



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.

- ❗ The PPI for all economic activities: "Agriculture", "Manufacturing" and "Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply" for the month of February 2026 is 240.4.
 - ❗ On an annual basis, PPI has been compiled as a positive change of 1.1 percent.
 - ❗ Comparing the month-on-month changes, PPI in February 2026 has decreased to 240.4 from 242.1 reported in January 2026.
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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 2026 is 240.4. PPI has been compiled as a positive change of 1.1 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 244.3, 243.9 and 158.6 respectively. The "Utility Sector (Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply)" and "Manufacturing" sectors reported positive changes of 12.6 percent and 3.7 percent respectively, while the "Agriculture" reported a negative change of 16.2 percent on an annual basis (Table 1).

In the Agriculture sector, the sub-activity of "Animal production", reported a positive change of 0.7 percent while "Growing of non-perennial crops" and "Growing of perennial crops" reported negative changes of 23.1 percent and 16.6 percent respectively on an annual basis (Table 3).

The sub-activities of the Manufacturing sector: "Other manufacturing (24.6%)", "Manufacture of wearing apparel (8.9%)", "Manufacture of tobacco products (8.4%)", "Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products (7.9%)", "Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products (4.8%)", "Manufacture of food products (4.2%)", "Manufacture of other transport equipment (3.5%)", "Manufacture of rubber and plastics products (0.9%)" and "Manufacture of beverages (0.6%)" reported positive changes on an annual basis and "Manufacture of basic metals" remained unchanged while, "Manufacture of textiles (8.1%)", "Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products (1.9%)", and "Printing and reproduction of recorded media (0.3%)" and "Manufacture of furniture (0.1%)" reported negative changes in the month of February 2026 compared to the same month of year 2025 (Table 3).

For the month of February 2026, sub-activities of the "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 15.5 percent and 4.0 percent respectively on an annual basis (Table 3).

Table 1: PPI of February 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 (February** 2026/ February 2025)
	2025 February	2026 February**	
All Activities	237.8	240.4	1.1
Agriculture	291.6	244.3	-16.2
Manufacturing	235.2	243.9	3.7
Utility (Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply)	140.9	158.6	12.6

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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 2026 has decreased to 240.4 from 242.1 reported in January 2026. This shows a decrease of 1.7 index points or 0.7 percentages compared to January 2026. The economic activities of "Manufacturing" reported a positive change of 0.2 percent and while "Agriculture" and "Utility Sector (Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply & Water supply)" reported negative changes of 6.3 percent 1.4 percent respectively compared to the preceding month (Table 2).

In the Agriculture sector, the sub-activity of "Growing of perennial crops" and "Animal production" reported positive changes of 3.9 percent and 1.9 percent respectively while "Growing of non-perennial crops" reported a negative change of 20.1 percent a monthly basis in the month of February 2026 compared to January 2026 (Table 3).

In the Manufacturing sector, the sub-activities of "Other manufacturing (3.6%)", "Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products (1.9%)" and "Manufacture of tobacco products (0.7)" reported positive changes on a monthly basis. "Manufacture of beverages", "Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products", "Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products", "Manufacture of basic metals" and "Manufacture of furniture" remained unchanged while "Manufacture of other transport equipment (2.9%)", "Manufacture of rubber and plastics products (0.8%)", "Printing and reproduction of recorded media (0.5%)", "Manufacture of food products (0.3%)", "Manufacture of wearing apparel (0.3%)" and "Manufacture of textiles (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 negative changes of 1.8 percent and 0.1 percent respectively on a monthly basis in the month of February 2026 (Table 3).

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

Major Economic Activity	PPI		Month to Month % change (2026 February**/ 2026 January*)
	2026 January*	2026 February**	
All Activities	242.1	240.4	-0.7
Agriculture	260.7	244.3	-6.3
Manufacturing	243.5	243.9	0.2
Utility (Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply)	160.8	158.6	-1.4

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Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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

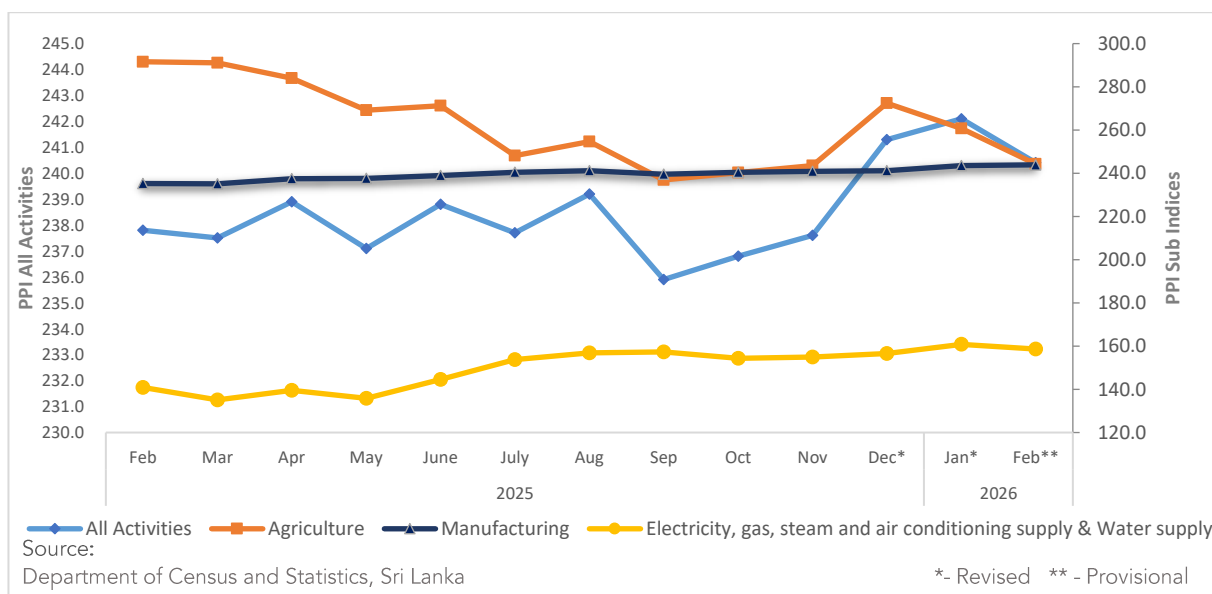


Table 3: PPI of February 2025 & 2026 and January 2026 and percentage changes by two-digit level Economic Activity of ISIC (Base: 2018 Q4 = 100)

Description of the Economic Activity	2025	2026		% change		
	February	January*	February**	2026 February**/ 2026 January*	2026 February**/ 2025 February	2026 February
All Activities	237.8	242.1	240.4	-0.7	1.1	
Agriculture	291.6	260.7	244.3	-6.3	-16.2	
011 Growing of non-perennial crops	297.1	285.8	228.4	-20.1	-23.1	
012 Growing of perennial crops	323.9	259.9	270.1	3.9	-16.6	
014 Animal production	221.9	219.3	223.5	1.9	0.7	
Manufacturing	235.2	243.5	243.9	0.2	3.7	
Manufacture of food products	228.7	238.8	238.2	-0.3	4.2	
Manufacture of beverages	215.3	216.6	216.6	0.0	0.6	
Manufacture of tobacco products	278.8	300.3	302.3	0.7	8.4	
Manufacture of textiles	298.9	275.1	274.8	-0.1	-8.1	
Manufacture of wearing apparel	166.8	182.2	181.6	-0.3	8.9	
Printing and reproduction of recorded media	218.4	218.8	217.8	-0.5	-0.3	
Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products	228.3	224.0	224.0	0.0	-1.9	
Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	317.5	342.6	342.5	0.0	7.9	
Manufacture of rubber and plastics products	271.4	276.2	273.9	-0.8	0.9	
Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products	200.7	206.4	210.4	1.9	4.8	
Manufacture of basic metals	324.4	324.4	324.4	0.0	0.0	
Manufacture of other transport equipment	207.4	221.0	214.6	-2.9	3.5	
Manufacture of furniture	241.0	240.7	240.7	0.0	-0.1	
Other manufacturing	295.2	355.0	367.9	3.6	24.6	
Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply	129.4	152.1	149.4	-1.8	15.5	
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Water collection, treatment and supply	190.4	198.1	198.0	-0.1	4.0	
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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 March 2026 will be released on 30th of April 2026.

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