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# SL Purchasing Managers' Index

## Construction



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**Sri Lanka Purchasing Managers' Index for Construction (PMI – Construction), as indicated by the Total Activity Index, rebounded to 59.7 in May 2025.** Most of the survey respondents mentioned that construction activities regained momentum in May, recovering from the slowdown in the April festive season.

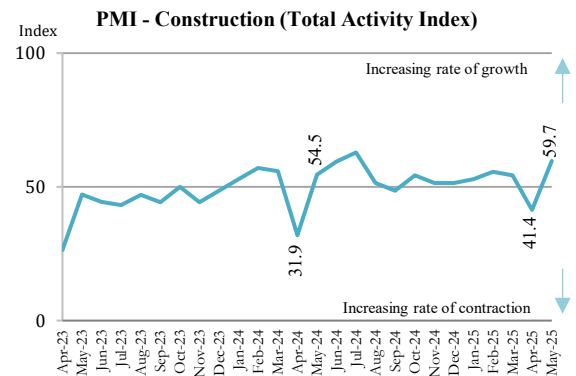
The respondents reported an increase in the awarding of new construction projects during the month, particularly in road development, which led to an increase in the New Orders index. The Quantity of Purchases index also increased during the month, in line with the increase in Total Activity and New Orders. Meanwhile, the Employment index contracted at a slower rate in May. The Suppliers' Delivery Time shortened during the month.

### Summary of the PMI - Construction Survey

Variable	Apr.	May.	+/-	Direction
<b>PMI - Construction (Total Activity Index)</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>59.7</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>Rising from Falling</b>
New Orders	48.6	56.9	+	Rising from Falling
Employment	35.7	45.7	+	Falling, Slower Rate
Quantity of Purchases	37.1	56.9	+	Rising from Falling
Suppliers' Delivery Time	52.9	45.8	-	Shortening from Lengthening

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

The outlook for construction activities for the next three months is positive due to the anticipated increase in the availability of new projects.



Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

### The World Outlook: Summary of PMI Construction

Country/Territory	Direction
Eurozone	Falling, Higher Rate
France	Falling, Higher Rate
Germany	Falling, Higher Rate
Ireland	Falling from Rising
Italy	Rising, Higher Rate
UK	Falling, Slower Rate

Source: S&P Global<sup>1</sup> as of 27 June 2025 ([PMI Releases \(spglobal.com\)](https://www.spglobal.com))

<sup>1</sup>S&P Global compiles PMIs for over 40 economies worldwide.

### Technical Note

#### Methodology

The index compilation and interpretation of indices follow the survey methodology of S&P Global.

The Construction Total Activity Index is the headline index for Construction, which is referred to as the **PMI – Construction**, as per the international best practices. The Construction Total Activity Index is comparable to the Manufacturing Production Index and Services Business Activity Index.

#### The Index

PMI is calculated as a 'Diffusion Index', where it takes values between 0 and 100.

PMI=50 - sector remained neutral on month-on-month basis; PMI>50 - sector is generally expanding on month-on-month basis

PMI<50 - sector is generally declining on month-on-month basis

#### Sample

The survey is conducted targeting highest graded local construction companies registered in the Construction Industry Development Authority covering around 35 responses to capture month on month developments.

#### Definitions of Variables

Employment : Number of staff working for the organization

Quantity of purchases : Raw materials purchased and kept in a warehouse to be used for production

Supplier Delivery Time : Time lag between order placement and delivery by the supplier

Other variables are self-explanatory.