



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 March 2025 is 235.6.
 - 📄 On an annual basis, PPI has been compiled as a negative change of 3.6 percent.
 - 📄 Comparing the month-on-month changes, PPI in March 2025 has increased to 235.6 from 235.2 reported in February 2025.

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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 March 2025 is 235.6. PPI has been compiled as a negative change of 3.6 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 272.6, 234.3 and 158.4 respectively. All three major sectors, "Agriculture" reported a positive change of 1.6 percent while "Utility Sector (Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply)" and "Manufacturing" reported negative changes of 26.5 percent and 3.4 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 19.5 percent and 1.4 percent while "Animal production" reported a negative change of 23.0 percent on an annual basis (Table 3).

The sub-activities of the Manufacturing sector: "Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products (28.3%)" and "Manufacture of tobacco products (7.5%)" reported positive changes on an annual basis while "Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products (16.5%)", "Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products (14.0%)", "Manufacture of rubber and plastics products (11.9%)", "Manufacture of wearing apparel (8.5%)", "Manufacture of textiles (7.9%)", "Manufacture of other transport equipment (6.9%)", "Manufacture of furniture (6.2%)", "Printing and reproduction of recorded media (5.3%)", "Other manufacturing (5.2%)", "Manufacture of basic metals (2.1%)", "Manufacture of food products (1.6%)" and "Manufacture of beverages (0.2%)" reported negative changes in the month of March 2025 compared to the same month of year 2024 (Table 3).

For the month of March 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 17.1 percent while "Electricity, gas, steam, and air conditioning supply" reported a negative change of 33.7 percent on an annual basis (Table 3).

Table 1: PPI of March 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 (March** 2025/ March 2024)
	2024	2025 March**	
All Activities	244.4	235.6	-3.6
Agriculture	268.2	272.6	1.6
Manufacturing	242.6	234.3	-3.4
Utility (Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply)	215.4	158.4	-26.5

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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 March 2025 has increased to 235.6 from 235.2 reported in February 2025. This shows an increase of 0.4 index points or 0.2 percentages compared to February 2025. The economic activities of "Utility Sector (Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply & Water supply)", "Agriculture" and "Manufacturing" reported positive changes of 2.9 percent, 0.1 percent and 0.1 percent respectively compared to the preceding month (Table 2).

The sub-activities of the "Agriculture" sector, "Growing of perennial crops" reported a positive change of 9.8 percent while "Growing of non-perennial crops" and "Animal production" reported negative changes of 7.9 percent and 4.0 percent on a monthly basis in the month of March 2025 compared to February 2025 (Table 3).

In the Manufacturing sector, the sub-activities, "Manufacture of wearing apparel (3.5%)", "Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products (0.5%)", "Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products (0.4%)", "Manufacture of food products (0.4%)", "Manufacture of tobacco products (0.2%)", "Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products (0.2%)", and "Other manufacturing (0.1%)" reported positive changes on a monthly basis. "Manufacture of beverages", "Manufacture of basic metals" and "Manufacture of furniture" remained unchanged while "Printing and reproduction of recorded media (4.9%)", "Manufacture of textiles (3.6%)", "Manufacture of other transport equipment (0.4%)" and "Manufacture of rubber and plastics products (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)", "Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply" reported a positive change of 3.9 percent while "Water collection, treatment and supply" reported a negative change of 0.3 percent on a monthly basis in the month of March 2025 (Table 3).

Table 2: PPI of March & February 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 March**/ 2025 February*)
	2025 February*	2025 March**	
All Activities	235.2	235.6	0.2
Agriculture	272.4	272.6	0.1
Manufacturing	234.1	234.3	0.1
Utility (Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply)	153.9	158.4	2.9

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Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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

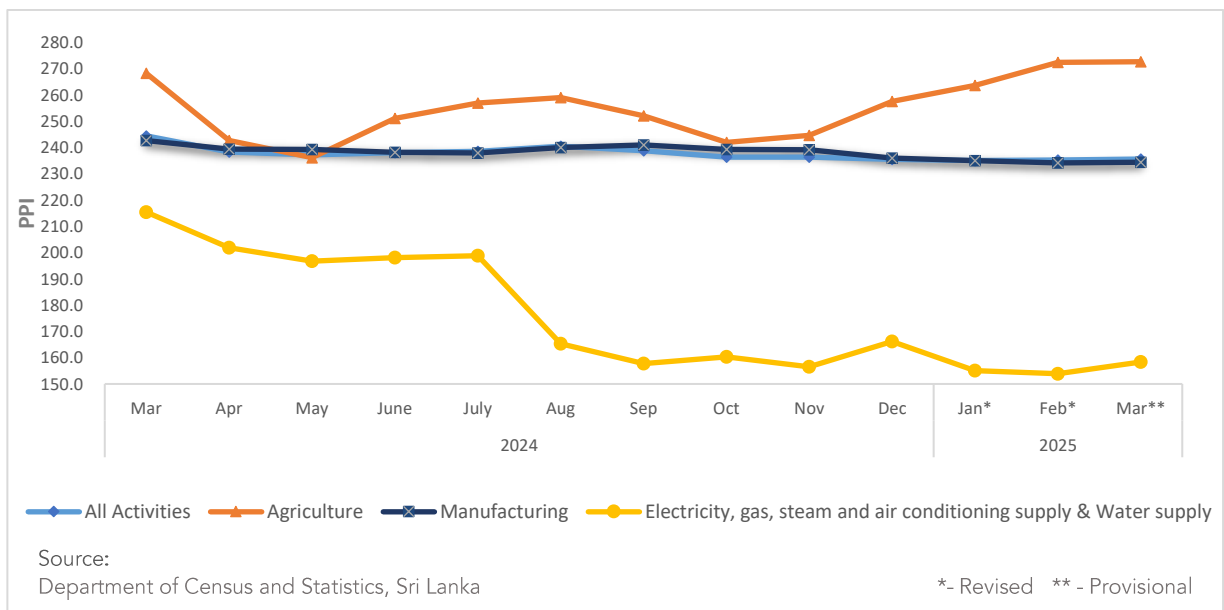


Table 3: PPI of March 2024 & 2025 and February 2025 and percentage changes by two-digit level Economic Activity of ISIC (Base: 2018 Q4 = 100)

ISIC Rev.4.0	Description of the Economic Activity	2024	2025		% change	
		March	February*	March**	2025 March**/ 2025 February*	2025 March**/ 2024 March
	All Activities	244.4	235.2	235.6	0.2	-3.6
A	Agriculture	268.2	272.4	272.6	0.1	1.6
	011 Growing of non-perennial crops	228.9	297.1	273.6	-7.9	19.5
	012 Growing of perennial crops	299.6	276.7	303.7	9.8	1.4
	014 Animal production	276.7	221.9	213.1	-4.0	-23.0
C	Manufacturing	242.6	234.1	234.3	0.1	-3.4
10	Manufacture of food products	233.3	228.6	229.5	0.4	-1.6
11	Manufacture of beverages	214.7	214.3	214.3	0.0	-0.2
12	Manufacture of tobacco products	259.9	278.8	279.4	0.2	7.5
13	Manufacture of textiles	313.0	299.0	288.2	-3.6	-7.9
14	Manufacture of wearing apparel	188.7	166.8	172.6	3.5	-8.5
18	Printing and reproduction of recorded media	219.5	218.4	207.8	-4.9	-5.3
19	Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products	265.5	227.1	228.3	0.5	-14.0
20	Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	248.0	317.5	318.2	0.2	28.3
22	Manufacture of rubber and plastics products	286.5	253.0	252.4	-0.2	-11.9
23	Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products	241.8	200.9	201.8	0.4	-16.5
24	Manufacture of basic metals	331.4	324.4	324.4	0.0	-2.1
30	Manufacture of other transport equipment	220.5	206.1	205.2	-0.4	-6.9
31	Manufacture of furniture	240.1	225.3	225.3	0.0	-6.2
32	Other manufacturing	311.7	295.2	295.5	0.1	-5.2
D	Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply	227.8	145.4	151.0	3.9	-33.7
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E	Water collection, treatment and supply	162.2	190.4	189.9	-0.3	17.1
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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 April 2025 will be released on 30th of May 2025.

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