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## Provincial Gross Domestic Product (PGDP)1 - 2020

Amidst outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, Western province continued to be the nerve center of the economy whilst its share declined, contributing to an overall contraction.

Nominal GDP – 2020 Rs.14,973.0 bn

PGDP Share
Highest:
Western
Province

Western province secured the largest share (38.0 per cent) of the country's nominal GDP. However, due to slow down in economic activities due to the pandemic situation, the share declined by 1.0 per cent from 2019. Central (11.3 per cent) and North Western (11.0 per cent) provinces were ranked at second and third positions, respectively.

PGDP shares increased in North Western, Southern, Sabaragamuwa, and North Central provinces while in Western and Northern provinces, share decreases could be observed year-on-year.

#### **Activity-wise Performance**

#### **Provincial Contribution to Economic Activities**

All the provinces have contributed fairly in terms of the Agricultural activities ranging from 7.7 per cent to 17.6 per cent whereas North Western, Southern and Central provinces were the top contributors to the Agricultural activities of the country (Figure 2).

Western province has pioneered in the Industry activities with a contribution of 44.6 per cent while Central and North Western provinces became second and third largest contributors.

In terms of Services activities, Western province recorded the highest contribution of 39.3 per cent while Central and Southern provinces had the second and third highest contributions.

Compared to the previous year, only Sabaragamuwa province has increased its shares across the three activities. On contrary, Western province shares in all the activities have declined from the previous year while other provinces have shown a mixed performance (Table 2).

Figure 1 PGDP Shares- 2020



- Western (WP)
- Central (CP)
- North Western (NW)
- Southern (SP)
- Sabaragamuwa (SG)
- North Central (NC)
- Eastern (EP)
- Uva (UP)
- Northern (NP)

Table 1
Nominal GDP (at current market prices) by Province

Province	2019	a	2020b		
_	Value	Share	Value	Share	
	(Rs.bn)	(%)	(Rs.bn)	(%)	
WP	5,857.8	39.0	5,694.3	38.0	
CP	1,694.6	11.3	1,692.1	11.3	
NW	1,639.6	10.9	1,653.1	11.0	
SP	1,491.4	9.9	1,518.0	10.1	
SG	1,131.1	7.5	1,188.2	7.9	
NC	823.3	5.5	876.3	5.9	
EP	854.1	5.7	849.4	5.7	
UP	803.5	5.4	812.1	5.4	
NP	717.6	4.8	689.4	4.6	
SL	15,013.0	100.0	14,973.0	100.0	

a.Revised b.Provisional

Figure 2 Activity-wise Performance of the Provinces (%) - 2020



• WP • CP • SP • NP • EP • NW • NC • UP • SG

Table 2 Sectoral Composition of PGDP - 2019 and 2020

Province	Agriculture (%)		Industry (%)		Services (%)	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
WP	9.6	8.1	45.6	44.6	39.7	39.3
CP	10.8	12.0	11.3	11.4	11.3	11.1
SP	15.9	14.3	6.9	7.7	10.6	10.6
NP	9.8	8.8	5.2	4.8	3.9	3.9
EP	10.5	10.2	4.7	4.4	5.5	5.6
NW	17.2	17.6	9.9	10.3	10.6	10.5
NC	9.0	11.9	3.5	3.4	6.0	6.1
UP	9.5	9.6	5.2	5.0	4.9	5.1
SG	7.7	7.7	7.6	8.5	7.5	7.7
SL	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Provincial Gross Domestic Product (PGDP) has been computed by the Statistics Department of Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL), using a top-down approach by disaggregating the nominal Gross Domestic Product (GDP) compiled by the Department of Census and Statistics (DCS). In the estimation of PGDP for the provinces, the value of each line item in GDP is apportioned using relevant indicators at the provincial level.

### **Economic Activities within Provinces**

Services activities have dominated in all the provinces with over 50 per cent contribution to the GDP. Industry activities in all provinces are positioned next to the Services activities, ranging from 15.1 per cent to 30.8 per cent, while Agricultural activities range from 1.8 per cent to 17.0 per cent across the provinces (Figure 3).

