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Foreword

The 2023 Industrial Data Book represents our commitment to supporting industrialists as they face current economic challenges and strive for sustainable development through improved decision-making. This data book primarily concentrates on the statistical factors that impact economic growth, particularly focusing on export expansion.

The statistical analyses presented in this data book are based on comprehensive statistical data sourced from various institutions, including the Department of Census and Statistics (DCS), the Department of Customs (DoC), the Export Development Board (EDB) and the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL).

Within this publication, you will find statistical references related to both exports and imports. This includes tables featuring productivity indicators derived from manufacturing establishments and the number of individuals employed in each sector, as well as statistics on key indicators of industrial activity spanning from 2016 to 2020. The data also covers the value of outputs and output components, intermediate consumption values, employment breakdowns by nature, economic indicators categorized by industry class, and import and export statistics.

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I firmly believe that the 2023 Industrial Data Book will play a crucial role in shedding light on current and future productivity and economic growth trends within the industrial sectors. It has the potential to significantly influence policymaking in the industry sectors and will be valuable to a wide range of data consumers, including policymakers, economic planners, academics, researchers and other interested parties in the future.

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Overview

As of 2022, the rubber and plastic industry in Sri Lanka remains significant, contributing to the country's economy and employment.

Rubber Industry: Sri Lanka is renowned for its natural rubber production, with rubber plantations covering a substantial area of the country. The rubber industry encompasses various activities including rubber cultivation, processing, and manufacturing of rubber products. Sri Lanka produces high-quality natural rubber, which is used in various industries such as automotive, construction, healthcare, and consumer goods. Rubber processing facilities in Sri Lanka produce raw rubber sheets, latex, and concentrated latex for both domestic consumption and export.

Plastic Industry: The plastic industry in Sri Lanka has experienced significant growth in recent years, driven by increasing demand from sectors such as packaging, construction, automotive, and consumer goods. Sri Lanka imports a substantial amount of plastic raw materials and finished products to meet domestic demand. Local plastic manufacturers produce a wide range of plastic products including packaging materials, pipes and fittings, household items, and industrial components. The industry is gradually transitioning towards eco-friendly and biodegradable plastics in response to environmental concerns and regulatory measures.

Export Market: Both the rubber and plastic industries contribute to Sri Lanka's export earnings through the export of raw materials, processed rubber products, plastic goods, and value-added products. Sri Lankan rubber and plastic products are exported to various international markets, including Asia, Europe, and North America.

Government Support: The Sri Lankan government provides support and incentives to promote the growth and competitiveness of the rubber and plastic industries. Initiatives include research and development support, investment incentives, infrastructure development, and export promotion measures.

Challenges: The rubber and plastic industries face challenges such as fluctuating raw material prices, competition from imported products, technological obsolescence, and environmental concerns related to plastic waste. Efforts to address these challenges include adopting advanced manufacturing technologies, improving efficiency and productivity, and promoting sustainable practices such as recycling and waste management.

Innovation and Technology: Both industries are increasingly adopting innovative technologies and processes to enhance product quality, reduce production costs, and minimize environmental impact. Investments in research and development are aimed at developing new materials, improving manufacturing techniques, and diversifying product offerings.

In summary, the rubber and plastic industries in Sri Lanka continue to play a significant role in the country's economy, providing employment opportunities, contributing to exports, and supporting various sectors. However, the industries face challenges that require continuous innovation, adaptation, and sustainable practices to ensure long-term growth and competitiveness.

Table 1: Rubber and Plastic Product Sector Contributions to the GDP at Current and Constant Market Price (2018 - 2022)

Year	Current		Constant	
	Contribution Value (Rs. Mn)	Share of total Current GDP (%)	Contribution Value (Rs. Mn)	Share of total Constant GDP (%)
2018	100,841	0.66	101,890	0.77
2019	112,302	0.71	98,429	0.75
2020	105,789	0.68	81,182	0.64
2021	146,604	0.83	97,436	0.74
2022	174,028	0.72	67,505	0.56

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

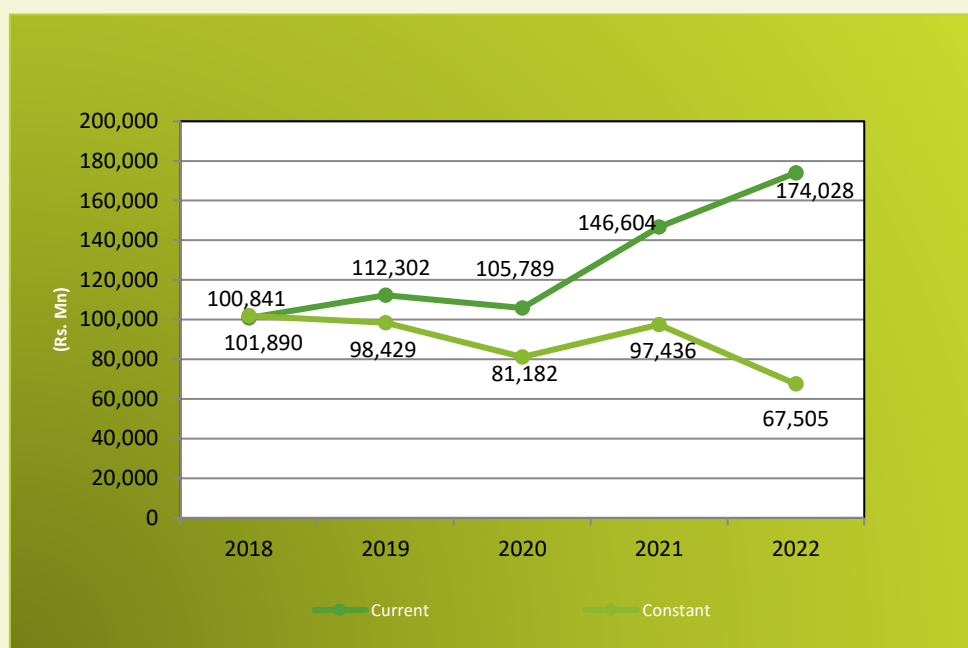


Figure 1: The Contribution of the Rubber and Plastic Products Industry Sector to the GDP

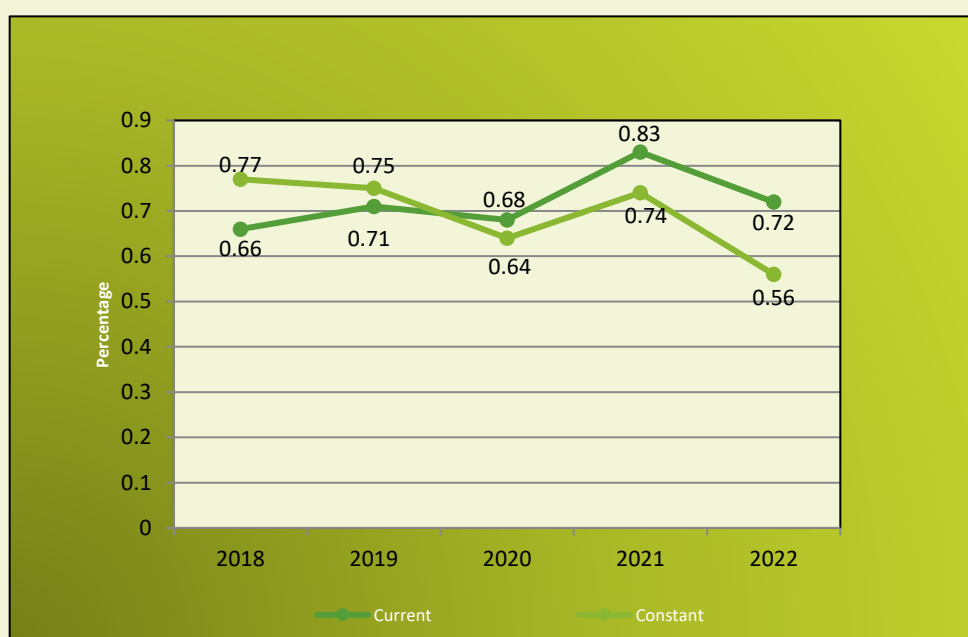


Figure 2: The Share of the Pharmaceutical Products Industry Sector to the GDP

Table 2: Manufacturing Establishments and Number of Persons Engaged of Rubber and Plastic Products Industry (2016-2020)

Year	Establishments less than 25 persons engaged		Establishments 25 or more persons engaged		Total	
	No. of Establishments	No. Persons engaged	No. of Establishments	No. Persons engaged	No. of Establishments	No. Persons engaged
2016	207	1,710	212	37,379	419	39,089
2017	320	2,419	225	35,375	545	37,794
2018	278	3,578	231	35,429	509	39,007
2019	436	3,813	162	41,044	598	44,857
2020	190	2,361	216	35,059	406	37,419

Source: Department of Census and Statistics, Annual Survey of Industries

Table 3: Principal Indicators of Industrial Activity Classified by Persons Engaged Size Class of Rubber and Plastic Products (2016) - (Establishments with 5 or more persons engaged)

2016								
Size Class	No. of Establishments	No. of Persons engaged	No. of Employees	Salary & Wages (Rs.)	Output (Rs.)	Intermediate consumptions (Rs.)	Value added (Rs.)	Gross addition to fixed assets (Rs.)
less than 10	175	1,254	939	155,330,413	1,589,348,100	726,436,628	862,911,472	1,125,267
10 to 99	121	4,388	4,331	854,296,766	10,981,923,266	4,994,019,194	5,987,904,071	232,686,899
100 & above	123	33,447	33,326	13,294,498,530	148,812,260,904	77,820,511,282	70,991,749,621	8,124,894,632
Group total	419	39,089	38,596	14,304,125,709	161,383,532,270	83,540,967,104	77,842,565,164	8,358,706,798

Source: Department of Census and Statistics, Annual Survey of Industries

Table 4: Principal Indicators of Industrial Activity Classified by Persons Engaged Size Class of Pharmaceutical Products (2017) - Establishments with 5 or more persons engaged

2017								
Size Class	No. of Establishments	No. of Persons engaged	No. of Employees	Salary & Wages (Rs.)	Output (Rs.)	Intermediate consumptions (Rs.)	Value added (Rs.)	Gross addition to fixed assets (Rs.)
less than 10	257	1,399	525	108,945,132	1,032,177,875	550,569,663	481,608,212	65,000
10 to 99	171	4,363	4,285	1,133,377,081	5,817,154,111	3,283,774,294	2,533,379,817	329,530,171
100 & above	117	32,032	31,919	12,523,751,161	175,968,023,174	92,102,715,817	83,865,307,356	5,274,938,229
Group total	545	37,794	36,729	13,766,073,374	182,817,355,160	95,937,059,774	86,880,295,385	5,604,533,400

Source: Department of Census and Statistics, Annual Survey of Industries

Table 5: Principal Indicators of Industrial Activity Classified by Persons Engaged Size Class of Pharmaceutical Products (2018) - Establishments with 5 or more persons engaged

2018								
Size Class	No. of Establishments	No. of Persons engaged	No. of Employees	Salary & Wages (Rs.)	Output (Rs.)	Intermediate consumptions (Rs.)	Value added (Rs.)	Gross addition to fixed assets (Rs.)
less than 10	106	625	414	122,177,875	714,807,069	380,919,280	333,887,788	6,306,706
10 to 99	292	8,197	8,043	3,080,037,046	27,436,772,658	15,128,402,761	12,308,369,897	607,557,570
100 & above	111	30,185	30,061	13,083,686,624	167,356,895,581	89,894,785,389	77,462,110,192	6,516,899,727
Group total	509	39,007	38,518	16,285,901,545	195,508,475,308	105,404,107,430	90,104,367,877	7,130,764,003

Source: Department of Census and Statistics, Annual Survey of Industries

Table 6: Principal Indicators of Industrial Activity Classified by Persons Engaged Size Class of Rubber and Plastic Products (2019) - (Establishments with 5 or more persons engaged)

2019								
Size Class	No. of Establishments	No. of Persons engaged	No. of Employees	Salary & Wages (Rs.)	Output (Rs.)	Intermediate consumptions (Rs.)	Value added (Rs.)	Gross addition to fixed assets (Rs.)
less than 10	269	1,621	1,293	144,622,955	1,939,913,649	1,559,307,797	380,605,853	130,000
10 to 99	227	4,430	4,155	1,590,716,625	12,810,718,945	6,572,394,756	6,238,324,189	1,628,425,562
100 & above	102	38,806	38,712	16,831,354,422	182,459,245,354	102,657,699,539	79,801,545,815	8,783,779,995
Group total	598	44,857	44,160	18,566,694,002	197,209,877,948	110,789,402,092	86,420,475,857	10,412,335,557

Source: Department of Census and Statistics, Annual Survey of Industries

Table 7: Principal Indicators of Industrial Activity Classified by Persons Engaged Size Class of Rubber and Plastic Products (2020) - (Establishments with 5 or more persons engaged)

2020								
Size Class	No. of Establishments	No. of Persons engaged	No. of Employees	Salary & Wages (Rs.)	Output (Rs.)	Intermediate consumptions (Rs.)	Value added (Rs.)	Gross addition to fixed assets (Rs.)
less than 10	79	437	179	55,263,000	2,760,532,270	2,455,761,080	304,771,190	130,000
10 to 99	256	9,109	8,859	3,851,421,567	24,717,919,778	11,688,013,936	13,029,905,842	1,500,772,808
100 & above	71	27,873	27,818	13,212,730,006	147,435,312,146	75,895,037,633	71,540,274,513	10,747,457,032
Group total	406	37,419	36,856	17,119,414,573	174,913,764,194	90,038,812,648	84,874,951,545	12,248,359,840

Source: Department of Census and Statistics, Annual Survey of Industries

Table 8: Manufacturing of Rubber and Plastic Products Per Head Labour Productivity and Cost

Year	Per head Labour Cost	Per head Labour Productivity	Labour Cost to Productivity Ratio
2016	370,612	2,016,856	5.44
2017	374,801	2,365,441	6.31
2018	422,813	2,339,280	5.53
2019	420,441	1,956,985	4.66
2020	472,469	4,737,882	10.03

Source: Department of Census and Statistics, Annual Surveys of Industries

Figure 3: Manufacturing of Rubber and Plastic Products Per Head Labour Productivity and Cost



Table 9: Value of Output & Output Components Classified by Rubber and Plastic Products Industry - Establishments 25 or more engaged – Rubber Product

Year	Output (Rs.)	Shipped (Rs.)/ products moved of the establishment (Rs.)	Change in Stocks (Rs.)	Industrial services & other revenue (Rs.)
2016	121,228,829,289	105,059,022,442	(365,730,898)	16,535,537,745
2017	147,090,117,110	136,699,010,691	151,442,522	10,239,663,897
2018	141,934,274,508	129,082,713,766	1,368,370,508	11,483,190,234
2019	147,702,421,003	134,865,709,647	1,945,448,836	10,891,262,520
2020	127,081,992,286	115,946,650,304	1,983,879,679	9,151,462,302

Source: Department of Census and Statistics, Annual Surveys of Industries

Table 10: Value of Output & Output Components Classified by Rubber and Plastic Products Industry - Establishments 25 or more engaged – Plastic Product

Year	Output (Rs.)	Shipped (Rs.)/ products moved of the establishment (Rs.)	Change in Stocks (Rs.)	Industrial services & other revenue (Rs.)
2016	38,093,145,912	37,466,255,339	120,281,939	506,608,634
2017	33,500,467,352	29,192,721,583	(360,282,858)	4,668,028,627
2018	44,857,804,888	40,176,782,644	(724,753,119)	5,405,775,363
2019	41,631,922,168	37,125,326,454	(530,570,696)	5,037,166,410
2020	39,023,436,619	34,139,855,579	(167,466,650)	5,051,047,690

Source: Department of Census and Statistics, Annual Surveys of Industries

Table 11: Value of Intermediate Consumptions & Intermediate Consumptions Components Classified by Rubber and Plastic Products Industry (Establishments with 25 or more persons engaged) – Rubber Product

Year	Intermediate consumption (Rs.)	Raw materials consumed (Rs.)	Cost of industrial services done by others & other payments (Rs.)	Electricity & fuel consumed (Rs.)
2016	58,806,864,422	46,393,951,446	7,854,455,239	4,558,457,738
2017	75,407,248,999	65,793,219,706	6,052,000,747	3,562,028,546
2018	73,350,785,555	62,550,606,794	6,650,704,504	4,149,474,257
2019	82,221,529,060	68,866,741,144	8,829,566,088	4,525,221,828
2020	63,472,696,115	52,805,799,858	7,027,867,911	3,639,028,345

Source: Department of Census and Statistics, Annual Surveys of Industries

Table 12: Value of Intermediate Consumptions & Intermediate Consumptions Components Classified by Rubber and Plastic Products Industry (Establishments with 25 or more persons engaged) – Plastic Product

Year	Intermediate consumption (Rs.)	Raw materials consumed (Rs.)	Cost of industrial services done by others & other payments (Rs.)	Electricity & fuel consumed (Rs.)
2016	23,715,343,020	20,307,354,304	1,787,975,073	1,620,013,643
2017	19,306,140,642	16,375,120,944	1,553,442,351	1,377,577,347
2018	25,914,315,079	21,564,071,480	2,550,396,753	1,799,846,846
2019	23,498,645,414	20,315,522,804	1,681,013,371	1,502,109,239
2020	20,922,799,637	17,566,919,157	1,776,496,415	1,579,384,065

Source: Department of Census and Statistics, Annual Surveys of Industries

Table 13: Employment by Nature of Employment & Gender Classified by Industry Division of Rubber and Plastic Products (Establishment with 25 or more persons engaged) – Rubber Product

Year	Working Proprietors (No.)		Unpaid family workers (No.)		Operatives (No.)		Other employees (No.)		Total persons engaged	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
2016	99	13	-	23	13,049	8,489	4,675	2,183	17,824	10,708
2017	75	15	-	-	12,195	8,511	4,222	1,751	16,492	10,277
2018	68	17	-	-	12,578	7,637	4,707	1,448	17,360	9,101
2019	65	39	-	-	18,477	9,681	4,984	1,576	23,526	11,295
2020	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: Department of Census and Statistics, Annual Surveys of Industries

Table 14: Employment by Nature of Employment & Gender Classified by Industry Division of Rubber and Plastic Products (Establishment with 25 or more persons engaged) – Plastic Product

Year	Working Proprietors (No.)		Unpaid family workers (No.)		Operatives (No.)		Other employees (No.)		Total persons engaged	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
2016	20	1	-	-	3,890	1,923	2,265	748	6,175	2,672
2017	30	13	6	3	3,671	2,390	1,598	895	5,305	3,301
2018	25	20	-	-	4,039	2,047	1,988	849	6,052	2,916
2019	22	13	-	-	3,025	1,088	1,544	531	4,591	1,632
2020	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: Department of Census and Statistics, Annual Surveys of Industries

Table 15: Economic Indicators of Industrial Activity Classified by Class Industry of Rubber and Plastic Products - (Establishments with less than 25 persons engaged)

Year	Output per persons engaged (Rs.)	Output per intermediate consumptions	Output per assets	Value added per persons engaged (Rs.)	Value added per intermediate consumptions	Value added per assets
2016	1,205,589	2.02	1.83	609,823	1.02	0.93
2017	920,409	1.82	0.41	414,620	0.82	0.19
2018	2,436,108	1.42	2.12	720,344	0.42	0.63
2019	2,065,270	1.54	1.79	735,922	0.55	0.64
2020	3,731,500	1.56	3.92	1,340,800	0.56	1.41

Source: Department of Census and Statistics, Annual Surveys of Industries

Table 16: Economic Indicators of Industrial Activity Classified by Class Industry of Rubber and Plastic Products (Establishments with 25 or more persons engaged) - Rubber Product

Year	Output per persons engaged (Rs.)	Output per intermediate consumptions	Output per assets	Value added per persons engaged (Rs.)	Value added per intermediate consumptions	Value added per assets
2016	4,248,895	2.06	2.89	2,187,799	1.06	1.49
2017	5,494,876	1.95	4.32	1,272,390	0.95	2.11
2018	5,363,904	1.94	3.74	2,591,871	0.94	1.81
2019	4,241,684	1.80	3.31	1,880,465	0.80	1.47
2020	4,567,900	2.00	3.27	2,286,400	1.00	1.63

Source: Department of Census and Statistics, Annual Surveys of Industries

Table 17: Economic Indicators of Industrial Activity Classified by Class Industry of Rubber and Plastic Products (Establishments with 25 or more persons engaged) - Plastic Product

Year	Output per persons engaged (Rs.)	Output per intermediate consumptions	Output per assets	Value added per persons engaged (Rs.)	Value added per intermediate consumptions	Value added per assets
2016	4,305,839	1.61	1.36	1,625,188	0.61	0.51
2017	3,892,663	1.74	1.81	2,150,757	0.74	0.77
2018	5,001,985	1.73	1.75	2,112,343	0.73	0.74
2019	6,690,406	1.77	1.68	2,914,086	0.77	0.73
2020	5,391,600	1.87	1.79	2,500,800	0.87	0.83

Source: Department of Census and Statistics, Annual Surveys of Industries

Table 18: Categories of Employees by Nature of Employment Classified by Industry of Rubber and Plastic Products

Year	Establishments with 25 or more persons engaged			Establishments with less than 25 persons engaged		
	Employees (No.)	Skilled (No.)	Unskilled (No.)	Employees (No.)	Skilled (No.)	Unskilled (No.)
2016	37,222	20,178	7,172	1,374	1,009	108
2017	35,234	20,467	6,301	1,495	1,032	202
2018	35,299	21,170	5,131	3,219	1,848	567
2019	40,906	24,879	7,392	3,254	1,452	1,185
2020	34,850	20,927	5,698	2,007	1,273	443

Source: Department of Census and Statistics, Annual Surveys of Industries

Table 19: Rubber and Plastic Products Import (2020 - 2022)

Description	Unit	2020		2021		2022	
		Quantity	Value (Rs.)	Quantity	Value (Rs.)	Quantity	Value (Rs.)
Plastics and articles thereof	Kg	406,802,150	113,284,740,763	436,742,227	168,968,579,120	331,307,521	226,302,794,788
Plastics and articles thereof	No	-	-	-	-	600,000	29,126,480
Rubber and articles thereof.	Kg	154,341,810	44,162,945,279	198,680,636	84,502,428,467	178,868,034	112,184,321,792
Rubber and articles thereof.	No	3,470,094	8,062,208,949	4,029,765	16,542,172,778	2,851,253	13,665,885,108
Total	Kg	561,143,960	157,447,686,042	635,422,863	253,471,007,587	510,175,556	338,487,116,580
Total	No	3,470,094	8,062,208,949	4,029,765	16,542,172,778	2,851,253	13,665,885,108

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

Table 20: Rubber and Plastic Products Re-Export (2022)

Description	Unit	2022	
		Quantity	Value (Rs.)
Plastics and articles thereof	Kg	366,747	462,647,922
Rubber and articles thereof.	Kg	281,708	196,159,573
Rubber and articles thereof.	No	2,944	442,035,505
Total	Kg	648,455	658,807,495
Total	No	2,944	442,035,505

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

Table 21: Rubber and Plastic Products Export (2020 - 2022)

Description	Unit	2020		2021		2022	
		Quantity	Value (Rs.)	Quantity	Value (Rs.)	Quantity	Value (Rs.)
Plastics and articles thereof	Kg	27,496,713	32,608,366,957	27,792,874	15,646,252,255	21,080,268	19,206,937,873
Rubber and articles thereof.	Kg	87,738,082	72,687,652,598	84,622,893	98,992,616,007	115,801,109	327,276,050,449
Rubber and articles thereof.	No	30,193,777	78,391,996,668	48,715,574	118,359,056,751	34,845,001	192,365,525,156
Total	Kg	115,234,795	05,296,019,555	112,415,767	114,638,868,262	136,881,377	346,482,988,322
Total	No	30,193,777	78,391,996,668	48,715,574	118,359,056,751	34,845,001	192,365,525,156

Source: Sri Lanka Customs