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DEPARTMENT OF FISCAL POLICY

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The Week in Review
12th October – 16th October 2026

REAL SECTOR

- Economy expanded by 4.2 percent in the second quarter 2026.
- Price of Brent Crude Oil increased by 2.11 USD bbl and WTI increased by 6.49 USD bbl, respectively.
- CCPI - Headline inflation (2021=100) remained unchanged at 8.0 percent (YoY) in September, 2026 compared to (YoY) August, 2026.
- NCPI - Headline inflation (2021=100) remained unchanged at 8.1 percent (YoY) in September, 2026 compared to (YoY) in August 2026.

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EXTERNAL SECTOR

- The Sri Lankan rupee marginally depreciated to USD 1 = Rs. 331.16 from USD 1 = Rs. 330.94
- Exports increased to USD 1,240.3 mn in August 2026 compared to USD 1,233.4 mn in July 2026.
- Imports decreased to USD 1,913.8 mn in August 2026 compared to USD 2,251.0 mn in July 2026.
- Trade deficit
 - USD 673.5 mn in August, 2026
- The gross official reserves stood at USD 6.9bn as end of September 2026.
- Workers' remittances recorded USD 734.4 mn in September 2026.

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FISCAL SECTOR

Revenue (Provisional)

Jan - Aug 2026

▪ Total Revenue	- Rs.	3,998.3 bn
(Excluding Grants)		
Tax Revenue	- Rs.	3,683.5 bn
Non-Tax Revenue	- Rs.	314.8 bn

Expenditure (Provisional)

Jan - Aug 2026

▪ Total Expenditure	- Rs.	3,966.9 bn
Recurrent Expenditure	- Rs.	3,531.0 bn
Capital Expenditure	- Rs.	435.9 bn

Debt (Provisional)

▪ End of Jun 2026

Total Outstanding Government Debt	- Rs.	31,278.43 bn
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MONETARY SECTOR

- All Share Price Index (ASPI) decreased by 0.65 percent to 20,185.05 points as at 16th October 2026 from 20,316.91 points as at 09th October 2026
- S&P SL 20 Index decreased by 0.86 percent to 5,738.83 points as at 16th October 2026 from 5,788.75 points as at 09th October 2026.
- Credit to the private sector increased by 24.5 percent (YoY) in August, 2026

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REAL SECTOR

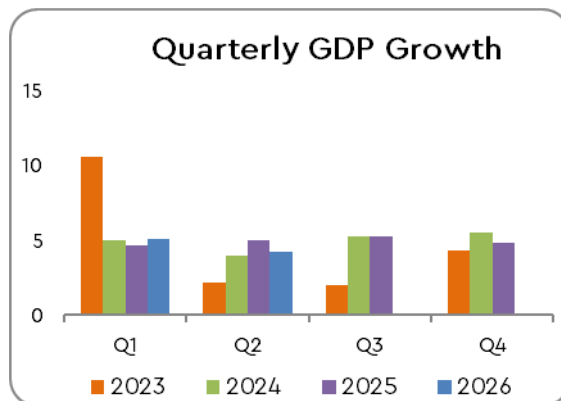
PRODUCTION

	1 st Q	2 nd Q	3 rd Q	4 th Q	Annual
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
2026	5.1	4.2			
Agriculture	1.1	-2.3			
Industry	7.2	7.3			
Services	3.4	2.7			

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 4.2 % in 2nd quarter 2026

In the second quarter of 2026, the Sri Lankan economy experienced a growth of 4.2 percent compared to 5.0 percent growth recorded in the same period of 2025. This expansion was observed recording 7.3 percent and 2.7 percent growth in the industry and service sector, respectively. Meanwhile, the Agriculture sector contracted by 2.3 percent.

PADDY PRODUCTION

Category	Unit	2024			2025			2026
		2023/ 2024 Maha	2024 Yala	Total	2024/ 2025 Maha	2025 Yala	Total	2025/ 2026 Maha
Production	Mn.Mt	2.72	1.98	4.7	2.75	2.31	5.06	3.13
	Bushels Mn.	130.5	94.7	225.2	131.6	110.63	242.23	150.2
Forecasted Production	Mn. Mt	2.63	1.77	4.4	2.57	2.27	4.48	2.6
Difference in Production	Mn. Mt	0.09	0.21	0.3	0.18	0.04	0.58	0.53
Net Extent Harvested	Hectares ('000)	702.1	429.7	1,131.8	701.5	485.0	1,186.5	691.7
	Acres ('000)	1,735.0	1,061.9	2,796.9	1,733.3	1,198.5	2,931.80	1,709.20
Average Yield	kg per ha	3,712	3,893	3,803	3,679	4,760	8,439	4,531

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

(a) Provisional

TEA, RUBBER & COCONUT PRODUCTION

Category	Crop	July 2025	July 2026	% Change
Production	Tea (Mn. Kg)	21.5	21.3	-1.1
	Rubber (Mn. Kg)	5.9	5.9	0.0
	Coconut (Mn. Nuts)			
Exports (USD Mn)		July 2025	July 2026	% Change
	Tea	141.0	116.7	-17.2
	Rubber	2.9	1.8	-37.5
Average Gross Prices		July 2025	July 2026	% Change
	Tea (Rs./ Kg)	1,143.73	1,197.24	4.7
	Rubber (Rs./ Kg)	730.00	-	-
	Coconut (Rs./nut)	126.61	97.54	-23.0

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

FACTORY INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX (2015=100)

Item (a)	2025 Aug (c)	2026 Aug (c)	Change %
Manufacture of Food Products	93.0	100.9	8.5
Manufacture of Beverages	128.8	125.7	-2.4
Manufacture of Tobacco Products	70.5	78.8	11.7
Manufacture of Textiles	120.3	121.2	0.8
Manufacture of Wearing Apparel	109.7	98.1	-10.6
Manufacture of Leather and Related Products	102.6	117.9	15.0
Manufacture of Wood products, except Furniture; Articles of Straw & plaiting materials	70.8	74.1	4.6
Manufacture of Paper and Paper Products	41.9	44.0	4.9
Printing and Reproduction of Recorded Media	112.3	112.4	0.1
Manufacture of Coke and Refined Petroleum Products	100.1	110.1	10.0
Manufacture of Chemicals and Chemical Products	86.8	71.8	-17.3
Manufacture of Basic Pharmaceuticals, Pharmaceutical preparations	139.4	102.3	-26.6
Manufacture of Rubber and Plastic Products	80.5	82.1	2.0
Manufacture of Other Non-Metallic Mineral Products	118.5	123.0	3.8
Manufacture of Basic Metals	100.5	106.6	6.1
Manufacture of Fabricated Metal Products (except machines and equipment)	97.7	88.7	-9.2
Manufacture of Electrical Equipment	52.9	61.4	16.0
Manufacture of Machinery and Equipment (n.e.c)	125.2	108.6	-13.2
Manufacture of Furniture	48.5	55.6	14.8
Other Manufacturing	65.0	61.2	-5.9
Overall Factory Industrial Production Index	98.4	99.7	1.3

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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

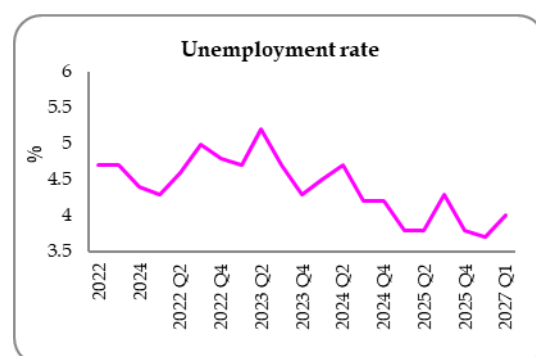
(b) Revised

(c) Provisional

LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

Employment	2024 Annual	2025 Annual	2024 Q2	2025 Q2	2026 Q2
Labour Force Participation Rate	47.4	49.4	47.8	49.3	50.0
Unemployment Rate	4.4	3.9	4.7	3.8	4.0
Male	3.0	2.8	3.6	2.6	2.8
Female	7.1	6.1	7.0	6.0	6.1
20-29	16.1	13.9	16.9	13.8	14.3
20-24	20.7	17.8	23.7	19.6	17.0
25-29	12.5	10.6	11.2	9.3	12.1

Source : Department of Census & Statistics



CRUDE OIL PRICES

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

Item	Oct 12	Oct 13	Oct 14	Oct 15	Oct 16	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Brent	102.98	105.52	107.04	104.65	105.48	103.37	108.16	62.40
WTI	89.97	92.71	95.33	94.13	97.33	90.84	104.82	58.16
Petrol	146.55	147.25	136.50	132.16	129.20	144.80	145.22	75.80
Diesel	166.99	169.68	174.38	169.50	167.73	169.36	200.57	77.78
Kerosene	170.56	174.98	179.68	174.14	170.76	172.52	190.00	84.37

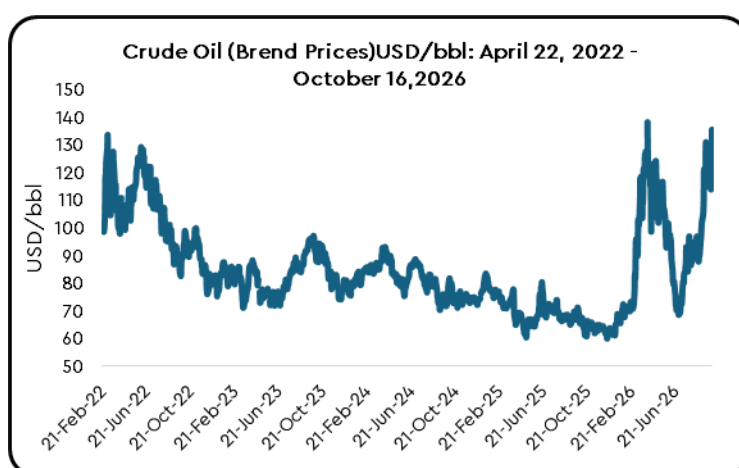
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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CRUDE OIL PRICES (MONTHLY AVERAGE) (USD/BBL)

Month	Brent Europe	WTI Cushing, Oklahoma
Mar - 2025	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	103.13	91.38
Apr	117.29	100.32
May	107.14	102.13
June	85.40	84.81
July	83.76	80.46
Aug	91.08	83.90
Sep	114.16	97.31

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



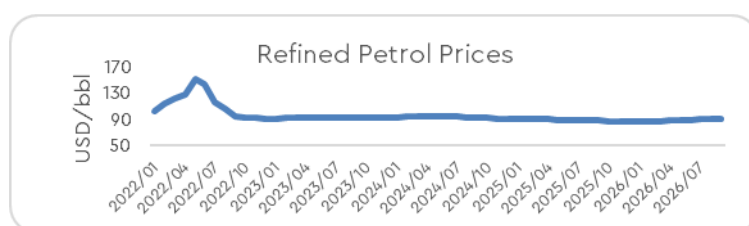
MONTHLY AVERAGE REFINED PRODUCT PRICES – SINGAPORE PLATTS PRICES (USD/BBL)

Month	Petrol	Diesel	Kerosene
Apr - 2025	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
Apr	88.30	90.62	99.95
May	89.19	92.09	101.19
Jun	89.65	92.71	101.79
Jul	90.09	93.95	102.75
Aug	90.52	95.25	103.72
Sep	91.64	97.28	124.66

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	392.00
Petrol (Octane 92)	1 liter	346.00	309.00	294.00	414.00
Kerosene oil	1 liter	247.00	188.00	180.00	285.00
L P Gas	12.5 kg	3,565.00	3,690.00	3,690.00	4,365.00

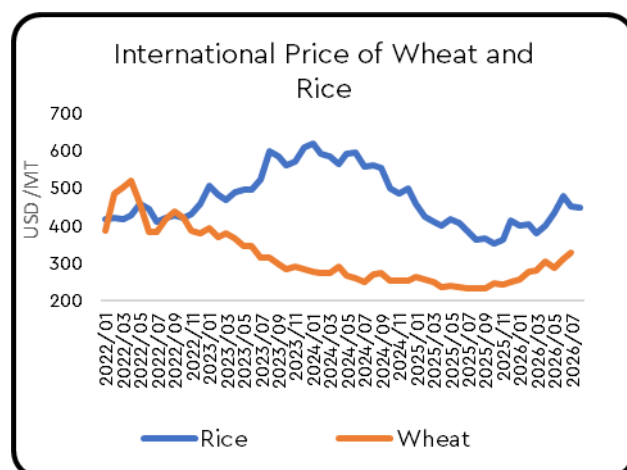


COMMODITY PRICES

INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES

Month	Rice Thai,25% USD/MT	Wheat (HRW) USD/MT
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	276.00
Apr	399.00	282.00
May	435.00	303.00
Jun	479.00	286.00
Jul	453.00	310.00
Aug	447.00	330.00
Sep	461.00	347.00

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



Category	Commodity	Unit	Quarterly Averages				
			Jul – Sep 2025	Oct – Dec 2025	Jan - Mar 2026	Apr - Jun 2026	Jul - Sep 2026
Energy	Crude Oil average	USD/mt	67.50	62.10	75.70	95.30	88.90
Non-Energy, Agriculture, Beverages	Cocoa	USD/kg	7.33	5.78	3.93	3.98	5.83
	Coffee, Arabica	USD/kg	8.03	8.78	7.49	7.01	7.71
	Tea, average	USD/kg	3.00	2.96	2.71	2.93	2.91
	Tea, Colombo auctions	USD/kg	3.93	3.95	3.75	3.66	3.64
Food, Fats & Oils	Coconut Oil	USD/mt	2,727	2,437	2,268	2,161	1,996
	Soybean Oil	USD/mt	1,237	1,125	1,310	1,722	1,638
	Palm Oil	USD/mt	1,013	1,001	1,081	1,164	1,148
Grains	Maize	USD/mt	191.60	201.90	208.90	209.10	225.70
	Wheat, US HRW	USD/mt	233.30	239.80	261.20	290.30	329.00
Other Food	Meat, Beef	USD/kg	6.83	7.33	8.10	7.87	7.15
	Meat, Chicken	USD/kg	1.73	1.76	1.73	1.79	1.74
	Sugar, World	USD/kg	0.36	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.38
Raw Materials, Timber	Plywood	¢/sheets	370.20	354.30	348.20	342.70	343.00
Other Raw Materials Fertilizers	Rubber RSS3, US	USD /kg	2.16	2.03	2.26	2.68	2.75
	Phosphate Rock	USD/mt	152.50	152.50	152.50	154.00	170.00
	TSP	USD/mt	660.80	611.10	541.20	702.40	704.60
	Urea	USD/mt	488.30	398.70	537.70	693.50	399.20
Metals and Minerals	Aluminium	USD/mt	2,619	2,829	3,193	3,568	3,232
	Gold	USD /toz	3,459	4,152	4,876	4,512	4,268
	Iron ore	USD /dmt	100.10	103.50	102.90	105.20	97.40

Source: The World Bank, Available at <https://thedocs.worldbank.org/en/doc/5d903e848db1d1b83e0ec8f744e55570-0350012021/related/CMO-Pink-Sheet-September-2023pdf>, <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/¢= US cent USD = US dollar>

WHOLESALE PRICES WEEK ENDING 16th OCTOBER 2026 (RS /KG)

PETTAH MARKET

Average Wholesale Prices	Week Ending 16/10/2026	Week Ago	Year Ago, Annual Avg.
Rice (Rs/Kg)			
Samba	233.00	233.00	239.60
Kekulu (Red)	175.00	177.00	207.40
Vegetable			
Beans	520.00	530.00	240.00
Cabbage	420.00	370.00	70.00
Carrots	218.00	196.00	108.00
Tomatoes	610.00	570.00	124.00
Pumpkin	242.00	230.00	66.00
Snake Gourd	400.00	400.00	182.00
Brinjals	410.00	330.00	200.00
Other Foods			
Red-Onions (Local)	390.20	383.00	235.60
Big Onions (Imported)	263.40	258.00	149.20
Potatoes (Local)	264.40	307.20	222.20
Dried Chillies (Imported)	1,116.80	1,100.00	643.40
Dhal	238.40	234.60	236.40
Eggs (White) (Each)	34.60	33.20	25.40
Coconut (Each)	155.00	150.00	170.00
Green Chillies	310.00	300.00	220.00
Lime	1,080.00	840.00	1,960.00
FISH MARKET – PELIYAGODA			
Kelawalla	1,240.00	1,410.00	-
Balaya	590.00	700.00	-
Salaya	270.00	360.00	-
Hurulla	570.00	670.00	-

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

DAMBULLA MARKET

Food Item	Wholesale (Average)
Rice (Rs/Kg)	
Samba	235.00
Kekulu (Red)	179.00
Vegetables	
Pumpkins	189.00
Snake Gourd	231.00
Ash Plantains	136.00
Beans	375.00
Carrots	225.00
Tomatoes	435.00
Cabbage	308.00
Other Foods	
Potatoes (Local)	199.00
Dried Chillies (Imported)	1,135.00
Big-Onions (Imported)	263.20
Red-Onions (Local)	335.00
Coconut (Each)	129.20

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

MARANDAGAHAMULA AVERAGE PRICE OF RICE (RS/KG)

Item	Week Ending 16/10/2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	224.20	219.40	225.00	243.40
Kekulu (White)	182.20	183.80	173.50	202.60
Kekulu (Red)	183.20	172.40	171.00	201.60
Nadu	185.80	186.80	178.75	212.60

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

WEEKLY RETAIL COMMODITY PRICES – 2nd WEEK OF OCTOBER 2026

Item	Unit	Week ending 16/10/2026	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago
Rice					
Samba (Avg.)	1kg	247.49	244.26	1.3%	268.09
No. 1	1kg	243.40	243.85	-0.2%	244.26
No. 2	1kg				
Nadu Red	1kg	232.05	231.60	0.2%	234.99
Raw Red (Avg)	1kg	193.55	193.22	0.2%	208.79
No. 1	1kg	206.40	206.88	-0.2%	219.25
No. 2	1kg	180.70	179.57	0.6%	198.33
Wheat Flour	1kg	201.48	203.19	-0.8%	189.17
Bread	450g	135.56	135.56	0.0%	132.00
Sugar	1kg	254.55	253.33	0.5%	230.10
Maliban	400g	1,300.00	1,300.00	0.0%	1,200.00
Anchor	400g	1,300.00	1,300.00	0.0%	1,200.00
Pelwatta	400g	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.0%	1,125.00
Potatoes (Import)	1 kg	212.40	220.42	-3.6%	224.63
Potatoes (Local)	1kg	391.39	405.00	-3.4%	341.48
Mysore Dhal (Avg)	1kg	328.85	334.52	-1.7%	326.48
Cowpea (Avg)	1kg	877.80	882.53	-0.5%	1,134.20
Green Gram (Avg)	1kg	887.76	917.96	-3.3%	917.35
Kadalai (Avg)	1kg	523.76	490.21	6.8%	533.66
Meat					
Beef	1kg	3,035.71	3,053.33	-0.6%	2,736.19
Chicken					
Fresh	1kg	1,290.67	1,380.67	-6.5%	1,177.73
Broiler	1kg	1,280.00	1,280.00	0.0%	1,180.00
Fresh Fish					
Paraw	1kg	3,111.54	3,135.63	-0.8%	2,665.77
Balaya	1kg	1,980.00	2,083.33	-5.0%	1,154.62
Kelawalla	1kg	2,988.24	3,002.86	-0.5%	2,416.81
Salaya	1kg	591.00	605.50	-2.4%	394.57
Dried Fish					
Spratts	1kg	2,055.56	2,040.00	0.8%	1,407.13
Eggs	Each	38.35	37.77	1.6%	30.40
Coconut	Each	175.15	169.60	3.3%	197.52
Coconut Oil	750ml	668.52	667.50	0.2%	667.31
Red Onions	1kg	506.68	516.48	-1.9%	381.62
B- Onions (Import)	1kg	321.70	319.55	0.7%	171.66
Brinjal	1kg	453.33	444.83	1.9%	392.01
Beans Green	1kg	652.00	622.07	4.8%	473.32
Bandakka	1kg	349.33	310.00	12.7%	311.36
Leeks	1kg	357.33	358.62	-0.4%	280.07
Beet Root	1kg	431.43	445.52	-3.2%	254.21
Carrot	1kg	426.67	419.31	1.8%	295.91
Green Chillies	1kg	1,387.41	1,335.19	3.9%	825.70
Raddish	1kg	360.00	338.18	6.5%	241.10
Vetakolu	1kg	435.38	441.60	-1.4%	319.49
Bitter Gourd	1kg	549.23	546.40	0.5%	518.49
Snake Gourd	1kg	435.71	443.33	-1.7%	376.83
Kolikuttu	1kg	567.86	584.07	-2.8%	356.67
Papaw	1kg	276.33	282.00	-2.0%	198.82
Pineapple	1kg	477.00	487.59	-2.2%	439.36

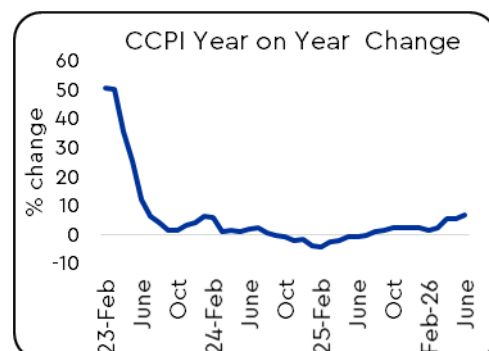
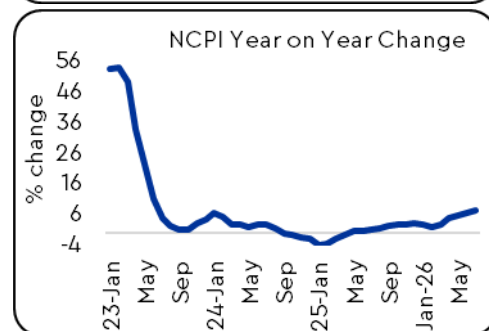
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INFLATION

TRENDS IN INFLATION

Month	CCPI (%) (2021=100)			NCPI (%) (2021=100)		
	Index Number	% Change Month on Month	Y on Y %	Index Number	% Change Month on Month	Y on Y %
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
Apr	201.6	3.0	5.4	216.3	2.6	4.7
May	203.4	0.9	5.5	218.8	1.2	5.4
Jun	207.7	2.1	6.8	222.3	1.6	6.5
Jul	208.2	0.2	7.3	223.4	0.5	7.2
Aug	208.8	0.3	8.0	223.9	0.2	8.1
Sep	209.1	0.1	8.0	224.2	0.1	8.1

Source: Department of Census and Statistics



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

Commodity	Value Change Rs.	Change %
Food	5,031.31	2.83
Rice	-288.36	-0.16
Coconut	-535.25	-0.30
Sea Fish	1,439.16	0.81
Chicken	166.24	0.09
Fresh Fruits	623.79	0.35
Vegetables	524.18	0.29
Dried Chillies	232.77	0.13
Eggs	224.31	0.13
Red Onions	64.14	0.04
Big Onions	514.85	0.29
Potatoes	14.52	0.01
Garlic	n.a	n.a

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
Dec - 24	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
Apr	245.1	1.7	2.8
May	247.1	0.8	0.9
Jun	258.2	4.5	3.6
Jul	258.2	0.0	6.3
Aug	259.8	0.6	8.5
Sep	261.0	0.5	8.7

Source :Department of Census and Statistics

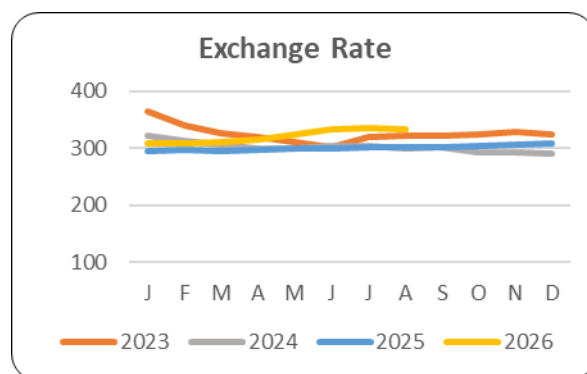


EXTERNAL SECTOR

EXCHANGE RATES (AVERAGE)

Currency	Week Ending 16 th October 2026	Week Ago	Year Ago	% Change 2025/26
US Dollar	331.16	330.94	302.90	9.33
Sterling Pound	439.82	438.21	406.78	8.12
Euro	371.49	371.53	353.38	5.12
Japanese Yen	2.10	2.10	2.01	4.48
Indian Rupee	3.49	3.42	3.46	0.87

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

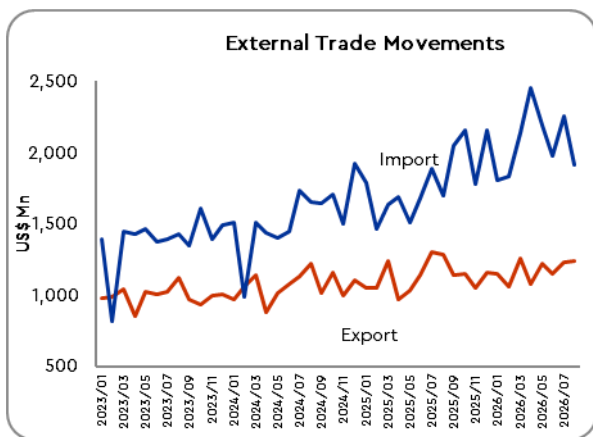


EXTERNAL TRADE

Category	Aug 2025 (USD mn)	Aug 2026 (USD mn)	Growth Rate (%)	Jan – Aug 2025 (USD mn)	Jan – Aug 2026 (USD mn)	Growth Rate (%)
Exports	1,282.4	1,240.4	-3.3	9,076.7	9,376.9	3.3
Agricultural	292.6	292.4	-0.1	2,030.2	2,015.4	-0.7
Tea	141.9	130.9	-7.8	1,026.0	948.5	-7.6
Other	150.7	161.5	7.2	1,004.2	1,066.9	6.2
Industrial	986.3	944.4	-4.2	7,015.4	7,327.1	4.4
Rubber Products	83.8	92.7	10.6	618.6	655.7	6.0
Textiles and Garments	508.1	465.3	-8.4	3,595.3	3,355.6	-6.7
Food, Beverage and Tobacco	81.5	76.1	-6.7	577.3	616.0	6.7
Other	312.9	310.3	-0.8	2,224.2	2,699.8	21.4
Mineral	1.7	2.1	21.8	14.3	22.2	55.1
Unclassified	1.8	1.5	-16.3	16.8	12.3	-26.8
Imports	1,696.6	1,913.8	12.8	13,340.9	16,557.1	24.1
Consumer Goods	499.1	420.7	-15.7	3,294.7	4,004.5	21.5
Food and Beverages	154.0	142.7	-7.3	1,419.6	1,447.9	2.0
Other Consumer Goods	345.1	278.0	-19.4	1,875.1	2,556.6	36.3
Intermediate Goods	869.0	1,082.4	24.6	7,437.4	9,334.2	25.5
Petroleum	255.2	450.6	76.5	2,520.6	4,072.1	61.6
Textiles & Textile Articles	208.4	173.8	-16.6	1,793.5	1,713.2	-4.5
Other Intermediate Goods	405.5	458.0	13.0	3,123.3	3,548.9	13.6
Investment Goods	325.9	409.1	25.5	2,597.2	3,203.6	23.3
Machinery and Equipment	187.2	267.6	42.9	1,658.4	2,019.5	21.8
Transport Equipment	58.0	64.6	11.3	286.7	501.2	74.8
Building Material	80.5	76.7	-4.7	649.6	679.5	4.6
Other Investment Goods	0.2	0.2	53.4	2.5	3.4	37.9
Unclassified	2.6	1.6	-37.5	11.6	14.8	27.3
Trade Balance	-414.2	-673.5		-4,264.2	-7,180.2	

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Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



Highlights

- Export earnings increased by 0.6 percent to USD 1,240.3 mn in August 2026 compared to USD 1,233.4 mn in July 2026.
- Import expenditure decreased by 15.0 percent to USD 1,913.8 mn in August 2026 compared to USD 2,251.0 mn in July 2026.
- Trade deficit narrowed to USD 673.5 mn in August 2026 compared to USD 1,017.6 mn in July 2026.

EXTERNAL ASSETS

External Assets (USD bn)	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	June 2026	Jul 2026
Total Reserves	11.7	11.9	11.7	11.5	11.3	12.3	12.4	13.0	12.9	12.8	13.0	12.6	13.2
Gross Official Reserves	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.0	6.8	6.8	7.3	7.0	6.8	6.9	6.5	6.6

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

WORKERS' REMITTANCES

Category	2025 September	2026 September	Jan – Sep 2025	Jan – Sep 2026	% Change
Inflow USD mn	695.7	734.4	5,811.7	6,865.4	18.1
Rs. bn	210.3	242.0	1,738.7	2,215.4	27.4

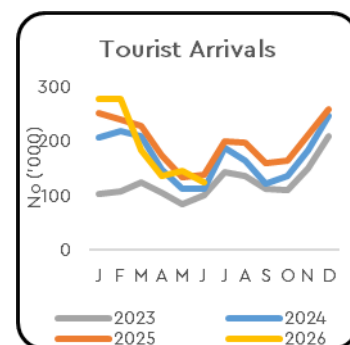
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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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	135,643	-22.3	225.7	256.7	157.1	-38.8
May	112,128	132,919	145,745	9.6	154.0	164.1	155.7	-5.1
Jun	113,470	138,241	124,551	-9.9	151.1	169.5	151.1	-10.9
July	187,810	200,244	196,845	-1.7	328.3	318.5	285.5	-10.4
Aug	164,609	198,235	191,704	-3.3	282.1	258.9	264.4	2.12
Sep	122,140	158,971	158,557	-0.3	181.0	182.9	185.6	1.48
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	1,693,679		3,168.6	3,219.2	2,245.2	

Source: Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority





FISCAL SECTOR

GOVERNMENT REVENUE (Rs. Mn)

Item	2022	2023	2024	2025 (a)	2026 (a) Jan - Aug
Tax Revenue	1,751,132	2,720,563	3,704,577	5,049,192	3,683,527
Income Tax	534,021	911,355	1,026,199	1,139,373	825,625
VAT	463,062	694,460	1,309,680	1,746,874	1,322,680
Excise Duty	342,523	469,622	598,529	1,058,707	747,973
PAL	180,595	175,486	170,014	180,853	130,806
Customs Duty	50,009	105,120	111,147	275,894	200,975
SCL	40,194	51,327	115,199	164,599	104,959
CESS	70,318	57,184	81,129	90,373	54,454
SSCL	36,111	216,181	250,869	294,520	233,215
Other	34,712	39,827	41,812	98,000	62,840
Non-Tax Revenue	228,052	328,259	326,261	400,210	314,764
Total Revenue	1,979,184	3,048,822	4,030,838	5,449,402	3,998,291

Source: Department of Fiscal Policy
(a) Provisional

GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE (Rs. Mn)

Item	2022	2023	2024	2025 (a)	2026 (a) Jan - Aug
Government Expenditure	4,472,556	5,356,591	6,130,739	6,230,415	3,966,913
Recurrent Expenditure	3,519,634	4,699,679	5,339,941	5,232,388	3,531,045
Salaries & Wages	956,211	939,496	1,066,048	1,163,942	826,962
Goods & Services	182,857	299,700	350,879	334,687	204,552
Interest	1,565,190	2,455,600	2,689,500	2,500,674	1,609,194
Subsidies & Transfers	815,376	1,004,884	1,233,514	1,233,085	890,337
Capital & Net Lending	952,923	656,912	790,798	998,026	435,867
Public Investments	1,014,293	932,745	817,092	1,015,825	446,283
Other	-61,370	-275,833	-26,294	-17,798	-10,416

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

	End 2023	End 2024	End Sep 2025 (a)	End Oct 2025 (a)	End Nov 2025 (a)	End 2025 (a)	End May 2026 (a)
Total Domestic Debt	17,051.9	18,309.66	18,701.46	18,653.51	18,535.75	18,675.32	18,609.43
Total Foreign Debt	11,644.1	10,429.04	10,974.34	11,018.72	11,079.53	11,319.36	12,185.77
Total Government Debt	28,695.9	28,738.70	29,675.81	29,672.23	29,615.28	29,994.69	30,795.04

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

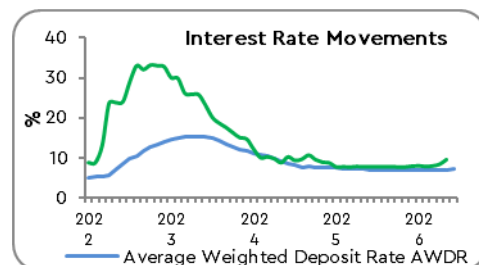
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MONETARY SECTOR

REAL INTEREST RATES

Month	CCPI (2013 =100)	CCPI Point to Point Change	CCPI Annual Average Change	91 Days T Bill Rate
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
Apr	201.6	5.4	1.6	8.20
May	203.4	5.5	2.1	9.36
Jun	207.7	6.8	2.7	10.14
Jul	208.2	7.3	3.3	9.86
Aug	208.8	8.0	3.9	9.06
Sep	209.1	8.0	4.5	



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 16 th of Oct 2026	Week Ago	Year Ago
Overnight Policy Rate (OPR)	8.75	8.75	7.75
Standing Deposit Facility Rate	8.25	8.25	7.25
Standing Lending Facility Rate	9.25	9.25	8.25
Average Weighted Call Money Rate (AWCMR)	8.99	8.99	7.87
Treasury Bill (Yield rate)			
91 Days	9.30	9.26	7.52
182 Days	9.44	9.44	7.89
364 Days	9.95	9.95	8.02
Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	11.11	11.16	7.93
	Aug	Month ago	Year ago
Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	7.52	7.39	6.82

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

MONEY SUPPLY AND CREDIT GROWTH

Item	Aug 2026	Jul 2026	Jun 2026	Dec 2023	Dec 2024	Dec 2025	Aug 2025
M ₁	2,391.3	2,341.2	2,366.4	1,658.0	1,925.6	2,288.0	2,123.1
M ₂	15,036.8	14,904.8	14,833.9	11,485.1	12,660.6	14,093.4	13,512.8
M _{2b}	17,140.5	17,043.5	16,918.0	13,189.1	14,321.7	15,975.0	15,367.9

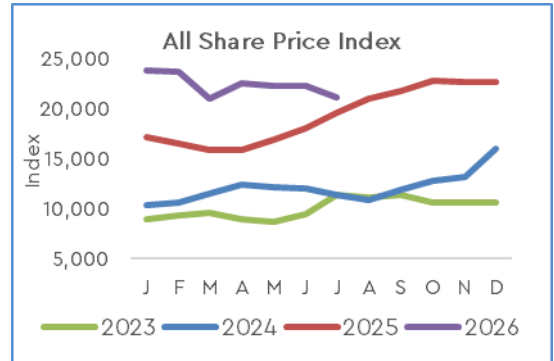
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

CREDIT TO PRIVATE SECTOR (RS. bn.)				
Item	Aug 2026	Month Ago	Year Ago	Growth 2024 /2025 (%)
Credit to Private Sector	1,556.3	11,450.6	9,284.4	24.5
DBUs	10,999.0	10,860.3	8,688.3	26.6
OBUs	557.3	590.4	596.1	-6.5

SHARE MARKET

Indicator	Week Ending 16 th Sep-2026	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	20,185.05	20,316.91	22,416.15
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20)	5,738.83	5,788.75	6,226.64
Average Daily Turnover (Rs.Mn)	1,143.23	1,050.46	8,871.11
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	7,293.28	7,354.72	8,028.89

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange



EQUITY TRADING STATISTICS

Indicator	Sep 2026	Sep 2025	Jan – Sep 2026	Jan – Sep 2025
Turnover -Equity (Rs. Mn.)	32,565.2	148,756.9	664,593.2	903,887.6
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	30,986.9	136,127.2	605,756.0	843,586.5
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	1,578.2	12,629.7	58,837.2	60,301.1
Market Days	22	21	180	177
Daily Turnover Avg. Equity (Rs. Mn.)	1,480.2	7,083.7	3,692.2	5,106.7
Trade Equity	319,345	852,384	4,996,576	5,264,641
Domestic	314,316	841,311	4,916,690	5,186,015
Foreign	5,029	11,073	79,886	78,626
Shares Traded _Equity (Mn)	1,305.1	5,169.3	25,755.3	34,494.5
Domestic (Mn.)	1,249.3	4,826.0	24,478.1	32,650.2
Foreign (Mn.)	55.8	343.4	1,277.2	1,844.2
Companies Traded	271	270	275	271
Companies Listed	289	289	286	

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

MARKET INDICATORS

Price Indices	Sep 2026	Aug 2026	Jul 2026
ASPI	20,812.93	21,338.69	21,129.21
S&P SL 20	5,894.16	6,009.68	5,939.98
Total Return Indicators			
ASTRI	32,784.11	33,597.96	33,209.91
S&P SL20 (TRI)	12,517.90	12,763.25	12,604.37
Market PER	10.78	11.20	11.18
Dividend Yield	3.19	3.01	3.02
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	7,548.18	7,730.83	7,692.45

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

STOCK MARKET - FOREIGN PURCHASES AND FOREIGN SALES

Indicator	Sep 2026	Sep 2025
Purchases by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	822.4	10,228.0
Sales by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	2,334.0	15,031.5
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. Mn)	-1,521.6	-4,833.5

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

