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SRI LANKA

The Week in Review
15th December – 19th December 2025

REAL SECTOR

- Economy expanded by 5.4 percent in the third quarter of 2025.
- Price of Brent Crude Oil and WTI decreased by 2.01 USD bbl.
- CCPI - Headline inflation (2021=100) remained at 2.1 percent (YoY) in November, 2025.
- NCPI – Headline inflation (2021=100) increased to 2.7 percent (YoY) in October, 2025 from 2.1 percent (YoY) in September, 2025.

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EXTERNAL SECTOR

- Sri Lankan rupee slightly depreciated to USD 1=Rs. 309.44 from USD 1=Rs. 309.12
- Exports increased to USD 1,149.4 mn in October 2025 compared to USD 1,138.5 mn in September 2025.
- Imports increased to USD 2,156.8 mn in October 2025 compared to USD 2,048.6 mn in September 2025.
- Trade deficit
 - USD 1,007.4 mn in October, 2025
- The gross official reserves stood at USD 6.2 bn as end of October 2025.
- Workers' remittances recorded USD 673.4 mn in November 2025.

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FISCAL SECTOR

Revenue (Provisional)

Jan – Oct 2025

▪ Total Revenue	- Rs. 4,336.2 bn
(Excluding Grants)	
Tax Revenue	- Rs. 4,033.3 bn
Non-Tax Revenue	- Rs. 302.9 bn

Expenditure (Provisional)

Jan – Oct 2025

▪ Total Expenditure	- Rs. 4,805.8 bn
Recurrent Expenditure	- Rs. 4,223.7 bn
Capital Expenditure	- Rs. 582.1 bn

Debt (Provisional)

▪ End of June 2025

Total Outstanding Government Debt	- Rs. 29,634.78 bn
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MONETARY SECTOR

- All Share Price Index (ASPI) decreased by 1.6 percent to 22,149.09 points as at 19th December 2025 from 22,508.26 points as at 12th December, 2025 .
- S&P SL 20 Index decreased by 0.7 percent to 6,056.54 points as at 19th December, 2025 from 6,097.66 points as at 12th December, 2025.
- Credit to the private sector increased by 24.1 percent (YoY) in October, 2025 .

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REAL SECTOR

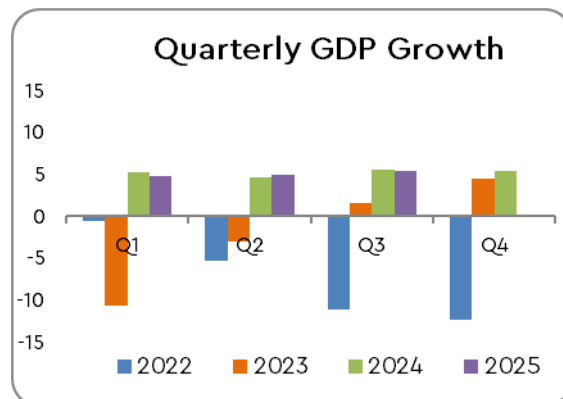
PRODUCTION

	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 the 3rd quarter 2025

In the second 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	September 2024	September 2025	% Change
Production	Tea (Mn. Kg)	24.4	22.2	-9.1
	Rubber (Mn. Kg)	5.4	5.7	4.0
	Coconut (Mn. Nuts)	205.3	292.7	42.6
		September 2024	September 2025	% Change
Exports (USD Mn)	Tea	117.0	137.0	17.1
	Rubber	2.3	3.1	34.3
	Coconut	35.6	58.2	63.6
		September 2024	September 2025	% Change
Average Gross Prices	Tea (Rs. / Kg)	1,231.57	1,210.61	-1.7
	Rubber (Rs. / Kg)	752.00	700.00	-6.9
	Coconut (Rs./nut)	88.23	137.35	55.7

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

FACTORY INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX (2015=100)

Item (a)	2024 October (b)	2025 October (c)	Change %
Manufacture of Food Products	95.8	101.3	5.8
Manufacture of Beverages	125.5	126.2	0.6
Manufacture of Tobacco Products	81.8	73.6	-10.0
Manufacture of Textiles	111.5	107.0	-4.0
Manufacture of Wearing Apparel	92.0	104.6	13.7
Manufacture of Leather and Related Products	100.3	100.5	0.3
Manufacture of Wood products, except Furniture; Articles of Straw & plaiting materials	68.0	72.0	5.8
Manufacture of Paper and Paper Products	55.2	46.1	-16.4
Printing and Reproduction of Recorded Media	145.6	110.2	-24.3
Manufacture of Coke and Refined Petroleum Products	104.6	94.6	-9.6
Manufacture of Chemicals and Chemical Products	75.9	82.1	8.2
Manufacture of Basic Pharmaceuticals, Pharmaceutical preparations	150.8	111.5	-26.1
Manufacture of Rubber and Plastic Products	98.8	81.6	-17.4
Manufacture of Other Non-Metallic Mineral Products	102.8	127.3	23.8
Manufacture of Basic Metals	96.2	124.1	29.1
Manufacture of Fabricated Metal Products (except machines and equipment)	52.8	71.8	36.0
Manufacture of Electrical Equipment	63.7	53.6	-15.9
Manufacture of Machinery and Equipment (n.e.c)	104.0	126.5	21.7
Manufacture of Furniture	75.0	50.0	-33.3
Other Manufacturing	52.9	54.4	2.9
Overall Factory Industrial Production Index	95.6	100.2	4.8

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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

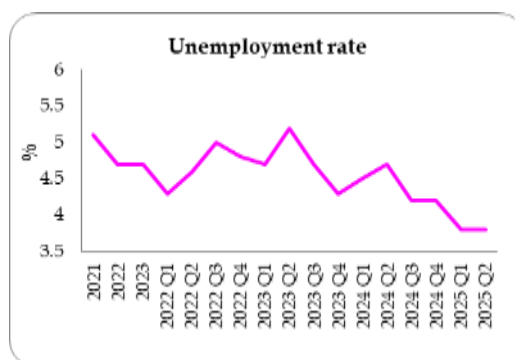
(b) Revised

(c) Provisional

LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

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

Source : Department of Census & Statistics



CRUDE OIL PRICES

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

Item	Dec 15	Dec 16	Dec 17	Dec 18	Dec 19	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Brent (New York Closing Prices)	61.35	60.20	59.41	60.60	59.65	61.66	64.56	72.94
WTI	57.65	56.49	55.78	56.91	55.99	58.00	60.45	70.19
Petrol	n.a	74.50	73.80	73.90	73.09	78.05	78.70	81.40
Diesel	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	82.97
Kerosene	83.70	81.86	81.10	82.06	80.83	84.88	99.92	89.27

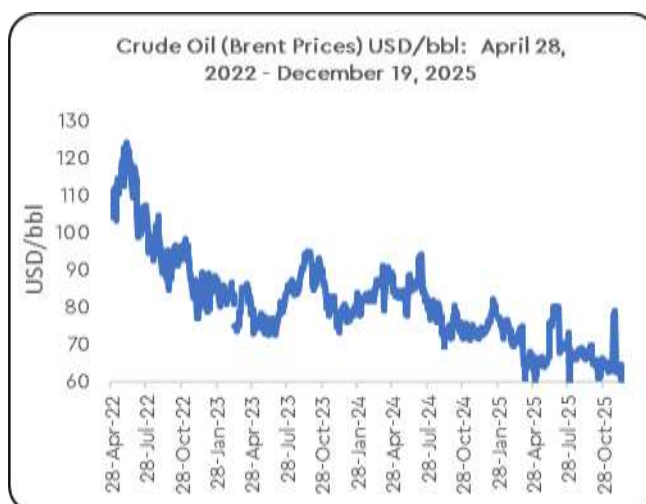
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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

Month	Brent	WTI European Market
June	83.74	78.89
July	83.73	78.94
Aug	83.53	78.80
Sep	83.16	78.48
Oct	82.89	78.24
Nov	82.48	77.87
Dec	82.16	77.58
Jan - 2025	81.93	77.42
Feb	81.78	77.29
Mar	81.46	77.00
Apr	81.03	76.60
May	80.29	76.15
June	79.99	75.91
July	79.66	75.63
August	79.32	75.32
September	78.99	74.99
October	78.58	74.58
November	78.22	74.22
December	77.84	73.84

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka (up to December 19, 2025)



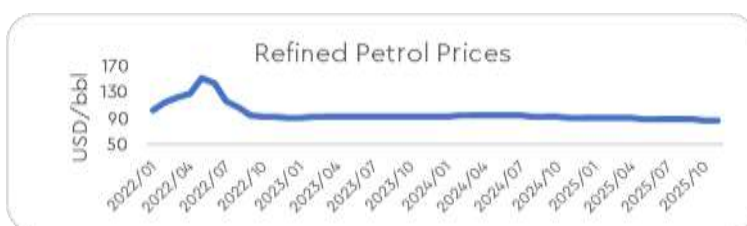
MONTHLY AVERAGE REFINED PRODUCT PRICES – SINGAPORE PLATTS PRICES (USD / BBL)

Month	Petrol	Diesel	Kerosene
July - 2024	93.89	97.54	103.21
Aug	93.47	97.00	102.66
Sep	92.82	96.20	101.88
Oct	92.25	95.56	101.26
Nov	91.60	94.90	100.65
Dec	91.24	94.42	100.11
Jan - 2025	90.85	94.07	99.70
Feb	90.70	93.88	99.50
Mar	90.31	93.42	99.02
Apr	89.84	92.85	98.42
May	89.35	92.23	97.78
June	89.03	91.85	97.33
July	88.63	91.58	96.97
August	88.28	91.21	96.57
September	88.00	90.94	96.26
October	87.65	89.76	95.98
November	87.41	87.28	95.91
December	87.10	85.54	95.69

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka (up to December 19, 2025)

LOCAL MARKET PRICES OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (RS.)

Item	Unit	End 2022	End 2023	End 2024	Current Price 2025
Auto Diesel	1 liter	405.00	329.00	305.00	277.00
Petrol (Octane 92)	1 liter	370.00	346.00	309.00	294.00
Kerosene oil	1 liter	355.00	247.00	196.00	180.00
L P Gas	12.5 kg	4,409.00	3,565.00	3,690.00	3,690.00

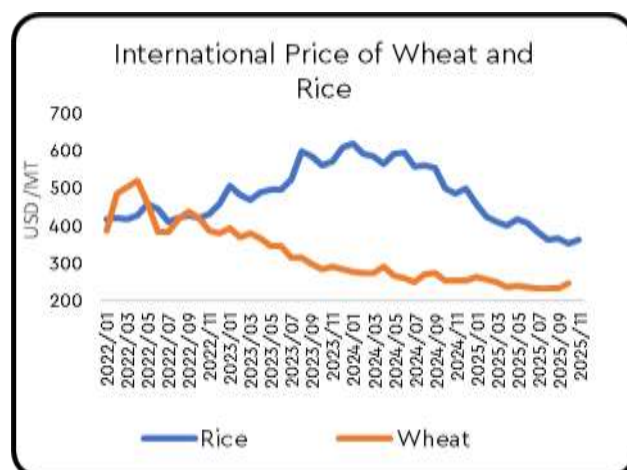


COMMODITY PRICES

INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES

Month	Rice Thai,25% USD / MT	Wheat (HRW) USD / MT
Mar - 2024	584.00	274.80
Apr	564.00	272.30
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

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



Category	Commodity	Unit	Quarterly Averages				
			Jul – Sep 2024	Oct – Dec 2024	Jan – Mar 2025	Apr – Jun 2025	Jul – Sep 2025
Energy	Crude Oil average	USD / mt	77.9	72.9	74.2	65.9	67.5
Non-Energy, Agriculture, Beverages	Cocoa	USD / kg	6.83	8.29	9.56	8.51	7.33
	Coffee, Arabica	USD / kg	5.85	6.80	8.59	8.47	8.03
	Tea, average	USD / kg	3.26	3.06	2.72	2.97	3.00
	Tea, Colombo auctions	USD / kg	4.07	4.04	4.05	3.86	3.93
Food, Fats & Oils	Coconut Oil	USD / mt	1,610	1,860	2,108	2,672	2,724
	Soybean Oil	USD / mt	1,051	1,101	1,040	1,150	1,238
	Palm Oil	USD / mt	937	1,145	1,069	946	1,014
Grains	Maize	USD / mt	177.6	198.1	214.2	205.0	191.6
	Wheat, US HRW	USD / mt	260.3	259.6	258.0	242.2	233.3
Other Food	Meat, Beef	USD / kg	6.27	6.16	6.62	6.67	6.83
	Meat, Chicken	USD / kg	1.39	1.47	1.60	1.77	1.73
	Sugar, World	USD / kg	0.43	0.45	0.41	0.39	0.36
Raw Materials, Timber	Plywood	¢ / sheets	366.9	358.4	358.3	378.0	370.2
Other Raw Materials	Rubber RSS3, US	USD / kg	2.37	2.44	2.38	2.16	2.16
Fertilizers	Phosphate Rock	USD / mt	152.5	152.5	250.0	152.5	152.5
	TSP	USD / mt	505.8	490.8	479.0	559.6	660.8
	Urea	USD / mt	340.8	359.7	403.8	399.8	488.3
Metals and Minerals	Aluminium	USD / mt	2,381	2,573	2,630	2,449	2,619
	Gold	USD / toz	2,480	2,663	2,863	3,293	3,340
	Iron ore	USD / dmt	99.9	101.4	101.6	95.5	100.1

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

WHOLESALE PRICES
WEEK ENDING 19th December 2025 (RS / KG)

PETTAH MARKET

DAMBULLA MARKET

Average Wholesale Prices	Week Ending 19/12/2025	Week Ago	Year Ago, Annual Avg.
Rice (Rs/Kg)			
Samba	241.60	240.00	243.00
Kekulu (Red)	208.40	208.00	228.00
Vegetable			
Beans	620.00	840.00	350.00
Cabbage	218.00	130.00	190.00
Carrots	200.00	180.00	142.00
Tomatoes	450.00	250.00	450.00
Pumpkin	126.00	124.00	158.00
Snake Guard	350.00	430.00	316.00
Brinjals	434.00	250.00	284.00
Other Foods			
Red-Onions (Local)	276.60	303.80	280.00
Big Onions (Imported)	176.20	188.60	189.20
Potatoes (Local)	322.20	341.40	345.20
Dried Chillies (Imported)	725.00	749.00	731.40
Dhal	253.00	254.00	272.40
Eggs (White) (Each)	40.60	42.80	29.20
Coconut (Each)	154.00	162.00	145.00
Green Chillies	820.00	410.00	960.00
Lime	280.00	400.00	295.00
FISH MARKET – PELIYAGODA			
Kelawalla	1,860.00	1,720.00	-
Balaya	837.50	1,050.00	-
Salaya	450.00	587.50	-
Hurulla	920.00	n.a	-

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Food Item	Wholesale (Average)
Rice (Rs/Kg)	
Samba	239.00
Kekulu (Red)	193.00
Vegetables	
Pumpkins	85.00
Snake Gourd	425.00
Ash Plantains	151.00
Beans	585.00
Carrots	179.00
Tomatoes	425.00
Cabbage	244.00
Other Foods	
Potatoes (Local)	175.00
Dried Chillies (Imported)	813.00
Big-Onions (Imported)	173.20
Red-Onions (Local)	175.00
Coconut (Each)	129.60

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

MARANDAGAHAMULA AVERAGE PRICE OF RICE (RS / KG)

Item	Week Ending 19/12/2025	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	257.60	252.80	241.00	235.00
Kekulu (White)	211.00	205.60	199.00	215.00
Kekulu (Red)	211.00	207.60	205.00	n.a
Nadu	222.60	220.00	213.00	225.00

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

WEEKLY RETAIL COMMODITY PRICES – 2nd WEEK OF DECEMBER 2025

Item	Unit	Week ending 19/12/2025	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago
Rice					
Samba (Avg.)	1kg	243.88	246.95	-1.2%	271.01
No. 1	1kg	242.86	248.70	-2.3%	247.78
No. 2	1kg				
Nadu Red	1kg	234.29	237.61	-1.4%	246.07
Raw Red (Avg)	1kg	211.51	210.15	0.6%	235.23
No. 1	1kg	220.36	219.63	0.3%	235.23
No. 2	1kg	202.67	200.67	1.0%	0.00
Wheat Flour	1kg	185.54	186.61	-0.6%	187.25
Bread	450g	132.00	132.00	0.0%	133.64
Sugar	1kg	224.66	223.90	0.3%	257.10
Maliban	400g	1200.00	1200.00	0.0%	1050.00
Anchor	400g	1200.00	1200.00	0.0%	1050.00
Pelwatta	400g	1125.00	1125.00	0.0%	1056.88
Potatoes (Import)	1 kg	235.20	241.83	-2.7%	278.39
Potatoes (Local)	1kg	411.00	390.00	5.4%	401.67
Mysore Dhal (Avg)	1kg	330.93	332.02	-0.3%	354.11
Cowpea (Avg)	1kg	1065.91	1075.82	-0.9%	867.89
Green Gram (Avg)	1kg	816.15	808.84	0.9%	802.00
Kadalai (Avg)	1kg	530.54	546.91	-3.0%	632.45
Meat					
Beef	1kg	2691.67	2750.00	-2.1%	2469.79
Chicken					
Fresh	1kg	1343.33	1239.09	8.4%	1181.98
Broiler	1kg	1180.00	1180.00	0.0%	1144.96
Fresh Fish					
Paraw	1kg	2132.11	2156.67	-1.1%	2192.69
Balaya	1kg	1357.50	1686.67	-19.5%	1107.14
Kelawalla	1kg	2663.53	2566.43	3.8%	2161.04
Salaya	1kg	612.22	606.67	0.9%	465.60
Dried Fish					
Spratts	1kg	1238.46	1272.41	-2.7%	1233.85
Eggs	Each	44.48	45.75	-2.8%	36.77
Coconut	Each	188.85	191.11	-1.2%	174.92
Coconut Oil	750ml	662.41	661.73	0.1%	575.10
Red Onions	1kg	457.48	453.50	0.9%	515.03
B- Onions (Import)	1kg	232.41	237.60	-2.2%	308.76
Brinjal	1kg	654.83	581.43	12.6%	476.89
Beans Green	1kg	991.54	1347.92	-26.4%	757.19
Bandakka	1kg	452.00	473.79	-4.6%	333.81
Leeks	1kg	407.24	419.67	-3.0%	408.36
Beet Root	1kg	705.22	573.45	23.0%	487.63
Carrot	1kg	386.43	425.00	-9.1%	306.29
Green Chillies	1kg	1112.50	744.14	49.5%	1144.61
Raddish	1kg	412.27	391.54	5.3%	313.66
Vetakolu	1kg	744.29	736.82	1.0%	509.77
Bitter Guard	1kg	1009.00	995.00	1.4%	846.45
Snake Guard	1kg	694.29	687.20	1.0%	496.16
Kolikuttu	1kg	306.67	311.85	-1.7%	331.87
Papaw	1kg	280.83	257.31	9.1%	285.46
Pineapple	1kg	349.17	362.07	-3.6%	468.75

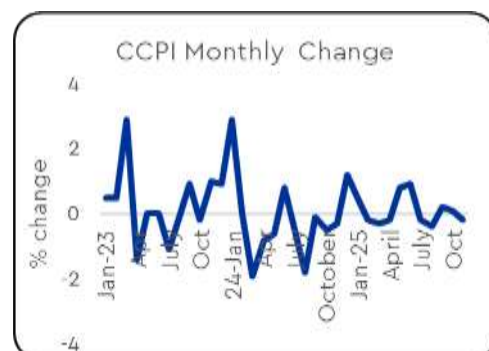
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INFLATION

TRENDS IN INFLATION

Month	CCPI (%) (2021=100)			NCPI (%) (2021=100)		
	Index Number	% Change Month on Month	Y on Y %	Index Number	% Change Month on Month	Y on Y %
Mar - 24	196.7	-1.9	0.9	210.0	-2.1	2.5
Apr	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			

Source: Department of Census and Statistics



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

Commodity	Value Change Rs.	Change %
Food	1,657.20	0.95
Rice	-292.09	-0.17
Coconut	1,104.36	0.63
Sea Fish	277.61	0.16
Chicken	186.89	0.11
Fresh Fruits	n.a	
Vegetables	67.01	0.04
Green Chillies	-53.10	-0.03
Eggs	-123.79	-0.07
Red Onions	-63.09	-0.04
Big Onions	-517.40	-0.30
Potatoes	-19.24	-0.04
Garlic	-64.74	-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
Feb	242.8	-2.1	3.5
Mar	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

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

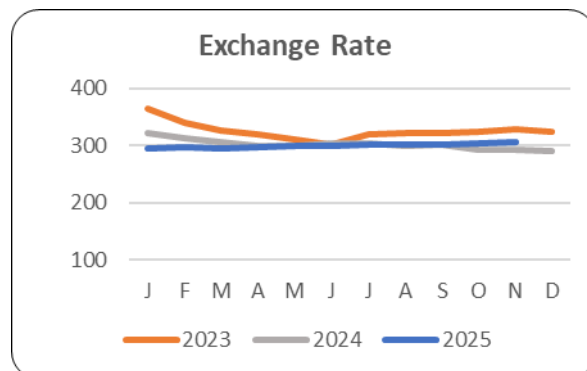


EXTERNAL SECTOR

EXCHANGE RATES

Currency	Week Ending 19 th December 2025	Week Ago	Year Ago	% Change 2024/25
US Dollar	309.44	309.12	291.76	6.06
Sterling Pound	414.07	413.86	367.30	12.73
Euro	362.83	362.82	302.92	19.78
Japanese Yen	1.99	1.99	1.88	5.85
Indian Rupee	3.43	3.42	3.43	-0.29

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

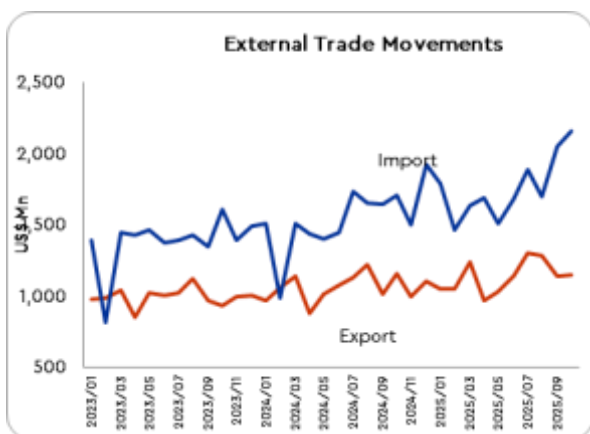


EXTERNAL TRADE

Category	October 2024 (USD mn)	October 2025 (USD mn)	Growth Rate (%)	Jan-Oct 2024 (USD mn)	Jan-Oct 2025 (USD mn)	Growth Rate (%)
Exports	1,158.0	1,149.4	-0.7	10,676.1	11,364.5	6.4
Agricultural	253.7	264.5	4.2	2,290.0	2,588.1	13.0
Tea	126.8	126.5	-0.2	1,186.1	1,289.6	8.7
Other	126.9	138.0	8.7	1,103.9	1,268.5	14.9
Industrial	900.2	881.1	-2.1	8,342.4	8,735.3	4.7
Rubber Products	81.9	77.1	-5.8	822.2	766.9	-6.7
Textiles and Garments	431.3	430.8	-0.1	4,215.4	4,452.1	5.6
Food, Beverage and Tobacco	68.7	96.5	40.4	542.8	758.9	39.8
Other	318.3	276.7	-13.1	2,762.0	2,757.4	-0.2
Mineral	1.9	2.1	11.1	21.5	20.2	-6.1
Unclassified	2.2	1.7	-20.9	22.2	20.9	-5.5
Imports	1,702.4	2,156.8	26.7	15,420.6	17,546.2	13.8
Consumer Goods	291.9	569.9	95.2	2,748.5	4,386.3	59.6
Food and Beverages	150.4	202.3	34.5	1,507.7	1,767.4	17.2
Other Consumer Goods	141.5	367.6	159.8	1,240.8	2,618.9	111.1
Intermediate Goods	1,079.2	1,161.4	7.6	9,869.6	9,788.6	-0.9
Petroleum	337.3	357.8	6.1	3,609.7	3,319.7	-8.1
Textiles & Textile Articles	272.3	257.2	-5.6	2,352.9	2,294.5	-2.5
Other Intermediate Goods	469.6	546.4	16.4	3,970.0	4,165.0	6.6
Investment Goods	330.4	425.1	28.7	2,795.5	3,369.0	20.5
Machinery and Equipment	238.3	255.7	7.3	1,904.5	2,103.3	10.4
Transport Equipment	13.4	68.1	406.8	124.3	422.5	239.9
Building Material	78.5	101.0	28.7	764.4	840.2	9.9
Other Investment Goods	0.2	0.3	50.0	2.3	3.0	30.4
Unclassified	0.9	0.4	-57.6	7.1	12.4	13.8
Trade Balance	-544.4	-1,007.4		-4,744.6	-6,181.8	

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Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



Highlights

- Export earnings increased by 1 percent to USD 1,149.4 mn in October 2025 compared to USD 1,138.5 mn in September 2025.
- Import expenditure increased by 5.3 percent to USD 2,156.8 mn in October 2025 compared to USD 2,048.6 mn in September 2025.
- Trade deficit widened to USD 1,007.4 mn in October 2025 compared to USD 910.1 mn in September 2025.

EXTERNAL ASSETS

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

Gross official Reserves USD 6.3 bn as end April 2025.

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

WORKERS' REMITTANCES

Category	2024 November	2025 November	Jan – Nov 2024	Jan – Nov 2025	% Change
Inflow USD mn	530.0	673.4	5,961.6	7,197.1	20.7
Rs. bn	154.8	206.3	1,804.8	2,160.8	19.7

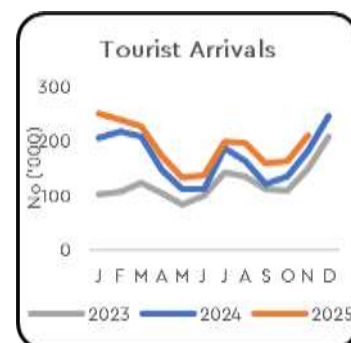
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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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	15.6	161.6	345.70	367.6	11.7
Mar	125,495	209,181	229,298	13.6	188.8	338.40	354.0	9.4
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	15.4	205.3	272.9	251.6	-7.8
Dec	210,352	248,592			269.3	362.1		
Total	1,487,303	2,053,465	2,103,593		2,068.0	3,168.6	2,910.6	

Source: Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority





FISCAL SECTOR

GOVERNMENT REVENUE (Rs. Mn)

Item	2021	2022	2023	2024 (a)	2025 (a) Jan - Oct
Tax Revenue	1,298,019	1,751,132	2,720,563	3,704,577	4,033,261
Income Tax	302,115	534,021	911,355	1,026,199	903,321
VAT	308,213	463,062	694,460	1,309,680	1,409,064
Excise Duty	306,861	342,523	469,622	598,529	834,646
PAL	154,125	180,595	175,486	170,014	146,882
Customs Duty	64,339	50,009	105,120	111,147	210,070
SCL	55,828	40,194	51,327	115,199	134,370
CESS	75,543	70,318	57,184	81,129	72,919
SSCL	-	36,111	216,181	250,869	243,091
Other	31,429	34,712	39,827	41,812	78,898
Non-Tax Revenue	159,052	228,052	328,259	326,261	302,895
Total Revenue	1,457,071	1,979,184	3,048,822	4,030,838	4,336,156

Source: Department of Fiscal Policy
(a) Provisional

GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE (Rs. Mn)

Item	2021	2022	2023	2024 (a)	2025 (a) Jan - Oct
Government Expenditure	3,521,735	4,472,556	5,356,591	6,130,739	4,805,825
Recurrent Expenditure	2,747,512	3,519,634	4,699,679	5,339,941	4,223,729
Salaries & Wages	845,680	956,211	939,496	1,066,048	962,738
Goods & Services	168,932	182,857	299,700	350,879	264,233
Interest	1,048,382	1,565,190	2,455,600	2,689,500	2,084,746
Subsidies & Transfers	684,518	815,376	1,004,884	1,233,514	912,012
Capital & Net Lending	774,223	952,923	656,912	790,798	582,095
Public Investments	789,636	1,014,293	932,745	817,092	591,398
Other	-15,413	-61,370	-275,833	-26,294	-9,303

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 Jun 2025 (a)
Total Domestic Debt	17,051.9	17,725.91	17,595.05	17,497.73	17,571.96	18,309.66	18,806.08
Total Foreign Debt	11,644.1	10,980.85	10,979.60	10,789.37	10,668.26	10,429.04	10,828.70
Total Government Debt	28,695.9	28,706.76	28,574.65	28,287.10	28,240.22	28,738.70	29,634.78

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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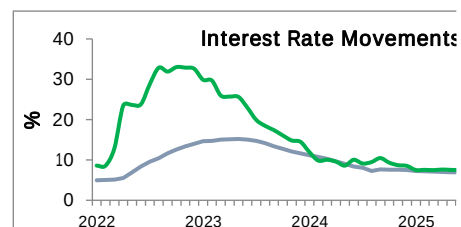


MONETARY SECTOR

REAL INTEREST RATES

Month	CCPI (2013 =100)	CCPI Point to Point Change	CCPI Annual Average Change	91 Days T Bill Rate	Real Interest Rate (Y on Y)	Real Interest Rate (Annual Avg)
Apr	195.2	1.5	5.7	9.61	-8.11	-4.2
May	194.1	0.9	3.9	8.62	-7.72	-3.0
June	195.6	1.7	3.1	10.07	-8.37	-1.4
July	194.7	2.4	2.8	9.14	-6.74	-0.4
Aug	191.1	0.5	2.5	9.49	-8.99	-2.0
Sep	190.9	-0.5	2.4	10.49	-10.99	-2.9
Oct	189.9	-0.8	2.2	9.35	-10.45	-3.0
Nov	189.4	-2.1	1.7	8.73	-10.83	-3.8
Dec	191.7	-1.7	1.2	8.55	-10.25	-2.9
Jan - 2025	192.6	-4.0	0.4	7.93	-11.93	-4.4
Feb	192.2	-4.2	-0.5	7.57	-11.77	-3.7
Mar	191.6	-2.6	-0.8	7.50	-10.1	-1.8
Apr	191.2	-2.0	-1.1	7.65	-9.65	-0.9
May	192.8	-0.7	-1.2	7.55	-8.25	0.5
June	194.5	-0.6	-1.4	7.55	-8.15	0.8
July	194.1	-0.3	-1.6	7.62	-7.92	1.3
August	193.3	1.2	-1.5	7.58	-6.38	2.7
September	193.7	1.5	-1.4	7.57	-6.07	2.9
October	193.8	2.1	-1.2	7.52	-5.42	3.3
November	193.4	2.1	-0.8			

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 19 th of December 2025	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)	7.99	7.96	8.00
Treasury Bill (Yield rate)			
91 Days	7.51	7.51	8.66
182 Days	7.91	7.91	8.81
364 Days	8.03	8.03	9.02
Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	8.78	7.75	8.72
	Oct	Month ago	Year ago
Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	6.79	6.80	7.61

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

MONEY SUPPLY AND CREDIT GROWTH

Item	Oct 2025	Sep 2025	Aug 2025	July 2025	June 2025	Oct 2024	Growth 2024 Oct / 2025 Sep (%)
M ₁	2,129.6	2,119.4	2,123.1	2,097.4	1,660.1	1,801.7	18.2
M ₂	13,641.4	13,641.4	13,512.8	13,400.7	2,079.8	12,364.9	11.1
M _{2b}	15,577.8	15,465.0	15,367.9	15,205.8	13,337.4	14,008.6	11.2

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

CREDIT TO PRIVATE SECTOR (RS. bn.)				
Item	Oct 2025	Month Ago	Year Ago	Growth 2024 / 2025 (%)
Credit to Private Sector	9,766.8	9,520.7	7,870.9	24.1
DBUs	9,183.1	8,935.4	7,301.2	25.8
OBU's	853.7	585.3	569.7	2.5

SHARE MARKET

Indicator	Week Ending 19 th December	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	22149.09	22,508.26	14654.26
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20)	6056.54	6,097.66	4390.12
Average Daily Turnover (Rs.Mn)	3454.16	3,025.45	5852.32
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	7949.73	8,019.82	5301.40

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange



EQUITY TRADING STATISTICS

Indicator	Nov 2025	Nov 2024	Jan - Nov 2025	Jan - Nov 2024
Turnover -Equity (Rs. Mn.)	94,686.3	73,004.9	1,155,793.8	404,616.2
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	89,923.6	69,204.5	1,082,268.1	357,133.9
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	4,762.6	3,800.5	73,525.7	47,482.3
Market Days	19	20	217	219
Daily Turnover Avg. Equity (Rs. Mn.)	4,989.5	3,650.2	5,326.3	1,847.6
Trade Equity	693,454	376,399	6,835,450	2,765,617
Domestic	682,827	368,970	6,734,745	2,701,018
Foreign	10,627	7,429	100,705	64,599
Shares Traded Equity (Mn)	3,016.1	2,681.7	44,181.2	16,894.5
Domestic (Mn.)	2,901.3	2,556.4	42,606.4	15,341.4
Foreign (Mn.)	114.8	125.3	2,120.8	1,553.2
Companies Traded	272	271	273	274
Companies Listed	284	285	284	

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

MARKET INDICATORS

Price Indices	Nov 2025	Oct 2025	Sep 2025
ASPI	22,712.82	22,804.84	21,778.60
S&P SL 20	6,267.03	6,213.91	6,126.53
Total Return Indicators			
ASTRI	34,469.19	34,516.17	32,936.68
S&P SL20 (TRI)	12,785.20	12,657.61	12,479.62
Market PER	11.16	10.06	9.59
Dividend Yield	2.37	2.36	2.47
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	8,122.78	8,122.47	7,752.26

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

STOCK MARKET - FOREIGN PURCHASES AND FOREIGN SALES

Indicator	Nov 2025	Nov 2024
Purchases by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	2,929.1	2,249.8
Sales by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	6,596.1	5,351.1
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. Mn)	-3,667.1	-3,101.3

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

