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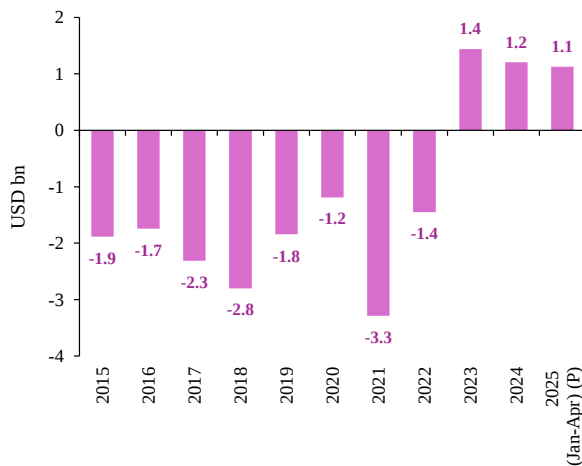
Current Account

Summary of Current Account (a)

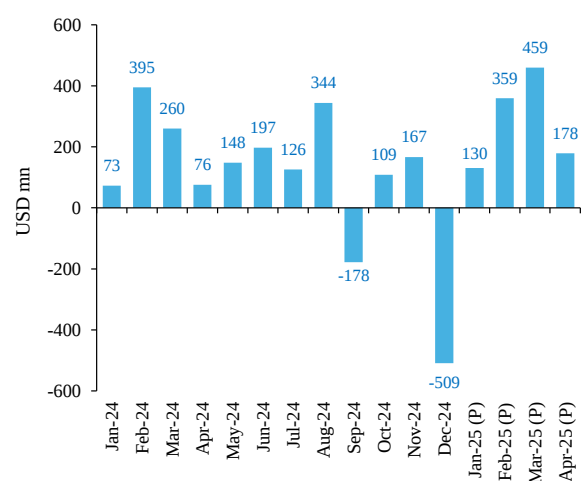
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Current Account Balance	75.9	178.5	135.0	803.5	1,127.4	40.3
Trade Balance	-557.7	-717.5		-1,777.1	-2,257.1	
Merchandise Exports	877.6	968.4	10.4	4,056.1	4,315.8	6.4
Merchandise Imports	1,435.2	1,685.9	17.5	5,833.2	6,572.9	12.7
Services Account (net)	301.4	368.2	22.1	1,456.3	1,588.2	9.1
Services Account - Inflows	558.4	602.5	7.9	2,419.7	2,637.6	9.0
Services Account - Outflows	256.9	234.3	-8.8	963.4	1,049.4	8.9
Primary Income Account (net)	-200.1	-107.1	-46.5	-912.6	-613.2	-32.8
Primary Income Account - Inflows	42.5	83.0	95.4	157.1	261.3	66.3
Primary Income Account - Outflows	242.6	190.1	-21.6	1,069.7	874.5	-18.2
Secondary Income Account (net)	532.3	634.8	19.3	2,036.8	2,409.5	18.3
Secondary Income Account - Inflows	545.2	646.9	18.7	2,082.9	2,463.7	18.3
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Current Account Balance - Annual

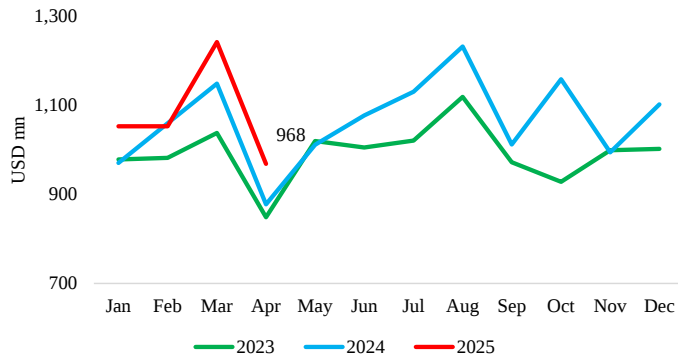


Current Account Balance - Monthly

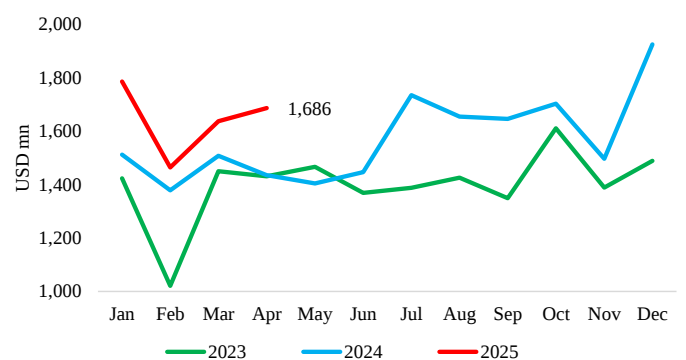


Merchandise Trade Highlights

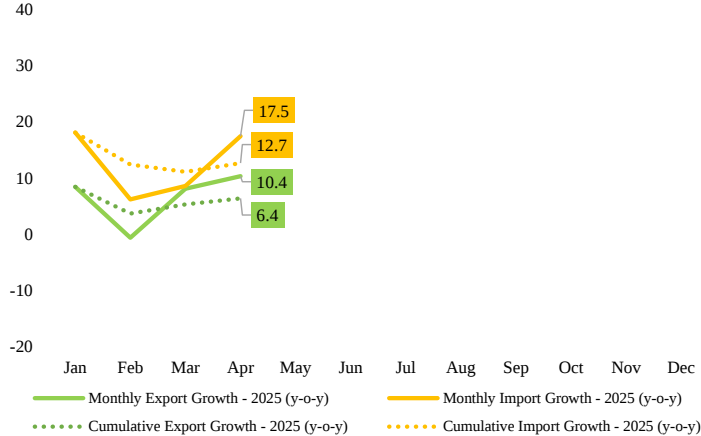
Monthly Export Performance



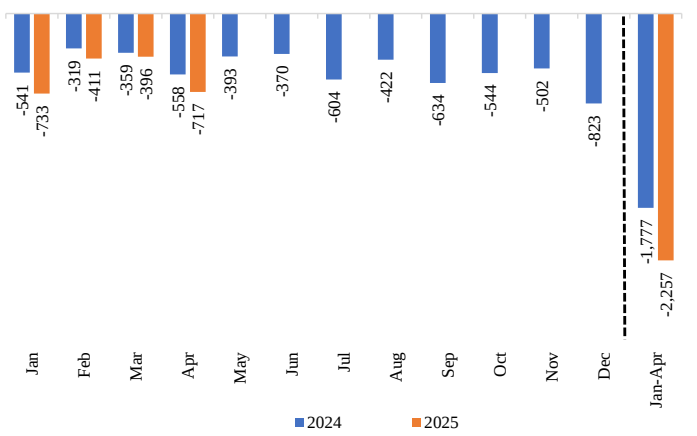
Monthly Import Performance



Export and Import (y-o-y) Growth Rates (%)



Trade Balance (USD mn)



Major Merchandise Export and Import Categories - January - April 2025

Exports (USD mn)

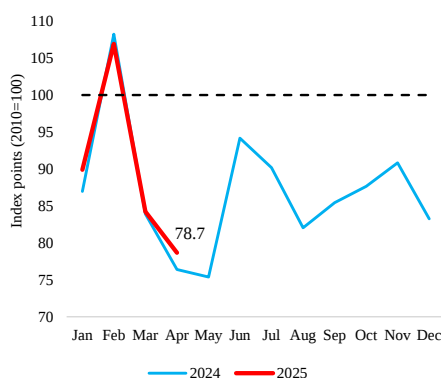
Textiles and garments	1,751.8
Tea	478.3
Petroleum products	324.3
Rubber products	301.2
Food beverages and tobacco	258.0
Coconut	155.0
Machinery and mechanical appliances	145.6
Spices	140.8
Gems, diamonds and jewellery	122.9
Chemical products	103.8

Imports (USD mn)

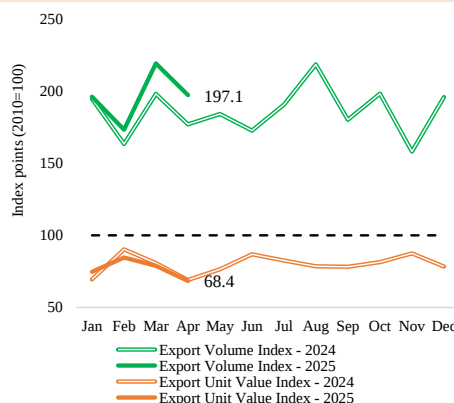
Fuel	1,411.4
Textiles and textile articles	895.2
Machinery and equipment	843.0
Chemical products	333.2
Building material	326.8
Plastics and articles thereof	205.4
Medical and pharmaceuticals	204.3
Vegetables	165.3
Sugar and confectionery	159.8
Personal Vehicles	141.8

Terms of Trade and Merchandise Trade Indices (in USD terms)

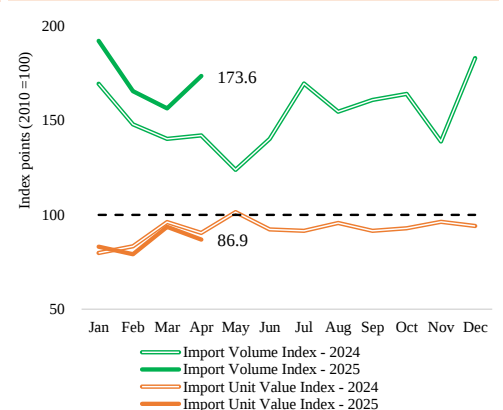
Terms of Trade



Export Volume and Unit Value Indices

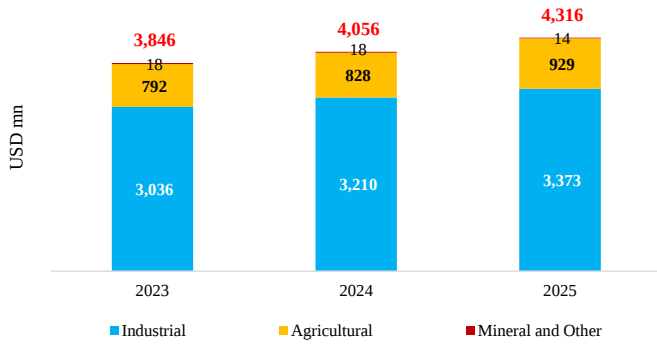


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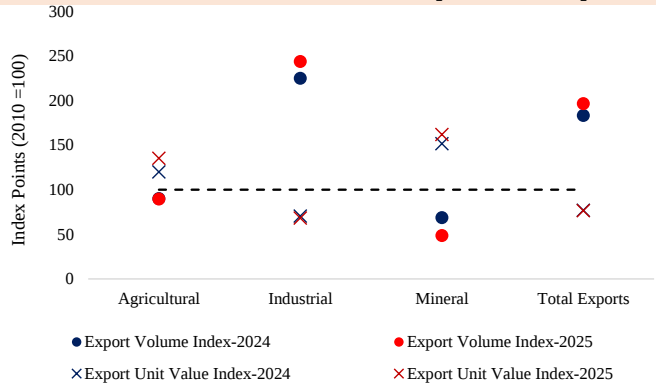


Merchandise Export Performance

Export Performance - Jan. - Apr.

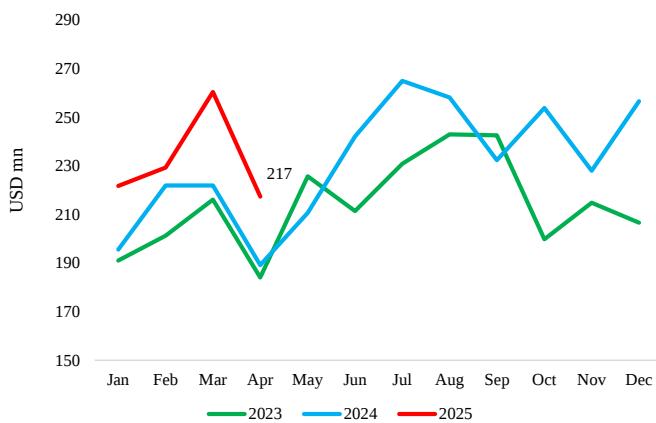


Volume and Unit Value Indices of Exports - Jan. - Apr.

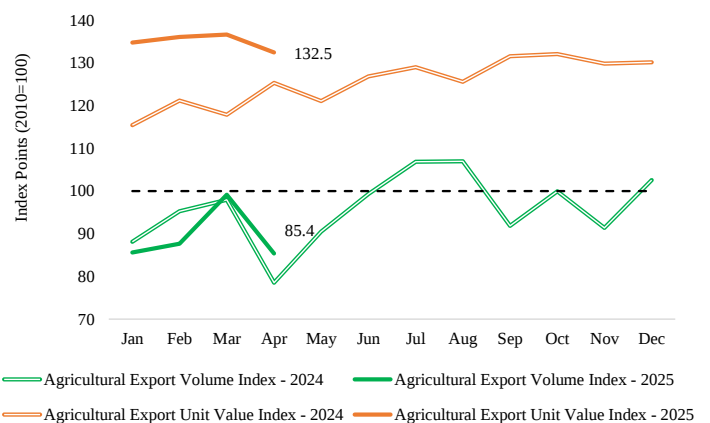


Agricultural Exports

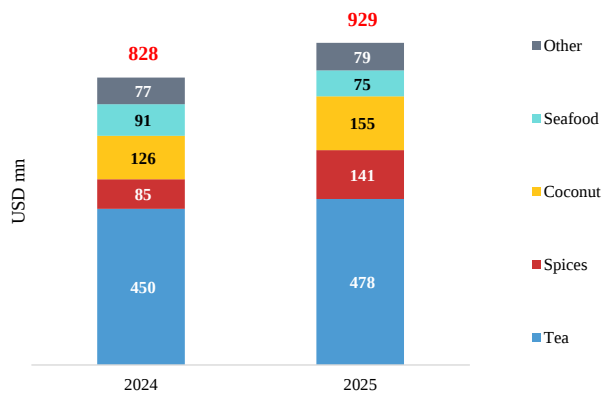
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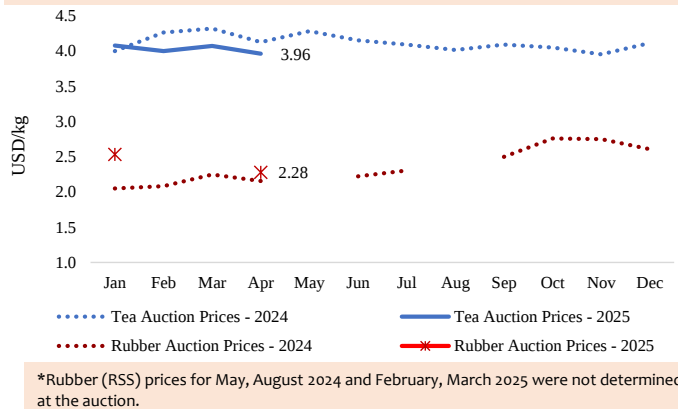
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Agricultural Exports



Performance of Agricultural Exports - Jan. - Apr.



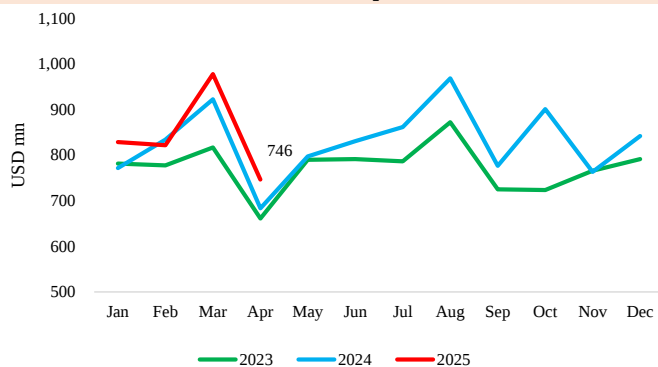
Tea and Rubber Prices



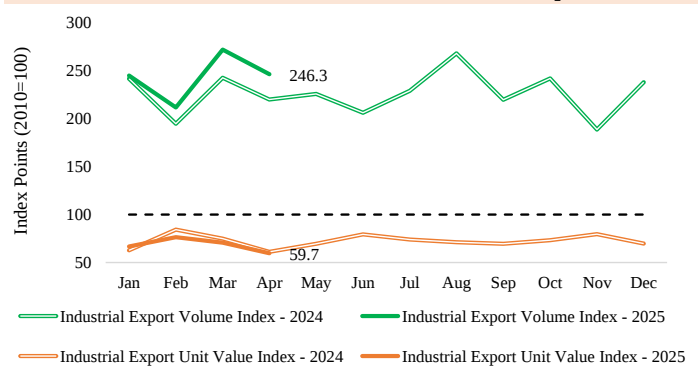
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Industrial Exports

Industrial Exports

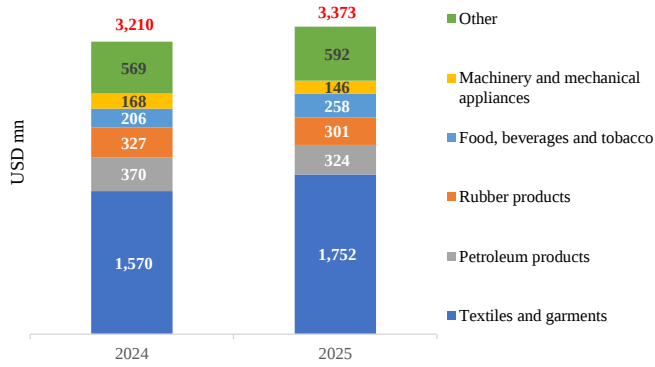


Volume and Unit Value Indices of Industrial Exports

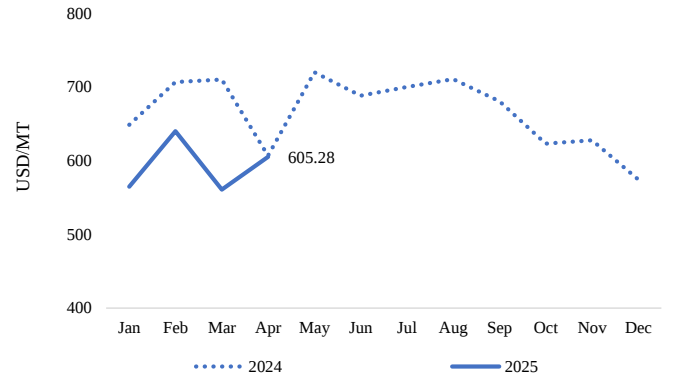


Industrial Exports (Continued...)

Performance of Industrial Exports - Jan. - Apr.

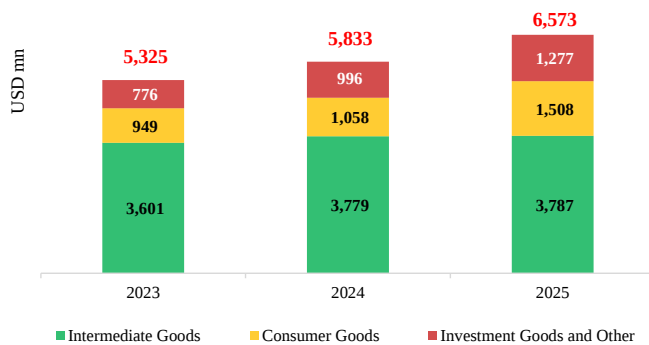


Bunker and Aviation Fuel Export Prices



Merchandise Import Performance

Import Performance - Jan. - Apr.

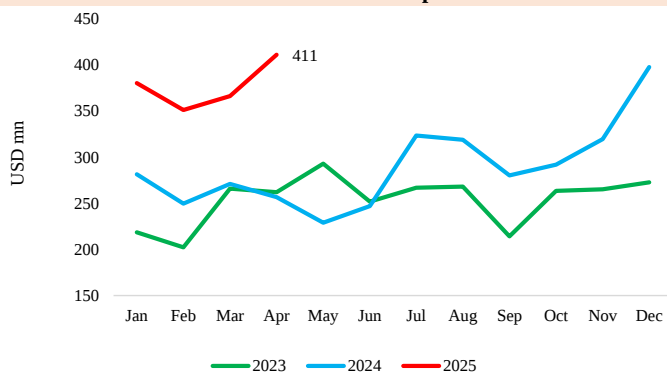


Volume and Unit Value Indices of Imports - Jan. - Apr.

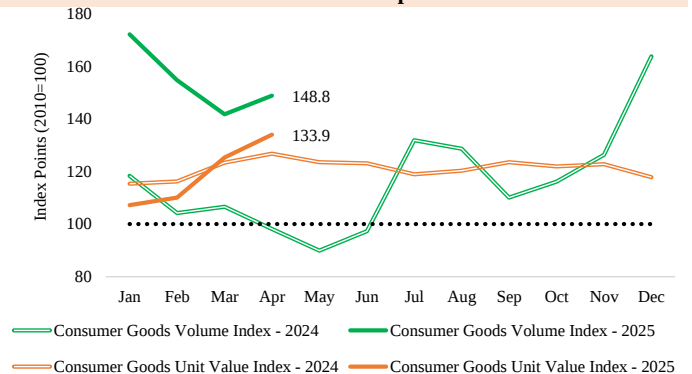


Consumer Goods Imports

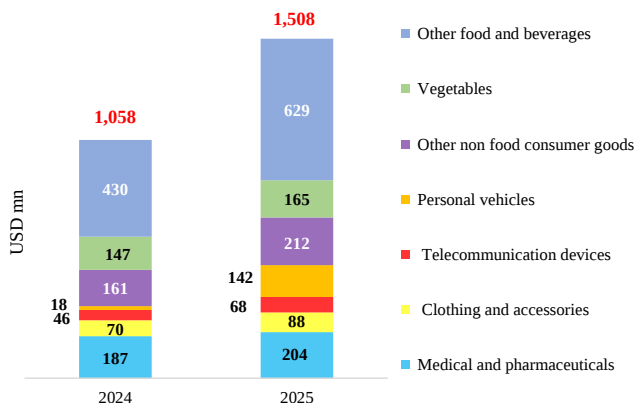
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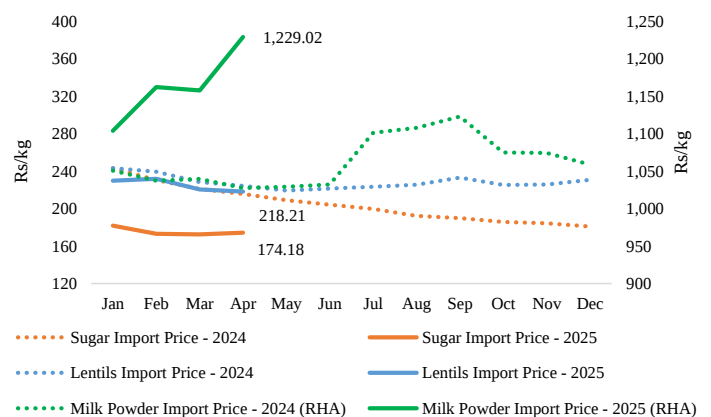
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Imports of Consumer Goods



Performance of Consumer Goods Imports - Jan. - Apr.

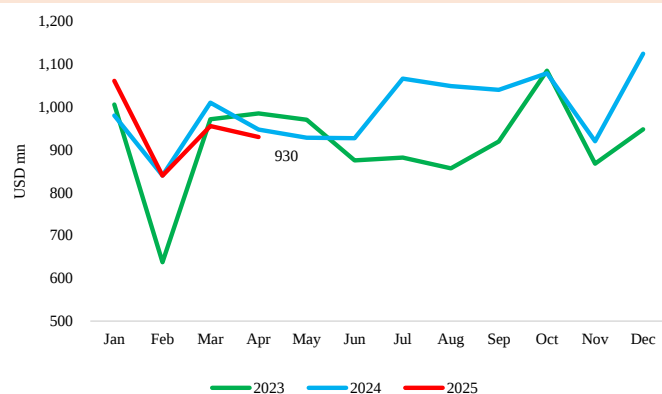


Average Import Prices of Sugar, Lentils and Milk Powder

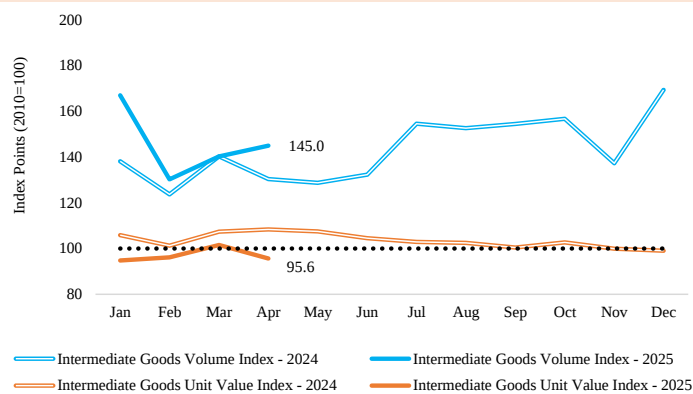


Intermediate Goods Imports

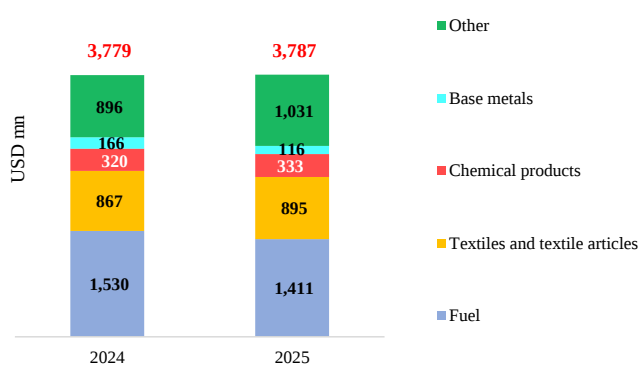
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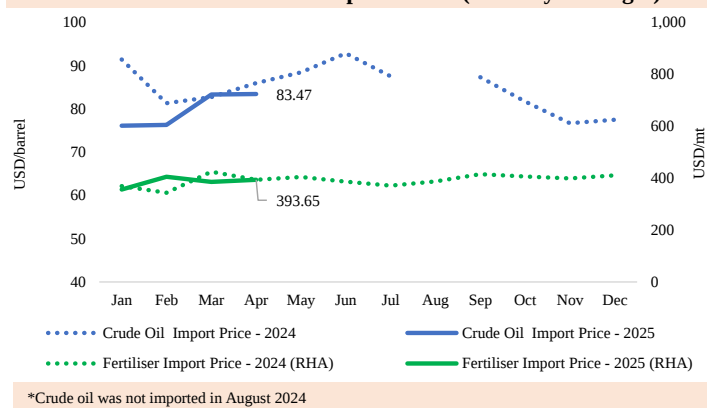
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Intermediate Goods Imports



Performance of Intermediate Goods Imports - Jan. - Apr.



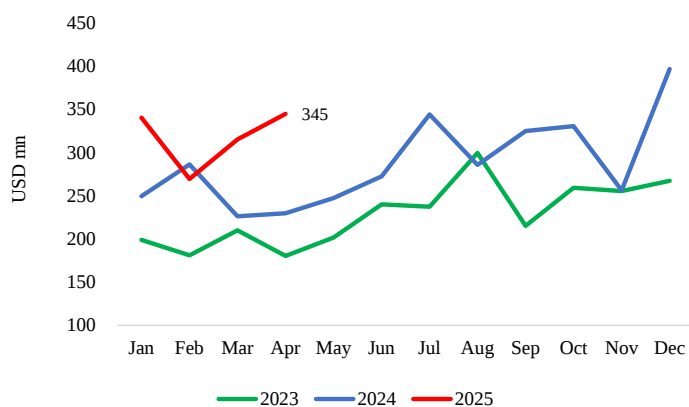
Crude Oil and Fertiliser Import Prices (Monthly Averages)



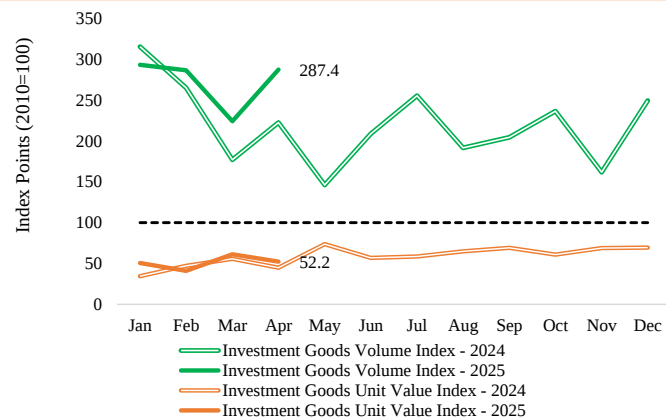
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Investment Goods Imports

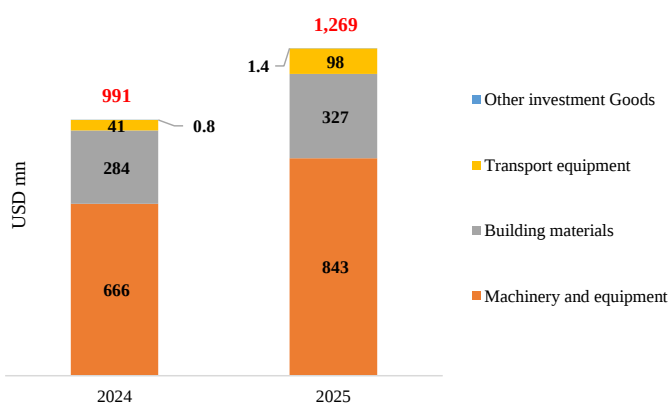
Imports of Investment Goods



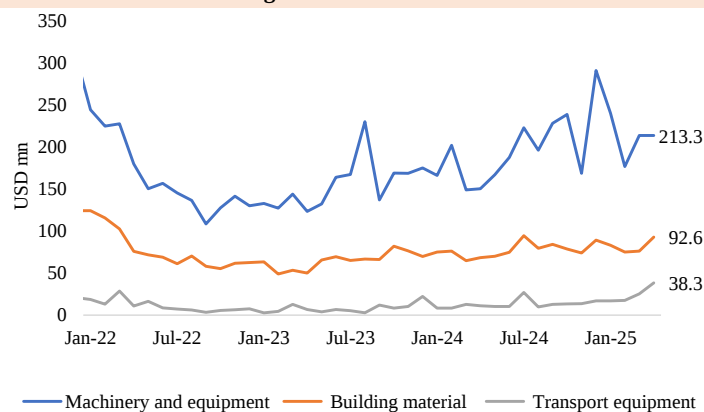
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Investment Goods Imports



Performance of Investment Goods Imports -Jan. - Apr.



Sub Categories of Investment Goods



Summary of Merchandise Trade Statistics - as per Central Bank Sri Lanka's Merchandise Trade Classification (a)							
Export Performance (USD mn)							
Item		Apr-24	Apr-25	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Apr 2024	Jan-Apr 2025	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Agricultural Exports		189.1	217.3	14.9	828.4	928.6	12.1
o/w	Tea	95.5	107.3	12.4	450.2	478.3	6.2
	Coconut	30.0	34.1	13.4	125.6	155.0	23.4
	Spices	17.9	23.9	33.6	84.7	140.8	66.3
	Seafood	26.8	26.7	-0.3	90.7	75.0	-17.3
Industrial Exports		683.2	746.2	9.2	3,210.1	3,373.1	5.1
o/w	Textiles and garments	321.7	365.3	13.6	1,570.0	1,751.8	11.6
	Rubber products	65.1	59.1	-9.3	326.9	301.2	-7.9
	Petroleum products	90.6	65.3	-27.9	369.8	324.3	-12.3
	Food, beverages and tobacco	44.4	57.5	29.5	206.3	258.0	25.0
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	35.3	34.5	-2.3	168.1	145.6	-13.3
	Gems, diamonds and jewellery	29.8	30.7	3.3	142.7	122.9	-13.8
	Leather, travel goods and footwear	6.8	4.2	-38.6	19.7	18.0	-8.8
Mineral and Other Exports		5.2	4.9	-6.6	17.6	14.1	-19.5
Total Exports		877.6	968.4	10.4	4,056.1	4,315.8	6.4
Import Performance (USD mn)							
Item		Apr-24	Apr-25	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Apr 2024	Jan-Apr 2025	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Consumer goods		256.5	410.9	60.2	1,058.5	1,508.3	42.5
Food and beverages		139.6	159.7	14.4	577.2	794.1	37.6
o/w	Vegetables (b)	44.3	38.6	-12.8	147.0	165.3	12.4
	Rice	3.2	1.2	-62.2	25.5	57.0	123.4
Non-food consumer goods		117.0	251.2	114.8	481.2	714.2	48.4
o/w	Medical and Pharmaceuticals	49.4	59.6	20.8	186.7	204.3	9.4
Intermediate goods		947.6	930.1	-1.8	3,778.5	3,787.2	0.2
o/w	Fuel	359.6	354.7	-1.4	1,529.7	1,411.4	-7.7
	Textiles and textile articles	208.4	217.3	4.3	866.9	895.2	3.3
	Fertiliser	5.1	12.7	147.9	23.9	64.0	168.3
	Wheat and maize	44.5	9.4	-78.8	73.6	92.2	25.3
Investment goods and other		231.1	344.8	49.2	996.2	1,277.4	28.2
o/w	Machinery and equipment	150.0	213.3	42.2	666.3	843.0	26.5
Total Imports		1,435.2	1,685.9	17.5	5,833.2	6,572.9	12.7
Trade Balance (USD mn)							
Item		Apr-24	Apr-25		Jan-Apr 2024	Jan-Apr 2025	
Trade Balance		-557.7	-717.5		-1,777.1	-2,257.1	
Trade Indices and Terms of Trade (2010 = 100) (In USD terms)							
Item		Apr-24	Apr-25	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Apr 2024	Jan-Apr 2025	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Export							
Value index		122.1	134.8	10.4	141.1	150.2	6.4
Volume index		176.9	197.1	11.4	183.2	196.4	7.2
Unit value index		69.1	68.4	-1.0	77.0	76.5	-0.7
Import							
Value index		128.5	150.9	17.5	130.5	147.1	12.7
Volume index		142.1	173.6	22.1	149.9	171.9	14.7
Unit value index		90.4	86.9	-3.8	87.0	85.5	-1.7
Terms of Trade		76.4	78.7	3.0	88.5	89.4	1.0

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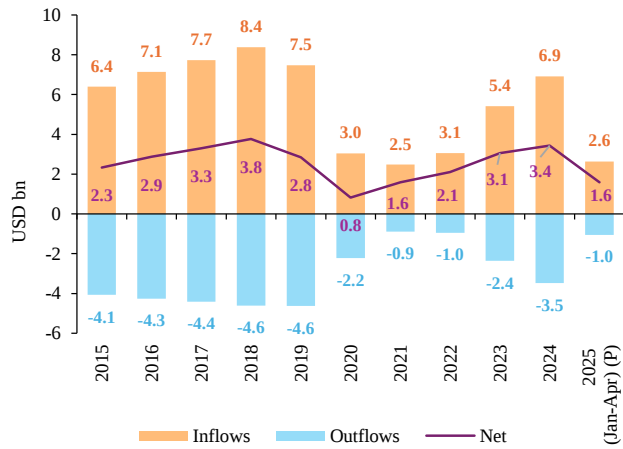
(b) includes lentils, onions, potatoes, leguminous vegetables and others

Note 1: Detailed CBSL merchandise trade classification and the classification based on the Standard International Trade Classification are presented in Annexure.

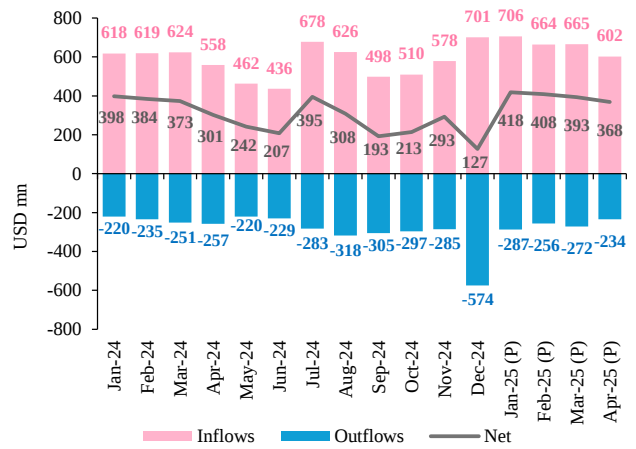
Note 2: Longer series of Merchandise Trade data can be accessed through : <https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/en/statistics/statistical-tables/external-sector>

Services Account

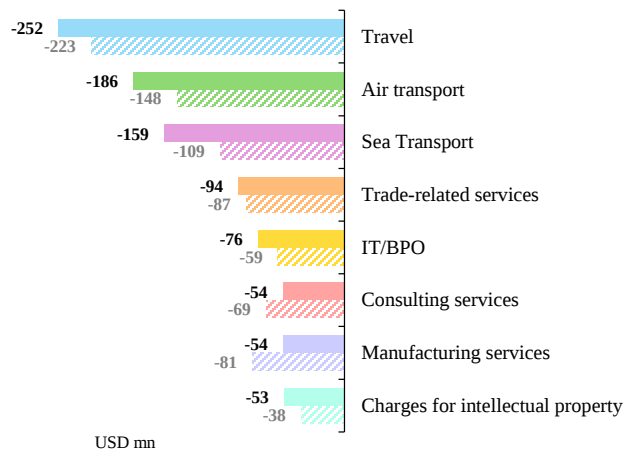
Services Account - Annual



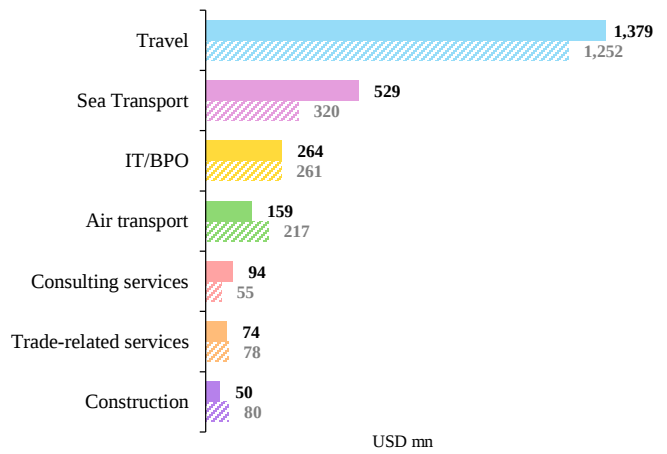
Services Account - Monthly



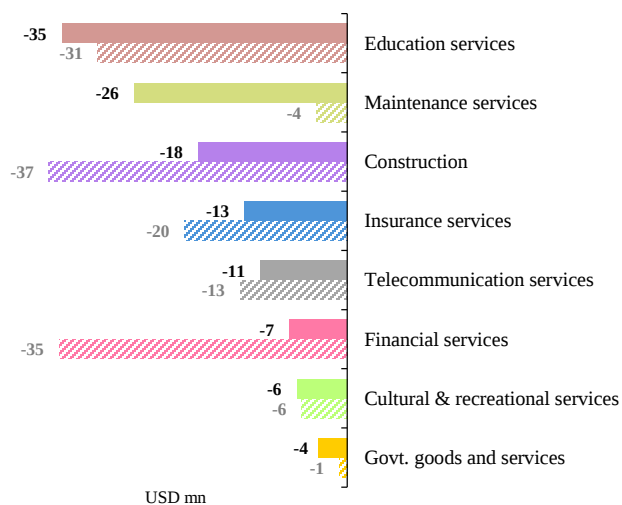
Major Services Outflows



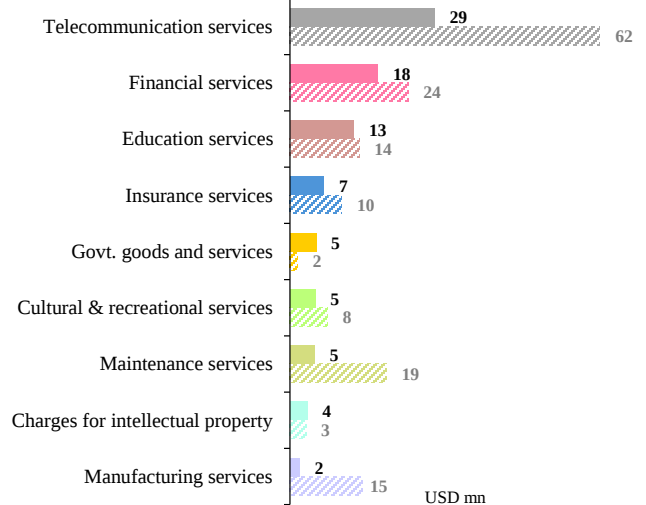
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Minor Services Outflows



Minor Services Inflows



Jan-Apr 2024

Jan-Apr 2025 (P)

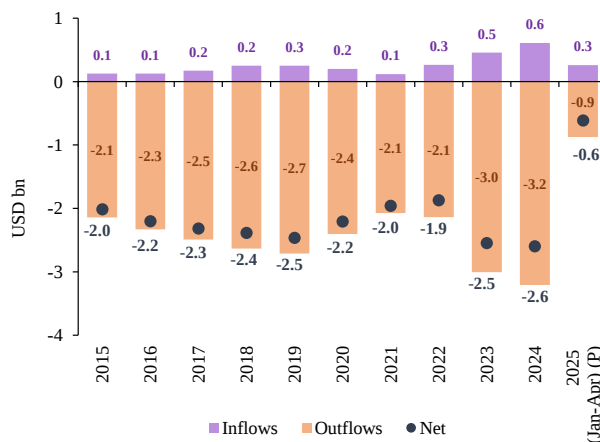
Primary Income Account

Summary of Primary Income Account (a)

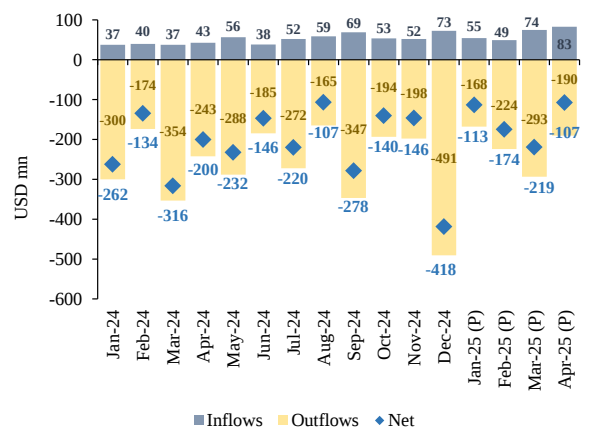
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<i>of which,</i>						
Direct Investment related Outflows	44.8	65.5	46.1	238.6	343.2	43.8
Dividends	34.8	47.1	35.3	194.8	257.6	32.3
Reinvested Earnings	10.0	18.4	83.7	43.9	85.5	94.9
Portfolio Investment related Outflows	95.6	57.1	-40.3	310.1	210.9	-32.0
<i>of which,</i>						
Government Bond Outflows	85.2	37.7	-55.7	281.5	145.9	-48.2
Other Investment Interest	100.5	64.8	-35.6	514.9	311.0	-39.6
Interest on Foreign Loans						
Government	73.3	45.7	-37.6	382.1	197.0	-48.4
Central Bank	18.0	9.6	-46.6	93.0	57.3	-38.4
Deposit-taking Corporations	7.6	1.8	-75.9	30.7	7.9	-74.1
Other Sectors	1.6	7.6	363.8	9.1	48.8	435.4

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Primary Income Account - Annual



Primary Income Account - Monthly

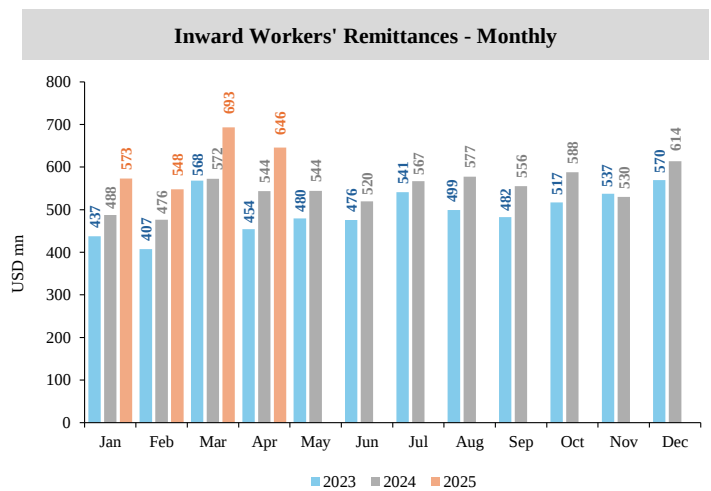
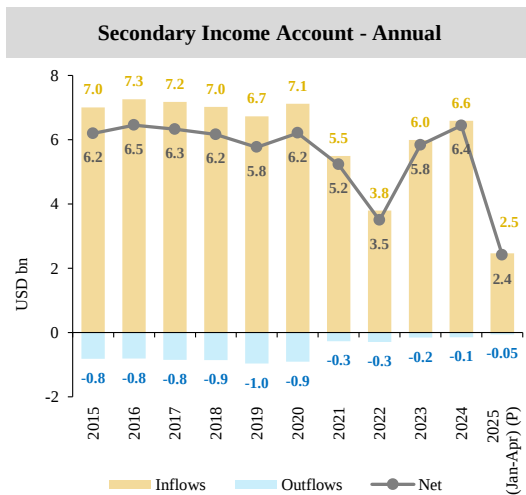


Secondary Income Account

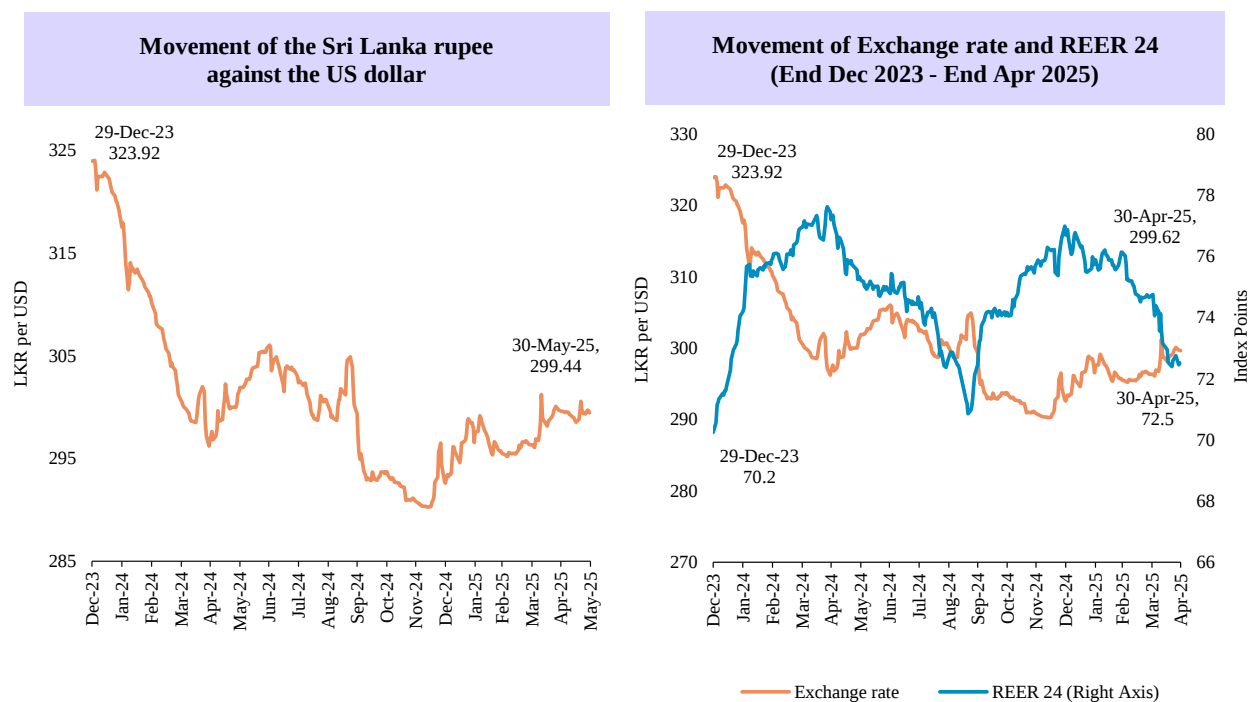
Summary of Secondary Income Account (a)

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Secondary Income Account Inflows	545.2	646.9	18.7	2,082.9	2,463.7	18.3
General Government	1.4	0.8	-40.5	3.0	3.1	4.5
Worker's Remittances	543.8	646.1	18.8	2,079.9	2,460.5	18.3
Secondary Income Account Outflows	12.9	12.1	-6.2	46.1	54.1	17.4

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Exchange Rate Movements (a)



Movement of the Sri Lanka rupee against Selected Currencies *

Currency	2023	2024	2025 (up to 30 May)
US dollar	12.1%	10.7%	-2.3%
Euro	7.9%	17.8%	-10.4%
Pound sterling	6.0%	12.3%	-9.0%
Chinese yuan (Renminbi)	14.3%	13.9%	-3.8%
Japanese yen	19.5%	22.5%	-10.1%
Australian dollar	10.8%	21.7%	-5.3%
Indian rupee	12.6%	13.9%	-2.5%

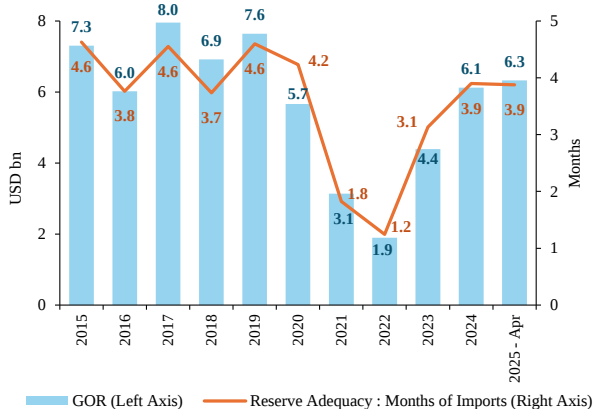
* Depreciation (-) / Appreciation (+)

(a) Historical data on exchange rate is published in the CBSL website and can be accessed via the following link.

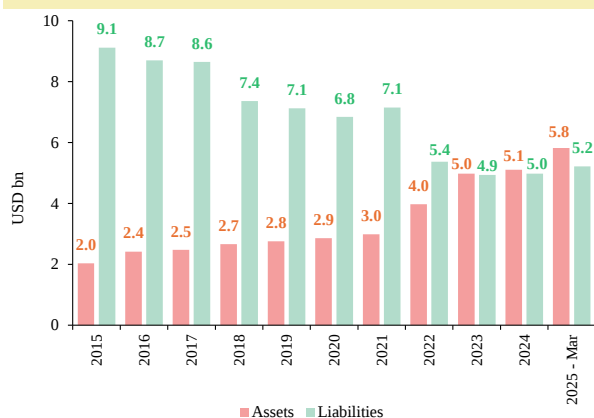
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Financial Flows and International Reserves

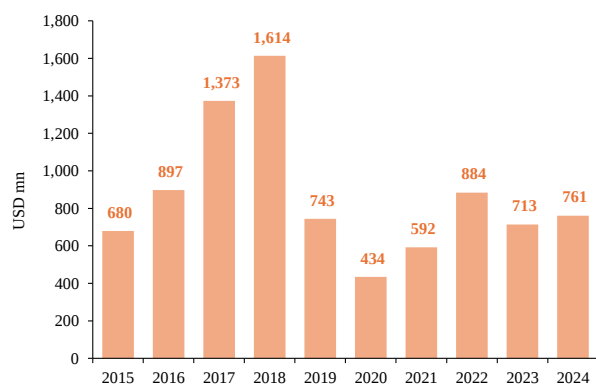
Gross Official Reserves (GOR) and Reserve Adequacy - End Period (a)



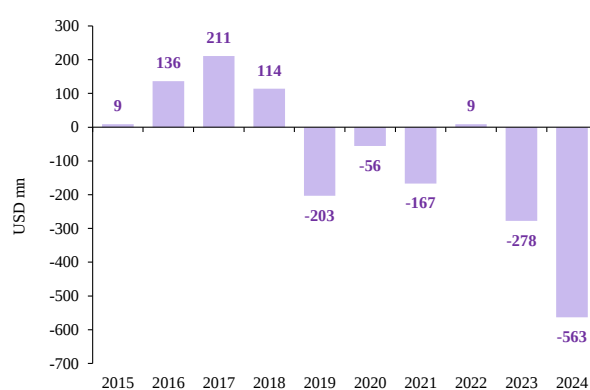
Foreign Assets and Liabilities of the Banking Sector



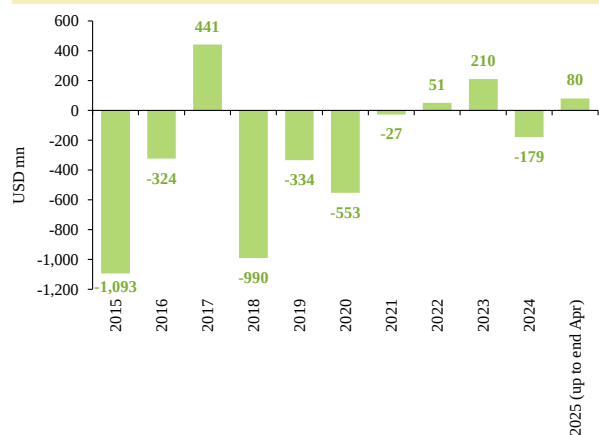
Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) (b)



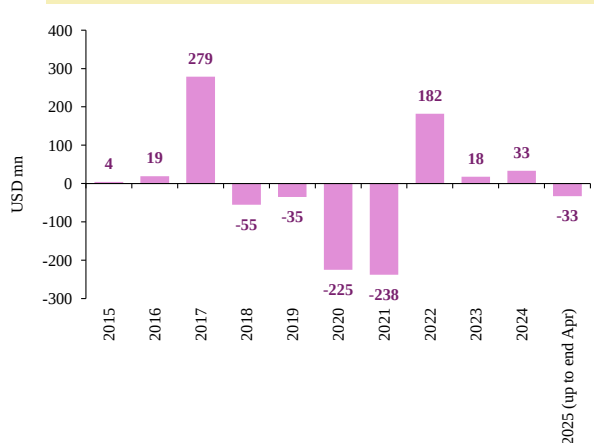
Foreign Loans to Private Sector (net)



Net Inflows to the G-Sec. Market (c)



Net Inflows to the CSE (Primary + Secondary) (c)



(a) Historical monthly data on GOR is published in the National Summary Data Page of Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS) >> External Sector >> International Reserve Position or Reserve Data Template and can be accessed via the following link

http://erd.cbsl.gov.lk/presentation/htm/english/erd/sdds/rpt_sdds.aspx

(b) FDI excluding foreign loans to the direct investment enterprises.

(c) Historical monthly data can be accessed via the following link

<https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/en/statistics/statistical-tables/external-sector>

ANNEXURES

Detailed Breakdown of Export Earnings Classified as per Central Bank of Sri Lanka's Trade Classification (a)

Category	April 2024 (USD mn)	April 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan.-Apr. 2024 (USD mn)	Jan.-Apr. 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
1. Industrial exports	683.2	746.2	9.2	3,210.1	3,373.1	5.1
Food, beverages and tobacco	44.4	57.5	29.5	206.3	258.0	25.0
Animal fodder	10.2	12.7	24.6	47.3	48.8	3.3
Textiles and garments	321.7	365.3	13.6	1,570.0	1,751.8	11.6
o/w Garments	292.0	336.1	15.1	1,437.7	1,619.6	12.6
Textiles	22.2	20.5	-7.7	94.4	93.8	-0.6
Other made-up textile articles	7.4	8.6	16.9	37.9	38.5	1.5
Rubber products	65.1	59.1	-9.3	326.9	301.2	-7.9
Gems, diamonds and jewellery	29.8	30.7	3.3	142.7	122.9	-13.8
Machinery and mechanical appliances	35.3	34.5	-2.3	168.1	145.6	-13.3
Transport equipment	5.1	19.3	275.5	32.5	39.0	20.2
Petroleum products	90.6	65.3	-27.9	369.8	324.3	-12.3
Chemical products	15.7	37.8	140.4	72.8	103.8	42.6
Wood and paper products	8.9	10.5	18.0	39.7	41.7	5.0
Printing industry products	2.3	3.2	38.4	14.6	14.4	-1.2
Leather, travel goods and footwear	6.8	4.2	-38.6	19.7	18.0	-8.8
Plastics and articles thereof	3.9	3.9	1.9	17.9	16.3	-8.8
Base metals and articles	14.9	17.4	16.3	63.3	64.0	1.0
Ceramic products	1.9	2.1	8.2	9.0	9.6	6.7
Other industrial exports	26.6	22.8	-14.5	109.6	113.5	3.6
2. Agricultural exports	189.1	217.3	14.9	828.4	928.6	12.1
Tea	95.5	107.3	12.4	450.2	478.3	6.2
Rubber	1.4	2.0	41.6	8.1	11.2	37.8
Coconut	30.0	34.1	13.4	125.6	155.0	23.4
Spices	17.9	23.9	33.6	84.7	140.8	66.3
Vegetables	3.5	4.5	26.7	9.2	9.7	4.9
Unmanufactured tobacco	1.2	1.5	27.3	7.0	6.7	-4.4
Minor agricultural products	12.8	17.2	34.8	52.9	51.9	-1.8
Seafood	26.8	26.7	-0.3	90.7	75.0	-17.3
3. Mineral exports	2.3	1.5	-33.6	8.4	6.4	-24.3
4. Unclassified exports	2.9	3.4	14.1	9.2	7.8	-15.1
Total exports	877.6	968.4	10.4	4,056.1	4,315.8	6.4

(a) Provisional

Sources: SLC, National Gem and Jewellery Authority (NGJA), Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) and

Other Exporters of Petroleum, CBSL

Note : Longer series of Merchandise Trade data on Exports under Central Bank of Sri Lanka's Merchandise Trade Classification can be accessed through

<https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/en/statistics/statistical-tables/external-sector>

Detailed Breakdown of Import Expenditure Classified as per Central Bank of Sri Lanka's Trade Classification (a)						
Category	April 2024 (USD mn)	April 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan.-Apr. 2024 (USD mn)	Jan.-Apr. 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
1. Consumer goods	256.5	410.9	60.2	1,058.5	1,508.3	42.5
Food and beverages	139.6	159.7	14.4	577.2	794.1	37.6
Cereals and milling industry products	8.5	3.2	-62.0	46.8	70.4	50.2
Dairy products	22.3	29.5	32.2	73.3	121.1	65.2
Vegetables (b)	44.3	38.6	-12.8	147.0	165.3	12.4
Seafood	9.8	6.0	-38.2	39.0	33.7	-13.4
Sugar and confectionery	15.3	29.9	95.8	105.5	159.8	51.5
Spices	4.0	4.6	15.6	38.7	33.5	-13.4
Oils and Fats	15.7	30.6	94.8	57.9	137.0	136.4
Other food and beverages	19.7	17.2	-12.6	69.0	73.4	6.3
Non-food consumer goods	117.0	251.2	114.8	481.2	714.2	48.4
Personal vehicles	3.1	107.1	3,300.3	17.5	141.8	707.9
Medical and pharmaceuticals	49.4	59.6	20.8	186.7	204.3	9.4
Home appliances	16.0	17.9	12.0	49.2	75.2	53.0
Clothing and accessories	13.6	16.1	19.0	70.4	88.2	25.3
Telecommunication devices	8.5	15.7	85.7	45.7	67.9	48.6
Household and furniture items	7.9	12.7	61.3	39.4	50.5	28.2
Other non-food consumables	18.5	22.0	18.9	72.3	86.3	19.2
2. Intermediate goods	947.6	930.1	-1.8	3,778.5	3,787.2	0.2
Fuel	359.6	354.7	-1.4	1,529.7	1,411.4	-7.7
o/w Crude oil	62.3	60.8	-2.3	373.1	288.7	-22.6
Refined petroleum	253.6	268.9	6.0	1,015.9	993.3	-2.2
Coal	43.7	24.9	-43.1	140.7	129.4	-8.1
Diamonds, precious stones, and metals	24.4	15.2	-37.7	77.1	41.9	-45.7
Textiles and textile articles	208.4	217.3	4.3	866.9	895.2	3.3
Paper and paperboard and articles thereof	32.8	32.5	-0.7	140.0	131.1	-6.3
Agricultural inputs	20.3	19.3	-5.0	80.3	90.3	12.5
Wheat and maize	44.5	9.4	-78.8	73.6	92.2	25.3
Base metals	43.9	26.6	-39.5	165.8	116.4	-29.8
Plastics and articles thereof	47.9	57.0	19.1	176.6	205.4	16.3
Chemical products	79.1	86.0	8.7	320.0	333.2	4.1
Fertiliser	5.1	12.7	147.9	23.9	64.0	168.3
Rubber and articles thereof	22.3	21.0	-5.7	88.3	94.0	6.5
Mineral products	7.7	12.7	66.0	38.8	46.0	18.6
Other intermediate goods	51.7	65.6	27.1	197.6	266.1	34.6
3. Investment goods	229.6	344.7	50.1	991.4	1,269.4	28.0
Machinery and equipment	150.0	213.3	42.2	666.3	843.0	26.5
Building material	68.4	92.6	35.5	283.8	326.8	15.1
Transport equipment	11.1	38.3	246.6	40.5	98.1	142.2
o/w Commercial Vehicles	4.8	26.9	460.2	14.2	52.2	267.4
Other investment goods	0.2	0.4	78.9	0.8	1.4	84.8
4. Unclassified imports	1.4	0.2	-88.2	4.7	8.0	69.4
Total imports	1,435.2	1,685.9	17.5	5,833.2	6,572.9	12.7
o/w Non-fuel imports	1,075.6	1,331.2	23.8	4,303.5	5,161.5	19.9

(a) Provisional

(b) Includes lentils, onions, potatoes, leguminous and other vegetables

Sources: SLC, CPC, Lanka IOC PLC, CBSL

Note : Longer series of Merchandise Trade data under Central Bank of Sri Lanka's Merchandise Trade Classification can be accessed through

<https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/en/statistics/statistical-tables/external-sector>

Detailed Breakdown of Export Earnings Classified as per the Standard International Trade Classification Revision 4 (a)

Category	April 2024 (USD mn)	April 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan.-Apr. 2024 (USD mn)	Jan.-Apr. 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
0. Food and live animals	201.8	238.1	18.0	904.0	1,008.1	11.5
03 Fish and fish preparations	31.9	32.6	2.2	106.3	94.0	-11.6
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	5.1	6.6	29.9	24.8	27.0	8.8
05 Vegetables and fruit	35.0	44.6	27.3	147.6	178.4	20.8
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	114.4	131.6	15.1	537.9	618.7	15.0
1. Beverages and tobacco	13.5	12.1	-10.5	54.3	53.1	-2.3
11 Beverages	6.7	6.8	2.6	26.9	25.6	-4.8
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	6.9	5.3	-23.1	27.4	27.4	0.1
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	31.7	33.9	7.1	128.0	140.4	9.6
23 Crude rubber	1.6	2.2	40.2	8.7	11.8	35.6
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	18.2	17.7	-2.7	74.6	83.0	11.2
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	90.6	65.3	-27.9	369.8	324.3	-12.3
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	90.6	65.3	-27.9	359.5	324.3	-9.8
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	-	-		10.2	-	
4. Animal and vegetable oils, fats, and waxes	5.6	11.1	97.9	25.2	55.9	122.1
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	5.5	9.2	66.8	23.9	38.2	60.0
5. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	18.4	41.0	122.5	87.3	119.7	37.2
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	132.0	128.0	-3.0	617.4	561.0	-9.1
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	49.3	41.4	-16.0	246.7	203.0	-17.7
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, etc., n.e.s.	28.2	28.2	0.0	126.3	128.0	1.4
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	36.0	35.7	-0.7	160.9	144.2	-10.4
7. Machinery, transport equipment	39.7	52.2	31.5	196.3	179.7	-8.5
77 Electric machinery, apparatus, and appliances, n.e.s. and electrical parts thereof	20.6	20.2	-1.9	94.1	90.0	-4.4
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles	344.2	386.6	12.3	1,673.8	1,873.6	11.9
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	312.5	355.8	13.8	1,529.8	1,727.3	12.9
9. Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	-	-0.002		0.1	0.1	-48.9
Total exports	877.6	968.4	10.4	4,056.1	4,315.8	6.4

(a) Provisional

n.e.s. not elsewhere specified

Sources: SLC, NGJA, CPC and Other Exporters of Petroleum, CBSL

Note 1: The first digit indicates the 'section' and the first two digits indicate the 'division' of SITC. The above table shows only selected divisions of SITC. For further information on SITC, please see CBSL Annual Report 2017 Box Article 04.

https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/sites/default/files/cbslweb_documents/publications/annual_report/2017/en/9_Chapter_05.pdf

Note 2: Longer series of Merchandise Trade data under SITC can be accessed through

<https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/en/statistics/statistical-tables/external-sector>

Detailed Breakdown of Import Expenditure Classified as per the Standard International Trade Classification Revision 4 (a)						
Category	April 2024 (USD mn)	April 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan.-Apr. 2024 (USD mn)	Jan.-Apr. 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
0. Food and live animals	192.0	167.3	-12.9	693.9	876.4	26.3
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	22.5	29.6	31.3	79.4	121.2	52.8
03 Fish and fish preparations	9.8	6.2	-37.3	39.3	34.3	-12.7
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	52.9	12.2	-76.9	119.6	160.6	34.3
05 Vegetables and fruit	51.4	43.7	-15.1	171.8	192.6	12.1
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	15.3	29.9	95.8	105.5	159.8	51.5
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	8.8	12.8	45.4	56.9	66.1	16.2
1. Beverages and tobacco	11.2	10.6	-6.1	33.9	35.8	5.5
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	32.9	33.0	0.4	128.3	148.2	15.5
23 Crude rubber	17.9	17.4	-2.6	72.3	80.3	11.0
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	2.3	2.4	4.1	6.3	5.2	-17.6
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	359.6	354.7	-1.4	1,529.7	1,411.4	-7.7
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	285.3	289.3	1.4	1,274.5	1,126.4	-11.6
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	30.6	40.4	32.1	114.4	155.6	36.0
4. Animal and vegetable oils, fats, and waxes	21.1	37.5	77.7	69.4	164.3	136.7
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	19.6	35.9	82.7	64.6	156.3	142.1
5. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	178.2	210.4	18.1	693.2	789.3	13.9
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	46.0	54.5	18.6	170.5	183.5	7.6
56 Fertilisers, manufactured	5.1	12.7	147.9	23.4	64.0	173.3
57 Plastics in primary forms	33.0	39.3	19.4	118.0	132.7	12.4
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	11.1	13.3	20.0	44.2	54.8	24.0
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	389.5	399.8	2.6	1,592.5	1,566.6	-1.6
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles thereof	30.7	30.0	-2.0	133.2	121.7	-8.6
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, etc., n.e.s.	201.5	210.9	4.7	845.5	875.5	3.5
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	42.1	40.4	-4.1	172.8	139.7	-19.2
67 Iron and steel	55.8	42.9	-23.0	216.1	163.1	-24.5
7. Machinery, transport equipment	191.1	392.1	105.2	824.5	1,231.9	49.4
72 Machinery specialized for particular industries	29.7	41.7	40.3	113.8	147.6	29.7
74 General industrial machinery and equipment and machine parts, n.e.s.	35.5	51.1	44.0	178.2	275.6	54.7
75 Office machines and automatic data-processing machines	16.9	21.3	26.6	58.4	71.2	21.8
76 Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	29.1	35.0	20.2	121.0	152.7	26.2
77 Electric machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s. and electrical parts thereof	46.6	52.2	12.1	178.2	199.0	11.7
78 Road vehicles	13.9	145.6	951.2	62.6	250.9	300.9
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles	58.1	80.3	38.2	264.8	343.9	29.8
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	12.2	14.4	17.7	62.4	79.9	28.0
87 Professional, scientific, and controlling instruments and apparatus n.e.s.	10.5	16.3	55.4	50.1	68.0	35.6
9. Commodities and transactions not elsewhere specified in SITC	1.5	0.2	-84.4	2.9	5.1	78.0
Total imports	1,435.2	1,685.9	17.5	5,833.2	6,572.9	12.7

(a) Provisional

n.e.s. not elsewhere specified

Sources: SLC, NGJA, CPC and Other Exporters of Petroleum, CBSL

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https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/sites/default/files/cbslweb_documents/publications/annual_report/2017/en/9_Chapter_05.pdf

Note 2: Longer series of Merchandise Trade data under SITC can be accessed through

<https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/en/statistics/statistical-tables/external-sector>

Services Account – Inflows (a)

	Apr 2024 (USD mn)	Apr 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Apr 2024 (USD mn)	Jan-Apr 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Services	558.4	602.5	7.9	2,419.7	2,637.6	9.0
Manufacturing services	10.7	0.6	-94.1	14.7	1.9	-86.8
Maintenance and repair services	4.2	1.0	-76.1	19.4	5.0	-74.4
Transport	131.1	199.6	52.3	537.5	688.9	28.2
Sea transport	76.8	161.7	110.6	320.1	529.0	65.3
Passenger	0.1	0.01	-88.1	0.8	0.01	-98.5
Freight	49.2	72.7	48.0	199.7	294.7	47.6
Other	27.6	89.0	222.9	119.6	234.3	95.9
Air transport	54.2	37.7	-30.4	217.1	159.5	-26.6
Passenger	25.4	27.3	7.5	102.9	116.6	13.4
Freight	3.2	4.5	41.9	15.7	13.9	-11.9
Other	25.6	5.9	-77.1	98.5	28.9	-70.6
Postal services	0.03	0.2	433.3	0.3	0.4	26.7
Travel	225.7	256.7	13.7	1,251.6	1,379.0	10.2
Construction	19.8	16.5	-16.8	80.2	50.1	-37.6
Construction abroad	3.6	1.5	-57.6	11.8	7.9	-33.0
Construction in the reporting economy	8.2	6.0	-27.5	36.2	15.2	-58.0
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	8.0	9.0	12.3	32.2	27.0	-16.3
Insurance and pension services	3.0	2.4	-22.4	10.4	6.8	-34.3
Direct insurance	2.7	1.9	-30.2	8.2	5.2	-36.6
Reinsurance	0.3	0.5	43.1	2.2	1.6	-25.6
Financial services	8.8	4.8	-45.7	23.8	17.7	-25.7
Charges for the use of intellectual property	0.004	1.3		3.3	3.5	8.4
Telecommunications, computer, and information services	113.4	69.8	-38.4	323.0	292.8	-9.4
Telecommunications services	42.7	8.2	-80.8	62.5	29.1	-53.4
Computer & IT/BPO related services	70.8	61.6	-12.9	260.6	263.7	1.2
Computer services	70.2	60.9	-13.2	258.7	260.2	0.6
Information services	0.5	0.7	29.1	1.9	3.5	90.4
Other business services	38.0	47.2	23.9	146.6	181.6	23.8
Education services	3.6	4.4	23.0	14.0	12.9	-7.8
Professional and management consulting services	11.3	25.8	128.0	54.8	94.4	72.2
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	23.2	17.0	-26.7	77.9	74.3	-4.6
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	2.5	1.2	-50.8	7.6	5.1	-32.5
Audiovisual and related services	0.1	0.5	248.2	2.1	2.0	-6.6
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	2.3	0.7	-69.5	5.4	3.1	-42.6
Government goods and services	1.1	1.4	26.9	1.6	5.3	233.6

(a) Provisional. All data except travel inflows, are based on ITRS data. Travel inflows data are based on the survey conducted by the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority.

Sources: SLTDA, ITRS – CBSL

Services Account – Outflows (a)

	Apr 2024 (USD mn)	Apr 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Apr 2024 (USD mn)	Jan-Apr 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Services	256.9	234.3	-8.8	963.4	1,049.4	8.9
Manufacturing services	26.7	13.6	-49.1	81.2	54.3	-33.1
Maintenance and repair services	0.7	4.6		3.8	26.2	
Transport	72.1	75.9	5.4	259.7	345.5	33.0
Sea transport	27.9	41.0	47.1	109.5	158.9	45.1
Passenger	0.02	0.02	3.5	0.2	0.03	-86.6
Freight	26.2	37.6	43.2	104.7	149.7	42.9
Other	1.6	3.4	110.4	4.5	9.2	103.0
Air transport	43.4	34.7	-20.0	147.6	186.1	26.0
Passenger	26.7	16.6	-37.6	91.4	71.0	-22.4
Freight	5.9	15.7	166.0	18.6	89.5	379.8
Other	10.8	2.4	-78.2	37.6	25.7	-31.8
Postal services	0.8	0.2	-71.7	2.6	0.5	-79.9
Travel	56.2	53.1	-5.4	223.3	252.3	13.0
Construction	13.2	5.6	-57.6	36.7	18.4	-50.0
Construction abroad	6.1	1.8	-69.5	9.0	2.1	-77.1
Construction in the reporting economy	0.1	2.2		4.1	4.3	3.0
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	7.1	1.5	-78.4	23.5	12.0	-48.9
Insurance and pension services	6.5	2.9	-54.9	20.0	12.6	-36.8
Direct insurance	1.3	1.4	1.4	4.7	4.4	-6.4
Reinsurance	5.1	1.6	-69.7	15.3	8.2	-46.1
Financial services	3.9	2.1	-46.2	35.5	7.1	-79.9
Charges for the use of intellectual property	6.8	11.0	60.8	38.3	53.2	38.8
Telecommunications, computer, and information services	18.7	18.3	-2.1	71.9	86.9	20.9
Telecommunications services	4.0	1.2	-71.1	13.2	10.7	-18.8
Computer & IT/BPO related services	14.8	17.2	16.5	58.7	76.2	29.8
Computer services	12.0	16.9	41.1	48.9	73.8	50.9
Information services	2.8	0.3	-89.1	9.8	2.4	-75.9
Other business services	50.2	45.2	-10.0	186.5	183.1	-1.8
Education services	7.3	7.5	2.4	30.7	35.1	14.5
Professional and management consulting services	15.9	12.4	-21.9	69.0	54.5	-21.1
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	27.0	25.3	-6.3	86.8	93.6	7.8
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	1.6	1.5	-6.3	5.6	6.2	10.5
Audiovisual and related services	1.6	1.5	-6.3	5.4	5.8	7.7
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.1	0.1	-6.3	0.2	0.4	75.5
Government goods and services	0.4	0.4	-4.9	1.0	3.6	273.1

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Services Account – Net (a)

	Apr 2024 (USD mn)	Apr 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Apr 2024 (USD mn)	Jan-Apr 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Services	301.4	368.2	22.1	1,456.3	1,588.2	9.1
Manufacturing services	-15.9	-12.9	-18.7	-66.5	-52.3	-21.3
Maintenance and repair services	3.5	-3.6	-201.3	15.7	-21.3	-235.7
Transport	59.0	123.7	109.7	277.8	343.4	23.6
Sea transport	48.9	120.7	146.8	210.6	370.1	75.8
Passenger	0.1	-0.01	-119.8	0.5	-0.02	-103.9
Freight	22.9	35.2	53.4	95.0	145.1	52.7
Other	25.9	85.6	229.9	115.0	225.1	95.7
Air transport	10.9	3.0	-72.0	69.5	-26.6	-138.3
Passenger	-1.2	10.7		11.5	45.7	298.3
Freight	-2.7	-11.2	313.5	-2.9	-75.6	
Other	14.8	3.5	-76.4	60.9	3.3	-94.6
Postal services	-0.8	-0.1	-91.4	-2.3	-0.1	-93.9
Travel	169.5	203.6	20.1	1,028.3	1,126.6	9.6
Construction	6.7	10.9	63.4	43.5	31.7	-27.1
Construction abroad	-2.5	-0.3	-86.5	2.8	5.8	111.9
Construction in the reporting economy	8.2	3.8	-54.0	32.1	10.9	-65.9
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	1.0	7.5		8.7	14.9	71.9
Insurance and pension services	-3.4	-0.6	-83.9	-9.6	-5.8	-39.5
Direct insurance	1.4	0.5	-60.9	3.5	0.8	-76.9
Reinsurance	-4.8	-1.1	-77.3	-13.1	-6.6	-49.5
Financial services	4.9	2.7	-45.3	-11.7	10.6	-190.7
Charges for the use of intellectual property	-6.8	-9.6	41.4	-35.1	-49.6	41.6
Telecommunications, computer, and information services	94.7	51.5	-45.6	251.2	205.9	-18.0
Telecommunications services	38.7	7.0	-81.8	49.3	18.4	-62.7
Computer & IT/BPO related services	56.0	44.5	-20.6	201.9	187.5	-7.1
Computer services	58.3	44.1	-24.4	209.8	186.3	-11.2
Information services	-2.2	0.4	-117.7	-7.9	1.2	-114.8
Other business services	-12.2	1.9	-115.7	-39.8	-1.6	-96.1
Education services	-3.7	-3.1	-17.3	-16.7	-22.3	33.0
Professional and management consulting services	-4.6	13.3	-388.2	-14.2	39.9	-381.3
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	-3.8	-8.3	116.4	-8.9	-19.2	115.7
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.8	-0.3	-139.3	2.0	-1.1	-155.5
Audiovisual and related services	-1.4	-1.0	-31.8	-3.2	-3.8	17.1
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	2.3	0.7	-71.0	5.2	2.7	-47.9
Government goods and services	0.7	1.0	45.3	0.6	1.7	170.9

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