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Sri Lanka PMI - Construction increased in December 2025

The Sri Lanka Purchasing Managers' Index for Construction (PMI – Construction), as reflected by the Total Activity Index, increased to 67.1 in December 2025. A majority of firms reported a notable expansion in construction activities during the reference period, despite initial operational disturbances caused by adverse weather conditions.

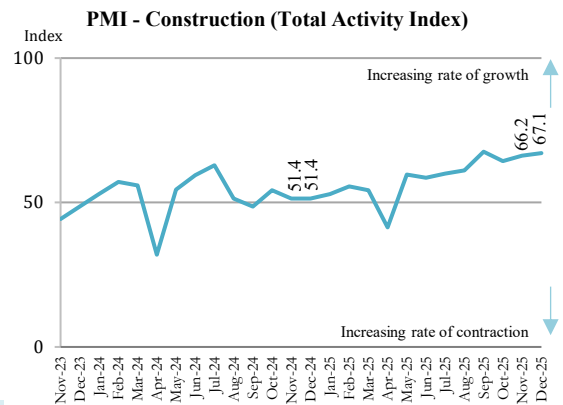
The New Orders Index remained expanded in December. Many firms reported an increase in available projects this month, driven by a rise in both government-funded infrastructure projects and new private-sector developments. Meanwhile, the Employment Index remained at a neutral level, reflecting stable employment conditions during the month. The Quantity of Purchases Index continued to expand, while the Suppliers' Delivery Time Index remained extended during the month.

Summary of the PMI - Construction Survey

| Variable | Nov. | Dec. | +/- | Direction |
|--|-------------|-------------|----------|----------------------------|
| PMI - Construction (Total Activity Index) | 66.2 | 67.1 | + | Rising, Higher Rate |
| New Orders | 64.7 | 67.6 | + | Rising, Higher Rate |
| Employment | 57.4 | 50.0 | - | Neutral from Rising |
| Quantity of Purchases | 58.8 | 54.2 | - | Rising, Slower Rate |
| Suppliers' Delivery Time | 53.0 | 56.9 | + | Lengthening, Higher Rate |

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

The outlook for construction activities in the next quarter remains positive. This optimism is supported by the scheduled commencement of several new projects and favourable weather forecasts in 2026. Additionally, ongoing post-cyclone reconstruction efforts are expected to provide further momentum to the construction activities.



The World Outlook: Summary of PMI Construction

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

Source: S&P Global¹ as of 30 January 2026 (PMI Releases ([spglobal.com](https://www.spglobal.com)))

¹S&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.