



Socioeconomic



Population¹

21 960.00 (2024)



Life expectancy at birth²

77 (2023)



GDP/capita (current US\$)³

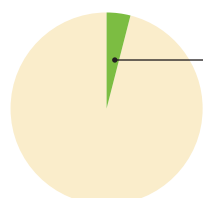
US\$ 4516 (2024)



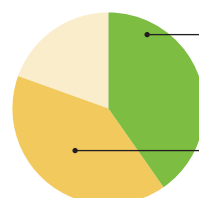
Spending on health⁴

Current health expenditure (CHE)/capita (current US\$)⁴

US\$ 146 (2022)



4% (2025)
Current health expenditure as share of GDP⁵



40.27% (2022)
Government health expenditure (% of CHE)
40.22% (2022)
Out-of-pocket expenditure (% of CHE)



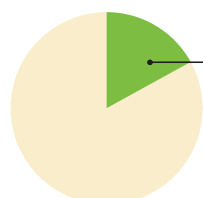
Spending on pharmaceuticals

Government pharmaceutical expenditure⁶

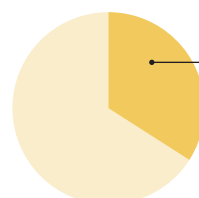
LKR 140 B

Government pharmaceutical expenditure/capita

LKR 51 000



17%
Pharmaceutical expenditure (% of CHE)⁶



34.05%
Share of out-of-pocket expenditure on pharmaceuticals⁷



Medical and pharmacy workforce

Medical doctors/
10 000 population⁸

11.36 (2023)

Pharmacists/
10 000 population⁹

1.09 (2023)

Pharmacy education
accreditation¹⁰

Yes

Continuing professional
development for pharmacists

No



Pharmaceutical legislation and policy

1961 ● Ayurveda Act No.31

1980 ● Regulations of Cosmetics, Devices and Drugs Act No. 27

2006 ● National Medicinal Drug Policy

2014 ● National Immunization Policy

2015 ● National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5

2017–2022 ● National Strategic Plan for Combating AMR

2025–2030 ● Sri Lanka National Medicines Policy 2025-2030 (draft)



Intellectual property rights

☒ TRIPS flexibilities incorporated into the law¹¹

☐ TRIPS flexibilities utilized

No data



Rational use and antimicrobial resistance

% of market share of non-EML products

No data

WHO Global Antimicrobial Resistance and Use Surveillance System enrollment:

No

Total consumption of antibiotics:

No data

FDC sales in the private market

No data

Number of antibiotics on the private market

	Total	AWaRe			Not recommended
		Access	Watch	Reserve	
Single drugs			No data		
FDCs			No data		

Market entry

National Regulatory Authority¹²

National Medicines Regulatory Authority (NMRA)

Website: <http://nmra.gov.lk/>

Staff: No data

Annual budget: No data

Products regulated¹²

☒ Medicines ☒ Biologicals ☒ Medical devices ☒ Traditional medicines

Licensing of establishments¹²

☒ Manufacturers ☒ Importers ☒ Exporters ☒ Wholesellers ☒ Distributors ☒ Retailers

National Medicines Quality Control Laboratory

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☐ ISO 17025 certified

☐ WHO prequalified

Rational selection

Body responsible for selection of medical products¹³

Medical Supplies Division, Ministry of Health

☐ HTA used in the selection process

☐ NEML incorporated AWaRE list

☒ Medicines listed by level of care¹⁴

☐ Traditional medicines included

National Essential Medicines List (number of active ingredient)¹⁴

2013–2014
361

National Medicines Formulary¹³

2020–2021

National Essential Diagnostics List: No

Purchasing



Public sector

☒ Procurement: Centralized

Agency responsible for procurement¹⁵: State Pharmaceuticals Corporation of Sri Lanka

LMIS used⁴: State Pharmaceuticals Corporation of Sri Lanka

Frequency of tender: No data

Private sector

☒ Social Health Insurance

Name of SHI scheme: No data

Population coverage: No data

Number of products covered: No data

Pricing regulation

Pricing regulatory authority¹²

National Medicines Regulatory Authority (NMRA)

Public sector

Tendering¹⁶: Yes

Private sector

Maximum retail price¹⁶: Yes, through MRP

Number of price controlled products¹²: All products registered by NMRA

No data

Market distribution



Estimated pharmaceutical market value

No data

Public

Tertiary hospitals: 51

Secondary hospitals: 81

PHC facilities: 1027

Private

Manufacturers¹⁷: 43

Importers: 180

Wholesellers/distributors: 855

Retail pharmacies: 4803

Market exit



Legal provision for

☒ Cancellation of licences of pharmaceutical establishments¹²

☒ Cancellation of marketing authorization of products¹²

☒ Initiating product recalls and withdrawals¹²

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