



Producer Price Index (PPI)

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The Producer Price Index (PPI) measures the average change over 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. The Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) changed the base year of the PPI to 2018 Q4 in 2021 and disseminated the figures from November 2021 with a 40-day lag up to December 2022. From January 2023, the PPI is released with a 30-day lag.

The PPI is an important macroeconomic 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. The PPI covers the agriculture, manufacturing, and electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, and water supply sectors of the economy under the rebased PPI.

- 1 The PPI for all economic activities, namely "Agriculture", "Manufacturing", and "Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply and water supply", for the month of April 2026 is 241.5.
 - 1 On an annual basis, the PPI has recorded a positive change of 1.7 percent.
 - 1 Comparing month-on-month changes, the PPI in April 2026 increased to 241.5 from 238.8 reported in March 2026.
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Annual Changes of Producer Price Index (PPI)

The PPI for all economic activities, namely "Agriculture", "Manufacturing", and "Electricity, gas, steam and water supply", for the month of April 2026 is 241.5. The PPI has recorded a positive annual change of 1.7 percent. The PPI reported for the three major economic activities, namely "Agriculture", "Manufacturing", and the "Utility Sector (Electricity, gas, steam and water supply)", are 246.9, 245.2, and 154.1 respectively. The "Utility Sector (Electricity, gas, steam and water supply)" and "Manufacturing" sectors reported positive annual changes of 14.1 percent and 4.3 percent respectively, while the "Agriculture" sector reported a negative annual change of 15.2 percent (Table 1)

In the Agriculture sector, the sub-activity of "Animal production" reported a positive change of 14.7 percent, while "Growing of perennial crops" and "Growing of non-perennial crops" reported negative changes of 22.1 percent and 19.2 percent respectively on an annual basis (Table 3)

The sub-activities of the Manufacturing sector, namely "Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products (13.0%)", "Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products (11.2%)", "Manufacture of other transport equipment (7.5%)", "Manufacture of rubber and plastics products (7.4%)", "Manufacture of wearing apparel (6.2%)", "Manufacture of food products (5.9%)", "Printing and reproduction of recorded media (5.1%)", "Manufacture of tobacco products (2.2%)", "Other manufacturing (2.1%)", "Manufacturing of coke and refined petroleum products (1.6%)", "Manufacture of beverages (0.7%)", and "Manufacture of furniture (0.2%)", all reported positive annual changes. The sub-activity "Manufacture of basic metals" remained unchanged, while "Manufacture of textiles" reported a negative change of 2.5 percent in April 2026 compared to the same month of the previous year (Table 3).

For the month of April 2026, within the Utility sector (Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply and water supply), the sub-activities "Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply" and "Water collection, treatment and supply" reported positive annual changes of 17.2 percent and 5.3 percent respectively (Table 3).

Table 1: PPI of April 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 (April** 2026/ April 2025)
	2025	2026 April**	
All Activities	237.5	241.5	1.7
Agriculture	291.1	246.9	-15.2
Manufacturing	235.1	245.2	4.3
Utility (Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply)	135.1	154,1	14.1

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Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Monthly Changes of Producer Price Index (PPI)

Month-on-month, the PPI in April 2026 increased to 241.5 from 238.8 reported in March 2026. This shows an increase of 2.7 index points or a 1.1 percent change compared to March 2026. The economic activities of the "Utility Sector (Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply and water supply)" reported a negative change of 3.3 percent, while "Manufacturing" reported a 1.3 percent change. In contrast, "Agriculture" reported a positive change of 1.6 percent compared to the preceding month (Table 2).

In the Agriculture sector, the sub-activities "Animal production", "Growing of non-perennial crops", and "Growing of perennial crops" reported positive monthly changes of 5.2 percent, 0.9 percent, and 0.4 percent respectively on a monthly basis in April 2026 compared to March 2026 (Table 3).

In the Manufacturing sector, the sub-activities "Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products (8.9%)", "Manufacture of rubber and plastics products (5.1%)", "Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products (2.2%)", "Manufacture of other transport equipment (2.2%)", "Manufacture of wearing apparel (1.6%)", "Manufacture of food products (1.5%)", "Manufacture of textiles (1.4%)", "Manufacture of tobacco products (1.4%)", "Printing and reproduction of recorded media (0.3%)", and "Manufacture of furniture (0.3%)" reported positive monthly changes. The sub-activities "Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products", "Manufacture of beverages", and "Manufacture of basic metals" remained unchanged. However, "Other manufacturing (14.5%)" reported a negative monthly change compared to the preceding month (Table 3).

The sub-activities of the Utility sector (Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply and water supply), namely "Water collection, treatment and supply" and "Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply", reported positive monthly changes of 0.6 percent and a negative change of 4.6 percent respectively in April 2026 (Table 3).

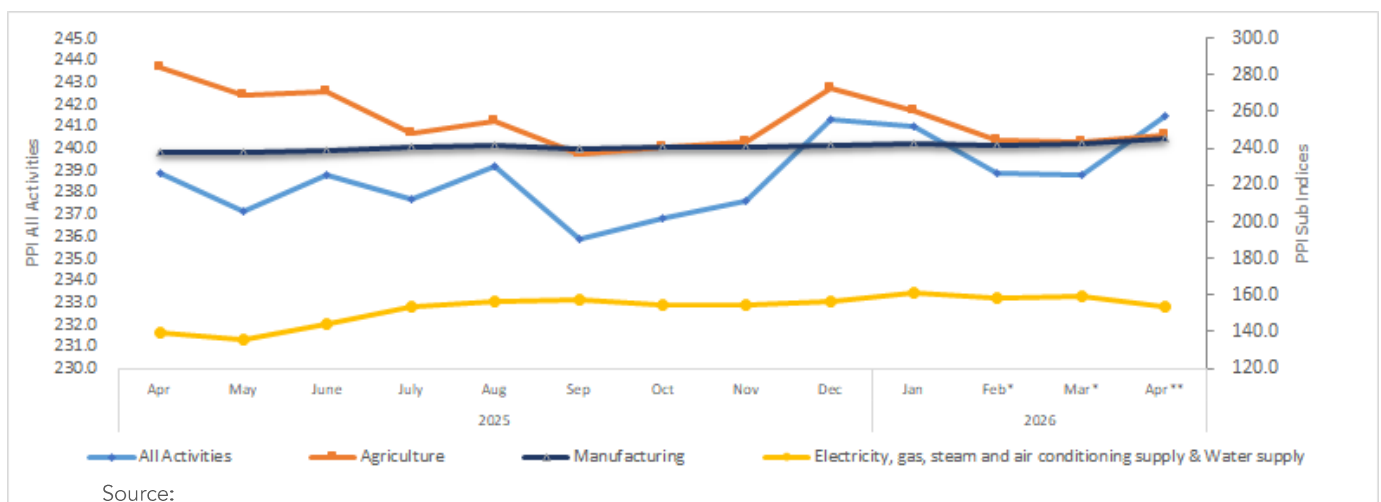
Table 2: PPI of April 2026 & March 2026 and Month to Month changes of PPI by Major Economic Activity (Base: 2018 Q4=100)

Major Economic Activity	PPI		Month to Month % change (2026 April**/2026 March*)
	2026 March*	2026 April**	
All Activities	238.8	241.5	1.1
Agriculture	243.0	246.9	1.6
Manufacturing	242.1	245.2	1.3
Utility (Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply)	159.4	154.1	-3.3

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Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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



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Table 3: PPI of April 2025 & 2026 and March 2026 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			
		April	March*	April**	2026 April**/2026 March*	2026 April**/2025 April	2026 April**/2025 April	
	All Activities	237.5	238.8	241.5		1.1		1.7
A	Agriculture	291.1	243.0	246.9		1.6		-15.2
	011 Growing of non-perennial crops	273.6	219.0	221.0		0.9		-19.2
	012 Growing of perennial crops	349.1	270.8	272.0		0.4		-22.1
	014 Animal production	213.1	232.3	244.4		5.2		14.7
C	Manufacturing	235.1	242.1	245.2		1.3		4.3
10	Manufacture of food products	228.6	238.5	242.1		1.5		5.9
11	Manufacture of beverages	215.2	216.8	216.8		0.0		0.7
12	Manufacture of tobacco products	278.6	281.0	284.8		1.4		2.2
13	Manufacture of textiles	288.1	277.0	281.0		1.4		-2.5
14	Manufacture of wearing apparel	171.3	179.0	181.9		1.6		6.2
18	Printing and reproduction of recorded media	207.8	217.8	218.5		0.3		5.1
19	Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products	227.4	231.0	231.0		0.0		1.6
20	Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	317.0	344.7	352.4		2.2		11.2
22	Manufacture of rubber and plastics products	270.3	276.1	290.3		5.1		7.4
23	Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products	202.0	209.6	228.2		8.9		13.0
24	Manufacture of basic metals	324.4	324.4	324.4		0.0		0.0
30	Manufacture of other transport equipment	205.1	215.8	220.5		2.2		7.5
31	Manufacture of furniture	241.0	240.7	241.4		0.3		0.2
32	Other manufacturing	315.0	376.2	321.6		-14.5		2.1
D	Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply	122.3	150.2	143.3		-4.6		17.2
35	Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply	122.3	150.2	143.3		-4.6		17.2
E	Water collection, treatment and supply	189.9	198.8	200.0		0.6		5.3
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Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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

Revision Policy

The Producer Price Index (PPI) is compiled by collecting prices received by domestic producers from 277 manufacturing and utility-related establishments. Prices of 42 agricultural products are collected from 331 Divisional Secretariat Divisions covering the entire country. Prices for the Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply and water supply sectors are collected from the Ceylon Electricity Board and the National Water Supply and Drainage Board respectively.

In certain circumstances, it is not possible to collect all required prices by the time of PPI release. Such prices are therefore statistically imputed, and the indices for 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 from November 2021 to December 2022. From January 2023 onwards, the PPI has been released monthly on the last working day of the following month. Accordingly, the PPI for May 2026 will be released on 30 June 2026.

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