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## Producer Price Index (PPI)

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The Producer 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) changed the references of the PPI to 2018 - Q4 in 2021 and disseminate the figures effective from month of November 2021 with 40 days of lag time up to December 2022. From the month of January 2023, the PPI is release with a time lag of 30 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, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply" sectors of the economy under the rebased PPI also.

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- 📄 The PPI for all economic activities: "Agriculture", "Manufacturing" and "Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply" for the month of February 2025 is 236.4.
  - 📄 On an annual basis, PPI has been compiled as a negative change of 4.6 percent.
  - 📄 Comparing the month-on-month changes, PPI in February 2025 has increased to 236.4 from 236.0 reported in January 2025.

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### Source Publication

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## Annual Changes of Producer Price Index (PPI)

The PPI for all economic activities: "Agriculture", "Manufacturing" and "Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply" for the month of February 2025 is 236.4. PPI has been compiled as a negative change of 4.6 percent on an annual basis. The PPI reported for the three major economic activities, "Agriculture", "Manufacturing" and "Utility Sector" ("Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply") are 272.4, 234.6 and 173.1 respectively. All three major sectors, "Utility Sector" ("Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply"), "Manufacturing" and "Agriculture" reported negative changes of 27.5 percent, 4.1 percent and 0.8 percent on an annual basis respectively (Table 1).

In the Agriculture sector, the sub-activities of "Growing of non-perennial crops" and "Growing of perennial crops" reported positive changes of 11.5 percent and 1.4 percent while "Animal production" reported a negative change of 24 percent on an annual basis (Table 3).

The sub-activities of the Manufacturing sector: "Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products (20.8%)", "Manufacture of tobacco products (7.1%)", "Printing and reproduction of recorded media (3.7%)" and "Manufacture of beverages (1.1%)" reported positive changes on an annual basis while "Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products (18.4%)", "Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products (17.0%)", "Manufacture of rubber and plastics products (13.0%)", "Manufacture of wearing apparel (12.7%)", "Manufacture of furniture (9.1%)", "Manufacture of other transport equipment (8.0%)", "Manufacture of textiles (5.8%)", "Manufacture of basic metals (2.1%)", "Manufacture of food products (2.0%)" and "Other manufacturing (1.7%)" reported negative changes in the month of February 2025 compared to the same month of year 2024 (Table 3).

For the month of February 2025, sub-activities of the Utility sector ("Electricity, gas, steam, and Air conditioning supply & Water supply"), "Water collection, treatment and supply" reported a positive change of 18.5 percent while "Electricity, gas, steam, and air conditioning supply" reported a negative change of 34.3 percent on an annual basis (Table 3).

**Table 1: PPI of February 2025 & 2024 and Year on Year changes of PPI by Major Economic Activity (Base: 2018 Q4=100)**

Major Economic Activity	PPI		Year on Year % change (February** 2025/ February 2024)
	2024 February	2025 February**	
All Activities	247.9	236.4	-4.6
Agriculture	274.7	272.4	-0.8
Manufacturing	244.6	234.6	-4.1
Utility (Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply)	238.9	173.1	-27.5

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Source: Department of Census and Statistics

## Monthly Changes of Producer Price Index (PPI)

Comparing the month-on-month changes, PPI in February 2025 has increased to 236.4 from 236.0 reported in January 2025. This shows an increase of 0.4 index points or 0.2 percentages compared to January 2025. The economic activities of "Agriculture" and "Utility Sector" ("Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply & Water supply") reported positive changes of 3.3 percent and 1.0 percent respectively while "Manufacturing" reported a negative change of 0.3 percent compared to the preceding month (Table 2).

The sub-activities of the "Agriculture" sector, "Growing of non-perennial crops" and "Growing of perennial crops" reported positive changes of 6.0 percent and 3.3 percent while "Animal production" reported a negative change of 2.4 percent on a monthly basis in the month of February 2025 compared to January 2025 (Table 3).

In the Manufacturing sector, the sub-activities, "Other manufacturing (1.6%)" and "Manufacture of textiles (0.1%)" reported positive changes on a monthly basis. "Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products", "Manufacture of beverages", "Manufacture of tobacco products", "Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products" and "Manufacture of furniture" remained unchanged while "Manufacture of basic metals (2.1%)", "Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products (1.9%)", "Manufacture of rubber and plastics products (1.2%)", "Printing and reproduction of recorded media (0.7%)", "Manufacture of food products (0.4%)", "Manufacture of other transport equipment (0.2%)" and "Manufacture of wearing apparel (0.2%)", reported negative changes on a monthly basis compared to the preceding month (Table 3).

The sub activities of Utility sector ("Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply"), "Water collection, treatment and supply" and "Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply" reported positive changes of 1.3 percent and 0.9 percent on a monthly basis in the month of February 2025 (Table 3).

**Table 2: PPI of February 2025 & January 2025 and Month to Month changes of PPI by Major Economic Activity (Base: 2018 Q4=100)**

Major Economic Activity	PPI		Month to Month % change (2025 February**/ 2025 January*)
	2025 January*	2025 February**	
All Activities	236.0	236.4	0.2
Agriculture	263.6	272.4	3.3
Manufacturing	235.3	234.6	-0.3
Utility (Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply)	171.4	173.1	1.0

\*- Revised \*\* - Provisional

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

**Figure 1: Movements of Monthly Producer Price Index by Major Economic Activity: January 2024 - January 2025 (Base: 2018 Q4=100)**

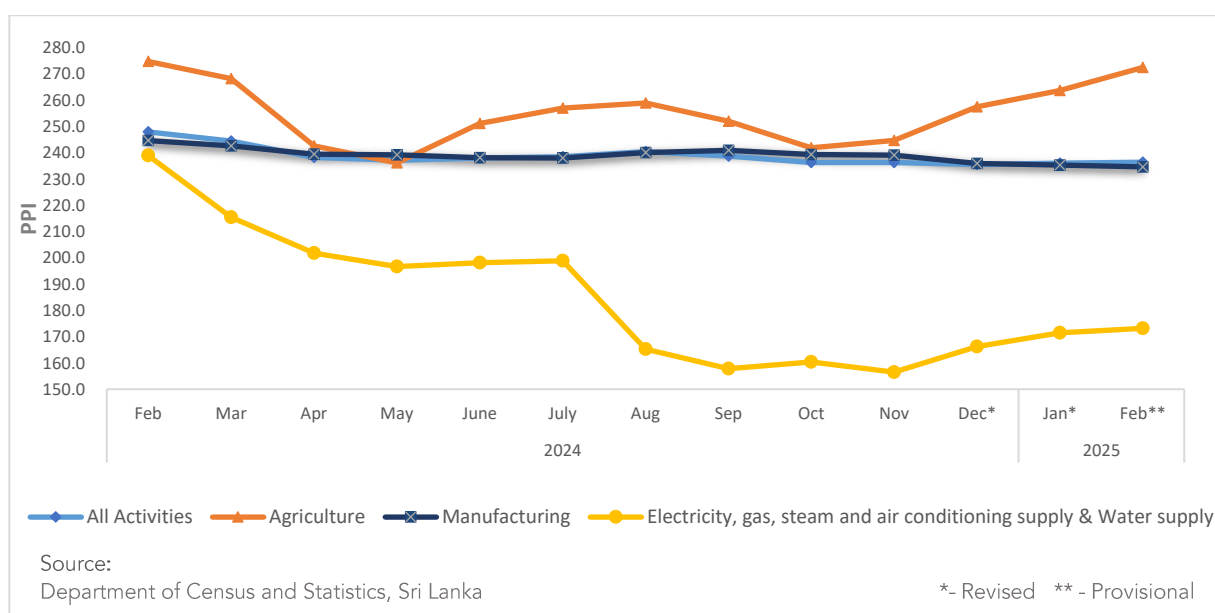


Table 3: PPI of February 2024 & 2025 and January 2025 and percentage changes by two-digit level Economic Activity of ISIC (Base: 2018 Q4 = 100)

ISIC Rev.4.0	Description of the Economic Activity	2024	2025		% change	
		February	January*	February**	2025 February**/ 2025 January*	2025 February **/ 2024 February
	<b>All Activities</b>	<b>247.9</b>	<b>236.0</b>	<b>236.4</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-4.6</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>Agriculture</b>	<b>274.7</b>	<b>263.6</b>	<b>272.4</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>-0.8</b>
	011 Growing of non-perennial crops	266.5	280.2	297.1	6.0	11.5
	012 Growing of perennial crops	273.0	267.9	276.7	3.3	1.4
	014 Animal production	292.1	227.4	221.9	-2.4	-24.0
<b>C</b>	<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>244.6</b>	<b>235.3</b>	<b>234.6</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-4.1</b>
10	Manufacture of food products	233.4	229.7	228.8	-0.4	-2.0
11	Manufacture of beverages	213.9	216.2	216.2	0.0	1.1
12	Manufacture of tobacco products	260.2	278.7	278.7	0.0	7.1
13	Manufacture of textiles	317.4	298.8	299.0	0.1	-5.8
14	Manufacture of wearing apparel	191.0	167.0	166.7	-0.2	-12.7
18	Printing and reproduction of recorded media	220.6	230.4	228.8	-0.7	3.7
19	Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products	290.4	237.0	237.0	0.0	-18.4
20	Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	262.9	317.4	317.5	0.0	20.8
22	Manufacture of rubber and plastics products	290.6	255.9	252.9	-1.2	-13.0
23	Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products	242.0	204.8	200.9	-1.9	-17.0
24	Manufacture of basic metals	331.4	331.2	324.4	-2.1	-2.1
30	Manufacture of other transport equipment	224.1	206.6	206.1	-0.2	-8.0
31	Manufacture of furniture	249.2	226.4	226.4	0.0	-9.1
32	Other manufacturing	293.3	283.8	288.3	1.6	-1.7
<b>D</b>	<b>Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply</b>	<b>257.2</b>	<b>167.6</b>	<b>169.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>-34.3</b>
35	Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply	257.2	167.6	169.1	0.9	-34.3
<b>E</b>	<b>Water collection, treatment and supply</b>	<b>160.7</b>	<b>187.9</b>	<b>190.4</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>18.5</b>
36	Water collection, treatment and supply	160.7	187.9	190.4	1.3	18.5

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Source: Department of Census and Statistics

ISIC refers to International Standard Industrial Classification of all activities (Revision 4)

### Revision Policy

PPI is compiled by collecting prices received by the domestic producers 277 manufacturing and utility related establishments. Prices of 42 agricultural products are collected from 331 Divisional Secretariat Divisions covering the entire country. Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & 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.


The Producer Price Index (PPI) (Base: 2018 Q4=100) was released monthly with a lag of 40 days, with effect from November 2021 to December 2022. Also, the Producer Price Index (PPI) (Base: 2018 Q4=100) will be released monthly, commencing with the PPI of January 2023, on the last working day of the following month. Accordingly, the PPI for the month of March 2025 will be released on 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2025.

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