



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 released 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.

- ! The PPI for all economic activities: "Agriculture", "Manufacturing" and "Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply" for the month of January 2026 is 242.1.
 - ! On an annual basis, PPI has been compiled as a positive change of 3.0 percent.
 - ! Comparing the month-on-month changes, PPI in January 2026 has increased to 242.1 from 241.4 reported in December 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 January 2026 is 242.1. PPI has been compiled as a positive change of 3.0 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 260.7, 243.6 and 160.1 respectively. The "Manufacturing" and "Utility Sector (Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply)" sectors reported positive changes of 3.7 percent and 3.2 percent respectively, while the "Agriculture" reported a negative change of 1.1 percent on an annual basis (Table 1).

In the Agriculture sector, the sub-activity of "Growing of non-perennial crops", reported a positive change of 2.0 percent while "Animal production" and "Growing of perennial crops" reported negative changes of 3.6 percent and 3.0 percent respectively on an annual basis (Table 3).

The sub-activities of the Manufacturing sector: "Other manufacturing (23.1%)", "Manufacture of wearing apparel (9.1%)", "Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products (8.2%)", "Manufacture of tobacco products (7.8%)", "Manufacture of rubber and plastics products (7.8%)", "Manufacture of other transport equipment (7.0%)", "Manufacture of furniture (6.8%)", "Manufacture of food products (4.1%)", "Manufacture of beverages (0.9%)" and "Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products (0.8%)" reported positive changes on an annual basis while, "Manufacture of textiles (7.9%)", "Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products (3.8%)", "Manufacture of basic metals (2.1%)" and "Printing and reproduction of recorded media (0.3%)" reported negative changes in the month of January 2026 compared to the same month of year 2025 (Table 3).

For the month of January 2026, sub-activities of the "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 5.4 percent and 2.6 percent respectively on an annual basis (Table 3).

Table 1: PPI of January 2026 & 2025 and Year on Year changes of PPI by Major Economic Activity (Base: 2018 Q4=100)

Major Economic Activity	PPI		Year on Year % change (January** 2026/ January 2025)
	2025 January	2026 January**	
All Activities	235.0	242.1	3.0
Agriculture	263.6	260.7	-1.1
Manufacturing	235.0	243.6	3.7
Utility (Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply)	155.1	160.1	3.2

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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 January 2026 has increased to 242.1 from 241.4 reported in December 2025. This shows an increase of 0.7 index points or 0.3 percentages compared to December 2025. The economic activities of "Utility Sector (Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply & Water supply)" and "Manufacturing" reported positive changes of 2.4 percent and 1.0 percent respectively while "Agriculture" reported a negative change of 4.3 percent respectively compared to the preceding month (Table 2).

In the Agriculture sector, all the sub-activities of "Animal production", "Growing of non-perennial crops" and "Growing of perennial crops" reported negative changes of 11.6 percent, 3.1 percent and 1.8 percent respectively on a monthly basis in the month of January 2026 compared to December 2025 (Table 3).

In the Manufacturing sector, the sub-activities of “Manufacture of tobacco products (7.1)”, “Manufacture of other transport equipment (3.5%)”, “Other manufacturing (2.0%)”, “Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products (1.5%)”, “Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products (1.4%)”, “Manufacture of rubber and plastics products (1.1%)”, “Printing and reproduction of recorded media (0.8%)” and “Manufacture of textiles (0.1%)” reported positive changes on a monthly basis. “Manufacture of beverages”, “Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products”, “Manufacture of basic metals” and “Manufacture of furniture” remained unchanged while “Manufacture of food products (0.6%)” and “Manufacture of wearing apparel (0.1%)” 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” and “Water collection, treatment and supply” reported positive changes of 3.1 percent and 0.2 percent respectively on a monthly basis in the month of January 2026 (Table 3).

Table 2: PPI of January 2026 & December 2025 and Month to Month changes of PPI by Major Economic Activity (Base: 2018 Q4=100)

Major Economic Activity	PPI		Month to Month % change (2026 January**/ 2025 December*)
	2025 December*	2026 January**	
All Activities	241.4	242.1	0.3
Agriculture	272.4	260.7	-4.3
Manufacturing	241.3	243.6	1.0
Utility (Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply)	156.3	160.1	2.4

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Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Figure 1: Movements of Monthly Producer Price Index by Major Economic Activity: January 2025 - January 2026 (Base: 2018 Q4=100)

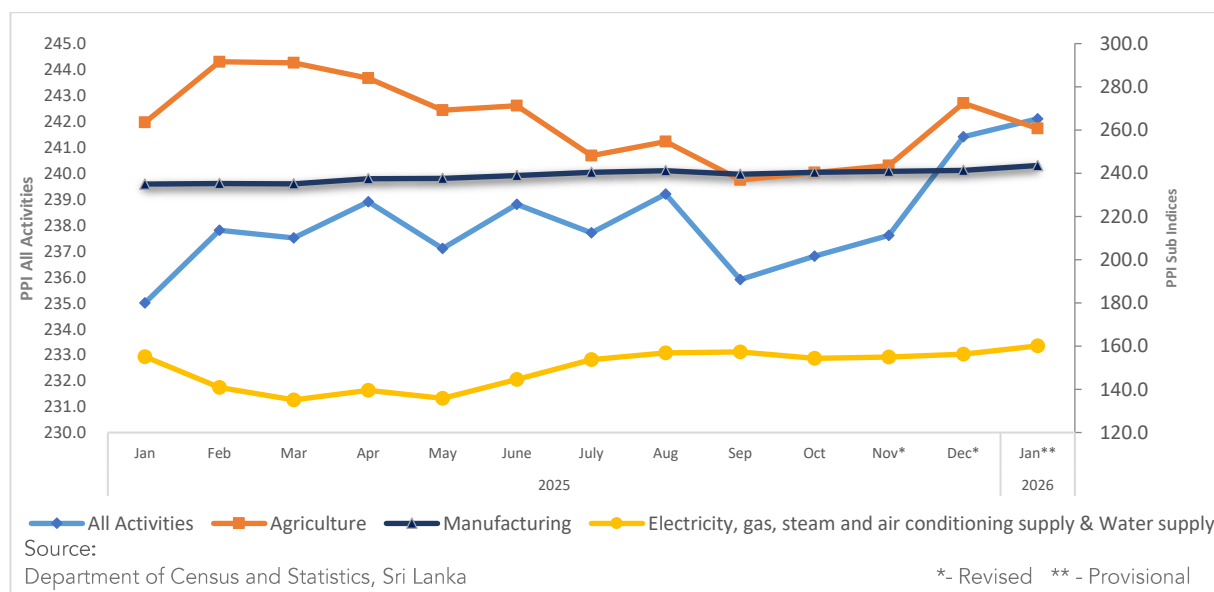


Table 3: PPI of January 2025 & 2026 and December 2025 and percentage changes by two-digit level Economic Activity of ISIC (Base: 2018 Q4 = 100)

ISIC Rev.4.0	Description of the Economic Activity	2025		2026	% change	
		January	December*	January**	2026 January**/ 2025 December*	2026 January**/ 2025 January
	All Activities	235.0	241.4	242.1	0.3	3.0
A	Agriculture	263.6	272.4	260.7	-4.3	-1.1
	011 Growing of non-perennial crops	280.2	294.9	285.8	-3.1	2.0
	012 Growing of perennial crops	267.9	264.6	259.9	-1.8	-3.0
	014 Animal production	227.4	248.2	219.3	-11.6	-3.6
C	Manufacturing	235.0	241.3	243.6	1.0	3.7
10	Manufacture of food products	229.5	240.2	238.8	-0.6	4.1
11	Manufacture of beverages	214.3	216.2	216.2	0.0	0.9
12	Manufacture of tobacco products	278.7	280.5	300.3	7.1	7.8
13	Manufacture of textiles	298.8	274.7	275.1	0.1	-7.9
14	Manufacture of wearing apparel	167.0	182.4	182.2	-0.1	9.1
18	Printing and reproduction of recorded media	219.5	217.1	218.9	0.8	-0.3
19	Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products	237.0	228.0	228.0	0.0	-3.8
20	Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	317.5	338.8	343.5	1.4	8.2
22	Manufacture of rubber and plastics products	256.3	273.3	276.2	1.1	7.8
23	Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products	204.8	203.4	206.4	1.5	0.8
24	Manufacture of basic metals	331.2	324.4	324.4	0.0	-2.1
30	Manufacture of other transport equipment	206.6	213.5	221.0	3.5	7.0
31	Manufacture of furniture	225.3	240.7	240.7	0.0	6.8
32	Other manufacturing	288.4	347.9	355.0	2.0	23.1
D	Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply	147.4	146.7	151.2	3.1	2.6
35	Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply	147.4	146.7	151.2	3.1	2.6
E	Water collection, treatment and supply	187.9	197.7	198.1	0.2	5.4
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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 February 2026 will be released on 31st of March 2026.

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