

## KEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	1990	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002(a)
<b>DEMOGRAPHY</b>						
Mid year population ('000 persons) (b)	16,267	17,935	18,208	18,467	18,732	19,007
Growth of mid year population (per cent) (b)	1.1	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.5
Population density (persons per sq.km.) (b)	259	286	290	295	299	304
Labour force ('000 persons)	6,001	6,660	6,673	6,827	6,773	7,050 (c)
Labour force participation rate (per cent)	51.9	51.7	50.7	50.3	48.8	49.4 (c)
Unemployment rate (per cent of labour force)	15.9	9.2	8.9	7.6	7.9	9.1 (c)
<b>OUTPUT</b>						
GDP at current market prices (Rs. billion)	322	1,018	1,106	1,258	1,407	1,585
GNP at current market prices (Rs. billion)	319	1,002	1,090	1,233	1,382	1,560
Per capita GDP at market prices (Rs.) (b)	18,934	56,760	60,741	68,102	75,133	83,382
Per capita GNP at market prices (Rs.) (b)	18,791	55,863	59,882	66,790	73,795	82,076
Per capita GDP at market prices (US \$) (b)	473	879	863	899	841	872
Per capita GNP at market prices (US \$) (b)	469	865	851	881	826	858
<b>REAL OUTPUT (percentage change)</b>						
GNP	6.2	4.6	3.8	5.8	-1.3	4.1
GDP	6.4	4.7	4.3	6.0	-1.5	4.0
Sectoral Classification of GDP (d)						
Agriculture	8.5	2.5	4.5	1.8	-3.4	2.5
Industry	7.8	5.9	4.8	7.5	-2.1	1.0
Services	4.2	5.1	4.0	7.0	-0.5	6.0
<b>AGGREGATE DEMAND AND SAVINGS (per cent of GDP)</b>						
Consumption	85.3	80.9	80.5	82.6	84.3	85.4
Private	75.9	71.1	71.5	72.1	74.0	76.4
Government	9.4	9.8	9.0	10.5	10.3	8.8
Investment	22.2	25.1	27.3	28.0	22.0	21.3
Government	4.2	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.0	2.0
Public corporations	4.2	3.1	3.5	3.3	2.8	2.6
Private	14.8	18.7	20.6	21.5	16.2	16.7
Net import of goods & non factor services	-10.0	-6.1	-7.8	-10.6	-6.2	-6.7
Export of goods & non factor services	31.3	36.2	35.5	39.0	37.3	36.2
Import of goods & non factor services	41.3	42.3	43.3	49.6	43.6	42.9
Domestic savings	14.3	19.1	19.5	17.4	15.8	14.6
Net factor income (e)	2.5	4.3	4.0	4.1	4.5	5.1
National savings	16.8	23.4	23.5	21.5	20.3	19.7
<b>PRICES AND WAGES (percentage change)</b>						
Colombo Consumers' Price Index (1952 = 100)	21.5	9.4	4.7	6.2	14.2	9.6
Greater Colombo Consumers' Price Index (Jan.-Jun. 1989 = 100)	24.6	6.9	3.8	3.2	11.0	10.6
Sri Lanka Consumers' Price Index (1995-1997 = 100)	-	-	4.0	1.5	12.1	10.2
Wholesale Price Index (1974 = 100)	22.2	6.1	-0.3	1.7	11.7	10.7
GNP deflator	20.0	8.4	4.4	6.7	12.4	8.3
Nominal wage rate index for workers in all wages boards	16.9	12.3	2.5	2.3	4.9	7.4
Nominal wage rate index for central government employees	13.0	10.5	-	8.3	20.8	16.4
<b>GOVERNMENT FINANCE (per cent of GDP)</b>						
Revenue	21.1	17.2	17.7	16.8	16.7	16.5
Expenditure and net lending	31.0	26.3	25.2	26.7	27.5	25.4
o/w Current expenditure	22.3	19.6	18.7	20.2	21.6	20.8
Public investment	8.3	6.7	6.5	6.4	5.9	4.6
Current account deficit(-)/surplus(+)	-1.2	-2.4	-1.0	-3.4	-4.9	-4.4
Primary deficit	-3.5	-3.8	-1.9	-4.2	-4.1	-1.6
Overall deficit	-9.9	-9.2	-7.5	-9.9	-10.8	-8.9
Deficit financing	9.9	9.2	7.5	9.9	10.8	8.9
Foreign	5.7	1.7	0.7	0.4	1.4	0.6
Domestic	4.2	7.0	6.8	9.4	8.8	8.0
Privatisation proceeds	-	0.4	...	...	0.6	0.4
Government debt	96.5	90.8	95.1	96.9	103.2	105.3
Foreign	54.9	45.3	45.9	43.1	45.3	45.5
Domestic	41.6	45.5	49.1	53.8	58.0	59.8
<b>EXTERNAL TRADE (percentage change) (f)</b>						
Terms of trade	-12.5	14.2	-5.0	-6.1	-1.7	3.9
Export unit value index (1997 = 100)	9.1	11.6	-8.5	1.5	-5.2	-4.3
Import unit value index (1997 = 100)	24.7	-2.2	-3.5	8.1	-3.6	-7.9
Export volume	29.7	0.1	5.0	18.3	-8.0	2.0
Import volume	7.6	12.4	0.2	12.9	-10.7	11.0

## KEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS (contd.)

	1990	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002(a)
<b>EXTERNAL FINANCE (US \$ million)</b>						
Trade balance	-703	-1,092	-1,369	-1,798	-1,157	-1,406
Exports	1,984	4,798	4,610	5,522	4,817	4,699
Imports	2,686	5,889	5,979	7,320	5,974	6,106
Services and income account (net)	-98	-35	-107	-266	-92	19
Current private transfers (net)	362	848	887	974	984	1,097
Current official transfers (net)	62	52	26	24	22	26
Current account balance	-377	-226	-563	-1,066	-244	-264
Overall balance	119	37	-263	-522	220	338
Current account balance (per cent of GDP)	-4.7	-1.4	-3.6	-6.4	-1.5	-1.6
External assets (months of same year imports)	3.7	5.9	5.2	3.5	4.5	4.9
Overall debt service ratio (per cent of X G & S)	17.8	13.3	15.2	14.7	13.2	13.2
Total external debt and liabilities (per cent of GDP)	72.7 (g)	61.6	63.5	61.0	61.4	62.1
<b>EXCHANGE RATES</b>						
Annual average						
Rs./US \$	40.06	64.59	70.39	75.78	89.36	95.66
Rs./SDR	54.42	87.66	96.25	99.90	113.75	123.93
End - year						
Rs./US \$	42.58	67.78	72.12	80.06	93.16	96.73
Rs./SDR	57.25	95.44	98.87	104.31	116.97	130.99
<b>MONETARY AGGREGATES (h) (percentage change Dec. to Dec.)</b>						
Narrow money (M <sub>1</sub> )	12.8	12.1	12.8	9.1	3.2	14.0
Broad money (M <sub>2b</sub> )	20.1	13.2	13.4	12.9	13.6	13.4
Net external assets of the banking system	115.7	16.7	-3.4	-31.9	6.6	49.3
Net domestic assets	13.4	11.9	19.9	26.9	14.8	7.8
Domestic credit from the banking system to						
Government (net)	0.7	42.8	45.3	56.8	36.7	-4.1
Public corporations	12.8	-31.3	30.1	193.2	6.7	5.4
Private sector	24.3	12.0	10.5	11.8	8.9	12.0
Reserve money	17.9	10.9	8.2	4.7	7.0	12.3
Money multiplier for M <sub>2b</sub>	2.87	4.07	4.26	4.60	4.88	4.92
Velocity of M <sub>2b</sub>	3.55	2.88	2.74	2.79	2.76	2.69
<b>INTEREST RATES (per cent per annum at end year)</b>						
Treasury bill rate						
91 day	17.41	12.01	11.79	17.77	12.92	9.92
364 day	18.36	12.59	12.77	18.22	13.74	9.91
Repurchase rate (overnight)	-	11.25	9.25	17.00	12.00	9.75
Rediscount rate (overnight) / Reverse repo rate	-	15.00	13.48	20.00	14.00	11.75
Deposit rates						
Commercial banks' weighted average deposit	12.9	9.2	9.1	9.9	10.8	7.5
Commercial banks' 12 month fixed deposit (max.)	21.0	13.0	12.5	15.0	14.5	11.0
NSB savings	16.2	10.5	9.2	8.4	8.4	6.0
NSB 12 month fixed deposit	18.5	11.5	11.5	15.0	13.0	10.0
Lending rates						
Com. banks' weighted average prime lending	18.5	14.9	15.9	21.5	14.3	12.2
Bills purchased and discounted	14.5-30.0	11.0-30.0	11.0-30.0	11.0-25.0	13.0-24.0	10.0-23.0
<b>CAPITAL MARKET</b>						
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100)	384.4	597.3	572.5	447.6	621.0	815.1
Sensitive Price Index (1985 = 100)	680.3	923.0	937.5 (i)	698.5	1,031.0	1,374.6
Value of shares traded (Rs. million)	1,563	17,911 (j)	14,291	10,624	13,905	30,183
Net purchases by non nationals (Rs. million)	391	-1,560 (j)	- 951 (j)	-3,365	-1,025	2,442
Market capitalisation (Rs. billion)	37.0	116.7 (j)	112.8	88.8	124.0	162.6

(a) Provisional

(b) Mid year population, population growth, population density, per capita GDP and per capita GNP data have been revised from 1990 on the basis of provisional estimates from the Census of Population and Housing - 2001.

(c) 3rd quarter, 2002.

(d) The sectoral classification has been revised in accordance with the classification used in the World Bank publication, World Development Indicators, which classifies the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC) - Revision 3 as follows: The revised sectoral classification is Agriculture (ISIC division 1-5), Industry (ISIC division 10-45) and Services (ISIC division 50-99). Accordingly Agriculture includes the Forestry and Fishing sub sectors and Industry comprises the Mining and quarrying, Manufacturing, Electricity, gas and water

supply and Construction sub sectors. All other sub sectors are classified under Services.

(e) Includes workers' remittances.

(f) A series of new trade indices has been introduced from 1998. Please refer footnote (a) in Statistical Appendix Table 76 for a detailed description on the change of methodology. Data for 1990 have been obtained by splicing the previous annual trade indices series.

(g) Excluding commercial bank external liabilities.

(h) Monetary data for 1990 are based only on data of the domestic banking units, while data from 1998-2002 are based on the aggregated data pertaining to both domestic banking units and foreign currency banking units.

(i) The Milanka Price Index (MPI) was introduced in January 1999, (1998 December = 1000) to replace the Sensitive Price Index.

(j) Revised

## KEY SOCIAL INDICATORS

### PHYSICAL FEATURES

#### Location

Between 5°55' & 9°50' North Latitude  
 Between 79°42' & 81°53' East Longitude  
 435 km (270 miles) North to South  
 240 km (150 miles) West to East  
 Highest elevation : 2,524 meters (8,281 ft.)

#### Area

Total area : 65,610 sq.km.  
 Land area : 62,705 sq.km.  
 Inland waters : 2,905 sq.km.

#### Climate

Low country : min. 24.4 °C - max. 31.7°C  
 Hill country : min. 17.1 °C - max. 26.3°C  
 Annual rainfall (average) : 1,630 mm

### POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

Mid year population ('000) in 2002 : 19,007

#### Age distribution ('000)

0 - 14 yrs : 4,699  
 15 - 64 yrs : 12,443  
 65 years and over : 1,865

Population density : 304 persons per sq.km.

Crude birth rate (2002) : 19.1 per '000  
 Crude death rate (2002) : 5.8 per '000  
 Rate of natural increase (2002) : 13.3 per '000  
 Infant mortality rate (2001) : 12.2 per '000 live births  
 Dependency ratio : 52.8 %  
 Average household size : 4.2

#### Expectation of life at birth (1996/2001)

Male : 70.7 years  
 Female : 75.4 years

#### Literacy rate (1994)

Overall : 90.1 %  
 Male : 92.5 %  
 Female : 87.9 %

#### Income distribution of income receivers

##### (For six month income) 1996/97

Gini coefficient : 0.4637

#### Poverty

Population below US \$ 1 a day (1995) : 6.6 %  
 Population below US \$ 2 a day (1995) : 45.4 %  
 Mean income (nominal) (1996/97) : Rs. 5,760 per month  
 Median income (nominal) (1996/97) : Rs. 3,878 per month  
 Daily calorie intake (1996/97) : 2,337

#### Human Development Index (2000) : 0.741

Rank among 173 countries : 89

#### Employment

Employed persons ('000) (2002 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter) : 6,409  
 Agriculture : 33.1 %  
 Industry : 21.1 %  
 Services : 45.8 %

Government employees (2002) : 909,660

State sector : 36.2 %  
 Provincial public sector : 33.9 %  
 Semi government sector : 29.9 %

#### Transport

Length of national roads (A & B) : 11,547 km  
 Length of railway route : 1,447 km

#### Water supply & sanitation

Access to safe drinking water : 70 %  
 Access to pipe borne water : 35 %

	Unit	2002
<b>Electricity</b>		
Households with electricity	per cent	62.3
Per capita electricity consumption	kWh/person	297
<b>Communications</b>		
Telephone density :		
fixed lines	per 100 persons	4.7
including cellular phones	per 100 persons	9.5
Internet and e-mail	per 1,000 persons	3.7
Average population served by a post office	number	4,102
<b>Health</b>		
Hospital beds(a)	per 1,000 persons	3.6
Doctors(a)	persons per doctor	2,300
Nurses(a)	per 10,000 persons	12.1
Expenditure on health	per cent of GDP	1.51
<b>General education</b>		
School density (area covered by a school)	sq. km.	6.2
Pupil/teacher ratio (government schools)	number	21
Age specific enrolment ratio (Age 5 -19 Yrs)	per cent	64.62
<b>University education</b>		
Pupil/teacher ratio	number	14.2
Age specific enrolment ratio (age 20-24 yrs)	per cent	2.4
Progression to university from GCE (A/L)		
Eligible for university admissions	per cent	50.65
Admission as a percentage of eligible	per cent	13.25
Expenditure on education	per cent of GDP	2.28
<b>Banking</b>		
Total number of commercial banks	number	23
Domestic banks	number	11
Foreign banks	number	12
ATMs	per 100,000 persons	3.3
Credit cards issued	per 100,000 persons	1,690
Banking density :		
No. of bank branches	per 100,000 persons	6.1

(a) Including private hospitals

Sources: Relevant Institutions and  
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