

Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI)-(BASE 2021=100)

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The Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) is the authorized agency to compile Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI). Following internationally accepted guidelines, it has been arranged to revise the base year from 2013=100 to 2021=100 in order to accommodate the changing expenditure patterns and in cooperate changes of goods & services available in the market. Accordingly, with respect to the new base, CCPI (Base 2021=100) will be released monthly commencing from February 2023 on the last working day of each month. It is emphasized that index numbers or inflation figures compiled under different base years cannot be compared.

The CCPI is compiled to indicate average changes in the prices of goods and services purchased by households in urban areas of Colombo district. The price collection of the index (Base 2021=100) has covered 10 price collection centers in Peliyagoda, Maradana, Wellawatta, Dematagoda Grandpass, Kirulapone, Nugegoda, Rathmalana, and two Dedicated Economic Centers namely Narahenpita and Rathmalana.

Prices are collected weekly from the outlets located within each of the above market areas including Sathosa and a supermarket. The consumer basket includes 426 items, which represent the typical urban household consumption expenditure. The CPI weights are derived from the Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) 2019.

- 📄 The CCPI for all items for the month of January 2025 was 192.6 and it records an increase of 0.9 index points compared to December 2024, for which the index was 191.7.
- 📄 The overall rate of inflation as measured by CCPI on Y-on-Y basis is -4.0% in January 2025

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1. Variations in Colombo Consumer Price Index

Month on month changes in the Colombo Consumer Price Index is briefly described below.

Major Group*	Monthly Changes of the						Monthly Changes		
	Index Number			Expenditure Values (Rs.)			of the Index (%) ¹		
	Jan	Dec	Jan.	Jan	Dec	Jan.	Jan	Dec	Jan.
	2024	2024	2025	2024	2024	2025	2024	2024	2025
All Items	200.7	191.7	192.6	5152.79	2067.93	831.37	2.87	1.19	0.47
Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	247.9	240.7	241.5	2174.47	2166.31	189.22	1.21	1.24	0.11
Non Food	183.9	174.2	175.2	2978.32	-98.38	642.15	1.66	-0.06	0.36
Alcoholic beverages Tobacco and Narcotics	221.2	235.0	240.9	263.00	-137.56	90.73	0.15	-0.08	0.05
Clothing and Foot Wear	242.1	247.6	250.1	110.21	17.29	50.14	0.06	0.01	0.03
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	157.8	135.1	134.4	934.59	151.75	-186.09	0.52	0.09	-0.11
Furnishing Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	185.6	183.4	189.0	95.69	-49.78	178.80	0.05	-0.03	0.10
Health	172.3	181.5	183.0	47.17	0.00	57.55	0.03	0.00	0.03
Transport	234.9	224.6	226.9	841.16	-25.81	260.71	0.47	-0.01	0.15
Recreation and Culture	179.1	181.0	182.1	100.98	-35.81	20.42	0.06	-0.02	0.01
Education	169.3	178.3	182.3	125.25	0.00	183.60	0.07	0.00	0.10
Restaurant and Hotels	239.8	238.4	238.2	318.70	0.00	-11.82	0.18	0.00	-0.01
Other	156.6	160.5	160.5	141.57	-18.45	-1.90	0.08	-0.01	0.00

Note 1 : There are 12 main groups of the market basket. Significant changes in January 2025 were noted in ten groups, details on which are given in Table2.

Note 2: Monthly change of the index (%) is calculated using expenditure values.

Note 3:¹ Percentage of items does not tally with overall percentage due to rounding off.

1.1 Month on Month (M on M) Change of CCPI:

The CCPI for all items for the month of January 2025 was 192.6 and it records an increase of 0.9 index points or 0.47 percentage compared to the month of December 2024 for which the index was 191.7. This represents an increase in expenditure value by Rs 831.37 in the "Market Basket".

1.1.1 Contribution to M on M Changes:

Contributions to the change in CCPI from December 2024 to January 2025 are given in Table 02. The month-on-month change was contributed to by an increase in Food items of 0.11% and in Non Food items of 0.36%, respectively.

1.1.2 Contribution of Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages items: 0.11%

As shown in table 02, increases in value change were reported for Coconuts (0.15%), Green Chillies (0.15%), Rice (0.08%), Tamarind (0.05%), Coconut oil (0.03%), Fresh Fruits (0.03%), Red Onions (0.03%), Fresh Fish (0.02%) and Salt (0.01%).

While decreases in value change were reported for Big Onions (0.16%), Chicken (0.07%), Eggs (0.06%), Limes (0.06%), Canned Fish (0.03%), Milk Powder (0.02%), Vegetables (0.02%), Potatoes (0.02%), Green Gram (0.01%), Dried Fish (0.01%), Garlic (0.01%), Sugar (0.01%) and Jaggery (0.01%).

1.1.3 Contribution of Non-Food items: 0.36%

Among Non-Food groups, decreases in value change were reported for the groups of 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' (0.11%) and 'Restaurant and Hotels' (0.01%).

While increases in value change were reported for the groups of 'Transport' (0.15%), 'Furnishing Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance' (0.10%), 'Education' (0.10%), 'Alcoholic beverages Tobacco and Narcotic' (0.05%), 'Clothing and Footwear' (0.03%), 'Health' (0.03%) and 'Recreation and Culture' (0.01%).

Further, insignificant value change was reported in the group of 'Miscellaneous Goods and Services' and Meanwhile, the price index of 'Communication' group remained unchanged during the month.

**Table 02: Contribution to the change in CCPI from December 2024 to January 2025
(Base2021=100)**

	Rs.Cts.	Value Change		Net effect
		Increase	Decrease	
Food	189.22	0.57	0.47	0.11
1 RICE	141.69	0.08		
<i>Rice - (Kekulu white)</i>	293.35	0.17		
<i>Rice - (Kekulu - red)</i>	-152.51		0.09	
<i>Rice - (Samba)</i>	-16.77		0.01	
<i>Rice - (Nadu-White)</i>	14.45	0.01		
2 Green gram	-11.96		0.01	
3 Chicken	-131.71		0.07	
4 Fresh Fish	30.96	0.02		
5 Dried Fish	-9.91		0.01	
<i>Sprats (dry)</i>	-17.63		0.01	
<i>Keerameen (dry)</i>	10.51	0.01		
6 Canned fish	-49.10		0.03	
7 Milk powder	-31.32		0.02	
8 Eggs	-100.87		0.06	
9 Coconuts	260.83	0.15		
10 Coconut oil	60.09	0.03		
11 Fresh Fruits	58.00	0.03		
<i>Banana</i>	72.88	0.04		
<i>Papaw</i>	10.36	0.01		
12 Vegetables	-39.61		0.02	
13 Potatoes	-30.45		0.02	
14 Red onions	59.35	0.03		
15 Big onions	-274.70		0.16	

16	Garlic	-9.18		0.01	
17	Green chilies	266.25	0.15		
18	Sugar	-11.05		0.01	
19	Jaggery	-11.52		0.01	
20	Salt	11.37	0.01		
21	Limes	-111.06		0.06	
22	Tamarind	89.17	0.05		
23	Others	33.92	0.02		
	Non Food	642.15	0.48	0.11	0.36
24	Alcoholic beverages Tobacco and Narcotics	90.73	0.05		
	<i>Arrack</i>	22.06	0.01		
	<i>Cigarettes</i>	41.39	0.02		
	<i>Beetle leaves</i>	21.45	0.01		
	<i>Areca nuts</i>	-11.05		0.01	
25	Clothing and Footwear	50.14	0.03		
26	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	-186.09		0.11	
	<i>Housing rent</i>	145.93	0.08		
	<i>Electricity bill</i>	-328.52		0.19	
27	Furnishing Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	178.80	0.10		
	<i>Refrigerators</i>	19.11	0.01		
	<i>Cookers</i>	17.48	0.01		
	<i>Detergents/ Disinfections</i>	14.67	0.01		
	<i>Wages to servants</i>	111.88	0.06		
28	Health	57.55	0.03		
	<i>Consultation fees to specialists</i>	49.11	0.03		
29	Transport	260.71	0.15		
	<i>Cost of servicing of vehicles</i>	157.79	0.09		
30	Recreation and Culture	20.42	0.01		
	<i>Toys</i>	15.30	0.01		
	<i>Sports</i>	12.83	0.01		
31	Education	183.60	0.10		
	<i>Pre-school fees (K.G)</i>	21.49	0.01	-0.01	
	<i>Tuition fees</i>	100.88	0.06		
	<i>Course fees (Higher education)</i>	49.42	0.03		
	<i>Course fees vocational training</i>	11.81	0.01		
32	Restaurant and Hotels	-11.82		0.01	
33	Others	-1.90		0.00	
	All Items	831.37	1.05	0.57	0.47

*Percentages of items do not tally with overall percentage due to rounding off.

2. Inflation

The CCPI is an economic indicator constructed to measure inflation which is defined as percentage change in CCPI over the year. There are two measures of inflation in general use. One measure is Year on Year base or Point to Point inflation (The percentage change in the CPI during the last 12 months). The other measure is Moving Average Inflation (The percentage difference between the average Price Index of last 12 months & the average Price Index of previous 12 months).

Table 03: Movements of the CCPI (Base: 2021=100)

Year	Month	All Item				Food				Non Food			
		Index Number	% Change Month on Month	Inflation %		Index Number	% Change Month on Month	Inflation %		Index Number	% Change Month on Month	Inflation %	
				Y on Y	12 Month Moving Avg.			Y on Y	12 Month Moving Avg.			Y on Y	12 Month Moving Avg.
2024	January	200.7	2.9	6.4	14.2	247.9	3.8	3.3	8.5	183.9	2.5	7.9	17.1
	February	200.6	0.0	5.9	11.3	242.8	-2.1	3.5	5.4	185.6	0.9	7.0	14.2
	March	196.7	-1.9	0.9	8.0	237.8	-2.1	3.8	2.9	182.1	-1.9	-0.5	10.5
	April	195.2	-0.8	1.5	5.7	235.4	-1.0	2.9	1.2	180.9	-0.7	0.9	7.9
	May	194.1	-0.6	0.9	3.9	232.6	-1.2	0.0	-0.3	180.3	-0.3	1.3	6.0
	June	195.6	0.8	1.7	3.1	239.1	2.8	1.4	-0.5	180.1	-0.1	1.8	4.9
	July	194.7	-0.5	2.4	2.8	239.4	0.1	1.5	-0.2	178.8	-0.7	2.8	4.3
	August	191.1	-1.8	0.5	2.5	234.6	-2.0	0.8	0.2	175.6	-1.8	0.4	3.6
	September	190.9	-0.1	-0.5	2.4	233.3	-0.6	-0.3	0.7	175.8	0.1	-0.5	3.2
	October	189.9	-0.5	-0.8	2.2	231.9	-0.6	1.0	1.2	174.9	-0.5	-1.6	2.6
	November	189.4	-0.3	-2.1	1.7	231.7	-0.1	0.6	1.6	174.3	-0.3	-3.3	1.8
	December	191.7	1.2	-1.7	1.2	240.7	3.9	0.8	1.6	174.2	-0.1	-3.0	1.1
2025	January	192.6	0.5	-4.0	0.4	241.5	0.3	-2.6	1.1	175.2	0.6	-4.7	0.0

Note: Year on Year inflation, 12 Month Moving Average inflation and Month on Month change were calculated using the rounding off index numbers

2.1 Year on Year (Y-on-Y) Inflation

The overall rate of inflation as measured by the CCPI on Y-on-Y basis is -4.0% in January 2025 and Y-on-Y inflation calculated for the month of December 2024 was -1.7% (Table 3). The Y-on-Y inflation of Food Group decreased to -2.6% in January 2025 from 0.8% in December 2024 and the Y-on-Y inflation of Non Food Group decreased to -4.7% in January 2025 from -3.0% in December 2024.

2.2 Contribution to Y on Y inflation:

For the month of January 2025, on Y-on-Y basis, contribution to inflation by food commodities was -0.83%.

The contribution of Non Food items was -3.22%. This was mainly due to price decreases in the groups of 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' (3.68%), 'Transport' (0.50%) and 'Restaurants and Hotels' (0.04%). However, price increases in groups of items were reported 'Education' (0.33%), 'Health' (0.21%), 'Alcoholic beverages Tobacco and Narcotics' (0.16%), 'Miscellaneous Goods and Services' (0.11%), 'Clothing and Footwear' (0.09%), 'Furnishing Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance' (0.06%), 'Recreation and Culture' (0.03%), and 'Communication' (0.01%) when compared to the month of January 2024.

Table 04: Contribution to the decrease in CCPI from January 2024 January 2025
(Base 2021=100)

Sub Group/Commodity	Value	Increase %	Decrease %	Net effect %
	Change Rs.Cts.			
Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	-1544.77	2.05	2.89	-0.83
Rice	666.66	0.36		
Wheat flour	-35.94		0.02	
Green gram	-108.02			
Bread (Normal)	-137.44		0.07	
Chicken	-292.76		0.16	
Sea fish	-96.39		0.05	
Dried fish	-64.73		0.04	
Eggs	-32.60		0.02	
Canned fish	-349.53		0.19	
Coconuts	1537.81	0.83		
Coconut oil	297.65	0.16		
Fresh Fruits	-376.99		0.20	
Vegetable	-1450.60		0.79	
Potatoes	70.66	0.04		
Big Onions	-788.10		0.43	
Sugar	-178.08		0.10	
Chili powder	-139.71		0.08	
Dried chilies	-180.26		0.10	
Tea dust/ leaves	80.49	0.04		
Non Food	-5945.44	1.00	4.23	-3.22
Alcoholic beverages Tobacco and Narcotics	302.90	0.16		
<i>Arrack</i>	<i>52.37</i>	<i>0.03</i>		
<i>Whiskey</i>	<i>77.70</i>	<i>0.04</i>		
<i>Beer</i>	<i>12.67</i>	<i>0.01</i>		
<i>Cigarettes</i>	<i>86.66</i>	<i>0.05</i>		
<i>Areca nuts</i>	<i>6.14</i>	<i>0.00</i>		
Clothing and Footwear	162.26	0.09		
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other				
Fuels	-6794.18		3.68	
<i>Housing rent</i>	<i>145.93</i>	<i>0.08</i>		
<i>Water bills</i>	<i>-240.98</i>		<i>0.13</i>	
<i>Electricity bill</i>	<i>-6432.42</i>		<i>3.49</i>	
<i>L. P. Gas</i>	<i>-271.07</i>		<i>0.15</i>	
<i>Kerosene oil</i>	<i>-71.29</i>		<i>0.04</i>	
Furnishing Household Equipment and				
Routine Household Maintenance	109.37	0.06		
Health	395.75	0.21		
<i>Fees to private medical practices</i>	<i>233.08</i>	<i>0.13</i>		
<i>Consultation fees to specialists</i>	<i>62.32</i>	<i>0.03</i>		
Transport	-925.97		0.50	
<i>Petrol</i>	<i>-1210.61</i>		<i>0.66</i>	
<i>Diesel</i>	<i>-200.51</i>		<i>0.11</i>	
<i>Vehicle maintenance expenses (Repair charges)</i>	<i>201.39</i>	<i>0.11</i>		
<i>bus fare</i>	<i>-187.93</i>		<i>0.10</i>	
Communication	18.00	0.01		
Recreation and Culture	54.10	0.03		
Education	606.85	0.33		
Restaurant and hotels	-76.13		0.04	
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	201.61	0.11		
All Items	-7490.22	3.05	7.11	-4.05

*Percentages of items do not tally with overall percentage due to rounding off.

Movements in the CCPI (Base 2021=100) for Head Line, Food, Non Food and Year on Year Inflation

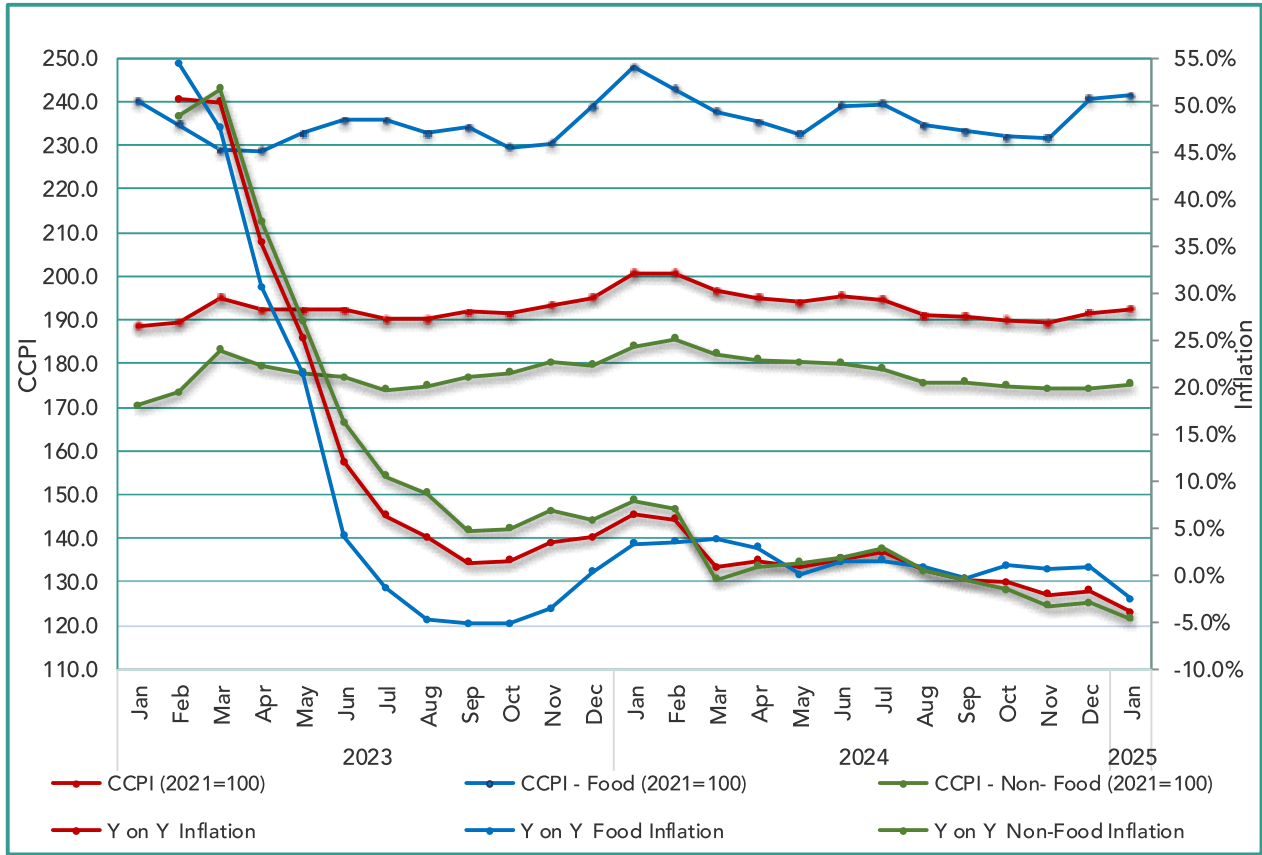


Table 05: Monthly average open market retail prices of selected items of Colombo Consumer Price Index January 2024, December 2024 & January 2025


Item	Unit	Retail Prices (Rs. Cts)			Retail Price Changes (%)	
		2024 Jan.	2024 Dec.	2025 Jan.	Jan. 25/ Jan. 24	Jan. 25 / Dec. 24
1. Rice– Kekulu – Red	Kg	200.25	231.36	275.28	37.47	18.98
2. Rice– Kekulu – White	Kg	211.56	235.19	235.65	11.38	0.20
3. Rice –Nadu - White	Kg	219.50	239.10	235.50	7.29	-1.50
4. Rice –Nadu - Red	Kg	221.24	244.67	259.84	17.45	6.20
5. Rice– Samba	Kg	242.74	271.76	252.89	4.18	-6.94
6. Cowpea	Kg	1267.04	870.96	840.28	-33.68	-3.52
7.Green Grams	Kg	1143.84	812.70	771.47	-32.55	-5.07
8. Coconut	Each	109.51	168.90	181.02	65.30	7.18
9. Coconut Oil	750ml	458.53	563.81	590.44	28.77	4.72
10.Chicken	Kg	1216.56	1146.43	1089.07	-10.48	-5.00
11. Eggs	Each	52.10	39.34	34.16	-34.44	-13.17
12. Red Onion	Kg	583.04	495.01	571.83	-1.92	15.52
13. Big Onion	Kg	481.32	336.00	258.24	-46.35	-23.14
14. Potatoes	Kg	282.93	330.20	315.96	11.68	-4.31
15. Garlic	Kg	657.33	704.38	688.18	4.69	-2.30
16. Dried Chilies	Kg	1277.36	905.92	895.39	-29.90	-1.16
17. Green Chilies	Kg	1625.85	910.05	1387.52	-14.66	52.47
18. Sugar	Kg	302.43	257.27	254.28	-15.92	-1.16
19. Pepper	Kg	2854.27	2730.19	2737.63	-4.09	0.27
Vegetables-						
20. Ash Plantain	Kg	433.96	274.39	284.28	-34.49	3.60
21. Carrot	Kg	1014.35	300.12	363.06	-64.21	20.97
22. Snake Gourd	Kg	426.00	472.99	425.16	-0.20	-10.11
23. Tomatoes	Kg	660.87	455.13	481.23	-27.18	5.74
24. Capsicum	Kg	903.25	899.78	860.27	-4.76	-4.39
25. Beetroot	Kg	836.49	432.21	591.49	-29.29	36.85
26. Beans	Kg	798.16	732.96	533.77	-33.13	-27.18
Fruits						
27. Banana	Kg	326.06	247.40	262.91	-19.37	6.27
28. Papaw	Kg	273.49	256.50	261.11	-4.53	1.80
29. Mangoes	Each	127.64	120.05	131.93	3.36	9.90
Fresh Fish –						
30. Seer	Kg	3690.12	3041.94	3293.02	-10.76	8.25
31.Talapath	Kg	2747.79	2753.42	2813.45	2.39	2.18
32.Paraw	Kg	2392.74	2332.54	2370.90	-0.91	1.64
Dried Fish -						
33.Katta	Kg	2237.10	2103.96	2104.59	-5.92	0.03
34. Sprats	Kg	1359.03	1235.95	1203.41	-11.45	-2.63
Fuel -						
35. Kerosene Oil	Lt	238.75	186.93	184.25	-22.83	-1.43
36. Petrol (CPC & IOC)	Lt	361.00	309.43	309.00	-14.40	-0.14
37. Diesel (CPC & IOC)	Lt	350.75	285.36	286.00	-18.46	0.23
38. Gas- Avg.	12.5kg	4098.39	3687.50	3687.50	-10.03	0.00
	Litro	12.5kg	3956.42	3690.00	-6.73	0.00
	Laughs	12.5kg	4524.29	3680.00	-18.66	0.00





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