



# WEEKLY ECONOMIC BULLETIN

## DEPARTMENT OF FISCAL POLICY

### MINISTRY OF FINANCE

#### SRI LANKA

The Week in Review  
13<sup>th</sup> April – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### REAL SECTOR

- Economy expanded by 5.0 percent in 2025.
- Price of Brent Crude Oil increased by 1.98 USD bbl and WTI decreased by 5.26 USD bbl, respectively.
- CCPI - Headline inflation (2021=100) increased to 2.2 percent (YoY) in March, 2026 from 1.6 percent (YoY) in February, 2026.
- NCPI – Headline inflation (2021=100) increased to 2.4 percent (YoY) in March, 2026 from 1.6 percent (YoY) in February, 2026.

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### EXTERNAL SECTOR

- The Sri Lankan rupee slightly depreciated to USD 1 = Rs. 315.99 from USD 1 = Rs. 315.53
- Exports decreased to USD 1,057.8 mn in February 2026 compared to USD 1,148.7 mn in January 2026.
- Imports increased to USD 1,833.8 mn in February 2026 compared to USD 1,803.3 mn in January 2026.
- Trade deficit
  - USD 776.1 mn in February, 2026
- The gross official reserves stood at USD 7.0 bn as end of March 2026.
- **Workers' remittances recorded USD 814.8 mn in March 2026.**

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### FISCAL SECTOR

#### Revenue (Provisional)

Jan 2026

- **Total Revenue** - Rs. 468.7 bn  
(Excluding Grants)
- Tax Revenue - Rs. 434.2 bn
- Non-Tax Revenue - Rs. 34.5 bn

#### Expenditure (Provisional)

Jan 2026

- **Total Expenditure** - Rs. 472.6 bn
- Recurrent Expenditure - Rs. 429.4 bn
- Capital Expenditure - Rs. 43.1 bn

#### Debt (Provisional)

▪ End of Dec 2025

Total Outstanding Government Debt  
- Rs. 29,994.7 bn

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### MONETARY SECTOR

- All Share Price Index (ASPI) increased by 2.91 percent to 22,773.29 points as at 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026 from 22,128.66 points as at 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026
- S&P SL 20 Index increased by 1.81 percent to 6,263.94 points as at 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 from 6,152.73 points as at 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2026
- Credit to the private sector increased by 26.4 percent (YoY) in February, 2026

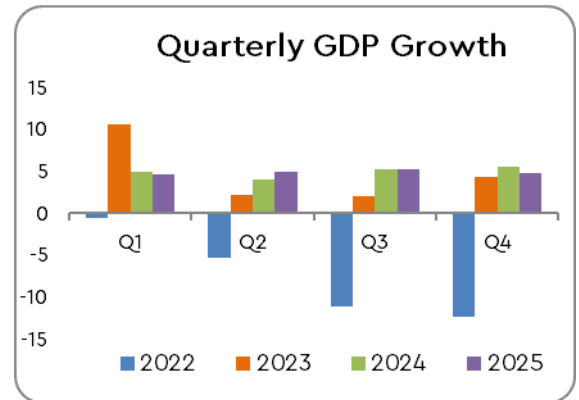
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# REAL SECTOR

## PRODUCTION

|             | 1 <sup>st</sup> Q | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Q | 4 <sup>th</sup> Q | Annual      |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| <b>2021</b> | <b>5.2</b>        | <b>13.2</b>       | <b>-2.1</b>       | <b>2.7</b>        | <b>4.2</b>  |
| Agriculture | 4.4               | 11.7              | -3.1              | -7.0              | 1.0         |
| Industry    | 6.6               | 22.7              | -1.8              | 0.1               | 5.7         |
| Services    | 4.4               | 7.3               | -1.6              | 4.3               | 3.4         |
| <b>2022</b> | <b>-0.7</b>       | <b>-5.3</b>       | <b>-11.1</b>      | <b>-12.4</b>      | <b>-7.3</b> |
| Agriculture | -3.7              | -7.3              | -8.1              | 2.7               | -4.1        |
| Industry    | -3.7              | -10.2             | -21.3             | -30.2             | -16.0       |
| Services    | 1.3               | -2.0              | -5.3              | -4.6              | -2.6        |
| <b>2023</b> | <b>-10.6</b>      | <b>-2.2</b>       | <b>2.0</b>        | <b>4.3</b>        | <b>-2.0</b> |
| Agriculture | 1.9               | 1.4               | -0.7              | -2.1              | 0.1         |
| Industry    | -24.3             | -12.4             | 0.1               | 7.9               | -9.2        |
| Services    | -4.5              | 1.6               | 2.8               | 3.0               | 0.5         |
| <b>2024</b> | <b>5.0</b>        | <b>4.0</b>        | <b>5.3</b>        | <b>5.5</b>        | <b>5.0</b>  |
| Agriculture | 1.6               | 1.7               | 2.2               | -2.8              | 0.6         |
| Industry    | 11.3              | 9.6               | 10.7              | 13.1              | 11.1        |
| Services    | 2.4               | 1.9               | 2.4               | 2.8               | 2.4         |
| <b>2025</b> | <b>4.7</b>        | <b>5.0</b>        | <b>5.3</b>        | <b>4.8</b>        | <b>5.0</b>  |
| Agriculture | -1.3              | 2.5               | 2.2               | 2.1               | 1.4         |
| Industry    | 9.8               | 5.7               | 7.9               | 7.3               | 7.8         |
| Services    | 2.7               | 4.0               | 3.6               | 3.1               | 3.3         |



### GDP expanded by 5.0 % in 2025

The Sri Lankan economy experienced a growth of 5.0 percent in 2025. This expansion was observed recording a 1.4 percent, 7.8 percent and 3.3 percent growth in the agriculture, industry and service sector, respectively.

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

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

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

## PADDY PRODUCTION

| Category                       | Unit                | 2023                  |              |         | 2024                  |              |         | 2025                  |              |          |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------|-----------------------|--------------|---------|-----------------------|--------------|----------|
|                                |                     | 2022/<br>2023<br>Maha | 2023<br>Yala | Total   | 2023/<br>2024<br>Maha | 2024<br>Yala | Total   | 2024/<br>2025<br>Maha | 2025<br>Yala | Total    |
| Production                     | Mn.Mt               | 2.70                  | 1.82         | 4.52    | 2.72                  | 1.98         | 4.7     | 2.75                  | 2.31         | 5.06     |
|                                | Bushels<br>Mn.      | 129.2                 | 87.1         | 216.3   | 130.5                 | 94.7         | 225.2   | 131.6                 | 110.63       | 242.23   |
| Forecasted<br>Production       | Mn. Mt              | 2.62                  | 1.83         | 4.45    | 2.63                  | 1.77         | 4.4     | 2.57                  | 2.27         | 4.48     |
| Difference<br>in<br>Production | Mn. Mt              | 0.08                  | -0.01        | 0.07    | 0.09                  | 0.21         | 0.3     | 0.18                  | 0.04         | 0.22     |
| Net Extent<br>Harvested        | Hectare<br>s ('000) | 722.5                 | 440.3        | 1,162.8 | 702.1                 | 429.7        | 1,131.8 | 701.5                 | 485.0        | 1,186.5  |
|                                | Acres<br>'000)      | 1,785.3               | 1,088.0      | 2,873.3 | 1,735.0               | 1,061.9      | 2,796.9 | 1,733.3               | 1,198.5      | 2,931.80 |
| Average<br>Yield               | kg per<br>ha        | 3,554                 | 3,822        | 3,688   | 3,712                 | 3,893        | 3,803   | 3,679                 | 4,760        | 8,439    |

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

(a) Provisional

## TEA, RUBBER & COCONUT PRODUCTION

| Category             | Crop               | January 2025 | January 2026 | % Change |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|----------|
| Production           | Tea (Mn. Kg)       | 21.5         | 20.7         | -3.6     |
|                      | Rubber (Mn. Kg)    | 5.7          | 5.9          | 4.4      |
|                      | Coconut (Mn. Nuts) |              |              |          |
| Exports (USD Mn)     |                    | January 2025 | January 2026 | % Change |
|                      | Tea                | 112.7        | 121.8        | 8.1      |
|                      | Rubber             | 3.3          | 2.4          | -28.6    |
|                      | Coconut            | 35.1         | 44.2         | 26.1     |
| Average Gross Prices |                    | January 2025 | January 2026 | % Change |
|                      | Tea (Rs./ Kg)      | 1,207.64     | 1,173.81     | -2.8     |
|                      | Rubber (Rs./ Kg)   | 750.00       | -            | -        |
|                      | Coconut (Rs./nut)  | 138.85       | 103.01       | -25.8    |

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

## FACTORY INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX (2015=100)

| Item (a)   | 2025<br>February<br>(c) | 2026<br>February<br>(c) | Change<br>% |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Manufacture of Food Products   | 97.3                    | 102.3                   | 5.2         |
| Manufacture of Beverages   | 111.7                   | 110.6                   | -1.0        |
| Manufacture of Tobacco Products  | 71.7                    | 67.3                    | -6.1        |
| Manufacture of Textiles  | 94.7                    | 93.2                    | -1.6        |
| Manufacture of Wearing Apparel   | 86.6                    | 102.4                   | 18.3        |
| Manufacture of Leather and Related Products  | 99.8                    | 116.8                   | 17.0        |
| Manufacture of Wood products, except Furniture; Articles of Straw & plaiting materials | 78.9                    | 77.8                    | -1.5        |
| Manufacture of Paper and Paper Products  | 55.9                    | 55.4                    | -0.9        |
| Printing and Reproduction of Recorded Media  | 103.3                   | 144.9                   | 40.1        |
| Manufacture of Coke and Refined Petroleum Products                                     | 95.1                    | 94.5                    | -0.6        |
| Manufacture of Chemicals and Chemical Products   | 73.4                    | 77.4                    | 5.3         |
| Manufacture of Basic Pharmaceuticals, Pharmaceutical preparations                      | 107.8                   | 111.5                   | 3.5         |
| Manufacture of Rubber and Plastic Products   | 88.0                    | 68.6                    | -22.0       |
| Manufacture of Other Non-Metallic Mineral Products                                     | 112.8                   | 108.2                   | -4.1        |
| Manufacture of Basic Metals  | 115.2                   | 104.7                   | -9.1        |
| Manufacture of Fabricated Metal Products (except machines and equipment)               | 73.1                    | 90.7                    | 23.9        |
| Manufacture of Electrical Equipment  | 66.2                    | 67.0                    | 1.2         |
| Manufacture of Machinery and Equipment (n.e.c)   | 135.7                   | 99.3                    | -26.8       |
| Manufacture of Furniture   | 58.0                    | 65.4                    | 12.6        |
| Other Manufacturing  | 57.9                    | 67.7                    | 16.9        |
| <b>Overall Factory Industrial Production Index</b>                                     | <b>93.4</b>             | <b>97.3</b>             | <b>4.1</b>  |

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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

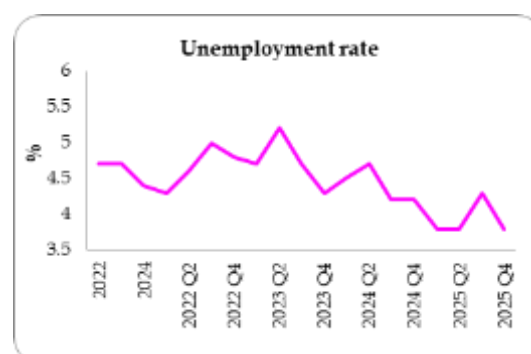
(b) Revised

(c) Provisional

## LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

| Employment                      | 2024<br>Q3 | 2024<br>Q4 | 2024<br>Annual | 2025<br>Q1 | 2025<br>Q2 | 2025<br>Q3 | 2025<br>Q4 |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Labour Force Participation Rate | 46.9       | 47.7       | 47.4           | 49.7       | 49.3       | 49.9       | 48.8       |
| Unemployment Rate               | 4.2        | 4.2        | 4.4            | 3.8        | 3.8        | 4.3        | 3.8        |
| Male                            | 2.6        | 2.8        | 3.0            | 2.5        | 2.6        | 3.2        | 2.7        |
| Female                          | 7.2        | 6.9        | 7.1            | 6.3        | 6.0        | 6.2        | 5.7        |
| 20-29                           | 15.8       | 15.2       | 16.1           | 13.8       | 13.8       | 14.9       | 13.1       |
| 20-24                           | 19.9       | 18.5       | 20.7           | 18.3       | 19.6       | 16.8       | 17.3       |
| 25-29                           | 12.4       | 12.7       | 12.5           | 10.1       | 9.3        | 13.3       | 9.5        |

Source : Department of Census & Statistics



## CRUDE OIL PRICES

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

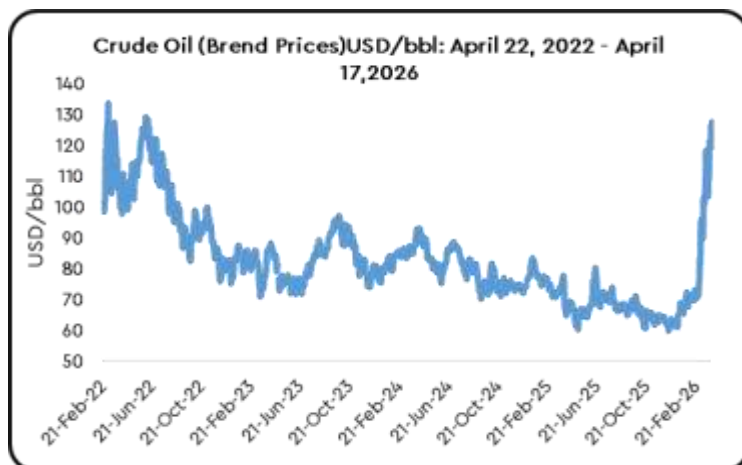
| Item     | Apr 13 | Apr 14 | Apr 15 | Apr 16 | Apr 17 | Week Ago | Month Ago | Year Ago |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Brent    | n.a    | n.a    | 94.69  | 95.20  | 98.39  | 96.41    | 103.04    | 66.17    |
| WTI      | n.a    | n.a    | 90.67  | 91.60  | 93.38  | 98.64    | 96.08     | 62.91    |
| Petrol   | n.a    | n.a    | 118.59 | 119.15 | 121.30 | n.a      | 134.00    | 73.8     |
| Diesel   | n.a    | n.a    | 173.59 | 170.15 | 167.70 | n.a      | 195.91    | 75.14    |
| Kerosene | n.a    | n.a    | 198.83 | 200.73 | 204.13 | n.a      | 200.17    | 79.77    |

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

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

| Month      | Brent Europe | WTI Cushing, Oklahoma |
|------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Sep - 2024 | 74.02        | 70.24                 |
| Oct        | 75.63        | 71.99                 |
| Nov        | 74.35        | 69.95                 |
| Dec        | 73.86        | 70.12                 |
| Jan - 2025 | 79.27        | 75.74                 |
| Feb        | 75.44        | 71.53                 |
| Mar        | 72.73        | 68.24                 |
| Apr        | 68.13        | 63.54                 |
| May        | 64.45        | 62.17                 |
| June       | 71.44        | 68.17                 |
| July       | 71.04        | 68.39                 |
| Aug        | 67.87        | 64.86                 |
| Sep        | 67.99        | 63.96                 |
| Oct        | 64.54        | 60.89                 |
| Nov        | 63.80        | 60.06                 |
| Dec        | 62.54        | 57.97                 |
| Jan - 2026 | 66.60        | 60.04                 |
| Feb        | 70.89        | 64.51                 |
| Mar        | 99.40        | 91.38                 |

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



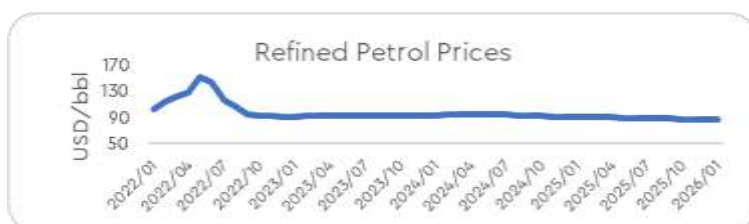
### MONTHLY AVERAGE REFINED PRODUCT PRICES – SINGAPORE PLATTS PRICES (USD/BBL)

| Month      | Petrol | Diesel | Kerosene |
|------------|--------|--------|----------|
| Oct - 2024 | 79.76  | 81.59  | 87.96    |
| Nov        | 79.07  | 82.89  | 89.62    |
| Dec        | 81.75  | 82.60  | 86.64    |
| Jan - 2025 | 83.97  | 88.72  | 92.92    |
| Feb        | 85.01  | 86.17  | 91.58    |
| Mar        | 79.71  | 80.88  | 85.34    |
| Apr        | 76.00  | 76.28  | 81.04    |
| May        | 74.61  | 73.46  | 78.15    |
| June       | 80.13  | 81.17  | 84.90    |
| July       | 77.91  | 84.20  | 87.23    |
| Aug        | 77.76  | 80.08  | 84.27    |
| Sep        | 79.53  | 82.96  | 87.08    |
| Oct        | 77.16  | 53.49  | 87.49    |
| Nov        | 78.88  | 0.00   | 93.22    |
| Dec        | 71.96  | 78.73  | 84.22    |
| Jan - 2026 | 72.50  | 80.55  | 83.53    |
| Feb        | 75.28  | 88.98  | 88.81    |
| Mar        | 87.44  | 88.42  | 97.82    |

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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

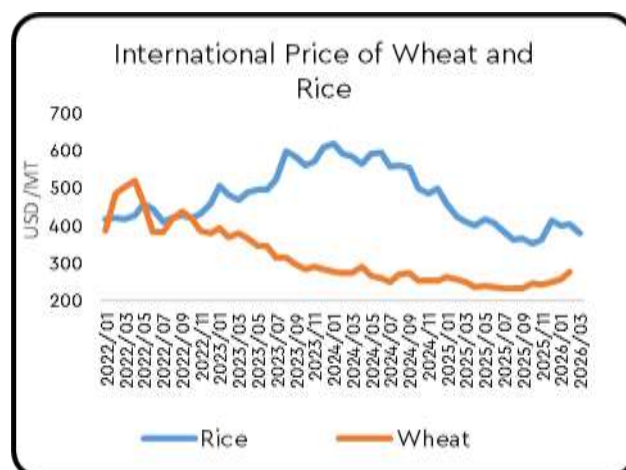
| Item               | Unit    | End 2023 | End 2024 | End 2025 | Current Price 2026 |
|--------------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|
| Auto Diesel        | 1 liter | 329.00   | 286.00   | 277.00   | 382.00             |
| Petrol (Octane 92) | 1 liter | 346.00   | 309.00   | 294.00   | 398.00             |
| Kerosene oil       | 1 liter | 247.00   | 188.00   | 180.00   | 255.00             |
| L P Gas            | 12.5 kg | 3,565.00 | 3,690.00 | 3,690.00 | 4,765.00           |



## COMMODITY PRICES

### INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES

| Month       | Rice<br>Thai,25%<br>USD/MT | Wheat (HRW)<br>USD/MT |
|-------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| July - 2024 | 557.00                     | 260.30                |
| Aug         | 560.00                     | 250.90                |
| Sep         | 556.00                     | 269.70                |
| Oct         | 499.00                     | 272.90                |
| Nov         | 487.00                     | 253.80                |
| Dec         | 500.00                     | 252.20                |
| Jan - 2025  | 459.00                     | 254.10                |
| Feb         | 424.00                     | 264.60                |
| Mar         | 410.00                     | 255.40                |
| Apr         | 401.00                     | 249.60                |
| May         | 416.00                     | 237.00                |
| June        | 408.00                     | 240.10                |
| July        | 382.00                     | 235.00                |
| Aug         | 363.00                     | 231.10                |
| Sep         | 367.00                     | 233.80                |
| Oct         | 351.00                     | 230.80                |
| Nov         | 362.00                     | 245.90                |
| Dec         | 414.00                     | 242.80                |
| Jan - 2026  | 402.00                     | 249.90                |
| Feb         | 404.00                     | 257.60                |
| Mar         | 379.00                     | 275.90                |



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

| Category                                 | Commodity             | Unit     | Quarterly Averages |                   |                   |                   |                   |
|--|-----------------------|----------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|  |                       |          | Jan - Mar<br>2025  | Apr -<br>Jun 2025 | Jul - Sep<br>2025 | Oct - Dec<br>2025 | Jan - Mar<br>2026 |
| Energy                                   | Crude Oil average     | USD/mt   | 74.2               | 65.9              | 67.5              | 62.1              | 75.7              |
|  | Cocoa                 | USD/kg   | 9.56               | 8.51              | 7.33              | 5.78              | 3.93              |
| Non-Energy,<br>Agriculture,<br>Beverages | Coffee, Arabica       | USD/kg   | 8.59               | 8.47              | 8.03              | 8.78              | 7.49              |
|  | Tea, average          | USD/kg   | 2.72               | 2.97              | 3.00              | 2.96              | 2.71              |
|  | Tea, Colombo auctions | USD/kg   | 4.05               | 3.86              | 3.93              | 3.95              | 3.75              |
| Food, Fats & Oils                        | Coconut Oil           | USD/mt   | 2,108              | 2,650             | 2,727             | 2,437             | 2,272             |
|  | Soybean Oil           | USD/mt   | 1,043              | 1,154             | 1,237             | 1,127             | 1,306             |
|  | Palm Oil              | USD/mt   | 1,068              | 946               | 1,013             | 1,001             | 1,049             |
| Grains                                   | Maize                 | USD/mt   | 214.2              | 205.0             | 191.6             | 201.9             | 208.9             |
|  | Wheat, US HRW         | USD/mt   | 258.0              | 242.2             | 233.3             | 239.8             | 261.1             |
| Other Food                               | Meat, Beef            | USD/kg   | 6.62               | 6.67              | 6.83              | 7.33              | 8.10              |
|  | Meat, Chicken         | USD/kg   | 1.60               | 1.77              | 1.73              | 1.76              | 1.73              |
|  | Sugar, World          | USD/kg   | 0.41               | 0.39              | 0.36              | 0.32              | 0.32              |
| Raw Materials,<br>Timber                 | Plywood               | ¢/sheets | 358.3              | 378.0             | 370.2             | 354.3             | 348.2             |
| Other Raw<br>Materials<br>Fertilizers    | Rubber RSS3, US       | USD /kg  | 2.38               | 2.16              | 2.16              | 2.03              | 2.26              |
|  | Phosphate Rock        | USD/mt   | 152.5              | 152.5             | 250.0             | 152.5             | 152.5             |
|  | TSP                   | USD/mt   | 479.0              | 559.6             | 660.8             | 611.1             | 541.2             |
|  | Urea                  | USD/mt   | 403.8              | 399.8             | 488.3             | 398.7             | 537.7             |
| Metals and Minerals                      | Aluminium             | USD/mt   | 2,630              | 2,449             | 2,619             | 2,829             | 3,193             |
|  | Gold                  | USD /toz | 2,863              | 3,293             | 3,459             | 4,152             | 4,876             |
|  | Iron ore              | USD /dmt | 101.6              | 95.5              | 100.1             | 103.5             | 102.9             |

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/?c=US cent USD = US dollar>

**WHOLESALE PRICES**  
**WEEK ENDING 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026 (RS /KG)**

**PETTAH MARKET**

**DAMBULLA MARKET**

| Average Wholesale Prices        | Week Ending 17/04/2026 | Week Ago | Year Ago, Annual Avg. |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| <b>Rice (Rs/Kg)</b>             |                        |          |                       |
| Samba                           | n.a                    | 248.00   | 235.00                |
| Kekulu (Red)                    | n.a                    | 195.00   | 215.00                |
| <b>Vegetable</b>                |                        |          |                       |
| Beans                           | n.a                    | 210.00   | 400.00                |
| Cabbage                         | n.a                    | 84.00    | 200.00                |
| Carrots                         | n.a                    | 260.00   | 425.00                |
| Tomatoes                        | n.a                    | 126.00   | 475.00                |
| Pumpkin                         | n.a                    | 80.00    | 180.00                |
| Snake Gourd                     | n.a                    | 240.00   | 300.00                |
| Brinjals                        | n.a                    | 70.00    | 450.00                |
| <b>Other Foods</b>              |                        |          |                       |
| Red-Onions (Local)              | n.a                    | 228.20   | n.a                   |
| Big Onions (Imported)           | n.a                    | 121.60   | 111.00                |
| Potatoes (Local)                | n.a                    | 310.20   | 298.50                |
| Dried Chillies (Imported)       | n.a                    | 928.40   | 600.00                |
| Dhal                            | n.a                    | 285.20   | 260.00                |
| Eggs (White) (Each)             | n.a                    | 38.60    | 25.50                 |
| Coconut (Each)                  | n.a                    | 130.00   | 170.00                |
| Green Chillies                  | n.a                    | 220.00   | 525.00                |
| Lime                            | n.a                    | 154.00   | 100.00                |
| <b>FISH MARKET - PELIYAGODA</b> |                        |          |                       |
| Kelawalla                       | 1,700.00               | 1,560.00 | -                     |
| Balaya                          | 1,100.00               | 1,075.00 | -                     |
| Salaya                          | 250.00                 | 680.00   | -                     |
| Hurulla                         | 1,100.00               | 1,140.00 | -                     |

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

| Food Item                 | Wholesale (Average) |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Rice (Rs/Kg)</b>       |                     |
| Samba                     | 240.00              |
| Kekulu (Red)              | 203.00              |
| <b>Vegetables</b>         |                     |
| Pumpkins                  | 51.50               |
| Snake Gourd               | 110.00              |
| Ash Plantains             | 145.00              |
| Beans                     | 205.00              |
| Carrots                   | 275.00              |
| Tomatoes                  | 97.50               |
| Cabbage                   | 95.00               |
| <b>Other Foods</b>        |                     |
| Potatoes (Local)          | 217.50              |
| Dried Chillies (Imported) | 950.00              |
| Big-Onions (Imported)     | 134.00              |
| Red-Onions (Local)        | 237.50              |
| Coconut (Each)            | 110.00              |

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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

| Item                  | Week Ending 17/04/2026 | Week Ago      | Month Ago | Year Ago |
|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------|
| <b>Samba</b>          | <b>253.00</b>          | <b>249.60</b> | 243.60    | 236.00   |
| <b>Kekulu (White)</b> | <b>199.00</b>          | <b>200.40</b> | 195.20    | 213.50   |
| <b>Kekulu (Red)</b>   | <b>198.00</b>          | <b>199.00</b> | 199.20    | 215.00   |
| <b>Nadu</b>           | <b>211.00</b>          | <b>211.00</b> | 205.00    | 222.50   |

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

## WEEKLY RETAIL COMMODITY PRICES – 2<sup>nd</sup> WEEK OF APRIL 2026

| Item               | Unit  | Week ending<br>10/04/2026 | Week<br>Ago | %<br>Change | Year<br>Ago |
|--------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Rice               |       |                           |             |             |             |
| Samba (Avg.)       | 1kg   | 283.17                    | 275.92      | 2.6%        | 249.51      |
| No. 1              | 1kg   | 261.33                    | 256.84      | 1.7%        | 243.64      |
| No. 2              | 1kg   |                           |             |             |             |
| Nadu Red           | 1kg   | 238.26                    | 234.58      | 1.6%        | 242.54      |
| Raw Red (Avg)      | 1kg   | 205.37                    | 204.47      | 0.4%        | 222.33      |
| No. 1              | 1kg   | 218.08                    | 217.08      | 0.5%        | 222.33      |
| No. 2              | 1kg   | 192.67                    | 191.86      | 0.4%        | 0.00        |
| Wheat Flour        | 1kg   | 190.00                    | 190.19      | -0.1%       | 182.25      |
| Bread              | 450g  | 132.35                    | 132.35      | 0.0%        | 132.00      |
| Sugar              | 1kg   | 234.53                    | 236.75      | -0.9%       | 238.42      |
| Maliban            | 400g  | 1,50.00                   | 1,150.00    | 0.0%        | 1,088.75    |
| Anchor             | 400g  | 1,150.00                  | 1,150.00    | 0.0%        | 1,096.43    |
| Pelwatta           | 400g  | 1,150.00                  | 1,150.00    | 0.0%        | 1,050.00    |
| Potatoes (Import)  | 1 kg  | 197.96                    | 200.45      | -1.2%       | 205.19      |
| Potatoes (Local)   | 1kg   | 373.08                    | 372.31      | 0.2%        | 374.79      |
| Mysore Dhal (Avg)  | 1kg   | 386.31                    | 373.68      | 3.4%        | 348.66      |
| Cowpea (Avg)       | 1kg   | 945.46                    | 947.11      | -0.2%       | 824.60      |
| Green Gram (Avg)   | 1kg   | 908.03                    | 887.65      | 2.3%        | 881.51      |
| Kadalai (Avg)      | 1kg   | 529.20                    | 518.93      | 2.0%        | 551.78      |
| Meat               |       |                           |             |             |             |
| Beef               | 1kg   | 2964.29                   | 3038.46     | -2.4%       | 2,719.13    |
| Chicken            |       |                           |             |             |             |
| Fresh              | 1kg   | 1,430.00                  | 1,419.17    | 0.8%        | 1,195.82    |
| Broiler            | 1kg   | 1,220.00                  | 1,200.00    | 1.7%        | 1,075.58    |
| Fresh Fish         |       |                           |             |             |             |
| Paraw              | 1kg   | 2,649.09                  | 2,640.00    | 0.3%        | 2,210.05    |
| Balaya             | 1kg   | 1,860.00                  | 1,897.14    | -2.0%       | 1,252.25    |
| Kelawalla          | 1kg   | 2,393.85                  | 2,443.53    | -2.0%       | 2,247.37    |
| Salaya             | 1kg   | 738.46                    | 681.18      | 8.4%        | 576.64      |
| Dried Fish         |       |                           |             |             |             |
| Spratts            | 1kg   | 1,532.69                  | 1,537.04    | -0.3%       | 1,018.88    |
| Eggs               | Each  | 43.00                     | 42.36       | 1.5%        | 33.02       |
| Coconut            | Each  | 173.27                    | 174.04      | -0.4%       | 197.44      |
| Coconut Oil        | 750ml | 760.38                    | 761.60      | -0.2%       | 646.41      |
| Red Onions         | 1kg   | 384.77                    | 372.75      | 3.2%        | 431.83      |
| B- Onions (Import) | 1kg   | 190.31                    | 196.32      | -3.1%       | 158.74      |
| Brinjal            | 1kg   | 344.00                    | 359.33      | -4.3%       | 628.04      |
| Beans Green        | 1kg   | 509.68                    | 536.33      | -5.0%       | 679.11      |
| Bandakka           | 1kg   | 289.66                    | 303.70      | -4.6%       | 465.45      |
| Leeks              | 1kg   | 389.68                    | 389.33      | 0.1%        | 349.96      |
| Beet Root          | 1kg   | 340.00                    | 339.31      | 0.2%        | 547.43      |
| Carrot             | 1kg   | 441.29                    | 472.00      | -6.5%       | 617.17      |
| Green Chillies     | 1kg   | 578.33                    | 603.45      | -4.2%       | 821.70      |
| Raddish            | 1kg   | 292.41                    | 302.14      | -3.2%       | 301.80      |
| Vetakolu           | 1kg   | 375.71                    | 382.40      | -1.7%       | 547.67      |
| Bitter Gourd       | 1kg   | 452.41                    | 462.96      | -2.3%       | 595.19      |
| Snake Gourd        | 1kg   | 364.44                    | 358.52      | 1.7%        | 498.60      |
| Kolikuttu          | 1kg   | 410.36                    | 379.26      | 8.2%        | 355.98      |
| Papaw              | 1kg   | 347.14                    | 358.15      | -3.1%       | 217.28      |
| Pineapple          | 1kg   | 393.08                    | 412.31      | -4.7%       | 438.45      |

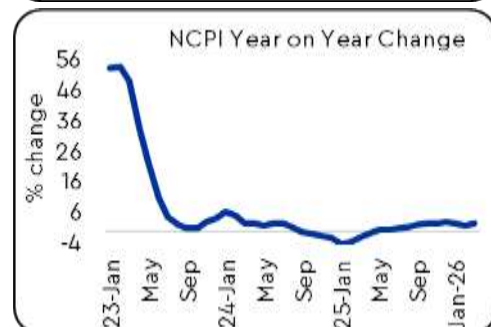
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# INFLATION

## 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 % |
| Jun - 24 | 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      | 209.4        | -0.9                    | 1.6      |
| Mar      | 195.8        | 0.3                     | 2.2      | 210.9        | 0.7                     | 2.4      |

Source: Department of Census and Statistics



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

| Commodity      | Value Change Rs. | Change % |
|----------------|------------------|----------|
| Food           | 407.42           | 0.23     |
| Rice           | -24.43           | -0.01    |
| Coconut        | -846.63          | -0.48    |
| Sea Fish       | 1,212.26         | 0.69     |
| Chicken        | 302.37           | 0.17     |
| Fresh Fruits   |                  |          |
| Vegetables     | -511.17          | -0.29    |
| Dried Chillies | 104.24           | 0.06     |
| Eggs           | 111.97           | 0.06     |
| Red Onions     | -66.13           | -0.04    |
| Big Onions     |                  |          |
| Potatoes       | -50.18           | -0.03    |
| Garlic         | -63.63           | -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    |
| Jun - 24 | 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       |
| Mar      | 240.9        | -0.8                    | 0.7       |

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

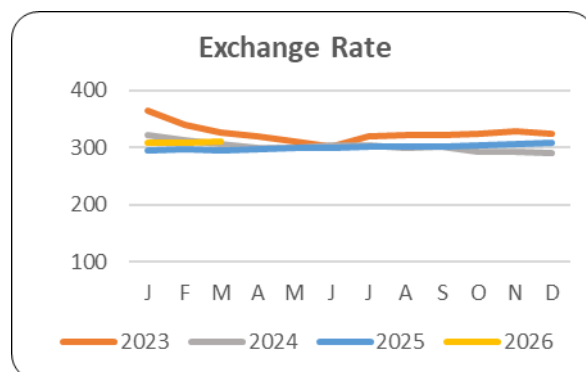


# EXTERNAL SECTOR

## EXCHANGE RATES (AVERAGE)

| Currency       | Week Ending 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 | Week Ago | Year Ago | % Change 2025/26 |
|----------------|---|----------|----------|------------------|
| US Dollar      | 315.99                                  | 315.53   | 298.71   | 5.78             |
| Sterling Pound | 427.12                                  | 423.61   | 395.01   | 8.12             |
| Euro           | 372.15                                  | 368.98   | 339.71   | 9.55             |
| Japanese Yen   | 1.98                                    | 1.98     | 2.10     | -5.71            |
| Indian Rupee   | 3.39                                    | 3.41     | 3.49     | -2.87            |

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka



## EXTERNAL TRADE

| Category                    | February 2025 (USD mn) | February 2026 (USD mn) | Growth Rate (%) | Jan – Feb 2025 (USD mn) | Jan – Feb 2026 (USD mn) | Growth Rate (%) |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Exports</b>              | 1,052.9                | 1,057.8                | 0.5             | 2,105.7                 | 2,206.6                 | 4.8             |
| <b>Agricultural</b>         | 229.2                  | 232.7                  | 1.5             | 451.0                   | 496.2                   | 10.0            |
| Tea                         | 119.4                  | 115.0                  | -3.7            | 232.1                   | 236.8                   | 2.0             |
| Other                       | 109.8                  | 117.7                  | 7.2             | 218.9                   | 259.4                   | 18.5            |
| <b>Industrial</b>           | 821.4                  | 820.9                  | -0.1            | 1,649.7                 | 1,698.2                 | 2.9             |
| Rubber Products             | 80.1                   | 75.5                   | -5.8            | 151.9                   | 151.0                   | -0.5            |
| Textiles and Garments       | 428.3                  | 385.9                  | -9.9            | 889.7                   | 834.5                   | -6.2            |
| Food, Beverage and Tobacco  | 58.3                   | 73.9                   | 26.8            | 114.2                   | 145.0                   | 27.0            |
| Other                       | 254.7                  | 285.6                  | 12.1            | 493.9                   | 567.7                   | 14.9            |
| <b>Mineral</b>              | 1.4                    | 3.4                    | 142.7           | 2.5                     | 8.7                     | 250.9           |
| <b>Unclassified</b>         | 0.8                    | 0.7                    | -17.5           | 2.5                     | 3.5                     | 36.1            |
| <b>Imports</b>              | 1,464.2                | 1,833.8                | 25.2            | 3,249.7                 | 3,637.1                 | 11.9            |
| <b>Consumer Goods</b>       | 351.0                  | 476.3                  | 35.7            | 731.3                   | 951.3                   | 30.1            |
| Food and Beverages          | 199.2                  | 162.1                  | -18.7           | 440.6                   | 322.9                   | -26.7           |
| Other Consumer Goods        | 151.8                  | 314.2                  | 107.0           | 290.7                   | 628.4                   | 116.2           |
| <b>Intermediate Goods</b>   | 840.0                  | 993.4                  | 18.3            | 1,901.4                 | 1,928.3                 | 1.4             |
| Petroleum                   | 278.4                  | 398.0                  | 43.0            | 696.0                   | 651.4                   | -6.4            |
| Textiles & Textile Articles | 230.8                  | 228.9                  | -0.8            | 463.6                   | 471.9                   | 1.8             |
| Other Intermediate Goods    | 330.8                  | 366.5                  | 10.8            | 741.8                   | 805.0                   | 8.5             |
| <b>Investment Goods</b>     | 269.4                  | 363.7                  | 35.0            | 609.5                   | 756.3                   | 24.1            |
| Machinery and Equipment     | 176.5                  | 229.0                  | 29.7            | 416.3                   | 465.3                   | 11.8            |
| Transport Equipment         | 17.4                   | 56.4                   | 223.4           | 34.4                    | 129.1                   | 274.7           |
| Building Material           | 74.9                   | 77.8                   | 3.8             | 158.0                   | 160.8                   | 1.7             |
| Other Investment Goods      | 0.6                    | 0.5                    | -16.7           | 0.8                     | 1.1                     | 37.5            |
| <b>Unclassified</b>         | 3.8                    | 0.5                    | -87.8           | 7.5                     | 1.2                     | -83.7           |
| <b>Trade Balance</b>        | <b>-411.3</b>          | <b>-776.1</b>          |                 | <b>-1,144.0</b>         | <b>-1,430.6</b>         |                 |

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Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



## Highlights

- Export earnings decreased by 7.9 percent to USD 1,057.8 mn in February 2026 compared to USD 1,148.7 mn in January 2026.
- Import expenditure increased by 1.7 percent to USD 1,833.8 mn in February 2026 compared to USD 1,803.3 mn in January 2026.
- Trade deficit widened to USD 776.1 mn in February 2026 compared to USD 654.5 mn in January 2026.

## EXTERNAL ASSETS

| External Assets (USD bn) | Jan 2025 | Feb 2025 | Mar 2025 | Apr 2025 | May 2025 | June 2025 | July 2025 | Aug 2025 | Sep 2025 | Oct 2025 | Nov 2025 | Dec 2025 | Jan 2026 |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Total Reserves           | 11.6     | 11.6     | 12.4     | 12.4     | 12.0     | 11.8      | 11.7      | 11.9     | 11.7     | 11.5     | 11.3     | 12.3     | 12.4     |
| Gross Official Reserves  | 6.1      | 6.1      | 6.5      | 6.3      | 6.3      | 6.1       | 6.1       | 6.2      | 6.2      | 6.2      | 6.0      | 6.8      | 6.8      |

Gross official Reserves USD 6.3 bn as end April 2025.

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

## WORKERS' REMITTANCES

| Category |        | 2025 March | 2026 March | Jan – Mar 2025 | Jan – Mar 2026 | % Change |
|----------|--------|------------|------------|----------------|----------------|----------|
| Inflow   | USD mn | 693.3      | 814.8      | 1,814.4        | 2,294.9        | 26.5     |
|          | Rs. bn | 205.2      | 254.1      | 537.6          | 712.3          | 32.5     |

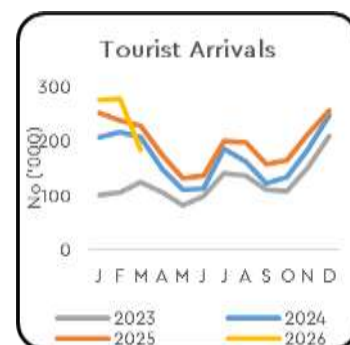
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## TOURIST ARRIVALS

| Month        | Arrivals         |                  |         |                  | Earnings USD mn |                |              |                  |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|---------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|
|              | 2024             | 2025             | 2026    | % change 2025/26 | 2024            | 2025           | 2026         | % change 2025/26 |
| Jan          | 208,253          | 252,761          | 277,327 | 9.7              | 341.80          | 400.7          | 378.3        | -5.6             |
| Feb          | 218,350          | 240,217          | 279,328 | 16.28            | 345.70          | 367.6          | 352.0        | -4.2             |
| Mar          | 209,181          | 229,298          | 183,979 | -19.8            | 338.40          | 354.0          | 223.7        | 36.8             |
| 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> | 740,634 |                  | <b>3,168.6</b>  | <b>3,219.2</b> | <b>954.0</b> |                  |

Source: Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority





# FISCAL SECTOR

## GOVERNMENT REVENUE (Rs. Mn)

| Item                   | 2022             | 2023             | 2024             | 2025 (a)         | 2026 (a) Jan   |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| <b>Tax Revenue</b>     | <b>1,751,132</b> | <b>2,720,563</b> | <b>3,704,577</b> | <b>5,049,192</b> | <b>434,227</b> |
| Income Tax             | 534,021          | 911,355          | 1,026,199        | 1,139,373        | 44,153         |
| VAT                    | 463,062          | 694,460          | 1,309,680        | 1,746,874        | 187,306        |
| Excise Duty            | 342,523          | 469,622          | 598,529          | 1,058,707        | 102,358        |
| PAL                    | 180,595          | 175,486          | 170,014          | 180,853          | 16,807         |
| Customs Duty           | 50,009           | 105,120          | 111,147          | 275,894          | 26,337         |
| SCL                    | 40,194           | 51,327           | 115,199          | 164,599          | 11,153         |
| CESS                   | 70,318           | 57,184           | 81,129           | 90,373           | 7,824          |
| SSCL                   | 36,111           | 216,181          | 250,869          | 294,520          | 29,678         |
| Other                  | 34,712           | 39,827           | 41,812           | 98,000           | 8,613          |
| <b>Non-Tax Revenue</b> | <b>228,052</b>   | <b>328,259</b>   | <b>326,261</b>   | <b>400,210</b>   | <b>34,519</b>  |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>   | <b>1,979,184</b> | <b>3,048,822</b> | <b>4,030,838</b> | <b>5,449,402</b> | <b>468,746</b> |

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

| Item                             | 2022             | 2023             | 2024             | 2025 (a)         | 2026 (a) Jan   |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| <b>Government Expenditure</b>    | <b>4,472,556</b> | <b>5,356,591</b> | <b>6,130,739</b> | <b>6,230,415</b> | <b>472,559</b> |
| <b>Recurrent Expenditure</b>     | <b>3,519,634</b> | <b>4,699,679</b> | <b>5,339,941</b> | <b>5,232,388</b> | <b>429,413</b> |
| Salaries & Wages                 | 956,211          | 939,496          | 1,066,048        | 1,163,942        | 102,723        |
| Goods & Services                 | 182,857          | 299,700          | 350,879          | 334,687          | 17,788         |
| Interest                         | 1,565,190        | 2,455,600        | 2,689,500        | 2,500,674        | 226,635        |
| Subsidies & Transfers            | 815,376          | 1,004,884        | 1,233,514        | 1,233,085        | 82,267         |
| <b>Capital &amp; Net Lending</b> | <b>952,923</b>   | <b>656,912</b>   | <b>790,798</b>   | <b>998,026</b>   | <b>43,146</b>  |
| Public Investments               | 1,014,293        | 932,745          | 817,092          | 1,015,825        | 43,569         |
| <b>Other</b>                     | <b>-61,370</b>   | <b>-275,833</b>  | <b>-26,294</b>   | <b>-17,798</b>   | <b>-423</b>    |

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## GOVERNMENT DEBT (Rs.Bn)

|                              | End 2023        | End 2024         | End Aug 2025 (a) | End Sep 2025 (a) | End Oct 2025 (a) | End Nov 2025 (a) | End 2025 (a)     |
|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Total Domestic Debt          | 17,051.9        | 18,309.66        | 18,679.49        | 18,701.46        | 18,653.51        | 18,535.75        | 18,675.32        |
| Total Foreign Debt           | 11,644.1        | 10,429.04        | 10,980.73        | 10,974.34        | 11,018.72        | 11,079.53        | 11,319.36        |
| <b>Total Government Debt</b> | <b>28,695.9</b> | <b>28,738.70</b> | <b>29,660.22</b> | <b>29,675.81</b> | <b>29,672.23</b> | <b>29,615.28</b> | <b>29,994.69</b> |

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka  
(a) provisional

## KEY FISCAL INDICATORS 2023 -2025

| Indicator                        | 2023          |            | 2024          |            | 2025          |            |
|----------------------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|
|                                  | Rs.bn.        | % of GDP   | Rs.bn.        | % of GDP   | Rs.bn.        | % of GDP   |
| Total Revenue                    | 3,048.82      | 11.1       | 4,030.84      | 13.4       | 5,449.40      | 16.6       |
| Tax Revenue                      | 2,720.56      | 9.9        | 3,704.58      | 12.3       | 5,049.19      | 15.4       |
| Non-Tax Revenue                  | 328.26        | 1.2        | 326.26        | 1.1        | 400.21        | 1.2        |
| Recurrent Expenditure            | 4,699.68      | 17.1       | 5,339.94      | 17.7       | 5,232.39      | 16.0       |
| <b>Capital &amp; Net Lending</b> | <b>656.91</b> | <b>2.4</b> | <b>790.80</b> | <b>2.6</b> | <b>988.03</b> | <b>3.0</b> |
| Public Investment                | 932.75        | 3.4        | 817.09        | 2.7        | 1,015.83      | 3.1        |
| Budget Deficit                   | -2,282,267    | -8.3       | -2,039.93     | -6.8       | -744.86       | -2.3       |
| Central Government Debt          | 28,695.95     | 104.2      | 28,738.70     | 95.5       | 29,994.69     | 91.6       |

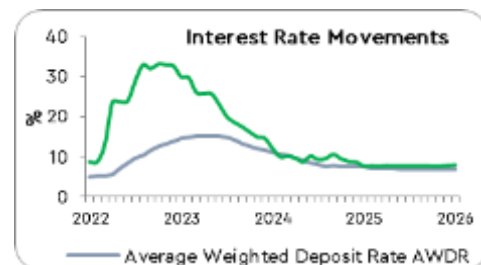
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# MONETARY SECTOR

## REAL INTEREST RATES

| Month      | CCPI (2013 =100) | CCPI Point to Point Change | CCPI Annual Average Change | 91 Days T Bill Rate |
|------------|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Aug - 2024 | 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                        | 7.63                |
| Mar        | 195.8            | 2.2                        | 0.9                        | -                   |



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 17th of April 2026 | Week Ago         | Year Ago        |
|--|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Overnight Policy Rate (OPR)                | 7.75                           | 7.75             | 8.00            |
| Standing Deposit Facility Rate             | 7.25                           | 7.25             | 7.50            |
| Standing Lending Facility Rate             | 8.25                           | 8.25             | 8.50            |
| Average Weighted Call Money Rate (AWCMR)   | 7.67                           | 7.63             | 7.96            |
| Treasury Bill (Yield rate)                 |                                |                  |                 |
| 91 Days                                    | 8.15                           | 7.95             | 7.59            |
| 182 Days                                   | 8.22                           | 8.14             | 7.96            |
| 364 Days                                   | 8.52                           | 8.45             | 8.31            |
| Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR) | 9.79                           | 9.81             | 8.44            |
|  | <b>Feb</b>                     | <b>Month ago</b> | <b>Year ago</b> |
| Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)       | 6.83                           | 6.81             | 7.21            |

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

## MONEY SUPPLY AND CREDIT GROWTH

| Item            | Feb 2026 | Jan 2026 | Dec 2023 | Dec 2024 | Dec 2025 | Feb 2025 | Growth 2025 Feb/2026 Feb (%) |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------------------------|
| M <sub>1</sub>  | 2,319.6  | 2,251.9  | 1,658.0  | 1,925.6  | 2,288.0  | 1,938.3  | 19.7                         |
| M <sub>2</sub>  | 14,375.8 | 14,200.4 | 11,485.1 | 12,660.6 | 14,093.4 | 12,825.9 | 12.1                         |
| M <sub>20</sub> | 16,276.3 | 16,069.0 | 13,189.1 | 14,321.7 | 15,975.0 | 14,543.8 | 11.9                         |

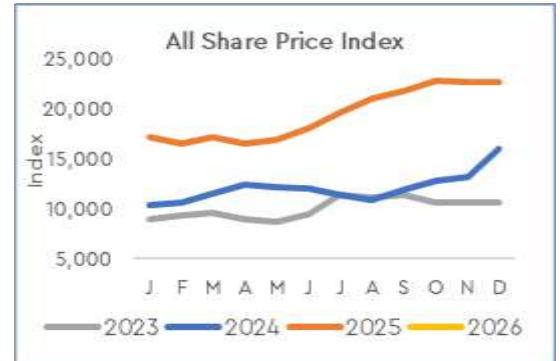
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

| CREDIT TO PRIVATE SECTOR (RS. bn.) |          |           |          |                       |
|------------------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------------------|
| Item                               | Feb 2026 | Month Ago | Year Ago | Growth 2024 /2025 (%) |
| Credit to Private Sector           | 10,439.1 | 10,294.8  | 8,256.9  | 26.4                  |
| DBUs                               | 9,881.5  | 9,738.9   | 7,666.8  | 28.9                  |
| OBU                                | 557.7    | 555.9     | 590.1    | -5.5                  |

## SHARE MARKET

| Indicator                                 | Week Ending 17 <sup>th</sup> April - 2026 | Week Ago  | Year Ago  |
|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| All Share Price Index (ASPI) (1985 = 100) | 22,773.29                                 | 22,128.66 | 15,616.57 |
| S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20)     | 6,263.94                                  | 6,152.73  | 4,624.24  |
| Average Daily Turnover (Rs.Mn)            | 4,974.72                                  | 5,016.12  | 841.23    |
| Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)            | 8,211.17                                  | 7,949.62  | 5,576.39  |

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange



## EQUITY TRADING STATISTICS

| Indicator                            | Mar 2026 | Mar 2025 | Jan - Mar 2026 | Jan - Mar 2025 |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Turnover -Equity (Rs. Mn.)</b>    | 98,821.5 | 40,353.1 | 340,336.3      | 239,201.6      |
| Domestic (Rs. Mn.)                   | 95,018.5 | 37,259.8 | 315,035.0      | 221,607.9      |
| Foreign (Rs. Mn.)                    | 3,803.1  | 3,093.3  | 25,301.3       | 17,593.6       |
| Market Days                          | 21       | 19       | 59             | 56             |
| Daily Turnover Avg. Equity (Rs. Mn.) | 4,705.8  | 2,123.8  | 5,768.4        | 4,271.5        |
| <b>Trade Equity</b>                  | 844,415  | 258,621  | 2,473,266      | 1,415,833      |
| Domestic                             | 830,210  | 254,026  | 2,440,292      | 1,389,630      |
| Foreign                              | 14,205   | 4,595    | 32,974         | 26,203         |
| <b>Shares Traded _Equity (Mn)</b>    | 4,659.4  | 1,481.4  | 12,933.1       | 9,369.1        |
| Domestic (Mn.)                       | 4,534.3  | 1,402.9  | 12,325.1       | 8,866.6        |
| Foreign (Mn.)                        | 125.1    | 78.4     | 608.1          | 502.5          |
| Companies Traded                     | 271      | 269      | 273            | 269            |
| Companies Listed                     | 289      | 289      | 285            | -              |

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

## MARKET INDICATORS

| Price Indices                  | Mar 2026  | Feb 2026  | Jan 2026  |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| ASPI                           | 21,066.18 | 23,734.06 | 23,812.31 |
| S&P SL 20                      | 5,904.10  | 6,635.97  | 6,641.15  |
| <b>Total Return Indicators</b> |           |           |           |
| ASTRI                          | 32,319.71 | 36,165.68 | 36,232.67 |
| S&P SL20 (TRI)                 | 12,244.47 | 13,588.00 | 13,583.87 |
| Market PER                     | 10.64     | 11.66     | 11.30     |
| Dividend Yield                 | 3.07      | 2.62      | 2.49      |
| Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.) | 7,522.00  | 8,425.24  | 8,498.37  |

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

## STOCK MARKET - FOREIGN PURCHASES AND FOREIGN SALES

| Indicator                        | March 2026 | March 2025 |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Purchases by Foreigners (Rs. Mn) | 1,985.2    | 2,260.0    |
| Sales by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)     | 5,620.9    | 3,926.6    |
| Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. Mn)   | -3,635.7   | -1,666.6   |

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

