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SL Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) – October 2025

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

Sri Lanka Purchasing Managers' Index for Manufacturing (PMI – Manufacturing) recorded a value of 61.0 in October 2025, reflecting an increase in manufacturing activities. This increase was broad-based, with all sub-indices contributing positively to this expansion.

The notable expansion in the New Orders sub-index was driven by the manufacture of food & beverages sector, with many respondents receiving production orders for the upcoming festive season. Moreover, firms enhanced their production during October in response to festive demand, resulting in an increase in the Production sub-index. In addition, the Employment sub-index rebounded and the Stock of Purchases sub-index also increased, in line with the expansions observed in New Orders and Production. Meanwhile, Suppliers' Delivery Time continued to remain lengthened during the period.

Summary of the PMI - Manufacturing Survey

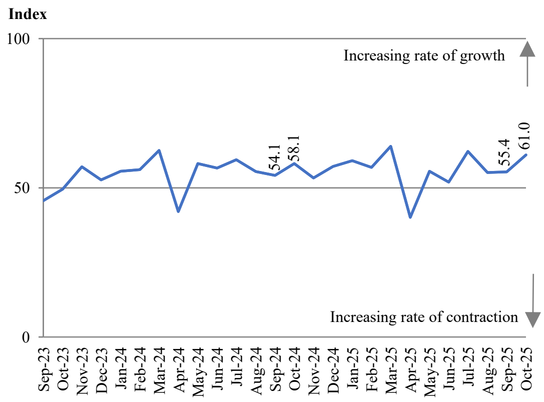
Variable	Sep.	Oct.	+/-	Direction
PMI - Manufacturing	**55.4**	**61.0**	**+**	**Rising, Higher Rate**
New Orders	59.0	64.0	+	Rising, Higher Rate
Production	55.5	62.5	+	Rising, Higher Rate
Employment	46.0	56.0	+	Rising, from Falling
Stock of Purchases	57.5	62.5	+	Rising, Higher Rate
Suppliers' Delivery Time	59.0	58.0	-	Lengthening, Slower Rate

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Expectations for manufacturing performance over the next three months remain positive, reflecting the positive sentiment ahead of the upcoming festive season.

PMI Manufacturing October 2025 — 61.0

PMI - Manufacturing



Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

The World Outlook
Summary of PMI Manufacturing

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

Source: S&P Global [1] as of 17 November 2025 (PMI Releases (spglobal.com))

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

Sri Lanka Purchasing Managers' Index for Services (PMI – Services) recorded an index value of 66.0 in October 2025, indicating an expansion in services activities compared to the previous month.

Business activities expanded at a faster pace in October 2025, reflecting stronger momentum across multiple service sectors. The growth was led by robust performance in wholesale and retail trade. In addition, business activities related to financial services continued to improve, supported by increased lending activities. Other personal service activities and activities related to transportation of goods also contributed positively to the overall expansion.

New Businesses increased in October 2025, with higher demand for wholesale and retail trade, as well as improved activity in financial services.

Employment continued to rise in October 2025, although at a slower pace than in the previous month, as firms adjusted hiring to match operational needs. However, Backlogs of Work continued to decline at the same rate as in September 2025.

Summary of the PMI - Services Survey

Variable	Sep.	Oct.	+/-	Direction
PMI - Services (Business Activity Index)	**58.7**	**66.0**	+	**Rising, Higher Rate**
New Businesses	65.2	61.5	-	Rising, Slower Rate
Employment	53.1	52.5	-	Rising, Slower Rate
Backlogs of Work	47.8	47.8	=	Falling, Same Rate
Expectations for Activity	81.1	84.2	+	Rising, Higher Rate

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Expectations for Business Activities over the next three months strengthened further, supported by favourable macroeconomic conditions, rising tourist arrivals, and an expected increase in demand during the festive season.

PMI
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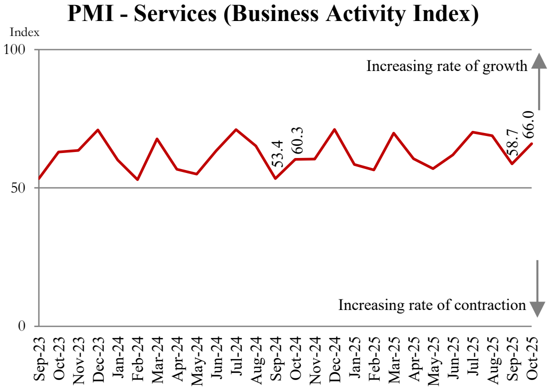
Business Activity Index
66.0
October 2025

PMI - Services (Business Activity Index)



Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

The World Outlook
Summary of PMI Services

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

Source: S&P Global [1] as of 17 November 2025 (PMI Releases (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.