



# WEEKLY ECONOMIC BULLETIN

## DEPARTMENT OF FISCAL POLICY

### MINISTRY OF FINANCE

#### SRI LANKA

The Week in Review  
23<sup>th</sup> February – 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

### REAL SECTOR

- Economy expanded by 5.4 percent in the third quarter of 2025.
- Price of Brent Crude Oil decreased by 1.48 USD bbl and WTI decreased by 1.63 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 appreciated to USD 1=Rs. 309.31 from USD 1=Rs. 309.34
- 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 751.1 mn in January 2026.

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### FISCAL SECTOR

#### Revenue (Provisional)

Jan – Nov 2025

▪ <b>Total Revenue</b>	- 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

▪ <b>Total Expenditure</b>	- 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 0.17 percent to 23,734.06 points as at 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026 from 23,773.64 points as at 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2026
- S&P SL 20 Index decreased by 1.27 percent to 6,635.97 points as at 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 from 6,721.47 points as at 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Credit to the private sector increased by 25.2 percent (YoY) in December, 2025

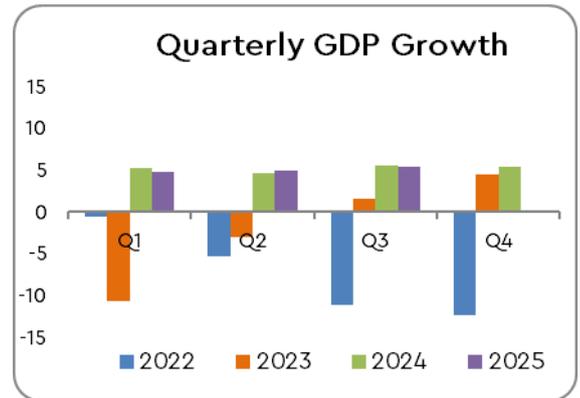
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# REAL SECTOR

## 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/ 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	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
Exports (USD Mn)		December 2024	December 2025	% Change
	Tea	131.6	105.8	-19.6
	Rubber	2.4	2.3	-1.7
	Coconut	36.0	44.4	23.4
Average Gross Prices		December 2024	December 2025	% Change
	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 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
<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)

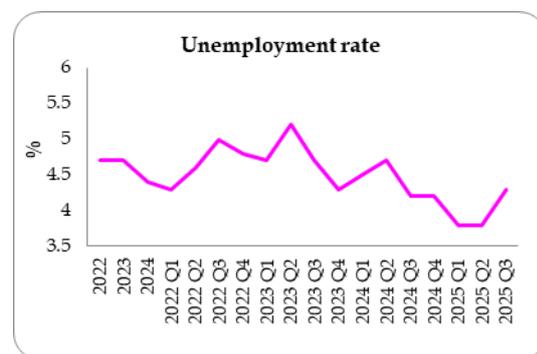
(b) Revised

(c) Provisional

## LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

Employment	2024 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)

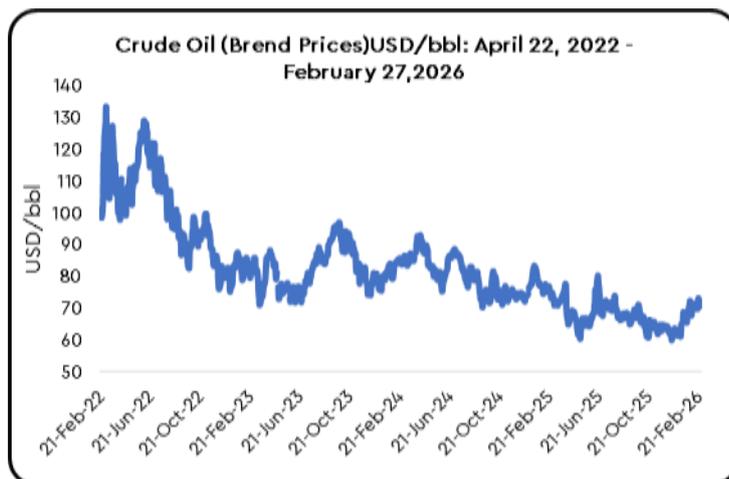
Item	Feb 23	Feb 24	Feb 25	Feb 26	Feb 27	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Brent	71.23	71.67	71.24	71.13	70.48	71.96	65.25	72.74
WTI	65.96	66.47	66.08	65.67	65.13	66.76	60.37	68.81
Petrol	77.40	78.85	78.95	79.25	79.30	77.70	70.30	82.10
Diesel	91.13	91.90	91.40	91.69	91.39	92.51	83.38	82.60
Kerosene	91.81	92.74	92.67	92.66	93.45	92.54	83.86	87.92

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka  
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### 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
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®



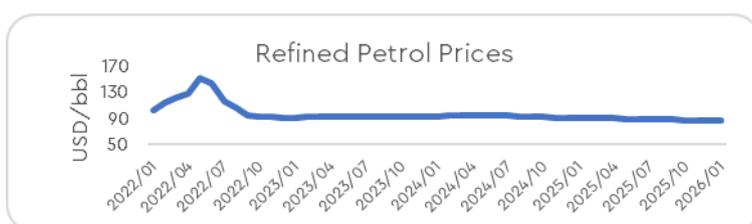
### MONTHLY AVERAGE REFINED PRODUCT PRICES – SINGAPORE PLATTS PRICES (USD/BBL)

Month	Petrol	Diesel	Kerosene
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
August	77.76	80.08	84.27
September	79.53	82.96	87.08
October	77.16	53.49	87.49
November	78.88	0.00	93.22
December	71.96	78.73	84.22
January - 2026	72.50	80.55	83.53

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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

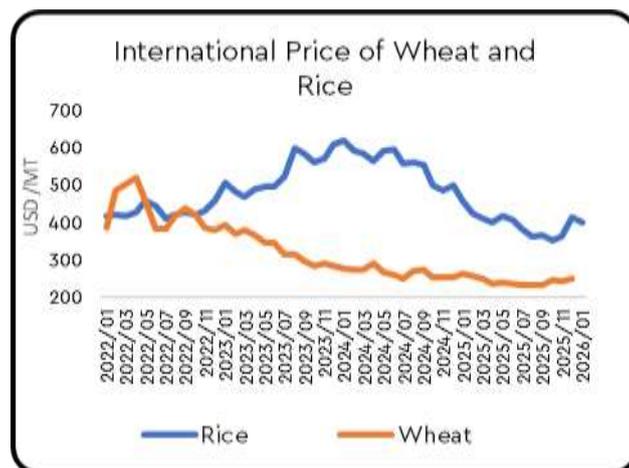
Item	Unit	End 2023	End 2024	End 2025	Current Price 2026
Auto Diesel	1 liter	329.00	286.00	277.00	277.00
Petrol (Octane 92)	1 liter	346.00	309.00	294.00	292.00
Kerosene oil	1 liter	247.00	188.00	180.00	182.00
L P Gas	12.5 kg	3,565.00	3,690.00	3,690.00	3,690.00



## COMMODITY PRICES

### INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES

Month	Rice 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://fpma.apps.fao.org/giews/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
<b>Energy</b>	Crude Oil average	USD/mt	72.9	74.2	65.9	67.5	62.1
<b>Non-Energy, Agriculture, 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, Timber</b>	Plywood	¢/sheets	358.4	358.3	378.0	370.2	354.3
<b>Other Raw Materials 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/¢=UScent> USD = US dollar

**WHOLESALE PRICES**  
**WEEK ENDING 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026 (RS /KG)**

**PETTAH MARKET**

**DAMBULLA MARKET**

Average Wholesale Prices	Week Ending 27/02/2026	Week Ago	Year Ago, Annual Avg.
<b>Rice (Rs/Kg)</b>			
Samba	248.00	248.00	242.25
Kekulu (Red)	197.00	196.60	218.00
<b>Vegetable</b>			
Beans	340.00	330.00	182.50
Cabbage	108.00	126.00	312.50
Carrots	210.00	220.00	825.00
Tomatoes	140.00	124.00	125.00
Pumpkin	100.00	94.00	160.00
Snake Gourd	112.00	104.00	100.00
Brinjals	130.00	104.00	162.50
<b>Other Foods</b>			
Red-Onions (Local)	160.00	153.00	205.00
Big Onions (Imported)	127.80	137.40	112.75
Potatoes (Local)	330.80	329.00	329.00
Dried Chillies (Imported)	869.40	872.00	700.00
Dhal	243.00	239.00	260.50
Eggs (White) (Each)	34.00	33.00	26.00
Coconut (Each)	135.00	138.00	186.25
Green Chillies	260.00	280.00	1,100.00
Lime	69.00	80.00	100.00
<b>FISH MARKET – PELIYAGODA</b>			
Kelawalla	1,270.00	1,280.00	-
Balaya	960.00	990.00	-
Salaya	440.00	440.00	-
Hurulla	1,140.00	1,020.00	-

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	90.00
Snake Gourd	89.00
Ash Plantains	144.00
Beans	293.00
Carrots	190.00
Tomatoes	105.00
Cabbage	89.00
<b>Other Foods</b>	
Potatoes (Local)	246.00
Dried Chillies (Imported)	903.00
Big-Onions (Imported)	128.00
Red-Onions (Local)	171.00
Coconut (Each)	118.60

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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

Item	Week Ending 27/02/2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
<b>Samba</b>	<b>234.40</b>	<b>237.00</b>	249.40	236.00
<b>Kekulu (White)</b>	<b>185.20</b>	<b>197.20</b>	200.20	215.25
<b>Kekulu (Red)</b>	<b>178.80</b>	<b>188.60</b>	206.80	221.00
<b>Nadu</b>	<b>196.00</b>	<b>201.80</b>	210.40	224.50

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

## WEEKLY RETAIL COMMODITY PRICES – 4<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2026

Item	Unit	Week ending 27/02/2026	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago
Rice					
Samba (Avg.)	1kg	254.84	260.52	-2.2%	244.32
No. 1	1kg	248.42	255.59	-2.8%	243.20
No. 2	1kg				
Nadu Red	1kg	236.09	234.55	0.7%	256.81
Raw Red (Avg)	1kg	207.54	207.95	-0.2%	226.34
No. 1	1kg	216.07	216.90	-0.4%	229.60
No. 2	1kg	199.00	199.00	0.0%	0.00
Wheat Flour	1kg	184.85	182.31	1.4%	184.43
Bread	450g	132.00	132.00	0.0%	133.64
Sugar	1kg	220.57	221.30	-0.3%	246.62
Maliban	400g	1150.00	1150.00	0.0%	1050.00
Anchor	400g	1150.00	1150.00	0.0%	1050.00
Pelwatta	400g	1125.00	1125.00	0.0%	1050.00
Potatoes (Import)	1 kg	184.93	177.52	4.2%	206.71
Potatoes (Local)	1kg	385.83	389.17	-0.9%	429.96
Mysore Dhal (Avg)	1kg	333.73	326.92	2.1%	349.41
Cowpea (Avg)	1kg	941.34	946.51	-0.5%	822.95
Green Gram (Avg)	1kg	779.75	787.61	-1.0%	768.13
Kadalai (Avg)	1kg	510.35	521.16	-2.1%	582.99
Meat					
Beef	1kg	2961.54	2915.38	1.6%	2581.25
Chicken					
Fresh	1kg	1350.00	1306.88	3.3%	1118.75
Broiler	1kg	1180.00	1180.00	0.0%	1087.00
Fresh Fish					
Paraw	1kg	2805.00	2783.08	0.8%	1941.66
Balaya	1kg	1450.00	1466.00	-1.1%	981.79
Kelawalla	1kg	2397.89	2332.67	2.8%	1922.93
Salaya	1kg	606.00	561.00	8.0%	455.31
Dried Fish					
Spratts	1kg	1351.85	1308.33	3.3%	1122.09
Eggs	Each	36.88	35.66	3.4%	33.30
Coconut	Each	176.76	168.69	4.8%	214.30
Coconut Oil	750ml	663.00	657.29	0.9%	595.32
Red Onions	1kg	380.36	408.21	-6.8%	509.97
B- Onions (Import)	1kg	183.71	192.00	-4.3%	206.99
Brinjal	1kg	286.67	287.41	-0.3%	610.28
Beans Green	1kg	506.33	522.07	-3.0%	537.71
Bandakka	1kg	275.17	342.76	-19.7%	408.19
Leeks	1kg	352.67	372.76	-5.4%	432.17
Beet Root	1kg	367.67	382.76	-3.9%	521.11
Carrot	1kg	393.79	382.76	2.9%	803.97
Green Chillies	1kg	615.56	662.50	-7.1%	1694.16
Raddish	1kg	268.97	256.30	4.9%	288.00
Vetakolu	1kg	373.85	387.59	-3.5%	498.18
Bitter Guard	1kg	529.63	541.43	-2.2%	682.10
Snake Guard	1kg	353.33	388.57	-9.1%	411.06
Kolikuttu	1kg	370.40	338.75	9.3%	336.86
Papaw	1kg	456.92	476.35	-4.1%	318.91
Pineapple	1kg	432.69	433.46	-0.2%	430.86

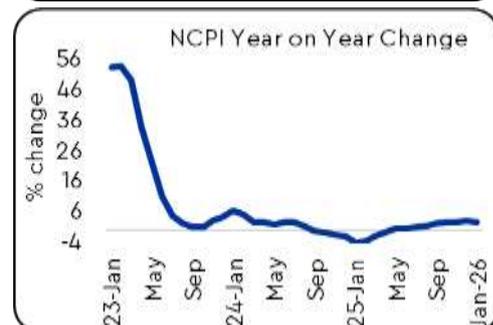
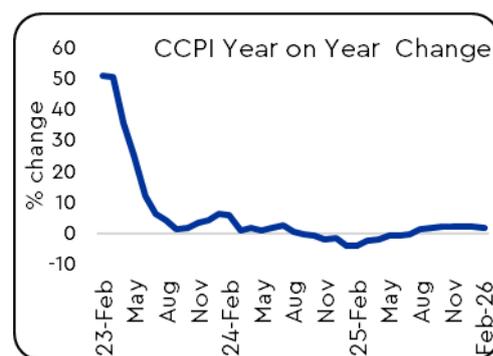
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# INFLATION

## 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

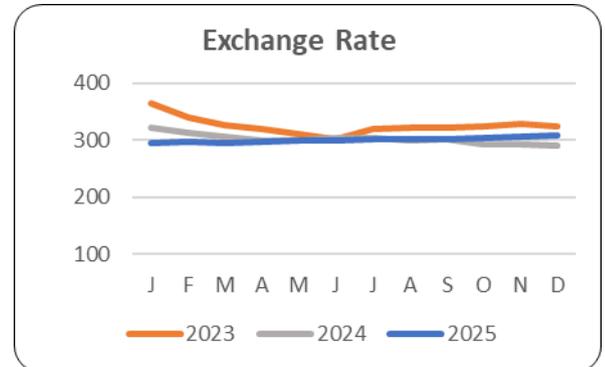


# EXTERNAL SECTOR

## EXCHANGE RATES (AVERAGE)

Currency	Week Ending 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Week Ago	Year Ago	% Change 2025/26
US Dollar	309.31	309.34	295.69	4.61
Sterling Pound	417.20	415.92	374.43	11.42
Euro	365.04	363.77	309.61	17.90
Japanese Yen	1.99	2.00	1.98	0.51
Indian Rupee	3.40	3.41	3.39	0.29

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

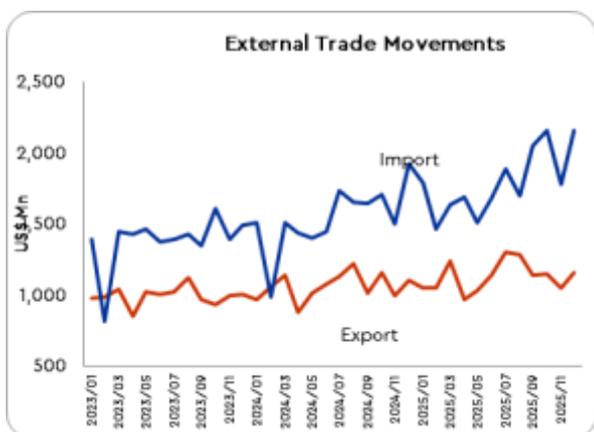


## EXTERNAL TRADE

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 January	2026 January	% Change
Inflow USD mn	573.0	751.1	31.1
Rs. bn	169.7	232.6	37.0

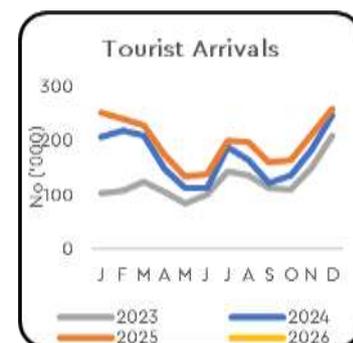
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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## TOURIST ARRIVALS

Month	Arrivals				Earnings USD mn			
	2024	2025	2026	% change 2025/26	2024	2025	2026	% change 2024/26
Jan	208,253	252,761	277,327	9.7	341.80	400.7	378.3	-5.6
Feb	218,350	240,217			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>	<b>277,327</b>		<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) 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  
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## 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

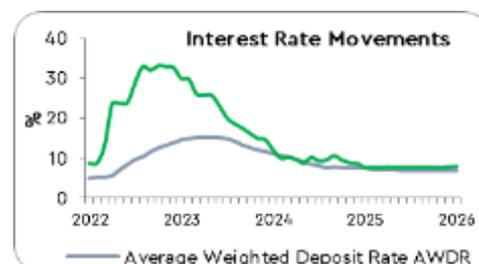
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# MONETARY SECTOR

## 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 27 <sup>th</sup> of February 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)	7.69	7.67	7.98
Treasury Bill (Yield rate)			
91 Days	7.63	7.66	7.57
182 Days	7.92	7.99	7.87
364 Days	8.24	8.27	8.35
Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	9.35	8.95	8.36
	<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	Dec 2025	Nov 2025	Oct 2025	Sep 2025	Aug 2025	Dec 2024	Growth 2024 Dec/2025 Dec (%)
M <sub>1</sub>	2,288.0	2,133.9	2,129.6	2,119.4	2,123.1	1,925.6	18.8
M <sub>2</sub>	14,093.4	13,826.3	13,641.4	13,641.4	13,512.8	12,660.6	11.3
M <sub>20</sub>	15,975.0	15,679.8	15,577.8	15,465.0	15,367.9	14,321.7	11.5

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

CREDIT TO PRIVATE SECTOR (RS. bn.)				
Item	Dec 2025	Month Ago	Year Ago	Growth 2024 /2025 (%)
Credit to Private Sector	10,212.2	10,029.4	8,156.0	25.2
DBUs	9,630.4	9,434.1	7,560.2	27.4
OBU	581.8	595.3	595.3	-2.4

## SHARE MARKET

Indicator	Week Ending 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (ASPI) (1985 = 100)	23,734.06	23,773.64	16,430.77
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20)	6,635.97	6,721.47	4,898.29
Average Daily Turnover (Rs.Mn)	7,013.43	3,890.60	1,665.01
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	8,425.24	8,411.38	5,794.05

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange



## EQUITY TRADING STATISTICS

Indicator	Jan 2026	Jan 2025
<b>Turnover -Equity (Rs. Mn.)</b>		
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	127,454.2	131,968.6
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	7,353.9	8,463.4
Market Days	19	20
Daily Turnover Avg. Equity (Rs. Mn.)	7,095.2	7,021.6
<b>Trade Equity</b>		
Domestic	875,145	759,226
Foreign	9,780	13,163
<b>Shares Traded Equity (Mn)</b>		
Domestic (Mn.)	3,820.4	5,609.2
Foreign (Mn.)	118.6	274.4
Companies Traded	273	269
Companies Listed	288	289

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

## MARKET INDICATORS

Price Indices	Jan 2026	Dec 2025	Nov 2025
ASPI	23,812.31	22,624.31	22,712.82
S&P SL 20	6,641.15	6,157.38	6,267.03
<b>Total Return Indicators</b>			
ASTRI	36,232.67	34,385.16	34,469.19
S&P SL20 (TRI)	13,583.87	12,577.43	12,785.20
Market PER	11.30	10.73	11.16
Dividend Yield	2.49	2.62	2.37
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	8,498.37	8,068.62	8,122.78

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

## STOCK MARKET - FOREIGN PURCHASES AND FOREIGN SALES

Indicator	Jan 2026	Jan 2025
Purchases by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	3,960.3	5,233.1
Sales by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	10,747.4	11,693.8
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. Mn)	-6,787.1	-6,460.2

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange



