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DEPARTMENT OF FISCAL POLICY

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SRI LANKA

The Week in Review
04th May – 08th May 2026

REAL SECTOR

- Economy expanded by 5.0 percent in 2025.
- Price of Brent Crude Oil fell by 18.53 USD bbl and WTI declined by 11.41 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 2.4 percent (YoY) in March, 2026 from 1.6 percent (YoY) in February, 2026.

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EXTERNAL SECTOR

- The Sri Lankan rupee slightly depreciated to USD 1 = Rs. 321.70 from USD 1 = Rs. 319.84
- 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 814.8 mn in March 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) increased by 2.28 percent to 23,063.98 points as at 08th May 2026 from 22,549.53 points as at 30th April 2026.
- S&P SL 20 Index increased by 1.80 percent to 6,319.24 points as at 08th May, 2026 from 6,207.56 points as at 30th April, 2026.
- Credit to the private sector increased by 27.1 percent (YoY) in Mar, 2026

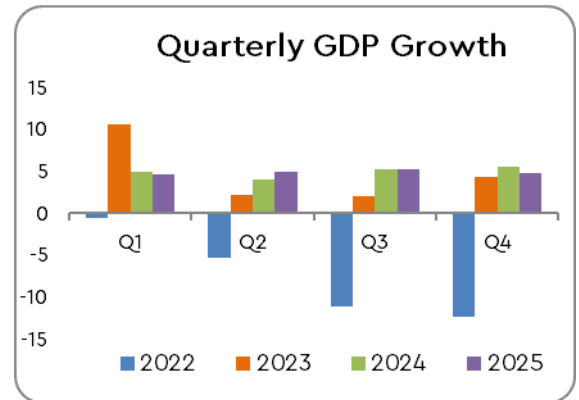
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REAL SECTOR

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



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.

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	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	February 2025	February 2026	% Change
Production	Tea (Mn. Kg)	15.6	18.0	15.2
	Rubber (Mn. Kg)	7.4	4.9	-33.6
	Coconut (Mn. Nuts)			
Exports (USD Mn)		February 2025	February 2026	% Change
	Tea	119.4	115.0	-3.7
	Rubber	3.0	2.9	-1.5
	Coconut	41.6	47.6	14.4
Average Gross Prices		February 2025	February 2026	% Change
	Tea (Rs./ Kg)	1,187.06	1,163.10	-2.0
	Rubber (Rs./ Kg)	-	-	-
	Coconut (Rs./nut)	140.00	100.26	-28.4

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

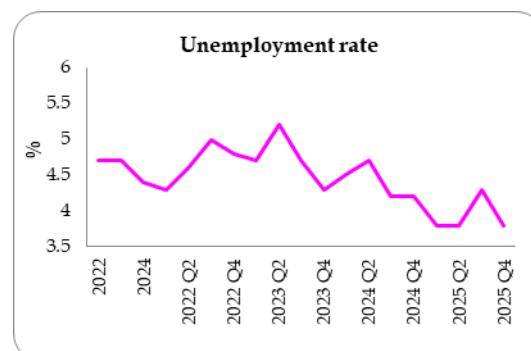
(b) Revised

(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)

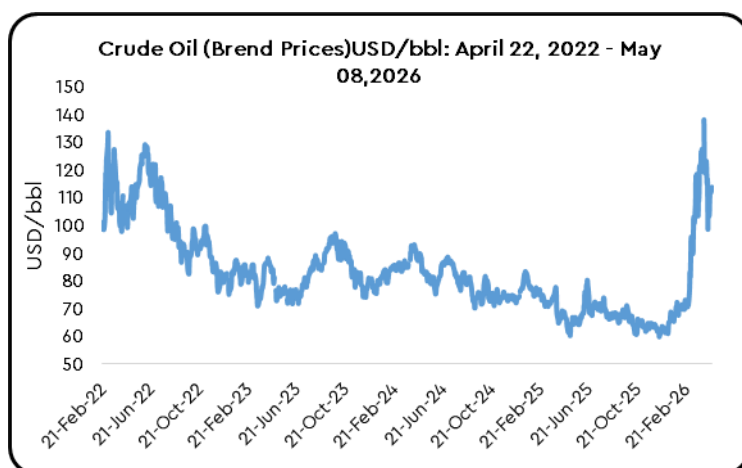
Item	May 04	May 05	May 06	May 07	May 08	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Brent	108.04	113.32	108.12	101.85	101.55	120.08	95.19	61.45
WTI	101.66	104.36	100.62	95.63	95.84	107.25	96.37	58.44
Petrol	127.64	137.00	131.00	125.50	125.60	138.80	120.80	72.90
Diesel	160.08	161.05	157.25	148.92	152.68	178.47	197.48	70.99
Kerosene	170.95	167.48	158.91	150.95	152.26	188.67	193.53	76.31

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®



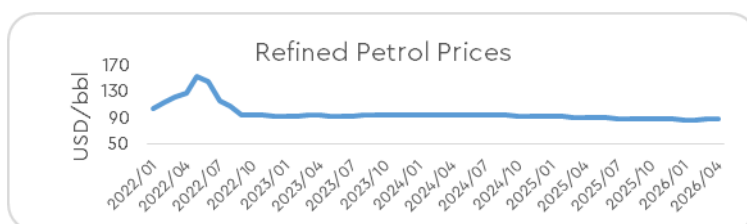
MONTHLY AVERAGE REFINED PRODUCT PRICES – SINGAPORE PLATTS PRICES (USD/BBL)

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.)

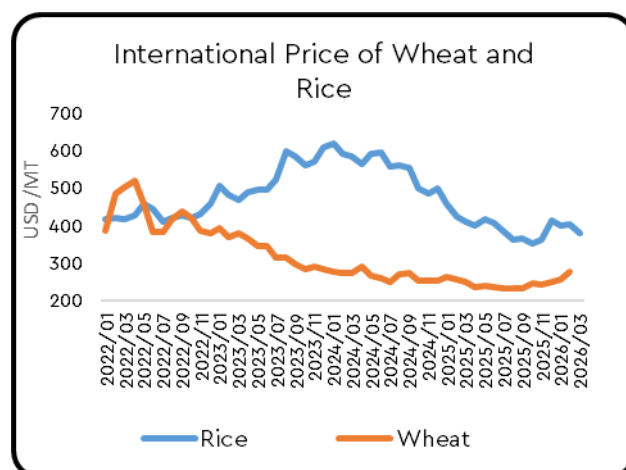
Item	Unit	End 2023	End 2024	End 2025	Current Price 2026
Auto Diesel	1 liter	329.00	286.00	277.00	392.00
Petrol (Octane 92)	1 liter	346.00	309.00	294.00	410.00
Kerosene oil	1 liter	247.00	188.00	180.00	265.00
L P Gas	12.5 kg	3,565.00	3,690.00	3,690.00	4,765.00



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://foma.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/5d903e848db1d1b83e0ec8f744e55570-0350012021/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
WEEK ENDING 08th May 2026 (RS /KG)

PETTAH MARKET

Average Wholesale Prices	Week Ending 08/05/2026	Week Ago	Year Ago, Annual Avg.
Rice (Rs/Kg)			
Samba	248.00	248.00	235.00
Kekulu (Red)	195.00	195.00	215.00
Vegetable			
Beans	530.00	475.00	660.00
Cabbage	60.00	75.00	400.00
Carrots	200.00	212.50	680.00
Tomatoes	220.00	150.00	850.00
Pumpkin	56.00	50.00	220.00
Snake Gourd	376.00	292.50	380.00
Brinjals	300.00	270.00	430.00
Other Foods			
Red-Onions (Local)	252.60	264.75	243.00
Big Onions (Imported)	163.80	134.25	94.40
Potatoes (Local)	261.80	279.00	309.60
Dried Chillies (Imported)	910.40	912.00	550.00
Dhal	263.00	268.75	255.00
Eggs (White) (Each)	26.00	24.75	24.60
Coconut (Each)	125.00	126.25	180.00
Green Chillies	150.00	175.00	180.00
Lime	250.00	162.50	220.00
FISH MARKET – PELIYAGODA			
Kelawalla	1,800.00	1,700.00	-
Balaya	1,320.00	1,125.00	-
Salaya	780.00	762.50	-
Hurulla	1,425.00	n.a	-

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

DAMBULLA MARKET

Food Item	Wholesale (Average)
Rice (Rs/Kg)	
Samba	240.00
Kekulu (Red)	203.00
Vegetables	
Pumpkins	62.20
Snake Gourd	262.00
Ash Plantains	99.00
Beans	469.00
Carrots	193.00
Tomatoes	171.00
Cabbage	72.00
Other Foods	
Potatoes (Local)	211.00
Dried Chillies (Imported)	939.00
Big-Onions (Imported)	168.00
Red-Onions (Local)	246.00
Coconut (Each)	115.80

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

MARANDAGAHAMULA AVERAGE PRICE OF RICE (RS/KG)

Item	Week Ending 08/05/2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	247.00	248.50	248.50	243.80
Kekulu (White)	195.60	199.00	200.25	213.00
Kekulu (Red)	193.80	198.00	199.00	216.00
Nadu	202.00	203.00	211.00	224.60

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

WEEKLY RETAIL COMMODITY PRICES – 1st WEEK OF May 2026

Item	Unit	Week ending 08/05/2026	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago
Rice					
Samba (Avg.)	1kg	252.31	260.41	-3.1%	249.55
No. 1	1kg	252.62	255.53	-1.1%	243.46
No. 2	1kg				
Nadu Red	1kg	237.50	235.85	0.7%	238.57
Raw Red (Avg)	1kg	203.56	205.13	-0.8%	223.13
No. 1	1kg	215.83	216.40	-0.3%	223.13
No. 2	1kg	191.29	193.86	-1.3%	-
Wheat Flour	1kg	191.85	192.31	-0.2%	184.25
Bread	450g	133.13	133.13	0.0%	132.00
Sugar	1kg	222.81	225.03	-1.0%	235.95
Maliban	400g	1,150.00	1,150.00	0.0%	1,100.00
Anchor	400g	1,150.00	1,150.00	0.0%	1,100.00
Pelwatta	400g	1,150.00	1,150.00	0.0%	1,050.00
Potatoes (Import)	1 kg	189.11	188.70	0.2%	234.90
Potatoes (Local)	1kg	382.00	383.85	-0.5%	385.75
Mysore Dhal (Avg)	1kg	356.42	366.77	-2.8%	337.68
Cowpea (Avg)	1kg	906.41	919.31	-1.4%	823.03
Green Gram (Avg)	1kg	972.74	932.28	4.3%	898.88
Kadalai (Avg)	1kg	498.39	509.77	-2.2%	528.87
Meat					
Beef	1kg	3,025.00	3,003.85	0.7%	2,741.61
Chicken					
Fresh	1kg	1,414.06	1,500.63	-5.8%	1,206.76
Broiler	1kg	1,280.00	1,280.00	0.0%	1,095.71
Fresh Fish					
Paraw	1kg	2,912.00	2,754.00	5.7%	2,358.42
Balaya	1kg	1,772.00	1,652.00	7.3%	1,454.17
Kelawalla	1kg	2,472.86	2,356.00	5.0%	2,516.69
Salaya	1kg	770.91	779.29	-1.1%	639.61
Dried Fish					
Spratts	1kg	1,515.38	1,544.23	-1.9%	1,045.67
Eggs	Each	31.34	32.92	-4.8%	29.52
Coconut	Each	165.18	169.68	-2.6%	213.68
Coconut Oil	750ml	720.91	719.64	0.2%	690.62
Red Onions	1kg	419.13	412.57	1.6%	437.21
B- Onions (Import)	1kg	182.90	176.56	3.6%	140.08
Brinjal	1kg	446.21	442.00	1.0%	585.02
Beans Green	1kg	662.07	712.67	-7.1%	602.83
Bandakka	1kg	371.43	384.14	-3.3%	433.93
Leeks	1kg	370.34	364.14	1.7%	404.11
Beet Root	1kg	358.62	286.45	25.2%	739.81
Carrot	1kg	438.62	432.67	1.4%	869.93
Green Chillies	1kg	535.71	553.33	-3.2%	600.04
Raddish	1kg	298.26	286.15	4.2%	311.14
Vetakolu	1kg	452.80	443.38	2.1%	468.23
Bitter Gourd	1kg	546.40	529.66	3.2%	654.71
Snake Gourd	1kg	450.00	440.00	2.3%	483.06
Kolikuttu	1kg	380.38	431.60	-11.9%	303.66
Papaw	1kg	228.15	268.93	-15.2%	188.47
Pineapple	1kg	370.00	395.60	-6.5%	371.09

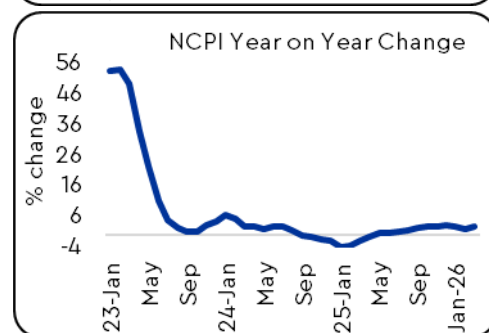
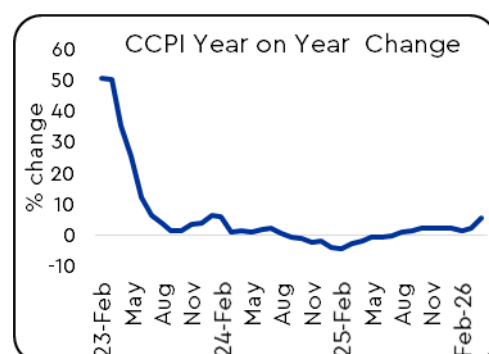
Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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			

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 Chilies	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

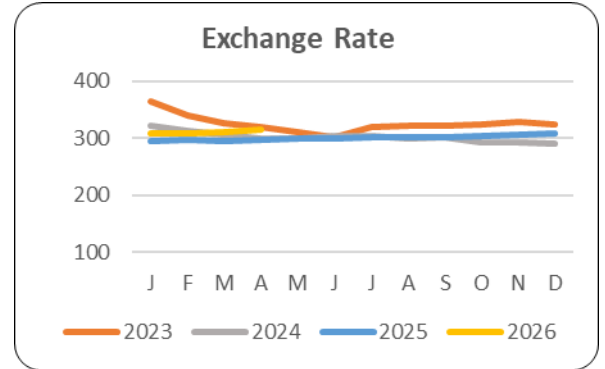


EXTERNAL SECTOR

EXCHANGE RATES (AVERAGE)

Currency	Week Ending 08 th May 2026	Week Ago	Year Ago	% Change 2025/26
US Dollar	321.70	319.84	299.32	7.48
Sterling Pound	436.07	431.08	399.59	9.13
Euro	377.41	373.21	339.09	11.30
Japanese Yen	2.05	2.00	2.09	-1.91
Indian Rupee	3.41	3.37	3.53	-3.40

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

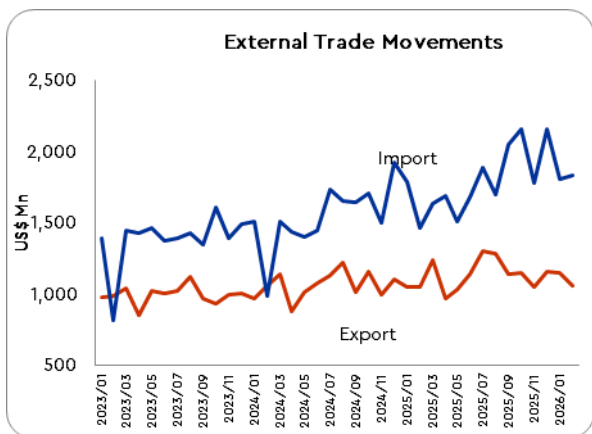


EXTERNAL TRADE

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)	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026
Total Reserves	11.6	12.4	12.4	12.0	11.8	11.7	11.9	11.7	11.5	11.3	12.3	12.4	13.0
Gross Official Reserves	6.1	6.5	6.3	6.3	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.0	6.8	6.8	7.3

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

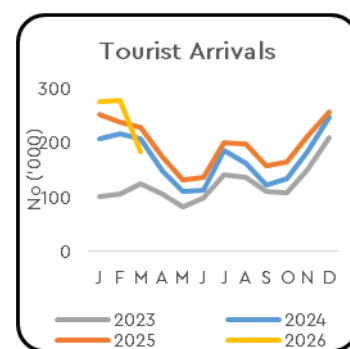
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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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		
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	954.0	

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

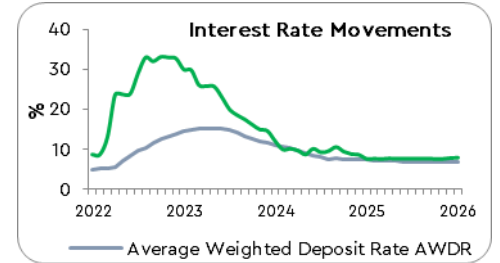
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MONETARY SECTOR

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	



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 08th of May 2026	Week Ago	Year Ago
Overnight Policy Rate (OPR)	7.75	7.75	8.00
Standing Deposit Facility Rate	7.25	7.25	7.50
Standing Lending Facility Rate	8.25	8.25	8.50
Average Weighted Call Money Rate (AWCMR)	7.76	7.73	7.97
Treasury Bill (Yield rate)			
91 Days	8.20	8.20	7.65
182 Days	8.24	8.25	7.98
364 Days	8.52	8.52	8.30
Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	9.79	9.57	8.41
	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

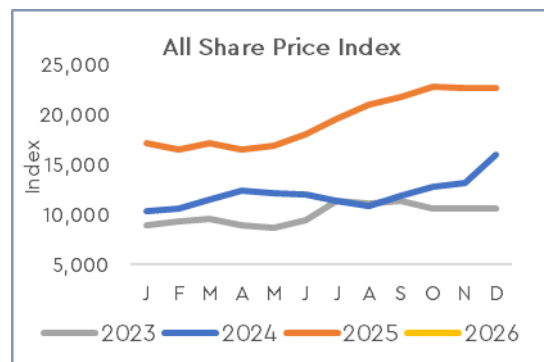
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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
OBU	556.2	557.7	571.7	-2.7

SHARE MARKET

Indicator	Week Ending 08 th May - 2026	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (ASPI) (1985 = 100)	23,063.98	22,549.53	15,925.92
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20)	6,319.24	6,207.56	4,655.15
Average Daily Turnover (Rs.Mn)	4,094.94	3,441.12	1,674.39
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	8,337.90	8,174.62	5,712.00

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

