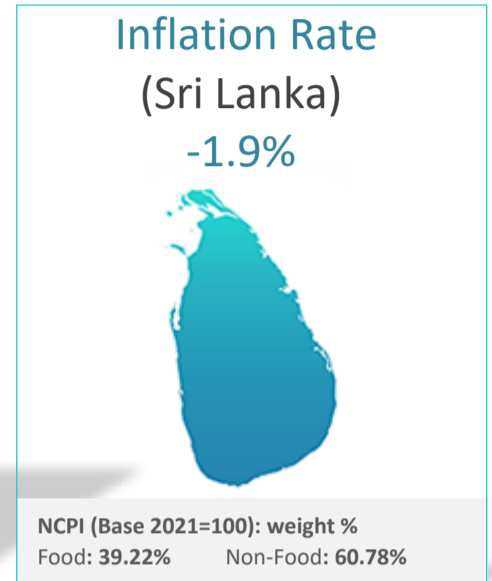
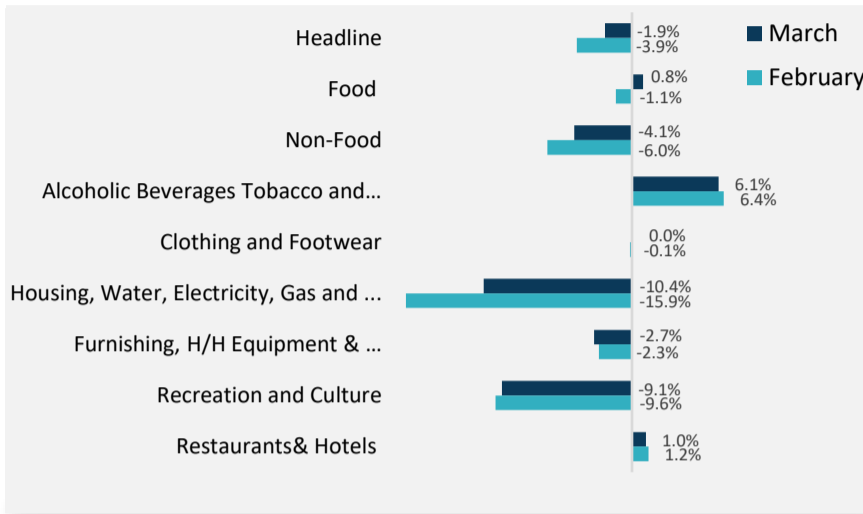


Today, the Department of Census & Statistics publishes National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) with the index reference of 2021=100 for the month of March 2025, highlighting the monthly consumer inflation of Sri Lanka.

NCPI, highlighted Inflation in March 2025 compared to February 2025



NCPI Headline (March 2025)

Year-on-Year inflation: **-1.9%**
Year-on-Year Food inflation: **0.8%**
Year-on-Year Non-Food inflation: **-4.1%**
Monthly change: **-0.1%**

NCPI Core* (March 2025)

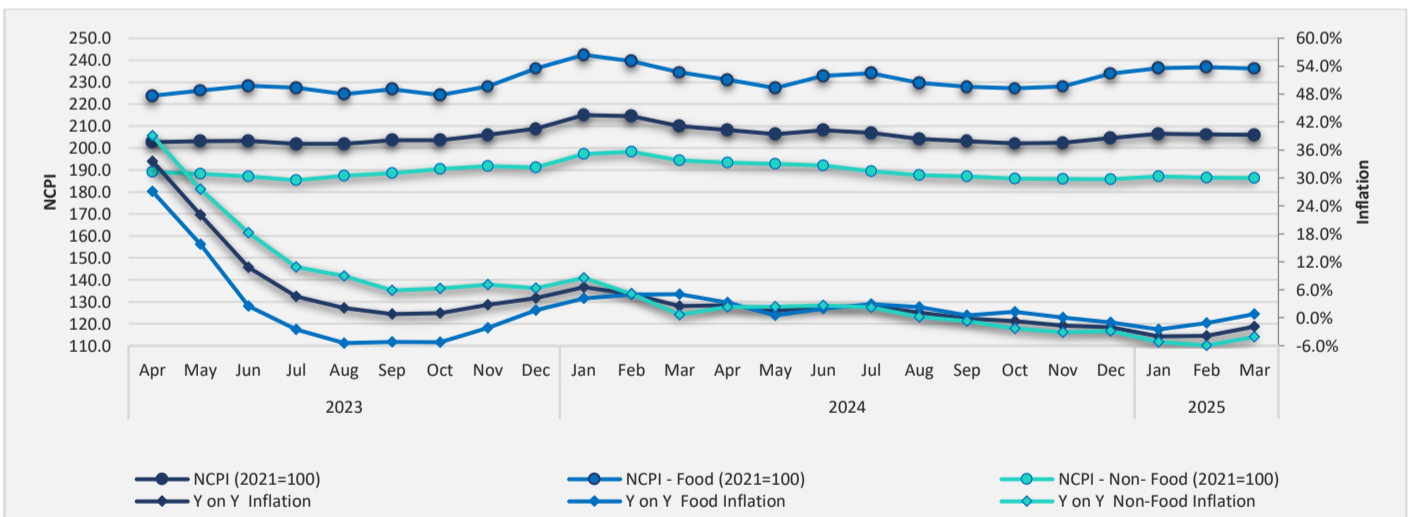
*Excluding volatile items of foods, energy and transport

Year-on-Year inflation: **-0.6%** Monthly change: **-0.1%**

Year-on-Year Inflation (-1.9%) contribution

Food: **0.3%** Non-Food: **-2.3%**

Movements of the NCPI (Base 2021=100) for HL, Food, Non-Food and the Inflation Rates



Highlights of the month

- NCPI (Base 2021=100) in March 2025 has decreased to **206.0** from **206.2** in February 2025.
- Month on Month change contributed by **-0.10%** from food and **0.00%** from non-food.
- NCPI Core (Base 2021=100) in March 2025 has decreased to **193.3** from **193.4** in February 2025.
- The general price level has increased by **106.0%** compared to the index reference (2021)

Next Release: NCPI for April 2025 will be released on 21.05.2025 at 3.00 p.m.

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