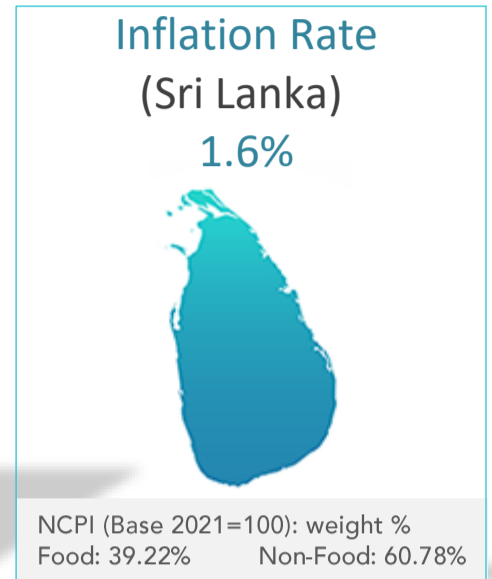
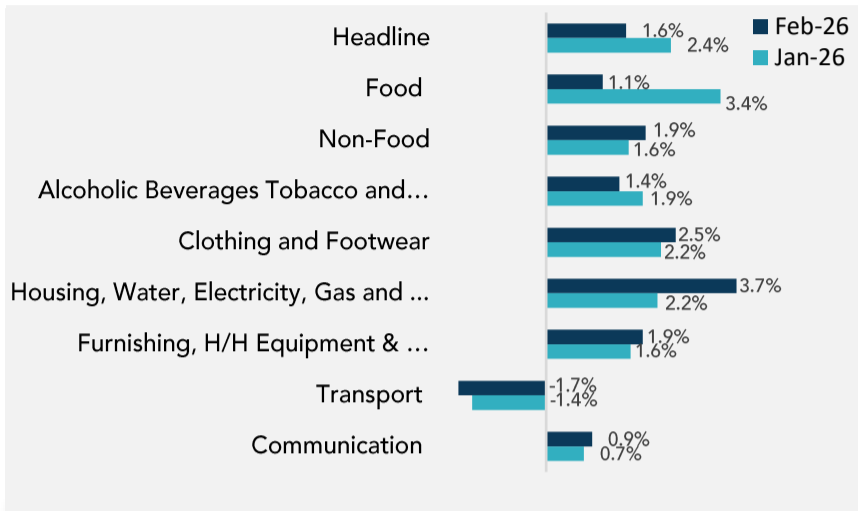


23, March 2026

Today, the Department of Census & Statistics publishes National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) with the index reference of 2021=100 for the month of February 2026, highlighting the monthly consumer inflation of Sri Lanka.

NCPI, highlighted Inflation in February 2026 compared to January 2026



NCPI Headline (February 2026)

Year-on-Year inflation: **1.6%**
Year-on-Year Food inflation: **1.1%**
Year-on-Year Non-Food inflation: **1.9%**
Monthly change: **-0.9%**

NCPI Core* (February 2026)

*Excluding volatile items of foods, energy and transport

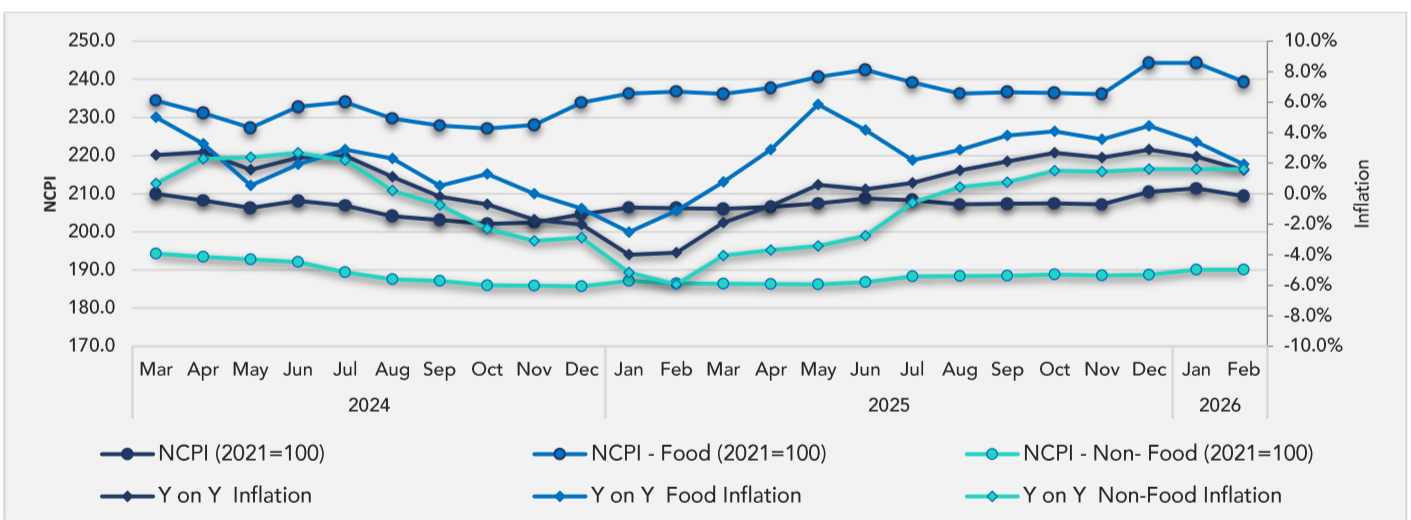
Year-on-Year inflation: **2.2%** Monthly change: **-0.5%**

Year-on- Year Inflation (1.6%) contribution

Food: **0.5%**

Non-Food: **1.1%**

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 February 2026 has decreased to **209.4** from **211.4** in January 2026.
- Month on Month change contributed by **-0.92%** from food and **0.01%** from non-food.
- NCPI Core (Base 2021=100) in February 2026 has decreased to **197.6** from **197.9** in January 2026.
- The general price level has increased by **109.4%** compared to the index reference (2021)

Next Release: NCPI for March 2026 will be released on 21.04.2026 at 3.00 p.m.

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For more details, please visit our website
<http://www.statistics.gov.lk/InflationAndPrices/StaticInformation/MonthlyNCPI>