



WEB RELEASE
THE COLOMBO CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (Base Year 2013) – JULY 2017
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The Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) is the authorized agency to compile Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI). The base year used for compilation of CCPI from June 2011 to December 2016 was the year 2006/07. Following internationally accepted guidelines, it has been arranged to revise the base year from 2006/07=100 to 2013=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 2013=100) will be released monthly commencing from January 2017 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. Prices for items in the Colombo Consumer Price Index are collected from 14 selected centers located in Colombo namely Pettah, Maradana, Wellawatta, Dematagoda, Grandpass, Borella, Kirulapone, Dehiwala–Mt. Lavinia, Kotte, Nugegoda, Kolonnawa, Rathmalana, and Narahenpita and Rathmalana dedicated economic centers. Prices are collected weekly from the outlets located within each of the above market areas including Lak Sathosa and a supermarket. The consumer basket includes 392 items which represent the typical urban household consumption expenditure. The CPI weights are derived from the Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) 2012/13.

For more details on the revision of base year, please click here: [Technical Note on Base Year Revision](#)

Table 1- Monthly Changes by main Groups of Market Basket

Major Group*	Index Number			Monthly Changes of the Expenditure Values(Rs.)			Monthly Changes of the Index (%)		
	July 2016	June 2017	July 2017	July 2016	June 2017	July 2017	July 2016	June 2017	July 2017
All Items	113.9	120.1	119.4	428.71	1156.98	-457.15	0.63	1.62	-0.63
	123.8	132.0	129.7	474.62	1044.13	-392.21	0.69	1.46	-0.54
Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages									
Non Food	110.1	115.5	115.3	-45.91	112.86	-64.93	-0.07	0.16	-0.09
Clothing and Footwear	118.1	126.3	124.9	-34.15	-4.44	-19.94	-0.05	-0.01	-0.03
Housing, Water, Electricity , Gas and Other Fuel	110.2	110.1	110.1	-12.30	-18.51	9.33	-0.02	-0.03	0.01
Furnishing Household Equipment's and Routine Household Maintenance	107.8	122.8	123.5	3.05	173.71	9.85	0.00	0.24	0.01
Health	129.9	141.1	136.7	-7.92	-65.79	-118.41	-0.01	-0.09	-0.16
Transport	92.8	96.6	97.2	8.54	27.18	38.53	0.01	0.04	0.05
Restaurant and Hotels	108.1	115.0	115.5	81.83	0.00	13.12	0.12	0.00	0.02
Other	116.1	130.1	130.2	-84.95	0.70	2.58	-0.12	0.00	0.00

*Note : There are 12 main groups of the market basket. Significant changes in July 2017 were noted only in seven main groups, details on which are given in Table 2.

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

The CCPI for all items for the month of July 2017 was 119.4 and it records a decrease of 0.7 index points or 0.63 percentage points compared to the month of June 2017 for which the index was 120.1. This represents a decrease of expenditure value by Rs.457.15 in the "Market Basket".

Contribution to M on M Changes:

Contributions to the decrease in CCPI from June to July 2017 are given in Table 2. The decrease in the index point by 0.63% was due to the decreases of Food and non alcoholic beverages items by 0.54% and Non Food items by 0.09% respectively.

Contribution of Food and non alcoholic beverages items: -0.54%

Decreases in value change were reported for Vegetables (0.22%), Sea Fish (0.20%), Coconut (0.13%), Green Chillies (0.06%), Garlic (0.05%), Potatoes (0.02%), Coconut Oil (0.02%) and Chicken (0.01%) while increases in value change were reported for Papaw (0.04%), Rice (0.04%), Banana (0.03%), Tea dust/leaves (0.02%), Eggs (0.02%), Red Onion (0.01%), Mangoes (0.01%), Pineapple (0.01%) and Dried Fish (0.01).

Contribution of non food items: -0.09%

Among Non Food groups, decreases in value changes were reported for 'Health' (0.16%) and 'Clothing and Foot Wear' (0.03%) while increases in value changes were reported for groups of 'Transport' (0.05%), 'Restaurants and Hotels' (0.02%), 'Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routing Household Maintenance' (0.01%) and 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' (0.01%). The groups of 'Alcoholic Beverages Tobacco and Narcotic', 'Recreation and Culture' and 'Miscellaneous Goods and Services' showed an insignificant value changes while 'Communication' and 'Education' groups remain unchanged during the period.

The value increase of 'Transport' group was due to increase of bus fare with effect from 01st July 2017 and the value decrease of 'Health' group was due to the reduction of prices of certain laboratory tests.

Table 02: Contribution to the change in CCPI from June 2017 to July 2017 (Base 2013=100)

Sub Group/Commodity		Value Change			
		Rs.Cts.	% change		
			Increase	Decrease	Net effect
Food		-392.21	0.18	0.72	-0.54
1	Rice	25.91	0.04		
	<i>Rice(kekulu white)</i>	6.46	0.01		
	<i>Rice(kekulu red)</i>	11.63	0.02		
	<i>Rice(Nadu white)</i>	5.94	0.01		
2	Chicken	-5.58		0.01	
3	Sea Fish	-146.80		0.20	
4	Dried Fish	8.03	0.01		
	<i>Katta</i>	7.44	0.01		
5	Eggs	15.69	0.02		
6	Coconut	-96.85		0.13	
7	Coconut oil	-15.02		0.02	
8	Banana	21.87	0.03		
9	Pineapple	5.17	0.01		
10	Papaw	26.55	0.04		
11	Mangoes	9.06	0.01		
12	Vegetables	-161.92		0.22	
13	Potatoes	-13.03		0.02	
14	Red Onions	4.04	0.01		
15	Garlic	-34.79		0.05	
16	Green chilies	-44.84		0.06	
17	Tea dust/leaves	13.13	0.02		
18	Others	-2.84		0.00	
Non Food		-64.93	0.10	0.19	-0.09
19	Clothing & Foodwear	-19.94		0.03	
20	Housing,Water,Electricity,Gas and Other Fuels	9.33	0.01		
21	Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routing Household Maintenance	9.85	0.01		
22	Health	-118.41		0.16	
23	Transport	38.53	0.05		
	<i>bus (other than schooling)</i>	38.53	0.05		
24	Restauratns and Hotels	13.12	0.02		
25	Others	2.58	0.00		
All Items		-457.15			-0.63

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 3: Movements of the CCPI(Base: 2013=100)

Year	Month	Index Number	All Item			Food			Non Food		
			%Change Month to Month	Inflation		%Change Month to Month	Inflation		%Change Month to Month	Inflation	
				Y on Y	12 Months Moving Avg.		Y on Y	12 Months Moving Avg.		Y on Y	12 Months Moving Avg.
2016	May	111.5	1.8%	4.8%	2.7%	1.6%	7.4%	3.7%	1.9%	3.9%	2.2%
	June	113.2	1.5%	5.5%	3.0%	5.0%	9.8%	4.2%	0.1%	3.8%	2.5%
	July	113.9	0.6%	5.8%	3.4%	2.3%	11.7%	5.0%	-0.1%	3.5%	2.8%
	August	112.1	-1.6%	4.4%	3.7%	-4.5%	8.3%	5.5%	-0.4%	2.8%	3.0%
	September	111.8	-0.3%	4.2%	3.9%	-1.6%	7.5%	5.9%	0.4%	2.9%	3.2%
	October	112.1	0.3%	4.1%	4.0%	0.6%	6.9%	6.2%	0.1%	2.9%	3.2%
	November	113.6	1.3%	4.0%	4.0%	0.6%	4.3%	6.1%	1.6%	3.9%	3.2%
	December	114.7	1.0%	4.5%	4.0%	0.8%	4.1%	6.1%	1.0%	4.5%	3.1%
	January	116.1	1.2%	5.5%	4.3%	1.6%	4.5%	6.4%	1.1%	6.0%	3.5%
2017	February	116.7	0.5%	6.8%	4.6%	1.2%	7.7%	6.9%	0.2%	6.4%	3.8%
	March	116.5	-0.2%	7.3%	5.0%	-0.7%	9.2%	7.4%	0.1%	6.5%	4.1%
	April	117.1	0.5%	6.9%	5.3%	1.7%	8.6%	7.5%	0.1%	6.3%	4.5%
	May	118.2	0.9%	6.0%	5.4%	2.3%	9.3%	7.6%	0.3%	4.6%	4.5%
	June	120.1	1.6%	6.1%	5.5%	4.8%	9.1%	7.6%	0.3%	4.8%	4.6%
July	119.4	-0.6%	4.8%	5.4%	-1.7%	4.8%	7.0%	-0.2%	4.7%	4.7%	

Year on Year (YoY) Inflation

The YoY inflation as measured by CCPI is 4.8% in July 2017 and inflation calculated for June was 6.1% (Table3). YoY inflation of Food Group has decreased from 9.1% in June to 4.8% in July 2017 and that of Non-food Group has decreased from 4.8% to 4.7% during this period.

Contribution to Y on Y inflation:

For the month of July 2017, on year to year basis, contribution to inflation by food commodities was 1.46%.

The contribution of Nonfood items was 3.30%. This was mainly due to value change increases in groups of ‘Education’ (0.84%), ‘Transport’ (0.42%), ‘Miscellaneous Goods and Services’ (0.42%), ‘Alcoholic Beverages Tobacco and Narcotic’ (0.36%), ‘Furnishing Household Equipment’s & Routine Household Maintenance’ (0.35%), ‘Restaurants & Hotels’ (0.33%), ‘Health’ (0.26%), ‘Communication’ (0.19%), ‘Clothing and Footwear’ (0.14%) and ‘Recreation & Culture’ (0.02%) and value change decrease in group of ‘Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels’ (0.02%)

Moving Average Inflation

The moving average inflation rate for the month of July 2017 was 5.4%. The corresponding rate for the month of June was 5.5%.

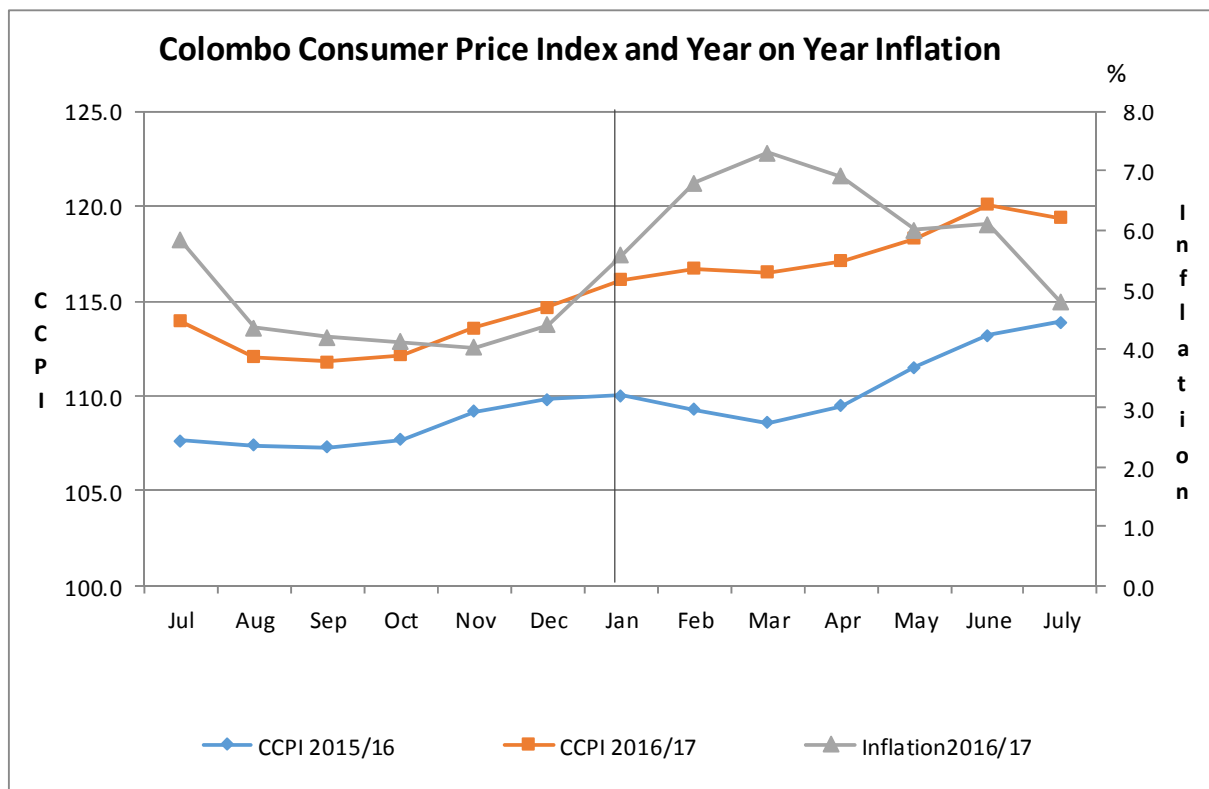


Table 4 : Monthly Average Open Market Retail prices of selected items of Colombo Consumer Price Index (July 2016, June2017 & July2017)

Item	Unit	Retail Prices (Rs. Cts)			Retail Price Changes (%)	
		2016 July	2017 June	2017 July	July 17- June 17	July 17 - July16
1. Rice- Kekulu – Red	Kg	66.88	87.02	88.79	2.03	32.76
2. Rice- Kekulu – White	Kg	71.47	82.01	83.40	1.69	16.68
3. Rice –Nadu - White	Kg	78.74	90.57	92.25	1.85	17.16
4. Rice –Nadu - Red	Kg	79.38	97.08	98.85	1.82	24.53
5. Rice- Samba	Kg	93.02	99.12	99.14	0.02	6.58
6. Cowpea	Kg	254.97	323.22	321.27	-0.60	26.00
7.Green Grams	Kg	249.15	256.57	258.11	0.60	3.60
8. Coconut	Each	48.22	64.83	61.07	-5.80	26.65
9. Coconut Oil	750ml	218.52	295.93	283.40	-4.21	29.72
10.Chicken	Kg	529.64	489.07	486.48	-0.53	-8.15
11. Eggs	Each	15.77	12.99	14.21	9.37	-9.91
12. Red Onion	Kg	167.26	348.68	355.41	1.93	112.49
13. Big Onion	Kg	82.14	94.95	94.75	-0.21	15.35
14. Potatoes	Kg	143.72	149.08	146.36	-3.59	-1.80
15. Garlic	Kg	410.56	574.86	426.17	-25.86	3.80
16. Dried Chilies	Kg	374.51	235.33	235.17	-0.07	-37.21
17. Green Chilies	Kg	950.23	675.74	507.33	-24.92	-46.61
18. Sugar	Kg	115.22	107.04	105.85	-1.12	-8.13
19. Pepper	Kg	1818.3	1799.51	1783.65	-0.88	-1.91
Vegetables-						
20. Ash Plantain	Kg	146.96	134.30	136.84	1.89	-6.89
21. Carrot	Kg	255.96	298.50	242.84	-18.65	-5.12
22. Snake Gourd	Kg	185.12	209.51	197.63	-5.67	6.75
23. Tomatoes	Kg	275.49	162.96	177.85	9.14	-35.44
24. Capsicum	Kg	433.89	317.54	305.53	-3.78	-29.58
25. Beetroot	Kg	249.84	202.59	166.62	-17.75	-33.31
26. Beans	Kg	269.34	282.06	252.44	-10.50	-6.28
Fruits						
27. Banana	Kg	122.69	129.30	134.04	9.25	3.67
28. Papaw	Kg	98.00	80.67	93.21	15.55	-4.89
29. Mangoes	Each	59.91	74.09	92.10	24.31	53.72
Fresh Fish –						
30. Seer	Kg	1518.5	1474.80	1472.21	-0.17	-3.05
31.Talapath	Kg	924.18	1147.04	1145.90	23.99	-0.10
32.Paraw	Kg	949.31	1121.91	1094.83	-2.41	15.33
Dried Fish -						
33.Katta	Kg	1258.8	1236.71	1265..57	2.33	0.53
34. Sprats	Kg	685.51	752.16	753.41	0.17	9.91
35. Kerosene Oil	Lt	49.00	44.00	44.00	0.00	-10.20
36 .Petrol (CPC & IOC)	Lt	117.00	117.00	117.00	0.00	0.00
37. Diesel (CPC & IOC)	Lt	95.00	95.00	95.00	0.00	0.00
38. Gas- Avg.	12.5kg	1346.0	1321.00	1321.00	0.00	-1.85
Litro	12.5kg	1346.0	1321.00	1321.00	0.00	-1.85
Laughs	12.5kg	1346.0	1321.00	1321.00	0.00	-1.85

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