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DEPARTMENT OF FISCAL POLICY

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SRI LANKA

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

REAL SECTOR

- Economy expanded by 4.9 percent in the second quarter of 2025.
- Price of Brent Crude Oil increased by 1.44 USD bbl and WTI increased by 1.71 USD bbl, respectively.
- CCPI - Headline inflation (2021=100) increased to 1.2 percent (YoY) in August, 2025 from -0.3 percent (YoY) in July, 2025.
- NCPI - Headline inflation (2021=100) increased to 0.7 percent (YoY) in July, 2025 from 0.3 percent (YoY) in June, 2025.

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EXTERNAL SECTOR

- Sri Lankan rupee slightly depreciated to USD 1=Rs. 302.04 from USD 1=Rs. 301.89
- Exports increased to USD 1,302.2 mn in July 2025 compared to USD 1,141.8 mn in June 2025.
- Imports increased to USD 1,882.2 mn in July 2025 compared to USD 1,682.1 mn in June 2025.
- Trade deficit
 - USD 580.0 mn in July, 2025
- The gross official reserves stood at USD 6.1 bn as end of July 2025.
- Workers' remittances recorded USD 680.8 mn in August 2025.

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FISCAL SECTOR

Revenue (Provisional)

Jan – July 2025

- **Total Revenue** - Rs. 2,729.4 bn
(Excluding Grants)
- Tax Revenue - Rs. 2,533.9 bn
- Non-Tax Revenue - Rs. 195.5 bn

Expenditure (Provisional)

Jan – July 2025

- **Total Expenditure** - Rs. 3,291.0 bn
- Recurrent Expenditure - Rs. 3,000.8 bn
- Capital Expenditure - Rs. 290.2 bn

Debt (Provisional)

End of March 2025

- Total Outstanding Government Debt - Rs. 29,253.17 bn

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MONETARY SECTOR

- All Share Price Index (ASPI) increased by 2.3 percent to 21,085.09 points as at 19th September 2025 from 20,612.40 points as at 12th September, 2025
- S&P SL 20 Index increased by 2.1 percent to 5,996.16 points as at 19th September, 2025 from 5,873.12 points as at 12th September, 2025
- Credit to the private sector increased by 19.6 percent (YoY) in July, 2025

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REAL SECTOR

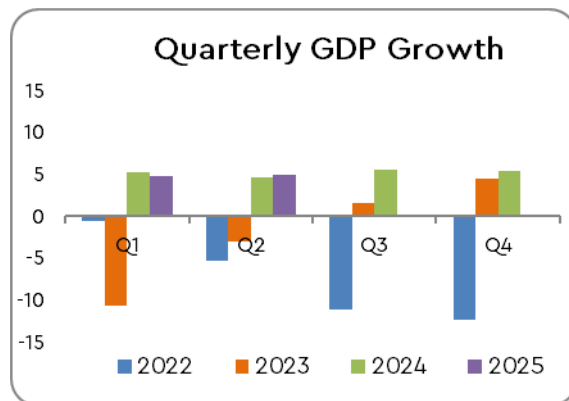
PRODUCTION

	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			
Agriculture	-0.7	2.0			
Industry	9.7	5.8			
Services	2.8	3.9			

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

Note : Growth rate of value added terms based on year 2010 up to 2021

Growth rate of value added terms based on year 2015 from 2022



GDP expanded by 4.9 % in 2nd quarter 2025

In the second quarter of 2025, the Sri Lankan economy experienced a growth of 4.9 percent, compared to 4.1 percent growth recorded in the same period of 2024. This expansion was observed recording a 2.0 percent, 5.8 percent and 3.9 percent growth in the agriculture, industry and service sector, respectively.

PADDY PRODUCTION

Category	Unit	2022			2023			2024		
		2021/ 2022 Maha	2022 Yala	Total	2022/ 2023 Maha	2023 Yala	Total	2023/ 2024 Maha	2024 Yala	Total
Production	Mn.Mt	1.93	1.46	3.39	2.70	1.82	4.52	2.72	1.98	4.7
	Bushels Mn.	92.56	70.05	162.61	129.2	87.1	216.3	130.5	94.7	225.2
Forecasted Production	Mn. Mt	2.31	1.61	3.92	2.62	1.83	4.45	2.63	1.77	4.4
Difference in Production	Mn. Mt	-0.38	-0.15	-0.53	0.08	-0.01	0.07	0.09	0.21	0.3
Net Extent Harvested	Hectares (‘000)	685.2	429.0	1,114.2	722.5	440.3	1,162.8	702.1	429.7	1,131.8
	Acres (‘000)	1,693.1	1,060.2	2,753.3	1,785.3	1,088.0	2,873.3	1,735.0	1,061.9	2,796.9
Average Yield	kg per ha	2,853	3,207	3,030	3,554	3,822	3,688	3,712	3,893	3,803

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

(a) Provisional

TEA, RUBBER & COCONUT PRODUCTION

Category	Crop	June 2024	June 2025	% Change
Production	Tea (Mn. Kg)	23.2	21.7	-6.3
	Rubber (Mn. Kg)	5.6	4.6	-19.2
	Coconut (Mn. Nuts)	244.6	289.5	18.2
Exports (USD Mn)	Tea	121.7	133.0	9.2
	Rubber	1.7	1.3	-21.9
	Coconut	33.0	50.6	53.2
Average Gross Prices	Tea (Rs./ Kg)	1,261.67	1,113.82	-11.7
	Rubber (Rs./ Kg)	675.00	-	-
	Coconut (Rs./nut)	79.53	127.94	60.9

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

FACTORY INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX (2015=100)

Item (a)	2024 July (b)	2025 July (c)	Change %
Manufacture of Food Products	105.7	99.4	-5.9
Manufacture of Beverages	116.2	125.7	8.2
Manufacture of Tobacco Products	81.7	70.0	-14.4
Manufacture of Textiles	104.2	119.6	14.8
Manufacture of Wearing Apparel	93.7	108.9	16.2
Manufacture of Leather and Related Products	99.2	100.5	1.3
Manufacture of Wood products, except Furniture; Articles of Straw & plaiting materials	72.4	64.3	-11.3
Manufacture of Paper and Paper Products	55.7	40.4	-27.5
Printing and Reproduction of Recorded Media	160.5	85.3	-46.9
Manufacture of Coke and Refined Petroleum Products	44.5	118.6	166.7
Manufacture of Chemicals and Chemical Products	84.0	88.4	5.2
Manufacture of Basic Pharmaceuticals, Pharmaceutical preparations	122.6	102.2	-16.6
Manufacture of Rubber and Plastic Products	94.6	84.8	-10.3
Manufacture of Other Non-Metallic Mineral Products	98.8	114.5	15.9
Manufacture of Basic Metals	114.3	104.0	-0.9
Manufacture of Fabricated Metal Products (except machines and equipment)	63.4	92.0	45.0
Manufacture of Electrical Equipment	75.3	53.9	-28.5
Manufacture of Machinery and Equipment (n.e.c)	132.5	131.7	-0.6
Manufacture of Furniture	63.9	56.7	-11.3
Other Manufacturing	65.2	60.1	-7.9
Overall Factory Industrial Production Index	95.3	101.4	6.4

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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

(b) Revised

(c) Provisional

LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

Employment	2023 Annual	2024 Q1	2024 Q2	2024 Q3	2024 Q4	2024 Annual	2025 Q1
Labour Force Participation Rate	48.6	47.1	47.8	46.9	47.7	47.4	49.7
Unemployment Rate	4.7	4.5	4.7	4.2	4.2	4.4	3.8
Male	3.6	3.1	3.6	2.6	2.8	3.0	2.5
Female	7.0	7.4	7.0	7.2	6.9	7.1	6.3
20-29	17.0	16.8	16.9	15.8	15.2	16.1	13.8
20-24	21.6	0.7	23.7	19.9	18.5	20.7	18.3
25-29	13.0	13.7	11.2	12.4	12.7	12.5	10.1

Source : Department of Census & Statistics



CRUDE OIL PRICES

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

Item	Sep 15	Sep 16	Sep 17	Sep 18	Sep 19	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Brent (New York Closing Prices)	67.27	67.64	68.40	67.69	67.36	65.92	66.22	73.14
WTI	62.99	63.48	64.46	63.76	63.61	61.90	63.04	70.28
Petrol	79.94	81.30	81.70	80.30	79.10	79.30	77.00	81.20
Diesel	82.37	81.84	84.42	83.21	82.75	82.94	77.81	79.06
Kerosene	86.21	86.20	88.56	87.51	87.03	86.47	82.44	85.17

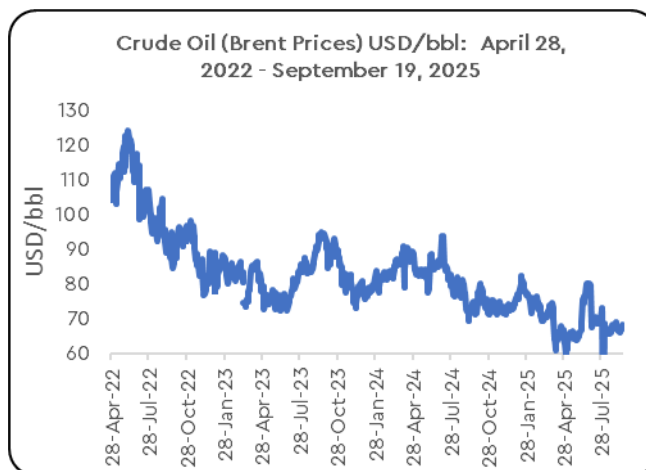
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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

Month	Brent	WTI European Market
April - 2024	83.76	78.83
May	83.76	78.86
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	79.26	75.26
October	79.09	75.09

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



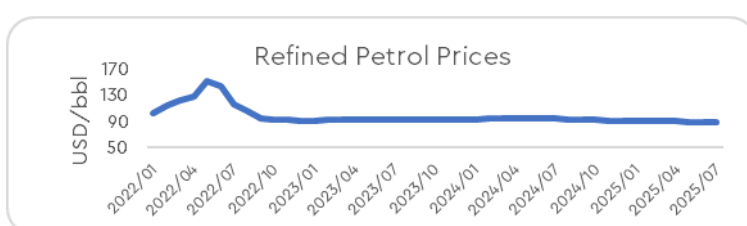
MONTHLY AVERAGE REFINED PRODUCT PRICES – SINGAPORE PLATTS PRICES (USD/BBL)

Month	Petrol	Diesel	Kerosene
April - 2024	94.48	98.61	104.40
May	94.34	98.14	103.85
June	94.01	97.81	103.50
July	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	88.10	91.02	96.34

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka (up to September 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	283.00
Petrol (Octane 92)	1 liter	370.00	346.00	309.00	299.00
Kerosene oil	1 liter	355.00	247.00	196.00	185.00
L P Gas	12.5 kg	4,409.00	3,565.00	3,690.00	3,690.00

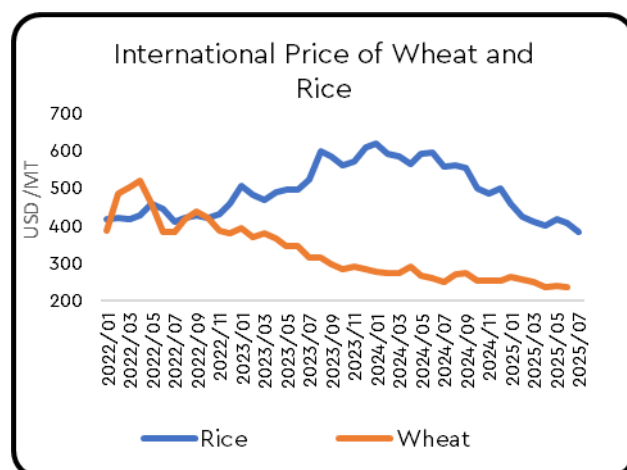


COMMODITY PRICES

INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES

Month	Rice Thai,25% USD/MT	Wheat (HRW) USD/MT
Jan - 2024	620.00	283.90
Feb	594.00	278.50
Mar	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

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



Category	Commodity	Unit	Quarterly Averages				
			Apr- Jun 2024	Jul - Sep 2024	Oct - Dec 2024	Jan - Mar 2025	Apr - Jun 2025
Energy	Crude Oil average	USD/mt	83.6	77.9	72.9	74.2	65.9
Non-Energy, Agriculture, Beverages	Cocoa	USD/kg	8.52	6.83	8.29	9.56	8.51
	Coffee, Arabica	USD/kg	5.28	5.85	6.80	8.59	8.47
	Tea, average	USD/kg	3.15	3.26	3.06	2.72	2.97
	Tea, Colombo auctions	USD/kg	4.19	4.07	4.04	4.05	3.86
Food, Fats & Oils	Coconut Oil	USD/mt	1,408	1,610	1,860	2,108	2,672
	Soybean Oil	USD/mt	986	1,051	1,101	1,040	1,150
	Palm Oil	USD/mt	890	937	1,145	1,069	946
Grains	Maize	USD/mt	194.0	177.6	198.1	214.2	205.0
	Wheat, US HRW	USD/mt	275.8	260.3	259.6	258.0	242.2
Other Food	Meat, Beef	USD/kg	5.93	6.27	6.16	6.62	6.67
	Meat, Chicken	USD/kg	1.45	1.39	1.47	1.60	1.77
	Sugar, World	USD/kg	0.43	0.43	0.45	0.41	0.39
Raw Materials, Timber	Plywood	¢/sheets	350.5	366.9	358.4	358.3	378.0
Other Raw Materials	Rubber RSS3, US	USD /kg	2.23	2.37	2.44	2.38	2.16
Fertilizers	Phosphate Rock	USD/mt	152.5	152.5	152.5	250.0	152.5
	TSP	USD/mt	450.4	505.8	490.8	479.0	559.6
	Urea	USD/mt	313.7	340.8	359.7	403.8	399.8
Metals and Minerals	Aluminium	USD/mt	2,523	2,381	2,573	2,630	2,449
	Gold	USD /toz	2,336	2,480	2,663	2,863	3,293
	Iron ore	USD /dmt	113.0	99.9	101.4	101.6	95.5

Source: The World Bank, Available at [https://thedocs.worldbank.org/en/doc/5d903e848db1d1b83e0ec8f744e55570-0350012021/related/CMO-Pink-Sheet-September 2023pdf](https://thedocs.worldbank.org/en/doc/5d903e848db1d1b83e0ec8f744e55570-0350012021/related/CMO-Pink-Sheet-September%2023pdf), <https://3mqas.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](https://www.globaldairytrade.info/en/product-results/whole-milk-powder/?=US%20cent) USD = US dollar

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

PETTAH MARKET

DAMBULLA MARKET

Average Wholesale Prices	Week Ending 19/09/2025	Week Ago	Year Ago, Annual Avg.
Rice (Rs/Kg)			
Samba	240.60	238.00	233.00
Kekulu (Red)	198.00	197.00	205.00
Vegetable			
Beans	320.00	260.00	200.00
Cabbage	122.00	162.00	180.00
Carrots	170.00	240.00	150.00
Tomatoes	150.00	128.00	150.00
Pumpkin	40.00	48.00	60.00
Snake Guard	154.00	162.00	186.67
Brinjals	220.00	280.00	186.67
Other Foods			
Red-Onions (Local)	267.00	251.40	325.00
Big Onions (Imported)	139.40	135.60	235.00
Potatoes (Local)	283.60	301.80	325.00
Dried Chillies (Imported)	617.00	618.40	730.00
Dhal	245.00	245.00	275.00
Eggs (White) (Each)	28.60	26.40	32.33
Coconut (Each)	170.00	168.00	107.00
Green Chillies	134.00	142.00	170.0
Lime	1,000.00	850.00	300.00
FISH MARKET – PELIYAGODA			
Kelawalla	1,380.00	1,500.00	-
Balaya	920.00	870.00	-
Salaya	266.00	540.00	-
Hurulla	900.00	900.00	-

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Food Item	Wholesale (Average)
Rice (Rs/Kg)	
Samba	239.00
Kekulu (Red)	194.00
Vegetables	
Pumpkins	36.20
Snake Gourd	152.00
Ash Plantains	69.20
Beans	321.00
Carrots	158.60
Tomatoes	120.00
Cabbage	105.00
Other Foods	
Potatoes (Local)	200.60
Dried Chillies (Imported)	623.00
Big-Onions (Imported)	133.20
Red-Onions (Local)	187.00
Coconut (Each)	141.00

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

MARANDAGAHAMULA AVERAGE PRICE OF RICE (RS/KG)

Item	Week Ending 19/09/2025	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	238.40	237.40	230.20	232.33
Kekulu (White)	196.20	194.60	196.40	209.33
Kekulu (Red)	192.20	188.80	191.00	210.00
Nadu	202.80	202.20	202.20	219.00

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

WEEKLY RETAIL COMMODITY PRICES – 3rd WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 2025

Item	Unit	Week ending 19/09/2025	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago
Rice					
Samba (Avg.)	1kg	264.02	261.67	0.9	272.45
No. 1	1kg	241.38	243.33	-0.8	242.35
No. 2	1kg	n.a	n.a		
Nadu Red	1kg	236.40	235.56	0.4	230.63
Raw Red (Avg)	1kg	202.48	203.60	-0.5	215.79
No. 1	1kg	216.15	217.20	-0.5	215.79
No. 2	1kg	188.80	190.00	-0.6	
Wheat Flour	1kg	193.89	192.89	0.5	191.90
Bread	450g	125.56	125.33	0.2	133.64
Sugar	1kg	239.50	241.29	-0.7	258.58
Milk Powder (Imported)	400g				
Milk Powder (Local)	400g				
Infant Milk Powder	300g				
Potatoes (Import)	1 kg	230.00	226.20	1.7	212.93
Potatoes (Local)	1kg	364.38	378.33	-3.7	431.63
Mysore Dhal (Avg)	1kg	232.71	329.30	-1.7	348.66
Cowpea (Avg)	1kg	1,126.25	1,101.91	2.2	933.031
Green Gram (Avg)	1kg	1,006.44	1,025.44	-1.9	978.00
Kadalai (Avg)	1kg	535.12	534.59	0.1	600.64
Meat					
Beef	1kg	2,728.57	2,740.00	-0.4	2,500.85
Chicken					
Fresh	1kg	1,351.76	1,370.91	-1.4	1,105.37
Broiler	1kg	1,150.00	1,150.00	0.0	1,070.67
Fresh Fish					
Paraw	1kg	2,777.14	2,887.50	-3.8	2,443.60
Balaya	1kg	1,462.86	1,433.33		1,432.92
Kelawalla	1kg	2,452.50	2,537.78	-3.4	2,375.56
Salaya	1kg	481.50	502.50	-4.2	494.17
Dried Fish					
Spratts	1kg	1,427.78	1,460.42	-2.2	1,261.02
Eggs	Each	31.65	31.77	-0.4	40.42
Coconut	Each	200.85	193.89	3.6	127.22
Coconut Oil	750ml	677.69	681.85	-0.6	511.61
Red Onions	1kg	381.58	376.18	1.4	440.35
B- Onions (Import)	1kg	165.00	158.52	4.1	304.54
Brinjal	1kg	451.72	480.67	-6.0	429.97
Beans Green	1kg	508.67	488.00	4.2	370.04
Bandakka	1kg	320.71	307.14	4.4	269.61
Leeks	1kg	301.33	313.67	-3.9	384.42
Beet Root	1kg	254.00	251.33	1.1	280.55
Carrot	1kg	385.33	445.00	-13.4	333.70
Green Chillies	1kg	442.00	428.28	3.2	499.39
Raddish	1kg	230.34	237.04	-2.8	235.08
Vetakolu	1kg	373.91	354.80	5.4	392.46
Bitter Guard	1kg	498.46	501.54	-0.6	410.03
Snake Guard	1kg	331.07	339.63	-2.5	380.80
Kolikuttu	1kg	354.23	343.33	3.2	563.17
Papaw	1kg	205.36	200.74	2.3	316.60
Pineapple	1kg	436.79	343.04	0.6	527.08

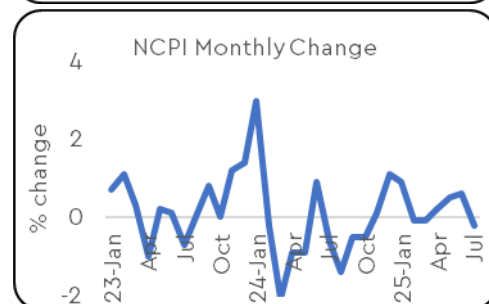
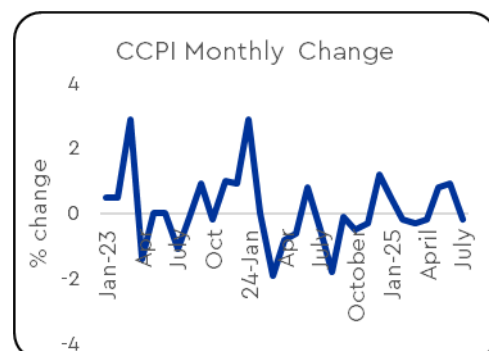
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INFLATION

TRENDS IN INFLATION

Month	CCPI (%) (2021=100)			NCPI (%) (2021=100)		
	Index Number	% Change Month on Month	Y on Y %	Index Number	% Change Month on Month	Y on Y %
Jan - 24	200.7	2.9	6.4	215.0	3.0	6.5
Feb	200.6	0.0	5.9	214.5	-0.2	5.1
Mar	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
August	193.3	-0.4	1.2			

Source: Department of Census and Statistics



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

Commodity	Value Change Rs.	Change %
Food	1,151.08	0.66
Rice	-30.90	-0.02
Coconut	1,516.45	0.86
Sea Fish	499.97	0.28
Chicken	244.59	0.14
Fresh Fruits	-414.00	-0.24
Vegetables	251.39	-0.14
Dried Chillies	-76.31	-0.04
Eggs	-193.53	-0.11
Red Onions	-16.00	-0.01
Big Onions	-418.56	-0.24
Potatoes	-89.57	-0.05
Ginger	n.a	n.a

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

MOVEMENTS OF THE CCPI IN FOOD ITEM (2021=100)

Month	Index Number	% Change Month to Month	Inflation
			Y on Y
Jan - 24	247.9	3.8	3.3
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
August	239.4	-1.5	2.0

Source :Department of Census and Statistics

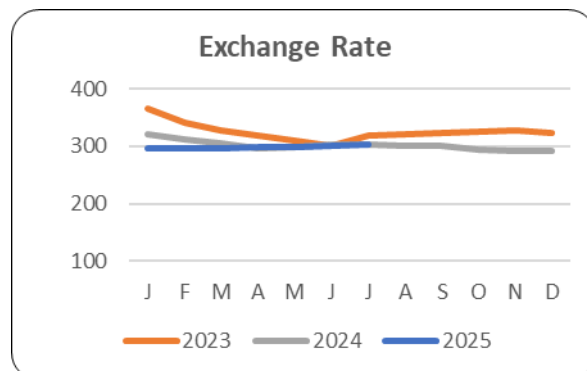


EXTERNAL SECTOR

EXCHANGE RATES

Currency	Week Ending 19 th September 2025	Week Ago	Year Ago	% Change 2024/25
US Dollar	302.81	301.89	303.89	-0.61
Sterling Pound	409.13	409.26	400.87	2.06
Euro	355.95	353.94	337.32	5.52
Japanese Yen	2.04	2.05	2.12	-3.77
Indian Rupee	3.43	3.42	3.63	-5.51

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

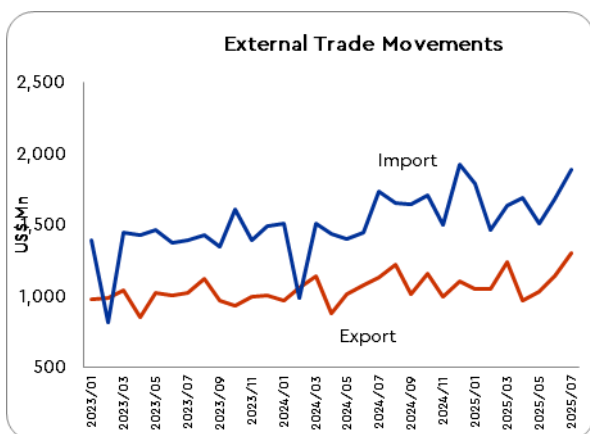


EXTERNAL TRADE

Category	July 2024 (USD mn)	July 2025 (USD mn)	Growth Rate (%)	Jan-July 2024 (USD mn)	Jan-July 2025 (USD mn)	Growth Rate (%)
Exports	1,130.3	1,302.2	15.2	7,274.7	7,794.3	7.1
Agricultural	264.9	310.1	17.1	1,545.9	1,737.7	12.4
Tea	124.7	141.0	13.1	811.7	884.1	8.9
Other	140.2	169.1	20.6	734.2	853.6	16.3
Industrial	860.9	974.6	14.4	5,698.0	6,029.1	5.8
Rubber Products	74.9	81.7	9.0	562.0	534.8	-4.8
Textiles and Garments	444.6	481.4	8.3	2,852.7	3,087.3	8.2
Food, Beverage and Tobacco	52.1	88.2	69.3	364.7	495.8	35.9
Other	289.3	323.3	11.8	1,918.60	1,911.20	-0.4
Mineral	2.4	2.5	2.1	14.8	12.6	-14.8
Unclassified	2.1	5.0	140.3	15.9	14.9	-6.0
Imports	1,734.1	1,882.2	8.5	10,418.5	11,644.4	11.8
Consumer Goods	323.3	480.1	48.5	1,857.5	2,795.6	50.5
Food and Beverages	177.1	171.1	-3.7	1,021.3	1,265.7	23.9
Other Consumer Goods	145.6	309.0	112.2	836.3	1,529.9	82.9
Intermediate Goods	1,066.6	992.8	-6.9	6,700.8	6,568.4	-2.0
Petroleum	336.9	269.7	-20.0	2,546.1	2,265.1	-11.0
Textiles & Textile Articles	279.4	248.7	-11.0	1,607.0	1,585.1	-1.4
Other Intermediate Goods	450.3	474.4	5.4	2,547.7	2,718.2	6.7
Investment Goods	343.9	408.7	18.8	1,854.8	2,271.3	22.5
Machinery and Equipment	222.5	263.1	18.3	1,242.7	1,471.2	18.4
Transport Equipment	26.9	55.0	104.5	88.2	228.7	159.2
Building Material	94.2	90.1	-4.4	522.5	569.2	8.9
Other Investment Goods	0.3	0.4	52.3	1.4	2.3	63.6
Unclassified	0.4	0.6	68.5	5.4	9.1	11.8
Trade Balance	1,397.2	1,612.5	15.4	7,872.4	9,379.0	19.1

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Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



Highlights

- Export earnings increased by 14.0 percent to USD 1,302.2 mn in July 2025 compared to USD 1,141.8 mn in June 2025.
- Import expenditure increased by 11.9 percent to USD 1,882.2 mn in July 2025 compared to USD 1,682.1 mn in June 2025.
- Trade deficit narrowed to USD 580.0 mn in July 2025 compared to USD 540.3 mn in June 2025.

EXTERNAL ASSETS

External Assets (USD bn)	June 2024	July 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	June 2025
Total Reserves	10.8	10.9	11.1	11.3	11.6	11.6	11.2	11.6	11.6	12.4	12.4	12.0	11.8
Gross Official Reserves	5.7	5.7	6.0	6.0	6.5	6.5	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.5	6.3	6.3	6.1

Gross official Reserves USD 6.3 bn as end April 2025.

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

WORKERS' REMITTANCES

Category	2024 August	2025 August	Jan – August 2024	Jan – August 2025	% Change
Inflow USD mn	577.5	680.8	4,288.2	5,116.0	19.3
Rs. bn	173.6	205.2	1,310.0	1,528.4	16.7

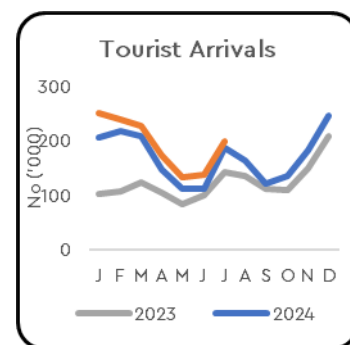
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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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			152.2	181.0		
Oct	109,199	135,907			136.7	185.6		
Nov	151,496	184,158			205.3	272.9		
Dec	210,352	248,592			269.3	362.1		
Total	1,487,303	2,053,465	1,566,523		2,068.0	3,168.6	2,290.0	

Source: Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority





FISCAL SECTOR

GOVERNMENT REVENUE (Rs. Mn)

Item	2021	2022	2023	2024 (a)	2025 (a) Jan - July
Tax Revenue	1,298,019	1,751,132	2,720,563	3,704,577	2,533,878
Income Tax	302,115	534,021	911,355	1,026,199	524,755
VAT	308,213	463,062	694,460	1,309,680	935,285
Excise Duty	306,861	342,523	469,622	598,529	497,097
PAL	154,125	180,595	175,486	170,014	100,705
Customs Duty	64,339	50,009	105,120	111,147	121,949
SCL	55,828	40,194	51,327	115,199	91,027
CESS	75,543	70,318	57,184	81,129	49,486
SSCL	-	36,111	216,181	250,869	166,675
Other	31,429	34,712	39,827	41,812	46,899
Non-Tax Revenue	159,052	228,052	328,259	326,261	195,482
Total Revenue	1,457,071	1,979,184	3,048,822	4,030,838	2,729,360

Source: Department of Fiscal Policy
(a) Provisional

GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE (Rs. Mn)

Item	2021	2022	2023	2024 (a)	2025 (a) Jan - July
Government Expenditure	3,521,735	4,472,556	5,356,591	6,130,739	3,290,966
Recurrent Expenditure	2,747,512	3,519,634	4,699,679	5,339,941	3,000,767
Salaries & Wages	845,680	956,211	939,496	1,066,048	658,866
Goods & Services	168,932	182,857	299,700	350,879	183,597
Interest	1,048,382	1,565,190	2,455,600	2,689,500	1,529,740
Subsidies & Transfers	684,518	815,376	1,004,884	1,233,514	628,565
Capital & Net Lending	774,223	952,923	656,912	790,798	290,199
Public Investments	789,636	1,014,293	932,745	817,092	294,556
Other	-15,413	-61,370	-275,833	-26,294	-4,357

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 Mar 2025 (a)
Total Domestic Debt	17,051.9	17,725.91	17,595.05	17,497.73	17,571.96	18,309.66	18,531.58
Total Foreign Debt	11,644.1	10,980.85	10,979.60	10,789.37	10,668.26	10,429.04	10,721.59
Total Government Debt	28,695.9	28,706.76	28,574.65	28,287.10	28,240.22	28,738.70	29,253.17

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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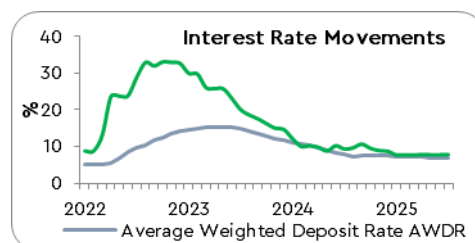


MONETARY SECTOR

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)
Jan - 24	200.7	6.4	14.2	11.97	-5.57	-7.8
Feb	200.6	5.9	11.3	9.87	-3.97	-5.4
Mar	196.7	0.9	8.0	10.07	-9.17	-7.1
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			

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 September 2025	Week Ago	Year Ago
Overnight Policy Rate (OPR)	7.75	7.75	
Standing Deposit Facility	7.25	7.25	8.25
Standing Lending Facility	8.25	8.25	9.25
Average Weighted Call Money Rate (AWCMR)	7.86	7.86	8.62
Treasury Bill (Yield rate)			
91 Days	7.57	7.58	10.49
182 Days	7.89	7.89	10.76
364 Days	8.02	8.02	10.07
Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)			
	July	Month ago	Year ago
Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	6.88	6.93	8.04

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

MONEY SUPPLY AND CREDIT GROWTH

Item	July 2025	June 2025	May 2025	Apr 2025	Dec 2024	July 2024	Growth 2024 April/2025 April (%)
M ₁	2,097.4	1,660.1	2,038.6	2,048.1	1,925.6	1,768.6	16.0
M ₂	13,400.7	2,079.8	13,165.6	13,128.8	12,660.6	12,193.2	18.4
M _{2b}	15,205.8	13,337.4	14,965.6	14,931.9	14,321.7	13,824.6	9.9

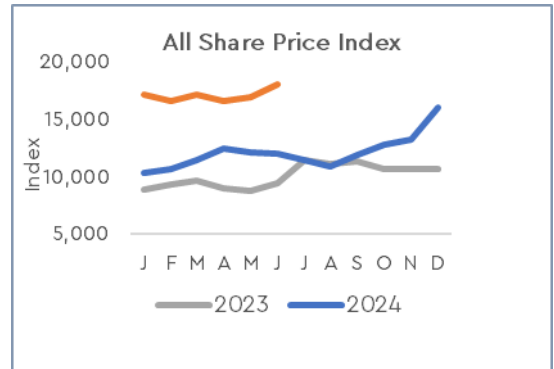
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

CREDIT TO PRIVATE SECTOR (RS. bn.)				
Item	July 2025	Month Ago	Year Ago	Growth 2024 /2025 (%)
Credit to Private Sector	9,057.6	8,856.1	7,572.6	19.6
DBUs	8,449.1	8,256.4	7,000.3	20.7
OBU's	608.5	599.7	572.3	6.3

SHARE MARKET

Indicator	Week Ending 19 th September	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	21,085.09	20,612.40	10,884.57
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20)	5,996.16	5,873.12	3,061.76
Average Daily Turnover (Rs.Mn)	6,509.69	5,847.91	1,228.73
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	7,479.23	7,312.61	4,044.96

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange



EQUITY TRADING STATISTICS

Indicator	August 2025	August 2024	Jan - Aug 2025	Jan - Aug 2024
Turnover -Equity (Rs. Mn.)	131,900.91	14,776.3	755,130.7	242,299.5
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	125,246.3	13,609.4	707,459.4	203,468.7
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	6,654.7	1,166.9	47,671.4	38,830.8
Market Days	20	21	156	159
Daily Turnover Avg. Equity (Rs. Mn.)	6,595.4	703.6	4,840.6	1,523.9
Trade Equity	808.2	157.2	4,412.3	1,799.6
Domestic	799.1	153.0	4,344.7	1,755.1
Foreign	9.1	4.2	67.6	44.5
Shares Traded -Equity (Mn)	4,779.0	627.0	29,325.1	10,818.9
Domestic (Mn.)	4,664.2	597.8	27,824.2	9,556.9
Foreign (Mn.)	114.6	29.1	1,500.9	1,261.9
Companies Traded	270	270	271	273
Companies Listed	286	286	286	

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

MARKET INDICATORS

Price Indices	August 2025	July 2025	June 2025
ASPI	20,997.36	19,642.48	18,026.72
S&P SL 20	6,076.79	5,762.17	5,352.51
Total Return Indicators			
ASTRI	31,726.72	29,631.34	27,096.48
S&P SL20 (TRI)	12,373.22	11,730.66	10,874.66
Market PER	9.81	9.14	8.54
Dividend Yield	2.30	2.52	2.70
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	7,425.45	6,895.69	6,437.95

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

STOCK MARKET - FOREIGN PURCHASES AND FOREIGN SALES

Indicator	Aug 2025	Aug 2024
Purchases by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	4,361.1	1,208.2
Sales by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	8,948.2	1,125.4
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. Mn)	-4,587.1	82.8

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

