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DEPARTMENT OF FISCAL POLICY

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

SRI LANKA

The Week in Review
18th May – 22th May 2026

REAL SECTOR

- Economy expanded by 5.0 percent in 2025.
- Price of Brent Crude Oil fell by 2.64 USD bbl and WTI declined by 4.84 USD bbl, respectively.
- CCPI - Headline inflation (2021=100) increased to 5.4 percent (YoY) in April, 2026 from 2.2 percent (YoY) in March, 2026.
- NCPI – Headline inflation (2021=100) increased to 4.7 percent (YoY) in April, 2026 from 2.4 percent (YoY) in March, 2026.

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EXTERNAL SECTOR

- The Sri Lankan rupee moderately depreciated to USD 1 = Rs. 347.93 from USD 1 = Rs. 327.35
- Exports increased to USD 1,254.3 mn in March 2026 compared to USD 1,057.8 mn in February 2026.
- Imports increased to USD 2,134.1 mn in March 2026 compared to USD 1,833.8 mn in February 2026.
- Trade deficit
 - USD 879.7 mn in March, 2026
- The gross official reserves stood at USD 7.0 bn as end of March 2026.
- Workers' remittances recorded USD 767.9 mn in April 2026.

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FISCAL SECTOR

Revenue (Provisional)

Jan - Feb 2026

▪ Total Revenue	- Rs. 1,031.2 bn
(Excluding Grants)	
Tax Revenue	- Rs. 959.9 bn
Non-Tax Revenue	- Rs. 71.3 bn

Expenditure (Provisional)

Jan - Feb 2026

▪ Total Expenditure	- Rs. 861.4 bn
Recurrent Expenditure	- Rs. 802.9 bn
Capital Expenditure	- Rs. 58.5 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) declined by 4.26 percent to 21,929.64 points as at 22nd May 2026 from 22,905.75 points as at 15th May 2026.
- S&P SL 20 Index declined by 3.55 percent to 6,061.02 points as at 22nd May, 2026 from 6,284.24 points as at 15th May, 2026.
- Credit to the private sector increased by 27.1 percent (YoY) in Mar, 2026

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REAL SECTOR

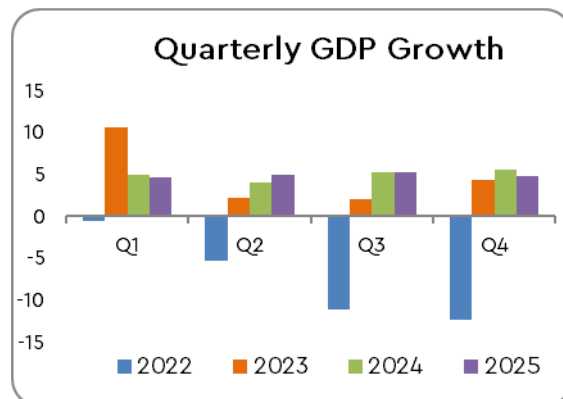
PRODUCTION

	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	-10.6	-2.2	2.0	4.3	-2.0
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
2024	5.0	4.0	5.3	5.5	5.0
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
2025	4.7	5.0	5.3	4.8	5.0
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

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

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

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



GDP expanded by 5.0 % in 2025

The Sri Lankan economy grew by 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.

PADDY PRODUCTION

Category	Unit	2023			2024			2025		
		2022 / 2023 Maha	2023 Yala	Total	2023 / 2024 Maha	2024 Yala	Total	2024 / 2025 Maha	2025 Yala	Total
Production	Mn.Mt	2.70	1.82	4.52	2.72	1.98	4.7	2.75	2.31	5.06
	Bushels Mn.	129.2	87.1	216.3	130.5	94.7	225.2	131.6	110.63	242.23
Forecasted Production	Mn. Mt	2.62	1.83	4.45	2.63	1.77	4.4	2.57	2.27	4.48
Difference in Production	Mn. Mt	0.08	-0.01	0.07	0.09	0.21	0.3	0.18	0.04	0.22
Net Extent Harvested	Hectares ('000)	722.5	440.3	1,162.8	702.1	429.7	1,131.8	701.5	485.0	1,186.5
	Acres ('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 Yield	kg per 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	March 2025	March 2026	% Change
Production	Tea (Mn. Kg)	24.8	20.9	-15.7
	Rubber (Mn. Kg)	6.0	5.3	-11.0
	Coconut (Mn. Nuts)			
Exports (USD Mn)	Tea	138.8	114.7	-17.4
	Rubber	2.8	3.3	15.3
	Coconut	44.4	50.4	13.7
Average Gross Prices	Tea (Rs. / Kg)	1,204.6	1,148.3	-4.7
	Rubber (Rs. / Kg)	-	700.0	-
	Coconut (Rs/nut)	146.0	89.1	-39.0

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

FACTORY INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX (2015=100)

Item (a)	2025 February (c)	2026 February (c)	Change %
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
Overall Factory Industrial Production Index	93.4	97.3	4.1

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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

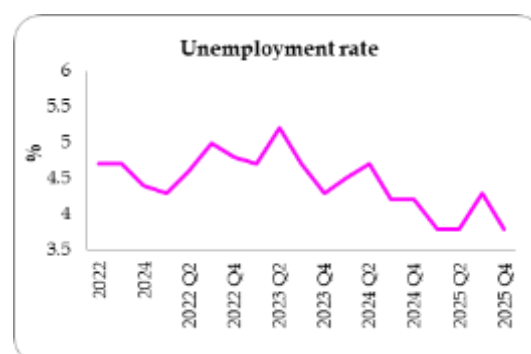
(b) Revised

(c) Provisional

LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

Employment	2024 Q3	2024 Q4	2024 Annual	2025 Q1	2025 Q2	2025 Q3	2025 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	May 18	May 19	May 20	May 21	May 22	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Brent	111.34	109.57	110.94	105.39	104.57	107.21	98.32	64.79
WTI	107.84	107.40	103.93	107.77	97.79	102.63	89.39	61.47
Petrol	132.10	133.05	131.00	129.40	126.40	130.81	122.35	75.50
Diesel	163.11	164.72	162.10	155.04	151.89	161.77	164.11	73.18
Kerosene	162.57	164.76	162.69	153.05	149.77	156.95	184.15	77.56

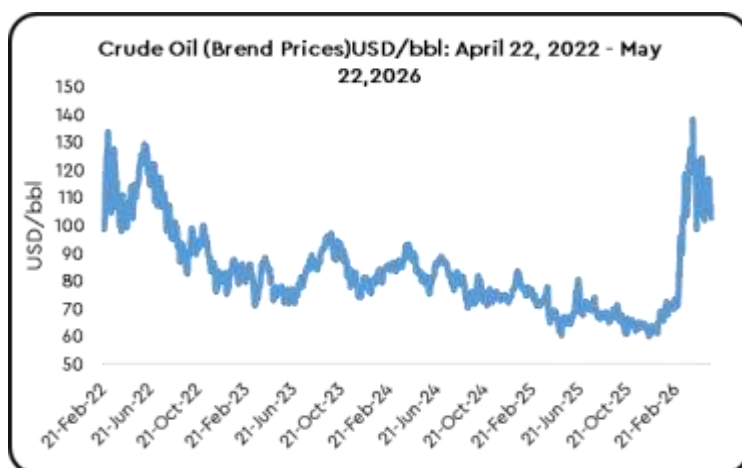
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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

Month	Brent Europe	WTI Cushing, Oklahoma
Oct - 2024	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	103.13	91.38
Apr	117.29	100.32

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



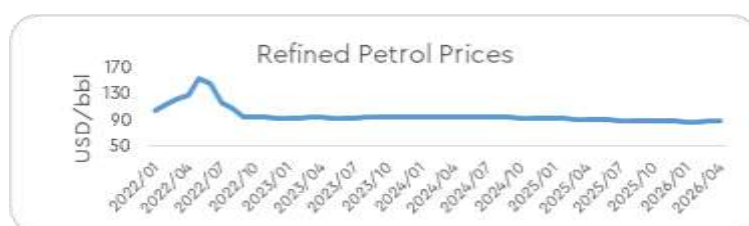
MONTHLY AVERAGE REFINED PRODUCT PRICES – SINGAPORE PLATTS PRICES (USD / BBL)

Month	Petrol	Diesel	Kerosene
Nov - 2024	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
Apr	88.30	90.62	99.95

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	392.00
Petrol (Octane 92)	1 liter	346.00	309.00	294.00	410.00
Kerosene oil	1 liter	247.00	188.00	180.00	265.00
L P Gas	12.5 kg	3,565.00	3,690.00	3,690.00	4,765.0

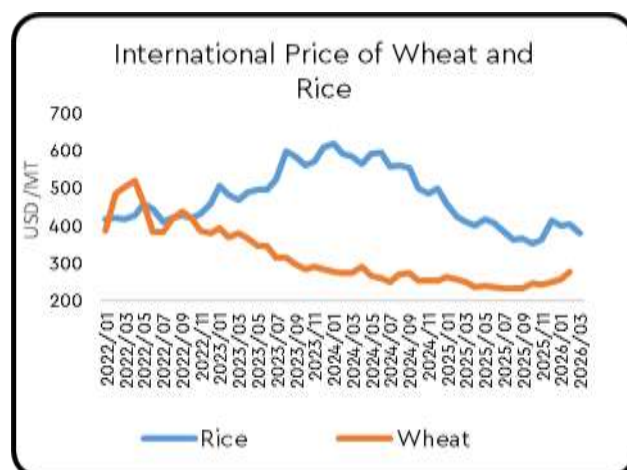


COMMODITY PRICES

INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES

Month	Rice Thai,25% USD / MT	Wheat (HRW) USD / MT
Aug - 2024	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	276.00
Apr	399.00	282.00

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 2025	Apr - Jun 2025	Jul - Sep 2025	Oct - Dec 2025	Jan - Mar 2026
Energy	Crude Oil average	USD / mt	74.2	65.9	67.5	62.1	75.7
Non-Energy, Agriculture, Beverages	Cocoa	USD / kg	9.56	8.51	7.33	5.78	3.93
	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	1,125	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, Timber	Plywood	¢ / sheets	358.3	378.0	370.2	354.3	348.2
Other Raw Materials 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/5d903e848db1d1b83e0ec8f744e55570-03500i2021/related/CMO-Pink-Sheet-September-2023pdf>, <https://3mqas.vn/news/saudi-aramco-lpg-prices-per-metric-tonne-mt-n150.html> and <https://www.globaldairytrade.info/en/product-results/whole-milk-powder/¢= US cent USD = US dollar>

WHOLESALE PRICES
WEEK ENDING 22th May 2026 (RS / KG)

PETTAH MARKET

Average Wholesale Prices	Week Ending 22/05/2026	Week Ago	Year Ago, Annual Avg.
Rice (Rs/Kg)			
Samba	245.00	248.00	235.00
Kekulu (Red)	185.00	193.60	215.00
Vegetable			
Beans	550.00	430.00	230.00
Cabbage	96.00	88.00	300.00
Carrots	218.00	204.00	720.00
Tomatoes	320.00	450.00	620.00
Pumpkin	120.00	96.00	166.00
Snake Gourd	370.00	420.00	330.00
Brinjals	390.00	350.00	320.00
Other Foods			
Red-Onions (Local)	268.80	312.60	300.00
Big Onions (Imported)	156.80	197.60	93.60
Potatoes (Local)	270.40	249.80	300.00
Dried Chillies (Imported)	930.60	906.80	565.00
Dhal	235.60	244.40	252.00
Eggs (White) (Each)	33.20	31.20	26.60
Coconut (Each)	126.60	121.00	180.00
Green Chillies	290.00	210.00	216.00
Lime	350.00	400.00	260.00
FISH MARKET – PELIYAGODA			
Kelawalla	1,940.00	1,760.00	-
Balaya	1,333.33	1,240.00	-
Salaya	870.00	800.00	-
Hurulla	1,500.00	1,250.00	-

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

DAMBULLA MARKET

Food Item	Wholesale (Average)
Rice (Rs/Kg)	
Samba	240.00
Kekulu (Red)	219.00
Vegetables	
Pumpkins	105.00
Snake Gourd	277.00
Ash Plantains	103.00
Beans	527.00
Carrots	234.00
Tomatoes	259.00
Cabbage	110.00
Other Foods	
Potatoes (Local)	207.00
Dried Chillies (Imported)	992.20
Big-Onions (Imported)	168.80
Red-Onions (Local)	251.00
Coconut (Each)	112.80

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

MARANDAGAHAMULA AVERAGE PRICE OF RICE (RS / KG)

Item	Week Ending 22/05/2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	243.60	247.20	245.50	240.80
Kekulu (White)	194.20	196.00	196.00	214.40
Kekulu (Red)	196.60	195.00	198.00	213.00
Nadu	204.40	205.40	200.50	221.80

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

WEEKLY RETAIL COMMODITY PRICES – 3rd WEEK OF May 2026

Item	Unit	Week ending 22/05/2026	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago
Rice		251.90	248.43	1.4%	249.55
Samba (Avg.)	1kg	255.00	249.25	2.3%	243.46
No. 1	1kg				
No. 2	1kg	236.35	234.62	0.7%	238.57
Nadu Red	1kg	202.48	204.92	-1.2%	223.13
Raw Red (Avg)	1kg	215.38	217.50	-1.0%	223.13
No. 1	1kg	189.57	192.33	-1.4%	-
No. 2	1kg	194.44	192.32	1.1%	184.25
Wheat Flour	1kg	133.13	133.13	0.0%	132.00
Bread	450g	233.63	223.75	4.4%	235.95
Sugar	1kg	1,150.00	1,150.00	0.0%	1,100.00
Maliban	400g	1,150.00	1,150.00	0.0%	1,100.00
Anchor	400g	1,150.00	1,150.00	0.0%	1,050.00
Pelwatta	400g	196.63	193.85	1.4%	234.90
Potatoes (Import)	1 kg	365.56	372.14	-1.8%	385.75
Potatoes (Local)	1kg	352.41	352.07	0.1%	337.68
Mysore Dhal (Avg)	1kg	897.76	913.30	-1.7%	823.03
Cowpea (Avg)	1kg	961.22	951.11	1.1%	898.88
Green Gram (Avg)	1kg	515.32	509.54	1.1%	528.87
Kadalai (Avg)	1kg				
Meat		3,015.38	3,030.77	-0.5%	2,741.61
Beef	1kg				
Chicken		1,398.75	1,375.67	1.7%	1,206.76
Fresh	1kg	1,280.00	1,280.00	0.0%	1,095.71
Broiler	1kg				
Fresh Fish		3,063.00	3,057.78	0.2%	2,358.42
Paraw	1kg	1,765.71	1,780.00	-0.8%	1,454.17
Balaya	1kg	2,518.89	2,521.33	-0.1%	2,516.69
Kelawalla	1kg	889.44	775.56	14.7%	639.61
Salaya	1kg				
Dried Fish		1,617.86	1,530.00	5.7%	1,045.67
Spratts	1kg	36.34	32.19	12.9%	29.52
Eggs	Each	168.18	167.70	0.3%	213.68
Coconut	Each	695.86	690.00	0.8%	690.62
Coconut Oil	750ml	483.81	418.28	15.7%	437.21
Red Onions	1kg	275.71	274.29	0.5%	140.08
B- Onions (Import)	1kg	572.41	473.79	20.8%	585.02
Brinjal	1kg	775.00	660.14	17.4%	602.83
Beans Green	1kg	451.85	373.79	20.9%	433.93
Bandakka	1kg	459.29	368.57	24.6%	404.11
Leeks	1kg	456.55	374.29	22.0%	739.81
Beet Root	1kg	440.00	437.93	0.5%	869.93
Carrot	1kg	681.48	537.04	26.9%	600.04
Green Chillies	1kg	368.70	293.33	25.7%	311.14
Raddish	1kg	504.00	441.74	14.1%	468.23
Vetakolu	1kg	646.40	569.23	13.6%	654.71
Bitter Gourd	1kg	497.78	453.85	9.7%	483.06
Snake Gourd	1kg	328.33	369.26	-11.1%	303.66
Kolikuttu	1kg	225.77	228.52	-1.2%	188.47
Papaw	1kg	364.07	357.14	1.9%	371.09
Pineapple	1kg	251.90	248.43	1.4%	249.55

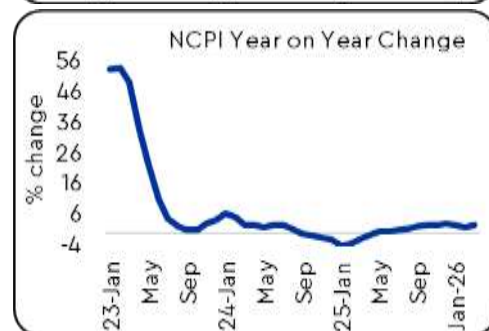
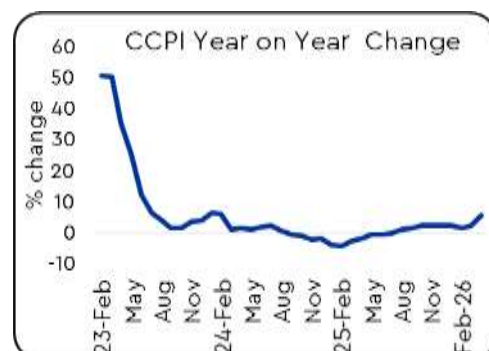
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INFLATION

TRENDS IN INFLATION

Month	CCPI (%) (2021=100)			NCPI (%) (2021=100)		
	Index Number	% Change Month on Month	Y on Y %	Index Number	% Change Month on Month	Y on Y %
Aug -24	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
Apr	201.6	3.0	5.4	216.3	2.6	4.7

Source: Department of Census and Statistics



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

Commodity	Value Change Rs.	Change %
Food	1,617.84	0.92
Rice	68.47	0.04
Coconut	-566.23	-0.32
Sea Fish	1,051.92	0.60
Chicken	415.84	0.24
Fresh Fruits	311.55	0.18
Vegetables	-1,080.68	-0.62
Dried Chillies	146.53	0.08
Eggs	166.36	0.09
Red Onions	-46.36	-0.03
Big Onions	80.97	0.05
Potatoes	-27.78	-0.02
Garlic	-62.91	-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
July - 24	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
Apr	245.1	1.7	2.8

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

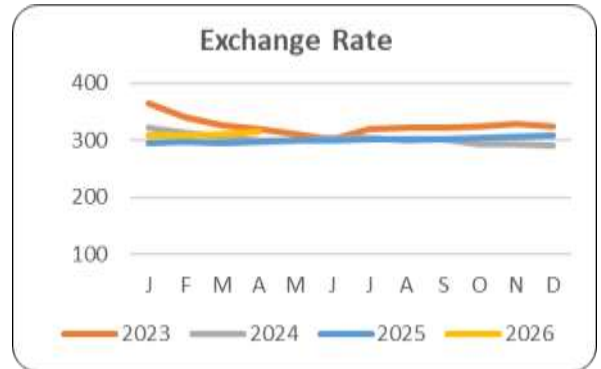


EXTERNAL SECTOR

EXCHANGE RATES (AVERAGE)

Currency	Week Ending 22 nd May 2026	Week Ago	Year Ago	% Change 2025/26
US Dollar	347.93	327.35	299.61	16.13
Sterling Pound	466.86	437.94	402.38	16.02
Euro	404.05	381.48	339.61	18.97
Japanese Yen	2.19	2.07	2.09	4.78
Indian Rupee	3.47	3.39	3.50	-0.86

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka



EXTERNAL TRADE

Category	March 2025 (USD mn)	March 2026 (USD mn)	Growth Rate (%)	Jan – Mar 2025 (USD mn)	Jan – Mar 2026 (USD mn)	Growth Rate (%)
Exports	1,241.7	1,254.3	1.0	3,347.5	3,460.8	3.4
Agricultural	260.3	244.0	-6.3	711.3	740.1	4.1
Tea	138.8	114.7	-17.4	370.9	351.6	-5.2
Other	121.5	129.3	6.4	340.4	388.5	14.1
Industrial	977.1	1,006.6	3.0	2,626.9	2,704.8	3.0
Rubber Products	90.3	89.2	-1.2	242.1	240.3	-0.8
Textiles and Garments	496.9	442.2	-11.0	1,386.6	1,276.7	-7.9
Food, Beverage and Tobacco	86.3	89.0	3.2	200.4	234.0	16.7
Other	303.6	386.2	27.2	797.8	953.8	19.6
Mineral	2.4	2.2	-7.0	4.9	10.9	125.1
Unclassified	1.9	1.5	-18.9	4.4	5.0	12.7
Imports	1,637.3	2,134.1	30.3	4,887.0	5,771.2	18.1
Consumer Goods	366.1	498.3	36.1	1,097.4	1,449.6	32.1
Food and Beverages	193.8	187.4	-3.3	634.4	510.3	-19.6
Other Consumer Goods	172.3	310.9	80.4	463.0	939.3	102.9
Intermediate Goods	955.7	1,261.2	32.0	2,857.1	3,189.5	11.6
Petroleum	360.7	630.1	74.7	1,056.7	1,281.5	21.3
Textiles & Textile Articles	214.3	236.1	10.2	677.9	707.9	4.4
Other Intermediate Goods	380.7	395.0	3.8	1,122.5	1,200.1	6.9
Investment Goods	315.2	372.1	18.0	924.7	1,128.4	22.0
Machinery and Equipment	213.4	219.7	3.0	629.7	685.0	8.8
Transport Equipment	25.4	68.2	169.0	59.8	197.3	229.8
Building Material	76.1	83.8	10.0	234.2	244.5	4.4
Other Investment Goods	0.3	0.4	33.3	1.0	1.6	60.0
Unclassified	0.3	2.5	728.6	7.8	3.7	-52.9
Trade Balance	-395.6	-879.7		-1,539.6	-2,310.3	

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Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



Highlights

- Export earnings increased by 18.6 percent to USD 1,254.3 mn in March 2026 compared to USD 1,057.8 mn in February 2026.
- Import expenditure increased by 16.4 percent to USD 2,134.1 mn in March 2026 compared to USD 1,833.8 mn in February 2026.
- Trade deficit widened to USD 879.7 mn in March 2026 compared to USD 776.1 mn in February.

EXTERNAL ASSETS

External Assets (USD bn)	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	March 2026
Total Reserves	12.4	12.4	12.0	11.8	11.7	11.9	11.7	11.5	11.3	12.3	12.4	13.0	12.9
Gross Official Reserves	6.5	6.3	6.3	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.0	6.8	6.8	7.3	7.0

Gross official Reserves USD 7.3 bn as end March 2026.

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

WORKERS' REMITTANCES

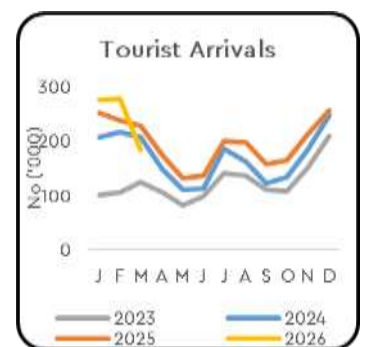
Category		2025 April	2026 April	Jan – Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2026	% Change
Inflow	USD mn	646.1	767.9	2,460.5	3,062.8	24.5
	Rs. bn	192.9	243.0	730.4	955.2	30.8

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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TOURIST ARRIVALS

Month	Arrivals				Earnings USD mn			
	2024	2025	2026	% change 2025/26	2024	2025	2026	% change 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	135,643	-22.3	225.7	256.7	157.1	-38.8
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		
Total	2,053,465	2,362,521	876,277		3,168.6	3,219.2	1,111.0	



Source: Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority



FISCAL SECTOR

GOVERNMENT REVENUE (Rs. Mn)

Item	2022	2023	2024	2025 (a)	2026 (a) Jan - Feb
Tax Revenue	1,751,132	2,720,563	3,704,577	5,049,192	959,904
Income Tax	534,021	911,355	1,026,199	1,139,373	228,087
VAT	463,062	694,460	1,309,680	1,746,874	353,194
Excise Duty	342,523	469,622	598,529	1,058,707	192,422
PAL	180,595	175,486	170,014	180,853	31,545
Customs Duty	50,009	105,120	111,147	275,894	51,586
SCL	40,194	51,327	115,199	164,599	21,304
CESS	70,318	57,184	81,129	90,373	16,548
SSCL	36,111	216,181	250,869	294,520	49,764
Other	34,712	39,827	41,812	98,000	15,454
Non-Tax Revenue	228,052	328,259	326,261	400,210	71,256
Total Revenue	1,979,184	3,048,822	4,030,838	5,449,402	1,031,160

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

Item	2022	2023	2024	2025 (a)	2026 (a) Jan - Feb
Government Expenditure	4,472,556	5,356,591	6,130,739	6,230,415	861,447
Recurrent Expenditure	3,519,634	4,699,679	5,339,941	5,232,388	802,913
Salaries & Wages	956,211	939,496	1,066,048	1,163,942	206,486
Goods & Services	182,857	299,700	350,879	334,687	40,013
Interest	1,565,190	2,455,600	2,689,500	2,500,674	375,709
Subsidies & Transfers	815,376	1,004,884	1,233,514	1,233,085	180,706
Capital & Net Lending	952,923	656,912	790,798	998,026	58,534
Public Investments	1,014,293	932,745	817,092	1,015,825	58,957
Other	-61,370	-275,833	-26,294	-17,798	-424

Compiled by Department of Fiscal Policy
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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
Total Government Debt	28,695.9	28,738.70	29,660.22	29,675.81	29,672.23	29,615.28	29,994.69

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka
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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
Capital & Net Lending	656.91	2.4	790.80	2.6	988.03	3.0
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

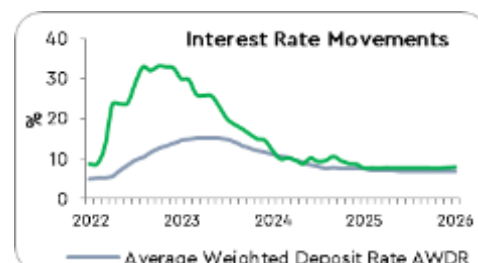
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MONETARY SECTOR

REAL INTEREST RATES

Month	CCPI (2013 =100)	CCPI Point to Point Change	CCPI Annual Average Change	91 Days T Bill Rate
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	7.78
Apr	201.6	5.4	1.6	8.20



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 22 nd of May 2026	Week Ago	Year Ago
Overnight Policy Rate (OPR)	7.75	7.75	7.75
Standing Deposit Facility Rate	7.25	7.25	7.25
Standing Lending Facility Rate	8.25	8.25	8.25
Average Weighted Call Money Rate (AWCMR)	7.92	7.79	7.74
Treasury Bill (Yield rate)			
91 Days	8.18	8.13	7.65
182 Days	8.25	8.23	7.97
364 Days	8.49	8.49	8.29
Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	9.58	9.71	8.47
	Mar	Month ago	Year ago
Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	6.83	6.83	7.15

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

MONEY SUPPLY AND CREDIT GROWTH

Item	Mar 2026	Feb 2026	Dec 2023	Dec 2024	Dec 2025	Mar 2025	Growth 2025 Mar / 2026 Mar (%)
M ₁	2,413.5	2,319.6	1,658.0	1,925.6	2,288.0	2,039.9	18.3
M ₂	14,639.8	14,375.8	11,485.1	12,660.6	14,093.4	13,040.9	12.3
M _{2b}	16,585.7	16,276.3	13,189.1	14,321.7	15,975.0	14,777.7	12.2

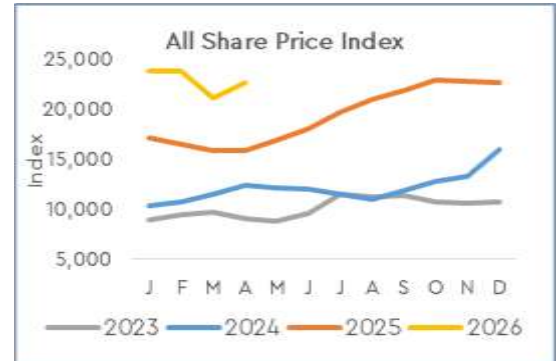
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

CREDIT TO PRIVATE SECTOR (RS. bn.)				
Item	Mar 2026	Month Ago	Year Ago	Growth 2024 / 2025 (%)
Credit to Private Sector	10,697.5	10,439.1	8,414.6	27.1
DBUs	10,141.4	9,881.5	7,842.9	29.3
OBUs	556.2	557.7	571.7	-2.7

SHARE MARKET

Indicator	Week Ending 22 nd May - 2026	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	21,929.64	22,905.75	16,473.37
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20)	6,061.02	6,284.24	4,842.51
Average Daily Turnover (Rs.Mn)	2,175.07	2,849.45	4,542.75
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	7,953.72	8,288.10	5,933.32

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange



EQUITY TRADING STATISTICS

Indicator	Apr 2026	Apr 2025	Jan - Apr 2026	Jan - Apr 2025
Turnover -Equity (Rs. Mn.)	65,789.6	48,267.8	406,125.9	287,469.4
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	60,828.4	44,764.1	375,863.3	266,372.0
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	4,961.2	3,503.7	30,262.6	21,097.4
Market Days	18	19	77	75
Daily Turnover Avg. Equity (Rs. Mn.)	3,655.0	2,540.4	5,274.4	3,832.9
Trade Equity	571,152	326,872	3,044,418	1,742,705
Domestic	560,691	320,375	3,000,983	1,710,005
Foreign	10,461	6,497	43,435	32,700
Shares Traded Equity (Mn)	3,148.8	1,863.7	16,082.0	11,232.8
Domestic (Mn.)	3,056.7	1,753.0	15,381.8	10,619.6
Foreign (Mn.)	92.1	110.6	700.2	613.2
Companies Traded	273	269	274	269
Companies Listed	289	290	285	-

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

MARKET INDICATORS

Price Indices	Apr 2026	Mar 2026	Feb 2026
ASPI	22,549.53	21,066.18	23,734.06
S&P SL 20	6,207.56	5,904.10	6,635.97
Total Return Indicators			
ASTRI	35,083.74	32,319.71	36,165.68
S&P SL20 (TRI)	13,078.55	12,244.47	13,588.00
Market PER	11.57	10.64	11.66
Dividend Yield	2.83	3.07	2.62
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	8,174.62	7,522.00	8,425.24

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

STOCK MARKET - FOREIGN PURCHASES AND FOREIGN SALES

Indicator	April 2026	April 2025
Purchases by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	2,396.6	3,903.4
Sales by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	7,528.8	3,104.1
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. Mn)	-5,132.2	799.36

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

