



Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI)-(BASE 2013=100)

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The Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) is the authorized agency to compile Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI). The base year used for compilation of CCPI from June 2011 to December 2016 was the year 2006/07. Following internationally accepted guidelines, it has been arranged to revise the base year from 2006/07=100 to 2013=100 in order to accommodate the changing expenditure patterns and in cooperate changes of goods & services available in the market. Accordingly, with respect to the new base, CCPI (Base 2013=100) will be released monthly commencing from January 2017 on the last working day of each month. It is emphasized that index numbers or inflation figures compiled under different base years cannot be compared.

The CCPI is compiled to indicate average changes in the prices of goods and services purchased by households in urban areas of Colombo district. Prices for items in the Colombo Consumer Price Index are collected from 14 selected centers located in Colombo namely Pettah, Maradana, Wellawatta, Dematagoda, Grandpass, Borella, Kirulapone, Dehiwala, Kotte, Nugegoda, Kolonnawa, Rathmalana, Narahenpita and Rathmalana dedicated economic centers. Prices are collected weekly from the outlets located within each of the above market areas including Lak Sathosa and a supermarket. The consumer basket includes 392 items, which represent the typical urban household consumption expenditure. The CPI weights are derived from the Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) 2012/13.

- ❏ The CCPI for all items for the month of November 2021 was 150.7 and it records an increase of 3.8 in index points
- ❏ The overall rate of inflation as measured by CCPI on Y on Y basis is 9.9% in November 2021

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1. Variations in Colombo Consumer Price Index

Month on month changes in the Colombo Consumer Price Index is briefly described below.

Table 1- Monthly Changes by main Groups of Market Basket

Major Group*	Index Number			Monthly Changes of the Expenditure Values(Rs.)			Monthly Changes of the Index (%)		
	Nov.	Oct.	Nov.	Nov.	Oct.	Nov.	Nov.	Oct.	Nov.
	2020	2021	2021	2020	2021	2021	2020	2021	2021
All Items	137.1	146.9	150.7	391.44	1685.18	2280.84	0.48	1.94	2.57
Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	153.0	170.6	179.7	292.43	792.32	1563.17	0.36	0.91	1.76
Non Food	130.9	137.6	139.3	99.01	892.87	717.67	0.12	1.03	0.81
Alcoholic beverages Tobacco and Narcotic	228.7	229.8	234.8	-5.27	-0.39	31.38	-0.01	0.00	0.04
Clothing and Foot Wear	156.2	167.3	169.2	0.00	31.22	25.80	0.00	0.04	0.03
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	117.7	120.8	122.7	14.95	413.24	376.28	0.02	0.47	0.42
Furnishing Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	133.7	147.1	149.4	0.00	39.75	34.03	0.00	0.05	0.04
Health	171.7	190.6	190.9	0.00	5.25	10.10	0.00	0.01	0.01
Transport	119.0	127.6	128.9	89.33	16.38	82.18	0.11	0.02	0.09
Restaurant and Hotels	139.6	162.2	163.9	0.00	351.74	55.13	0.00	0.40	0.06
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	149.4	154.7	159.8	0.00	30.46	102.77	0.00	0.04	0.12
Other	139.8	141.7	141.7	0.00	5.23	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00

*Note : There are 12 main groups of the market basket. Significant changes in November 2021 were noted in nine main groups, details on which are given in Table2. *Percentages of items do not tally with overall percentage due to rounding off.

1.1 Month on Month (M on M) Change of CCPI:

The CCPI for all items for the month of November 2021 was 150.7 and it records an increase of 3.8 in index points that is 2.57 percentage compared to the month of October 2021 for which the index was 146.9. This represents an increase of expenditure value by Rs 2280.84 in the "Market Basket".

1.1.1 Contribution to M on M Changes:

Contributions to the change in CCPI from October 2021 to November 2021 were given in Table 2. The month on month change was contributed by increases of Food items by 1.76% and Non Food items by 0.81% respectively.

1.1.2 Contribution of Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages items: 1.76%

As shown in Table 02, increases in value change were reported for Vegetables (0.48%), Rice (0.43%), Milk Powder (0.24%), Chicken (0.12%), Big Onions (0.15%), Sea Fish (0.12%), Coconuts (0.08%), Potatoes (0.05%), Sugar (0.05%), Infant Milk Powder (0.04%), Limes(0.04%), Eggs (0.03%), Biscuits (0.03%), Wheat Flour (0.02%), Coconut Oil (0.02%), Buns (0.01%), Jak (0.01%), Green chilli (0.01%) and Ice Cream (0.01%).

While decreases in value change were reported for Dried Fish (0.04%), Green Gram (0.03%), Fresh Fruits (0.03%), Curry powder (0.02%), Cowpea (0.01%), Canned Fish (0.01%), Dhal Mysoor (0.01%), Chilli powder (0.01%) and Turmeric Powder (0.01%).

1.1.3 Contribution of Non Food items: 0.81%

Among Non-Food groups, increases in value change were reported for the groups of 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' (LP gas and Maintenance/Reconstruction) (0.42%), 'Miscellaneous Goods and Services'

(0.12%), 'Transport' (0.09%), 'Clothing and Foot Wear' (0.03%), 'Restaurant and Hotels' (0.06%), 'Alcoholic beverages Tobacco and Narcotic' (0.04%), 'Furnishing Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance' (0.04%) and 'Health' (0.01%) .

However, the groups of 'Communication', 'Recreation and Culture' and 'Education' remained unchanged during this period.

**Table 2: Contribution to the change in CCPI from October 2021 to November 2021
(Base2013=100)**

Sub Group/Commodity	Rs.Cts.	Value Change		
		% change		Net effect
		Increase	Decrease	
Food	1563.17	1.93	0.17	1.76
1 RICE	380.79	0.43		
Rice - (Kekulu white)	70.99	0.08		
Rice - (Kekulu - red)	39.61	0.04		
Rice - (Samba)	201.12	0.23		
Rice - (Nadu-White)	56.22	0.06		
Rice - (Nadu-Red)	12.85	0.01		
2 Wheat flour	13.56	0.02		
3 Green gram	-28.90		0.03	
4 Cowpea	-5.84		0.01	
5 Biscuits	24.18	0.03		
6 Buns	7.83	0.01		
7 Chicken	107.26	0.12		
8 Sea Fish	104.45	0.12		
9 Dried Fish	-38.43		0.04	
Sprats (dry)	-34.42		0.04	
10 Canned fish	-7.54		0.01	
11 Milk powder	211.50	0.24		
12 Infant milk powder	31.56	0.04		
13 Eggs	27.89	0.03		
14 Coconuts	71.26	0.08		
15 Coconut oil	16.01	0.02		
16 Fresh Fruits	-28.77		0.03	
Banana	-22.56		0.03	
Mangoes	-6.64		0.01	
Pineapple	-5.24		0.01	
17 Vegetables	429.86	0.48		
18 Potatoes	43.58	0.05		
19 Jak	5.34	0.01		
20 Dhal Mysoor	-11.95		0.01	
21 Big onions	131.14	0.15		
22 Green chilies	6.63	0.01		

23	Sugar	43.54	0.05		
24	Ice-cream	8.20	0.01		
25	Chili powder	-8.24		0.01	
26	Curry powder	-15.44		0.02	
27	Turmeric powder	-5.54		0.01	
28	Limes	31.97	0.04		
30	Others	17.24	0.02		
Non Food		717.67	0.81	0.00	0.81
31	Alcoholic beverages Tobacco and Narcotic	31.38	0.04		
	<i>Arrack</i>	17.13	0.02		
	<i>Cigarettes</i>	13.81	0.02		
32	Clothing and Foot Wear	25.80	0.03		
33	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	376.28	0.42		
	<i>Maintenance/ Reconstruction</i>	58.34	0.07		
	<i>L. P. Gas price</i>	317.94	0.36		
34	Furnishing Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	34.03	0.04		
	<i>Washing soap</i>	25.64	0.03		
35	Health	10.10	0.01		
	<i>Purchase of medical/ pharmacy products</i>	10.10	0.01		
36	Transport	82.18	0.09		
	<i>Petrol</i>	32.40	0.04		
	<i>Diesel</i>	9.79	0.01		
	<i>Cost of servicing of vehicles</i>	21.61	0.02		
	<i>Transport for schooling</i>	18.38	0.02		
37	Restaurant and Hotels	55.13	0.06		
	<i>Cutlets/ Patties/ Pastries etc.</i>	55.13	0.06		
38	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	102.77	0.12		
	<i>Hair cutting and shaving charges</i>	89.18	0.10		
	<i>Toilet soap</i>	11.59	0.01		
39	Others	0.00	0.00		
All Items		2280.84	2.74	0.17	2.57

*Percentages of items do not tally with overall percentage due to rounding off.

2. Inflation

The CCPI is an economic indicator constructed to measure inflation which is defined as percentage change in CCPI over the year. There are two measures of inflation in general use. One measure is Year on Year base or Point to Point inflation (The percentage change in the CPI during the last 12 months). The other measure is Moving Average Inflation (The percentage difference between the average Price Index of last 12 months & the average Price Index of previous 12 months).

Table 03: Movements of the CCPI (Base: 2013=100)

Year	Month	All Item				Food				Non Food			
		Index Number	% Change Month on Month	Inflation %		Index Number	% Change Month on Month	Inflation %		Index Number	% Change Month on Month	Inflation %	
				Y on Y	12 Month Moving Avg.			Y on Y	12 Month Moving Avg.			Y on Y	12 Month Moving Avg.
2020	November	137.1	0.4	4.1	4.6	153.0	1.2	10.3	11.2	130.9	0.2	1.6	2.0
	December	138.0	0.7	4.2	4.6	155.1	1.4	9.2	11.4	131.3	0.3	2.0	1.8
2021	January	138.7	0.5	3.0	4.3	156.5	0.9	6.8	10.9	131.7	0.3	1.4	1.7
	February	139.1	0.3	3.3	4.1	157.7	0.8	7.9	10.3	131.8	0.1	1.3	1.5
	March	138.9	-0.1	4.1	4.0	155.2	-1.6	9.6	10.1	132.5	0.5	1.8	1.5
	April	138.8	-0.1	3.9	3.9	155.0	-0.1	9.0	9.7	132.5	0.0	1.8	1.4
	May	140.3	1.1	4.5	3.9	158.4	2.2	9.9	9.7	133.2	0.5	2.2	1.5
	June	142.4	1.5	5.2	4.1	164.6	3.9	11.3	9.9	133.6	0.3	2.5	1.6
	July	143.1	0.5	5.7	4.2	164.3	-0.2	11.0	9.9	134.7	0.8	3.2	1.7
	August	143.5	0.3	6.0	4.3	165.4	0.7	11.5	9.8	134.8	0.1	3.5	2.0
	September	144.1	0.4	5.7	4.5	165.9	0.3	10.0	9.7	135.6	0.6	3.8	2.2
	October	146.9	1.9	7.6	4.8	170.6	2.8	12.8	10.0	137.6	1.5	5.4	2.5
	November	150.7	2.6	9.9	5.3	179.7	5.3	17.5	10.6	139.3	1.2	6.4	2.9

Note: Year on Year inflation, 12 Month Moving Average inflation and Month on Month change were calculated using the rounding off index numbers

2.1 Year on Year (Year on Year) Inflation

The overall rate of inflation as measured by CCPI on Y on Y basis is 9.9% in November 2021 and Yon Y inflation calculated for the month of October 2021 was 7.6% (Table 3). With respect to October 2021, the reported inflation for the month of November 2021 was mainly due to the higher price levels prevailed in the month of November 2021. As a result, the Year on Year inflation of Food Group increased to 17.5% in November 2021 from 12.8% in October 2021 and the Year on Year inflation of Non Food Group increased to 6.4% in November 2021 from 5.4% in October 2021.

2.2 Contribution to Y on Y inflation:

For the month of November 2021, on Year-on-Year basis, contribution to inflation by food commodities was 5.51%.

The contribution of Non Food items was 4.41%. This was mainly due to increases in value change in groups of 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' (1.17%), 'Restaurants & Hotels' (0.91%), 'Transport' (0.77%), 'Health' (0.62%), 'Furnishing Household Equipment and routine Household Maintenance' (0.29%), 'Clothing and Footwear' (0.22%), 'Miscellaneous Goods and Services' (0.25%), 'Education' (0.13%), 'Alcoholic beverages Tobacco and Narcotic' (0.05%), and 'Recreation and Culture' (0.01%) and the group of 'Communication' remained unchanged during the period.

2.3 Moving Average Inflation

The moving average inflation rate for the month of November 2021 is 5.3%. The corresponding rate for the month of October 2021 was also 4.8%.

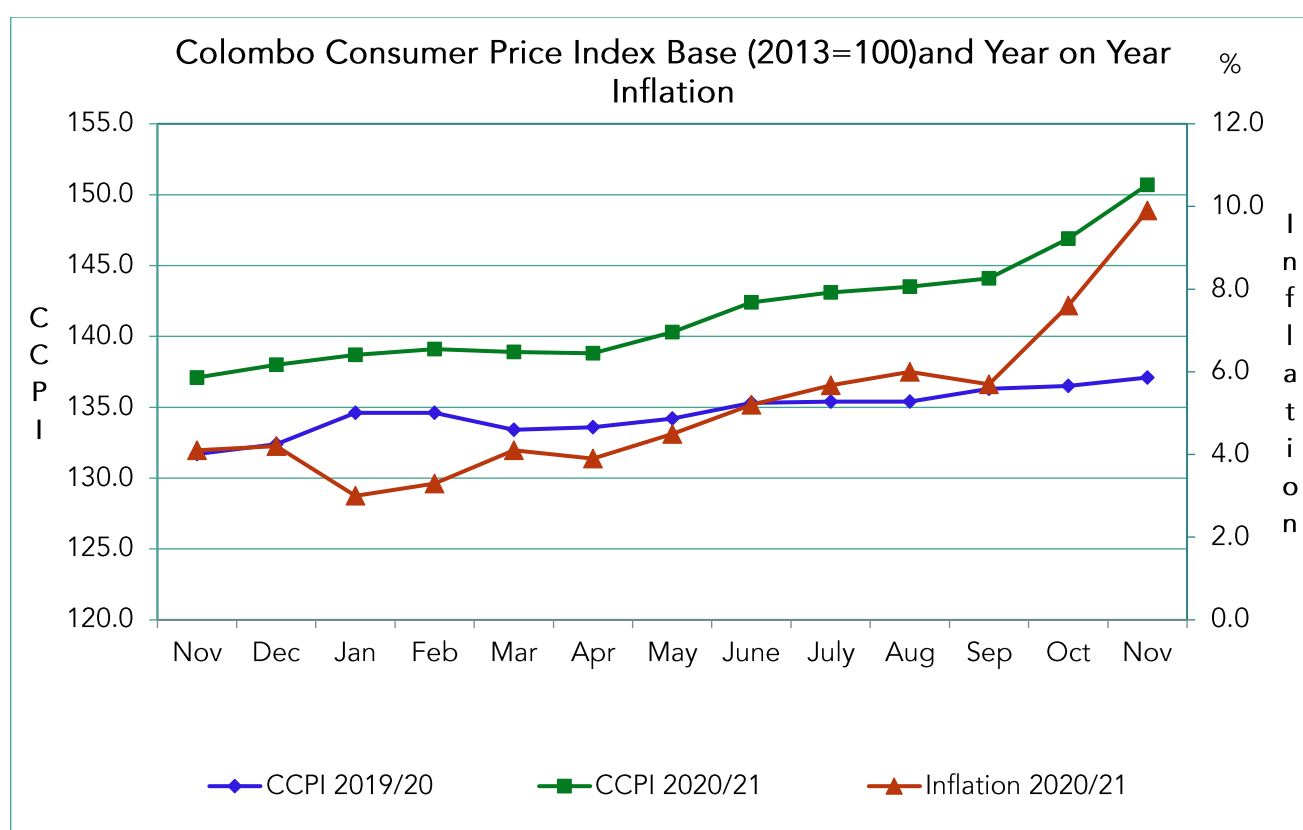



Table 4: Monthly average open market retail prices of selected items of Colombo Consumer Price Index November 2020, November & October 2021

Item	Unit	Retail Prices (Rs. Cts)			Retail Price Changes (%)	
		2020 Nov.	2021 Oct.	2021 Nov.	Nov. 21/ Nov 20	Nov. 21 / Oct 21
1. Rice– Kekulu – Red	Kg	98.45	103.08	109.10	10.82	5.84
2. Rice– Kekulu – White	Kg	98.11	111.34	126.57	29.00	13.68
3. Rice –Nadu - White	Kg	100.85	118.26	132.64	31.52	12.17
4. Rice –Nadu - Red	Kg	107.77	116.73	130.17	20.79	11.52
5. Rice– Samba	Kg	109.03	142.56	158.90	45.73	11.46
6. Cowpea	Kg	448.01	590.36	531.58	18.65	-9.96
7.Green Grams	Kg	433.22	795.36	656.45	51.53	-17.47
8. Coconut	Each	79.86	79.68	82.44	3.24	3.47
9. Coconut Oil	750ml	346.09	428.66	441.24	27.49	2.93
10.Chicken	Kg	496.54	642.59	692.52	39.47	7.77
11. Eggs	Each	16.33	18.86	21.02	28.70	11.45
12. Red Onion	Kg	381.25	322.45	325.85	-14.53	1.06
13. Big Onion	Kg	227.80	152.18	202.08	-11.29	32.79
14. Potatoes	Kg	204.27	183.77	201.67	-1.28	9.74
15. Garlic	Kg	389.39	471.15	480.10	23.29	1.90
16. Dried Chilies	Kg	622.15	636.23	632.64	1.69	-0.56
17. Green Chilies	Kg	398.92	310.04	334.94	-16.04	8.03
18. Sugar	Kg	125.39	135.13	146.70	16.99	8.56
19. Pepper	Kg	1221.99	1386.69	1365.81	11.77	-1.51
Vegetables-						
20. Ash Plantain	Kg	161.57	130.61	134.67	-16.65	3.11
21. Carrot	Kg	226.33	185.43	245.68	8.55	32.49
22. Snake Gourd	Kg	187.34	215.13	276.28	47.48	28.42
23. Tomatoes	Kg	175.93	150.35	285.19	62.11	89.69
24. Capsicum	Kg	376.01	322.69	441.89	17.52	36.94
25. Beetroot	Kg	150.87	142.26	157.16	4.17	10.48
26. Beans	Kg	338.50	278.91	358.44	5.89	28.51
Fruits						
27. Banana	Kg	152.78	157.68	151.80	-0.64	-3.73
28. Papaw	Kg	102.24	140.22	142.10	38.98	1.34
29. Mangoes	Each	149.12	122.03	108.84	-27.02	-10.81
Fresh Fish –						
30. Seer	Kg	1648.34	2191.71	2169.79	31.63	-1.00
31.Talapath	Kg	1269.13	1642.38	1733.20	36.57	5.53
32.Paraw	Kg	1273.29	1511.25	1536.60	20.68	1.68
Dried Fish -						
33.Katta	Kg	1542.36	1669.27	1666.91	8.08	-0.14
34. Sprats	Kg	728.39	903.04	834.34	14.55	-7.61
Fuel -						
35. Kerosene Oil	Lt	70.00	77.00	77.00	10.00	0.00
36 .Petrol (CPC & IOC)	Lt	137.00	157.27	159.48	16.41	1.41
37. Diesel (CPC & IOC)	Lt	104.00	111.26	113.47	9.11	1.98
38. Gas- Avg.	12.5kg	1493.00	2150.00	2716.25	81.93	26.34
Litro	12.5kg	1493.00	2084.00	2675.00	79.17	28.36
Laughs	12.5kg	1493.00	2348.00	2840.00	90.22	20.95

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