



Producer Price Index (PPI)

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The Producer Price Index (PPI) measures the average change over the time in prices received by domestic producers of goods and services. The introduction of the PPI in Sri Lanka provides a more complete picture of price movements and trends for making informed policy decisions. Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) changed the references of the PPI to 2018 - Q4 in 2021 and disseminate the figures effective from month of November 2021 with 40 days of lag time up to December 2022. From the month of January 2023, the PPI is release with a time lag of 30 days.

PPI is an important macro-economic indicator. It serves as an indicator of short-term inflationary trends and as a deflator of economic series. It is also used in productivity analysis, contract escalation, business analysis and current cost accounting etc. PPI covers the "Agriculture", "Manufacturing" and "Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply" sectors of the economy under the rebased PPI also.

- The PPI for all economic activities: "Agriculture", "Manufacturing" and "Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply" for the month of March 2024 is 246.7.
 - On an annual basis, PPI has been compiled as a negative change of 0.3 percent.
 - Comparing the month-on-month changes, PPI in March 2024 has decreased to 246.7 from 248.4 reported in February 2024.
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Annual Changes of Producer Price Index (PPI)

The PPI for all economic activities: "Agriculture", "Manufacturing" and "Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply" for the month of March 2024 is 246.7. PPI has been compiled as a negative change of 0.3 percent on an annual basis. The PPI reported for the three major economic activities, "Agriculture", "Utility Sector" ("Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply") and "Manufacturing" are 268.2, 248.1 and 243.6 respectively. All three major sectors, "Agriculture" reported a positive change of 13.5 percent while "Manufacturing" and "Utility Sector" ("Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply") reported negative changes of 2.1 percent and 0.6 percent on an annual basis (Table 1).

In the Agriculture sector, the sub-activities of "Growing of perennial crops", "Growing of non-perennial crops" and "Animal production" reported positive changes of 17.3 percent, 14.5 percent and 5.1 percent respectively on an annual basis (Table 3).

The sub-activities of the Manufacturing sector: "Manufacture of tobacco products (52.9%)", "Manufacture of beverages (15.4%)", "Manufacture of other transport equipment (3.7%)", "Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products (3.0%)", "Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products (1.9%)" and "Manufacture of wearing apparel (1.5%)" reported positive changes while "Manufacture of basic metals (23.7%)", "Manufacture of furniture (15.3%)", "Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products (12.9%)", "Manufacture of food products (12.0%)", "Printing and reproduction of recorded media (9.0%)", "Manufacture of textiles (6.1%)", "Other manufacturing (5.0%)" and "Manufacture of rubber and plastics products (0.8%)" reported negative changes in the month of March 2024 compared to the same month of 2023 (Table 3).

For the month of March 2024, sub-activities of the Utility sector ("Electricity, gas, steam, and Air conditioning supply & Water supply"), "Water collection, treatment and supply" reported a positive change of 11.2 percent while "Electricity, gas, steam, and air conditioning supply" reported a negative change of 2.0 percent on an annual basis (Table 3).

Table 1: PPI of March 2024 & 2023 and Year on Year changes of PPI by Major Economic Activity (Base: 2018 Q4=100)

Major Economic Activity	PPI				Year on Year % change (March**2024/ March 2023)
	2023	March	2024	March**	
All Activities	247.4		246.7		-0.3
Agriculture	236.4		268.2		13.5
Manufacturing	248.9		243.6		-2.1
Utility (Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply)	249.5		248.1		-0.6

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Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Monthly Changes of Producer Price Index (PPI)

Comparing the month-on-month changes, PPI in March 2024 has decreased to 246.7 from 248.4 reported in February 2024. This shows a decrease of 1.7 index points or 0.7 percentage compared to February 2024. The economic activities of, "Utility Sector" ("Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply & Water supply") reported a positive change of 3.9 percent while "Agriculture" and "Manufacturing" reported negative changes of 2.4 percent and 0.7 percent compared to the preceding month (Table 2).

The sub-activities of the "Agriculture" sector, "Growing of perennial crops" reported a positive change of 9.7 percent while "Growing of non-perennial crops" and "Animal production" reported negative changes of 14.1 percent and 5.3 percent on a monthly basis in the month of March 2024 compared to February 2024(Table 3).

In the Manufacturing sector, the sub-activities, "Manufacture of beverages (0.4%)" reported a positive change on a monthly basis. "Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products", "Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products" and "Manufacture of basic metals " remained unchanged while "Manufacture of furniture (3.7%)", "Manufacture of other transport equipment (1.7%)", "Other manufacturing (1.6%)", "Manufacture of textiles (1.4%)", "Manufacture of wearing apparel (1.2%)", "Manufacture of rubber and plastics products (1.2%)", "Manufacture of food products (0.3%)", "Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products (0.3%)", "Printing and reproduction of recorded media (0.2%)" and "Manufacture of tobacco products (0.1%)" reported negative changes on a monthly basis compared to the preceding month (Table 3).

Both Sub-activities of the Utility sector ("Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply"), "Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply" and "Water collection, treatment and supply" reported positive changes of 4.3 percent and 0.9 percent on a monthly basis in the month of March 2024 (Table 3).

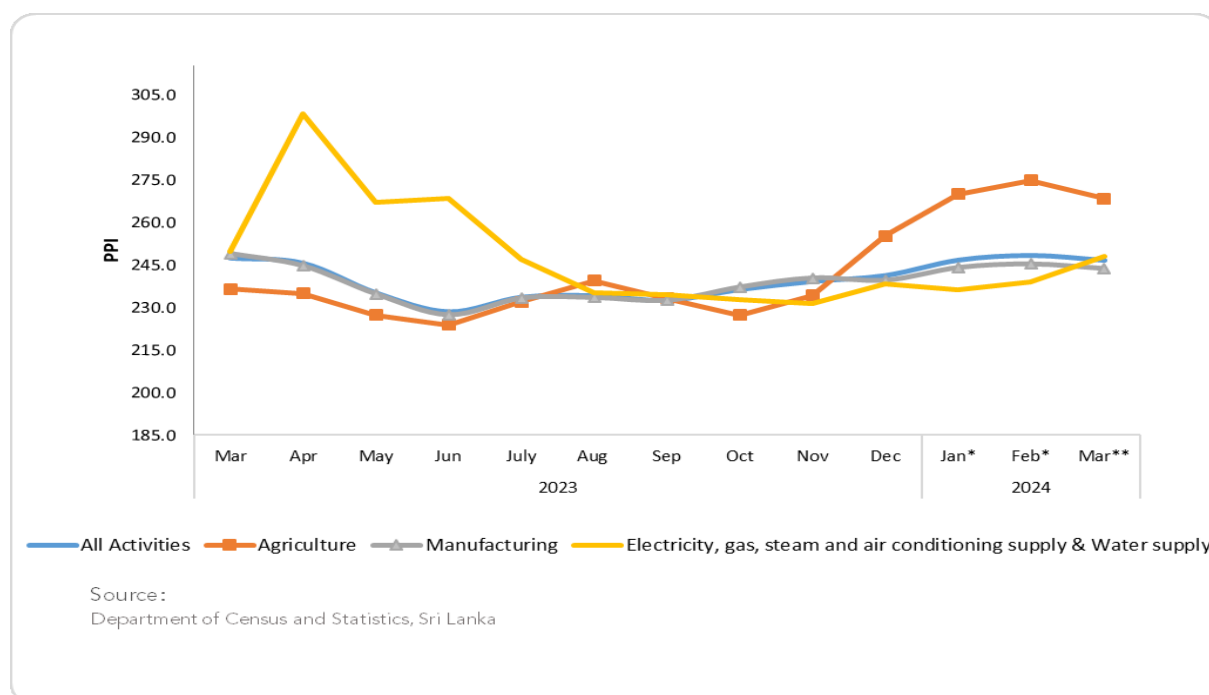
Table 2: PPI of March & February 2024 and Month to Month changes of PPI by Major Economic Activity (Base: 2018 Q4=100)

Major Economic Activity	PPI		Month to Month % change (2024 March**/ 2024 February*)
	2024 February*	2024 March**	
All Activities	248.4	246.7	-0.7
Agriculture	274.7	268.2	-2.4
Manufacturing	245.2	243.6	-0.7
Utility (Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply)	238.9	248.1	3.9

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Figure 1: Movements of Monthly Producer Price Index by Major Economic Activity: March 2023 - March 2024 (Base: 2018 Q4=100)



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Table 3: PPI of March 2023 & 2024 and February 2024 and percentage changes by two-digit level Economic Activity of ISIC (Base: 2018 Q4 = 100)

ISIC Rev.4.0	Description of the Economic Activity	2023	2024		% change	
		March	February*	March**	2024 March**/ 2023	2024 February* 2023
	All Activities	247.4	248.4	246.7	-0.7	-0.3
A	Agriculture	236.4	274.7	268.2	-2.4	13.5
	011 Growing of non-perennial crops	199.9	266.5	228.9	-14.1	14.5
	012 Growing of perennial crops	255.5	273.0	299.6	9.7	17.3
	014 Animal production	263.2	292.1	276.7	-5.3	5.1
C	Manufacturing	248.9	245.2	243.6	-0.7	-2.1
10	Manufacture of food products	264.5	233.4	232.7	-0.3	-12.0
11	Manufacture of beverages	186.1	213.9	214.7	0.4	15.4
12	Manufacture of tobacco products	170.0	260.2	259.9	-0.1	52.9
13	Manufacture of textiles	333.3	317.4	313.0	-1.4	-6.1
14	Manufacture of wearing apparel	189.1	194.4	192.0	-1.2	1.5
18	Printing and reproduction of recorded media	242.3	220.9	220.4	-0.2	-9.0
19	Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products	281.9	290.4	290.4	0.0	3.0
20	Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	301.2	262.9	262.2	-0.3	-12.9
22	Manufacture of rubber and plastics products	289.4	290.4	287.0	-1.2	-0.8
23	Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products	237.6	242.0	242.0	0.0	1.9
24	Manufacture of basic metals	434.4	331.4	331.4	0.0	-23.7
30	Manufacture of other transport equipment	212.4	224.1	220.3	-1.7	3.7
31	Manufacture of furniture	283.6	249.2	240.1	-3.7	-15.3
32	Other manufacturing	303.7	293.3	288.6	-1.6	-5.0
D	Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply	273.8	257.2	268.2	4.3	-2.0
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E	Water collection, treatment and supply	145.9	160.7	162.2	0.9	11.2
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ISIC refers to International Standard Industrial Classification of all activities (Revision 4)

Revision Policy

PPI is compiled by collecting prices received by the domestic producers 277 manufacturing and utility related establishments. Prices of 42 agricultural products are collected from 331 Divisional Secretariat Divisions covering the entire country. Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply sector prices are collected from Ceylon Electricity Board and National Water Supply & Drainage Board respectively.

In certain circumstances, it is not possible to collect requested prices by the time of releasing PPI. Such prices are therefore, statistically imputed. Therefore, indices of the latest month are released as provisional.


The Producer Price Index (PPI) (Base: 2018Q4=100) was released monthly with a lag of 40 days, with effect from November 2021 to December 2022. Also, the Producer Price Index (PPI) (Base: 2018Q4=100) will be released monthly, commencing with the PPI of January 2023, on the last working day of the following month. Accordingly, the PPI for the month of April 2024 will be released on 31st of May 2024.

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