

Western Province - largest contributor to the economy

The Western Province continued to be the largest contributor to the economy followed by the Central and the North Western provinces.

Western province continued to account for the largest share as per the Provincial Gross Domestic Product (PGDP) estimated by the Statistics Department of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) for 2018.

The Central and North Western provinces were the second and the third highest contributors, respectively.

The highest increase in PGDP* share on year-on-year basis was reported in Western province. The only other province that reported an increase was North Central province. The shares of the Central, Sabaragamuwa and Uva provinces decreased in 2018, while the shares of North Western, Southern, Eastern and Northern provinces remained unchanged.

Key facts
 Rs. 14,450 bn
 PGDP Share 2018
 Highest: Western Province:
 Share increased on year-on-year basis

* PGDP is estimated by disaggregating the annual nominal Gross Domestic Product (GDP) figures published by the Department of Census and Statistics (DCS), using provincial indicators.

Economic activities within provinces

Services activities played a dominant role in all provinces with a contribution of more than 50 per cent to the PGDP.

Transportation; wholesale and retail trade; and other personal services activities were the key drivers of provincial services activities, which were in line with the trends observed in national GDP.

The contribution from industry activities to PGDP varied from 16.2 in North Central province to 32.8 per cent in Western Province. Construction; manufacture of food, beverages and tobacco products; manufacture of textiles, wearing apparel and leather related products; and mining and quarrying were the main contributors in most of the provinces. Following a similar pattern of the sectoral performance in national GDP, the lowest contribution to PGDP was from agriculture activities in all the provinces, ranging from 2.0 to 16.5 per cent. Eastern province recorded the highest share of 16.5 per cent, which was led by growing of rice; marine fishing and marine aquaculture; and animal production.

Table 1
 Nominal GDP by Province: 2017 - 2018 (Rs. bn)

Province	2017 (a)	2018 (b)
Western	5,086	5,558
Central	1,622	1,710
North Western	1,478	1,593
Southern	1,348	1,440
Sabaragamuwa	1,054	1,097
Uva	776	828
North Central	755	821
Eastern	749	815
Northern	550	588
Sri Lanka	13,418	14,450

a Revised
 b Provisional

Source: CBSL

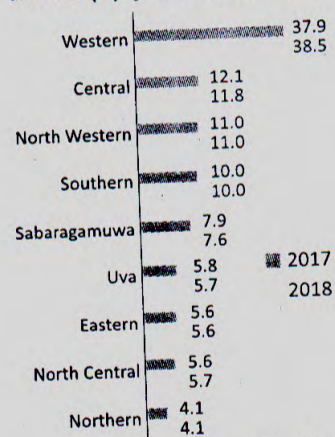
Table 2
 Percentage shares of economic activities* within the province - 2018*

Province	2018		
	Agriculture	Industry	Services
Central	7.9	28.8	55.0
Eastern	16.5	17.7	57.5
North Central	12.2	16.2	63.4
North Western	10.5	27.2	54.0
Northern	15.5	21.4	54.8
Sabaragamuwa	8.9	25.3	57.6
Southern	13.3	16.8	61.6
Uva	13.2	27.6	50.9
Western	2.0	32.8	56.9
Sri Lanka	7.9	27.0	56.8

a. Since the percentage share of taxes and subsidies on product adjustment is not included, the total of agriculture, industry and services percentage shares in each province is not equal to 100.
 b. Provisional

Source: CBSL

Chart 1
 GDP share (%) by Province: 2017 - 2018



Source: CBSL