



# WEEKLY ECONOMIC BULLETIN

## DEPARTMENT OF FISCAL POLICY

### MINISTRY OF FINANCE

#### SRI LANKA

The Week in Review  
16<sup>th</sup> February – 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

### REAL SECTOR

- Economy expanded by 5.4 percent in the third quarter of 2025.
- Price of Brent Crude Oil increased by 4.42 USD bbl and WTI increased by 3.91 USD bbl, respectively.
- CCPI - Headline inflation (2021=100) increased to 2.3 percent (YoY) in January, 2026 from 2.1 percent (YoY) in December, 2025.
- NCPI - Headline inflation (2021=100) increased to 2.9 percent (YoY) in December, 2025 from 2.4 percent (YoY) in November, 2025.

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### EXTERNAL SECTOR

- Sri Lankan rupee slightly depreciated to USD 1=Rs. 309.34 from USD 1=Rs. 309.29
- Exports increased to USD 1,158.0 mn in December 2025 compared to USD 1,047.8 mn in November 2025.
- Imports increased to USD 2,155.2 mn in December 2025 compared to USD 1,778.5 mn in November 2025.
- Trade deficit
  - USD 997.2 mn in December, 2025
- The gross official reserves stood at USD 6.8 bn as end of December 2025.
- Workers' remittances recorded USD 751.1 mn in January 2026.

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### FISCAL SECTOR

#### Revenue (Provisional)

Jan – Nov 2025

- **Total Revenue** - Rs. 4,945.8 bn  
(Excluding Grants)
- Tax Revenue - Rs. 4,611.5 bn
- Non-Tax Revenue - Rs. 334.3 bn

#### Expenditure (Provisional)

Jan – Nov 2025

- **Total Expenditure** - Rs. 5,287.4 bn
- Recurrent Expenditure - Rs. 4,641.8 bn
- Capital Expenditure - Rs. 645.6 bn

#### Debt (Provisional)

▪ End of Sep 2025

- Total Outstanding Government Debt - Rs. 29,675.8 bn

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### MONETARY SECTOR

- All Share Price Index (ASPI) increased by 0.27 percent to 23,773.64 points as at 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026 from 23,709.84 points as at 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2026
- S&P SL 20 Index increased by 1.55 percent to 6,721.47 points as at 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 from 6,618.73 points as at 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2026
- Credit to the private sector increased by 25.2 percent (YoY) in December, 2025

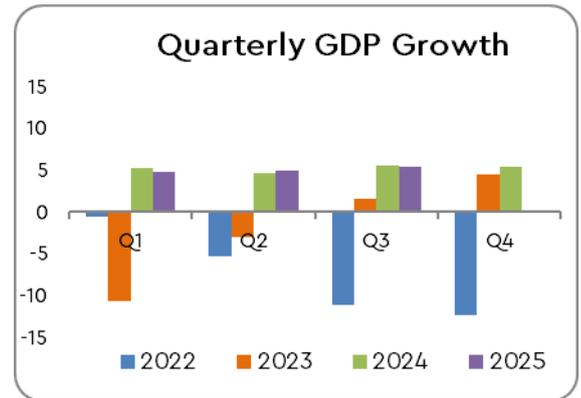
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# REAL SECTOR

## 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>-10.7</b>	<b>-3.1</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>-2.3</b>
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
<b>2024</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>5.0</b>
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
<b>2025</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>5.4</b>		
Agriculture	-0.7	2.0	3.6		
Industry	9.7	5.8	8.1		
Services	2.8	3.9	3.5		



**GDP expanded by 5.4 % in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2025**  
 In the third quarter of 2025, the Sri Lankan economy experienced a growth of 5.4 percent, compared to 5.3 percent growth recorded in the same period of 2024. This expansion was observed recording a 3.6 percent, 8.1 percent and 3.5 percent growth in the agriculture, industry and service sector, respectively.

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/ 2023 Maha	2023 Yala	Total	2023/ 2024 Maha	2024 Yala	Total	2024/ 2025 Maha
Production	Mn.Mt	2.70	1.82	4.52	2.72	1.98	4.7	2.75
	Bushels Mn.	129.2	87.1	216.3	130.5	94.7	225.2	131.6
Forecasted Production	Mn. Mt	2.62	1.83	4.45	2.63	1.77	4.4	2.57
Difference in Production	Mn. Mt	0.08	-0.01	0.07	0.09	0.21	0.3	0.18
Net Extent Harvested	Hectares (‘000)	722.5	440.3	1,162.8	702.1	429.7	1,131.8	701.5
	Acres (‘000)	1,785.3	1,088.0	2,873.3	1,735.0	1,061.9	2,796.9	1,733.3
Average Yield	kg per ha	3,554	3,822	3,688	3,712	3,893	3,803	3,679

Source: Department of Census & Statistics  
 (a) Provisional

## TEA, RUBBER & COCONUT PRODUCTION

Category	Crop	December 2024	December 2025	% Change
Production	Tea (Mn. Kg)	21.8	21.4	-1.9
	Rubber (Mn. Kg)	4.5	5.0	10.3
	Coconut (Mn. Nuts)	170.1	254.5	49.6
Exports (USD Mn)		December 2024	December 2025	% Change
	Tea	131.6	105.8	-19.6
	Rubber	2.4	2.3	-1.7
	Coconut	36.0	44.4	23.4
Average Gross Prices		December 2024	December 2025	% Change
	Tea (Rs./ Kg)	1,200.09	1,219.72	1.6
	Rubber (Rs./ Kg)	760.00	700.00	-7.9
	Coconut (Rs./nut)	-	115.34	-

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

## FACTORY INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX (2015=100)

Item (a)	2024 November (b)	2025 November (c)	Change %
Manufacture of Food Products	98.1	103.9	6.0
Manufacture of Beverages	129.5	124.1	-4.2
Manufacture of Tobacco Products	80.3	70.0	-12.7
Manufacture of Textiles	108.3	106.6	-1.5
Manufacture of Wearing Apparel	91.5	94.9	3.7
Manufacture of Leather and Related Products	100.3	117.5	17.2
Manufacture of Wood products, except Furniture; Articles of Straw & plaiting materials	67.6	73.7	9.0
Manufacture of Paper and Paper Products	55.8	57.9	3.9
Printing and Reproduction of Recorded Media	146.7	120.7	-17.7
Manufacture of Coke and Refined Petroleum Products	87.0	107.9	24.0
Manufacture of Chemicals and Chemical Products	77.5	80.2	3.4
Manufacture of Basic Pharmaceuticals, Pharmaceutical preparations	170.7	174.1	2.0
Manufacture of Rubber and Plastic Products	85.3	78.9	-7.5
Manufacture of Other Non-Metallic Mineral Products	99.4	112.4	13.1
Manufacture of Basic Metals	75.0	132.1	76.1
Manufacture of Fabricated Metal Products (except machines and equipment)	62.3	79.8	28.1
Manufacture of Electrical Equipment	62.0	51.2	-17.5
Manufacture of Machinery and Equipment (n.e.c)	105.7	106.1	0.3
Manufacture of Furniture	74.0	50.3	-32.1
Other Manufacturing	56.0	62.4	11.4
<b>Overall Factory Industrial Production Index</b>	<b>93.7</b>	<b>99.2</b>	<b>5.9</b>

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

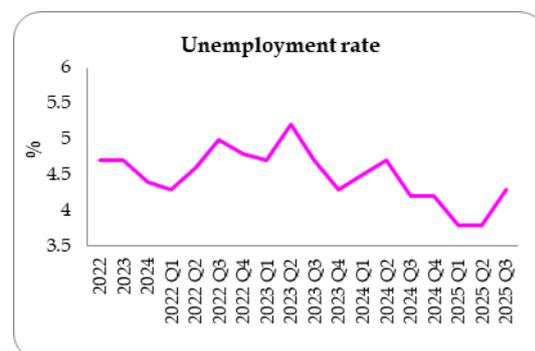
(b) The Factory Industrial Production Index (FIPI) has been replaced with the Index of Industrial Production (IIP)

(b) Revised

(c) Provisional

## LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

Employment	2024 Q1	2024 Q2	2024 Q3	2024 Q4	2024 Annual	2025 Q1	2025 Q2	2025 Q3
Labour Force Participation Rate	47.1	47.8	46.9	47.7	47.4	49.7	49.3	49.9
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.7	4.2	4.2	4.4	3.8	3.8	4.3
Male	3.1	3.6	2.6	2.8	3.0	2.5	2.6	3.2
Female	7.4	7.0	7.2	6.9	7.1	6.3	6.0	6.2
20-29	16.8	16.9	15.8	15.2	16.1	13.8	13.8	14.9
20-24	0.7	23.7	19.9	18.5	20.7	18.3	19.6	16.8
25-29	13.7	11.2	12.4	12.7	12.5	10.1	9.3	13.3



Source: Department of Census & Statistics

## CRUDE OIL PRICES

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

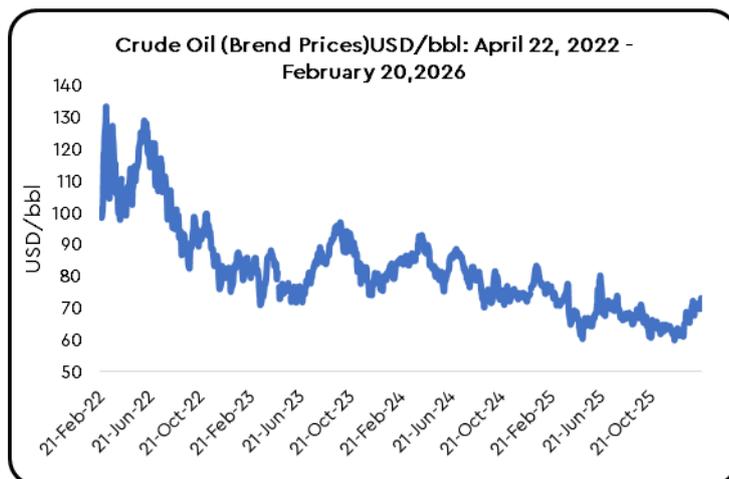
Item	Feb 16	Feb 17	Feb 18	Feb 19	Feb 20	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Brent	67.65	68.42	67.41	70.43	71.96	67.54	64.03	75.84
WTI	62.79	63.60	62.29	65.28	66.76	62.85	59.69	71.95
Petrol	73.90	73.90	73.90	76.10	77.70	71.49	70.95	86.60
Diesel	86.32	86.32	86.32	91.30	92.51	86.71	81.09	87.60
Kerosene	85.77	85.77	85.77	90.86	92.54	86.38	83.63	93.16

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka  
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### CRUDE OIL PRICES (MONTHLY AVERAGE) (USD/BBL)

Month	Brent Europe	WTI Cushing, Oklahoma
Aug - 2024	80.36	76.68
Sep	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
August	67.87	64.86
September	67.99	63.96
October	64.54	60.89
November	63.80	60.06
December	62.54	57.97
January - 2026	66.60	60.04

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



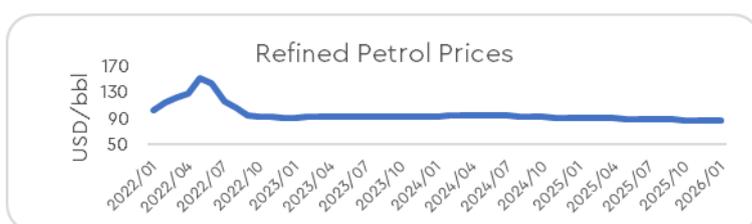
### MONTHLY AVERAGE REFINED PRODUCT PRICES – SINGAPORE PLATTS PRICES (USD/BBL)

Month	Petrol	Diesel	Kerosene
Sep	78.60	78.7	84.90
Oct	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
August	77.76	80.08	84.27
September	79.53	82.96	87.08
October	77.16	53.49	87.49
November	78.88	0.00	93.22
December	71.96	78.73	84.22
January - 2026	72.50	80.55	83.53

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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

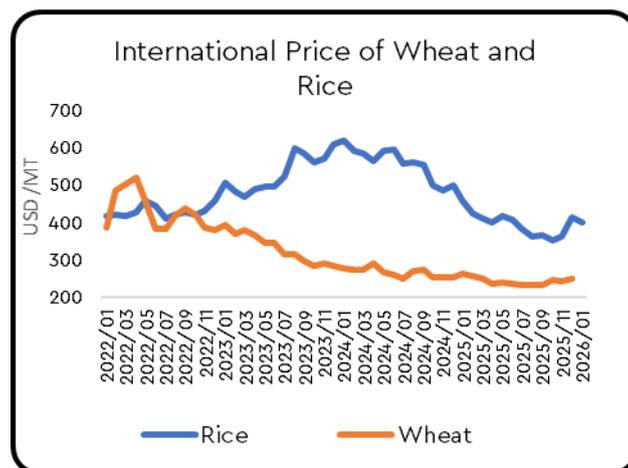
Item	Unit	End 2023	End 2024	End 2025	Current Price 2026
Auto Diesel	1 liter	329.00	286.00	277.00	277.00
Petrol (Octane 92)	1 liter	346.00	309.00	294.00	292.00
Kerosene oil	1 liter	247.00	188.00	180.00	182.00
L P Gas	12.5 kg	3,565.00	3,690.00	3,690.00	3,690.00



## COMMODITY PRICES

### INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES

Month	Rice Thai,25% USD/MT	Wheat (HRW) USD/MT
May	593.00	289.40
June	595.00	265.60
July	557.00	260.30
Aug	560.00	250.90
Sep	556.00	269.70
Oct	499.00	272.90
Nov	487.00	253.80
Dec	500.00	252.20
Jan - 2025	459.00	254.10
Feb	424.00	264.60
Mar	410.00	255.40
Apr	401.00	249.60
May	416.00	237.00
June	408.00	240.10
July	382.00	235.00
August	363.00	231.10
September	367.00	233.80
October	351.00	230.80
November	362.00	245.90
December	414.00	242.80
Jan - 2026	402.00	249.90



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

Category	Commodity	Unit	Quarterly Averages				
			Oct - Dec 2024	Jan - Mar 2025	Apr - Jun 2025	Jul - Sep 2025	Oct - Dec 2025
<b>Energy</b>	Crude Oil average	USD/mt	72.9	74.2	65.9	67.5	62.1
<b>Non-Energy, Agriculture, Beverages</b>	Cocoa	USD/kg	8.29	9.56	8.51	7.33	5.78
	Coffee, Arabica	USD/kg	6.80	8.59	8.47	8.03	8.78
	Tea, average	USD/kg	3.06	2.72	2.97	3.00	2.96
	Tea, Colombo auctions	USD/kg	4.04	4.05	3.86	3.93	3.95
<b>Food, Fats &amp; Oils</b>	Coconut Oil	USD/mt	1,860	2,108	2,650	2,727	2,437
	Soybean Oil	USD/mt	1,101	1,043	1,154	1,237	1,127
	Palm Oil	USD/mt	1,145	1,068	946	1,013	1,001
<b>Grains</b>	Maize	USD/mt	198.1	214.2	205.0	191.6	201.9
	Wheat, US HRW	USD/mt	259.6	258.0	242.2	233.3	239.8
<b>Other Food</b>	Meat, Beef	USD/kg	6.16	6.62	6.67	6.83	7.33
	Meat, Chicken	USD/kg	1.47	1.60	1.77	1.73	1.76
	Sugar, World	USD/kg	0.45	0.41	0.39	0.36	0.36
<b>Raw Materials, Timber</b>	Plywood	¢/sheets	358.4	358.3	378.0	370.2	354.3
<b>Other Raw Materials Fertilizers</b>	Rubber RSS3, US	USD /kg	2.44	2.38	2.16	2.16	2.03
	Phosphate Rock	USD/mt	152.5	152.5	152.5	250.0	152.5
	TSP	USD/mt	490.8	479.0	559.6	660.8	611.1
	Urea	USD/mt	359.7	403.8	399.8	488.3	398.7
<b>Metals and Minerals</b>	Aluminium	USD/mt	2,573	2,630	2,449	2,619	2,829
	Gold	USD /toz	2,663	2,863	3,293	3,459	4,152
	Iron ore	USD /dmt	101.4	101.6	95.5	100.1	103.5

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/¢= US cent USD = US dollar>

## WHOLESALE PRICES

## PETTAH MARKET

## DAMBULLA MARKET

Average Wholesale Prices	Week Ending 20/02/2026	Week Ago	Year Ago, Annual Avg.
<b>Rice (Rs/Kg)</b>			
Samba	248.00	248.00	248.00
Kekulu (Red)	196.60	195.80	218.00
<b>Vegetable</b>			
Beans	330.00	410.00	270.00
Cabbage	126.00	166.00	308.00
Carrots	220.00	270.00	680.00
Tomatoes	124.00	136.00	126.00
Pumpkin	94.00	70.00	166.00
Snake Gourd	104.00	120.00	174.00
Brinjals	104.00	112.00	520.00
<b>Other Foods</b>			
Red-Onions (Local)	153.00	n.a	221.25
Big Onions (Imported)	137.40	135.80	125.80
Potatoes (Local)	329.00	361.60	358.40
Dried Chillies (Imported)	872.00	867.40	690.00
Dhal	239.00	231.60	262.80
Eggs (White) (Each)	33.00	32.00	27.60
Coconut (Each)	138.00	135.00	195.00
Green Chillies	280.00	280.00	1,220.00
Lime	80.00	100.00	100.00
<b>FISH MARKET – PELIYAGODA</b>			
Kelawalla	1,280.00	1,390.00	-
Balaya	990.00	1,100.00	-
Salaya	440.00	440.00	-
Hurulla	1,020.00	1,180.00	-

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>	
Pumpkin	113.00
Snake Gourd	122.00
Ash Plantain	158.00
Beans	377.00
Carrots	204.60
Tomatoe	118.00
Cabbage	113.00
<b>Other Foods</b>	
Potatoe (Local)	237.00
Dried Chile (Imported)	870.00
Big-Onion (Imported)	138.80
Red-Onion (Local)	174.00
Coconut (Each)	117.00

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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

Item	Week Ending 20/02/2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	237.00	244.20	257.20	236.20
Kekulu (White)	197.20	199.20	204.60	216.40
Kekulu (Red)	188.60	200.00	207.40	220.80
Nadu	201.80	204.00	220.20	226.00

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

## WEEKLY RETAIL COMMODITY PRICES – 3<sup>rd</sup> WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2026

Item	Unit	Week ending 20/02/2026	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago
Rice					
Samba (Avg.)	1kg	260.52	247.95	5.1%	244.32
No. 1	1kg	255.59	251.25	1.7%	243.20
No. 2	1kg				
Nadu Red	1kg	234.55	238.26	-1.6%	256.81
Raw Red (Avg)	1kg	207.95	209.90	-0.9%	226.34
No. 1	1kg	216.90	218.00	-0.5%	229.60
No. 2	1kg	199.00	201.80	-1.4%	0.00
Wheat Flour	1kg	182.31	180.67	0.9%	184.43
Bread	450g	132.00	132.00	0.0%	133.64
Sugar	1kg	221.30	219.45	0.8%	246.62
Maliban	400g	1150.00	1150.00	0.0%	1050.00
Anchor	400g	1150.00	1150.00	0.0%	1050.00
Pelwatta	400g	1125.00	1125.00	0.0%	1050.00
Potatoes (Import)	1 kg	177.52	179.93	-1.3%	206.71
Potatoes (Local)	1kg	389.17	410.77	-5.3%	429.96
Mysore Dhal (Avg)	1kg	326.92	329.72	-0.8%	349.41
Cowpea (Avg)	1kg	946.51	966.32	-2.1%	822.95
Green Gram (Avg)	1kg	787.61	801.97	-1.8%	768.13
Kadalai (Avg)	1kg	521.16	523.29	-0.4%	582.99
Meat					
Beef	1kg	2915.38	2856.67	2.1%	2581.25
Chicken					
Fresh	1kg	1306.88	1234.00	5.9%	1118.75
Broiler	1kg	1180.00	1180.00	0.0%	1087.00
Fresh Fish					
Paraw	1kg	2783.08	2724.00	2.2%	1941.66
Balaya	1kg	1466.00	1396.67	5.0%	981.79
Kelawalla	1kg	2332.67	2362.81	-1.3%	1922.93
Salaya	1kg	561.00	543.50	3.2%	455.31
Dried Fish					
Spratts	1kg	1308.33	1286.54	1.7%	1122.09
Eggs	Each	35.66	34.91	2.1%	33.30
Coconut	Each	168.69	180.55	-6.6%	214.30
Coconut Oil	750ml	657.29	655.00	0.3%	595.32
Red Onions	1kg	408.21	413.88	-1.4%	509.97
B- Onions (Import)	1kg	192.00	195.63	-1.9%	206.99
Brinjal	1kg	287.41	308.00	-6.7%	610.28
Beans Green	1kg	522.07	500.00	4.4%	537.71
Bandakka	1kg	342.76	334.07	2.6%	408.19
Leeks	1kg	372.76	375.67	-0.8%	432.17
Beet Root	1kg	382.76	427.59	-10.5%	521.11
Carrot	1kg	382.76	422.67	-9.4%	803.97
Green Chillies	1kg	662.50	637.59	3.9%	1694.16
Raddish	1kg	256.30	257.14	-0.3%	288.00
Vetakolu	1kg	387.59	442.40	-12.4%	498.18
Bitter Guard	1kg	541.43	532.86	1.6%	682.10
Snake Guard	1kg	388.57	382.22	1.7%	411.06
Kolikuttu	1kg	338.75	325.20	4.2%	336.86
Papaw	1kg	476.35	467.80	1.8%	318.91
Pineapple	1kg	433.46	457.08	-5.2%	430.86

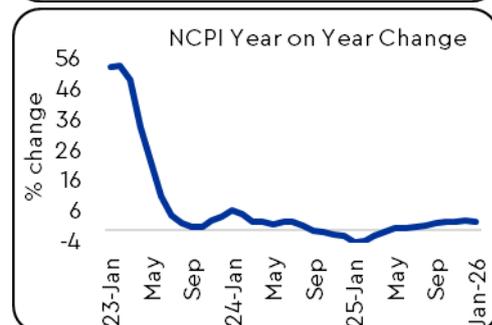
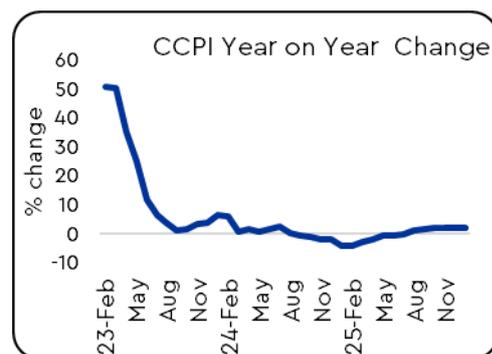
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## INFLATION

### 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 %
Apr - 24	195.2	-0.8	1.5	208.2	-0.9	2.7
May	194.1	-0.6	0.9	206.3	-0.9	1.6
June	195.6	0.8	1.7	208.1	0.9	2.4
July	194.7	-0.5	2.4	206.9	-0.6	2.5
Aug	191.1	-1.8	0.5	204.1	-1.4	1.1
Sep	190.9	-0.1	-0.5	203.1	-0.5	-0.2
Oct	189.9	-0.5	-0.8	202.1	-0.5	-0.7
Nov	189.4	-0.3	-2.1	202.4	0.1	-1.7
Dec	191.7	1.2	-1.7	204.6	1.1	-2.0
Jan - 25	192.6	0.5	-4.0	206.4	0.9	-4.0
Feb	192.2	-0.2	-4.2	206.2	-0.1	-3.9
March	191.6	-0.3	-2.6	206.0	-0.1	-1.9
April	191.2	-0.2	-2.0	206.5	0.2	-0.8
May	192.8	0.8	-0.7	207.5	0.5	0.6
June	194.5	0.9	-0.6	208.7	0.6	0.3
July	194.1	-0.2	-0.3	208.3	-0.2	0.7
Aug	193.3	-0.4	1.2	207.2	-0.5	1.5
Sep	193.7	0.2	1.5	207.4	0.1	2.1
Oct	193.8	0.1	2.1	207.5	0.0	2.7
Nov	193.4	-0.2	2.1	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			

Source: Department of Census and Statistics



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

Commodity	Value Change Rs.	Change %
Food	1,901.83	1.07
Rice	-608.74	-0.34
Coconut	61.74	0.03
Sea Fish	906.03	0.51
Chicken	257.73	0.15
Fresh Fruits	n.a	n.a
Vegetables	997.16	0.56
Dried Chillies	59.84	0.03
Eggs	16.33	0.01
Red Onions	-92.44	-0.05
Big Onions	-101.04	-0.06
Potatoes	-52.40	-0.03
Garlic	-72.40	-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	
Apr - 24	235.4	-1.0	2.9	
May	232.6	-1.2	0.0	
June	239.1	2.8	1.4	
July	239.4	0.1	1.5	
Aug	234.6	-2.0	0.8	
Sep	233.3	-0.6	-0.3	
Oct	231.9	-0.6	1.0	
Nov	231.7	-0.1	0.6	
Dec	240.7	3.9	0.8	
Jan - 25	241.5	0.3	-2.6	
Feb	242.3	0.3	-0.2	
March	239.2	-1.3	0.6	
April	238.4	-0.3	1.3	
May	244.8	2.7	5.2	
June	249.3	1.8	4.3	
July	243.0	-2.5	1.5	
Aug	239.4	-1.5	2.0	
Sep	240.1	0.3	2.9	
Oct	240.0	0.0	3.5	
Nov	238.6	-0.6	3.0	
Dec	247.9	3.9	3.0	
Jan - 26	249.4	0.6	3.3	

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

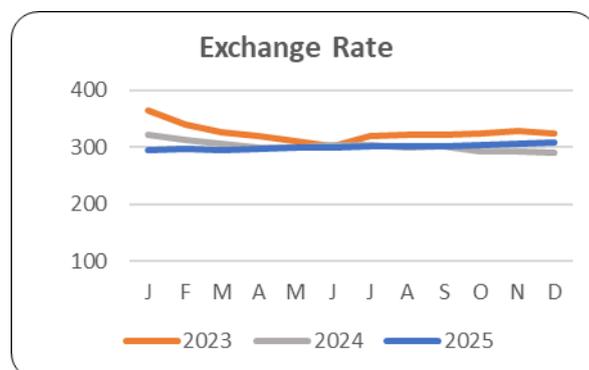


# EXTERNAL SECTOR

## EXCHANGE RATES (AVERAGE)

Currency	Week Ending 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Week Ago	Year Ago	% Change 2025/26
US Dollar	309.34	309.29	297.01	4.15
Sterling Pound	415.92	421.21	373.92	11.23
Euro	363.77	367.14	309.71	17.46
Japanese Yen	2.00	2.02	1.97	1.52
Indian Rupee	3.41	3.41	3.41	0.00

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

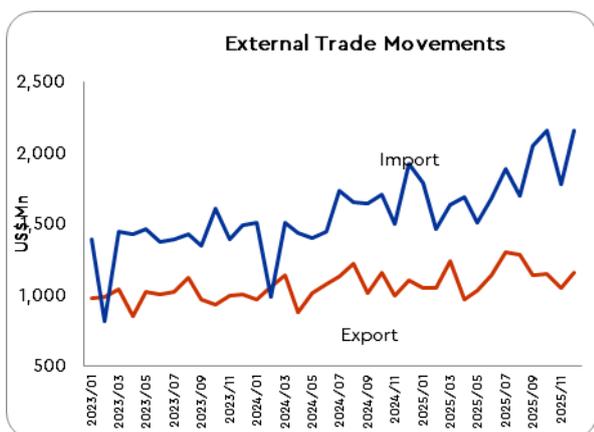


## EXTERNAL TRADE

Category	December 2024 (USD mn)	December 2025 (USD mn)	Growth Rate (%)	Jan-Dec 2024 (USD mn)	Jan-Dec 2025 (USD mn)	Growth Rate (%)
<b>Exports</b>	1,101.8	1,157.9	5.1	12,772.0	13,581.4	6.3
<b>Agricultural</b>	256.5	245.4	-4.3	2,774.5	3,072.0	10.7
Tea	131.6	105.8	-19.6	1,435.9	1,507.2	5.0
Other	124.9	139.6	11.8	1,338.6	1,564.8	16.9
<b>Industrial</b>	841.5	908.0	7.9	9,946.9	10,460.8	5.2
Rubber Products	78.3	74.2	-5.3	975.6	914.6	-6.2
Textiles and Garments	447.6	471.6	5.4	5,061.0	5,313.7	5.0
Food, Beverage and Tobacco	57.6	66.0	14.7	651.5	895.5	37.4
Other	258.0	296.2	14.8	3,258.8	3,337.0	2.4
<b>Mineral</b>	1.6	2.4	55.8	24.5	24.2	-1.4
<b>Unclassified</b>	2.2	2.1	-2.2	26.1	24.4	-6.7
<b>Imports</b>	1,924.5	2,155.2	12.0	18,841.4	21,480.0	14.0
<b>Consumer Goods</b>	397.6	610.2	53.5	3,465.7	5,518.3	59.2
Food and Beverages	242.5	191.4	-21.1	1,914.3	2,115.9	10.5
Other Consumer Goods	155.1	418.8	170.0	1,551.4	3,402.4	119.3
<b>Intermediate Goods</b>	1,124.9	1,127.9	0.3	11,914.5	11,858.9	-0.5
Petroleum	434.0	390.1	-10.1	4,354.4	4,042.5	-7.2
Textiles & Textile Articles	252.6	251.2	-0.5	2,847.1	2,749.1	-3.4
Other Intermediate Goods	438.3	486.6	11.0	4,713.0	5,067.3	7.5
<b>Investment Goods</b>	396.6	416.6	5.0	3,448.2	4,089.9	18.6
Machinery and Equipment	290.3	242.1	-16.6	2,363.1	2,513.4	6.4
Transport Equipment	16.9	70.2	315.5	154.8	555.5	259.0
Building Material	89.1	103.5	16.2	927.2	1,016.8	9.7
Other Investment Goods	0.3	0.8	166.7	3.1	4.2	35.5
<b>Unclassified</b>	5.4	0.5	-91.1	13.0	12.9	-0.7
<b>Trade Balance</b>	-882.7	-997.2		-6,069.4	-7,898.6	

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Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



### Highlights

- Export earnings increased by 10.5 percent to USD 1,157.9 mn in December 2025 compared to USD 1,047.8 mn in November 2025.
- Import expenditure increased by 21.2 percent to USD 2,155.2 mn in December 2025 compared to USD 1,778.5 mn in November 2025.
- Trade deficit widened to USD 997.2 mn in December 2025 compared to USD 730.7 mn in November 2025.

## EXTERNAL ASSETS

External Assets (USD bn)	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025
Total Reserves	11.6	11.2	11.6	11.6	12.4	12.4	12.0	11.8	11.7	11.9	11.7	11.5	11.3
Gross Official Reserves	6.5	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.5	6.3	6.3	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.0

Gross official Reserves USD 6.3 bn as end April 2025.

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

## WORKERS' REMITTANCES

Category	2025 January	2026 January	% Change
Inflow USD mn	573.0	751.1	31.1
Rs. bn	169.7	232.6	37.0

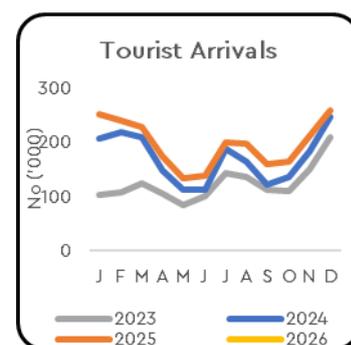
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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## TOURIST ARRIVALS

Month	Arrivals				Earnings USD mn			
	2024	2025	2026	% change 2025/26	2024	2025	2026	% change 2024/26
Jan	208,253	252,761	277,327	9.7	341.80	400.7	378.3	-5.6
Feb	218,350	240,217			345.70	367.6		
Mar	209,181	229,298			338.40	354.0		
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>	<b>277,327</b>		<b>3,168.6</b>	<b>3,219.2</b>	<b>378.3</b>	

Source: Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority





# FISCAL SECTOR

## GOVERNMENT REVENUE (Rs. Mn)

Item	2021	2022	2023	2024 (a)	2025 (a) Jan - Nov
<b>Tax Revenue</b>	<b>1,298,019</b>	<b>1,751,132</b>	<b>2,720,563</b>	<b>3,704,577</b>	<b>4,611,505</b>
Income Tax	302,115	534,021	911,355	1,026,199	1,096,935
VAT	308,213	463,062	694,460	1,309,680	1,579,049
Excise Duty	306,861	342,523	469,622	598,529	947,341
PAL	154,125	180,595	175,486	170,014	161,049
Customs Duty	64,339	50,009	105,120	111,147	240,873
SCL	55,828	40,194	51,327	115,199	148,656
CESS	75,543	70,318	57,184	81,129	80,497
SSCL	-	36,111	216,181	250,869	268,860
Other	31,429	34,712	39,827	41,812	88,244
<b>Non-Tax Revenue</b>	<b>159,052</b>	<b>228,052</b>	<b>328,259</b>	<b>326,261</b>	<b>334,277</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,457,071</b>	<b>1,979,184</b>	<b>3,048,822</b>	<b>4,030,838</b>	<b>4,945,781</b>

Source: Department of Fiscal Policy  
(a) Provisional

## GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE (Rs. Mn)

Item	2021	2022	2023	2024 (a)	2025 (a) Jan - Nov
<b>Government Expenditure</b>	<b>3,521,735</b>	<b>4,472,556</b>	<b>5,356,591</b>	<b>6,130,739</b>	<b>5,287,360</b>
<b>Recurrent Expenditure</b>	<b>2,747,512</b>	<b>3,519,634</b>	<b>4,699,679</b>	<b>5,339,941</b>	<b>4,641,738</b>
Salaries & Wages	845,680	956,211	939,496	1,066,048	1,059,833
Goods & Services	168,932	182,857	299,700	350,879	292,154
Interest	1,048,382	1,565,190	2,455,600	2,689,500	2,267,361
Subsidies & Transfers	684,518	815,376	1,004,884	1,233,514	1,022,391
<b>Capital &amp; Net Lending</b>	<b>774,223</b>	<b>952,923</b>	<b>656,912</b>	<b>790,798</b>	<b>645,622</b>
Public Investments	789,636	1,014,293	932,745	817,092	656,835
<b>Other</b>	<b>-15,413</b>	<b>-61,370</b>	<b>-275,833</b>	<b>-26,294</b>	<b>-11,213</b>

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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 Sep 2025 (a)
Total Domestic Debt	17,051.9	17,725.91	17,595.05	17,497.73	17,571.96	18,309.66	18,701,461
Total Foreign Debt	11,644.1	10,980.85	10,979.60	10,789.37	10,668.26	10,429.04	10,974,345
<b>Total Government Debt</b>	<b>28,695.9</b>	<b>28,706.76</b>	<b>28,574.65</b>	<b>28,287.10</b>	<b>28,240.22</b>	<b>28,738.70</b>	<b>29,675,806</b>

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
<b>Capital &amp; Net Lending</b>	<b>952,923</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>656,912</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>790,798</b>	<b>2.6</b>
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

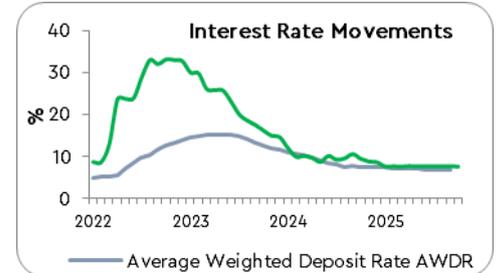
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# MONETARY SECTOR

## REAL INTEREST RATES

Month	CCPI (2013 =100)	CCPI Point to Point Change	CCPI Annual Average Change	91 Days T Bill Rate
May	194.1	0.9	3.9	8.62
June	195.6	1.7	3.1	10.07
July	194.7	2.4	2.8	9.14
Aug	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
August	193.3	1.2	-1.5	7.58
September	193.7	1.5	-1.4	7.57
October	193.8	2.1	-1.2	7.52
November	193.4	2.1	-0.8	7.52
December	195.8	2.1	-0.5	7.74



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 20 <sup>th</sup> of February 2026	Week Ago	Year Ago
Overnight Policy Rate (OPR)	7.75	7.75	8.00
Standing Deposit Facility	7.25	7.25	7.50
Standing Lending Facility	8.25	8.25	8.50
Average Weighted Call Money Rate (AWCMR)	7.67	7.66	7.98
Treasury Bill (Yield rate)			
91 Days	7.66	7.72	7.61
182 Days	7.99	8.07	7.90
364 Days	8.27	8.31	8.36
Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	8.95	9.04	8.39
	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Month ago</b>	<b>Year ago</b>
Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	6.78	6.77	7.53

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

## MONEY SUPPLY AND CREDIT GROWTH

Item	Dec 2025	Nov 2025	Oct 2025	Sep 2025	Aug 2025	Dec 2024	Growth 2024 Dec/2025 Dec (%)
M <sub>1</sub>	2,288.0	2,133.9	2,129.6	2,119.4	2,123.1	1,925.6	18.8
M <sub>2</sub>	14,093.4	13,826.3	13,641.4	13,641.4	13,512.8	12,660.6	11.3
M <sub>2b</sub>	15,975.0	15,679.8	15,577.8	15,465.0	15,367.9	14,321.7	11.5

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

CREDIT TO PRIVATE SECTOR (RS. bn.)				
Item	Dec 2025	Month Ago	Year Ago	Growth 2024 /2025 (%)
Credit to Private Sector	10,212.2	10,029.4	8,156.0	25.2
DBUs	9,630.4	9,434.1	7,560.2	27.4
OBU	581.8	595.3	595.3	-2.4

## SHARE MARKET

Indicator	Week Ending 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (ASPI) (1985 = 100)	23,773.64	23,709.84	16,858.97
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20)	6,721.47	6,618.73	5,032.94
Average Daily Turnover (Rs.Mn)	3,890.60	8,510.84	2,905.29
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	8,411.38	8,433.85	5,940.66

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange



## EQUITY TRADING STATISTICS

Indicator	Jan 2026	Jan 2025
<b>Turnover -Equity (Rs. Mn.)</b>	134,808.1	140,432.1
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	127,454.2	131,968.6
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	7,353.9	8,463.4
Market Days	19	20
Daily Turnover Avg. Equity (Rs. Mn.)	7,095.2	7,021.6
<b>Trade Equity</b>	844,925	772,389
Domestic	875,145	759,226
Foreign	9,780	13,163
<b>Shares Traded Equity (Mn)</b>	3,938.9	5,883.6
Domestic (Mn.)	3,820.4	5,609.2
Foreign (Mn.)	118.6	274.4
Companies Traded	273	269
Companies Listed	288	289

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

## MARKET INDICATORS

Price Indices	Jan 2026	Dec 2025	Nov 2025
ASPI	23,812.31	22,624.31	22,712.82
S&P SL 20	6,641.15	6,157.38	6,267.03
<b>Total Return Indicators</b>			
ASTRI	36,232.67	34,385.16	34,469.19
S&P SL20 (TRI)	13,583.87	12,577.43	12,785.20
Market PER	11.30	10.73	11.16
Dividend Yield	2.49	2.62	2.37
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	8,498.37	8,068.62	8,122.78

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

## STOCK MARKET - FOREIGN PURCHASES AND FOREIGN SALES

Indicator	Jan 2026	Jan 2025
Purchases by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	3,960.3	5,233.1
Sales by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	10,747.4	11,693.8
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. Mn)	-6,787.1	-6,460.2

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange



