Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI)-(BASE 2021=100) October 2025

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The Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) is the authorized agency to compile Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI). Following internationally accepted guidelines, it has been arranged to revise the base year from 2013=100 to 2021=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 2021=100) will be released monthly commencing from February 2023 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. The price collection of the index (Base 2021=100) has covered 10 price collection centers in Peliyagoda, Maradana, Wellawatta, Dematagoda Grandpass, Kirulapone, Nugegoda, Rathmalana, and two Dedicated Economic Centers namely Narahenpita and Rathmalana.

Prices are collected weekly from the outlets located within each of the above market areas including Sathosa and a supermarket. The consumer basket includes 426 items, which represent the typical urban household consumption expenditure. The CPI weights are derived from the Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) 2019.

- The CCPI for all items for the month of October 2025 was 193.8 and it records an increase of 0.1 index points compared to September 2025, for which the index was 193.7.
- The overall rate of inflation as measured by CCPI on Y-on-Y basis is 2.1% in October 2025.

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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*	Index Number			Monthly Changes of the Expenditure Values (Rs.)			Monthly Changes of the Index (%)[1]		
	Oct. 2024	Sep. 2025	Oct. 2025	Oct. 2024	Sep. 2025	Oct. 2025	Oct. 2024	Sep. 2025	Oct. 2025
All Items	189.9	193.7	193.8	-933.09	305.94	125.02	-0.53	0.17	0.07
Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	231.9	240.1	240.0	-351.49	182.17	-45.55	-0.20	0.10	-0.03
Non Food	174.9	177.1	177.4	-581.60	123.76	170.57	-0.33	0.07	0.10
Alcoholic beverages Tobacco and Narcotic	255.3	250.9	251.9	-5.24	-13.52	16.49	0.00	-0.01	0.01
Clothing and Footwear	244.8	254.8	255.8	27.41	6.66	21.14	0.02	0.00	0.01
Furnishing Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	188.0	190.6	190.2	-6.89	147.59	-11.61	0.00	0.08	-0.01
Health	180.2	187.0	190.2	0.00	0.00	114.48	0.00	0.00	0.06
Transport	226.7	225.8	225.1	-496.49	-118.69	-78.10	-0.28	-0.07	-0.04
Recreation and Culture	182.9	185.0	184.1	11.27	11.63	-16.16	0.01	0.01	-0.01
Restaurant and Hotels	238.8	244.5	246.7	-81.35	0.00	99.26	-0.05	0.00	0.06
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	194.9	197.8	198.8	-10.35	18.34	29.74	-0.01	0.01	0.02
Other	139.3	141.4	141.4	-19.95	71.76	-4.67	-0.01	0.04	0.00

Note 1: There are 12 main groups of the market basket. Significant changes in October 2025 were noted in nine groups, details on which are given in Table2.
Note 2: Monthly change of the index (%) is calculated using expenditure values.
Note 3:[1] Percentage of items does 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 October 2025 was 193.8 and it records an increase of 0.1 index points or 0.07 percentage compared to the month of September 2025 for which the index was 193.7. This represents an increase in expenditure value by Rs 125.02 in the "Market Basket".

1.1.1 Contribution to M on M Changes:

Contributions to the change in CCPI from September 2025 to October 2025 are given in Table 02. The month-on-month change was contributed by decrease in Food items by 0.03% and increase in Non Food items by 0.10% respectively.

1.1.2 Contribution of Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages items: -0.03%

As shown in table 02, decreases in value change were reported for Sea Fish (0.20%), Chicken (0.08%), Vegetables (0.11%), Potatoes (0.02%), Ginger (0.02%), Coconut Oil (0.01%), Fresh Fruits (0.01%), Sugar (0.01%), Green Gram (0.01%), Tea Dust (0.01%), Fruit Drinks/Cordial (0.01%) and Eggs (0.01%).

While increases in value change were reported for Limes (0.32%), Rice (0.06%), Big Onions (0.04%), Coconut (0.03%), Green Chillies (0.02%), Dried fish (0.02%), Prawns (0.01%), Milk Powder (0.01%) and Coffee Powder (0.01%).

1.1.3 Contribution of Non-Food items: 0.10%

Increases in value change were reported for the groups of 'Health' (0.06%), 'Restaurant and Hotels' (0.06%), 'Miscellaneous goods and Services' (0.02%), 'Clothing and Footwear' (0.01%) and 'Alcoholic beverages Tobacco and Narcotic' (0.01%).

While decreases in value change were reported for the groups of Transport' (0.04%), 'Recreation and culture' (0.01%) and 'Furnishing Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance' (0.01%).

Further, a very slight price decrease was reported in the group of 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' and the price of, 'Communication', 'Education' groups remained unchanged during the month.

Table 02: Contribution to the changes in CCPI from September 2025 to October 2025 (Base2021=100)

		Value Change			
		Rs.Cts.	% change		
			Increase	Decrease	Net effect
Food		-45.55	0.48	0.50	-0.03
1	Rice	108.68	0.06		
	Rice - (Kekulu - red)	*16.04*	*0.01*		
	Rice - (Samba)	*91.96*	*0.05*		
2	Green gram	-16.04		0.01	
3	Chicken	-136.15		0.08	
4	Sea fish	-362.83		0.20	
5	Prawns	-13.84		0.01	
6	Dried Fish	-32.36		0.02	
	Sprats	*-14.17*		*0.01*	
	Katta	*-23.16*		*0.01*	
7	Milk powder	15.03	0.01		
8	Eggs	-9.07		0.01	
9	Coconuts	51.54	0.03		
10	Coconut oil	-22.35		0.01	
11	Fresh Fruits	-12.48		0.01	
	Banana	*33.94*	*0.02*		
	Mangoes	*-48.99*		*0.03*	
12	Vegetables	-196.33		0.11	

13	Potatoes	-29.46		0.02	
14	Big Onion	63.07	0.04		
15	Green chilies	28.12	0.02		
16	Sugar	-13.22		0.01	
17	Limes	571.24	0.32		
18	Ginger	-28.77		0.02	
19	Coffee powder	10.91	0.01		
20	Tea dust	-19.21		0.01	
21	Fruit drinks/ Cordials	-12.59		0.01	
22	Others	10.56	0.01		
Non Food		170.57	0.16	0.06	0.10
23	Alcoholic beverages Tobacco and Narcotic	16.49	0.01		
24	Clothing and Foot wear	21.14	0.01		
25	Furnishing Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	-11.61		0.01	
26	Health	114.48	0.06		
	Family Doctor fee	*83.18*	*0.05*		
	Consultation fees to specialists	*28.18*	*0.02*		
27	Transport	-78.10		0.04	
	Petrol	*-34.12*		*0.02*	
	Diesel	*-18.24*		*0.01*	
	Air lines	*-24.86*		*0.01*	
28	Recreation and Culture	-16.16		0.01	
	Television	*-16.16*		*0.01*	
29	Restaurant and Hotels	99.26	0.06		
30	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	29.74	0.02		
	Hand bags	*27.21*	*0.02*		
31	Others	-4.67		0.00	
	All Items	125.02	0.63	0.56	0.07

*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: 2021=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.
2024	October	189.9	-0.5	-0.8	2.2	231.9	-0.6	1.0	1.2	174.9	-0.5	-1.6	2.6
	November	189.4	-0.3	-2.1	1.7	231.7	-0.1	0.6	1.6	174.3	-0.3	-3.3	1.8
	December	191.7	1.2	-1.7	1.2	240.7	3.9	0.8	1.6	174.2	-0.1	-3.0	1.1
2025	January	192.6	0.5	-4.0	0.4	241.5	0.3	-2.6	1.1	175.2	0.6	-4.7	0.0
	February	192.2	-0.2	-4.2	-0.5	242.3	0.3	-0.2	0.8	174.3	-0.5	-6.1	-1.1
	March	191.6	-0.3	-2.6	-0.8	239.2	-1.3	0.6	0.5	174.6	0.2	-4.1	-1.4
	April	191.2	-0.2	-2.0	-1.1	238.4	-0.3	1.3	0.4	174.4	-0.1	-3.6	-1.8
	May	192.8	0.8	-0.7	-1.2	244.8	2.7	5.2	0.8	174.3	-0.1	-3.3	-2.1
	June	194.5	0.9	-0.6	-1.4	249.3	1.8	4.3	1.1	175.0	0.4	-2.8	-2.5
	July	194.1	-0.2	-0.3	-1.6	243.0	-2.5	1.5	1.1	176.7	1.0	-1.2	-2.8
	August	193.3	-0.4	1.2	-1.5	239.4	-1.5	2.0	1.2	177.0	0.2	0.8	-2.8
	September	193.7	0.2	1.5	-1.4	240.1	0.3	2.9	1.4	177.1	0.1	0.7	-2.7
	October	193.8	0.1	2.1	-1.2	240.0	0.0	3.5	1.6	177.4	0.2	1.4	-2.5

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 (Y-on-Y) Inflation

The overall rate of inflation as measured by the CCPI on Y-on-Y basis is 2.1% in October 2025 and Y-on-Y inflation calculated for the month of September 2025 was 1.5% (Table 03). The Y-on-Y inflation of Food Group increased to 3.5% in October 2025 from 2.9% in September 2025 and the Y-on-Y inflation of Non Food Group increased to 1.4% in October 2025 from 0.7% in September 2025.

2.2 Contribution to Y on Y inflation:

For the month of October 2025, on Y-on-Y basis, contribution to inflation by food commodities was 1.12%.

The contribution of Non Food items was 0.95%. This was mainly due to price increases in groups of 'Education' (0.27%), 'Restaurants and Hotels' (0.21%), 'Health' (0.21%), 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' (0.14%), 'Clothing and Footwear' (0.13%), 'Miscellaneous Goods and Services' (0.06%), 'Furnishing Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance' (0.04%), 'Communication' (0.01%), 'Recreation and Culture' (0.01%). However, price decreases were reported for the groups of 'Alcoholic beverages Tobacco and Narcotics' (0.03%) and 'Transport' (0.10%).

Table 04: Contribution to the changes in CCPI (Base 2021=100) year on year basis
October 2025 as compared to October 2024

Sub Group/Commodity	Value Change Rs.Cts.	Increase %	Decrease %	Net effect %
Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	1946.45			1.12
Rice	-74.99		0.04	
Gram	-43.02		0.02	
Cowpea	36.48	0.02		
Bread (Normal)	-24.63		0.01	
Chicken	243.07	0.14		
Pork	61.99	0.04		
Sea fish	291.37	0.17		
Dried Fish	131.85	0.08		
Canned fish	-26.21		0.02	
Milk powder	384.46	0.22		
Infant milk powder	-60.61		0.03	
Yoghurt	-79.55		0.05	
Eggs	-152.12		0.09	
Coconuts	1422.30	0.82		
Coconut oil	324.60	0.19		
Vegetable	10.54	0.01		
Potatoes	-33.53		0.02	
Dhal Mysoor	-43.52		0.02	
Red onions	-48.02		0.03	
Big Onions	-480.79		0.28	
Garlic	-56.16		0.03	
Green chilies	-27.00		0.02	
Sugar	-105.52		0.06	
Chili powder	-90.49		0.05	
Dried chilies	-51.54		0.03	
Salt	147.25	0.08		
Limes	680.95	0.39		
Tamarind	31.40	0.02		
Non Food	1672.10			0.96
Alcoholic beverages Tobacco and Narcotic	-51.67		0.03	
Arrack	*38.59*	*0.02*		
Whiskey	*12.05*	*0.01*		
Beer	*13.08*	*0.01*		
Cigarettes	*72.43*	*0.04*		
Beetle leaves	*88.13*	*0.05*		
Areca nuts	*-269.91*		*0.15*	
Clothing and Footwear	222.60	0.13		
Clothing	*234.09*	*0.13*		
Footwear	*-11.49*		*0.01*	
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	251.54	0.14		
Housing rent	*383.96*	*0.22*		
Material for construction	*148.15*	*0.08*		
Electricity bill	*-340.68*		*0.20*	
L. P. Gas	*69.27*	*0.04*		
Kerosene oil	*-9.16*		*0.01*	

Furnishing Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	70.51	0.04	
Health	364.54	0.21	
Family Doctor fee	*159.19*	*0.09*	
Consultation fees to specialists	*129.38*	*0.07*	
Transport	-183.02		0.10
Petrol	*-409.45*		*0.23*
Diesel	*-34.52*		*0.02*
Cost of servicing of vehicles	*199.53*	*0.11*	
Bus fare	*-33.17*		*0.02*
Three wheelers charges	*-30.33*		*0.02*
Air lines	*-11.71*		*0.01*
Communication	24.99	0.01	
Recreation and Culture	20.65	0.01	
Toys	*85.88*	*0.05*	
Sports	*12.83*	*0.01*	
Books	*-27.30*		*0.02*
Exercise books and stationeries.	*-41.24*		*0.02*
Education	468.52	0.27	
Pre-school fees (K.G)	*50.63*	*0.05*	
Tuition fees	*134.25*	*0.08*	
School fees (International)	*218.20*	*0.13*	
Course fees (Higher education)	*49.42*	*0.03*	
Course fees vocational training	*16.02*	*0.01*	
Restaurant and hotels	370.58	0.21	
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	112.86	0.06	
All Items	3618.55		2.07

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Movements in the CCPI (Base 2021=100) for Head Line, Food, Non Food and Year on Year Inflation

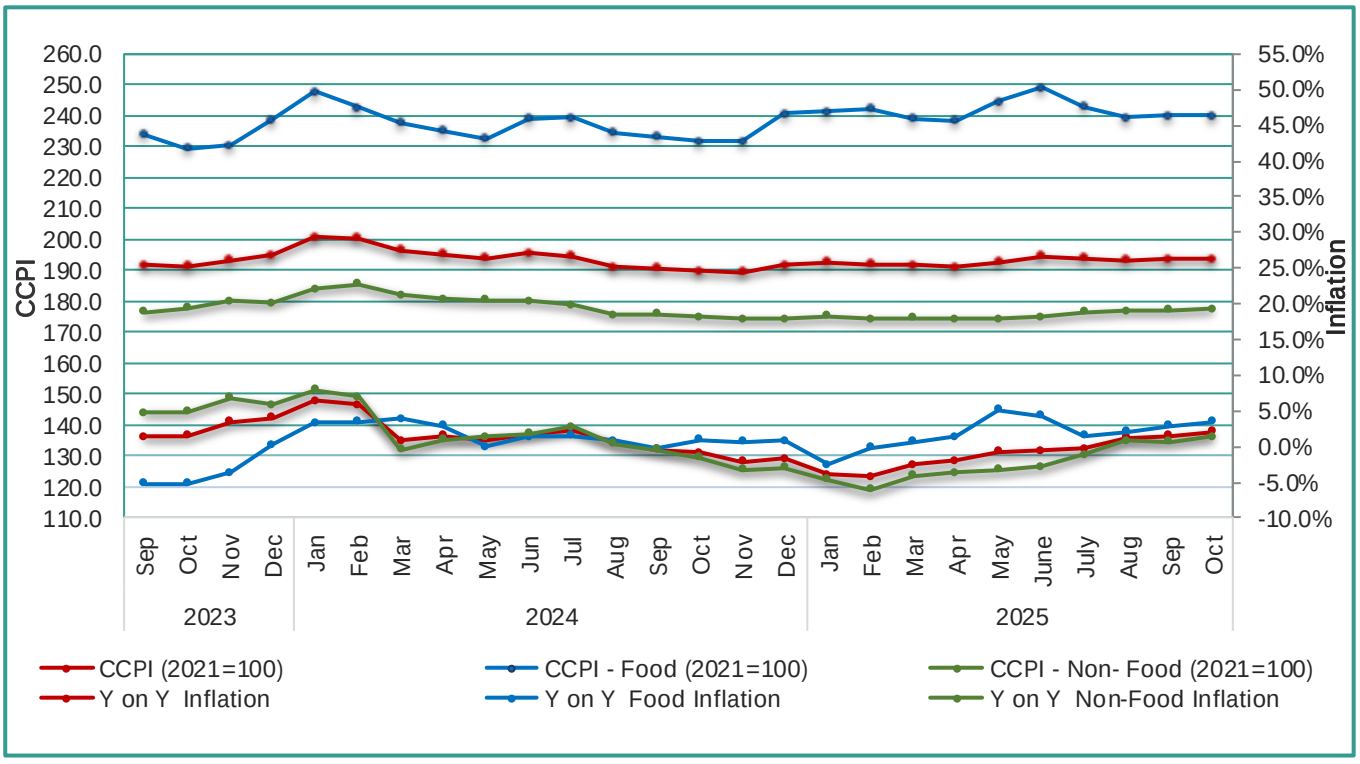

Table 05: Monthly average open market retail prices of selected items of Colombo Consumer Price Index October 2024, September 2025 & October 2025

Item	*Unit*	*Retail Prices (Rs. Cts)*			*Retail Price Changes (%)*	
		2024 Oct.	*2025 Sep.*	*2025 Oct.*	*Oct. 25/ Oct. 24*	*Oct. 25 / Sep. 25*
1. Rice– Kekulu – Red	Kg	216.13	203.77	206.17	-4.61	1.18
2. Rice– Kekulu – White	Kg	217.15	213.67	213.84	-1.52	0.08
3. Rice –Nadu - White	Kg	227.11	227.49	227.54	0.19	0.02
4. Rice –Nadu - Red	Kg	231.78	236.51	235.66	1.67	-0.36
5. Rice– Samba	Kg	268.41	258.10	269.48	0.40	4.41
6. Cowpea	Kg	908.92	1079.49	1125.21	23.80	4.24
7.Green Grams	Kg	948.17	991.79	936.50	-1.23	-5.57
8. Coconut	Each	130.41	194.15	196.55	50.72	1.23
9. Coconut Oil	750ml	526.33	680.09	670.18	27.33	-1.46
10.Chicken	Kg	1092.88	1258.02	1198.73	9.69	-4.71
11. Eggs	Each	39.26	31.91	31.45	-19.90	-1.46
12. Red Onion	Kg	437.47	375.95	375.32	-14.21	-0.17
13. Big Onion	Kg	315.34	161.40	179.25	-43.16	11.06
14. Potatoes	Kg	302.34	300.44	286.67	-5.18	-4.58
15. Garlic	Kg	636.10	546.97	536.99	-15.58	-1.82
16. Dried Chilies	Kg	921.60	814.58	812.38	-11.85	-0.27
17. Green Chilies	Kg	513.06	414.21	464.65	-9.44	12.18
18. Sugar	Kg	261.29	236.34	232.76	-10.92	-1.51
19. Pepper	Kg	2825.67	2854.06	2849.23	0.83	-0.17
Vegetables-						
20. Ash Plantain	Kg	298.88	212.24	207.19	-30.68	-2.38
21. Carrot	Kg	263.33	428.88	309.96	17.71	-27.73
22. Snake Gourd	Kg	372.69	339.46	362.64	-2.70	6.83
23. Tomatoes	Kg	354.94	236.79	253.10	-28.69	6.89
24. Capsicum	Kg	739.96	542.73	586.83	-20.69	8.13
25. Beetroot	Kg	279.46	260.86	242.37	-13.27	-7.09
26. Beans	Kg	422.44	524.92	470.82	11.45	-10.31
Fruits						
27. Banana	Kg	314.80	252.81	261.37	-16.97	3.39
28. Papaw	Kg	256.96	199.82	200.47	-21.99	0.32
29. Mangoes	Each	291.91	338.86	300.45	2.93	-11.34
Fresh Fish –						
30. Seer	Kg	3237.16	4141.66	4132.15	27.65	-0.23
31.Talapath	Kg	2741.87	2822.87	2775.77	1.24	-1.67
32.Paraw	Kg	2337.19	2744.70	2685.32	14.89	-2.16
Dried Fish -						
33.Katta	Kg	2145.33	2419.71	2330.54	8.63	-3.69
34. Sprats	Kg	1323.95	1425.02	1398.85	5.66	-1.84
Fuel -						
35. Kerosene Oil	Lt	188.43	185.00	181.43	-3.71	-1.93
36. Petrol (CPC & IOC)	Lt	317.00	300.50	299.00	-5.68	-0.50
37. Diesel (CPC & IOC)	Lt	289.86	284.50	278.50	-3.92	-2.11
38. Gas- Avg.	12.5kg	3687.50	3792.50	3792.50	2.85	0.00
Litro	12.5kg	3690.00	3690.00	3690.00	0.00	0.00
Laughs	12.5kg	3680.00	4100.00	4100.00	11.41	0.00

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