



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 January 2022 was 158.4 and it records an increase of 3.7 in index points
- ▣ The overall rate of inflation as measured by CCPI on Y on Y basis is 14.2% in January 2022

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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*	Monthly Changes of the						Monthly Changes		
	Index Number			Expenditure Values(Rs.)			of the Index (%)		
	Jan. 2021	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2022	Jan. 2021	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2022	Jan. 2021	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2022
All Items	138.7	154.7	158.4	426.05	2405.93	2271.00	0.51	2.64	2.43
Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	156.5	189.4	195.7	238.74	1640.93	1073.34	0.29	1.80	1.15
Non Food	131.7	141.1	143.8	187.31	765.00	1197.65	0.22	0.84	1.28
Alcoholic beverages Tobacco and Narcotic	228.4	246.7	249.1	-1.13	73.99	14.48	0.00	0.08	0.02
Clothing and Foot Wear	157.0	173.4	175.6	8.24	57.47	31.61	0.01	0.06	0.03
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	117.9	122.9	124.2	36.30	35.27	241.58	0.04	0.04	0.26
Furnishing Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	136.8	153.0	154.3	43.17	56.13	19.84	0.05	0.06	0.02
Transport	121.3	130.2	138.5	11.51	81.79	535.20	0.01	0.09	0.57
Recreation and Culture	117.5	120.9	122.1	0.00	14.92	9.35	0.00	0.02	0.01
Education	168.8	171.8	175.5	0.00	0.00	131.23	0.00	0.00	0.14
Restaurant and Hotels	139.6	177.0	181.3	0.00	406.06	132.27	0.00	0.45	0.14
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	150.2	160.0	164.1	14.90	5.03	82.08	0.02	0.01	0.09
Other	142.1	151.5	151.5	74.32	34.34	0.00	0.09	0.04	0.00

**Note : There are 12 main groups of the market basket. Significant changes in January 2022 were noted in ten 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 January 2022 was 158.4 and it records an increase of 3.7 in index points that is 2.43 percentage compared to the month of December 2021 for which the index was 154.7. This represents an increase of expenditure value by Rs 2271.00 in the "Market Basket".

1.1.1 Contribution to M on M Changes:

Contributions to the change in CCPI from December 2021 to January 2022 were given in Table 2. The month on month change was contributed by increases of Food items by 1.15% and Non Food items by 1.28% respectively.

1.1.2 Contribution of Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages items: 1.15%

As shown in Table 02, increases in value change were reported for Rice (0.34%), Fresh Fruits (0.19%), Bread (0.11%), Milk Powder (0.11%), Sea Fish (0.08%), Green Chilli (0.09%), Chilli Powder (0.06%), Red onions (0.04%), Curry Powder (0.04%), Buns (0.02%), Chicken (0.03%), Coconut oil (0.03%), Potatoes (0.03%), Wheat Flour (0.02%), Green Gram (0.01%), Beef (0.02%), Dried Fish (0.02%), Yogurt (0.02%), Dhal- Mysoor (0.02%), Dry Chillies (0.02%), Canned Fish (0.01%), Margarine (0.01%), Infant Milk powder (0.01%), Garlic (0.01%), Sugar (0.01%), Pepper (0.01%) and Tea dust/ leaves (0.01).

While decreases in value change were reported for Coconuts (0.05%), Vegetables (0.09%), Big onions (0.04%), Limes (0.04%) and Turmeric Powder (0.02%).

1.1.3 Contribution of Non Food items: 1.28%

Among Non-Food groups, increases in value change were reported for the groups of 'Transport' (0.57%), 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' (0.26%), 'Restaurant and Hotels' (0.14%), 'Miscellaneous Goods and Services' (0.09%), 'Education' (0.14%), 'Clothing and Footwear' (0.03%), 'Furnishing Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance' (0.02%), 'Alcoholic beverages Tobacco and Narcotic' (0.02%) and 'Recreation and Culture' (0.01%). However, the groups of 'Communication' and 'Health' remained unchanged during this period.

Table 2: Contribution to the change in CCPI from December 2021 to January 2022
(Base2013=100)

Sub Group/Commodity	Rs.Cts.	Value Change		Net effect
		Increase	Decrease	
Food	1073.34	1.37	0.23	1.15
1 RICE	314.67	0.34		
<i>Rice - (Kekulu white)</i>	48.31	0.05		
<i>Rice - (Kekulu - red)</i>	149.44	0.16		
<i>Rice - (Samba)</i>	12.82	0.01		
<i>Rice - (Nadu-White)</i>	89.36	0.10		
<i>Rice - (Nadu-Red)</i>	14.74	0.02		
2 Wheat flour	16.83	0.02		
3 Green gram	7.21	0.01		
4 Bread	101.65	0.11		
5 Buns	17.03	0.02		
6 Chicken	24.59	0.03		
7 Beef	18.36	0.02		
8 Sea Fish	74.79	0.08		
9 Dried Fish	17.81	0.02		
<i>Sprats (dry)</i>	11.07	0.01		
10 Canned fish	6.99	0.01		
11 Milk powder	101.38	0.11		
12 Infant milk powder	12.19	0.01		
13 Yoghurt	17.11	0.02		
14 Coconuts	-43.90		0.05	
15 Margarine	10.16	0.01		
16 Coconut oil	31.61	0.03		
17 Fresh Fruits	179.99	0.19		
<i>Banana</i>	32.92	0.04		
<i>Papaw</i>	105.27	0.11		
<i>Apple</i>	4.76	0.01		
<i>Pineapple</i>	9.76	0.01		
18 Vegetables	-82.62		0.09	
19 Potatoes	23.85	0.03		
20 Dhal - Mysoor	21.80	0.02		
21 Red onions	33.21	0.04		
22 Big onions	-33.66		0.04	
23 Garlic	13.56	0.01		
24 Green chilies	80.00	0.09		

25	Sugar	7.18	0.01		
26	Chili powder	59.79	0.06		
27	Pepper	11.31	0.01		
28	Dry chilies	20.73	0.02		
29	Curry powder	34.31	0.04		
30	Turmeric powder	-16.85		0.02	
31	Limes	-36.45		0.04	
32	Tea dust/ leaves	5.12	0.01		
33	Others	23.59	0.03		
Non Food		1197.65	1.28	0.00	1.28
34	Alcoholic beverages Tobacco and Narcotic	14.48	0.02		
	<i>Beetle leaves</i>	14.78	0.02		
35	Clothing and Foot Wear	31.61	0.03		
	<i>Clothing</i>	7.30	0.01		
	<i>Foot ware</i>	24.31	0.03		
36	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	241.58	0.26		
	<i>Housing rent</i>	86.07	0.09		
	<i>Maintenance/ Reconstruction</i>	131.15	0.14		
	<i>Kerosene oil</i>	13.87	0.01		
	<i>Fire wood purchased</i>	10.50	0.01		
37	Furnishing Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	19.84	0.02		
38	Transport	535.20	0.57		
	<i>Petrol</i>	201.41	0.22		
	<i>Diesel</i>	26.23	0.03		
	<i>Cost of servicing of vehicles</i>	15.50	0.02		
	<i>bus fare</i>	158.55	0.17		
	<i>Taxi/three wheelers charges</i>	54.02	0.06		
	<i>Transport for schooling</i>	41.30	0.04		
	<i>Air lines</i>	35.06			
39	Recreation and Culture	9.35	0.01		
	<i>News papers</i>	7.01	0.01		
40	Education	131.23	0.14		
	<i>Pre-school fees (K.G)</i>	7.50	0.01		
	<i>Course fees (Higher education)</i>	58.80	0.06		
	<i>Course fees vocational training</i>	64.93	0.07		
41	Restaurant and Hotels	132.27	0.14		
42	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	82.08	0.09		
	<i>Hair cutting and shaving charges</i>	20.83	0.02		
	<i>Hair dressing and Beauty culture services</i>	22.45			
43	Others	0.00	0.00		
All Items		2271.00	2.66	0.23	2.43

*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.
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
	December	154.7	2.7	12.1	6.0	189.4	5.4	22.1	11.7	141.1	1.3	7.5	3.4
2022	January	158.4	2.4	14.2	6.9	195.7	3.3	25.0	13.3	143.8	1.9	9.2	4.0

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 14.2% in January 2022 and Yon Y inflation calculated for the month of December 2021 was 12.1% (Table 3). The Year on Year inflation of Food Group increased to 25.0% in January 2022 from 22.1% in December 2021 and the Year on Year inflation of Non Food Group increased to 9.2% in January 2021 from 7.5% in December 2021.

2.2 Contribution to Y on Y inflation:

For the month of January 2022, on Year-on-Year basis, contribution to inflation by food commodities was 7.96%.

The contribution of Non Food items was 6.27%. This was mainly due to increases in value change in groups of ‘Restaurants & Hotels’ (1.54%), ‘Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels’ (1.44%), ‘Transport’ (1.32%), ‘Health’ (0.52%), ‘Miscellaneous Goods and Services’ (0.33%), ‘Education’ (0.28%), ‘Furnishing Household Equipment and routine Household Maintenance’ (0.32%), ‘Clothing and Footwear’ (0.31%), ‘Alcoholic beverages Tobacco and Narcotic’ (0.15%), ‘Recreation and Culture’ (0.04%) and the group of ‘Communication’ remained unchanged during the period.

2.3 Moving Average Inflation

The moving average inflation rate for the month of January 2022 is 6.9%. The corresponding rate for the month of December 2021 was 6.0%.

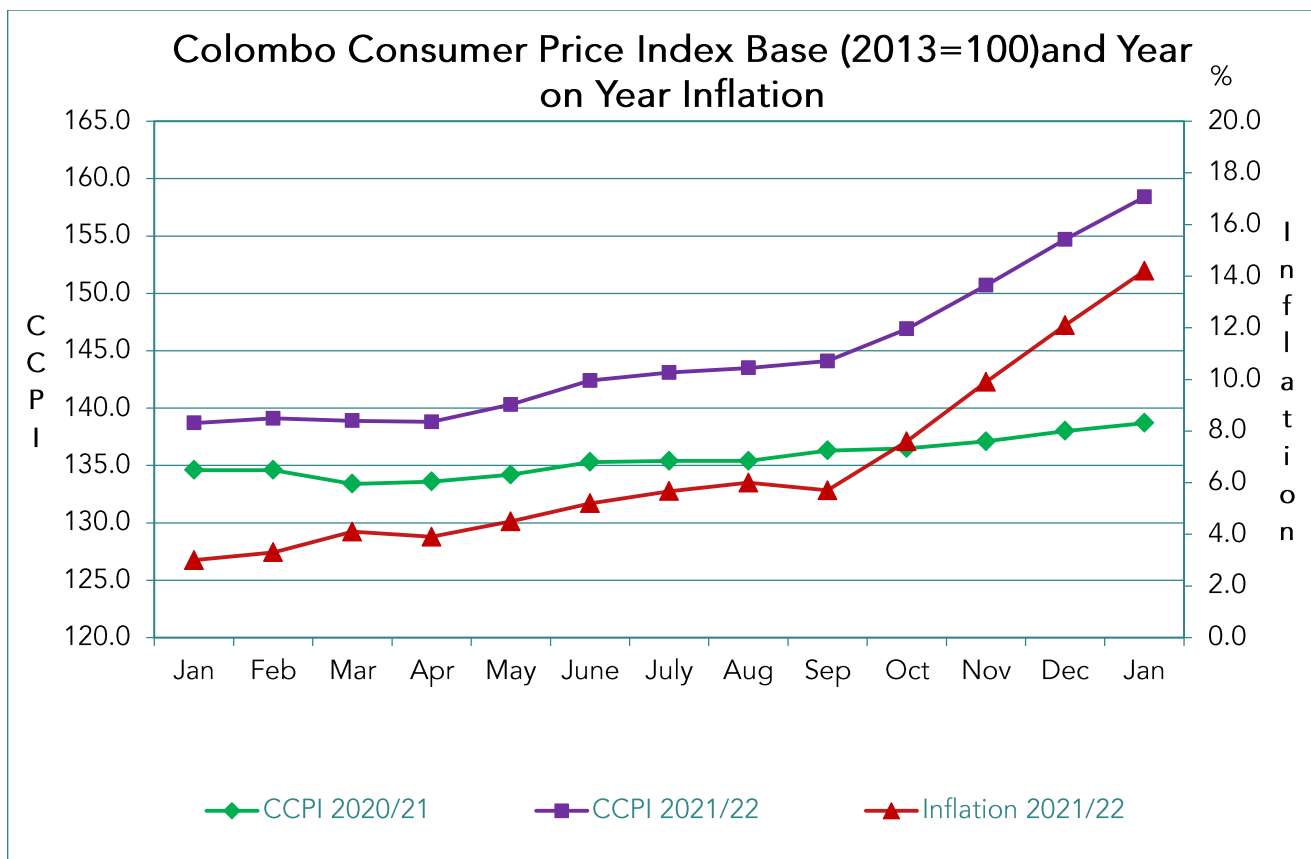




Table 4: Monthly average open market retail prices of selected items of Colombo Consumer Price Index January 2022, January & December 2021

Item	Unit	Retail Prices (Rs. Cts)			Retail Price Changes (%)	
		2021 Jan.	2021 Dec.	2022 Jan.	Jan. 22/ Jan. 21	Jan. 22 / Dec 21
1. Rice– Kekulu – Red	Kg	102.37	112.74	135.47	32.33	20.16
2. Rice– Kekulu – White	Kg	103.80	129.99	140.35	35.21	7.97
3. Rice –Nadu - White	Kg	106.15	119.53	142.40	34.15	19.13
4. Rice –Nadu - Red	Kg	112.14	132.67	148.09	32.05	11.62
5. Rice– Samba	Kg	114.80	154.52	155.56	35.50	0.67
6. Cowpea	Kg	490.13	516.74	557.44	13.73	7.88
7.Green Grams	Kg	443.73	501.60	536.27	20.85	6.91
8. Coconut	Each	90.85	85.53	83.83	-7.73	-1.99
9. Coconut Oil	750ml	353.95	442.12	466.95	31.93	5.62
10.Chicken	Kg	498.17	731.86	743.30	49.21	1.56
11. Eggs	Each	16.53	25.52	25.39	53.65	-0.50
12. Red Onion	Kg	637.12	331.83	387.17	-39.23	16.68
13. Big Onion	Kg	128.72	214.64	201.83	56.79	-5.97
14. Potatoes	Kg	196.72	225.83	235.63	19.78	4.34
15. Garlic	Kg	370.18	465.42	523.37	41.38	12.45
16. Dry Chilies	Kg	611.30	651.63	839.68	37.36	28.86
17. Green Chilies	Kg	649.89	696.32	996.79	53.38	43.15
18. Sugar	Kg	117.90	145.09	146.99	24.67	1.31
19. Pepper	Kg	1203.56	1395.86	1473.56	22.43	5.57
Vegetables-						
20. Ash Plantain	Kg	156.46	151.03	151.26	-3.32	0.15
21. Carrot	Kg	219.60	409.02	443.00	101.73	8.31
22. Snake Gourd	Kg	224.18	367.96	350.19	56.21	-4.83
23. Tomatoes	Kg	172.44	472.48	282.03	63.55	-40.31
24. Capsicum	Kg	420.59	713.20	790.18	87.87	10.79
25. Beetroot	Kg	206.21	278.75	392.44	90.31	40.79
26. Beans	Kg	319.57	487.44	442.06	38.33	-9.31
Fruits						
27. Banana	Kg	150.35	146.34	157.12	4.50	7.37
28. Papaw	Kg	106.64	161.25	210.98	97.86	30.85
29. Mangoes	Each	91.06	72.82	73.78	-18.97	1.32
Fresh Fish –						
30. Seer	Kg	1776.56	2221.12	2201.54	23.92	-0.88
31.Talapath	Kg	1261.55	1862.46	1846.84	46.39	-0.84
32.Paraw	Kg	1198.85	1564.62	1552.61	29.51	-0.77
Dried Fish -						
33.Katta	Kg	1575.09	1653.32	1663.72	5.63	0.63
34. Sprats	Kg	726.03	831.27	853.37	17.54	2.66
Fuel -						
35. Kerosene Oil	Lt	70.00	79.14	87.00	24.29	9.93
36 .Petrol (CPC & IOC)	Lt	137.00	163.23	177.00	29.20	8.43
37. Diesel (CPC & IOC)	Lt	104.00	115.09	121.00	16.35	5.14
38. Gas- Avg.	12.5kg	1493.00	2716.25	2716.25	81.93	0.00
Litro	12.5kg	1493.00	2675.00	2675.00	0.00	0.00
Laughs	12.5kg	1493.00	2840.00	2840.00	0.00	0.00

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