



WEEKLY ECONOMIC BULLETIN

DEPARTMENT OF FISCAL POLICY

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

SRI LANKA

The Week in Review
26th January – 30th January 2026

REAL SECTOR

- Economy expanded by 5.4 percent in the third quarter of 2025.
- Price of Brent Crude Oil increased by 5.73 USD bbl and WTI increased by 4.97 USD bbl, respectively.
- CCPI - Headline inflation (2021=100) increased to 2.3 percent (YoY) in January, 2026 from 2.1 percent (YoY) in December, 2025.
- NCPI - Headline inflation (2021=100) increased to 2.9 percent (YoY) in December, 2025 from 2.4 percent (YoY) in November, 2025.

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EXTERNAL SECTOR

- Sri Lankan rupee slightly appreciated to USD 1=Rs. 309.44 from USD 1=Rs. 309.74
- Exports increased to USD 1,158.0 mn in December 2025 compared to USD 1,047.8 mn in November 2025.
- Imports increased to USD 2,155.2 mn in December 2025 compared to USD 1,778.5 mn in November 2025.
- Trade deficit
 - USD 997.2 mn in December, 2025
- The gross official reserves stood at USD 6.8 bn as end of December 2025.
- Workers' remittances recorded USD 879.1 mn in December 2025.

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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 0.60 percent to 23,812.31 points as at 30th January 2026 from 23,956.51 points as at 23rd January, 2026
- S&P SL 20 Index decreased by 0.13 percent to 6,641.15 points as at 30th January, 2026 from 6,649.50 points as at 23rd January, 2026
- Credit to the private sector increased by 26.0 percent (YoY) in November, 2025

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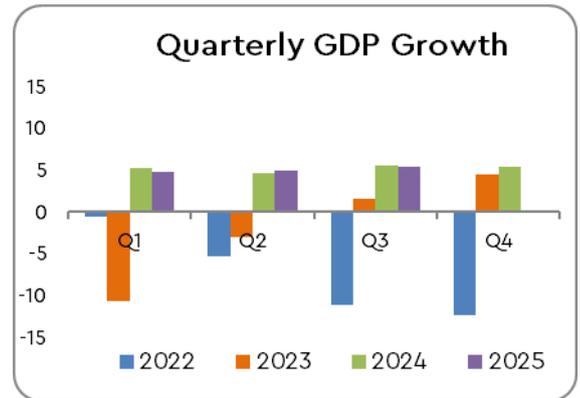
REAL SECTOR

PRODUCTION

	1 st Q	2 nd Q	3 rd Q	4 th Q	Annual
2021	5.2	13.2	-2.1	2.7	4.2
Agriculture	4.4	11.7	-3.1	-7.0	1.0
Industry	6.6	22.7	-1.8	0.1	5.7
Services	4.4	7.3	-1.6	4.3	3.4
2022	-0.7	-5.3	-11.1	-12.4	-7.3
Agriculture	-3.7	-7.3	-8.1	2.7	-4.1
Industry	-3.7	-10.2	-21.3	-30.2	-16.0
Services	1.3	-2.0	-5.3	-4.6	-2.6
2023	-10.7	-3.1	1.8	4.3	-2.3
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
2024	5.1	4.1	5.3	5.4	5.0
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
2025	4.8	4.9	5.4		
Agriculture	-0.7	2.0	3.6		
Industry	9.7	5.8	8.1		
Services	2.8	3.9	3.5		

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

Note : Growth rate of value-added terms based on year 2010 up to 2021
Growth rate of value-added terms based on year 2015 from 2022



GDP expanded by 5.4 % in 3rd 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.

PADDY PRODUCTION

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

Source: Department of Census & Statistics
(a) Provisional

TEA, RUBBER & COCONUT PRODUCTION

Category	Crop	November 2024	November 2025	% Change
Production	Tea (Mn. Kg)	22.7	21.4	(5.6)
	Rubber (Mn. Kg)	4.4	4.3	(2.2)
	Coconut (Mn. Nuts)	191.0	268.6	40.6
Exports (USD Mn)		November 2024	November 2025	% Change
	Tea	118.2	111.8	-5.4
	Rubber	2.1	2.0	-4.3
	Coconut	32.7	47.1	44.1
Average Gross Prices		October 2024	October 2025	% Change
	Tea (Rs./ Kg)	1,189.38	1,192.17	0.2
	Rubber (Rs./ Kg)	810.5	-	-
	Coconut (Rs./nut)	102.06	133.35	30.7

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

FACTORY INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX (2015=100)

Item (a)	2024 November (b)	2025 November (c)	Change %
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
Overall Factory Industrial Production Index	93.7	99.2	5.9

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

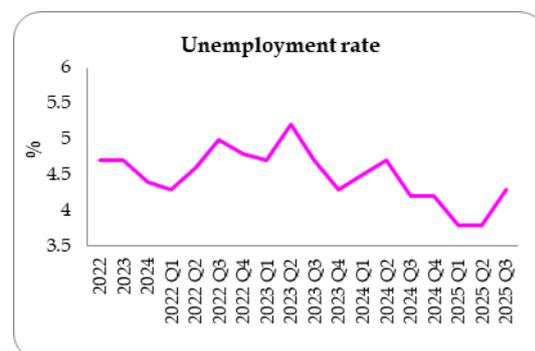
(b) The Factory Industrial Production Index (FIPI) has been replaced with the Index of Industrial Production (IIP)

(b) Revised

(c) Provisional

LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

Employment	2024 Q1	2024 Q2	2024 Q3	2024 Q4	2024 Annual	2025 Q1	2025 Q2	2025 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)

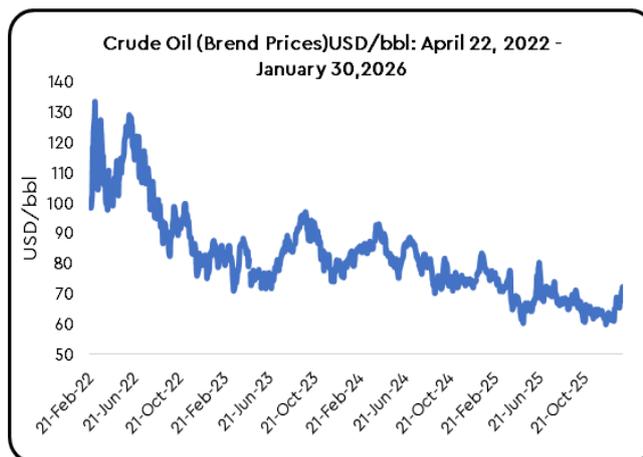
Item	Jan 26	Jan 27	Jan 28	Jan 29	Jan 30	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Brent	65.86	65.25	67.66	68.90	70.22	64.49	61.63	76.73
WTI	61.07	60.37	62.57	63.78	64.74	59.77	57.89	72.73
Petrol	71.79	70.30	72.30	73.14	73.68	70.74	71.50	n.a
Diesel	85.13	83.38	86.24	88.19	n.a	83.35	78.60	n.a
Kerosene	85.58	83.86	85.83	87.69	87.78	84.59	81.87	n.a

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

Month	Brent Europe	WTI Cushing, Oklahoma
July - 24	85.15	81.80
Aug	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
August	67.87	64.86
September	67.99	63.96
October	64.54	60.89
November	63.80	60.06
December	62.54	57.97
January - 2026	66.60	60.04

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



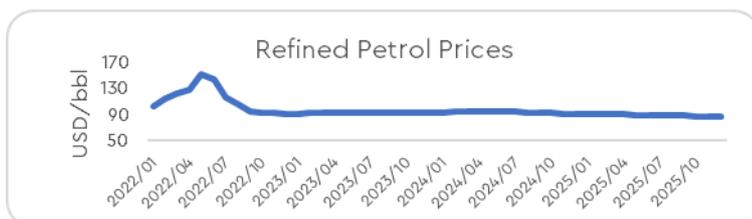
MONTHLY AVERAGE REFINED PRODUCT PRICES – SINGAPORE PLATTS PRICES (USD/BBL)

Month	Petrol	Diesel	Kerosene
Aug - 2024	84.6	86.4	91.8
Sep	78.6	78.7	84.9
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
Janu - 2026	72.50	80.55	83.53

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

LOCAL MARKET PRICES OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (RS.)

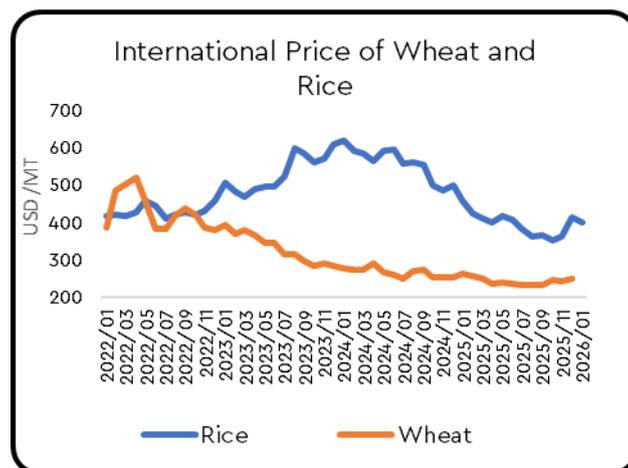
Item	Unit	End 2022	End 2023	End 2024	Current Price 2026
Auto Diesel	1 liter	420.00	329.00	286.00	279.00
Petrol (Octane 92)	1 liter	370.00	346.00	309.00	294.00
Kerosene oil	1 liter	365.00	247.00	188.00	182.00
L P Gas	12.5 kg	4,409.00	3,565.00	3,690.00	3,690.00



COMMODITY PRICES

INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES

Month	Rice Thai,25% USD/MT	Wheat (HRW) USD/MT
May	593.00	289.40
June	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
August	363.00	231.10
September	367.00	233.80
October	351.00	230.80
November	362.00	245.90
December	414.00	242.80
Jan - 2026	402.00	249.90



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

Category	Commodity	Unit	Quarterly Averages				
			Oct - Dec 2024	Jan - Mar 2025	Apr - Jun 2025	Jul - Sep 2025	Oct - Dec 2025
Energy	Crude Oil average	USD/mt	72.9	74.2	65.9	67.5	62.1
Non-Energy, Agriculture, Beverages	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
Food, Fats & Oils	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
Grains	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
Other Food	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	0.32
Raw Materials, Timber	Plywood	¢/sheets	358.4	358.3	378.0	370.2	354.3
Other Raw Materials	Rubber RSS3, US	USD /kg	2.44	2.38	2.16	2.16	2.03
Fertilizers	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
Metals and Minerals	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 30th January 2026 (RS /KG)

PETTAH MARKET

DAMBULLA MARKET

Average Wholesale Prices	Week Ending 30/01/2026	Week Ago	Year Ago, Annual Avg.
Rice (Rs/Kg)			
Samba	248.00	248.00	n.a
Kekulu (Red)	210.00	210.00	n.a
Vegetable			
Beans	390.00	460.00	570.00
Cabbage	192.00	192.00	142.00
Carrots	340.00	310.00	296.00
Tomatoes	410.00	360.00	264.00
Pumpkin	88.00	100.00	120.00
Snake Gourd	200.00	214.00	192.00
Brinjals	144.00	160.00	332.00
Other Foods			
Red-Onions (Local)	n.a	n.a	n.a
Big Onions (Imported)	139.60	131.00	185.60
Potatoes (Local)	390.60	409.40	398.60
Dried Chillies (Imported)	773.80	711.80	701.60
Dhal	250.00	250.00	272.20
Eggs (White) (Each)	29.60	30.40	25.20
Coconut (Each)	139.00	145.00	190.00
Green Chillies	530.00	450.00	1,120.00
Lime	100.00	118.00	114.00
FISH MARKET – PELIYAGODA			
Kelawalla	1,320.00	1,420.00	-
Balaya	950.00	876.00	-
Salaya	430.00	470.00	-
Hurulla	1,133.33	880.00	-

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Food Item	Wholesale (Average)
Rice (Rs/Kg)	
Samba	239.00
Kekulu (Red)	193.00
Vegetables	
Pumpkins	86.60
Snake Gourd	157.00
Ash Plantains	163.00
Beans	351.00
Carrots	272.00
Tomatoes	343.00
Cabbage	177.00
Other Foods	
Potatoes (Local)	320.00
Dried Chillies (Imported)	819.00
Big-Onions (Imported)	162.20
Red-Onions (Local)	182.50
Coconut (Each)	121.60

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

MARANDAGAHAMULA AVERAGE PRICE OF RICE (RS/KG)

Item	Week Ending 30/01/2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	249.40	257.20	255.00	237.60
Kekulu (White)	200.20	204.60	206.60	224.80
Kekulu (Red)	206.80	207.40	208.40	243.33
Nadu	210.40	220.20	217.40	227.80

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

WEEKLY RETAIL COMMODITY PRICES – 4th WEEK OF JANUARY 2026

Item	Unit	Week ending 23/01/2026	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago
Rice					
Samba (Avg.)	1kg	248.42	251.07	-1.1%	248.20
No. 1	1kg	250.68	257.31	-2.6%	245.80
No. 2	1kg				
Nadu Red	1kg	237.39	237.83	-0.2%	264.41
Raw Red (Avg)	1kg	211.30	212.42	-0.5%	300.00
No. 1	1kg	217.93	220.18	-1.0%	300.00
No. 2	1kg	204.67	204.67	0.0%	0.00
Wheat Flour	1kg	183.07	181.93	0.6%	184.48
Bread	450g	132.00	132.00	0.0%	133.64
Sugar	1kg	222.16	220.83	0.6%	253.40
Maliban	400g	1150.00	1200.00	-4.2%	1050.00
Anchor	400g	1150.00	1200.00	-4.2%	1050.00
Pelwatta	400g	1125.00	1125.00	0.0%	1050.00
Potatoes (Import)	1 kg	195.74	203.20	-3.7%	233.73
Potatoes (Local)	1kg	406.36	415.00	-2.1%	416.86
Mysore Dhal (Avg)	1kg	331.41	331.81	-0.1%	348.14
Cowpea (Avg)	1kg	965.51	1001.79	-3.6%	828.80
Green Gram (Avg)	1kg	824.38	806.92	2.2%	763.49
Kadalai (Avg)	1kg	523.40	525.39	-0.4%	616.39
Meat					
Beef	1kg	2850.00	2833.33	0.6%	2559.03
Chicken					
Fresh	1kg	1221.88	1206.00	1.3%	1067.34
Broiler	1kg	1180.00	1180.00	0.0%	1062.50
Fresh Fish					
Paraw	1kg	2690.67	2480.00	8.5%	2343.76
Balaya	1kg	1406.67	1465.00	-4.0%	1096.19
Kelawalla	1kg	2318.89	2545.26	-8.9%	2126.38
Salaya	1kg	617.65	590.00	4.7%	454.08
Dried Fish					
Spratts	1kg	1288.46	1260.00	2.3%	1171.90
Eggs	Each	33.35	32.91	1.3%	34.14
Coconut	Each	180.37	176.05	2.5%	191.11
Coconut Oil	750ml	650.65	667.12	-2.5%	593.91
Red Onions	1kg	453.60	459.60	-1.3%	593.76
B- Onions (Import)	1kg	185.74	199.48	-6.9%	260.16
Brinjal	1kg	390.48	397.04	-1.7%	472.11
Beans Green	1kg	591.67	623.33	-5.1%	536.64
Bandakka	1kg	416.96	430.38	-3.1%	367.16
Leeks	1kg	508.08	509.67	-0.3%	410.91
Beet Root	1kg	733.50	714.17	2.7%	609.24
Carrot	1kg	468.93	495.00	-5.3%	402.32
Green Chillies	1kg	868.00	962.86	-9.9%	1436.20
Raddish	1kg	251.11	317.78	-21.0%	280.97
Vetakolu	1kg	652.50	626.67	4.1%	477.31
Bitter Guard	1kg	706.00	680.00	3.8%	616.98
Snake Guard	1kg	470.43	482.33	-2.5%	408.31
Kolikuttu	1kg	338.80	325.56	4.1%	337.75
Papaw	1kg	470.53	365.50	28.7%	234.69
Pineapple	1kg	388.10	368.80	5.2%	461.19

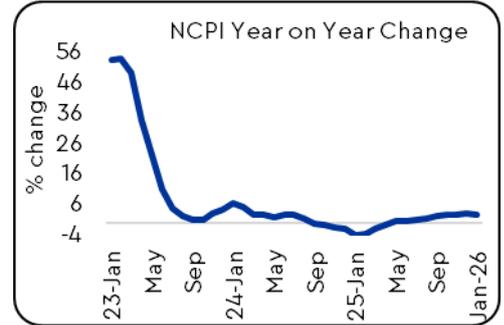
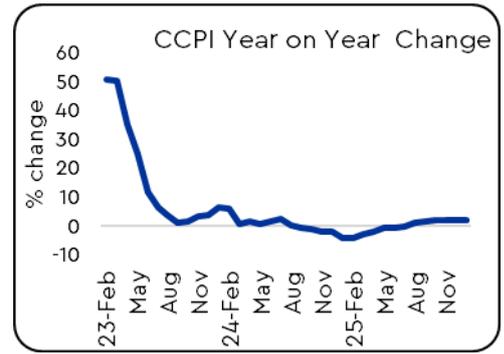
Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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 %
Apr - 24	195.2	-0.8	1.5	208.2	-0.9	2.7
May	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			

Source: Department of Census and Statistics



CONTRIBUTION OF FOOD ITEMS TO CCPI FROM DECEMBER 2024 TO DECEMBER 2025 (Base 2021=100)

Commodity	Value Change Rs.	Change %
Food	1,719.20	0.97
Rice	-509.26	-0.29
Coconut	488.60	0.28
Sea Fish	701.21	0.40
Chicken	183.17	0.10
Fresh Fruits	n.a	n.a
Vegetables	782.14	0.44
Dried Chilies	73.91	0.04
Eggs	37.53	0.02
Red Onions	-42.66	-0.02
Big Onions	-349.17	-0.20
Potatoes	-78.54	-0.04
Garlic	-76.54	-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
Mar-24	237.8	-2.1	3.8
Apr	235.4	-1.0	2.9
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

Source :Department of Census and Statistics

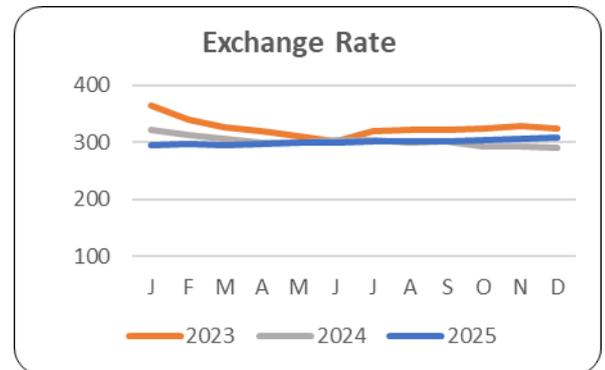


EXTERNAL SECTOR

EXCHANGE RATES

Currency	Week Ending 30 th January 2026	Week Ago	Year Ago	% Change 2025/26
US Dollar	309.44	309.74	296.81	4.26
Sterling Pound	425.62	417.98	369.62	15.15
Euro	368.74	363.90	309.40	19.18
Japanese Yen	2.01	1.95	1.92	4.69
Indian Rupee	3.37	3.38	3.43	-1.75

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

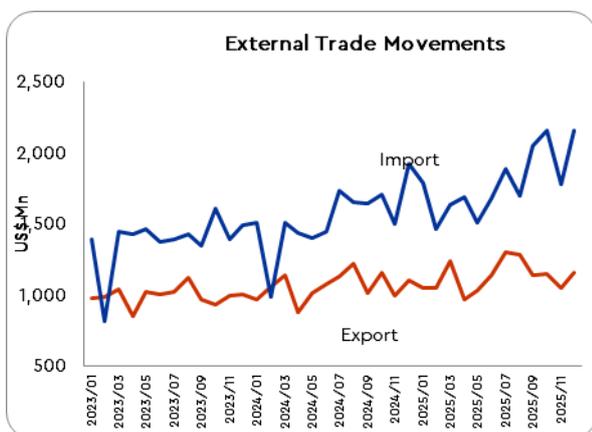


EXTERNAL TRADE

Category	December 2024 (USD mn)	December 2025 (USD mn)	Growth Rate (%)	Jan-Dec 2024 (USD mn)	Jan-Dec 2025 (USD mn)	Growth Rate (%)
Exports	1,101.8	1,157.9	5.1	12,772.0	13,581.4	6.3
Agricultural	256.5	245.4	-4.3	2,774.5	3,072.0	10.7
Tea	131.6	105.8	-19.6	1,435.9	1,507.2	5.0
Other	124.9	139.6	11.8	1,338.6	1,564.8	16.9
Industrial	841.5	908.0	7.9	9,946.9	10,460.8	5.2
Rubber Products	78.3	74.2	-5.3	975.6	914.6	-6.2
Textiles and Garments	447.6	471.6	5.4	5,061.0	5,313.7	5.0
Food, Beverage and Tobacco	57.6	66.0	14.7	651.5	895.5	37.4
Other	258.0	296.2	14.8	3,258.8	3,337.0	2.4
Mineral	1.6	2.4	55.8	24.5	24.2	-1.4
Unclassified	2.2	2.1	-2.2	26.1	24.4	-6.7
Imports	1,924.5	2,155.2	12.0	18,841.4	21,480.0	14.0
Consumer Goods	397.6	610.2	53.5	3,465.7	5,518.3	59.2
Food and Beverages	242.5	191.4	-21.1	1,914.3	2,115.9	10.5
Other Consumer Goods	155.1	418.8	170.0	1,551.4	3,402.4	119.3
Intermediate Goods	1,124.9	1,127.9	0.3	11,914.5	11,858.9	-0.5
Petroleum	434.0	390.1	-10.1	4,354.4	4,042.5	-7.2
Textiles & Textile Articles	252.6	251.2	-0.5	2,847.1	2,749.1	-3.4
Other Intermediate Goods	438.3	486.6	11.0	4,713.0	5,067.3	7.5
Investment Goods	396.6	416.6	5.0	3,448.2	4,089.9	18.6
Machinery and Equipment	290.3	242.1	-16.6	2,363.1	2,513.4	6.4
Transport Equipment	16.9	70.2	315.5	154.8	555.5	259.0
Building Material	89.1	103.5	16.2	927.2	1,016.8	9.7
Other Investment Goods	0.3	0.8	166.7	3.1	4.2	35.5
Unclassified	5.4	0.5	-91.1	13.0	12.9	-0.7
Trade Balance	-882.7	-997.2		-6,069.4	-7,898.6	

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Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



Highlights

- Export earnings increased by 10.5 percent to USD 1,157.9 mn in December 2025 compared to USD 1,047.8 mn in November 2025.
- Import expenditure increased by 21.2 percent to USD 2,155.2 mn in December 2025 compared to USD 1,778.5 mn in November 2025.
- Trade deficit widened to USD 997.2 mn in December 2025 compared to USD 790.7 mn in November 2025.

EXTERNAL ASSETS

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

Gross official Reserves USD 6.0 bn as end November 2025.

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

WORKERS' REMITTANCES

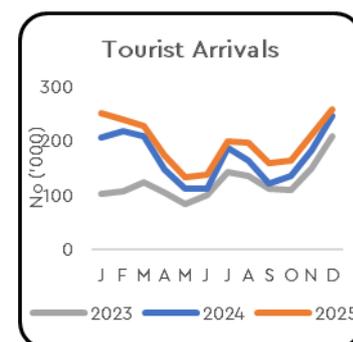
Category	2024 December	2025 December	Jan - Dec 2024	Jan - Dec 2025	% Change
Inflow USD mn	613.8	879.1	6,575.4	8,076.2	22.8
Rs. bn	179.0	271.8	1,983.8	2,432.6	22.6

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(a) Provisional

TOURIST ARRIVALS

Month	Arrivals				Earnings USD mn			
	2023	2024	2025	% change 2024/25	2023	2024	2025	% change 2024/25
Jan	102,545	208,253	252,761	21.4	153.5	341.80	400.7	17.2
Feb	107,639	218,350	240,217	10.0	161.6	345.70	367.6	6.3
Mar	125,495	209,181	229,298	9.6	188.8	338.40	354.0	4.6
Apr	105,498	148,867	174,608	17.3	148.2	225.7	256.7	13.7
May	83,309	112,128	132,919	18.5	100.0	154.0	164.1	6.6
Jun	100,388	113,470	138,241	21.8	122.9	151.1	169.5	12.2
July	143,039	187,810	200,244	6.6	219.0	328.3	318.5	-3.0
Aug	136,405	164,609	198,235	20.4	210.5	282.1	258.9	-8.2
Sep	111,938	122,140	158,971	30.2	152.2	181.0	182.9	1.0
Oct	109,199	135,907	165,193	16.7	136.7	185.6	186.1	4.9
Nov	151,496	184,158	212,906	15.6	205.3	272.9	251.6	-7.8
Dec	210,352	248,592	258,928	4.2	269.3	362.1	308.6	-7.8
Total	1,487,303	2,053,465	2,362,521		2,068.0	3,168.6	3,219.2	



Source: Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority



FISCAL SECTOR

GOVERNMENT REVENUE (Rs. Mn)

Item	2021	2022	2023	2024 (a)	2025 (a) Jan - Nov
Tax Revenue	1,298,019	1,751,132	2,720,563	3,704,577	4,611,505
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
Non-Tax Revenue	159,052	228,052	328,259	326,261	334,277
Total Revenue	1,457,071	1,979,184	3,048,822	4,030,838	4,945,781

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

Item	2021	2022	2023	2024 (a)	2025 (a) Jan - Nov
Government Expenditure	3,521,735	4,472,556	5,356,591	6,130,739	5,287,360
Recurrent Expenditure	2,747,512	3,519,634	4,699,679	5,339,941	4,641,738
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
Capital & Net Lending	774,223	952,923	656,912	790,798	645,622
Public Investments	789,636	1,014,293	932,745	817,092	656,835
Other	-15,413	-61,370	-275,833	-26,294	-11,213

Compiled by Department of Fiscal Policy
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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
Total Government Debt	28,695.9	28,706.76	28,574.65	28,287.10	28,240.22	28,738.70	29,675,806

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
Capital & Net Lending	952,923	4.0	656,912	2.4	790,798	2.6
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

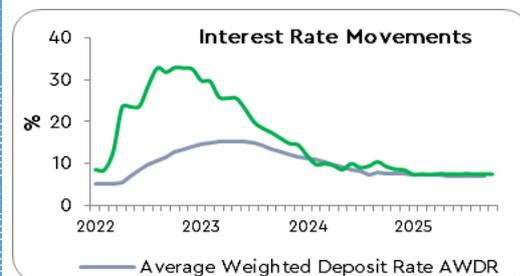
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MONETARY SECTOR

REAL INTEREST RATES

Month	CCPI (2021=100)	CCPI Point to Point Change	CCPI Annual Average Change	91 Days T Bill Rate
May - 2024	194.1	0.9	3.9	8.62
June	195.6	1.7	3.1	10.07
July	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	



Sources : Central Bank of Sri Lanka and Department of Census and Statistics
From January 2023 CCPI & NCPI (2021=100)

INTEREST RATE MOVEMENTS

Category	Week Ending 30 th of January 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)	7.70	7.76	8.00
Treasury Bill (Yield rate)			
91 Days	7.84	7.93	7.93
182 Days	8.26	8.36	8.09
364 Days	8.36	8.47	8.47
Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	8.88	8.90	8.56
	Dec	Month ago	Year ago
Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	6.78	6.77	7.53

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

MONEY SUPPLY AND CREDIT GROWTH

Item	Nov 2025	Oct 2025	Sep 2025	Aug 2025	July 2025	Nov 2024	Growth 2024 Nov/2025 Nov (%)
M ₁	2,133.9	2,129.6	2,119.4	2,123.1	2,097.4	1,799.8	18.6
M ₂	13,826.3	13,641.4	13,641.4	13,512.8	13,400.7	12,436.5	11.2
M _{2b}	15,679.8	15,577.8	15,465.0	15,367.9	15,205.8	14,086.9	11.3

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

CREDIT TO PRIVATE SECTOR (RS. bn.)				
Item	Nov 2025	Month Ago	Year Ago	Growth 2024 /2025 (%)
Credit to Private Sector	10,029.4	9,766.8	7,962.8	26.0
DBUs	9,434.1	9,183.1	7,374.1	27.9
OBU's	595.3	583.7	588.7	1.1

SHARE MARKET

Indicator	Week Ending 30 th January	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	23,812.31	23,956.51	17,115.21
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20)	6,641.15	6,649.50	5,126.38
Average Daily Turnover (Rs.Mn)	9,192.23	10,501.83	7,366.29
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	8,498.37	8,547.32	6,100.73

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange



EQUITY TRADING STATISTICS

Indicator	Dec 2025	Dec 2024	Jan - Dec 2025	Jan - Dec 2024
Turnover -Equity (Rs. Mn.)	76,855.2	133,019.2	1,232,648.9	537,635.4
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	74,135.6	127,248.8	1,156,403.6	484,382.7
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	2,719.6	5,770.4	76,245.3	53,252.7
Market Days	21	21	238	240
Daily Turnover Avg. Equity (Rs. Mn.)	3,659.8	6,334.2	5,179.2	2,240.1
Trade Equity	657,545	758,450	7,492,995	3,524,067
Domestic	649,639	744,523	7,384,384	3,445,541
Foreign	7,906	13,927	108,611	78,526
Shares Traded Equity (Mn)	2,465.2	6,355.2	46,646.3	23,249.7
Domestic (Mn.)	2,377.3	6,036.8	44,437.7	21,378.1
Foreign (Mn.)	87.9	318.4	2,208.7	1,871.6
Companies Traded	273	271	274	274
Companies Listed	285	288	284	-

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

MARKET INDICATORS

Price Indices	Dec 2025	Nov 2025	Oct 2025
ASPI	22,624.31	22,712.82	22,804.84
S&P SL 20	6,157.38	6,267.03	6,213.91
Total Return Indicators			
ASTRI	34,385.16	34,469.19	34,516.17
S&P SL20 (TRI)	12,577.43	12,785.20	12,657.61
Market PER	10.73	11.16	10.06
Dividend Yield	2.62	2.37	2.36
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	8,068.62	8,122.78	8,122.47

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

STOCK MARKET - FOREIGN PURCHASES AND FOREIGN SALES

Indicator	Dec 2025	Dec 2024
Purchases by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	1,629.8	5,489.6
Sales by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	3,809.4	6,051.2
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. Mn)	-2,179.6	-561.6

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

