



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.

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- ❏ The overall rate of inflation as measured by CCPI on Y-on-Y basis is 61.0% in November 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 (%)		
	Nov.	Oct.	Nov.	Nov.	Oct.	Nov.	Nov.	Oct.	Nov.
	2021	2022	2022	2021	2022	2022	2021	2022	2022
All Items	150.7	243.8	242.6	2280.84	-518.03	-740.03	2.57	-0.35	-0.50
Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	179.7	316.7	312.1	1563.17	-1114.89	-784.45	1.76	-0.75	-0.53
Non Food	139.3	215.1	215.2	717.67	596.86	44.43	0.81	0.40	0.03
Alcoholic beverages Tobacco and Narcotic	234.8	335.2	337.5	31.38	92.36	14.42	0.04	0.06	0.01
Clothing and Foot Wear	169.2	287.2	300.4	25.80	182.95	181.71	0.03	0.12	0.12
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	122.7	156.2	155.4	376.28	118.98	-156.61	0.42	0.08	-0.11
Furnishing Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	149.4	243.5	244.4	34.03	59.29	14.27	0.04	0.04	0.01
Health	190.9	252.3	266.8	10.10	89.52	385.22	0.01	0.06	0.26
Transport	128.9	311.6	300.4	82.18	-476.95	-717.42	0.09	-0.32	-0.49
Communication	97.3	130.0	132.2	0.00	196.55	43.38	0.00	0.13	0.03
Recreation and Culture	119.0	187.6	193.7	0.00	57.70	47.69	0.00	0.04	0.03
Education	171.8	219.7	221.9	0.00	0.00	79.15	0.00	0.00	0.05
Restaurant and Hotels	163.9	301.7	305.3	55.13	164.21	109.61	0.06	0.11	0.07
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	159.8	270.1	272.2	102.77	112.24	43.00	0.12	0.08	0.03

*Note : There are 12 main groups of the market basket. Significant changes in November 2022 were noted in 12 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 2022 was 242.6 and it records a decrease of 1.2 in index points that is 0.50 percentage compared to the month of October 2022 for which the index was 243.8. This represents a decrease of expenditure value by Rs 740.03 in the "Market Basket".

1.1.1 Contribution to M on M Changes:

Contributions to the change in CCPI from October 2022 to November 2022 were given in Table 2. The month on month change was contributed by decreases of Food items by 0.53% and an increase of Non-Food items by 0.03% respectively.

1.1.2 Contribution of Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages items: -0.53%

As shown in Table 02, decreases in value change were reported for Sea Fish (0.30%), Chicken (0.30%), Dried Fish (0.12%), Wheat Flour (0.08%), Vegetables (0.07%), Sugar (0.07%), Bread (0.06%), Fresh Fruits (0.05%), Dhal Mysoor (0.04%), Rice (0.03%), Canned fish (0.03%), Gram (0.01%), Biscuits (0.01%), Beef (0.01%), Maldives Fish (0.01%), Garlic (0.01%), Chilli Powder (0.01%) and Green Chillies (0.01%).

While increases in value change were reported for Milk Powder (0.36%), Big Onions (0.11%), Coconut (0.05%), Tea dust/leaves (0.03%), Green gram (0.02%), Jak (0.02%), Red Onions (0.02%), Cowpea (0.01%), Limes (0.01%), Eggs (0.01%), Potatoes (0.01%), Manioc (0.01%), Soya meat (0.01%) and Turmeric Powder (0.01%).

1.1.3 Contribution of Non-Food items: 0.03%

Among Non-Food groups, increases in value change were reported for the groups of 'Health' (0.26%), 'Clothing and Footwear' (0.12%), 'Restaurant and Hotels' (0.07%), 'Education' (0.05%), 'Communication' (0.03%), 'Recreation and Culture' (0.03%), 'Miscellaneous Goods and Services' (0.03%), 'Furnishing Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance' (0.01%) and 'Alcoholic beverages Tobacco and Narcotic' (0.01%).

While decreases in value change were reported for 'Transport' (0.49%) and 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' (0.11%).

**Table 2: Contribution to the change in CCPI from October 2022 to November 2022
(Base2013=100)**

Sub Group/Commodity		Value Change			
		Rs.Cts.	% change		Net effect
			Increase	Decrease	
Food		-784.45	0.67	1.20	-0.53
1	RICE	-49.90		0.03	
	Rice - (Kekulu white)	-19.56		0.01	
	Rice - (Samba)	-19.54		0.01	
	Rice - (Nadu white)	-11.78		0.01	
2	Rice flour	18.43	0.01		
3	Wheat flour	-122.37		0.08	
4	Green gram	24.36	0.02		
5	Gram	-8.26		0.01	
6	Cowpea	9.07	0.01		
7	Bread	-88.66		0.06	
8	Biscuits	-10.13		0.01	
9	Chicken	-441.77		0.30	
10	Beef	-9.79		0.01	
11	Sea Fish	-439.63		0.30	
12	Dried Fish	-182.27		0.12	
	Sprats (dry)	-115.90		0.08	
	Katta (dry)	-25.37		0.02	
13	Canned fish	-39.41		0.03	
14	Maldives fish	-10.48		0.01	
15	Milk powder	527.94	0.36		
16	Eggs	9.39	0.01		
17	Coconut	67.78	0.05		
18	Fresh Fruits	-66.89		0.05	
	Banana	28.96	0.02		
	Papaw	-29.61		0.02	
	Pineapple	-40.54		0.03	
19	Vegetables	-97.80		0.07	
20	Potatoes	14.15	0.01		
21	Jak	22.27	0.02		
22	Mannioc	14.94	0.01		
23	Dhal Mysoor	-61.96		0.04	

24	Red onions	35.63	0.02		
25	Big onions	163.07	0.11		
26	Garlic	-7.89		0.01	
27	Green chilies	-17.59		0.01	
28	Soya meat	9.44	0.01		
29	Sugar	-98.52		0.07	
30	Chili powder	-15.14		0.01	
31	Turmeric powder	8.78	0.01		
32	Limes	16.99	0.01		
33	Tea dust/ leaves	40.48	0.03		
	Others	1.28	0.00		
Non Food		44.43	0.62	0.59	0.03
34	Alcoholic beverages Tobacco and Narcotic	14.42	0.01		
	Arrack	9.59	0.01		
	Cigarettes	7.67	0.01		
35	Clothing and Foot Wear	181.71	0.12		
	Clothing	132.73	0.09		
	Footwear	48.99	0.03		
36	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	-156.61		0.11	
	Maintenance/ Reconstruction	-173.77		0.12	
	Electricity Bill	21.55	0.01		
	L. P. Gas	-60.55		0.04	
	Kerosene oil	14.18	0.01		
	Fire wood purchased	41.98	0.03		
37	Furnishing Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	14.27	0.01		
38	Health	385.22	0.26		
	Purchase of medical/ pharmacy products	85.05	0.06		
	Fees to private medical practices	30.40	0.02		
	Consultation fees to specialists	9.34	0.01		
	Payments to private hospitals	260.43	0.18		
39	Transport	-717.42		0.49	
	Tyres, tubes and spare parts	8.01	0.01		
	Petrol	-585.26		0.40	
	Diesel	-30.88		0.02	
	Air lines	-109.28		0.07	
40	Communication	43.38	0.03		
	Telephone charges - Home fixed phone	8.16	0.01		
	Telephone charges - mobile	33.28	0.02		
41	Recreation and Culture	47.69	0.03		
	Sports	8.89	0.01		
	Books	10.10	0.01		
	News papers	12.84	0.01		
	Exercise books and stationeries.	14.82	0.01		
42	Education	79.15	0.05		
	Course fees (Higher education)	71.39	0.05		
	Course fees vocational training	7.76	0.01		
43	Restaurant and Hotels	109.61	0.07		
44	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	43.00	0.03		
All Items		-740.03	1.29	1.80	-0.50

*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	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
	February	160.1	1.1	15.1	7.9	198.2	1.3	25.7	14.8	145.1	0.9	10.1	4.8
	March	164.9	3.0	18.7	9.1	202.0	1.9	30.2	16.5	150.3	3.6	13.4	5.8
	April	180.2	9.3	29.8	11.3	227.2	12.5	46.6	19.7	161.7	7.6	22.0	7.5
	May	195.2	8.3	39.1	14.2	249.3	9.7	57.4	23.7	173.9	7.5	30.6	9.8
	June	220.2	12.8	54.6	18.4	296.4	18.9	80.1	29.7	190.2	9.4	42.4	13.2
	July	230.1	4.5	60.8	23.1	313.6	5.8	90.9	36.5	197.3	3.7	46.5	16.9
	August	235.8	2.5	64.3	28.0	320.3	2.1	93.7	43.5	202.5	2.6	50.2	20.8
	September	244.7	3.8	69.8	33.4	323.3	0.9	94.9	50.6	213.7	5.5	57.6	25.3
	October	243.8	-0.4	66.0	38.3	316.7	-2.0	85.6	56.7	215.1	0.7	56.3	29.6
	November	242.6	-0.5	61.0	42.6	312.1	-1.5	73.7	61.4	215.2	0.0	54.5	33.7

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 61.0% in November 2022 and Yon Y inflation calculated for the month of October 2022 was 66.0% (Table 3). The Year on Year inflation of Food Group decreased to 73.7% in November 2022 from 85.6% in October 2022 and the Year on Year inflation of Non Food Group also decreased to 54.5% in November 2022 from 56.3% in October 2022.

2.2 Contribution to Y on Y inflation:

For the month of November 2022, on Year-on-Year basis, contribution to inflation by food commodities was 24.80%.

The contribution of Non Food items was 36.16%. This was mainly due to increases in value change in groups of 'Transport' (12.07%), 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels', (6.93%), 'Restaurants & Hotels' (4.82%), 'Miscellaneous Goods and Services' (2.48%), 'Health' (2.21%), 'Education' (1.95%), 'Clothing and Footwear' (1.99%), 'Furnishing Household Equipment and routine Household Maintenance' (1.60%), 'Alcoholic beverages Tobacco and Narcotic' (0.70%), 'Communication' (0.76%) and 'Recreation and Culture' (0.65%).

2.3 Moving Average Inflation

The moving average inflation rate for the month of November 2022 is 42.6%. The corresponding rate for the month of October 2022 was 38.3%.

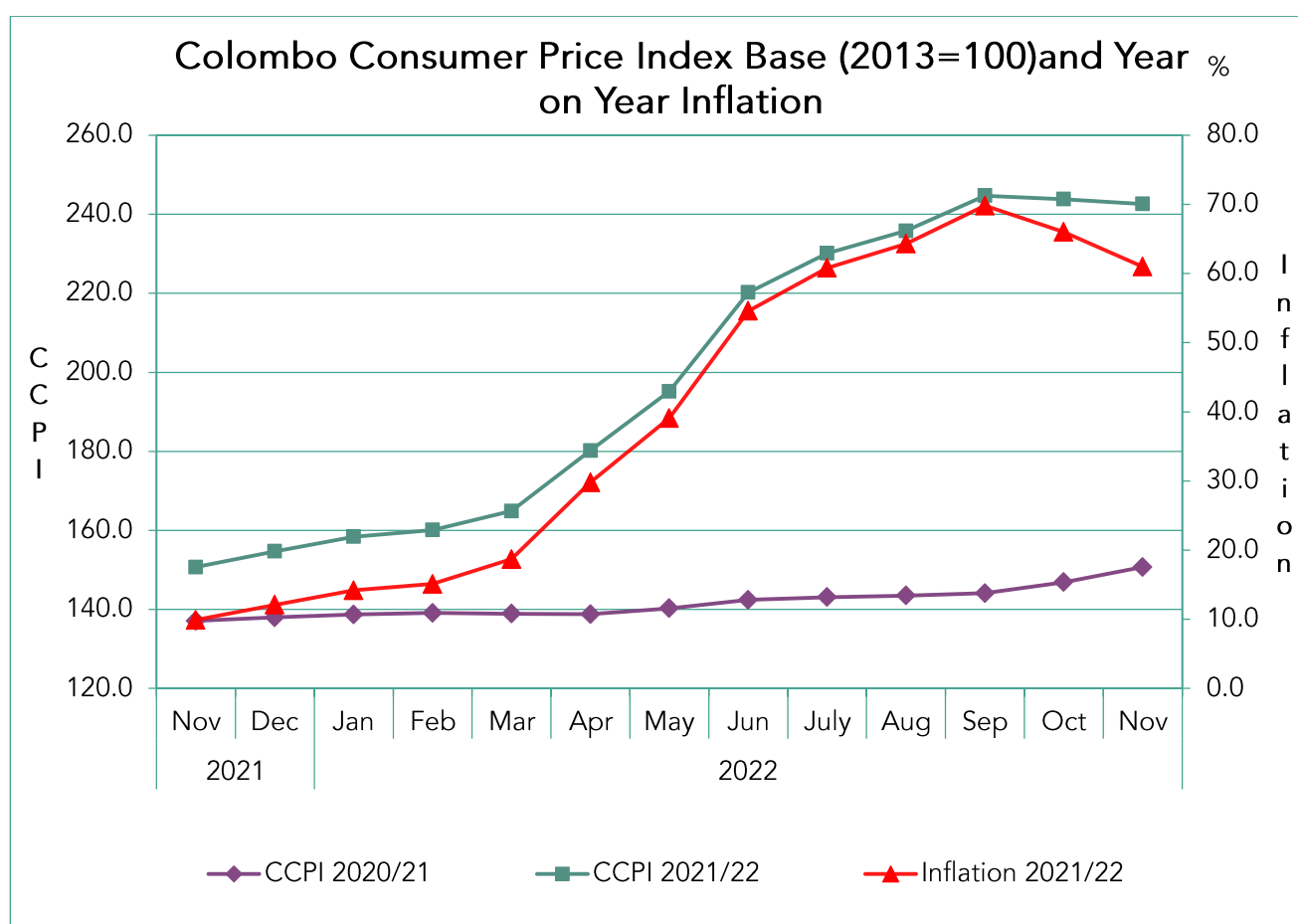


Table 4: Monthly average open market retail prices of selected items of Colombo Consumer Price Index November 2021 ,October & November 2022


Item	Unit	Retail Prices (Rs. Cts)			Retail Price Changes (%)	
		2021 Nov.	2022 Oct.	2022 Nov.	Nov. 22/ Nov. 21	Nov. 22 / Oct. 22
1. Rice– Kekulu – Red	Kg	109.10	224.68	225.02	106.25	0.15
2. Rice– Kekulu – White	Kg	126.57	203.81	199.61	57.71	-2.06
3. Rice –Nadu - White	Kg	132.64	214.11	211.09	59.14	-1.41
4. Rice –Nadu - Red	Kg	130.17	247.30	246.03	89.01	-0.51
5. Rice– Samba	Kg	158.90	221.89	220.31	38.65	-0.72
6. Cowpea	Kg	531.58	982.62	1073.97	102.04	9.30
7.Green Grams	Kg	656.45	1091.67	1208.74	84.13	10.72
8. Coconut	Each	82.44	93.30	95.93	16.36	2.82
9. Coconut Oil	750ml	441.24	468.02	468.49	6.18	0.10
10.Chicken	Kg	692.52	1472.29	1266.65	82.90	-13.97
11. Eggs	Each	21.02	49.91	50.63	140.93	1.46
12. Red Onion	Kg	325.85	579.15	638.53	95.96	10.25
13. Big Onion	Kg	202.08	217.05	279.10	38.11	28.59
14. Potatoes	Kg	201.67	325.41	331.23	64.25	1.79
15. Garlic	Kg	480.10	611.84	578.13	20.42	-5.51
16. Dried Chilies	Kg	632.64	1813.42	1774.34	180.47	-2.16
17. Green Chilies	Kg	334.94	526.96	460.89	37.60	-12.54
18. Sugar	Kg	146.70	279.02	252.85	72.36	-9.38
19. Pepper	Kg	1365.81	2640.60	2664.16	95.06	0.89
Vegetables-						
20. Ash Plantain	Kg	134.67	270.27	276.04	104.97	2.14
21. Carrot	Kg	245.68	454.84	461.87	88.00	1.55
22. Snake Gourd	Kg	276.28	424.46	427.90	54.88	0.81
23. Tomatoes	Kg	285.19	352.24	468.19	64.17	32.92
24. Capsicum	Kg	441.89	818.13	929.61	110.37	13.63
25. Beetroot	Kg	157.16	374.34	383.27	143.87	2.39
26. Beans	Kg	358.44	564.54	506.01	41.17	-10.37
Fruits						
27. Banana	Kg	151.80	246.03	251.73	65.82	2.32
28. Papaw	Kg	142.10	274.19	285.52	100.93	4.13
29. Mangoes	Each	108.84	198.75	153.10	40.67	-22.97
Fresh Fish –						
30. Seer	Kg	2169.79	3409.17	3234.46	49.07	-5.12
31.Talapath	Kg	1733.20	2682.81	2671.51	54.14	-0.42
32.Paraw	Kg	1536.60	2249.17	2043.25	32.97	-9.16
Dried Fish -						
33.Katta	Kg	1666.91	2701.37	2602.94	56.15	-3.64
34. Sprats	Kg	834.34	1954.46	1723.13	106.53	-11.84
Fuel -						
35. Kerosene Oil	Lt	77.00	340.00	348.04	351.99	2.36
36 .Petrol (CPC & IOC)	Lt	159.48	410.00	370.00	132.00	-9.76
37. Diesel (CPC & IOC)	Lt	113.47	426.79	419.82	269.98	-1.63
38. Gas- Avg.	12.5kg	2716.25	4679.02	4567.14	68.14	-2.39
Litro	12.5kg	2675.00	4376.79	4322.86	61.60	-1.23
Laughs	12.5kg	2840.00	5585.71	5300.00	86.62	-5.12

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