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## CCPI based headline inflation decelerated in February 2026

The Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI, 2021=100)<sup>1</sup> based headline inflation (year-on-year, Y-o-Y) decelerated in February 2026. Accordingly, headline inflation (Y-o-Y) was recorded at 1.6% in February 2026 compared to 2.3% in January 2026.

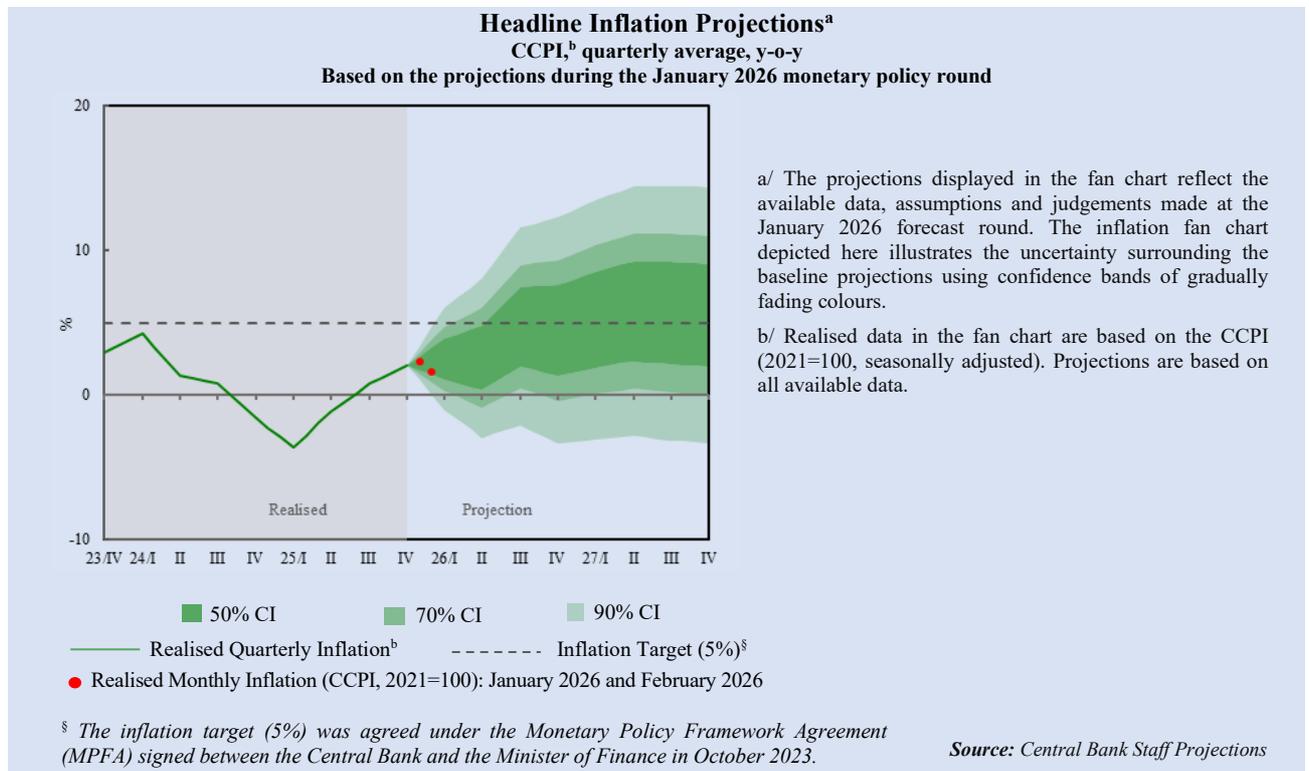
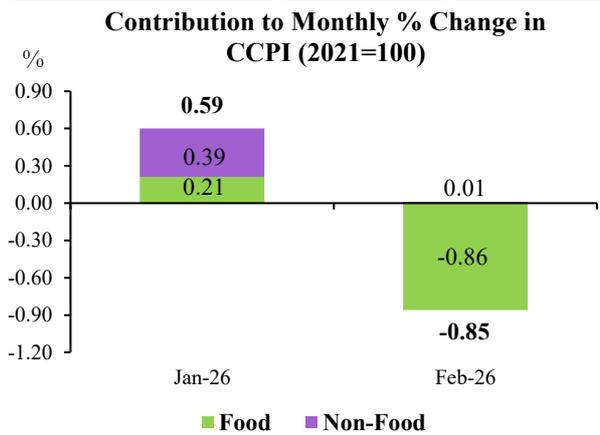
Food inflation (Y-o-Y) decelerated to 0.2% in February 2026 from 3.3% in January 2026, while Non-Food inflation (Y-o-Y) accelerated to 2.3% in February 2026 from 1.8% in January 2026.

On a month-on-month basis, the CCPI recorded a decrease of 0.85% in February 2026. The decrease was mainly driven by the Food category, which contributed -0.86 percentage points, largely owing to the reduction in prices of vegetables and green chillies, while the Non-Food category contributed 0.01 percentage points.

Meanwhile, core inflation (Y-o-Y), which reflects the underlying inflation trends in the economy, decelerated to 2.1% in February 2026 from 2.3% in January 2026.

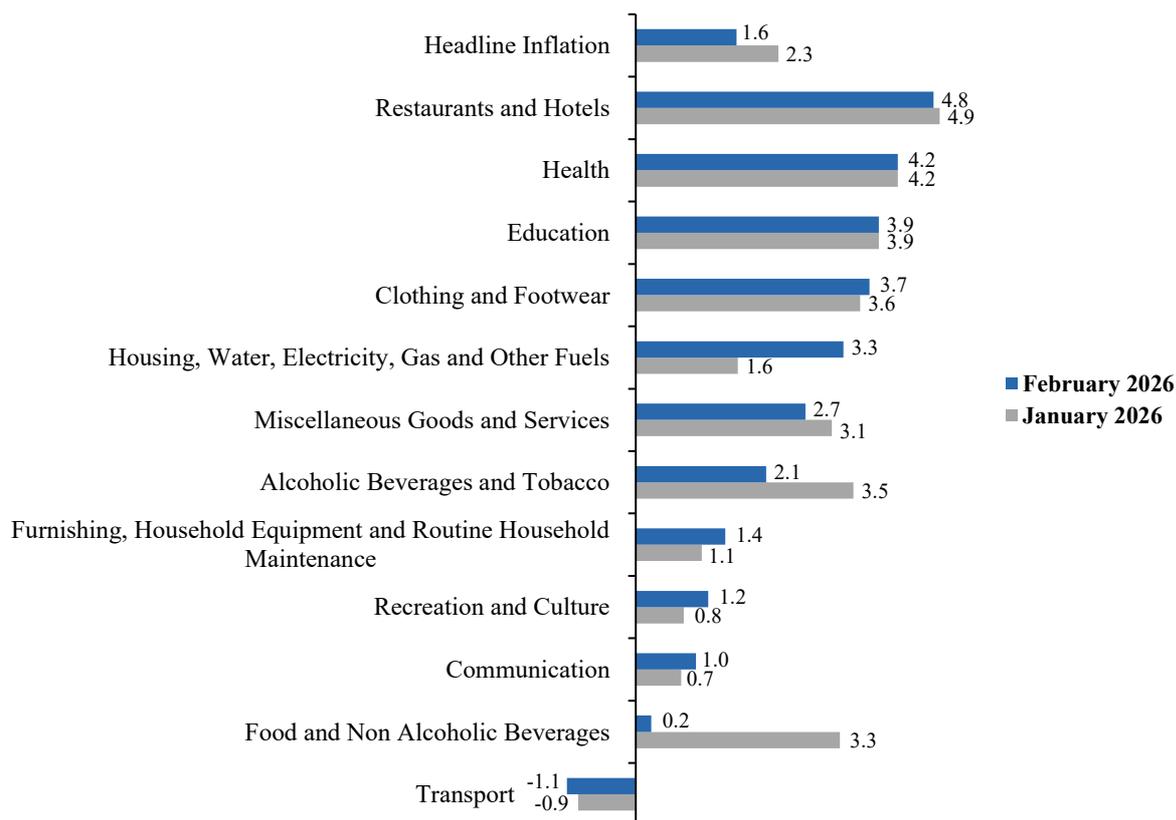
Inflation projections made at the monetary policy round in January 2026 indicate that inflation will gradually move towards the target of 5% by the second half of 2026, with the support of appropriate policies.

Inflation CCPI (2021=100)	January 2026	February 2026
Index Value	197.0	195.3
Monthly Change (%)	0.6	-0.9
Y-o-Y Inflation (%)	2.3	1.6



<sup>1</sup> The Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI, 2021=100) is compiled by the Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) to indicate average changes in the prices of goods and services purchased by households in urban areas of the Colombo district.

### CCPI (2021=100) based Headline Inflation by Subcategory (Y-o-Y % Change)



### Movement of the CCPI (2021=100)

Period		Index Number		Monthly % Change		Y-o-Y % Change		Annual Average % Change	
Year	Month	CCPI	CCPI (Core)	CCPI	CCPI (Core)	CCPI	CCPI (Core)	CCPI	CCPI (Core)
2025	February	192.2	178.5	-0.2	0.1	-4.2	0.7	-0.5	3.0
	March	191.6	178.6	-0.3	0.1	-2.6	0.7	-0.8	2.8
	April	191.2	178.8	-0.2	0.1	-2.0	0.8	-1.1	2.6
	May	192.8	179.2	0.8	0.2	-0.7	1.2	-1.2	2.4
	June	194.5	180.1	0.9	0.5	-0.6	1.5	-1.4	2.1
	July	194.1	180.8	-0.2	0.4	-0.3	1.6	-1.6	1.9
	August	193.3	180.9	-0.4	0.1	1.2	2.0	-1.5	1.8
	September	193.7	181.2	0.2	0.2	1.5	2.0	-1.4	1.7
	October	193.8	181.4	0.1	0.1	2.1	2.2	-1.2	1.6
	November	193.4	181.3	-0.2	-0.1	2.1	2.4	-0.8	1.6
	December	195.8	181.8	1.2	0.3	2.1	2.7	-0.5	1.6
	2026	January	197.0	182.5	0.6	0.4	2.3	2.3	0.0
February		195.3	182.3	-0.9	-0.1	1.6	2.1	0.5	1.8

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Note: As per DCS, Y-o-Y inflation and monthly change are calculated using the rounded off index numbers.