Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI)-(BASE 2021=100) October 2026

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The Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) is the authorized agency responsible for compiling the Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI). Following internationally accepted guidelines, the base year has been revised from 2013=100 to 2021=100 in order to accommodate changing expenditure patterns and incorporate changes in goods and services available in the market. Accordingly, with the new base year, the CCPI (Base 2021=100) has been released monthly since 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 measure the average change in the prices of goods and services purchased by households in urban areas of the Colombo District. Price collection for the index (Base 2021=100) is carried out at 10 price collection centers located in Peliyagoda, Maradana, Wellawatta, Dematagoda, Grandpass, Kirulapone, Nugegoda, and Rathmalana, as well as at two dedicated economic centers, namely Narahenpita and Rathmalana.

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

- **The CCPI for all items in October 2026 stood at 209.9, recording an increase of 0.8 index points from 209.1 in September 2026.**
- **The overall rate of inflation, as measured by the CCPI on a year-on-year (Y-o-Y) basis, stood at 8.3% in October 2026.**

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1. Variations in Colombo Consumer Price Index

Month-on-month changes in the Colombo Consumer Price Index are 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 2025	Sep 2026	Oct 2026	Oct 2025	Sep 2026	Oct 2026	Oct 2025	Sep 2026	Oct 2026
All Items	193.8	209.1	209.9	125.02	358.48	666.63	0.07	0.19	0.35
Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	240.0	261.0	261.1	-45.55	287.03	30.42	-0.03	0.15	0.02
Non Food	177.4	190.7	191.6	170.57	71.45	636.21	0.10	0.04	0.33
Alcoholic Beverages Tobacco and Narcotic	251.9	249.1	249.8	16.49	13.31	10.55	0.01	0.01	0.01
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	135.3	142.9	142.8	-4.67	-27.95	-27.72	0.00	-0.01	-0.01
Furnishing Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	190.2	198.5	198.8	-11.61	6.91	10.65	-0.01	0.00	0.01
Health	190.2	194.5	195.1	114.48	40.52	19.43	0.06	0.02	0.01
Transport	225.1	262.5	264.7	-78.10	-232.20	245.03	-0.04	-0.12	0.13
Recreation and Culture	184.1	179.3	179.9	-16.16	-19.86	10.56	-0.01	-0.01	0.01
Restaurant and Hotels	246.7	272.6	279.7	99.26	40.01	333.26	0.06	0.02	0.17
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	198.8	211.1	211.8	29.74	14.26	20.49	0.02	0.01	0.01
Other	184.5	191.3	191.5	21.14	236.46	13.97	0.01	0.12	0.01

Note 1: There are 12 main groups of the market basket. Significant changes in October 2026 were noted in nine groups, details on which are given in Table2.
Note 2: The monthly percentage change of the index is calculated based on expenditure values.
Note 3: The percentages of items may not tally with the overall percentage due to rounding.

1.1 Month on Month (M on M) Change of CCPI:

The CCPI for all items in October 2026 stood at 209.9, recording an increase of 0.8 index points, or 0.35 percent compared to 209.1 in September 2026. This represents an increase in expenditure value of Rs.666.63 in the market basket.

1.1.1 Contribution to M-on-M Changes:

Contributions to the change in the CCPI from September 2026 to October 2026 are presented in Table 02. The Month-on-Month change was driven by an increase of 0.02% in Food items and an increase of 0.33% in Non-Food items.

1.1.2 Contribution of Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages items: 0.02%

As shown in Table 2, increases were reported for Limes (0.14%), Vegetables (0.11%), Fresh Fruits (0.06%), Bread (Normal) (0.03%), Coconuts (0.02%), Red Onion (0.02%), Chilli Powder (0.01%), Dried Chillies (0.01%), Sugar (0.01%), Jak (0.01%) and Tea dust (0.01%) while decreases were reported for Sea Fish (0.25%), Green Chillies (0.06%), Eggs (0.06%), Chicken (0.03%), Prawns (0.01%), Potatoes (0.01%) and Coconut oil (0.01%).

1.1.3 Contribution of Non-Food items: 0.33%

Increases were recorded in the following groups of 'Restaurants and Hotels' (0.17%), Transport' (0.13%), 'Miscellaneous Goods and Services' (0.01%), 'Health' (0.01%), 'Furnishing Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance' (0.01%), 'Recreation and Culture' (0.01%) and 'Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotic' (0.01%) while decreases in value changes were reported for the group of 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' (0.01%).

Further, a slight price increases were reported in the groups of 'Clothing and Footwear' and 'Communication'. Meanwhile, the price index of the 'Education' group remained unchanged during the month.

Table 2: Contribution to the changes in CCPI from September 2026 to October 2026 (Base2021=100)

		Value Change			
		Rs.Cts.	% change		
			Increase	Decrease	Net effect
Food		**30.42**	**0.44**	**0.42**	**0.02**
1	Bread (Normal)	55.39	0.03		
2	Chicken	-57.93		0.03	
3	Sea Fish	-484.19		0.25	
4	Prawns	-19.06		0.01	
5	Eggs	-106.71		0.06	
6	Coconuts	42.20	0.02		
7	Coconut Oil	-10.94		0.01	
8	Fresh Fruits	122.61	0.06		
	Banana	*35.36*	*0.02*		
	Mangoes	*77.46*	*0.04*		
	Pineapple	*12.04*	*0.01*		
9	Vegetables	214.11	0.11		
10	Potatoes	-16.88		0.01	
11	Jak	14.19	0.01		
12	Red Onion	34.34	0.02		
13	Green Chilies	-114.18		0.06	
14	Sugar	16.65	0.01		
15	Chili Powder	21.55	0.01		
16	Dried Chilies	18.40	0.01		
17	Limes	276.57	0.14		
18	Tea Dust	9.82	0.01		
19	Other Food Items	14.48	0.01		
Non Food		**636.21**	**0.35**	**0.01**	**0.33**
20	Alcoholic Beverages Tobacco and Narcotic	10.55	0.01		
21	Housing,Water,Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	-27.72		0.01	
	L. P. Gas	*-21.20*		*0.01*	
22	Furnishing Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	10.65	0.01		
23	Health	19.43	0.01		
	Consultation fees to specialists	*13.54*	*0.01*		
24	Transport	245.03	0.13		
	Petrol	*170.60*	*0.09*		
	Diesel	*22.80*	*0.01*		
	Cost of servicing of vehicles	*62.45*	*0.03*		
	Airline fare	*-11.55*		*0.01*	
25	Recreation and Culture	10.56	0.01		
	Books	*10.56*	*0.01*		
26	Restaurant and Hotels	333.26	0.17		

27	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	20.49	0.01		
28	Others	13.97	0.01		
	All Items	**666.63**	**0.78**	**0.44**	**0.35**

*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 the percentage change in the CCPI over a period of time. There are two commonly used measures of inflation. One measure is Year-on-Year (Y-o-Y) or Point-to-Point inflation, which is the percentage change in the CCPI over the previous 12 months. The other measure is Moving Average Inflation, which is the percentage difference between the average CCPI of the latest 12 months and the average CCPI of the preceding 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.
2025	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
	November	193.4	-0.2	2.1	-0.8	238.6	-0.6	3.0	1.8	177.3	-0.1	1.7	-2.1
	December	195.8	1.2	2.1	-0.5	247.9	3.9	3.0	2.0	177.3	0.0	1.8	-1.7
2026	January	197.0	0.6	2.3	0.0	249.4	0.6	3.3	2.5	178.3	0.6	1.8	-1.1
	February	195.3	-0.9	1.6	0.5	242.9	-2.6	0.2	2.6	178.3	0.0	2.3	-0.4
	March	195.8	0.3	2.2	0.9	240.9	-0.8	0.7	2.6	179.7	0.8	2.9	0.2
	April	201.6	3.0	5.4	1.6	245.1	1.7	2.8	2.7	186.2	3.6	6.8	1.0
	May	203.4	0.9	5.5	2.1	247.1	0.8	0.9	2.3	187.9	0.9	7.8	2.0
	June	207.7	2.1	6.8	2.7	258.2	4.5	3.6	2.3	189.7	1.0	8.4	2.9
	July	208.2	0.2	7.3	3.3	258.2	0.0	6.3	2.7	190.4	0.4	7.8	3.7
	August	208.8	0.3	8.0	3.9	259.8	0.6	8.5	3.2	190.6	0.1	7.7	4.3
	September	209.1	0.1	8.0	4.5	261.0	0.5	8.7	3.7	190.7	0.1	7.7	4.8
	October	209.9	0.4	8.3	5.0	261.1	0.0	8.8	4.1	191.6	0.5	8.0	5.4

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 a Year-on-Year (Y-o-Y) basis, stood at 8.3% in October 2026, compared to 8.0% in September 2026 (Table 03). The Y-o-Y inflation for the Food Group increased to 8.8% in October 2026 from 8.7% in September 2026, while the Y-o-Y inflation for the Non-Food Group increased to 8.0% in October 2026 from 7.7% in September 2026.

2.2 Contribution to Y-on-Y inflation:

For the month of October 2026, on Y-on-Y basis, the contribution to inflation by food commodities was 2.87 percentage points.

The contribution of Non-Food items was 5.42%. This was mainly driven by increases in the price indices of 'Transport' (2.56%), 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' (1.22%), 'Restaurants and Hotels' (0.87%),

'Education' (0.31%), 'Miscellaneous Goods and Services' (0.21%), 'Furnishing Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance' (0.15%), 'Health' (0.10%), 'Clothing and Footwear' (0.04%) and 'Communication' (0.02%) while price decreases were reported for the groups of 'Recreation and Culture' (0.04%) and 'Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics' (0.02%).

Table 04: Contribution to the changes in CCPI (Base 2021=100) year on year basis October 2026 as compared to October 2025

Sub Group/Commodity	Value Change	Increase	Decrease	Net effect
	Rs.Cts.	%	%	%
Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	**5107.28**			**2.87**
Rice	-394.62		0.22	
Bread (Normal)	106.54	0.06		
Buns	51.09	0.03		
Chicken	244.46	0.14		
Beef	33.92	0.02		
Sea Fish	1317.80	0.74		
Dried Fish	657.08	0.37		
Milk Powder	403.10	0.23		
Infant Milk Powder	40.41	0.02		
Yoghurt	79.55	0.04		
Eggs	126.66	0.07		
Coconuts	-544.60		0.31	
Fresh Fruits	758.88	0.43		
Vegetable	934.63	0.52		
Potatoes	27.10	0.02		
Mysore Dhal	-27.04		0.02	
Red Onions	98.97	0.06		
Big Onions	455.80	0.26		
Green Chilies	203.68	0.11		
Sugar	77.86	0.04		
Ice-cream	89.35	0.05		
Chili Powder	158.51	0.09		
Dried Chilies	252.20	0.14		
Salt	-27.93		0.02	
Turmeric Powder	-46.66		0.03	
Limes	-396.22		0.22	
Tea Dust	-52.06		0.03	
Non Food	**9653.89**			**5.42**
Alcoholic Beverages Tobacco and Narcotic	-32.52		0.02	
Arrack	*10.69*	*0.01*		
Beetle leaves	*-43.02*		*0.02*	
Clothing and Foot Wear	66.80	0.04		
Clothing	*63.57*	*0.04*		
Shoes	*9.70*	*0.01*		
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2152.50	1.22		
Housing rent	*921.89*	*0.52*		
Materials for Maintenance	*284.31*	*0.16*		
Electricity Bill	*340.68*	*0.19*		
L. P. Gas	*497.84*	*0.28*		
Kerosene oil	*130.81*	*0.07*		

Furnishing Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	274.38	0.15	
Refrigerators	*24.41*	*0.01*	
Washing soap	*38.67*	*0.02*	
Washing powder	*72.41*	*0.04*	
Detergents	*23.65*	*0.01*	
Health	179.75	0.10	
Purchase of medical/ pharmacy products	*25.09*	*0.01*	
Consultation fees to specialists	*85.47*	*0.05*	
Payments. to medical laboratories	*24.80*	*0.01*	
Payments to private hospitals	*24.84*	*0.01*	
Transport	4564.60	2.56	
Motor Cars	*358.92*	*0.20*	
Petrol and other fuel	*2530.62*	*1.42*	
Diesel	*337.41*	*0.19*	
Lubricating oil	*111.54*	*0.06*	
Cost of servicing of vehicles	*306.69*	*0.17*	
bus fare	*475.00*	*0.27*	
three wheelers fare	*59.66*	*0.03*	
Transport for schooling/pre schooling	*239.76*	*0.13*	
Airline fare	*40.94*	*0.02*	
Communication	38.21	0.02	
Telephones	*29.97*	*0.02*	
Recreation and Culture	-74.92		0.04
Television	*-64.63*		*0.04*
Exercise books and stationeries.	*-28.74*		*0.02*
Education	550.78	0.31	
Tuition fees	*92.19*	*0.05*	
School fees (International)	*210.57*	*0.12*	
Course fees (Higher education)	*220.10*	*0.12*	
Course fees (vocational training)	*27.91*	*0.02*	
Restaurant and Hotels	1552.74	0.87	
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	381.57	0.21	
Hair cutting and shaving charges	*42.99*	*0.02*	
Beauty Products	*34.86*	*0.02*	
Hand bags	*48.00*	*0.03*	
Insurance/Agrahara	*203.49*	*0.11*	
All Items	**14761.17**		**8.29**

*Percentages of items do not tally with overall percentage due to rounding off.

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

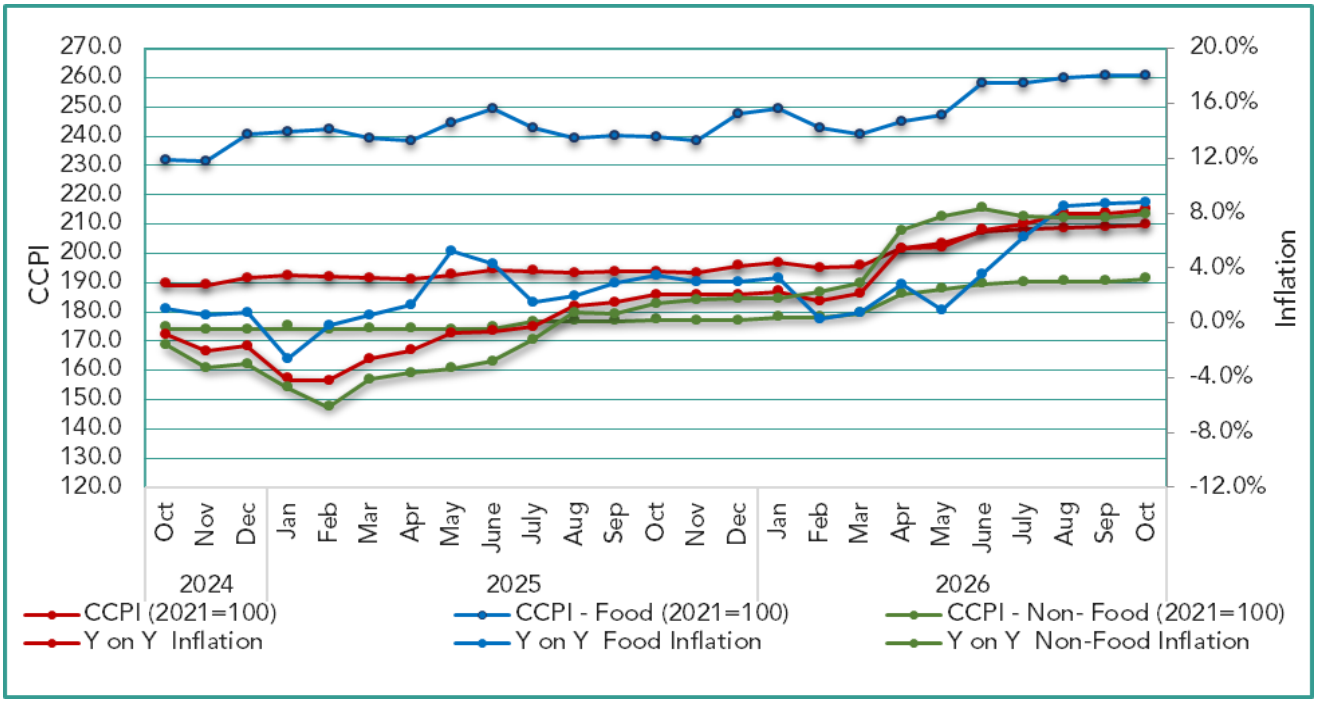

Table 05: Monthly average open market retail prices of selected items of Colombo Consumer Price Index October 2025, September 2026 & October 2026

Item	Unit	Retail Prices (Rs. Cts)			Retail Price Changes (%)	
		2025 October	2026 September	2026 October	Oct. 26/ Oct. 25	Oct. 26/ Sep. 26
1. Rice -Kekulu - Red	Kg	206.17	190.31	192.96	-0.06	0.01
2. Rice - Kekulu - White	Kg	213.84	204.23	202.91	-0.05	-0.01
3. Rice - Nadu - White	Kg	227.54	224.73	222.31	-0.02	-0.01
4. Rice - Nadu - Red	Kg	235.66	229.80	230.95	-0.02	0.01
5. Rice - Samba	Kg	269.48	243.96	244.45	-0.09	0.00
6. Cowpea	Kg	1125.21	891.08	880.17	-0.22	-0.01
7. Green Grams	Kg	936.50	896.41	898.68	-0.04	0.00
8. Coconut	Each	196.55	169.26	171.22	-0.13	0.01
9. Coconut Oil	750ml	670.18	671.77	666.92	0.00	-0.01
10. Chicken	Kg	1198.73	1330.41	1305.19	0.09	-0.02
11. Eggs	Each	31.45	43.43	37.95	0.21	-0.13
12. Red Onion	Kg	375.32	458.96	503.42	0.34	0.10
13. Big Onion	Kg	179.25	307.13	308.27	0.72	0.00
14. Potatoes	Kg	286.67	307.23	299.34	0.04	-0.03
15. Garlic	Kg	536.99	573.65	580.05	0.08	0.01
16. Dried Chilies	Kg	812.38	1307.82	1346.80	0.66	0.03
17. Green Chilies	Kg	464.65	1034.67	829.90	0.79	-0.20
18. Sugar	Kg	232.76	249.31	253.81	0.09	0.02
19. Pepper	Kg	2849.23	2958.55	2947.77	0.03	0.00
Vegetables						
20. Ash Plantain	Kg	207.19	286.86	321.10	0.55	0.12
21. Carrot	Kg	309.96	418.95	425.83	0.37	0.02
22. Snake Gourd	Kg	362.64	434.69	437.68	0.21	0.01
23. Tomatoes	Kg	253.10	484.78	645.90	1.55	0.33

24. Capsicum	Kg	586.83	585.96	601.62	0.03	0.03
25. Beetroot	Kg	242.37	431.71	435.62	0.80	0.01
26. Beans	Kg	470.82	564.89	630.36	0.34	0.12
Fruits						
27. Banana	Kg	262.91	249.33	268.19	0.02	0.08
28. Papaw	Kg	200.47	283.21	279.68	0.40	-0.01
29. Mangoes	Each	300.45	193.60	254.33	-0.15	0.31
Fresh Fish						
30. Seer	Kg	4132.15	4353.27	3957.43	-0.04	-0.09
31. Talapath	Kg	2775.77	3274.99	3136.89	0.13	-0.04
32. Paraw	Kg	2685.32	3238.63	3124.15	0.16	-0.04
Dried Fish						
33. Katta	Kg	2330.54	3259.60	3260.90	0.40	0.00
34. Sprats	Kg	1398.85	2053.34	2049.43	0.47	0.00
Fuel						
35. Kerosene Oil	Lt	181.43	285.00	285.00	0.57	0.00
36. Petrol (CPC & IOC)	Lt	299.00	402.75	410.25	0.37	0.02
37. Diesel (CPC & IOC)	Lt	278.50	382.00	389.50	0.40	0.02
38. Gas - Avg.	12.5kg	3792.50	4547.14	4515.00	0.19	-0.01
Litro	12.5kg	3690.00	4407.86	4365.00	0.18	-0.01
Laughs	12.5kg	4100.00	4965.00	4965.00	0.21	0.00

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