



WEEKLY ECONOMIC BULLETIN

DEPARTMENT OF FISCAL POLICY

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

SRI LANKA

The Week in Review
21 Aug - 25 Aug 2023

REAL SECTOR

- Economy contracted by 11.5 percent in first quarter 2023.
- Price of Brent Crude Oil and WTI increased by 1.21 & 1.22 USD bbl, respectively.
- CCPI (2021=100) decreased to 6.3 percent (YoY) in July, 2023 from 12.0 percent (YoY) in June, 2023
- NCPI (YoY%) (2021=100) declined to 10.8 percent (YoY) in June, 2023 from 22.1 percent (YoY) in May, 2023

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EXTERNAL SECTOR

- Exchange Rate depreciated to USD 1=Rs.323.72 from USD 1=Rs. 322.89
- Exports declined to USD 1.00 bn in June 2023 compared to USD 1.02 bn in May 2023
- Imports dropped to USD 1.37 bn in June 2023 compared to USD 1.47 bn in May 2023
- Trade deficit
 - USD 364 mn in June, 2023
- The gross official reserves USD 3.8 bn as end of July
- Workers' remittances recorded USD 541.0mn in July, 2023

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FISCAL SECTOR

Revenue

▪ Jan- June, 2023

Total Revenue	- Rs.	1,314.9	bn
(Excluding Grants)			
Tax Revenue	- Rs.	1,198.9	bn
Non-Tax Revenue	- Rs.	116.0	bn

Expenditure

▪ Jan- June, 2023

Total Expenditure	- Rs.	2,559.6	bn
Recurrent Expenditure	- Rs.	2,325.5	bn
Capital Expenditure	- Rs.	234.1	bn

Debt

▪ End of April 2023

Total Outstanding Government Debt	- Rs.	26,809.52	bn
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MONETARY SECTOR

- All Share Price Index (ASPI) dropped by 1.73 percent to 11,207.11 points as at 25th August, 2023 from 11,403.92 points as at 18th August, 2023
- S&P SL 20 Index decreased by 2.97 percent to 3,169.80 points as at 25th August, 2023 from 3,266.68 points as at 18th August, 2023
- Credit to the private sector fell by 8.0 percent (YoY) in June, 2023

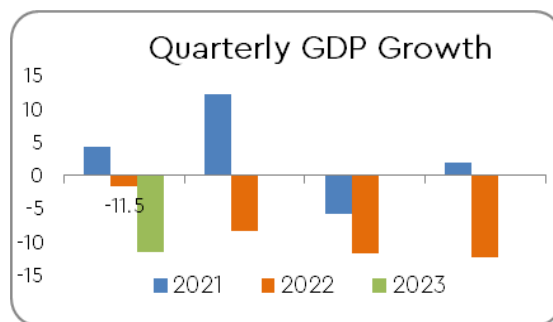
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REAL SECTOR

PRODUCTION

	1 st Q	2 nd Q	3 rd Q	4 th Q	Annual
2019	-0.1	-1.8	1.2	-0.3	-0.2
Agriculture	5.2	2.9	3.4	-7.6	0.5
Industry	-6.6	-7.3	-1.1	-1.0	-4.1
Service	4.8	1.3	3.0	2.5	2.9
2020	-0.9	-17.1	-1.1	-0.5	-4.6
Agriculture	-4.2	-3.8	4.2	-0.1	-0.9
Industry	-4.5	-19.0	-0.7	1.8	-5.3
Service	2.9	-13.2	0.5	1.1	-1.9
2021	4.5	13.8	-3.2	1.4	3.5
Agriculture	4.3	11.6	-3.3	-6.8	0.9
Industry	6.6	22.6	-1.8	0.1	5.7
Services	4.3	7.5	-1.5	4.4	3.5
2022	-0.5	-7.4	-11.5	-12.4	-7.8
Agriculture	-4.4	-7.9	-6.7	0.7	-4.6
Industry	-3.7	-10.1	-21.3	-30.1	-16.0
Services	1.8	-1.8	-4.2	-3.9	-2.0
2023	-11.5				
Agriculture	0.8				
Industry	-23.4				
Services	-5.0				



GDP contracted by 11.5 % in the Q1 of 2023

In the first quarter of 2023, the economy contracted by 11.5 compared to the 0.5 percent contraction in the same period of 2022. This was mainly due to the contraction of overall industrial activities by 23.4 percent and 5 percent contraction of the services sector recorded in the Q1 of 2023 amidst the positive growth in Agriculture sector.

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	2020			2021			2022		
		2019/ 2020 Maha	2020 Yala	Total	2020/ 2021 Maha	2021 Yala	Total	2021/ 2022 Maha	2022 Yala	Total
Production	Mn.Mt	3.20	1.92	5.12	3.061	2.09	5.15	1.93	1.46	3.39
	Bushels Mn.	153.21	92.2	245.41	146.72	100.1	246.82	92.56	70.05	162.61
Net Extent Harvested	Hectares (^{'000})	663	403.4	1,066.4	681.5	445.1	1,126.9	685.2	429.0	1,114.2
	Acres (^{'000})	1,638	996.7	2,634.7	1,684.1	1,099.8	2,784.6	1,693.1	1,060.2	2,753.3
Average Yield	kg per ha	4,531	4,552	4,803	4,307	4,309	4,307	2,853	3,207	6,060

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

(a)provisional

TEA, RUBBER & COCONUT PRODUCTION

Category	Crop	June 2022	June 2023	% Change
Production	Tea (Mn. Kg)	20.3	23.0	13.4
	Rubber (Mn. Kg)	5.2	6.1	17.3
	Coconut (Mn. Nuts)	303.5	257.2	-15.3
Exports (USD Mn)	Tea	116.5	111.5	-4.3
	Rubber	2.8	1.8	-36.4
	Coconut	40.5	28.5	-29.8
Average Gross Prices	Tea (Rs./ Kg)	1,343.76	1,058.06	-21.3
	Rubber (Rs./ Kg)	718.33	485.00	-32.5
	Coconut (Rs./nut)	54.91	66.20	20.6

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

FACTORY INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX (2015=100)

Item (a)	2022 June (a)	2023 June (b)	Change %
Manufacture of Food Products	98.0	87.3	-10.9
Manufacture of Beverages	123.0	121.3	-1.4
Manufacture of Tobacco Products	100.4	98.6	-1.8
Manufacture of Textiles	113.9	111.5	-2.1
Manufacture of Wearing Apparel	101.5	91.8	-9.6
Manufacture of Leather and Related Products	73.1	99.0	35.5
Manufacture of Wood products, except Furniture; Articles of Straw & plaiting materials	68.8	62.8	-8.8
Manufacture of Paper and Paper Products	39.1	19.8	-49.4
Printing and Reproduction of Recorded Media	77.1	107.7	39.8
Manufacture of Coke and Refined Petroleum Products	56.8	117.7	107.4
Manufacture of Chemicals and Chemical Products	104.3	73.7	-29.3
Manufacture of Basic Pharmaceuticals, Pharmaceutical preparations	60.9	126.9	108.3
Manufacture of Rubber and Plastic Products	108.7	78.6	-27.7
Manufacture of Other Non-Metallic Mineral Products	108.9	92.7	-14.9
Manufacture of Basic Metals	115.9	92.9	-19.9
Manufacture of Fabricated Metal Products (except machines and equipment)	54.4	50.1	-7.8
Manufacture of Electrical Equipment	65.1	46.2	-29.1
Manufacture of Machinery and Equipment (n.e.c)	142.2	126.9	-10.8
Manufacture of Furniture	61.2	62.2	1.6
Other Manufacturing	57.7	59.5	3.1
Overall Factory Industrial Production Index	96.5	90.1	-6.7

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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

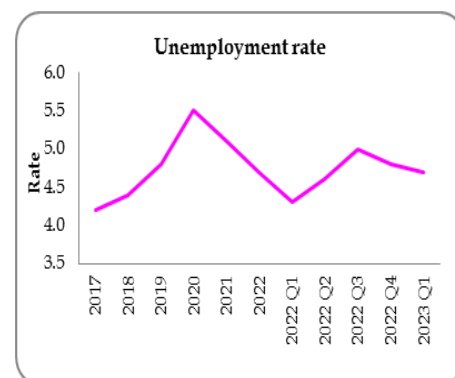
(b) Revised

(c) Provisional

LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

Employment	2019 Annual	2020 Annual	2021 Annual	2022 Annual	2022 Q1	2023 Q1
Labour Force Participation Rate	52.3	50.6	49.9	49.8	51.2	49.9
Unemployment Rate	4.8	5.5	5.1	4.7	4.3	4.7
Male	3.3	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.0	3.4
Female	7.4	8.5	7.9	6.5	6.5	7.0
20-29	15.3	18.1	18.3	16.2	14.2	17.1
20-24	20.3	25.2	26.8	21.8	19.0	21.5
25-29	11.0	12.0	11.4	11.7	10.2	13.6

Source: Department of Census & Statistics



CRUDE OIL PRICES

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

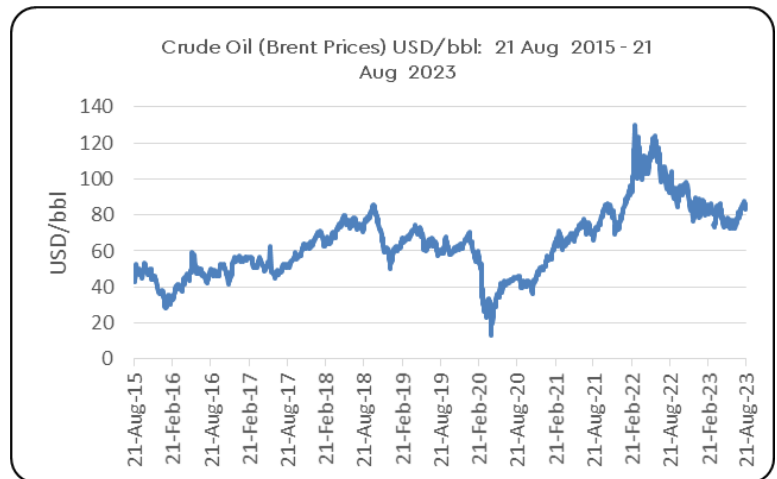
Item	Aug 21	Aug 22	Aug 23	Aug 24	Aug 25	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Brent (New York Closing Prices)	84.93	84.60	84.02	84.06	83.40	84.28	82.77	n.a.
WTI	81.37	80.81	79.69	78.69	79.11	80.72	78.82	n.a.
Petrol	102.00	101.00	104.20	102.25	104.10	101.00	98.55	n.a.
Diesel	112.60	109.53	110.58	109.86	111.99	110.88	100.23	n.a.
Kerosene	119.37	115.75	117.11	117.04	119.56	117.55	105.14	n.a.

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

Month	WTI European Market	Brent
Jan - 2022	82.55	84.96
Feb	91.74	94.17
Mar	100.63	105.35
Apr	105.56	101.23
May	109.64	111.91
Jun	117.29	113.89
Jul	100.47	105.39
Aug	91.79	98.07
Sep	84.42	90.85
Oct	85.45	91.77
Nov	85.40	91.98
Dec	83.03	89.13
Jan- 2023	82.01	88.03
Feb	81.24	87.35
Mar	80.13	86.20
Apr	80.02	85.88
May	79.20	84.87
Jun	78.18	83.73
July	77.92	83.37
Aug	78.20	83.51

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka (up to 18th August 2023)



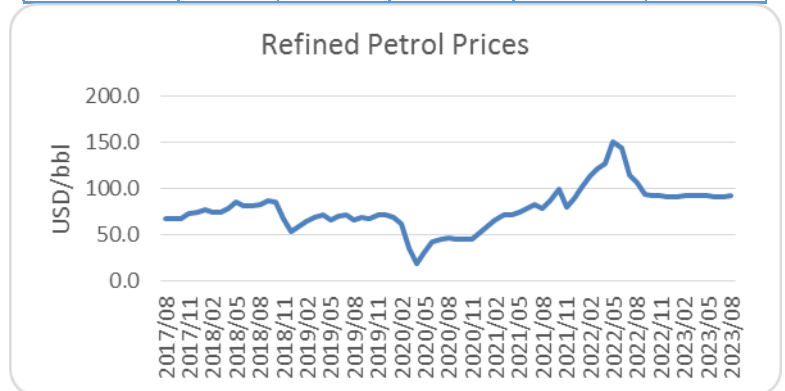
MONTHLY AVERAGE REFINED PRODUCT PRICES – SINGAPORE PLATTS PRICES (USD/BBL)

Month	Petrol	Diesel	Kerosene
Dec -2021	85.68	84.30	83.64
Jan - 2022	96.10	96.88	95.45
Feb	101.49	102.01	100.23
Mar	129.01	135.35	133.98
Apr	123.39	136.63	134.39
May	141.01	143.79	143.63
Jun	149.36	167.03	164.50
Jul	117.15	137.35	136.35
Aug	107.08	132.60	132.66
Sep	93.73	121.41	121.95
Oct	92.83	123.83	122.51
Nov	93.14	122.87	122.42
Dec	91.04	118.38	119.47
Jan - 2023	92.05	116.16	118.61
Feb	95.68	113.58	116.66
Mar	92.82	111.03	114.13
Apr	93.07	109.09	112.43
May	92.28	106.33	110.04
June	91.86	104.06	107.98
July	91.89	102.97	107.01
Aug	92.63	103.57	107.69

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka (up to 18th August 2023)

LOCAL MARKET PRICES OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (RS.)

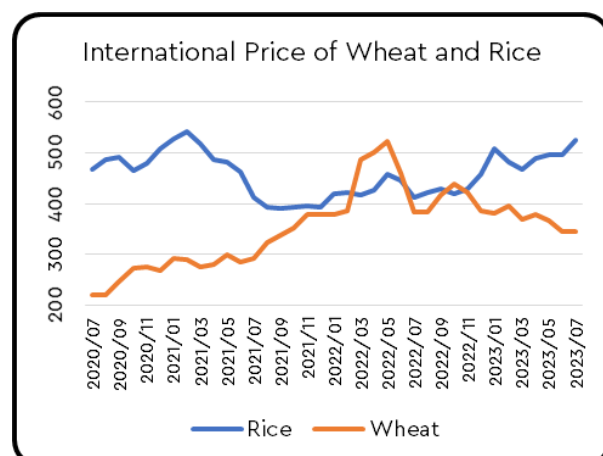
Item	Unit	End 2020	End 2021	End 2022	Current Price 2023
Auto Diesel	1 liter	104.00	121.00	405.00	306.00
Petrol (Octane 92)	1 liter	137.00	177.00	370.00	348.00
Kerosene oil	1 liter	70.00	87.00	355.00	226.00
L P Gas	12.5 kg	1,493.00	2,675.00	4,409.00	2,982.00



COMMODITY PRICES

INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES

Month	Rice Thai,25% USD/MT	Wheat (HRW) USD/MT
Dec- 2021	392.75	379.50
Jan - 2022	418.75	378.50
Feb	422.00	386.00
Mar	417.25	485.80
Apr	427.75	502.00
May	458.00	521.41
June	445.25	459.59
July	412.00	382.86
Aug	421.00	382.90
Sep	428.00	417.90
Oct	420.00	438.00
Nov	430.00	422.70
Dec	457.00	386.30
Jan -2023	507.00	380.40
Feb	482.00	394.80
Mar	468.00	369.90
Apr	490.00	378.20
May	495.00	367.70
June	496.00	345.50
July	524.00	345.50



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

Category	Commodity	Unit	Annual Averages			
			Jan-Dec 2022	Oct- Dec 2022	Jan - Mar 2023	Apr- Jun 2023
Energy	Crude Oil average	USD/mt	97.1	85.3	79.0	76.6
Non-Energy, Agriculture, Beverages	Cocoa	USD/kg	2.39	2.41	2.68	3.01
	Coffee, Arabica	USD/kg	5.63	4.88	4.84	4.83
	Tea, average	USD/kg	3.05	3.05	2.72	2.79
	Tea, Colombo auctions	USD/kg	3.87	4.00	3.94	3.52
	Milk Powder	USD/mt	-	-	-	-
Food, Fats & Oils	Coconut Oil	USD/mt	1,635	1,147	1,093	1,045
	Soybean Oil	USD/mt	1,667	1,546	1,236	1,008
	Palm Oil	USD/mt	1,276	925	955	919
Grains	Barley	USD/mt	-	-	-	-
	Maize	USD/mt	318.8	322.2	294.5	275.4
	Wheat, US HRW	USD/mt	430.0	415.7	381.7	363.8
Other Food	Meat, Beef	USD/kg	5.78	5.18	5.18	5.43
	Meat, Chicken	USD/kg	3.35	3.31	3.32	3.34
	Sugar, World	USD/kg	0.41	0.40	0.44	0.54
Raw Materials, Timber	Plywood	¢/sheets	418.2	386.5	412.6	398.1
	Wood pulp	USD/mt	-	-	-	-
Other Raw Materials	Rubber RSS3, US	USD /kg	1.81	1.49	1.61	1.54
Fertilizers	Phosphate Rock	USD/mt	266.2	305.8	322.5	344.8
	TSP	USD/mt	716.1	628.1	551.5	475.2
	Urea	USD/mt	700.0	581.5	371.6	310.0
Metals and Minerals	Aluminium	USD/mt	2,705	2,336	2,405	2,266
	Gold	USD /toz	1,801	1,729	1,888	1,978
	Iron ore	USD /dmt	121.3	99.2	126.1	112.0

Source: The World Bank, Available at <https://thedocs.worldbank.org/en/doc/5d903e848db1d1b83e0ec8f744e55570-0350012021/related/CMO-Pink-Sheet-October-2021.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
WEEK ENDING 25th AUGUST 2023 (RS /KG)

PETTAH MARKET

DAMBULLA MARKET

Average Wholesale Prices	Week Ending 25/08/2023	Week Ago	Year Ago, Annual Avg.	Food Item	Wholesale (Average)			
Rice (Rs/Kg)				Rice (Rs/Kg)				
Samba	208.00	196.20	224.20	Samba	239.20			
Kekulu (Red)	146.60	148.00	209.00	Kekulu (Red)	164.20			
Vegetable				Vegetables				
Beans	324.00	346.00	200.00	Pumpkins	61.00			
Cabbage	148.00	150.00	316.00	Snake Gourd	113.00			
Carrots	326.00	408.00	280.00	Ash Plantains	162.00			
Tomatoes	110.00	156.00	132.00	Beans	352.00			
Pumpkins	80.00	108.00	125.00	Carrots	319.00			
Snake Guard	132.00	124.00	250.00	Tomatoes	61.00			
Brinjals	180.00	214.00	370.00	Cabbage	138.00			
Other Foods				Other Foods				
Red-Onions (Local)	259.60	239.20	384.40	Potatoes (Local)	320.00			
Big Onions (Imported)	178.40	152.00	139.40	Dried Chillies (Imported)	955.00			
Potatoes (Local)	322.80	346.00	371.40	Big-Onions (Imported)	159.80			
Dried Chillies (Imported)	1,010.20	1,050.00	1,450.00	Red-Onions (Local)	237.00			
Dhal	277.20	278.00	429.20	Coconut (Each)	65.60			
Eggs (White) (Each)	43.20	41.40	42.33	<i>Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka</i>				
Coconut (Each)	83.20	85.00	80.00	MARANDAGAHAMULA AVERAGE PRICE OF RICE (RS/KG)				
Green Chillies	410.00	450.00	404.00					
Lime	680.00	620.00	150.00					
Fish				Item	Week Ending 25/08/2023	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Kelawalla	1,330.00	1,340.00	-	Samba	209.00	207.20	198.00	211.20
Balaya	775.00	866.67	-	Kekulu (White)	168.20	162.20	161.20	207.80
Salaya	516.00	512.50	-	Kekulu (Red)	151.60	148.80	143.60	210.00
Hurulla	540.00	680.00	-	Nadu	182.20	177.60	175.20	209.40

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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WEEKLY RETAIL COMMODITY PRICES – 3rd WEEK OF AUGUST 2023

Item	Unit	This Week	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago
Rice					
Samba (Avg.)	1 kg	230.10	230.05	0.0	230.51
No. 1	1 kg	225.10	226.03	-0.4	241.79
No. 2	1kg				
Nadu Red	1kg	210.83	215.24	-2.0	255.23
Raw Red (Avg)	1kg	163.40	163.85	-0.3	239.65
No. 1	1kg	163.40	163.85	-0.3	240.08
No. 2	1kg				
Wheat Flour	1 kg	210.36	214.54	-1.9	304.11
Bread	450g	150.00	151.43	-0.9	194.29
Sugar	1 kg	253.50	255.34	-0.7	314.99
Pelwatta	400g	1,080.00	1,080.00	0.0	880.00
Potatoes (Import)	1 kg	220.42	232.80	-5.3	214.78
Potatoes (Local)	1kg	408.13	403.08	1.3	466.21
Mysore Dhal (Avg)	1kg	346.66	354.60	-2.2	506.38
Cowpea (Avg)	1kg	1,054.79	1,055.45	-0.1	789.83
Green Gram (Avg)	1kg	1,120.33	1,117.51	0.3	940.31
Kadalai (Avg)	1kg	636.31	644.90	-1.3	751.07
Meat					
Beef	1kg	2,337.50	2,342.86	-0.2	2,035.91
Chicken					
Fresh	1kg	1,402.50	1,435.38	-2.3	1,374.71
Broiler	1kg	1,366.67	1,366.67	0.0	1,241.67
Fresh Fish					
Paraw	1 kg	2,780.71	2,895.45	-4.0	2,710.49
Balaya	1 kg	1,446.67	1,657.14	-12.7	1,693.80
Kelawalla	1 kg	2,556.47	2,597.14	-1.6	2,708.96
Salaya	1 kg	652.35	722.78	-9.7	882.81
Dried Fish					
Sprats	1 kg	1,268.00	1,296.30	-2.2	1,978.00
Eggs	Each	45.92	49.17	-6.6	54.71
Coconut	Each	98.70	99.93	-1.2	91.72
Coconut Oil	750ml	451.36	457.60	-1.4	535.36
Red Onions	1 kg	428.33	457.85	-6.4	431.71
B- Onions (Import)	1 kg	168.50	142.68	18.1	188.79
Brinjal	1kg	390.34	407.24	-4.1	498.29
Beans Green	1 kg	467.93	439.59	6.4	558.71
Bandakka	1 kg	264.44	261.67	1.1	334.75
Leeks	1 kg	283.79	291.72	-2.7	334.48
Beet Root	1kg	280.71	292.33	-4.0	299.65
Carrot	1kg	519.26	533.45	-2.7	431.80
Green Chillies	1kg	703.70	660.34	6.6	717.45
Raddish	1kg	213.60	211.43	1.0	252.79
Vetakolu	1kg	300.43	293.62	2.3	365.54
Bitter Guard	1kg	396.92	387.59	2.4	480.44
Snake Guard	1kg	330.77	300.88	9.9	432.81
Kolikuttu	1kg	566.82	520.95	8.8	338.44
Papaw	1kg	251.60	237.83	5.8	296.71
Pineapple	1kg	717.22	660.59	8.6	416.40

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

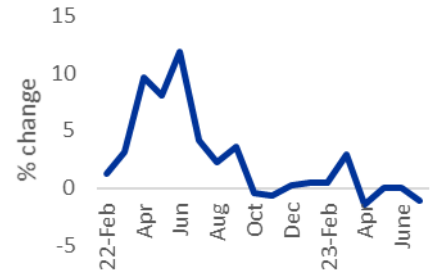
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TRENDS IN INFLATION

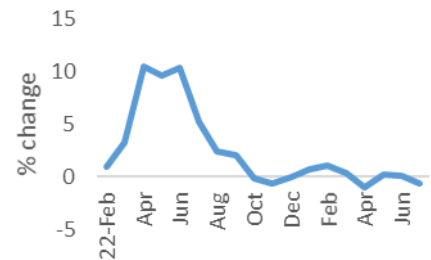
Month	CCPI (%)			NCPI (%)		
	(2021=100)			(2021=100)		
	Index Number	% Change Month on Month	Y on Y %	Index Number	% Change Month on Month	Y on Y %
Jan-22	124.3			131.7		
Feb	125.8	1.2		132.9	0.9	
Mar	129.7	3.1		137.3	3.3	
Apr	142.1	9.6		151.7	10.5	
May	153.6	8.1		166.3	9.6	
Jun	171.7	11.8		183.5	10.3	
Jul	178.9	4.2		193.1	5.2	
Aug	182.8	2.2		197.7	2.4	
Sep	189.3	3.6		201.9	2.1	
Oct	188.5	-0.4		201.6	-0.1	
Nov	187.1	-0.7		200.3	-0.6	
Dec	187.6	0.3		200.4	0.0	
Jan-23	188.6	0.5		201.8	0.7	53.2
Feb	189.5	0.5	50.6	204.1	1.1	53.6
Mar	195.0	2.9	50.3	204.8	0.3	49.2
Apr	192.3	-1.4	35.3	202.7	-1.0	33.6
May	192.3	0.0	25.2	203.1	0.2	22.1
Jun	192.3	0.0	12.0	203.3	0.1	10.8
July	190.2	-1.1	6.3	201.9	-0.7	4.6

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

CCPI Monthly Change



NCPI Monthly Change



CONTRIBUTION OF FOOD ITEMS TO CCPI FROM JUNE 2023 TO JULY 2023 (Base 2021=100)

Commodity	Value Change Rs.	Change %
Food	25.56	0.01
Rice	-81.16	-0.05
Coconut	-137.51	-0.08
Fresh Fish	-115.34	-0.07
Chicken	61.17	0.03
Fresh Fruits	134.67	0.08
Vegetables	83.75	0.05
Eggs	79.04	0.04
Dried Fish	43.86	0.02
Bread	-91.44	-0.05
Big Onions	46.68	0.03
Potatoes	89.36	0.05
Dhal Mysoor	-37.79	-0.02

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 - 22	150.0		
Feb	152.0	1.3	
Mar	155.2	2.1	
Apr	175.2	12.9	
May	191.6	9.4	
Jun	226.4	18.2	
Jul	239.2	5.7	
Aug	244.6	2.3	
Sep	246.9	0.9	
Oct	242.2	-1.9	
Nov	238.9	-1.4	
Dec	238.2	-0.3	
Jan -23	240.0	0.8	
Feb	234.7	-2.2	54.4
Mar	229.0	-2.4	47.6
Apr	228.8	-0.1	30.6
May	232.7	1.7	21.5
Jun	235.7	1.3	4.1
July	235.8	0.0	-1.4

Source :Department of Census and Statistics

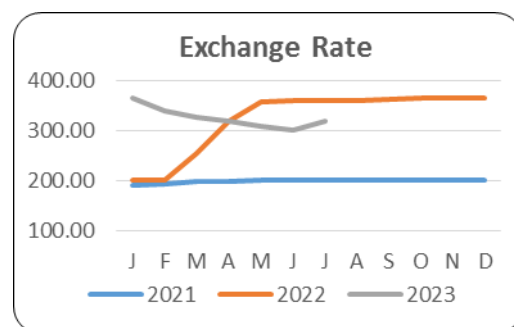


EXTERNAL SECTOR

EXCHANGE RATES

Currency	Week Ending 25 th August 2023	Week Ago	Year Ago	% Change 2022/23
US Dollar	323.72	322.89	363.06	-10.84
Sterling Pound	407.59	411.94	428.86	-4.96
Euro	349.45	351.73	362.61	-3.63
Japanese Yen	2.22	2.22	2.66	-16.54
Indian Rupee	3.92	3.88	4.53	-13.47

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

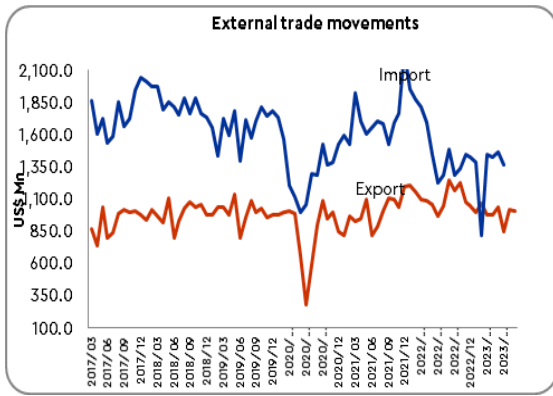


EXTERNAL TRADE

Category	June 2022 (USD mn)	June 2023 (USD mn)	Growth Rate (%)	Jan -June 2022 (USD mn)	Jan -June 2023 (USD mn)	Growth Rate (%)
Exports	1,248.8	1,005.3	-19.5	6,522.2	5,871.0	-10.0
Agricultural	251.5	211.3	-16.0	1,226.0	1,229.2	0.3
Tea	116.5	111.5	-4.3	577.4	635.5	10.1
Other	135.0	99.8	-26.0	648.6	593.7	-8.46
Industrial	991.2	790.8	-20.2	5,268.2	4,616.0	-12.4
Rubber Products	99.5	72.1	-27.5	493.3	432.6	-12.3
Textiles and Garments	568.8	430.0	-24.4	2,977.3	2,460.6	-17.4
Food, Beverage and Tobacco	52.3	40.3	-22.9	274.4	248.9	-9.3
Other	270.6	248.4	-8.2	1,523.2	1,473.9	-3.2
Mineral	2.9	1.1	-61.8	17.1	11.9	-30.4
Unclassified	3.1	2.1	-32.6	10.8	13.9	27.9
Imports	1,226.5	1,369.1	11.6	10,028.1	8,160.5	-18.6
Consumer Goods	176.5	251.7	42.6	1,530.2	1,493.5	-2.4
Food and Beverages	89.0	146.8	64.9	856.9	845.5	-1.3
Other Consumer Goods	87.5	104.9	19.8	673.3	648	-3.76
Intermediate Goods	815.7	875.4	7.3	6,658.4	5,446.5	-18.2
Petroleum	200.1	290.0	44.9	2,583.9	2,354.8	-8.9
Textiles & Textile Articles	280.9	194.1	-30.9	1,685.6	1,194.0	-29.2
Other Intermediate Goods	334.7	391.3	16.9	2,388.9	1,897.7	-20.5
Investment Goods	234.1	239.9	2.5	1,837.4	1,211.2	-34.1
Machinery and Equipment	156.4	163.7	4.7	1,181.3	822.4	-30.4
Transport Equipment	8.5	6.6	-22.6	96.0	37.4	-61.1
Building Material	68.8	69.4	0.8	557.8	350.0	-37.2
Other Investment Goods	0.3	0.2	-31.6	2.3	1.3	-40.9
Unclassified	0.2	2.1	865.0	2.2	9.4	334.6
Trade Balance	22	-364		-3,506	-2,289	

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Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



Highlights

- Export earnings declined by 19.5 percent to 1,005.3 USD mn
- Import expenditure increased by 11.6 percent to 1,369.1 USD mn
- Trade deficit widened to USD 364 mn in June

EXTERNAL ASSETS

External Assets (USD bn)	Aug 2022	Sep 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2022	Dec 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	May 2023
Total Reserves	5.7	6.0	5.8	5.8	5.9	6.4	6.3	6.8	7.2	7.7
Gross Official Reserves	1.72	1.77	1.70	1.81	1.90	2.12	2.21	2.69	2.76	3.49

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

The Gross official reserves were USD 3.5 bn at the end of June 2023.

PRIVATE REMITTANCES

Category	2022 July	2023 July	2022 Jan- July	2023 Jan- July	% Change
Inflow USD mn	279.5	541.0	1,889.4	3,363.6	78.0
Rs. bn	100.9	172.7	563.4	1,104.0	96.0

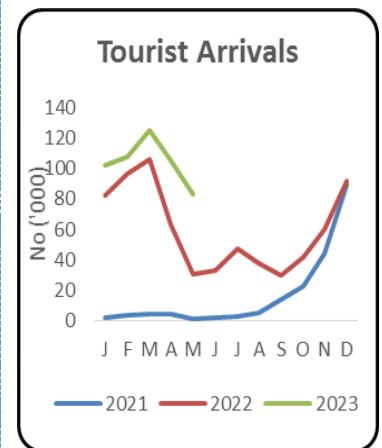
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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TOURIST ARRIVALS

Month	Arrivals				Earnings USD mn			
	2021	2022	2023	% change 2022/23	2021	2022	2023	% change 2022/23
Jan	1,682	82,327	102,545	24.6	4.4	151.7	153.5	1.2
Feb	3,366	96,507	107,639	11.5	8.8	169.4	161.6	-4.6
Mar	4,581	106,500	125,495	17.8	11.9	161.2	188.8	17.1
Apr	4,168	62,980	105,498	67.5	10.9	108.7	148.2	36.3
May	1,497	30,207	83,309	175.7	3.9	43.5	100.0	129.8
Jun	1,614	32,856	100,388	205.5	4.2	45.0	122.9	173.1
July	2,429	47,293	143,039	202.4	6.3	85.0	219.0	157.6
Aug	5,040	37,760			13.1	67.9		
Sep	13,547	29,802			35.3	40.5		
Oct	22,771	42,026			59.3	54.9		
Nov	44,294	59,759			115.4	81.0		
Dec	89,506	91,961			233.3	127.4		
Total	194,495	719,978	767,913		506.8	1,136.3	1,094	

Source: Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority





FISCAL SECTOR

GOVERNMENT REVENUE

Item	2021	2022	2023 Jan – June
Tax Revenue (Rs.mn)	1,298,019	1,751,132	1,198,852
Income Tax	302,115	534,021	384,463
VAT	308,213	463,062	332,692
Excise Duty	306,861	342,523	198,012
Nation Building Tax	434	413	184
PAL	154,125	180,595	80,612
Customs Duty	64,339	50,009	31,631
SCL	55,828	40,194	25,709
Cess	75,543	70,318	24,670
Telecommunication Levy	12,840	14,995	8,213
SSCL		36,111	103,428
Other	18,155	19,304	9,238
Non-Tax Revenue	159,052	228,052	116,034
Total Revenue	1,457,071	1,979,184	1,314,886

Source: Department of Fiscal Policy
(a) provisional

GOVERNMENT DEBT

Government Debt (Rs.bn)	End 2020	End 2021	End 2022 (a)	End April 2023
Total Domestic Debt	9,065.1	11,097.2	15,033.9	15,664.5
Total Foreign Debt	6,052.1	6,517.0	12,458.1	11,145.1
Total Government Debt	15,117.2	17,614.2	27,492.0	26,809.5

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka
(a) provisional

KEY FISCAL INDICATORS 2020 -2022

Indicator	2020		2021		2022(a)	
	Rs.mn.	% of GDP	Rs.mn.	% of GDP	Rs.mn.	% of GDP
Total Revenue	1,367,960	8.7	1,457,071	8.3	1,979,184	8.2
Tax Revenue	1,216,542	7.8	1,298,019	7.4	1,751,132	7.3
Non-Tax Revenue	151,417	1.0	159,052	0.9	228,052	0.9
Recurrent Expenditure	2,548,359	16.3	2,747,512	15.6	3,519,633	14.6
Budget Deficit	-1,667,688	-10.6	2,057,925	-11.7	-2,459,967	-10.2
Public Investment	811,773	5.2	789,636	4.5	1,014,293	4.2
Government Debt	15,117,247	96.5	17,614,181	100.1	27,492,031	113.8

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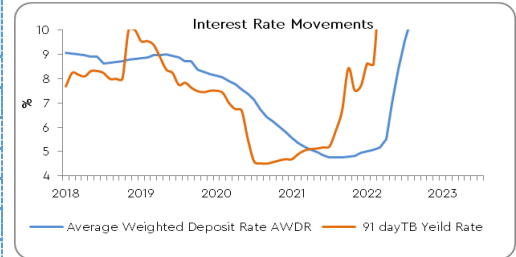


MONETARY SECTOR

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 - 22	124.3	14.2	6.9	8.63	-5.57	1.73
Feb	125.8	15.1	7.9	8.61	-6.49	0.71
Mar	129.7	18.7	9.1	12.10	-6.6	3.0
Apr	142.1	29.8	11.3	23.53	-6.27	12.23
May	153.6	39.1	14.2	23.65	-15.45	9.45
Jun	171.7	54.6	18.4	23.85	-30.75	2.33
Jul	178.9	60.8	23.1	31.50	-29.3	8.4
Aug	182.8	64.3	28.0	32.89	-31.41	4.89
Sep	189.3	69.8	33.4	31.94	-37.86	-1.46
Oct	188.5	66.0	38.3	33.05	-32.95	-5.25
Nov	187.1	61.0	42.6	32.91	-28.09	-9.69
Dec	187.6	57.2	46.4	32.64	-24.56	-13.76
Jan -23	188.6	51.7	49.6	29.91	-21.79	-19.69
Feb	189.5	50.6	n.a	29.72	-20.88	-
Mar	195.0	50.3	n.a	25.99	-24.31	-
Apr	192.3	35.3	n.a	25.74	-9.56	-
May	192.3	25.2	n.a	25.65	0.45	-
Jun	192.3	12.0	n.a	23.00	11.00	-
Jul	190.2	6.3	n.a	n.a	-	-

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 25 th August 2023	Week Ago	Year Ago
Standing Deposit Facility	11.00	11.00	14.50
Standing Lending Facility	12.00	12.00	15.50
Average Weighted Call Money Rate (AWCMR)	11.74	11.58	15.50
Treasury Bill (Yield rate)			
91 Days	17.97	17.55	30.51
182 Days	15.03	14.87	29.51
364 Days	13.31	13.19	29.83
Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	15.59	16.02	15.59
	August 23	Month ago	Year ago
Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	14.15	14.76	10.49

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

MONEY SUPPLY AND CREDIT GROWTH

MONEY SUPPLY (RS. bn.)							
Item	June 2023	May 2023	Apr 2023	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	Jan 2023	Growth 2022 June/2023 June (%)
M ₁	1,552.4	1,497.0	1,499.4	1,478.0	1,439.3	1,411.4	0.5
M ₂	10,974.0	10,837.9	10,779.4	10,659.7	10,549.9	10,518.3	8.2
M _{2b}	12,516.6	12,306.5	12,386.6	12,293.4	12,345.8	12,322.5	5.2

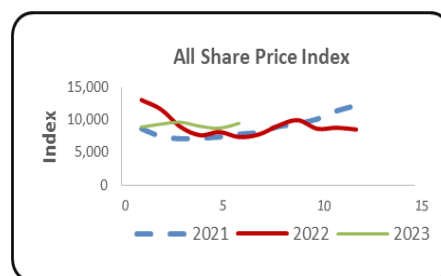
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

CREDIT TO PRIVATE SECTOR (RS. bn.)				
Item	June 2023	Month Ago	Year Ago	Growth 2022 /2023 (%)
Credit to Private Sector	7,094.5	7,020.7	7,714.2	-8.0
DBUs	6,574.5	6,528.5	6,976.1	-5.8
OBU's	520.0	492.2	738.1	-29.6

SHARE MARKET

Indicator	Week Ending 25 th Aug 2023	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	11,207.11	11,403.92	8,793.39
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20)	3,169.80	3,266.68	2,863.75
Average Daily Turnover (Rs.Mn)	1,996.59	4,180.71	2,287.65
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	4,449.46	4,521.35	3,870.19

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange



EQUITY TRADING STATISTICS

Indicator	July 2023	June 2023	Jan /2023 July/2023	Jan/2022 July/ 2022
Turnover -Equity (Rs. Mn.)	73,098.7	29,273.9	249,036.2	394,161.2
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	68,044.5	27,250.0	227,469.5	368,422.7
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	5,054.3	2,024.0	21,566.7	25,738.5
Market Days	20	20	139	127
Daily Turnover Avg. Equity (Rs. Mn.)	3,654.9	1,463.7	1,791.6	3,103.6
Trade Equity	538,908	250,576	2,293,269	3,464,030
Domestic	529,226	246,705	2,252,487	3,417,410
Foreign	9,682	3,871	40,782	46,620
Shares Traded -Equity (Mn)	2,825.5	1,263.7	11,154.0	17,886.6
Domestic (Mn.)	2,709.0	1,216.8	10,424.1	17,366.3
Foreign (Mn.)	116.5	46.9	729.9	520.3
Companies Traded	265	265	272	280
Companies Listed	289	289	289	294

MARKET INDICATORS

Price Indices	July 2023	June 2023
ASPI	11,386.72	9,442.95
S&P SL 20	3,309.60	2,713.65
Total Return Indicators		
ASTRI	15,454.16	12,745.67
S&P SL20 (TRI)	6,124.74	4,990.40
Market PER	5.84	5.02
Dividend Yield	3.48	4.04
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	4,537.30	3,901.28

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

STOCK MARKET - FOREIGN PURCHASES AND FOREIGN SALES

Indicator	July 2023	Jan - July, 2023
Purchases by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	6,167.6	23,215.7
Sales by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	3,940.9	19,917.6
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. Mn)	2,226.7	3,298.1

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

