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SRI LANKA

The Week in Review
29th September – 03rd October 2025

REAL SECTOR

- Economy expanded by 4.9 percent in the second quarter of 2025.
- Price of Brent Crude Oil decreased by 5.32 USD bbl and WTI decreased by 4.58 USD bbl, respectively.
- CCPI - Headline inflation (2021=100) increased to 1.5 percent (YoY) in September, 2025 from 1.2 percent (YoY) in August, 2025.
- NCPI - Headline inflation (2021=100) increased to 1.5 percent (YoY) in August, 2025 from 0.7 percent (YoY) in July, 2025.

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EXTERNAL SECTOR

- Sri Lankan rupee slightly depreciated to USD 1=Rs. 302.52 from USD 1=Rs. 302.49
- Exports decreased to USD 1,282.3 mn in August 2025 compared to USD 1,302.2 mn in July 2025.
- Imports decreased to USD 1,696.5 mn in August 2025 compared to USD 1,882.2 mn in July 2025.
- Trade deficit
 - USD 414.2 mn in August, 2025
- The gross official reserves stood at USD 6.2 bn as end of August 2025.
- Workers' remittances recorded USD 680.8 mn in August 2025.

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FISCAL SECTOR

Revenue (Provisional)

Jan – Aug 2025

- **Total Revenue** - Rs. 3,294.7 bn
(Excluding Grants)
- Tax Revenue - Rs. 3,068.5 bn
- Non-Tax Revenue - Rs. 226.2 bn

Expenditure (Provisional)

Jan – Aug 2025

- **Total Expenditure** - Rs. 3,712.5 bn
- Recurrent Expenditure - Rs. 3,381.3 bn
- Capital Expenditure - Rs. 331.2 bn

Debt (Provisional)

▪ End of June 2025

Total Outstanding Government Debt
- Rs. 29,634.78 bn

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MONETARY SECTOR

- All Share Price Index (ASPI) increased by 2.3 percent to 22,094.89 points as at 03rd October 2025 from 21,598.99 points as at 26th September, 2025
- S&P SL 20 Index increased by 1.24 percent to 6,187.51 points as at 03rd October, 2025 from 6,111.57 points as at 26th September, 2025
- Credit to the private sector increased by 19.6 percent (YoY) in July, 2025

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REAL SECTOR

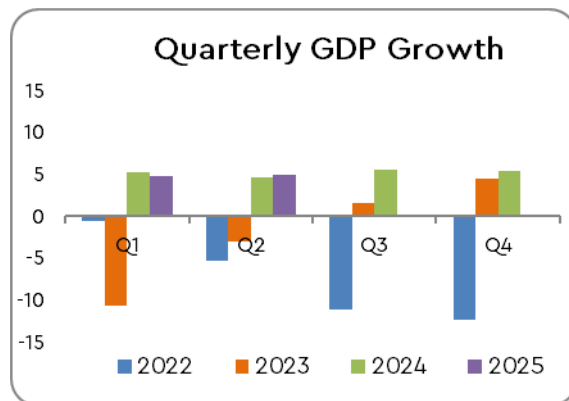
PRODUCTION

	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	July 2024	July 2025	% Change
Production	Tea (Mn. Kg)	23.2	21.4	(7.9)
	Rubber (Mn. Kg)	6.2	4.5	(27.8)
	Coconut (Mn. Nuts)	227.0	285.3	25.7
Exports (USD Mn)	Tea	124.7	141.0	13.1
	Rubber	1.9	2.9	53.5
	Coconut	38.4	59.2	54.0
Average Gross Prices	Tea (Rs./ Kg)	1,242.44	1,143.73	(7.9)
	Rubber (Rs./ Kg)	700.00	730.00	4.3
	Coconut (Rs./nut)	83.08	126.61	52.4

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)

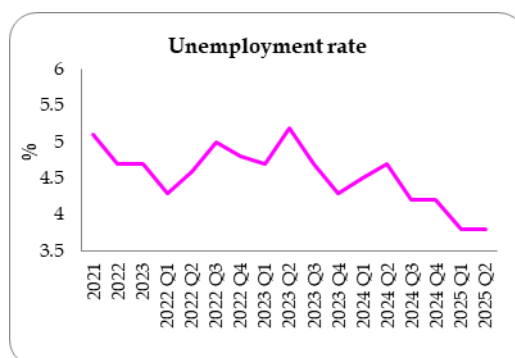
(b) Revised

(c) Provisional

LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

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

Source : Department of Census & Statistics



CRUDE OIL PRICES

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

Item	Sep 29	Sep 30	Oct 01	Oct 02	Oct 03	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Brent (New York Closing Prices)	69.60	67.65	66.17	65.66	64.35	69.67	69.08	74.65
WTI	65.14	63.20	62.50	62.10	60.73	65.31	65.59	70.90
Petrol	80.00	77.80	77.75	75.55	75.00	80.10	81.30	78.35
Diesel	85.52	82.44	83.71	82.95	81.37	86.33	83.78	80.25
Kerosene	90.40	87.22	88.09	87.33	85.75	91.34	87.39	85.69

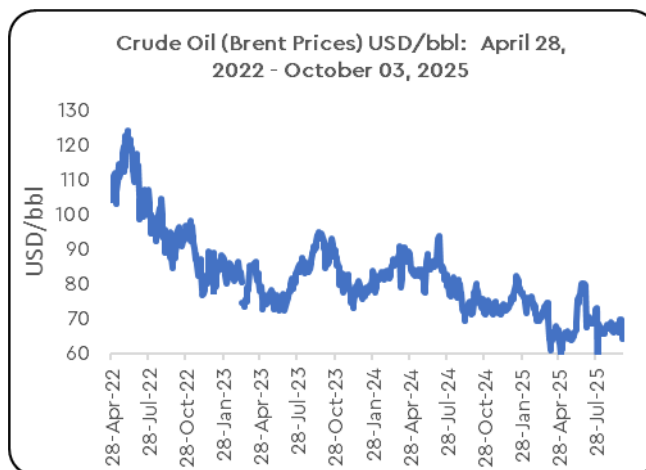
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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

Month	Brent	WTI European Market
May 2024	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	78.99	74.99
October	78.93	74.93

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka (up to October 03, 2025)



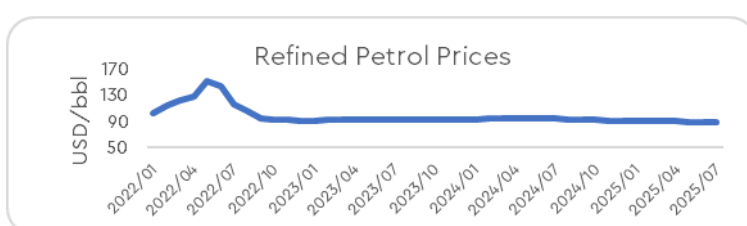
MONTHLY AVERAGE REFINED PRODUCT PRICES – SINGAPORE PLATTS PRICES (USD/BBL)

Month	Petrol	Diesel	Kerosene
May - 2024	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	88.00	90.94	96.26
October	87.94	90.90	96.22

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka (up to October 03, 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

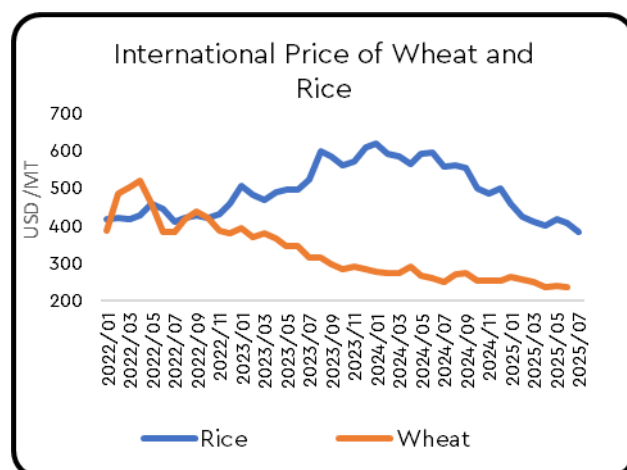


COMMODITY PRICES

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

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

WHOLESALE PRICES
WEEK ENDING 03rd October 2025 (RS /KG)

PETTAH MARKET

DAMBULLA MARKET

Average Wholesale Prices	Week Ending 03/10/2025	Week Ago	Year Ago, Annual Avg.
Rice (Rs/Kg)			
Samba	240.00	240.00	229.60
Kekulu (Red)	203.00	198.00	203.00
Vegetable			
Beans	290.00	320.00	230.00
Cabbage	88.00	104.00	166.00
Carrots	156.00	114.00	104.00
Tomatoes	122.00	132.00	236.00
Pumpkin	40.00	40.00	56.00
Snake Guard	196.00	180.00	158.00
Brinjals	176.00	176.00	200.00
Other Foods			
Red-Onions (Local)	236.00	267.00	310.40
Big Onions (Imported)	126.20	135.80	217.80
Potatoes (Local)	227.40	235.40	288.80
Dried Chillies (Imported)	613.60	617.00	713.80
Dhal	243.00	245.00	278.00
Eggs (White) (Each)	30.20	31.00	29.80
Coconut (Each)	165.00	167.00	107.00
Green Chillies	230.00	168.00	142.00
Lime	1,480.00	1,260.00	350.00
FISH MARKET – PELIYAGODA			
Kelawalla	1,787.50	1,487.50	-
Balaya	790.00	850.00	-
Salaya	352.00	352.00	-
Hurulla	700.00	912.00	-

Food Item	Wholesale (Average)
Rice (Rs/Kg)	
Samba	238.80
Kekulu (Red)	192.80
Vegetables	
Pumpkins	48.80
Snake Gourd	183.00
Ash Plantains	71.60
Beans	289.00
Carrots	138.00
Tomatoes	109.00
Cabbage	79.00
Other Foods	
Potatoes (Local)	189.60
Dried Chillies (Imported)	625.00
Big-Onions (Imported)	124.40
Red-Onions (Local)	189.60
Coconut (Each)	145.00

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

MARANDAGAHAMULA AVERAGE PRICE OF RICE (RS/KG)

Item	Week Ending 03/10/2025	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	238.60	237.40	236.00	226.00
Kekulu (White)	200.20	194.40	188.33	208.20
Kekulu (Red)	191.80	190.60	189.00	209.20
Nadu	209.40	204.00	200.33	217.80

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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WEEKLY RETAIL COMMODITY PRICES – 1st WEEK OF OCTOBER 2025

Item	Unit	Week ending 03/10/2025	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago
Rice					
Samba (Avg.)	1kg	267.73	264.90	1.1	268.31
No. 1	1kg	242.95	243.81	-0.4	239.42
No. 2	1kg				
Nadu Red	1kg	235.38	235.00	0.2	232.12
Raw Red (Avg)	1kg	206.27	203.66	1.3	215.70
No. 1	1kg	218.21	214.31	1.8	215.70
No. 2	1kg	194.33	193.00	0.7	
Wheat Flour	1kg	190.21	192.67	-1.3	187.36
Bread	450g	132.00	132.00	0.0	133.64
Sugar	1kg	233.10	235.84	-1.2	259.79
Maliban	400g	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.0	1050.00
Anchor	400g	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.0	1,050.00
Pelwatta	400g	1,125.00	1,125.00	0.0	1,110.00
Potatoes (Import)	1 kg	226.96	225.60	0.6	211.68
Potatoes (Local)	1kg	354.12	362.65	-2.4	377.27
Mysore Dhal (Avg)	1kg	329.71	328.95	0.2	348.91
Cowpea (Avg)	1kg	1,149.48	1,114.13	3.2	908.35
Green Gram (Avg)	1kg	940.56	982.89	-4.3	903.83
Kadalai (Avg)	1kg	535.39	535.62	0.0	617.08
Meat					
Beef	1kg	2,733.33	2,707.14	1.0	2,467.22
Chicken					
Fresh	1kg	1,298.00	1,320.77	-1.7	1,090.79
Broiler	1kg	1,180.00	1,150.00	2.6	1,105.83
Fresh Fish					
Paraw	1kg	2,747.50	2,785.71	-1.4	2,303.47
Balaya	1kg	1,460.00	1,402.00	4.1	1,209.32
Kelawalla	1kg	2,498.46	2,362.67	5.7	2,162.93
Salaya	1kg	450.50	470.59	-4.3	473.83
Dried Fish					
Spratts	1kg	1,411.11	1,417.31	-0.4	1,336.54
Eggs	Each	32.50	33.65	-3.4	40.23
Coconut	Each	195.97	195.52	0.2	134.72
Coconut Oil	750ml	665.67	681.48	-2.3	534.39
Red Onions	1kg	381.78	381.60	0.0	449.97
B- Onions (Import)	1kg	160.00	191.32	-3.4	300.60
Brinjal	1kg	398.97	397.33	0.4	350.63
Beans Green	1kg	478.33	506.67	-5.6	456.35
Bandakka	1kg	324.14	324.67	-0.2	279.93
Leeks	1kg	292.00	297.24	-1.8	338.22
Beet Root	1kg	251.33	247.33	1.6	278.85
Carrot	1kg	319.33	333.33	-4.2	251.54
Green Chillies	1kg	483.21	446.79	8.2	553.81
Raddish	1kg	242.07	425.00	-1.2	228.92
Vetakolu	1kg	330.00	356.92	-7.5	377.83
Bitter Guard	1kg	533.75	515.77	3.5	499.36
Snake Guard	1kg	356.80	356.92	0.0	388.57
Kolikuttu	1kg	363.60	353.85	2.8	439.17
Papaw	1kg	207.59	207.69	0.0	224.88
Pineapple	1kg	449.23	434.63	3.4	561.79

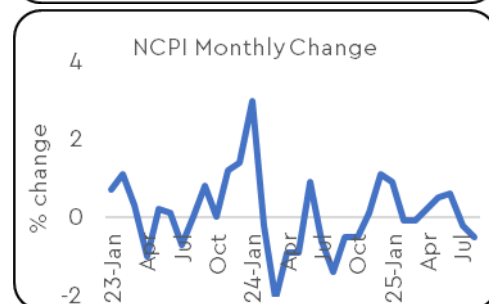
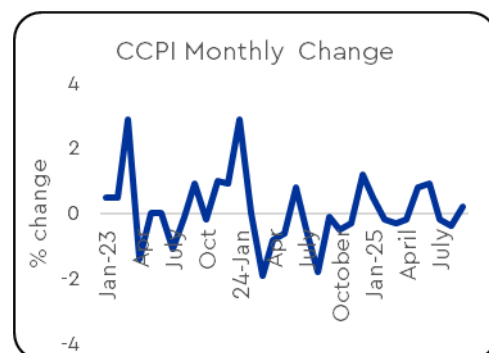
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INFLATION

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 %
Feb - 24	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
Aug	193.3	-0.4	1.2	207.2	-0.5	1.5
Sep	193.7	0.2	1.5			

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	1,640.51	0.94
Rice	-164.27	-0.09
Coconut	1,456.13	0.83
Sea Fish	443.58	0.25
Chicken	382.12	0.22
Fresh Fruits	-588.53	-0.34
Vegetables	91.27	-0.05
Dried Chillies	-83.92	0.05
Eggs	-209.19	-0.12
Red Onions	-41.78	0.02
Big Onions	-499.73	-0.28
Potatoes	-61.76	-0.04
Garlic	-51.45	0.03

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
Aug	239.4	-1.5	2.0

Source :Department of Census and Statistics

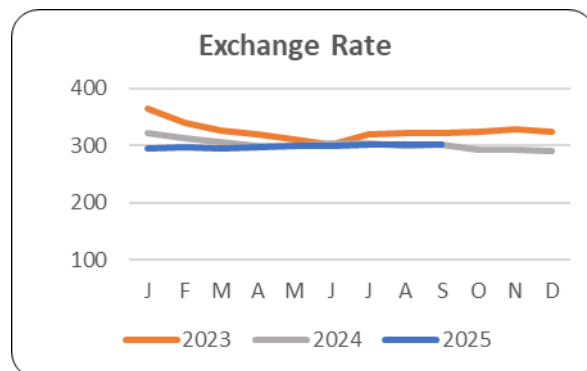


EXTERNAL SECTOR

EXCHANGE RATES

Currency	Week Ending 03 rd October 2025	Week Ago	Year Ago	% Change 2024/25
US Dollar	302.52	302.49	296.56	2.01
Sterling Pound	406.55	403.88	393.14	3.41
Euro	354.68	353.19	327.39	8.34
Japanese Yen	2.05	2.02	2.02	1.49
Indian Rupee	3.41	3.41	3.51	-2.85

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

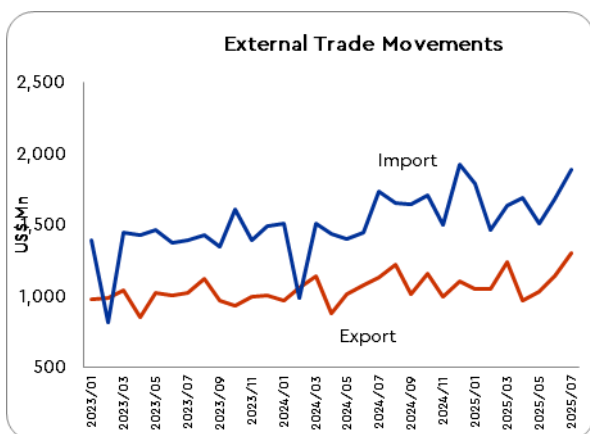


EXTERNAL TRADE

Category	August 2024 (USD mn)	August 2025 (USD mn)	Growth Rate (%)	Jan-Aug 2024 (USD mn)	Jan-Aug 2025 (USD mn)	Growth Rate (%)
Exports	1,231.70	1,282.3	4.1	8,506.3	9,076.7	6.7
Agricultural	258.1	292.6	13.4	1,804.0	2,030.2	12.5
Tea	130.5	141.9	8.7	942.3	1,026.0	8.9
Other	127.6	150.7	18.1	861.7	1,004.2	16.5
Industrial	967.8	986.3	1.9	6,665.8	7,015.4	5.2
Rubber Products	101.1	83.8	-17.1	663.1	618.6	-6.7
Textiles and Garments	512.1	508.1	-0.8	3,364.8	3,595.3	6.9
Food, Beverage and Tobacco	63	81.5	29.4	427.7	577.3	35.0
Other	291.6	312.9	7.3	2,210.2	2,224.2	0.6
Mineral	4	1.7	-57.5	18.8	14.3	-23.9
Unclassified	1.8	1.8	0.0	17.7	16.8	-5.1
Imports	1,654.00	1,696.5	2.6	12,072.5	13,340.9	10.5
Consumer Goods	318.8	499.1	56.6	2,176.3	3,294.7	51.4
Food and Beverages	192.9	154	-20.2	1,214.1	1,419.6	16.9
Other Consumer Goods	125.9	345.1	174.1	962.2	1,875.1	94.9
Intermediate Goods	1049.2	869	-17.2	7,750.0	7,437.4	-4.0
Petroleum	350.5	255.2	-27.2	2,896.5	2,520.6	-13.0
Textiles & Textile Articles	232.3	208.4	-10.3	1,839.3	1,793.5	-2.5
Other Intermediate Goods	466.4	405.4	-13.1	3,014.2	3,123.3	3.6
Investment Goods	285.5	325.9	14.2	2,140.3	2,597.2	21.3
Machinery and Equipment	195.9	187.2	-4.4	1,438.6	1,658.4	15.3
Transport Equipment	9.8	58	491.8	98.0	286.7	192.6
Building Material	79.4	80.5	1.4	601.9	649.6	7.9
Other Investment Goods	0.4	0.2	-50.0	1.8	2.5	38.9
Unclassified	0.5	2.6	420.0	5.9	11.6	96.6
Trade Balance	-422.3	-414.2		-3,566.2	-4,264.2	

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Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



Highlights

- Export earnings decreased by 1.5 percent to USD 1,282.3 mn in August 2025 compared to USD 1,302.2 mn in July 2025.
- Import expenditure decreased by 9.9 percent to USD 1,696.5 mn in August 2025 compared to USD 1,882.2 mn in July 2025.
- Trade deficit narrowed to USD 414.2 mn in August 2025 compared to USD 580.0 mn in July 2025.

EXTERNAL ASSETS

External Assets (USD bn)	July 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025
Total Reserves	10.9	11.1	11.3	11.6	11.6	11.2	11.6	11.6	12.4	12.4	12.0	11.8	11.7
Gross Official Reserves	5.7	6.0	6.0	6.5	6.5	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.5	6.3	6.3	6.1	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

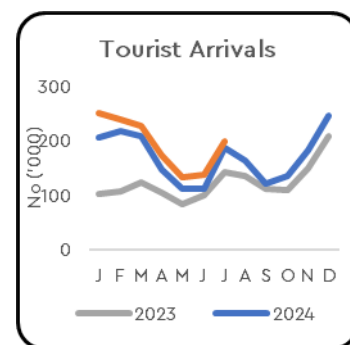
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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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 - Aug
Tax Revenue	1,298,019	1,751,132	2,720,563	3,704,577	3,068,495
Income Tax	302,115	534,021	911,355	1,026,199	702,351
VAT	308,213	463,062	694,460	1,309,680	1,084,248
Excise Duty	306,861	342,523	469,622	598,529	607,927
PAL	154,125	180,595	175,486	170,014	115,886
Customs Duty	64,339	50,009	105,120	111,147	150,988
SCL	55,828	40,194	51,327	115,199	103,641
CESS	75,543	70,318	57,184	81,129	56,529
SSCL	-	36,111	216,181	250,869	190,813
Other	31,429	34,712	39,827	41,812	56,110
Non-Tax Revenue	159,052	228,052	328,259	326,261	226,244
Total Revenue	1,457,071	1,979,184	3,048,822	4,030,838	3,294,740

Source: Department of Fiscal Policy
(a) Provisional

GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE (Rs. Mn)

Item	2021	2022	2023	2024 (a)	2025 (a) Jan - Aug
Government Expenditure	3,521,735	4,472,556	5,356,591	6,130,739	3,712,492
Recurrent Expenditure	2,747,512	3,519,634	4,699,679	5,339,941	3,381,309
Salaries & Wages	845,680	956,211	939,496	1,066,048	760,687
Goods & Services	168,932	182,857	299,700	350,879	210,640
Interest	1,048,382	1,565,190	2,455,600	2,689,500	1,680,571
Subsidies & Transfers	684,518	815,376	1,004,884	1,233,514	722,411
Capital & Net Lending	774,223	952,923	656,912	790,798	331,183
Public Investments	789,636	1,014,293	932,745	817,092	338,846
Other	-15,413	-61,370	-275,833	-26,294	-7,663

Compiled by Department of Fiscal Policy
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GOVERNMENT DEBT (Rs.bn)

	End 2023	End Aug 2024	End Sep 2024 (a)	End Oct 2024 (a)	End Nov 2024 (a)	End 2024 (a)	End Jun 2025 (a)
Total Domestic Debt	17,051.9	17,725.91	17,595.05	17,497.73	17,571.96	18,309.66	18,806.08
Total Foreign Debt	11,644.1	10,980.85	10,979.60	10,789.37	10,668.26	10,429.04	10,828.70
Total Government Debt	28,695.9	28,706.76	28,574.65	28,287.10	28,240.22	28,738.70	29,634.78

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka
(a) provisional

KEY FISCAL INDICATORS 2022 -2024

Indicator	2022		2023		2024 (a)	
	Rs.mn.	% of GDP	Rs.mn.	% of GDP	Rs.mn.	% of GDP
Total Revenue	1,979,184	8.2	3,048,822	11.1	4,030,838	13.5
Tax Revenue	1,751,132	7.3	2,720,563	9.9	3,704,577	12.4
Non-Tax Revenue	228,052	0.9	328,259	1.2	326,261	1.1
Recurrent Expenditure	3,519,633	14.6	4,699,679	17.1	5,339,941	17.9
Capital & Net Lending	952,923	4.0	656,912	2.4	790,798	2.6
Public Investment	1,014,293	4.2	932,745	3.4	817,092	2.7
Budget Deficit	-2,459,967	-10.2	-2,282,267	-8.3	-2,039,931	-6.8
Government Debt	27,492,031	114.2	28,695,949	104.7	28,738,704	96.1

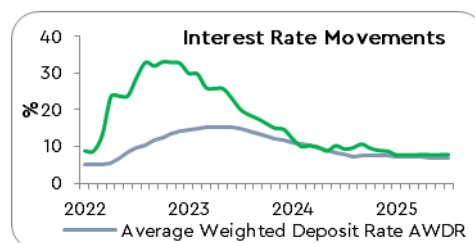
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MONETARY SECTOR

REAL INTEREST RATES

Month	CCPI (2013 =100)	CCPI Point to Point Change	CCPI Annual Average Change	91 Days T Bill Rate	Real Interest Rate (Y on Y)	Real Interest Rate (Annual Avg)
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	7.58	-6.38	2.7



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 03rd of October 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)	7.87	7.86	8.65
Treasury Bill (Yield rate)			
91 Days	7.53	7.57	10.06
182 Days	7.89	7.89	10.37
364 Days	8.02	8.02	10.04
Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)			
	July	Month ago	Year ago
Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	6.82	6.88	7.87

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

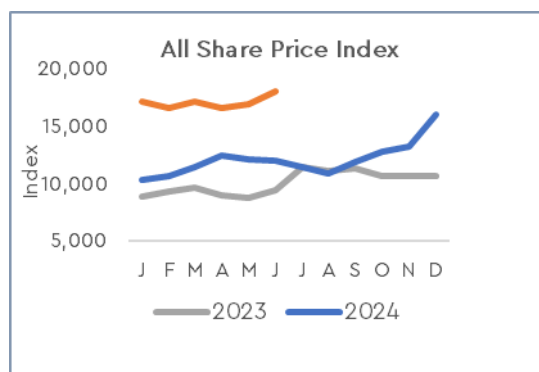
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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 26 th September	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	22,094.89	21,598.99	11,929.99
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20)	6,187.51	6,111.57	3,483.83
Average Daily Turnover (Rs.Mn)	9,756.70	6,024.33	1,337.00
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	7,860.30	7,685.42	4,376.60

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

