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SL Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) – August 2025

Purchasing Managers' Indices indicate expansions in both Manufacturing and Services activities in August 2025

Sri Lanka Purchasing Managers' Index for Manufacturing (PMI – Manufacturing) recorded an index value of 55.2 in August 2025. This indicates an expansion in manufacturing activities, albeit at a slower rate compared to the previous month. All sub-indices remained above the neutral threshold during the month.

The expansions in New Orders and Production sub-indices during the month were largely attributable to the performance of the food and beverages manufacturing sector. The Stock of Purchases sub-index also recorded an expansion, in line with the New Orders and Production activities. Employment sub-index remained in the positive territory during August, indicating favourable Employment conditions. Meanwhile, the Suppliers' Delivery Time continued to lengthen during the month, with some respondents reported delays in international shipping.

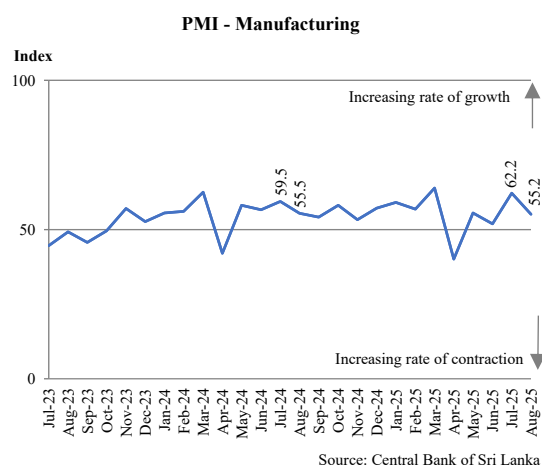
Summary of the PMI - Manufacturing Survey

Variable	Jul.	Aug.	+/-	Direction
PMI - Manufacturing	62.2	55.2	-	Rising, Slower Rate
New Orders	67.5	56.5	-	Rising, Slower Rate
Production	66.5	54.0	-	Rising, Slower Rate
Employment	55.0	54.0	-	Rising, Slower Rate
Stock of Purchases	59.5	53.5	-	Rising, Slower Rate
Suppliers' Delivery Time	55.6	57.1	+	Lengthening, Higher Rate

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Expectations for manufacturing activities over the next three months remain positive, largely underpinned by the anticipated seasonal demand towards the year end.

PMI
Manufacturing
August 2025
55.2



The World Outlook Summary of PMI Manufacturing

Country/Territory	Direction
Global	Rising from Falling
India	Rising, Higher Rate
China	Rising from Falling
US	Rising from Falling
UK	Falling, Higher Rate
Eurozone	Rising from Falling

Source: S&P Global ¹ as of 15 September 2025
(PMI Releases (spglobal.com))

¹S&P Global compiles PMIs for over 40 economies worldwide.

Sri Lanka Purchasing Managers' Index for Services (PMI – Services) recorded an index value of 68.9 in August 2025, indicating a further expansion in services activities, following a similar trend observed in the same period last year.

Business activities continued to expand in August 2025 supported by the improvements observed across many sectors. The expansion was buoyed by strong performance in wholesale and retail trade, other personal services, and accommodation, food and beverage services, which increased amid high tourist arrivals. Furthermore, business activities related to financial services also continued to improve, driven by the increase in lending activities. New Businesses increased in August 2025 primarily due to the expansions observed in wholesale and retail trade, and financial services related activities.

Employment continued to increase in August 2025 reflecting further recruitments in several companies to support ongoing operational requirements. However, Backlogs of Work declined slightly compared to the previous month.

Summary of the PMI - Services Survey

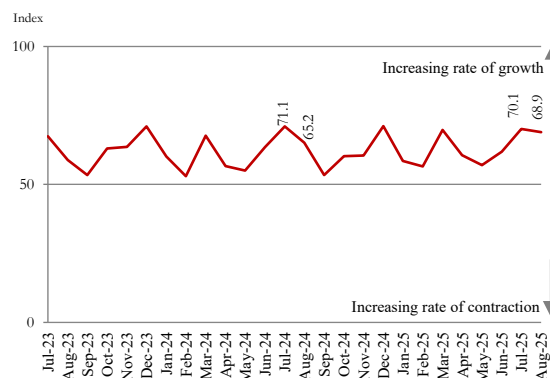
Variable	Jul.	Aug.	+/-	Direction
PMI - Services (Business Activity Index)	70.1	68.9	-	Rising, Slower Rate
New Businesses	64.9	66.8	+	Rising, Higher Rate
Employment	59.8	57.0	-	Rising, Slower Rate
Backlogs of Work	51.1	49.4	-	Falling from Rising
Expectations for Activity	80.7	79.3	-	Rising, Slower Rate

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Expectations for Business Activities over the next three months continued to improve supported by favourable macroeconomic conditions and seasonal factors, including higher tourist arrivals.



PMI - Services (Business Activity Index)



Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

The World Outlook Summary of PMI Services

Country/Territory	Direction
Global	Rising, Slower Rate
India	Rising, Higher Rate
China	Rising, Higher Rate
US	Rising, Slower Rate
UK	Rising, Higher Rate
Eurozone	Rising, Slower Rate

Source: S&P Global ¹ as of 15 September 2025
(PMI Releases ([spglobal.com](https://www.spglobal.com)))

Technical Note

Methodology

Questionnaires are completed in the first half of the succeeding month. For each variable, respondents are asked to report an increase, decrease or no change compared with the previous month, and to provide reasons for any changes. The index compilation and interpretation of indices follow the survey methodology of S&P Global.

PMI – Manufacturing, which is considered as the headline index for Manufacturing, is a weighted average of New Orders, Output, Employment, Suppliers' Delivery Time and Stocks of Purchases.

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

The Index

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

PMI=50 - sector remained neutral on a month-on-month basis

PMI>50 - sector is generally expanding on a month-on-month basis

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

Sample

The sampling frame was based on a list of large companies located in the Western province obtained from the EPF Department. Samples for Manufacturing and Services activities were selected based on the GDP sectoral share, with a target of 100 responses for each.

Definitions of Variables

Employment	: Number of staff working for the organization
Stock 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
Backlogs of Work	: Uncompleted orders
Other variables are self-explanatory.	