1.1	400.21	1.2
Recurrent Expenditure	4,699.68	17.1	5,339.94	17.7	5,232.39	16.0
Capital & Net Lending	656.91	2.4	790.80	2.6	988.03	3.0
Public Investment	932.75	3.4	817.09	2.7	1,015.83	3.1
Budget Deficit	-2,282,267	-8.3	-2,039.93	-6.8	-744.86	-2.3
Central Government Debt	28,695.95	104.2	28,738.70	95.5	29,994.69	91.6

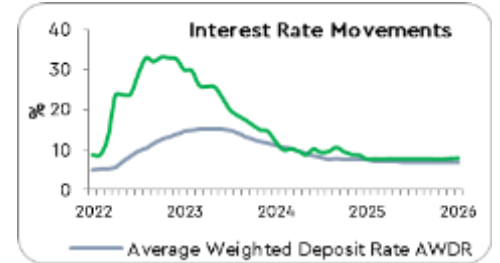
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MONETARY SECTOR

REAL INTEREST RATES

Month	CCPI (2013 =100)	CCPI Point to Point Change	CCPI Annual Average Change	91 Days T Bill Rate
Aug - 2024	191.1	0.5	2.5	9.49
Sep	190.9	-0.5	2.4	10.49
Oct	189.9	-0.8	2.2	9.35
Nov	189.4	-2.1	1.7	8.73
Dec	191.7	-1.7	1.2	8.55
Jan - 2025	192.6	-4.0	0.4	7.93
Feb	192.2	-4.2	-0.5	7.57
Mar	191.6	-2.6	-0.8	7.50
Apr	191.2	-2.0	-1.1	7.65
May	192.8	-0.7	-1.2	7.55
June	194.5	-0.6	-1.4	7.55
July	194.1	-0.3	-1.6	7.62
Aug	193.3	1.2	-1.5	7.58
Sep	193.7	1.5	-1.4	7.57
Oct	193.8	2.1	-1.2	7.52
Nov	193.4	2.1	-0.8	7.52
Dec	195.8	2.1	-0.5	7.74
Jan - 2026	197.0	2.3	0.0	7.84
Feb	195.3	1.6	0.5	7.63
Mar	195.8	2.2	0.9	7.78



Sources : Central Bank of Sri Lanka and Department of Census and Statistics
From July 2024 CCPI & NCPI (2021=100)

INTEREST RATE MOVEMENTS

Category	Week Ending 24th of April 2026	Week Ago	Year Ago
Overnight Policy Rate (OPR)	7.75	7.75	8.00
Standing Deposit Facility Rate	7.25	7.25	7.50
Standing Lending Facility Rate	8.25	8.25	8.50
Average Weighted Call Money Rate (AWCMR)	7.72	7.67	7.97
Treasury Bill (Yield rate)			
91 Days	8.27	8.15	7.62
182 Days	8.23	8.22	7.98
364 Days	8.52	8.52	8.29
Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	9.63	9.79	8.39
	Feb	Month ago	Year ago
Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	6.83	6.81	7.21

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

MONEY SUPPLY AND CREDIT GROWTH

Item	Feb 2026	Jan 2026	Dec 2023	Dec 2024	Dec 2025	Feb 2025	Growth 2025 Feb/2026 Feb (%)
M ₁	2,319.6	2,251.9	1,658.0	1,925.6	2,288.0	1,938.3	19.7
M ₂	14,375.8	14,200.4	11,485.1	12,660.6	14,093.4	12,825.9	12.1
M ₂₀	16,276.3	16,069.0	13,189.1	14,321.7	15,975.0	14,543.8	11.9

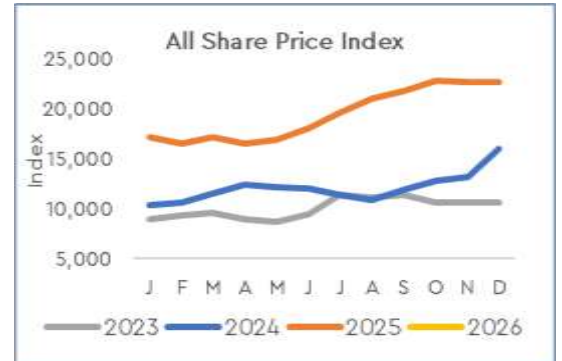
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

CREDIT TO PRIVATE SECTOR (RS. bn.)				
Item	Feb 2026	Month Ago	Year Ago	Growth 2024 /2025 (%)
Credit to Private Sector	10,439.1	10,294.8	8,256.9	26.4
DBUs	9,881.5	9,738.9	7,666.8	28.9
OBU	557.7	555.9	590.1	-5.5

SHARE MARKET

Indicator	Week Ending 24 th April - 2026	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (ASPI) (1985 = 100)	22,567.63	22,773.29	15,615.63
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20)	6,204.62	6,263.94	4,604.71
Average Daily Turnover (Rs.Mn)	2,068.86	4,974.72	1,471.14
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	8,146.50	8,211.17	5,580.83

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange



EQUITY TRADING STATISTICS

Indicator	Mar 2026	Mar 2025	Jan - Mar 2026	Jan - Mar 2025
Turnover -Equity (Rs. Mn.)	98,821.5	40,353.1	340,336.3	239,201.6
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	95,018.5	37,259.8	315,035.0	221,607.9
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	3,803.1	3,093.3	25,301.3	17,593.6
Market Days	21	19	59	56
Daily Turnover Avg. Equity (Rs. Mn.)	4,705.8	2,123.8	5,768.4	4,271.5
Trade Equity	844,415	258,621	2,473,266	1,415,833
Domestic	830,210	254,026	2,440,292	1,389,630
Foreign	14,205	4,595	32,974	26,203
Shares Traded _Equity (Mn)	4,659.4	1,481.4	12,933.1	9,369.1
Domestic (Mn.)	4,534.3	1,402.9	12,325.1	8,866.6
Foreign (Mn.)	125.1	78.4	608.1	502.5
Companies Traded	271	269	273	269
Companies Listed	289	289	285	-

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

MARKET INDICATORS

Price Indices	Mar 2026	Feb 2026	Jan 2026
ASPI	21,066.18	23,734.06	23,812.31
S&P SL 20	5,904.10	6,635.97	6,641.15
Total Return Indicators			
ASTRI	32,319.71	36,165.68	36,232.67
S&P SL20 (TRI)	12,244.47	13,588.00	13,583.87
Market PER	10.64	11.66	11.30
Dividend Yield	3.07	2.62	2.49
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	7,522.00	8,425.24	8,498.37

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

STOCK MARKET - FOREIGN PURCHASES AND FOREIGN SALES

Indicator	March 2026	March 2025
Purchases by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	1,985.2	2,260.0
Sales by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	5,620.9	3,926.6
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. Mn)	-3,635.7	-1,666.6

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

