



# WEEKLY ECONOMIC BULLETIN

## DEPARTMENT OF FISCAL POLICY

### MINISTRY OF FINANCE

#### SRI LANKA

The Week in Review  
02<sup>nd</sup> March – 06<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### REAL SECTOR

- Economy expanded by 5.4 percent in the third quarter of 2025.
- Price of Brent Crude Oil increased by 13.87 USD bbl and WTI increased by 14.49 USD bbl, respectively.
- CCPI - Headline inflation (2021=100) decreased to 1.6 percent (YoY) in February, 2026 from 2.3 percent (YoY) in January, 2026.
- NCPI – Headline inflation (2021=100) decreased to 2.4 percent (YoY) in January, 2026 from 2.9 percent (YoY) in December, 2025.

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### EXTERNAL SECTOR

- Sri Lankan rupee slightly depreciated to USD 1=Rs. 311.32 from USD 1=Rs. 309.31
- Exports decreased to USD 1,148.7 mn in January 2026 compared to USD 1,157.9 mn in December 2025.
- Imports decreased to USD 1,803.3 mn in January 2026 compared to USD 2,155.2 mn in December 2025.
- Trade deficit
  - USD 654.5 mn in January, 2026
- The gross official reserves stood at USD 6.8 bn as end of January 2026.
- Workers' remittances recorded USD 729.0 mn in February 2026.

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### FISCAL SECTOR

#### Revenue (Provisional)

Jan – Nov 2025

- **Total Revenue** - Rs. 4,945.8 bn  
(Excluding Grants)
- Tax Revenue - Rs. 4,611.5 bn
- Non-Tax Revenue - Rs. 334.3 bn

#### Expenditure (Provisional)

Jan – Nov 2025

- **Total Expenditure** - Rs. 5,287.4 bn
- Recurrent Expenditure - Rs. 4,641.8 bn
- Capital Expenditure - Rs. 645.6 bn

#### Debt (Provisional)

▪ End of Sep 2025

- Total Outstanding Government Debt - Rs. 29,675.8 bn

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### MONETARY SECTOR

- All Share Price Index (ASPI) decreased by 4.35 percent to 22,701.91 points as at 06<sup>th</sup> March 2026 from 23,734.06 points as at 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- S&P SL 20 Index decreased by 4.15 percent to 6,360.75 points as at 06<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 from 6,635.97 points as at 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2026
- Credit to the private sector increased by 26.3 percent (YoY) in January, 2026

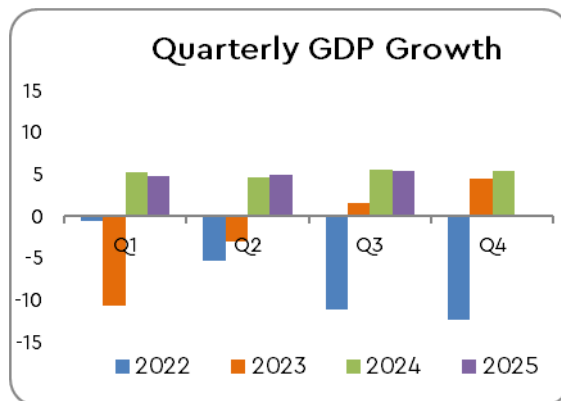
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# REAL SECTOR

## PRODUCTION

|             | 1 <sup>st</sup> Q | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Q | 4 <sup>th</sup> Q | Annual      |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| <b>2021</b> | <b>5.2</b>        | <b>13.2</b>       | <b>-2.1</b>       | <b>2.7</b>        | <b>4.2</b>  |
| 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         |
| <b>2022</b> | <b>-0.7</b>       | <b>-5.3</b>       | <b>-11.1</b>      | <b>-12.4</b>      | <b>-7.3</b> |
| 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        |
| <b>2023</b> | <b>-10.7</b>      | <b>-3.1</b>       | <b>1.8</b>        | <b>4.3</b>        | <b>-2.3</b> |
| Agriculture | 1.6               | 4.2               | 4.2               | 0.6               | 2.6         |
| Industry    | -24.4             | -12.1             | 0.0               | 7.7               | -9.2        |
| Services    | -4.5              | -0.4              | 1.8               | 2.8               | -0.2        |
| <b>2024</b> | <b>5.1</b>        | <b>4.1</b>        | <b>5.3</b>        | <b>5.4</b>        | <b>5.0</b>  |
| Agriculture | 0.9               | 2.7               | 3.7               | -2.2              | 1.2         |
| Industry    | 11.2              | 9.7               | 10.1              | 13.1              | 11.0        |
| Services    | 2.5               | 1.9               | 2.6               | 2.5               | 2.4         |
| <b>2025</b> | <b>4.8</b>        | <b>4.9</b>        | <b>5.4</b>        |                   |             |
| Agriculture | -0.7              | 2.0               | 3.6               |                   |             |
| Industry    | 9.7               | 5.8               | 8.1               |                   |             |
| Services    | 2.8               | 3.9               | 3.5               |                   |             |



### GDP expanded by 5.4 % in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2025

In the third quarter of 2025, the Sri Lankan economy experienced a growth of 5.4 percent, compared to 5.3 percent growth recorded in the same period of 2024. This expansion was observed recording a 3.6 percent, 8.1 percent and 3.5 percent growth in the agriculture, industry and service sector, respectively.

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

## PADDY PRODUCTION

| Category                       | Unit                | 2023                  |              |             | 2024                  |              |         | 2025                  |              |          |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------|-----------------------|--------------|----------|
|                                |                     | 2022/<br>2023<br>Maha | 2023<br>Yala | Total       | 2023/<br>2024<br>Maha | 2024<br>Yala | Total   | 2024/<br>2025<br>Maha | 2025<br>Yala | Total    |
| Production                     | Mn.Mt               | 2.70                  | 1.82         | 4.52        | 2.72                  | 1.98         | 4.7     | 2.75                  | 2.31         | 5.06     |
|                                | Bushels<br>Mn.      | 129.2                 | 87.1         | 216.3       | 130.5                 | 94.7         | 225.2   | 131.6                 | 110.63       | 242.23   |
| Forecasted<br>Production       | Mn. Mt              | 2.62                  | 1.83         | 4.45        | 2.63                  | 1.77         | 4.4     | 2.57                  | 2.27         | 4.48     |
| Difference<br>in<br>Production | Mn. Mt              | 0.08                  | -0.01        | 0.07        | 0.09                  | 0.21         | 0.3     | 0.18                  | 0.04         | 0.22     |
| Net Extent<br>Harvested        | Hectare<br>s ('000) | 722.5                 | 440.3        | 1,162.8     | 702.1                 | 429.7        | 1,131.8 | 701.5                 | 485.0        | 1,186.5  |
|                                | Acres<br>( '000)    | 1,785.3               | 1,088.0      | 2,873.<br>3 | 1,735.0               | 1,061.9      | 2,796.9 | 1,733.3               | 1,198.5      | 2,931.80 |
| Average<br>Yield               | kg per<br>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               | December 2024 | December 2025 | % Change |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|----------|
| Production           | Tea (Mn. Kg)       | 21.8          | 21.4          | -1.9     |
|                      | Rubber (Mn. Kg)    | 4.5           | 5.0           | 10.3     |
|                      | Coconut (Mn. Nuts) | 170.1         | 254.5         | 49.6     |
|                      |                    | December 2024 | December 2025 | % Change |
| Exports (USD Mn)     | Tea                | 131.6         | 105.8         | -19.6    |
|                      | Rubber             | 2.4           | 2.3           | -1.7     |
|                      | Coconut            | 36.0          | 44.4          | 23.4     |
|                      |                    | December 2024 | December 2025 | % Change |
| Average Gross Prices | Tea (Rs./ Kg)      | 1,200.09      | 1,219.72      | 1.6      |
|                      | Rubber (Rs./ Kg)   | 760.00        | 700.00        | -7.9     |
|                      | Coconut (Rs/nut)   | -             | 115.34        | -        |

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

## FACTORY INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX (2015=100)

| Item (a)   | 2024<br>November<br>(b) | 2025<br>November<br>(c) | Change<br>% |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Manufacture of Food Products   | 98.1                    | 103.9                   | 6.0         |
| Manufacture of Beverages   | 129.5                   | 124.1                   | -4.2        |
| Manufacture of Tobacco Products  | 80.3                    | 70.0                    | -12.7       |
| Manufacture of Textiles  | 108.3                   | 106.6                   | -1.5        |
| Manufacture of Wearing Apparel   | 91.5                    | 94.9                    | 3.7         |
| Manufacture of Leather and Related Products  | 100.3                   | 117.5                   | 17.2        |
| Manufacture of Wood products, except Furniture; Articles of Straw & plaiting materials | 67.6                    | 73.7                    | 9.0         |
| Manufacture of Paper and Paper Products  | 55.8                    | 57.9                    | 3.9         |
| Printing and Reproduction of Recorded Media  | 146.7                   | 120.7                   | -17.7       |
| Manufacture of Coke and Refined Petroleum Products                                     | 87.0                    | 107.9                   | 24.0        |
| Manufacture of Chemicals and Chemical Products   | 77.5                    | 80.2                    | 3.4         |
| Manufacture of Basic Pharmaceuticals, Pharmaceutical preparations                      | 170.7                   | 174.1                   | 2.0         |
| Manufacture of Rubber and Plastic Products   | 85.3                    | 78.9                    | -7.5        |
| Manufacture of Other Non-Metallic Mineral Products                                     | 99.4                    | 112.4                   | 13.1        |
| Manufacture of Basic Metals  | 75.0                    | 132.1                   | 76.1        |
| Manufacture of Fabricated Metal Products (except machines and equipment)               | 62.3                    | 79.8                    | 28.1        |
| Manufacture of Electrical Equipment  | 62.0                    | 51.2                    | -17.5       |
| Manufacture of Machinery and Equipment (n.e.c)   | 105.7                   | 106.1                   | 0.3         |
| Manufacture of Furniture   | 74.0                    | 50.3                    | -32.1       |
| Other Manufacturing  | 56.0                    | 62.4                    | 11.4        |
| <b>Overall Factory Industrial Production Index</b>                                     | <b>93.7</b>             | <b>99.2</b>             | <b>5.9</b>  |

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

(b) 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<br>Q1 | 2024<br>Q2 | 2024<br>Q3 | 2024<br>Q4 | 2024<br>Annual | 2025<br>Q1 | 2025<br>Q2 | 2025<br>Q3 |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Labour Force Participation Rate | 47.1       | 47.8       | 46.9       | 47.7       | 47.4           | 49.7       | 49.3       | 49.9       |
| Unemployment Rate               | 4.5        | 4.7        | 4.2        | 4.2        | 4.4            | 3.8        | 3.8        | 4.3        |
| Male                            | 3.1        | 3.6        | 2.6        | 2.8        | 3.0            | 2.5        | 2.6        | 3.2        |
| Female                          | 7.4        | 7.0        | 7.2        | 6.9        | 7.1            | 6.3        | 6.0        | 6.2        |
| 20-29                           | 16.8       | 16.9       | 15.8       | 15.2       | 16.1           | 13.8       | 13.8       | 14.9       |
| 20-24                           | 0.7        | 23.7       | 19.9       | 18.5       | 20.7           | 18.3       | 19.6       | 16.8       |
| 25-29                           | 13.7       | 11.2       | 12.4       | 12.7       | 12.5           | 10.1       | 9.3        | 13.3       |

Source : Department of Census & Statistics



## CRUDE OIL PRICES

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

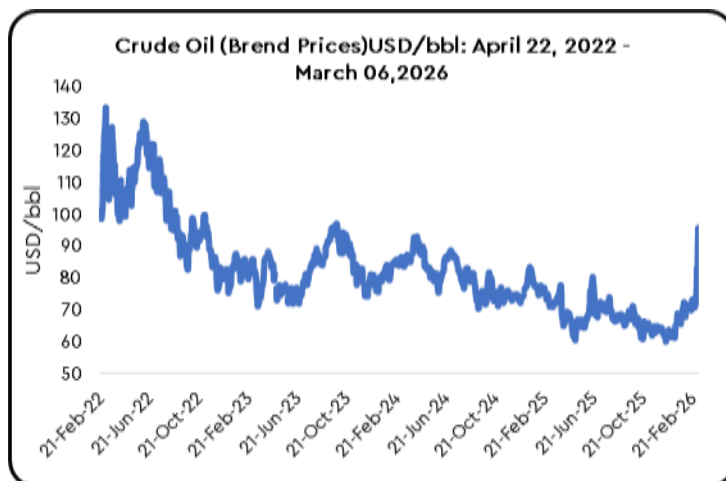
| Item     | Mar 02 | Mar 03 | Mar 04 | Mar 05 | Mar 06 | Week Ago | Month Ago | Year Ago |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Brent    | n.a    | 78.61  | 82.36  | 83.54  | 84.35  | 70.48    | 67.63     | 69.78    |
| WTI      | n.a    | 71.80  | 75.33  | 77.01  | 79.62  | 65.13    | 63.38     | 66.81    |
| Petrol   | n.a    | 95.50  | 99.00  | 106.10 | 113.10 | 79.30    | 13.26     | 76.90    |
| Diesel   | n.a    | 117.51 | 126.96 | 140.98 | 154.19 | 91.39    | 88.92     | 80.28    |
| Kerosene | n.a    | 131.02 | 225.44 | 194.60 | 155.82 | 93.45    | 87.86     | 84.67    |

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka  
n. a – not available

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

| Month      | Brent Europe | WTI Cushing, Oklahoma |
|------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Aug - 2024 | 80.36        | 76.68                 |
| Sep        | 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                 |

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



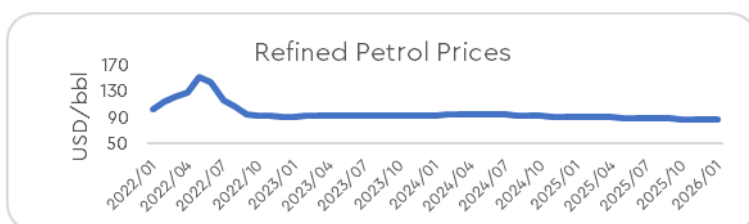
### MONTHLY AVERAGE REFINED PRODUCT PRICES – SINGAPORE PLATTS PRICES (USD/BBL)

| Month      | Petrol | Diesel | Kerosene |
|------------|--------|--------|----------|
| Sep        | 78.60  | 78.7   | 84.90    |
| Oct        | 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        | 75.25  | 88.98  | 88.81    |

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

### LOCAL MARKET PRICES OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (RS.)

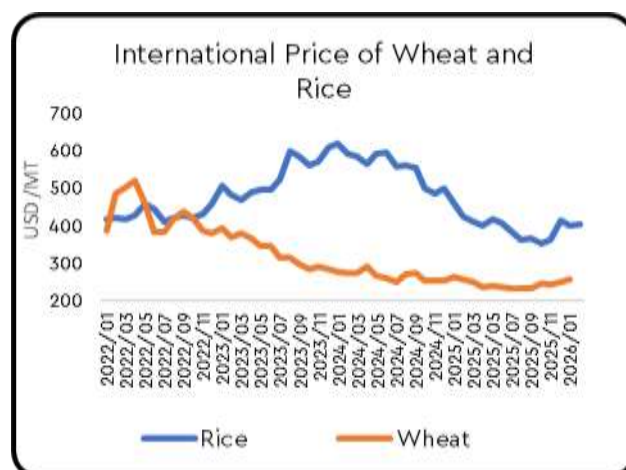
| Item               | Unit    | End 2023 | End 2024 | End 2025 | Current Price 2026 |
|--------------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|
| Auto Diesel        | 1 liter | 329.00   | 286.00   | 277.00   | 281.00             |
| Petrol (Octane 92) | 1 liter | 346.00   | 309.00   | 294.00   | 293.00             |
| Kerosene oil       | 1 liter | 247.00   | 188.00   | 180.00   | 182.00             |
| L P Gas            | 12.5 kg | 3,565.00 | 3,690.00 | 3,690.00 | 3,690.00           |



## COMMODITY PRICES

### INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES

| Month       | Rice<br>Thai,25% USD/MT | Wheat (HRW)<br>USD/MT |
|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| June - 2024 | 595.00                  | 265.60                |
| July        | 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                |



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

| Category  | Commodity             | Unit     | Quarterly Averages |                   |                   |                   |                   |
|---|-----------------------|----------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|   |                       |          | Oct – Dec<br>2024  | Jan - Mar<br>2025 | Apr – Jun<br>2025 | Jul – Sep<br>2025 | Oct – Dec<br>2025 |
| <b>Energy</b>                                     | Crude Oil average     | USD/mt   | 72.9               | 74.2              | 65.9              | 67.5              | 62.1              |
| <b>Non-Energy,<br/>Agriculture,<br/>Beverages</b> | Cocoa                 | USD/kg   | 8.29               | 9.56              | 8.51              | 7.33              | 5.78              |
|   | Coffee, Arabica       | USD/kg   | 6.80               | 8.59              | 8.47              | 8.03              | 8.78              |
|   | Tea, average          | USD/kg   | 3.06               | 2.72              | 2.97              | 3.00              | 2.96              |
|   | Tea, Colombo auctions | USD/kg   | 4.04               | 4.05              | 3.86              | 3.93              | 3.95              |
| <b>Food, Fats &amp; Oils</b>                      | Coconut Oil           | USD/mt   | 1,860              | 2,108             | 2,650             | 2,727             | 2,437             |
|   | Soybean Oil           | USD/mt   | 1,101              | 1,043             | 1,154             | 1,237             | 1,127             |
|   | Palm Oil              | USD/mt   | 1,145              | 1,068             | 946               | 1,013             | 1,001             |
| <b>Grains</b>                                     | Maize                 | USD/mt   | 198.1              | 214.2             | 205.0             | 191.6             | 201.9             |
|   | Wheat, US HRW         | USD/mt   | 259.6              | 258.0             | 242.2             | 233.3             | 239.8             |
| <b>Other Food</b>                                 | Meat, Beef            | USD/kg   | 6.16               | 6.62              | 6.67              | 6.83              | 7.33              |
|   | Meat, Chicken         | USD/kg   | 1.47               | 1.60              | 1.77              | 1.73              | 1.76              |
|   | Sugar, World          | USD/kg   | 0.45               | 0.41              | 0.39              | 0.36              | 0.36              |
| <b>Raw Materials,<br/>Timber</b>                  | Plywood               | ¢/sheets | 358.4              | 358.3             | 378.0             | 370.2             | 354.3             |
| <b>Other Raw<br/>Materials<br/>Fertilizers</b>    | Rubber RSS3, US       | USD /kg  | 2.44               | 2.38              | 2.16              | 2.16              | 2.03              |
|   | Phosphate Rock        | USD/mt   | 152.5              | 152.5             | 152.5             | 250.0             | 152.5             |
|   | TSP                   | USD/mt   | 490.8              | 479.0             | 559.6             | 660.8             | 611.1             |
|   | Urea                  | USD/mt   | 359.7              | 403.8             | 399.8             | 488.3             | 398.7             |
| <b>Metals and Minerals</b>                        | Aluminium             | USD/mt   | 2,573              | 2,630             | 2,449             | 2,619             | 2,829             |
|   | Gold                  | USD /toz | 2,663              | 2,863             | 3,293             | 3,459             | 4,152             |
|   | Iron ore              | USD /dmt | 101.4              | 101.6             | 95.5              | 100.1             | 103.5             |

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/¢= US cent USD = US dollar>

**WHOLESALE PRICES**  
**WEEK ENDING 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026 (RS /KG)**

**PETTAH MARKET**

**DAMBULLA MARKET**

| Average Wholesale Prices        | Week Ending 06/03/2026 | Week Ago | Year Ago, Annual Avg. |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| <b>Rice (Rs/Kg)</b>             |                        |          |                       |
| Samba                           | 248.00                 | 248.00   | 235.00                |
| Kekulu (Red)                    | 195.50                 | 197.00   | 215.00                |
| <b>Vegetable</b>                |                        |          |                       |
| Beans                           | 337.50                 | 340.00   | 242.00                |
| Cabbage                         | 150.00                 | 108.00   | 280.00                |
| Carrots                         | 275.00                 | 210.00   | 680.00                |
| Tomatoes                        | 102.50                 | 140.00   | 186.00                |
| Pumpkin                         | 120.00                 | 100.00   | 134.00                |
| Snake Gourd                     | 150.00                 | 112.00   | 156.00                |
| Brinjals                        | 237.50                 | 130.00   | 120.00                |
| <b>Other Foods</b>              |                        |          |                       |
| Red-Onions (Local)              | 178.33                 | 160.00   | 195.00                |
| Big Onions (Imported)           | 138.50                 | 127.80   | 106.80                |
| Potatoes (Local)                | 306.25                 | 330.80   | 338.40                |
| Dried Chillies (Imported)       | 887.25                 | 869.40   | 600.00                |
| Dhal                            | 243.50                 | 243.00   | 260.00                |
| Eggs (White) (Each)             | 32.00                  | 34.00    | 28.80                 |
| Coconut (Each)                  | 135.00                 | 135.00   | 177.00                |
| Green Chillies                  | 262.50                 | 260.00   | 730.00                |
| Lime                            | 90.00                  | 69.00    | 104.00                |
| <b>FISH MARKET – PELIYAGODA</b> |                        |          |                       |
| Kelawalla                       | 1,075.00               | 1,270.00 | -                     |
| Balaya                          | 766.67                 | 960.00   | -                     |
| Salaya                          | 412.50                 | 440.00   | -                     |
| Hurulla                         | 1,250.00               | 1,140.00 | -                     |

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

| Food Item                 | Wholesale (Average) |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Rice (Rs/Kg)</b>       |                     |
| Samba                     | 240.00              |
| Kekulu (Red)              | 203.00              |
| <b>Vegetables</b>         |                     |
| Pumpkins                  | 92.50               |
| Snake Gourd               | 102.50              |
| Ash Plantains             | 138.75              |
| Beans                     | 300.00              |
| Carrots                   | 232.50              |
| Tomatoes                  | 71.25               |
| Cabbage                   | 108.75              |
| <b>Other Foods</b>        |                     |
| Potatoes (Local)          | 230.00              |
| Dried Chillies (Imported) | 838.75              |
| Big-Onions (Imported)     | 147.50              |
| Red-Onions (Local)        | 171.25              |
| Coconut (Each)            | 120.00              |

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

**MARANDAGAHAMULA AVERAGE PRICE OF RICE (RS/KG)**

| Item           | Week Ending 06/03/2026 | Week Ago | Month Ago | Year Ago |
|----------------|------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Samba          | 237.25                 | 234.40   | 245.00    | 236.20   |
| Kekulu (White) | 183.75                 | 185.20   | 199.33    | 213.40   |
| Kekulu (Red)   | 186.00                 | 178.80   | 202.00    | 218.80   |
| Nadu           | 196.75                 | 196.00   | 205.67    | 220.20   |

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

## WEEKLY RETAIL COMMODITY PRICES – 1<sup>st</sup> WEEK OF MARCH 2026

| Item               | Unit  | Week ending<br>06/03/2026 | Week<br>Ago | %<br>Change | Year<br>Ago |
|--------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Rice               |       |                           |             |             |             |
| Samba (Avg.)       | 1kg   | 263.67                    | 254.84      | 3.5%        | 248.48      |
| No. 1              | 1kg   | 248.33                    | 248.42      | 0.0%        | 243.89      |
| No. 2              | 1kg   |                           |             |             |             |
| Nadu Red           | 1kg   | 236.40                    | 236.09      | 0.1%        | 251.85      |
| Raw Red (Avg)      | 1kg   | 208.83                    | 207.54      | 0.6%        | 225.58      |
| No. 1              | 1kg   | 220.43                    | 216.07      | 2.0%        | 225.58      |
| No. 2              | 1kg   | 197.22                    | 199.00      | -0.9%       | 0.00        |
| Wheat Flour        | 1kg   | 181.61                    | 184.85      | -1.8%       | 182.64      |
| Bread              | 450g  | 132.00                    | 132.00      | 0.0%        | 132.82      |
| Sugar              | 1kg   | 225.13                    | 220.57      | 2.1%        | 240.74      |
| Maliban            | 400g  | 1150.00                   | 1150.00     | 0.0%        | 1062.50     |
| Anchor             | 400g  | 1150.00                   | 1150.00     | 0.0%        | 1060.71     |
| Pelwatta           | 400g  | 1125.00                   | 1125.00     | 0.0%        | 1050.00     |
| Potatoes (Import)  | 1 kg  | 208.04                    | 184.93      | 12.5%       | 202.08      |
| Potatoes (Local)   | 1kg   | 388.64                    | 385.83      | 0.7%        | 397.46      |
| Mysore Dhal (Avg)  | 1kg   | 334.87                    | 333.73      | 0.3%        | 345.57      |
| Cowpea (Avg)       | 1kg   | 938.59                    | 941.34      | -0.3%       | 820.36      |
| Green Gram (Avg)   | 1kg   | 802.53                    | 779.75      | 2.9%        | 811.64      |
| Kadalai (Avg)      | 1kg   | 511.13                    | 510.35      | 0.2%        | 571.50      |
| Meat               |       |                           |             |             |             |
| Beef               | 1kg   | 2991.67                   | 2961.54     | 1.0%        | 2709.03     |
| Chicken            |       |                           |             |             |             |
| Fresh              | 1kg   | 1359.41                   | 1350.00     | 0.7%        | 1182.58     |
| Broiler            | 1kg   | 1180.00                   | 1180.00     | 0.0%        | 1100.88     |
| Fresh Fish         |       |                           |             |             |             |
| Paraw              | 1kg   | 2652.31                   | 2805.00     | -5.4%       | 2201.13     |
| Balaya             | 1kg   | 1430.00                   | 1450.00     | -1.4%       | 1045.35     |
| Kelawalla          | 1kg   | 2225.00                   | 2397.89     | -7.2%       | 1875.89     |
| Salaya             | 1kg   | 595.24                    | 606.00      | -1.8%       | 536.47      |
| Dried Fish         |       |                           |             |             |             |
| Spratts            | 1kg   | 1309.62                   | 1351.85     | -3.1%       | 1065.84     |
| Eggs               | Each  | 36.88                     | 36.88       | 0.0%        | 30.71       |
| Coconut            | Each  | 172.20                    | 176.76      | -2.6%       | 206.50      |
| Coconut Oil        | 750ml | 651.96                    | 663.00      | -1.7%       | 609.52      |
| Red Onions         | 1kg   | 372.28                    | 380.36      | -2.1%       | 442.28      |
| B- Onions (Import) | 1kg   | 185.94                    | 183.71      | 1.2%        | 180.84      |
| Brinjal            | 1kg   | 322.07                    | 286.67      | 12.3%       | 374.01      |
| Beans Green        | 1kg   | 504.14                    | 506.33      | -0.4%       | 579.74      |
| Bandakka           | 1kg   | 276.55                    | 275.17      | 0.5%        | 407.47      |
| Leeks              | 1kg   | 362.96                    | 352.67      | 2.9%        | 378.46      |
| Beet Root          | 1kg   | 330.34                    | 367.67      | -10.2%      | 340.73      |
| Carrot             | 1kg   | 419.26                    | 393.79      | 6.5%        | 850.24      |
| Green Chillies     | 1kg   | 533.10                    | 615.56      | -13.4%      | 1194.64     |
| Raddish            | 1kg   | 257.39                    | 268.97      | -4.3%       | 278.71      |
| Vetakolu           | 1kg   | 386.36                    | 373.85      | 3.3%        | 521.26      |
| Bitter Gourd       | 1kg   | 519.26                    | 529.63      | -2.0%       | 559.48      |
| Snake Gourd        | 1kg   | 352.59                    | 353.33      | -0.2%       | 426.53      |
| Kolikuttu          | 1kg   | 379.23                    | 370.40      | 2.4%        | 343.53      |
| Papaw              | 1kg   | 426.07                    | 456.92      | -6.8%       | 337.01      |
| Pineapple          | 1kg   | 485.79                    | 432.69      | 12.3%       | 473.82      |

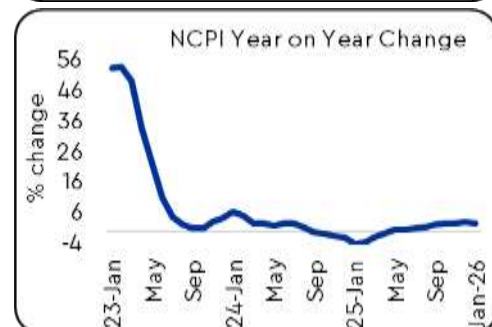
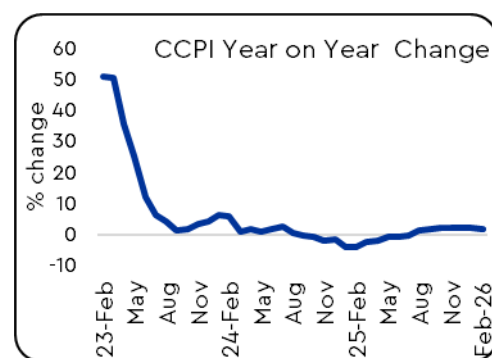
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# INFLATION

## 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 % |
| May - 24 | 194.1        | -0.6                    | 0.9      | 206.3        | -0.9                    | 1.6      |
| June     | 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      |              |                         |          |

Source: Department of Census and Statistics



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

| Commodity      | Value Change Rs. | Change % |
|----------------|------------------|----------|
| Food           | 143.72           | 0.08     |
| Rice           | -209.32          | -0.12    |
| Coconut        | -753.90          | -0.43    |
| Sea Fish       | 1186.98          | 0.67     |
| Chicken        | 268.00           | 0.15     |
| Fresh Fruits   |                  |          |
| Vegetables     | -544.21          | -0.31    |
| Dried Chillies | 80.48            | 0.05     |
| Eggs           | 23.57            | 0.01     |
| Red Onions     | -90.83           | -0.05    |
| Big Onions     | -49.24           | -0.03    |
| Potatoes       | -56.54           | -0.03    |
| Garlic         | -64.70           | -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    |
| May      | 232.6        | -1.2                    | 0.0       |
| June     | 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       |

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

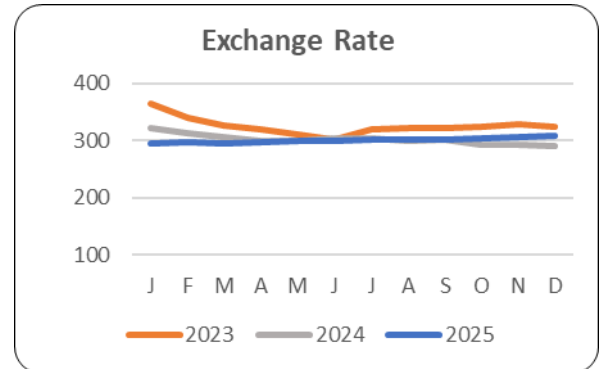


# EXTERNAL SECTOR

## EXCHANGE RATES (AVERAGE)

| Currency       | Week Ending 06 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 | Week Ago | Year Ago | % Change 2025/26 |
|----------------|---|----------|----------|------------------|
| US Dollar      | 311.32                                  | 309.31   | 295.59   | 5.32             |
| Sterling Pound | 416.28                                  | 417.20   | 381.17   | 9.21             |
| Euro           | 361.83                                  | 365.04   | 319.26   | 13.33            |
| Japanese Yen   | 1.98                                    | 1.99     | 1.98     | 0.0              |
| Indian Rupee   | 3.39                                    | 3.40     | 3.40     | -0.29            |

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka



## EXTERNAL TRADE

| Category                    | January 2025 (USD mn) | January 2026 (USD mn) | Growth Rate (%) | 2024 (USD mn)   | 2025 (USD mn)   | Growth Rate (%) |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Exports</b>              | <b>1,052.8</b>        | <b>1,148.7</b>        | <b>9.1</b>      | <b>12,772.0</b> | <b>13,581.4</b> | <b>6.3</b>      |
| <b>Agricultural</b>         | 221.7                 | 263.5                 | 18.8            | 2,774.5         | 3,072.0         | 10.7            |
| Tea                         | 112.7                 | 121.8                 | 8.1             | 1,435.9         | 1,507.2         | 5.0             |
| Other                       | 109.0                 | 141.7                 | 30.0            | 1,338.6         | 1,564.8         | 16.9            |
| <b>Industrial</b>           | 828.3                 | 877.2                 | 5.9             | 9,946.9         | 10,460.8        | 5.2             |
| Rubber Products             | 71.7                  | 75.6                  | 5.4             | 975.6           | 914.6           | -6.2            |
| Textiles and Garments       | 461.3                 | 448.6                 | -2.8            | 5,061.0         | 5,313.7         | 5.0             |
| Food, Beverage and Tobacco  | 55.9                  | 71.1                  | 27.2            | 651.5           | 895.5           | 37.4            |
| Other                       | 239.4                 | 281.9                 | 17.8            | 3,258.8         | 3,337.0         | 2.4             |
| <b>Mineral</b>              | 1.1                   | 5.3                   | 394.0           | 24.5            | 24.2            | -1.4            |
| <b>Unclassified</b>         | 1.7                   | 2.8                   | 63.1            | 26.1            | 24.4            | -6.7            |
| <b>Imports</b>              | <b>1,785.5</b>        | <b>1,803.3</b>        | <b>1.0</b>      | <b>18,841.4</b> | <b>21,479.9</b> | <b>14.0</b>     |
| <b>Consumer Goods</b>       | 380.2                 | 475.0                 | 24.9            | 3,465.7         | 5,518.3         | 59.2            |
| Food and Beverages          | 241.4                 | 160.8                 | -33.4           | 1,914.3         | 2,115.9         | 10.5            |
| Other Consumer Goods        | 138.8                 | 314.2                 | 126.4           | 1,551.4         | 3,402.4         | 119.3           |
| <b>Intermediate Goods</b>   | 1,061.4               | 934.9                 | -11.9           | 11,914.5        | 11,858.9        | -0.5            |
| Petroleum                   | 417.7                 | 253.5                 | -39.3           | 4,354.4         | 4,042.5         | -7.2            |
| Textiles & Textile Articles | 232.7                 | 243.0                 | 4.4             | 2,847.1         | 2,749.1         | -3.4            |
| Other Intermediate Goods    | 411.0                 | 438.4                 | 6.7             | 4,713.0         | 5,067.3         | 7.5             |
| <b>Investment Goods</b>     | 340.1                 | 392.6                 | 15.4            | 3,448.2         | 4,089.9         | 18.6            |
| Machinery and Equipment     | 239.8                 | 236.3                 | -1.4            | 2,363.1         | 2,513.4         | 6.4             |
| Transport Equipment         | 17.0                  | 72.6                  | 327.3           | 154.8           | 555.5           | 259.0           |
| Building Material           | 83.1                  | 83.0                  | -0.1            | 927.2           | 1,016.8         | 9.7             |
| Other Investment Goods      | 0.2                   | 0.7                   | 250.0           | 3.1             | 4.2             | 35.5            |
| <b>Unclassified</b>         | 3.7                   | 0.8                   | -79.5           | 13.0            | 12.9            | -0.7            |
| <b>Trade Balance</b>        | <b>-732.7</b>         | <b>-654.5</b>         |                 | <b>-6,069.4</b> | <b>-7,898.6</b> |                 |

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Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



### Highlights

- Export earnings decreased by 0.8 percent to USD 1,148.7 mn in January 2026 compared to USD 1,157.9 mn in December 2025.
- Import expenditure decreased by 16.3 percent to USD 1,803.3 mn in January 2026 compared to USD 2,155.2 mn in December 2025.
- Trade deficit narrowed to USD 654.5 mn in January 2026 compared to USD 997.2 mn in December 2025.

## EXTERNAL ASSETS

| External Assets (USD bn) | Dec 2024 | Jan 2025 | Feb 2025 | Mar 2025 | Apr 2025 | May 2025 | June 2025 | July 2025 | Aug 2025 | Sep 2025 | Oct 2025 | Nov 2025 | Dec 2025 |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Total Reserves           | 11.2     | 11.6     | 11.6     | 12.4     | 12.4     | 12.0     | 11.8      | 11.7      | 11.9     | 11.7     | 11.5     | 11.3     | 12.3     |
| Gross Official Reserves  | 6.1      | 6.1      | 6.1      | 6.5      | 6.3      | 6.3      | 6.1       | 6.1       | 6.2      | 6.2      | 6.2      | 6.0      | 6.8      |

Gross official Reserves USD 6.3 bn as end April 2025.

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

## WORKERS' REMITTANCES

| Category      | 2025 February | 2026 February | Jan – Feb 2025 | Jan – Feb 2026 | % Change |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------|
| Inflow USD mn |               | 548.1         | 729.0          | 1,121.1        | 32.0     |
| Rs. bn        |               | 162.7         | 225.5          | 332.4          | 37.8     |

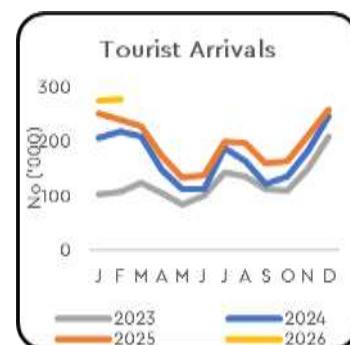
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## TOURIST ARRIVALS

| 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          |              |                  |
| Mar          | 209,181          | 229,298          |         |                  | 338.40          | 354.0          |              |                  |
| 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          |              |                  |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>2,053,465</b> | <b>2,362,521</b> | 556,655 |                  | <b>3,168.6</b>  | <b>3,219.2</b> | <b>378.3</b> |                  |

Source: Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority





# FISCAL SECTOR

## GOVERNMENT REVENUE (Rs. Mn)

| Item                   | 2021             | 2022             | 2023             | 2024 (a)         | 2025 (a)<br>Jan - Nov |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Tax Revenue</b>     | <b>1,298,019</b> | <b>1,751,132</b> | <b>2,720,563</b> | <b>3,704,577</b> | <b>4,611,505</b>      |
| Income Tax             | 302,115          | 534,021          | 911,355          | 1,026,199        | 1,096,935             |
| VAT                    | 308,213          | 463,062          | 694,460          | 1,309,680        | 1,579,049             |
| Excise Duty            | 306,861          | 342,523          | 469,622          | 598,529          | 947,341               |
| PAL                    | 154,125          | 180,595          | 175,486          | 170,014          | 161,049               |
| Customs Duty           | 64,339           | 50,009           | 105,120          | 111,147          | 240,873               |
| SCL                    | 55,828           | 40,194           | 51,327           | 115,199          | 148,656               |
| CESS                   | 75,543           | 70,318           | 57,184           | 81,129           | 80,497                |
| SSCL                   | -                | 36,111           | 216,181          | 250,869          | 268,860               |
| Other                  | 31,429           | 34,712           | 39,827           | 41,812           | 88,244                |
| <b>Non-Tax Revenue</b> | <b>159,052</b>   | <b>228,052</b>   | <b>328,259</b>   | <b>326,261</b>   | <b>334,277</b>        |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>   | <b>1,457,071</b> | <b>1,979,184</b> | <b>3,048,822</b> | <b>4,030,838</b> | <b>4,945,781</b>      |

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

| Item                             | 2021             | 2022             | 2023             | 2024 (a)         | 2025 (a) Jan - Nov |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Government Expenditure</b>    | <b>3,521,735</b> | <b>4,472,556</b> | <b>5,356,591</b> | <b>6,130,739</b> | <b>5,287,360</b>   |
| <b>Recurrent Expenditure</b>     | <b>2,747,512</b> | <b>3,519,634</b> | <b>4,699,679</b> | <b>5,339,941</b> | <b>4,641,738</b>   |
| Salaries & Wages                 | 845,680          | 956,211          | 939,496          | 1,066,048        | 1,059,833          |
| Goods & Services                 | 168,932          | 182,857          | 299,700          | 350,879          | 292,154            |
| Interest                         | 1,048,382        | 1,565,190        | 2,455,600        | 2,689,500        | 2,267,361          |
| Subsidies & Transfers            | 684,518          | 815,376          | 1,004,884        | 1,233,514        | 1,022,391          |
| <b>Capital &amp; Net Lending</b> | <b>774,223</b>   | <b>952,923</b>   | <b>656,912</b>   | <b>790,798</b>   | <b>645,622</b>     |
| Public Investments               | 789,636          | 1,014,293        | 932,745          | 817,092          | 656,835            |
| <b>Other</b>                     | <b>-15,413</b>   | <b>-61,370</b>   | <b>-275,833</b>  | <b>-26,294</b>   | <b>-11,213</b>     |

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## GOVERNMENT DEBT (Rs.Bn)

|                              | End 2023        | End Aug 2024     | End Sep 2024 (a) | End Oct 2024 (a) | End Nov 2024 (a) | End 2024 (a)     | End Sep 2025 (a)  |
|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Total Domestic Debt          | 17,051.9        | 17,725.91        | 17,595.05        | 17,497.73        | 17,571.96        | 18,309.66        | 18,701.461        |
| Total Foreign Debt           | 11,644.1        | 10,980.85        | 10,979.60        | 10,789.37        | 10,668.26        | 10,429.04        | 10,974.345        |
| <b>Total Government Debt</b> | <b>28,695.9</b> | <b>28,706.76</b> | <b>28,574.65</b> | <b>28,287.10</b> | <b>28,240.22</b> | <b>28,738.70</b> | <b>29,675,806</b> |

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka  
(a) provisional

## KEY FISCAL INDICATORS 2022 -2024

| Indicator                        | 2022           |            | 2023           |            | 2024 (a)       |            |
|----------------------------------|----------------|------------|----------------|------------|----------------|------------|
|                                  | Rs.mn.         | % of GDP   | Rs.mn.         | % of GDP   | Rs.mn.         | % of GDP   |
| Total Revenue                    | 1,979,184      | 8.2        | 3,048,822      | 11.1       | 4,030,838      | 13.5       |
| Tax Revenue                      | 1,751,132      | 7.3        | 2,720,563      | 9.9        | 3,704,577      | 12.4       |
| Non-Tax Revenue                  | 228,052        | 0.9        | 328,259        | 1.2        | 326,261        | 1.1        |
| Recurrent Expenditure            | 3,519,633      | 14.6       | 4,699,679      | 17.1       | 5,339,941      | 17.9       |
| <b>Capital &amp; Net Lending</b> | <b>952,923</b> | <b>4.0</b> | <b>656,912</b> | <b>2.4</b> | <b>790,798</b> | <b>2.6</b> |
| Public Investment                | 1,014,293      | 4.2        | 932,745        | 3.4        | 817,092        | 2.7        |
| Budget Deficit                   | -2,459,967     | -10.2      | -2,282,267     | -8.3       | -2,039,931     | -6.8       |
| Government Debt                  | 27,492,031     | 114.2      | 28,695,949     | 104.7      | 28,738,704     | 96.1       |

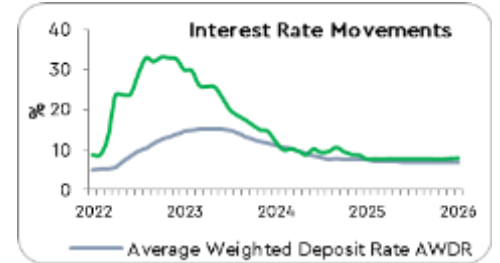
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# MONETARY SECTOR

## REAL INTEREST RATES

| Month       | CCPI (2013 =100) | CCPI Point to Point Change | CCPI Annual Average Change | 91 Days T Bill Rate |
|-------------|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| July - 2024 | 194.7            | 2.4                        | 2.8                        | 9.14                |
| Aug         | 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                        |                     |



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 06 <sup>th</sup> of March 2026 | Week Ago         | Year Ago        |
|--|--|------------------|-----------------|
| Overnight Policy Rate (OPR)                | 7.75                                       | 7.75             | 8.00            |
| Standing Deposit Facility                  | 7.25                                       | 7.25             | 7.50            |
| Standing Lending Facility                  | 8.25                                       | 8.25             | 8.50            |
| Average Weighted Call Money Rate (AWCMR)   | 7.66                                       | 7.69             | 7.98            |
| Treasury Bill (Yield rate)                 |  |                  |                 |
| 91 Days                                    | 7.63                                       | 7.63             | 7.53            |
| 182 Days                                   | 7.92                                       | 7.92             | 7.86            |
| 364 Days                                   | 8.23                                       | 8.24             | 8.34            |
| Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR) | 9.35                                       | 9.35             | 8.33            |
|  | <b>Jan</b>                                 | <b>Month ago</b> | <b>Year ago</b> |
| Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)       | 6.81                                       | 6.78             | 7.31            |

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

## MONEY SUPPLY AND CREDIT GROWTH

| Item            | Jan 2026 | Oct 2025 | Sep 2025 | Aug 2025 | Dec 2024 | Jan 2025 | Growth 2025 Jan/2026 Jan (%) |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------------------------|
| M <sub>1</sub>  | 2,251.9  | 2,129.6  | 2,119.4  | 2,123.1  | 1,925.6  | 1,889.3  | 19.2                         |
| M <sub>2</sub>  | 14,200.4 | 13,641.4 | 13,641.4 | 13,512.8 | 12,660.6 | 12,725.2 | 11.6                         |
| M <sub>2o</sub> | 16,069.0 | 15,577.8 | 15,465.0 | 15,367.9 | 14,321.7 | 14,439.1 | 11.3                         |

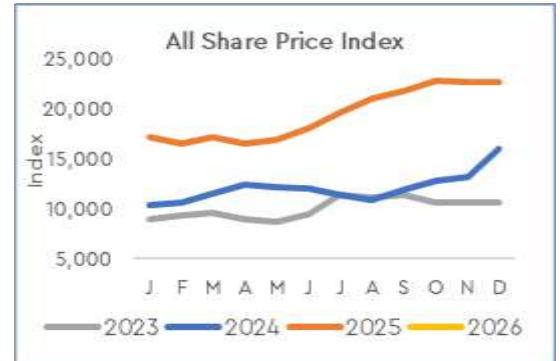
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

| CREDIT TO PRIVATE SECTOR (RS. bn.) |          |           |          |                       |
|------------------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------------------|
| Item                               | Jan 2026 | Month Ago | Year Ago | Growth 2025 /2026 (%) |
| Credit to Private Sector           | 10,294.8 | 10,212.2  | 8,151.4  | 26.3                  |
| DBUs                               | 9,738.9  | 9,630.4   | 7,556.0  | 28.9                  |
| OBU                                | 555.9    | 581.8     | 595.5    | -6.6                  |

## SHARE MARKET

| Indicator                                 | Week Ending 06 <sup>th</sup> March - 2026 | Week Ago  | Year Ago  |
|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| All Share Price Index (ASPI) (1985 = 100) | 22,701.91                                 | 23,734.06 | 16,123.10 |
| S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20)     | 6,360.75                                  | 6,635.97  | 4,817.34  |
| Average Daily Turnover (Rs.Mn)            | 5,003.75                                  | 7,013.43  | 2,364.39  |
| Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)            | 8,072.86                                  | 8,425.24  | 5,690.25  |

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange



## EQUITY TRADING STATISTICS

| Indicator                            | Feb 2026  | Feb 2025 | Jan - Feb 2026 | Jan - Feb 2025 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Turnover -Equity (Rs. Mn.)</b>    | 106,706.6 | 58,416.4 | 241,514.8      | 198,848.5      |
| Domestic (Rs. Mn.)                   | 92,558.2  | 52,379.5 | 220,016.5      | 184,348.1      |
| Foreign (Rs. Mn.)                    | 14,148.5  | 6,036.9  | 21,498.3       | 14,500.3       |
| Market Days                          | 19        | 17       | 38             | 37             |
| Daily Turnover Avg. Equity (Rs. Mn.) | 5,616.1   | 3,436.3  | 6,355.7        | 5,374.3        |
| <b>Trade Equity</b>                  | 743,926   | 384,823  | 1,628,851      | 1,157,212      |
| Domestic                             | 734,935   | 376,379  | 1,610,082      | 1,135,605      |
| Foreign                              | 8,991     | 8,444    | 18,769         | 21,607         |
| <b>Shares Traded _Equity (Mn)</b>    | 4,334.8   | 2,004.2  | 8,273.7        | 7,887.8        |
| Domestic (Mn.)                       | 3,970.4   | 1,854.5  | 7,790.8        | 7,463.7        |
| Foreign (Mn.)                        | 364.4     | 149.7    | 482.9          | 424.1          |
| Companies Traded                     | 271       | 268      | 273            | 269            |
| Companies Listed                     | 289       | 289      | 284            | -              |

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

## MARKET INDICATORS

| Price Indices                  | Feb 2026  | Jan 2026  | Dec 2025  |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| ASPI                           | 23,734.06 | 23,812.31 | 22,624.31 |
| S&P SL 20                      | 6,635.97  | 6,641.15  | 6,157.38  |
| <b>Total Return Indicators</b> |           |           |           |
| ASTRI                          | 36,165.68 | 36,232.67 | 34,385.16 |
| S&P SL20 (TR)                  | 13,588.00 | 13,583.87 | 12,577.43 |
| Market PER                     | 11.66     | 11.30     | 10.73     |
| Dividend Yield                 | 2.62      | 2.49      | 2.62      |
| Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.) | 8,425.24  | 8,498.37  | 8,068.62  |

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

## STOCK MARKET - FOREIGN PURCHASES AND FOREIGN SALES

| Indicator                        | Jan 2026 | Jan 2025 |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Purchases by Foreigners (Rs. Mn) | 9,469.6  | 4,740.4  |
| Sales by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)     | 18,827.3 | 7,333.4  |
| Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. Mn)   | -9,357.7 | -2,593.0 |

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

