



Producer's Price Index (PPI)

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The Producer's 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) has been releasing PPI quarterly from September, 2015 with time lag of 35 days. Giving due consideration for making the estimates available more frequently, it has now been arranged to release PPI monthly with a time lag of 45 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 & Water supply sectors of the economy.

- ! **The PPI for all economic activities: agriculture, manufacturing and water supply & electricity, for the month of March 2021 is 152.3.**
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 - ! **Comparing the month on month changes, PPI in March 2021 has decreased to 152.3 from 152.5 reported in February 2021.**
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The PPI for all economic activities: agriculture, manufacturing and water supply & electricity, for the month of March 2021 is 152.3. The annual change in the PPI has been compiled as 6.3 per cent. The PPI reported for the three major economic activities, agriculture, manufacturing and electricity & water supply are 179.6, 146.3 and 86.2. The agriculture and manufacturing activities reported positive changes of 10.0 per cent and 8.9 per cent respectively. While, electricity & water supply activity reported negative change of 4.8 per cent on annual basis (Table 1).

The major sub activities of agriculture sector, “Growing crops” reported positive change of 10.6 per cent and “Farming of animals” reported negative change of 4.9 per cent on annual basis. Sub activities related to “Growing of crops”: “Growing of cereals and other crops”, “Growing of fruits, nuts and beverage and spice crops” and “Growing of vegetables” recorded positive annual changes of 20.3 per cent, 10.1 percent and 6.7 per cent respectively on annual basis. Activities related to “Farming of animals”: “Production of dairy” recorded positive percentage change of 9.8 per cent and “Production of eggs” recorded negative change of 12.6 per cent in the month of March 2021 compared to the same month in 2020.

The sub activities of manufacturing sector, “Manufacturing of rubber and plastics”(20.5%), “Manufacturing of furniture and Manufacturing of goods not elsewhere classified” (18.1%), “Manufacturing of wearing apparel, dressing, and dyeing of fur”(17.8%), “Manufacturing of basic metals” (16.0%), “Manufacturing of Textiles” (9.9%), “Manufacturing of food products and beverages” (6.2%), “Manufacturing of electrical machinery and apparatus not elsewhere classified”(5.1%), “Publishing, printing and reproduction of recorded media” (0.8%), “Manufacturing of other non-metallic mineral products” (0.8%) and “Manufacturing of chemicals and chemical products” (0.2%) reported positive percentage changes on annual basis. However, “Manufacturing of coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel” (8.9%), “Manufacturing of other transport equipment” (1.8%) and “Manufacturing of tobacco products” (1.0%) recorded negative percentage changes during the month of March 2021 when compared to the March 2020 (Table 4).

The activities in utility sector, “Collection purification and distribution of water” reported positive change of 5.2 per cent and “Generation and distribution of electricity” reported negative change of 6.0 per cent in the month of March 2021 compared to the same month in 2020 (Table 4).

Table 1: PPI of March, 2020 & 2021 and Year on Year changes of PPI by Major Economic Activity (Base: 2013 Q4=100)

Major Economic Activity	PPI		Month to Month % change (2021 Mar**/ 2021 Feb*)
	2021 Feb*	2021 Mar**	
All Activities	152.5	152.3	-0.1
Agriculture	182.5	179.6	-1.6
Manufacturing	145.5	146.3	0.5
Electricity & Water Supply	88.2	86.2	-2.3

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Sources: Department of Census and Statistics

Monthly Changes of Producer’s Price Index

Comparing the month on month changes, PPI in March 2021 has decreased to 152.3 from 152.5 reported in February 2021. This shows a decrease of 0.2 index points or 0.1 percentage as compared to February 2021. Out of the three major economic activities, Manufacturing activity reported positive change of 0.5 per cent while, electricity and water supply and agriculture activities reported negative changes of 2.3 per cent and 1.6 per cent respectively as compared to the previous month (Table 2).

The sub activities of agriculture sector, “Growing of crops” (1.6%) and “Farming of animals” (1.3%) reported negative percentage changes respectively on monthly basis. The sub activities related to, “Growing of crops”: “Growing of cereals and other crops” (7.4%) and “Growing of fruits, nuts and beverage and spice crops” (0.2%) reported positive percentage changes while “Growing of vegetables” (20.8%) reported negative percentage change on monthly basis. “Farming of animals”: “Production of dairy” (3.6%) reported positive percentage while “Egg production” (4.4%) reported negative percentage change on monthly basis.

In Manufacturing sector, the sub activities, “Manufacturing of chemicals and chemical products”(3.0%),“Manufacturing of Textiles” (2.2%), “Manufacturing of food products and beverages”(1.1%), “Manufacturing of rubber and plastics” (0.5%),“Manufacturing of furniture and Manufacturing of goods not elsewhere classified” (0.5%), “Publishing, printing and reproduction of recorded media”(0.3%), “Manufacturing of other non-metallic mineral products” (0.2%), “Manufacturing of wearing apparel, dressing, and dyeing of fur” (0.1%), and “Manufacturing of basic metals”(0.1%) reported positive percentage changes on monthly basis while, “Manufacturing of tobacco products” (1.4%) reported negative percentage changes on monthly basis. Meanwhile, “Manufacturing of coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel”, “Manufacturing of electrical machinery and apparatus not elsewhere classified” and “Manufacturing of other transport equipment” remained unchanged during the month of March 2021 (Table 4).

Both sub activities of the utility sector, “Collection, purification and distribution of water” and “Generation and distribution of electricity” reported negative changes of 2.3 per cent and 2.2 per cent respectively in the month of March 2021 on monthly basis (Table 4).

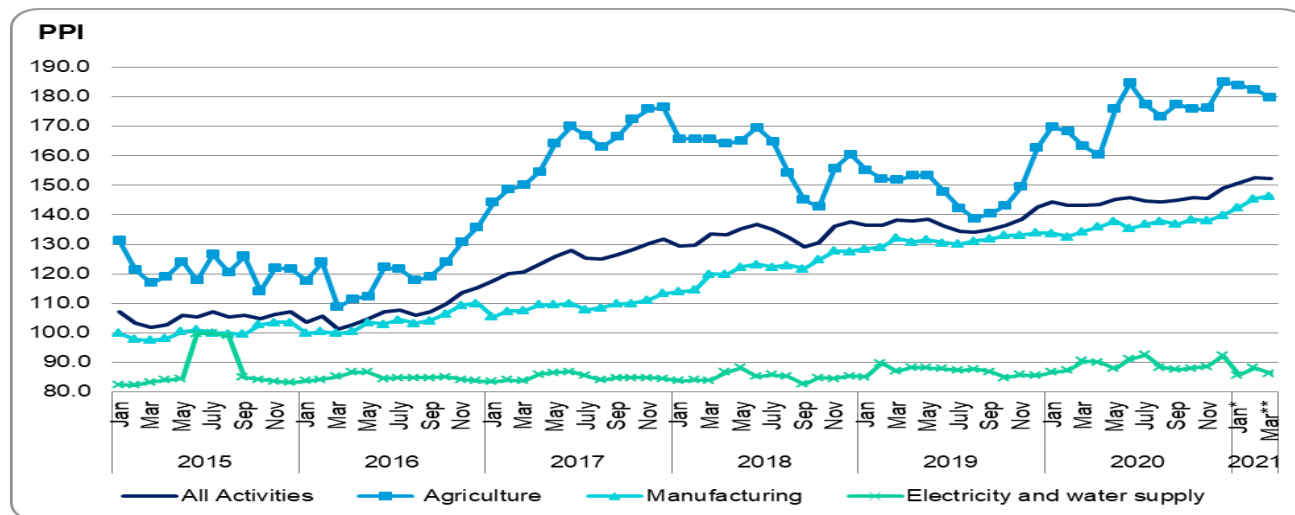
Table 2: PPI of February & March 2021 and Month to Month changes of PPI by Major Economic Activity (Base: 2013 Q4 =100)

Major Economic Activity	PPI		Year on Year % change (Mar 2021**/ Mar 2020)
	2020 Mar	2021 Mar**	
All Activities	143.3	152.3	6.3
Agriculture	163.3	179.6	10.0
Manufacturing	134.4	146.3	8.9
Electricity & water supply	90.5	86.2	-4.8

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Sources: Department of Census and Statistics

Figure 1: Movements of Monthly Producer's Price Index by Major Economic Activity: January 2015 – March 2021 (Base: 2013 Q4=100)



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**Table 3: Movements of Producer's Price Index by Major Economic Activity: January 2014 – March 2021
(Base: 2013 Q4 = 100)**

Year	Month	All activities			Agriculture			Manufacturing			Electricity & Water Supply						
		Index number	% changes		Index number	% changes		Index number	% changes		Index number	% changes					
			Month to month	Year on year	12 Months Moving Average		Month to month	Year on year	12 Months Moving Average		Month to month	Year on year	12 Months Moving Average				
2014	January	100.8				100.7				101.0				99.2			
	February	101.1	0.3			103.3	2.5			100.5	-0.5			98.6	-0.6		
	March	100.5	-0.6			101.3	-1.9			100.3	-0.2			99.2	0.6		
	April	102.3	1.8			106.4	5.0			100.9	0.6			100.2	0.9		
	May	100.2	-2.1			96.2	-9.6			101.9	1.0			99.8	-0.4		
	June	100.1	-0.1			98.4	2.3			100.9	-1.1			100.0	0.2		
	July	100.9	0.8			100.6	2.2			101.2	0.3			100.0	0.0		
	August	104.5	3.6			113.9	13.3			101.3	0.1			98.9	-1.0		
	September	101.2	-3.2			104.6	-8.2			100.3	-1.0			95.9	-3.0		
	October	103.5	2.3			109.8	5.0			102.1	1.8			91.7	-4.4		
	November	102.0	-1.4			107.7	-1.9			101.1	-1.0			87.8	-4.2		
	December	102.1	0.1			112.8	4.8			99.6	-1.4			82.5	-6.0		
2015	January	107.3	5.0	6.4		131.2	16.3	30.3		99.9	0.2	-1.1		82.5	-0.1	-16.9	
	February	103.2	-3.7	2.1		121.4	-7.5	17.5		97.9	-2.0	-2.6		82.3	-0.2	-16.5	
	March	101.9	-1.3	1.4		117.0	-3.7	15.5		97.5	-0.4	-2.8		83.3	1.2	-18.1	
	April	102.9	1.0	0.5		119.1	1.9	12.0		98.0	0.5	-2.8		84.0	0.9	-16.1	
	May	105.8	2.9	5.6		124.1	4.2	29.1		100.4	2.4	-1.5		84.5	0.6	-15.3	
	June	105.5	-0.3	5.4		117.8	-5.1	19.7		101.1	0.7	0.2		99.7	18.0	-0.3	
	July	107.2	1.6	6.2		126.6	7.5	25.9		100.1	-1.0	-1.1		99.9	0.2	-0.1	
	August	105.3	-1.8	0.7		120.6	-4.7	5.9		99.7	-0.4	-1.6		98.9	-1.0	0.0	
	September	105.8	0.5	4.6		126.0	4.4	20.5		99.6	0.0	-0.7		84.9	-14.2	-11.5	
	October	104.7	-1.0	1.2		114.1	-9.4	3.9		102.9	3.3	0.8		84.1	-1.0	-8.3	
	November	106.3	1.5	4.2		121.8	6.8	13.1		103.6	0.7	2.5		83.6	-0.6	-4.8	
	December	107.2	0.9	5.0	3.6	121.8	0.0	8.0	16.4	103.5	-0.1	3.9	-0.6	83.2	-0.5	0.7	-8.9
2016	January	103.7	-3.3	-3.3	2.7	117.6	-3.5	-10.4	12.6	99.9	-3.5	0.0	-0.5	83.7	0.7	1.5	-7.5
	February	105.8	2.0	2.5	2.8	123.9	5.4	2.1	11.2	100.5	0.6	2.7	0.0	84.2	0.6	2.3	-6.0
	March	101.4	-4.2	-0.5	2.6	108.7	-12.3	-7.1	9.3	99.9	-0.6	2.5	0.4	85.2	1.2	2.3	-4.4
	April	102.6	1.2	-0.3	2.6	111.4	2.5	-6.5	7.6	100.5	0.6	2.5	0.8	86.6	1.6	3.1	-2.8
	May	104.8	2.1	-1.0	2.0	112.3	0.8	-9.5	4.6	103.5	3.0	3.1	1.2	86.6	0.0	2.5	-1.2
	June	107.0	2.1	1.4	1.7	122.2	8.8	3.8	3.4	103.0	-0.5	1.9	1.4	84.4	-2.5	-15.4	-2.6
	July	107.8	0.7	0.5	1.2	121.6	-0.6	-4.0	1.1	104.4	1.4	4.3	1.8	84.7	0.4	-15.2	-4.0
	August	106.0	-1.7	0.7	1.2	117.7	-3.2	-2.4	0.4	103.2	-1.1	3.5	2.3	84.8	0.1	-14.3	-5.3
	September	107.0	0.9	1.1	0.9	119.1	1.2	-5.4	-1.5	104.2	1.0	4.6	2.7	84.8	0.0	-0.1	-4.4
	October	109.9	2.7	4.9	1.3	124.0	4.1	8.7	-1.1	106.5	2.2	3.5	2.9	85.1	0.4	1.2	-3.6
	Nov	113.4	3.2	6.7	1.5	130.6	5.3	7.2	-1.5	109.2	2.5	5.4	3.2	84.2	-1.1	0.7	-3.1
	Dec	115.3	1.7	7.5	1.7	135.8	4.0	11.5	-1.1	110.0	0.7	6.2	3.4	83.7	-0.6	0.7	-3.1
2017	January	117.8	2.2	13.6	3.1	144.2	6.2	22.6	1.6	105.5	-4.1	5.6	3.8	83.5	-0.2	-0.2	-3.3
	Feb	120.1	2.0	13.5	4.0	148.6	3.1	19.9	3.2	107.3	1.7	6.8	4.2	84.0	0.6	-0.2	-3.5
	March	120.6	0.4	18.9	5.6	150.1	1.0	38.1	6.6	107.5	0.2	7.6	4.6	83.7	-0.4	-1.8	-3.8
	April	123.4	2.3	20.3	7.3	154.6	3.0	38.8	10.2	109.6	2.0	9.1	5.1	86.0	2.7	-0.7	-4.1
	May	126.0	2.1	20.2	9.0	164.3	6.3	46.3	14.8	109.5	-0.1	5.8	5.4	86.5	0.6	-0.1	-4.3
	June	127.9	1.5	19.5	10.6	170.0	3.5	39.1	17.8	110.0	0.5	6.8	5.8	86.8	0.3	2.8	-2.6
	July	125.4	-2.0	16.3	11.9	166.9	-1.8	37.3	21.4	107.8	-2.0	3.3	5.7	85.5	-1.5	0.9	-1.1
	August	124.9	-0.4	17.8	13.3	163.0	-2.3	38.5	24.8	108.6	0.7	5.2	5.8	84.1	-1.6	-0.8	0.2
	September	126.6	1.4	18.3	14.8	166.4	2.1	39.7	28.8	109.8	1.1	5.4	5.9	84.7	0.7	-0.1	0.2
	October	128.4	1.4	16.8	15.8	172.4	3.6	39.0	31.3	110.0	0.2	3.3	5.8	84.8	0.1	-0.4	0.1
	November	130.2	1.4	14.8	16.4	175.9	2.0	34.7	33.6	111.2	1.1	1.8	5.5	84.7	-0.1	0.6	0.1
	December	131.8	1.2	14.3	17.0	176.5	0.3	30.0	35.2	113.3	1.9	3.0	5.2	84.5	-0.2	1.0	0.1
2018	January	129.3	-1.9	9.8	16.6	165.7	-6.1	14.9	34.2	114.0	0.6	8.1	5.5	83.8	-0.8	0.4	0.1
	February	129.8	0.4	8.1	16.1	165.8	0.1	11.6	33.1	114.6	0.5	6.8	5.5	84.0	0.2	0.0	0.1
	March	133.5	2.9	10.7	15.4	165.6	-0.1	10.3	30.5	120.0	4.7	11.6	5.8	83.9	-0.1	0.2	0.3
	April	133.1	-0.3	7.9	14.3	164.1	-0.9	6.1	27.6	119.8	-0.2	9.3	5.9	86.6	3.2	0.7	0.4
	May	135.2	1.6	7.3	13.2	165.2	0.7	0.5	23.6	122.3	2.1	11.7	6.4	88.2	1.8	2.0	0.6
	June	136.8	1.2	7.0	12.2	169.6	2.7	-0.2	20.0	123.2	0.7	12.0	6.8	85.2	-3.4	-1.8	0.2
	July	135.0	-1.3	7.7	11.5	164.9	-2.8	-1.2	16.8	122.3	-0.7	13.5	7.7	85.8	0.7	0.4	0.2
	Aug	132.4	-1.9	6.0	10.5	164.1	-6.5	-5.5	13.3	122.9	0.5	13.2	8.3	85.2	-0.7	1.3	0.3
	Sep	129.1	-2.5	2.0	9.2	145.1	-5.8	-12.8	9.2	121.8	-0.9	10.9	8.8	82.5	-3.2	-2.6	0.1
	Oct	130.6	1.2	1.7	8.0	142.7	-1.7	-17.2	4.7	124.8	2.5	13.5	9.6	84.7	2.7	-0.1	0.2
	Nov	136.2	4.3	4.6	7.1	155.8	9.2	-11.4	1.2	127.7	2.3	14.8	10.7	84.4	-0.4	-0.4	0.1
	Dec	137.5	1.0	4.3	6.3	160.4	3.0	-9.1	-1.7	127.6	-0.1	12.6	11.5	85.4	1.2	1.1	0.1
2019	Jan	136.6	-0.7	5.6	6.0	155.2	-3.2	-6.3	-3.3	128.5	0.7	12.7	11.9	85.1	-0.4	1.6	0.2
	Feb	136.5	-0.1	5.2	5.8	152.2	-1.9	-8.2	-4.9	129.1	0.5	12.7	12.4	87.4	2.7	4.0	0.5
	Mar	138.3	1.3	3.6	5.2	151.8	-0.3	-8.3	-6.3	132.1	2.3	10.1	12.2	87.0	-0.5	3.7	0.8
	Apr	137.9	-0.3	3.6	4.9	153.3	1.0	-6.6	-7.3	130.8	-1.0	9.2	12.2	88.3	1.5	2.0	0.9
	May	138.5	0.4	2.4	4.5	153.4	0.1	-7.1	-7.9	131.6	0.6	7.6	11.8	88.1	-0.2	-0.1	0.7
	June	136.3	-1.6	-0.4	3.8	147.9	-3.6	-12.8	-8.9	130.6	-0.8	6.0	11.3	87.9	-0.2	3.2	1.2
	July	134.4	-1.4	-0.4	3.2	142.2	-3.9	-13.8	-10.0	130.1	-0.4	6.4	10.7	87.3	-0.7	1.7	1.3
	Aug	134.2	-0.1	1.4	2.8	138.8	-2.4	-9.9	-10.3	131.1	0.8	6.7	10.1	87.7	0.5	2.9	1.4
	Sep	135.1	0.7	4.6	3.0	140.4	1.2	-3.2	-9.6	131.9	0.6	8.3	9.9	86.8	-1.0	5.2	2.1
	Oct	136.5	1.0	4.5	3.2	143.2	2.0	0.4	-8.2	133.0	0.8	6.6	9.4	84.8	-2.3	0.1	2.1
	Nov	138.5	1.5	1.7	3.0	149.6	4.5	-4.0	-7.6	133.2	0.2	4.3	8.5	85.8	1.2	1.7	2.2
	Dec	142.5	2.9	3.6	2.9	162.8	8.8	1.5	-6.7	133.9	0.5	4.9	7.9	85.5	-0.3	0.1	2.2
2020	Jan	144.3	1.3	5.6	2.9	169.8	4.3	9.4	-5.4	133.7	-0.1	4.0	7.2	86.7	1.4	1.9	2.2
	Feb	143.2	-0.8	4.9	2.9	168.3	-0.9	10.6	-3.9	132.6	-0.8	2.7	6.3	87.2	0.6	-0.2	1.8
	Mar	143.3	0.1	3.6	2.9	163.3	-3.0	7.6	-2.6	134.4	1.4	1.7	5.6	90.5	3.8	4.0	1.9
	Apr	143.5	0.1	4.1	3.0	160.3	-1.8	4.6	-1.8	136.0	1.2	4.0	5.2	90.0	-0.6	1.9	1.9
	May	145.3	1.3	4.9	3.2	175.8	9.7	14.6	0.2	137.9	1.4	4.8	5.0	87.9	-2.3	-0.2	1.8
	June	145.9	0.4	7.0	3.8	184.7	5.1	24.9	3.4	135.3	-1.9	3.6	4.8	91.0	3.5	3.5	1.9
	July	144.8	-0.8	7.7	4.5	177.3	-4.0	24.7	6.6	136.8	1.1	5.1	4.7	92.5	1.6	6.0	2.2
	Aug	144.4	-0.3	7.6	5.0	173.4	-2.2	24.9	9.5	137.8	0.7	5.1	4.6	88.3	-4.5	0.7	2.0
	Sep	145.0	0.4	7.3	5.2	177.4	2.3	26.4	11.8	136.8	-0.7	3.7	4.2	87.5	-0.9	0.8	1.7
	Oct	145.8	0.6	6.8	5.4	175.8	-0.9	22.8	13.6	138.5	1.2	4.1	4.0	88.0	0.6	3.8	2.0
	Nov	145.5	-0.2	5.1	5.7	176.2	0.2	17.8	15.5	138.0	-0.4	3.6	4.0	88.6	0.7	3.3	2.1
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Table 4: PPI of February 2021 & March of 2020 & 2021 and percentage changes by two-digit level Economic Activity of ISIC (Base: 2013 Q4 = 100)

ISIC Rev.3.1	Description of the Economic Activity	2020	2021		% change	
		Mar	Feb*	Mar**	Mar** 2021/Feb* 2020	Mar** 2021/Mar 2020
	All Activities	143.3	152.5	152.3	-0.1	6.3
	Agriculture	163.3	182.5	179.6	-1.6	10.0
01	Agriculture and farming	163.3	182.5	179.6	-1.6	10.0
	Manufacturing	134.4	145.5	146.3	0.5	8.9
15	Manufacture of food products and beverages	137.8	144.8	146.4	1.1	6.2
16	Manufacture of tobacco products	237.6	238.6	235.3	-1.4	-1.0
17	Manufacture of textiles	124.3	133.7	136.6	2.2	9.9
18	Manufacture of wearing apparel, dressing, and dyeing of fur	138.5	163.0	163.1	0.1	17.8
22	Publishing, printing and reproduction of recorded media	130.8	131.5	131.9	0.3	0.8
23	Manufacture of coke, refine petroleum products and nuclear fuel	94.8	86.4	86.4	0.0	-8.9
24	Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	128.0	124.6	128.3	3.0	0.2
25	Manufacture of rubber and plastics	114.8	137.6	138.3	0.5	20.5
26	Manufacture of other non metallic mineral products	121.7	122.5	122.7	0.2	0.8
27	Manufacture of basic metals	115.1	133.4	133.5	0.1	16.0
31	Manufacture of electrical machinery and apparatus n.e.c.	135.2	142.1	142.1	0.0	5.1
35	Manufacture of other transport equipments	115.3	113.2	113.2	0.0	-1.8
36	Manufacture of furniture, Manufacturing n.e.c.	134.5	158.1	158.9	0.5	18.1
	Electricity and water supply	90.5	88.2	86.2	-2.3	-4.8
40	Electricity	88.3	84.9	83.0	-2.2	-6.0
41	Collection, purification and distribution of water	111.3	119.8	117.1	-2.3	5.2

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Sources: Department of Census and Statistics

ISIC refers to International Standard Industrial Classification of all activities (Revision 3.1)


PPI is compiled by collecting prices received by the domestic producers for about 514 products from 376 manufacturing and utility related establishments. Prices of 36 agricultural products are collected from 331 Divisional Secretariat Divisions covering the entire country. Electricity & 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.

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