



WEEKLY ECONOMIC BULLETIN

DEPARTMENT OF FISCAL POLICY

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

SRI LANKA

The Week in Review
17th August – 21st August 2026

REAL SECTOR

- Economy expanded by 5.1 percent in the first quarter 2026.
- Price of Brent Crude Oil increased by 7.08 USD bbl and WTI increased by 5.89 USD bbl, respectively.
- CCPI - Headline inflation (2021=100) increased to 7.3 percent (YoY) in July, 2026 from 6.8 percent (YoY) in June, 2026.
- NCPI – Headline inflation (2021=100) increased to 7.2 percent (YoY) in July, 2026 from 6.5 percent (YoY) in June 2026.

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EXTERNAL SECTOR

- The Sri Lankan rupee slightly appreciated to USD 1 = Rs. 329.67 from USD 1 = Rs. 333.52
- Exports decreased to USD 1,143.8 mn in June 2026 compared to USD 1,224.3 mn in May 2026.
- Imports decreased to USD 1,972.3 mn in June 2026 compared to USD 2,192.1 mn in May 2026.
- Trade deficit
 - USD 828.5 mn in June, 2026
- The gross official reserves stood at USD 6.5 bn as end of June 2026.
- Workers' remittances recorded USD 777.6 mn in July 2026.

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FISCAL SECTOR

Revenue (Provisional)

Jan - Jun 2026

▪ Total Revenue	- Rs. 2,954.2 bn
(Excluding Grants)	
Tax Revenue	- Rs. 2,710.6 bn
Non-Tax Revenue	- Rs. 243.6 bn

Expenditure (Provisional)

Jan - Jun 2026

▪ Total Expenditure	- Rs. 2,946.5 bn
Recurrent Expenditure	- Rs. 2,669.9 bn
Capital Expenditure	- Rs. 276.6 bn

Debt (Provisional)

▪ End of Mar 2026

Total Outstanding Government Debt	- Rs. 30,193.18 bn
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MONETARY SECTOR

- All Share Price Index (ASPI) decreased by 0.96 percent to 21,416.61 points as at 21st August 2026 from 21,623.17 points as at 14th August 2026.
- S&P SL 20 Index decreased by 0.62 percent to 6,028.09 points as at 21st August 2026 from 6,065.72 points as at 14th August 2026.
- Credit to the private sector increased by 27.4 percent (YoY) in June, 2026

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REAL SECTOR

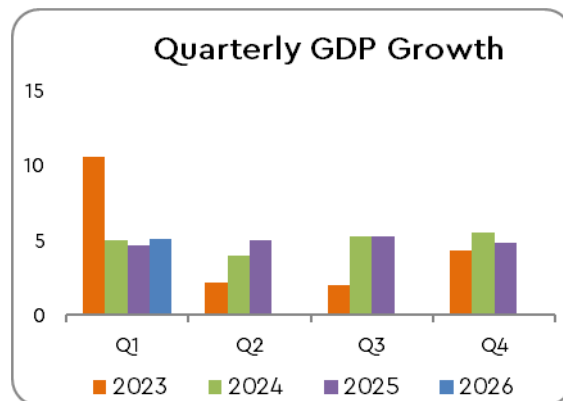
PRODUCTION

	1 st Q	2 nd Q	3 rd Q	4 th Q	Annual
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
2026	5.1				
Agriculture	1.1				
Industry	7.2				
Services	3.4				

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 5.1 % in 1st quarter 2026

In the first quarter of 2026, the Sri Lankan economy experienced a growth of 5.1 percent compared to 4.7 percent growth recorded in the same period of 2025. This expansion was observed recording 1.1 percent, 7.2 percent and 3.4 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	Hectare s ('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	May 2025	May 2026	% Change
Production	Tea (Mn. Kg)	25.4	24.9	-2.1
	Rubber (Mn. Kg)	5.0	3.9	-22.7
	Coconut (Mn. Nuts)			
Exports (USD Mn)		May 2025	May 2026	% Change
	Tea	131.8	130.3	-1.1
	Rubber	2.2	2.3	5.2
	Coconut	43.1	54.7	26.9
Average Gross Prices		May 2025	May 2026	% Change
	Tea (Rs./ Kg)	1,164.3	1,200.4	3.1
	Rubber (Rs./ Kg)	700.0	850.0	21.4
	Coconut (Rs./nut)	165.1	72.4	-56.1

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

FACTORY INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX (2015=100)

Item (a)	2025 May (c)	2026 May (c)	Change %
Manufacture of Food Products	111.3	111.3	0.1
Manufacture of Beverages	121.5	110.6	-8.9
Manufacture of Tobacco Products	67.5	75.2	11.4
Manufacture of Textiles	104.5	106.2	1.6
Manufacture of Wearing Apparel	85.7	90.7	5.8
Manufacture of Leather and Related Products	100.7	117.6	16.8
Manufacture of Wood products, except Furniture; Articles of Straw & plaiting materials	68.8	73.1	6.3
Manufacture of Paper and Paper Products	42.8	41.0	-4.0
Printing and Reproduction of Recorded Media	80.4	111.3	38.5
Manufacture of Coke and Refined Petroleum Products	110.9	101.7	-8.3
Manufacture of Chemicals and Chemical Products	77.3	79.9	3.3
Manufacture of Basic Pharmaceuticals, Pharmaceutical preparations	126.5	94.6	-25.2
Manufacture of Rubber and Plastic Products	81.0	72.5	-10.6
Manufacture of Other Non-Metallic Mineral Products	105.7	123.4	16.7
Manufacture of Basic Metals	119.5	112.3	-6.1
Manufacture of Fabricated Metal Products (except machines and equipment)	71.6	90.3	26.2
Manufacture of Electrical Equipment	53.5	61.4	2.0
Manufacture of Machinery and Equipment (n.e.c)	129.4	99.8	-22.9
Manufacture of Furniture	53.0	54.0	2.0
Other Manufacturing	51.2	54.7	6.9
Overall Factory Industrial Production Index	98.4	99.9	1.6

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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

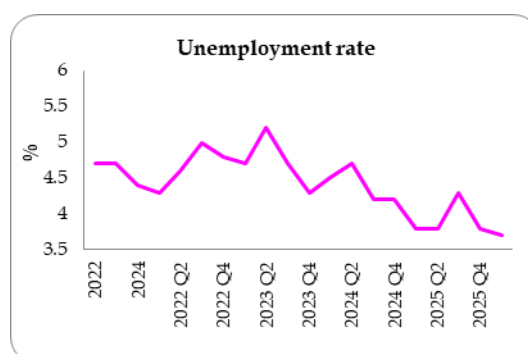
(b) Revised

(c) Provisional

LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

Employment	2024 Annual	2025 Annual	2024 Q1	2025 Q1	2026 Q1
Labour Force Participation Rate	47.4	49.4	47.1	49.7	49.2
Unemployment Rate	4.4	3.9	4.5	3.8	3.7
Male	3.0	2.8	3.1	2.5	2.4
Female	7.1	6.1	7.4	6.3	6.1
20-29	16.1	13.9	16.8	13.8	13.7
20-24	20.7	17.8	20.7	18.3	15.8
25-29	12.5	10.6	13.7	10.1	11.8

Source : Department of Census & Statistics



CRUDE OIL PRICES

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

Item	Aug 17	Aug 18	Aug 19	Aug 20	Aug 21	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Brent	89.25	91.20	91.90	92.05	93.80	86.72	88.71	67.10
WTI	82.85	85.02	85.92	86.07	86.75	80.86	82.98	63.21
Petrol	111.50	114.85	114.67	118.12	113.97	110.30	114.20	78.69
Diesel	158.72	164.14	165.51	163.64	162.78	160.16	152.54	79.74
Kerosene	152.92	156.30	157.23	155.64	154.68	152.63	149.68	84.05

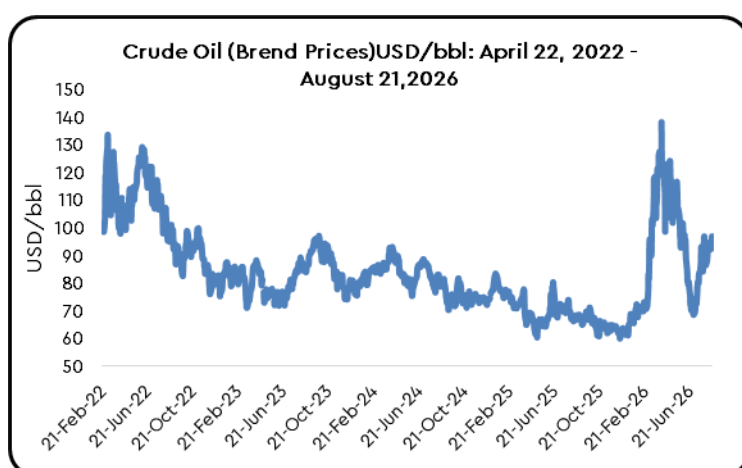
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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

Month	Brent Europe	WTI Cushing, Oklahoma
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
May	107.14	102.13
June	85.40	84.81
July	83.76	80.46

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



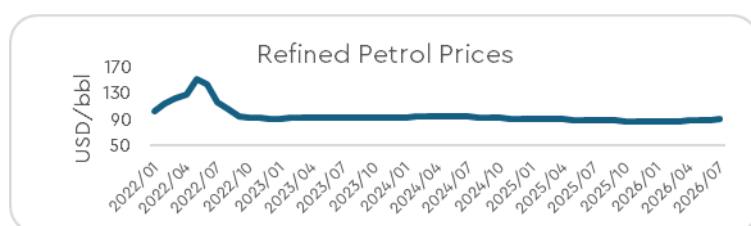
MONTHLY AVERAGE REFINED PRODUCT PRICES – SINGAPORE PLATTS PRICES (USD/BBL)

Month	Petrol	Diesel	Kerosene
Feb - 2025	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
May	89.19	92.09	101.19
Jun	89.65	92.71	101.79
Jul	90.09	93.95	102.75

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

LOCAL MARKET PRICES OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (RS.)

Item	Unit	End 2023	End 2024	End 2025	Current Price 2026
Auto Diesel	1 liter	329.00	286.00	277.00	382.00
Petrol (Octane 92)	1 liter	346.00	309.00	294.00	414.00
Kerosene oil	1 liter	247.00	188.00	180.00	285.00
L P Gas	12.5 kg	3,565.00	3,690.00	3,690.00	4,465.00

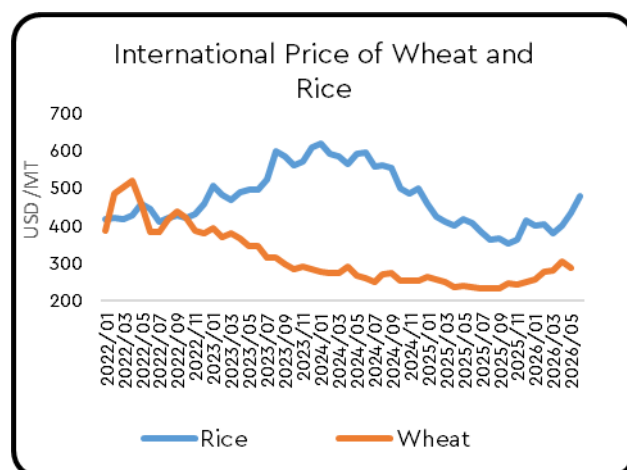


COMMODITY PRICES

INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES

Month	Rice Thai,25% USD/MT	Wheat (HRW) USD/MT
Nov - 2024	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
May	435.00	303.00
Jun	479.00	286.00
Jul	453.00	310.00

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



Category	Commodity	Unit	Quarterly Averages				
			Apr – Jun 2025	Jul – Sep 2025	Oct – Dec 2025	Jan - Mar 2026	Jan - Jun 2026
Energy	Crude Oil average	USD/mt	65.9	67.5	62.1	75.7	95.3
Non-Energy, Agriculture, Beverages	Cocoa	USD/kg	8.51	7.33	5.78	3.93	3.98
	Coffee, Arabica	USD/kg	8.47	8.03	8.78	7.49	7.01
	Tea, average	USD/kg	2.97	3.00	2.96	2.71	2.93
	Tea, Colombo auctions	USD/kg	3.86	3.93	3.95	3.75	3.66
Food, Fats & Oils	Coconut Oil	USD/mt	2,650	2,727	2,437	2,268	2,161
	Soybean Oil	USD/mt	1,154	1,237	1,125	1,310	1,730
	Palm Oil	USD/mt	946	1,013	1,001	1,051	1,129
Grains	Maize	USD/mt	205.0	191.6	201.9	208.9	209.1
	Wheat, US HRW	USD/mt	242.2	233.3	239.8	261.2	290.3
Other Food	Meat, Beef	USD/kg	6.67	6.83	7.33	8.10	7.87
	Meat, Chicken	USD/kg	1.77	1.73	1.76	1.73	1.79
	Sugar, World	USD/kg	0.39	0.36	0.32	0.32	0.32
Raw Materials, Timber	Plywood	¢/sheets	378.0	370.2	354.3	348.2	342.7
Other Raw Materials Fertilizers	Rubber RSS3, US	USD /kg	2.16	2.16	2.03	2.26	2.68
	Phosphate Rock	USD/mt	152.5	250.0	152.5	152.5	154.0
	TSP	USD/mt	559.6	660.8	611.1	541.2	702.4
	Urea	USD/mt	399.8	488.3	398.7	537.7	693.5
Metals and Minerals	Aluminium	USD/mt	2,449	2,619	2,829	3,193	3,568
	Gold	USD /toz	3,293	3,459	4,152	4,876	4,512
	Iron ore	USD /dmt	95.5	100.1	103.5	102.9	105.2

Source: The World Bank, Available at [https://thedocs.worldbank.org/en/doc/5d903e848db1d1b83e0ec8f744e55570-0350012021/related/CMO-Pink-Sheet-September 2023pdf](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/?= US cent USD = US dollar>

WHOLESALE PRICES
WEEK ENDING 21st AUGUST 2026 (RS /KG)

PETTAH MARKET

Average Wholesale Prices	Week Ending 21/08/2026	Week Ago	Year Ago, Annual Avg.
Rice (Rs/Kg)			
Samba	242.00	242.00	235.00
Kekulu (Red)	175.00	175.00	203.00
Vegetable			
Beans	420.00	450.00	420.00
Cabbage	116.00	128.00	150.00
Carrots	150.00	210.00	336.00
Tomatoes	330.00	360.00	96.00
Pumpkin	170.00	154.00	46.00
Snake Gourd	290.00	260.00	150.00
Brinjals	300.00	300.00	320.00
Other Foods			
Red-Onions (Local)	271.80	268.20	229.60
Big Onions (Imported)	231.00	206.60	100.60
Potatoes (Local)	316.40	324.00	282.80
Dried Chillies (Imported)	1,069.00	1,064.60	580.00
Dhal	228.00	228.00	245.00
Eggs (White) (Each)	37.90	39.10	28.40
Coconut (Each)	135.00	133.00	160.00
Green Chillies	500.00	760.00	136.00
Lime	280.00	250.00	170.00
FISH MARKET – PELIYAGODA			
Kelawalla	2,200.00	2,020.00	-
Balaya	1,310.00	1,300.00	-
Salaya	800.00	600.00	-
Hurulla	1,160.00	1,100.00	-

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

DAMBULLA MARKET

Food Item	Wholesale (Average)
Rice (Rs/Kg)	
Samba	235.00
Kekulu (Red)	179.00
Vegetables	
Pumpkins	114.00
Snake Gourd	175.00
Ash Plantains	118.00
Beans	397.00
Carrots	170.00
Tomatoes	237.00
Cabbage	123.00
Other Foods	
Potatoes (Local)	287.00
Dried Chillies (Imported)	1,066.00
Big-Onions (Imported)	242.00
Red-Onions (Local)	232.00
Coconut (Each)	120.80

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

MARANDAGAHAMULA AVERAGE PRICE OF RICE (RS/KG)

Item	Week Ending 21/08/2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	227.20	230.00	242.40	230.20
Kekulu (White)	185.20	184.80	187.60	196.40
Kekulu (Red)	172.40	174.00	185.60	191.00
Nadu	187.60	187.20	194.40	203.00

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

WEEKLY RETAIL COMMODITY PRICES – 3rd WEEK OF AUGUST 2026

Item	Unit	Week ending 21/08/2026	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago
Rice					
Samba (Avg.)	1kg	244.82	246.22	-0.6%	254.27
No. 1	1kg	244.58	247.04	-1.0%	242.80
No. 2	1kg	-	-	0.0%	-
Nadu Red	1kg	230.91	231.70	-0.3%	239.04
Raw Red (Avg)	1kg	191.45	189.83	0.9%	210.55
No. 1	1kg	209.57	208.26	0.6%	217.19
No. 2	1kg	173.33	171.40	1.1%	128.13
Wheat Flour	1kg	190.00	188.20	1.0%	182.99
Bread	450g	133.13	133.13	0.0%	128.67
Sugar	1kg	235.63	235.34	0.1%	230.94
Maliban	400g	1,300.00	1,200.00	8.3%	1,200.00
Anchor	400g	1,300.00	1,200.00	8.3%	1,200.00
Pelwatta	400g	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.0%	1,062.50
Potatoes (Import)	1 kg	217.60	214.09	1.6%	202.25
Potatoes (Local)	1kg	398.85	402.86	-1.0%	395.06
Mysore Dhal (Avg)	1kg	333.88	333.63	0.1%	330.39
Cowpea (Avg)	1kg	902.71	875.03	3.2%	1,028.67
Green Gram (Avg)	1kg	911.39	905.52	0.6%	905.80
Kadalai (Avg)	1kg	520.67	526.65	-1.1%	545.47
Meat					
Beef	1kg	3,011.11	2,985.71	0.9%	2,736.66
Chicken					
Fresh	1kg	1,395.33	1,410.91	-1.1%	1,380.69
Broiler	1kg	1,280.00	1,280.00	0.0%	1,157.50
Fresh Fish					
Paraw	1kg	3,275.71	3,300.00	-0.7%	2,609.90
Balaya	1kg	2,233.33	2,196.00	1.7%	1,413.11
Kelawalla	1kg	3,094.29	2,987.37	3.6%	2,297.59
Salaya	1kg	940.95	898.57	4.7%	531.22
Dried Fish					
Spratts	1kg	2,075.86	2,096.30	-1.0%	1,431.91
Eggs	Each	43.24	45.29	-4.5%	33.61
Coconut	Each	168.15	167.92	0.1%	189.19
Coconut Oil	750ml	675.77	668.80	1.0%	686.54
Red Onions	1kg	448.33	445.67	0.6%	396.72
B- Onions (Import)	1kg	247.22	240.31	2.9%	151.01
Brinjal	1kg	441.33	439.29	0.5%	448.75
Beans Green	1kg	610.00	509.66	19.7%	668.08
Bandakka	1kg	348.97	354.48	-1.6%	288.99
Leeks	1kg	425.33	429.33	-0.9%	308.68
Beet Root	1kg	495.33	502.00	-1.3%	266.25
Carrot	1kg	433.33	440.00	-1.5%	491.59
Green Chillies	1kg	1,258.21	1,301.85	-3.4%	460.12
Raddish	1kg	341.43	342.22	-0.2%	237.74
Vetakolu	1kg	428.15	433.10	-1.1%	320.20
Bitter Gourd	1kg	634.29	667.86	-5.0%	436.12
Snake Gourd	1kg	443.48	433.10	2.4%	350.69
Kolikuttu	1kg	494.80	481.92	2.7%	337.30
Papaw	1kg	284.44	282.96	0.5%	188.73
Pineapple	1kg	427.31	411.54	3.8%	390.04

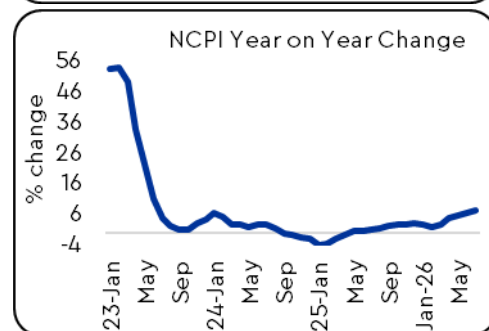
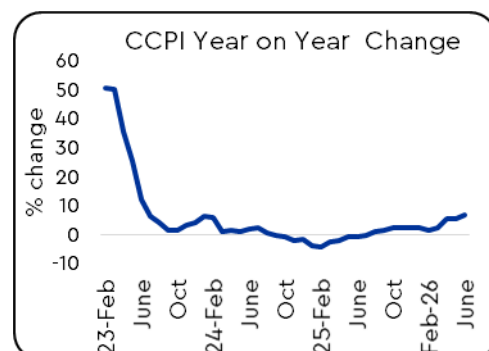
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INFLATION

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 %
Nov -24	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
May	203.4	0.9	5.5	218.8	1.2	5.4
Jun	207.7	2.1	6.8	222.3	1.6	6.5
Jul	208.2	0.2	7.3	223.4	0.5	7.2

Source: Department of Census and Statistics



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

Commodity	Value Change Rs.	Change %
Food	3,671.99	2.06
Rice	-306.97	-0.17
Coconut	-387.23	-0.22
Sea Fish	1,551.02	0.87
Chicken	195.06	0.11
Fresh Fruits	n.a	n.a
Vegetables	284.23	0.16
Dried Chillies	170.73	0.10
Eggs	139.57	0.08
Red Onions	-33.50	-0.02
Big Onions	295.54	0.17
Potatoes	-13.78	-0.01
Garlic	n.a	n.a

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
Oct - 24	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
May	247.1	0.8	0.9
Jun	258.2	4.5	3.6
Jul	258.2	0.0	6.3

Source :Department of Census and Statistics

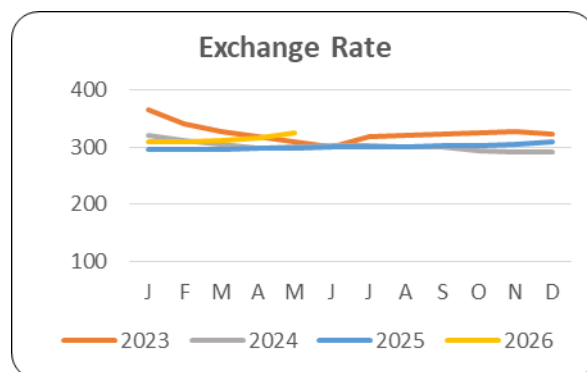


EXTERNAL SECTOR

EXCHANGE RATES (AVERAGE)

Currency	Week Ending 21 st August 2026	Week Ago	Year Ago	% Change 2025/26
US Dollar	329.67	333.52	301.74	9.6
Sterling Pound	449.86	450.02	406.04	10.8
Euro	385.58	384.74	351.43	9.7
Japanese Yen	2.07	2.09	2.05	1.0
Indian Rupee	3.45	3.50	3.47	-0.6

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

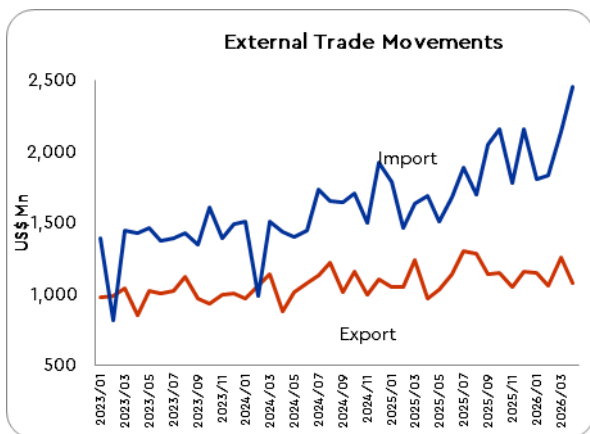


EXTERNAL TRADE

Category	June 2025 (USD mn)	June 2026 (USD mn)	Growth Rate (%)	Jan – Jun 2025 (USD mn)	Jan – Jun 2026 (USD mn)	Growth Rate (%)
Exports	1,141.8	1,143.8	0.2	6,492.1	6,903.2	6.3
Agricultural	255.3	243.6	-4.6	1,427.5	1,450.4	1.6
Tea	133.0	118.9	-10.6	743.1	700.8	-5.7
Other	122.3	124.7	2.0	684.4	749.6	9.5
Industrial	883.8	897.1	1.5	5,044.5	5,424.6	7.5
Rubber Products	80.4	86.2	7.1	453.1	477.5	5.4
Textiles and Garments	464.1	410.3	-11.6	2,605.8	2,451.0	-5.9
Food, Beverage and Tobacco	80.8	69.7	-13.7	407.6	461.0	13.1
Other	258.5	330.9	28.0	1,578.0	2,035.1	29.0
Mineral	1.6	1.5	-2.3	10.1	18.2	79.5
Unclassified	1.2	1.6	31.3	9.9	10.1	1.4
Imports	1,682.1	1,972.3	17.3	9,762.2	12,392.3	26.9
Consumer Goods	418.9	473.4	13.0	2,315.5	3,036.5	31.1
Food and Beverages	140.5	166.4	18.4	1,094.5	1,113.8	1.8
Other Consumer Goods	278.4	307.0	10.3	1,221.0	1,922.7	57.5
Intermediate Goods	958.5	1,089.4	13.7	5,575.6	7,058.7	26.6
Petroleum	331.5	464.7	40.2	1,995.7	3,168.4	58.8
Textiles & Textile Articles	223.6	208.1	-6.9	1,336.4	1,303.3	-2.5
Other Intermediate Goods	403.4	416.6	3.3	2,243.5	2,587.0	15.3
Investment Goods	304.5	403.0	32.4	1,862.6	2,284.0	22.6
Machinery and Equipment	184.1	273.4	48.5	1,208.0	1,422.8	17.8
Transport Equipment	42.8	50.0	16.7	173.7	364.7	110.0
Building Material	77.4	79.4	2.6	479.1	493.9	3.1
Other Investment Goods	0.2	0.2	0.0	1.8	2.6	44.4
Unclassified	0.2	6.5	3,450.2	8.5	13.1	54.3
Trade Balance	-540.3	-828.5		-3,270.1	-5,489.1	

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Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



Highlights

- Export earnings decreased by 6.6 percent to USD 1,143.8 mn in June 2026 compared to USD 1,224.3 mn in May 2026.
- Import expenditure decreased by 10.0 percent to USD 1,972.3 mn in June 2026 compared to USD 2,192.1 mn in May 2026.
- Trade deficit narrowed to USD 828.5 mn in June 2026 compared to USD 967.9 mn in May 2026.

EXTERNAL ASSETS

External Assets (USD bn)	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	March 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026
Total Reserves	12.0	11.8	11.7	11.9	11.7	11.5	11.3	12.3	12.4	13.0	12.9	12.8	12.8
Gross Official Reserves	6.3	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.0	6.8	6.8	7.3	7.0	6.8	6.9

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

WORKERS' REMITTANCES

Category	2025 July	2026 July	Jan – July 2025	Jan – July 2026	% Change
Inflow USD mn	697.3	777.6	4,435.2	5,382.4	21.4
Rs. bn	210.0	261.3	1,323.2	1,724.2	30.3

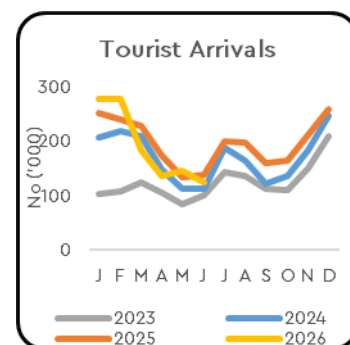
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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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	145,745	9.6	154.0	164.1	155.7	-5.1
Jun	113,470	138,241	124,551	-9.9	151.1	169.5	151.1	-10.9
July	187,810	200,244	196,845	-1.7	328.3	318.5	285.5	-10.4
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	1,343,418		3,168.6	3,219.2	1,796.7	

Source: Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority





FISCAL SECTOR

GOVERNMENT REVENUE (Rs. Mn)

Item	2022	2023	2024	2025 (a)	2026 (a) Jan - Jun
Tax Revenue	1,751,132	2,720,563	3,704,577	5,049,192	2,710,552
Income Tax	534,021	911,355	1,026,199	1,139,373	568,356
VAT	463,062	694,460	1,309,680	1,746,874	987,622
Excise Duty	342,523	469,622	598,529	1,058,707	562,684
PAL	180,595	175,486	170,014	180,853	94,455
Customs Duty	50,009	105,120	111,147	275,894	153,712
SCL	40,194	51,327	115,199	164,599	83,163
CESS	70,318	57,184	81,129	90,373	41,890
SSCL	36,111	216,181	250,869	294,520	172,104
Other	34,712	39,827	41,812	98,000	46,566
Non-Tax Revenue	228,052	328,259	326,261	400,210	243,637
Total Revenue	1,979,184	3,048,822	4,030,838	5,449,402	2,954,189

Source: Department of Fiscal Policy
(a) Provisional

GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE (Rs. Mn)

Item	2022	2023	2024	2025 (a)	2026 (a) Jan - Jun
Government Expenditure	4,472,556	5,356,591	6,130,739	6,230,415	2,946,494
Recurrent Expenditure	3,519,634	4,699,679	5,339,941	5,232,388	2,669,889
Salaries & Wages	956,211	939,496	1,066,048	1,163,942	621,734
Goods & Services	182,857	299,700	350,879	334,687	147,305
Interest	1,565,190	2,455,600	2,689,500	2,500,674	1,234,580
Subsidies & Transfers	815,376	1,004,884	1,233,514	1,233,085	666,270
Capital & Net Lending	952,923	656,912	790,798	998,026	276,605
Public Investments	1,014,293	932,745	817,092	1,015,825	280,071
Other	-61,370	-275,833	-26,294	-17,798	-3,467

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

	End 2023	End 2024	End Sep 2025 (a)	End Oct 2025 (a)	End Nov 2025 (a)	End 2025 (a)	End Mar 2026 (a)
Total Domestic Debt	17,051.9	18,309.66	18,701.46	18,653.51	18,535.75	18,675.32	18,762.04
Total Foreign Debt	11,644.1	10,429.04	10,974.34	11,018.72	11,079.53	11,319.36	11,431.14
Total Government Debt	28,695.9	28,738.70	29,675.81	29,672.23	29,615.28	29,994.69	30,193.18

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka
(a) provisional

KEY FISCAL INDICATORS 2023 -2025

Indicator	2023		2024		2025	
	Rs.bn.	% of GDP	Rs.bn.	% of GDP	Rs.bn.	% of GDP
Total Revenue	3,048.82	11.1	4,030.84	13.4	5,449.40	16.6
Tax Revenue	2,720.56	9.9	3,704.58	12.3	5,049.19	15.4
Non-Tax Revenue	328.26	1.2	326.26	1.1	400.21	1.2
Recurrent Expenditure	4,699.68	17.1	5,339.94	17.7	5,232.39	16.0
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

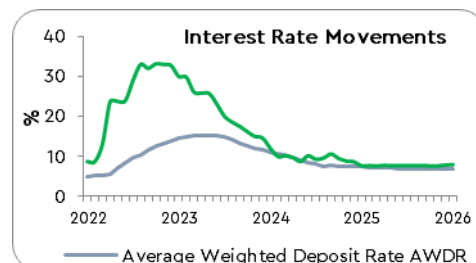
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MONETARY SECTOR

REAL INTEREST RATES

Month	CCPI (2013 =100)	CCPI Point to Point Change	CCPI Annual Average Change	91 Days T Bill Rate
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
May	203.4	5.5	2.1	9.36
Jun	207.7	6.8	2.7	10.14
Jul	208.2	7.3	3.3	



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 21 st of Aug 2026	Week Ago	Year Ago
Overnight Policy Rate (OPR)	8.75	8.75	7.75
Standing Deposit Facility Rate	8.25	8.25	7.25
Standing Lending Facility Rate	9.25	9.25	8.25
Average Weighted Call Money Rate (AWCMR)	8.81	8.80	7.86
Treasury Bill (Yield rate)			
91 Days	9.22	9.44	7.59
182 Days	9.60	9.78	7.89
364 Days	9.91	10.01	8.03
Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	10.86	10.95	8.07
	Jun	Month ago	Year ago
Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	7.20	6.95	6.93

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

MONEY SUPPLY AND CREDIT GROWTH

Item	Jun 2026	May 2026	Apr 2026	Dec 2023	Dec 2024	Dec 2025	Jun 2025
M ₁	2,366.4	2,358.1	2,367.2	1,658.0	1,925.6	2,288.0	2,079.8
M ₂	14,833.9	14,730.6	14,671.8	11,485.1	12,660.6	14,093.4	13,337.4
M _{2b}	16,918.0	16,761.4	16,660.4	13,189.1	14,321.7	15,975.0	15,175.8

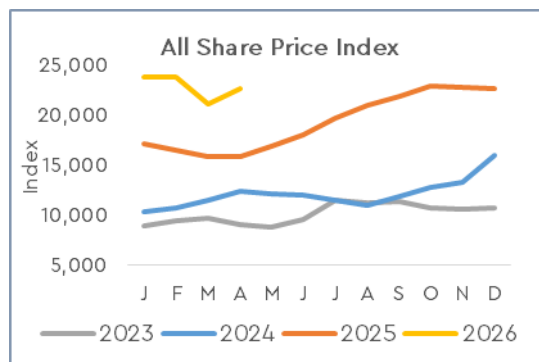
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

CREDIT TO PRIVATE SECTOR (RS. bn.)				
Item	Jun 2026	Month Ago	Year Ago	Growth 2024 /2025 (%)
Credit to Private Sector	11,281.5	11,036.2	8,856.1	27.4
DBUs	10,702.3	10,472.5	8,256.4	29.6
OBUs	579.2	563.8	599.7	-3.4

SHARE MARKET

Indicator	Week Ending 21 st Aug - 2026	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (ASPI) (1985 = 100)	21,416.61	21,623.17	20,715.49
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20)	6,028.09	6,065.72	6,108.49
Average Daily Turnover (Rs.Mn)	1,219.22	2,241.29	10,527.13
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	7,758.22	7,837.75	7,277.86

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange



EQUITY TRADING STATISTICS

Indicator	July 2026	July 2025	Jan - Jul 2026	Jan - Jul 2025
Turnover -Equity (Rs. Mn.)	40,813.5	157,486.0	563,594.3	623,229.7
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	36,328.1	148,575.6	519,528.4	582,213.1
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	4,485.4	8,910.4	44,065.9	41,016.7
Market Days				
Daily Turnover Avg. Equity (Rs. Mn.)	1,855.2	7,158.5	4,054.6	4,582.6
Trade Equity	343,605	828,098	4,390,563	3,604,058
Domestic	335,130	819,441	4,322,778	3,545,603
Foreign	8,475	8,657	67,785	58,455
Shares Traded -Equity (Mn)	1,497.0	5,942.1	23,020.2	24,546.1
Domestic (Mn.)	1,375.0	5,504.5	22,013.3	23,160.0
Foreign (Mn.)	122.0	437.7	1,006.9	1,386.2
Companies Traded	272	270	275	270
Companies Listed	290	290	286	

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

MARKET INDICATORS

Price Indices	Jul 2026	Jun 2026	May 2026
ASPI	21,129.21	22,263.28	22,310.80
S&P SL 20	5,939.98	6,205.05	6,159.15
Total Return Indicators			
ASTRI	33,209.91	34,829.15	34,809.40
S&P SL20 (TRI)	12,604.37	13,139.89	12,987.88
Market PER	11.18	11.72	11.37
Dividend Yield	3.02	2.88	2.85
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	7,692.45	8,063.72	8,115.76

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

STOCK MARKET - FOREIGN PURCHASES AND FOREIGN SALES

Indicator	July 2026	July 2025
Purchases by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	3,399.1	5,952.0
Sales by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	5,571.8	11,868.7
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. Mn)	-2,172.7	-5,916.7

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

