

Key Economic Indicators

	1999	2000	2001	2002 (Prov.)	Annual Projections 2003(a)	First Half	
						2002 Actual	2003 Provisional
DEMOGRAPHY							
Mid year population ('000 persons) (b)	18,208	18,467	18,732	19,007	19,273		
Growth of mid year population (per cent) (b)	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.4		
Population density (persons per sq.km.) (b)	290	295	299	304	307		
Labour force ('000 persons)	6,673	6,827	6,773	7,145	6,920	7,017	7,149 (c)
Labour force participation rate (per cent)	50.7	50.3	48.8	50.3	50.0	49.5	49.9 (c)
Unemployment rate (per cent of labour force)	8.9	7.6	7.9	8.8	7.5	9.8	8.7 (c)
OUTPUT							
GDP at current market prices (Rs. billion)	1,106	1,258	1,407	1,585	1,788		
GNP at current market prices (Rs. billion)	1,090	1,233	1,382	1,560	1,766		
Per capita GDP at market prices (Rs.) (b)	60,741	68,102	75,133	83,382	91,762		
Per capita GNP at market prices (Rs.) (b)	59,882	66,790	73,795	82,076	91,608		
Per capita GDP at market prices (US\$) (b)	863	899	841	872	953		
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REAL OUTPUT (percentage change)							
GNP	3.8	5.8	-1.3	4.1	5.9	1.7	6.2
GDP	4.3	6.0	-1.5	4.0	5.5	1.4	5.6
Sectoral classification of GDP(d)							
Agriculture	4.5	1.8	-3.4	2.5	1.7	3.2	-0.2
Industry	4.8	7.5	-2.1	1.0	5.8	-3.0	6.9
Services	4.0	7.0	-0.5	6.0	6.8	3.1	7.2
AGGREGATE DEMAND AND SAVINGS (per cent of GDP)							
Consumption	80.5	82.6	84.2	85.4	85.4		
Private	71.5	72.1	74.0	76.4	77.7		
Government	9.0	10.5	10.3	8.8	7.7		
Investment	27.3	28.0	22.0	21.3	22.2		
Government	3.2	3.3	3.0	2.0	2.7		
Public corporations	3.5	3.2	2.8	2.6	2.3		
Private	20.6	21.5	16.2	16.7	17.2		
Net import of goods & non factor services	-7.8	-10.6	-6.2	-6.7	-7.7		
Export of goods & non factor services	35.5	39.0	37.3	36.2	35.8		
Import of goods & non factor services	43.3	49.6	43.6	42.9	43.5		
Domestic savings	19.5	17.4	15.8	14.5	14.6		
Net factor income (e)	4.0	4.1	4.6	5.1	5.2		
National savings	23.5	21.5	20.3	19.7	19.8		
PRICES AND WAGES (percentage change)							
Sri Lanka Consumers' Price Index (1995-1997 = 100)	4.0	1.5	12.1	10.2		12.2	4.2
Colombo Consumers' Price Index (1952 = 100)	4.7	6.2	14.2	9.6	6.0 - 7.0	9.6	8.5
Greater Colombo Consumers' Price Index (Jan.-Jun. 1989 = 100)	3.8	3.2	11.0	10.6		12.5	4.7
Wholesale Price Index (1974 = 100)	-0.3	1.7	11.7	10.7		12.4	5.1
GDP deflator	4.4	6.7	12.4	8.3	7.1	9.2	7.2
Nominal wage rate index for workers in all wages boards	2.5	2.3	4.9	7.4		2.9	11.7
Nominal wage rate index for central government employees	-	8.3	20.8	16.3		23.0	-
GOVERNMENT FINANCE (per cent of GDP)							
Revenue	17.7	16.8	16.7	16.5	16.4	8.0	7.6
Expenditure and net lending	25.2	26.7	27.5	25.4	24.3	12.4	11.5
o/w Current expenditure	18.7	20.2	21.6	20.8	19.2	10.2	9.4
Public investment	6.5	6.4	5.9	4.6	5.1	2.2	2.3
Current account deficit(-)/surplus(+)	-1.0	-3.4	-4.9	-4.4	-2.7	-2.2	-1.8
Overall deficit	-7.5	-9.9	-10.8	-8.9	-7.8	-4.5	-3.9
Deficit financing	7.5	9.9	10.8	8.9	7.8	4.5	3.9
Foreign	0.7	0.4	1.4	0.6	2.7	0.2	0.9
Domestic	6.8	9.4	8.8	8.0	4.3	4.2	2.7
Privatisation proceeds	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.1	0.3
Government debt	95.1	96.9	103.2	105.3	100.1	99.6	97.9
Foreign	45.9	43.1	45.3	45.5	42.9	43.9	42.5
Domestic	49.1	53.8	58.0	59.8	57.2	55.7	55.4
EXTERNAL TRADE (percentage change) (f)							
Terms of trade	-5.0	-6.1	-1.7	3.9	-0.4	6.2	10.4
Export unit value index (1997 = 100)	-8.5	1.5	-5.2	-4.3	3.6	-10.1	10.4
Import unit value index (1997 = 100)	-3.5	8.1	-3.6	-7.9	4.0	-15.4	0.0
Export volume	5.0	18.3	-8.0	2.0	6.6	-8.0	7.0
Import volume	0.2	12.9	-10.7	11.0	8.7	5.8	7.2



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EXTERNAL FINANCE (US\$ million)							
Trade balance	-1,369	-1,798	-1,157	-1406	-1,706	-864	-701
Exports	4,610	5,322	4,817	4,699	5,191	2,012	2,378
Imports	5,979	7,320	5,974	6,106	6,899	2,876	3,078
Services and income account (net)	-107	-267	-92	15	77	12	32
Current private transfers (net)	887	974	984	1,097	1,183	521	592
Current official transfers (net)	26	24	22	26	29	18	20
Current account balance	-563	-1,066	-244	-268	-416	-268	-337
Overall balance	-263	-522	220	338	390	160	187
Current account balance (per cent of GDP)	-3.6	-6.4	-1.5	-1.6	-2.3	-2.5	-2.3
External assets (months of same year imports)	5.2	3.5	4.5	4.9	5.2	5.0	5.2
Overall debt service ratio (per cent of X G & S)	15.2	14.7	13.2	13.2	11.6		
Total external debt and liabilities (per cent of GDP)	63.5	61.0	61.4	62.1	58.0		
EXCHANGE RATES							
Period average							
Rs./US\$	70.39	75.78	89.36	95.66		94.98	97.00
Rs/SDR	96.25	99.9	113.75	123.93		120.03	134.22
End - period							
Rs/US\$	72.12	80.06	93.16	96.73		96.10	97.14
Rs/SDR	98.87	104.31	116.97	130.99		127.85	136.07
MONETARY AGGREGATES							
(percentage change Point to Point)							
Narrow money (M1)	12.8	9.1	3.2	14.0	11.5	15.6	13.3
Broad money (M2b)	13.4	12.9	13.6	13.4	13.5	17.9	12.1
Net external assets of the banking system	-3.4	-31.9	6.6	49.3	53.1	30.4	41.4
Net domestic assets	19.9	26.9	14.8	7.8	4.9	15.7	6.5
Domestic credit from the banking system to							
Government (net)	45.3	56.8	36.7	-4.1	-15.5	31.6	-11.7
Public corporations	30.1	193.2	6.7	5.4	-17.5	-15.7	-0.6
Private sector	10.5	11.8	8.9	12.0	15.1	6.9	13.4
Reserve money	8.2	4.7	7.0	12.3	13.0	14.7	10.1
Money multiplier for M2b (Value)	4.26	4.60	4.88	4.92	4.95	4.92	5.01
Velocity of M2b (Value)	2.74	2.79	2.76	2.69	2.68	-	-
INTEREST RATES (per cent per annum at end year)							
Treasury bill rate							
91 days	11.79	17.77	12.92	9.92		12.98	8.39
364 days	12.77	18.22	13.74	9.91		13.72	8.46
Repurchase rate (overnight)	9.25	17.00	12.00	9.75		11.50	8.25
Rediscount rate (overnight) / Reverse repo rate	13.48	20.00	14.00	11.75		13.75	10.25
Deposit rates							
Commercial banks' weighted average deposit	9.1	9.9	10.8	7.5		9.6	6.0
Commercial banks' 12 month fixed deposit (max.)	12.5	14.5	14.5	11.0		14.0	9.5
NSB savings	9.2	8.4	8.4	6.0		7.0	6.0
NSB 12 month fixed deposit	11.5	15.0	13.0	10.0		11.0	8.5
Lending rates							
Com.banks' weighted average prime lending	15.9	21.5	14.3	12.2		14.0	10.6
Bills purchased & discounted	11.0-30.0	11.0-25.0	13.0-24.0	10.0-23.0		12.50-24.0	8.75-23.00
CAPITAL MARKET							
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100)	572.5	447.6	621.0	815.1		711.4	1,048.9
Milanka Price Index (1998 December = 1000)	937.5	698.5	1,031.0	1,374.6		1,222.0	2,062.5
Value of shares traded (Rs. million)	14,291.0	10,624.0	13,905.0	30,183.0		14,689.3	22,046.2
Net purchases by non nationals (Rs.million)	-950.8	-3,364.7	-1,024.8	2,442.4		1,804.5	2,030.4
Market capitalisation (Rs.billion)	112.8	88.8	124.0	162.6		144.0	247.7

- (a) Provisional estimates for 2003 are based on information available up to September 2003.
- (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) 1st quarter 2003
- (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.

