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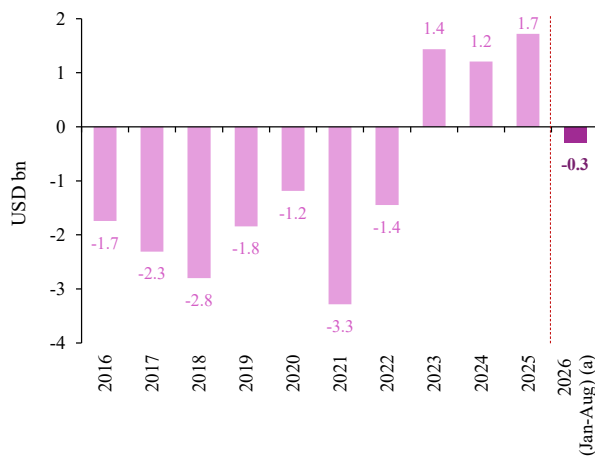
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Current Account

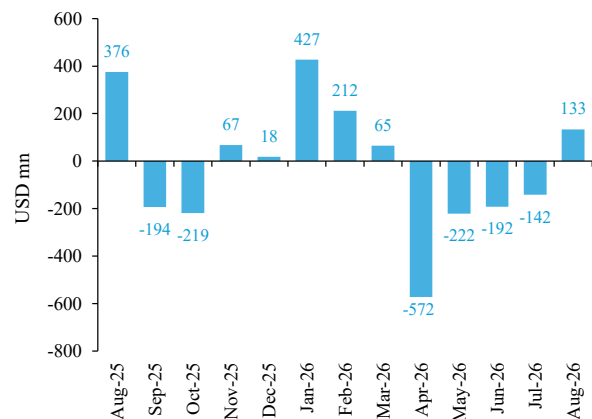
Summary of Current Account (a)

Category	Aug 2025 (USD mn)	Aug 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Aug 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-Aug 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Current Account Balance*	375.9	133.4	-64.5	2,047.0	-290.6	-114.2
Trade Balance	-414.2	-673.5		-4,264.2	-7,180.2	
Merchandise Exports	1,282.3	1,240.3	-3.3	9,076.6	9,376.9	3.3
Merchandise Imports	1,696.5	1,913.8	12.8	13,340.9	16,557.1	24.1
Services Account (net)	291.2	220.1	-24.4	2,667.1	2,096.1	-21.4
Services Account - Inflows	557.9	549.3	-1.5	4,785.4	4,698.7	-1.8
Services Account - Outflows	266.6	329.2	23.5	2,118.4	2,602.5	22.9
Primary Income Account (net)	-174.5	-144.4		-1,383.1	-1,240.8	
Primary Income Account - Inflows	51.4	54.9	6.8	407.9	417.2	2.3
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Current Account Balance - Annual



Current Account Balance - Monthly (a)

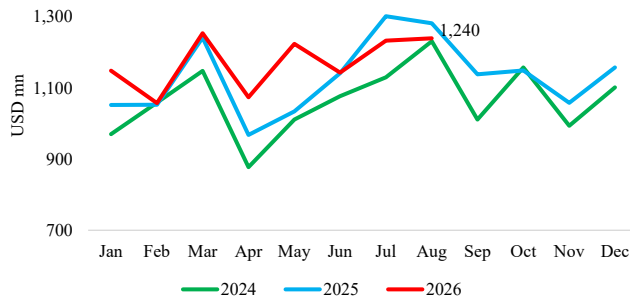


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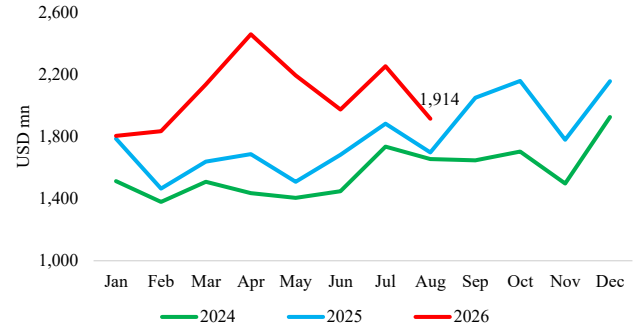
* The monthly current account data for Jan-Jun 2026 have been revised following the finalisation of estimates for the first half of 2026. The data for the third quarter of 2026 will be revised by end December 2026, upon the finalisation of the respective quarterly estimates.

Merchandise Trade Highlights

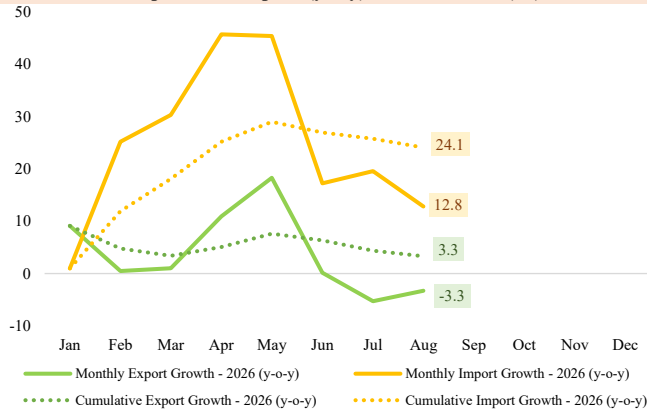
Monthly Export Performance



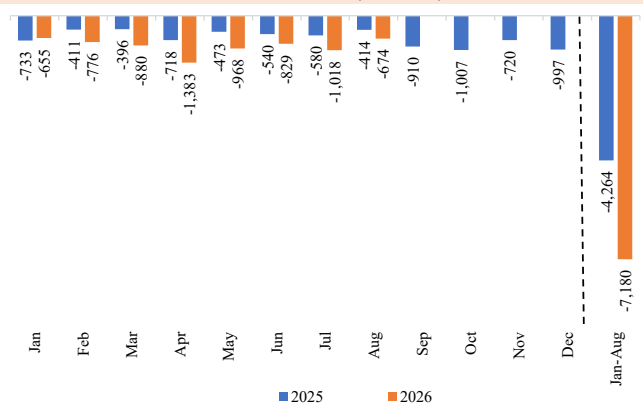
Monthly Import Performance



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



Trade Balance (USD mn)

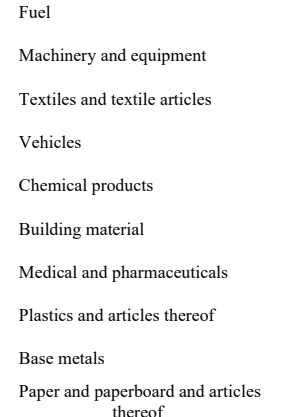


Major Merchandise Export and Import Categories - Jan - Aug 2026

Exports (USD mn)

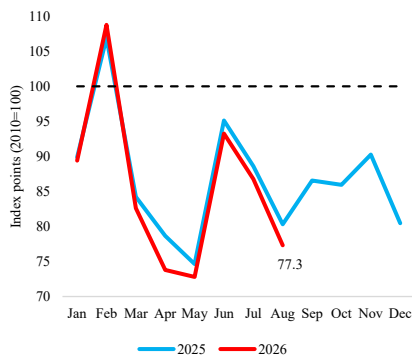


Imports (USD mn)

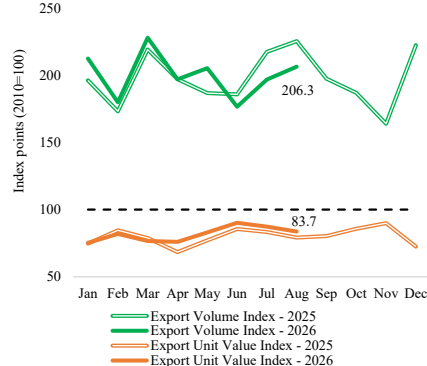


Terms of Trade and Merchandise Trade Indices (in USD terms)

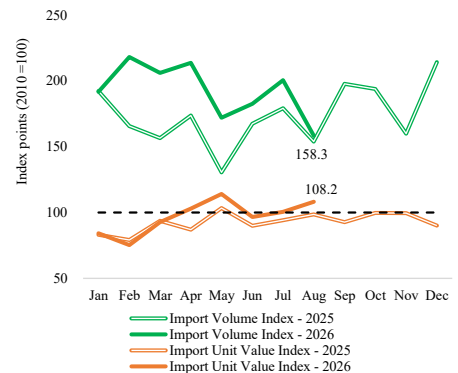
Terms of Trade



Export Volume and Unit Value Indices

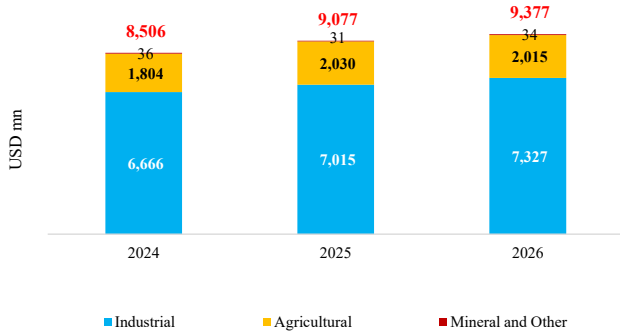


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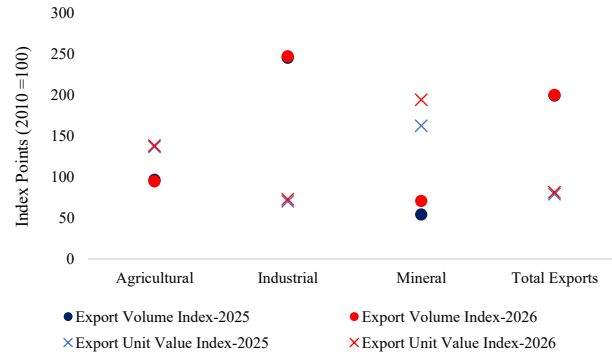


Merchandise Export Performance

Export Performance - Jan.-Aug.

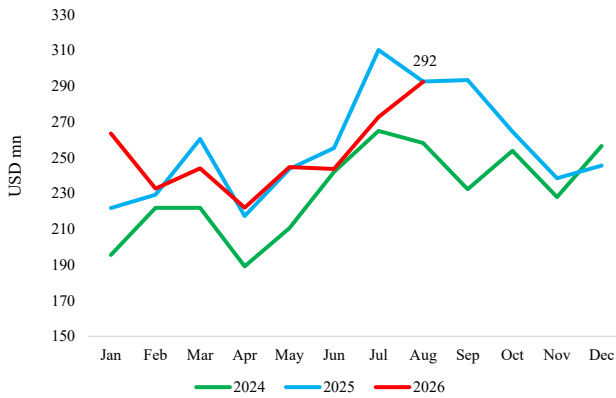


Volume and Unit Value Indices of Exports - Jan.-Aug.

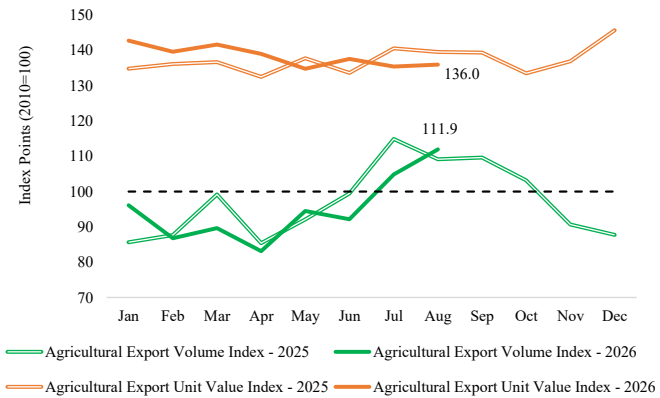


Agricultural Exports

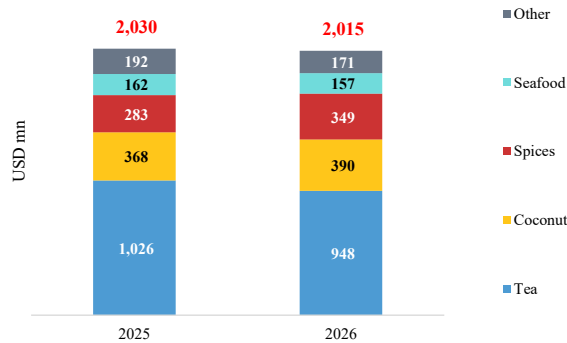
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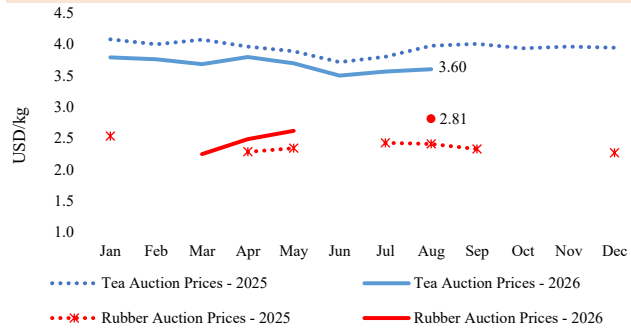
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Agricultural Exports



Performance of Agricultural Exports - Jan.-Aug.



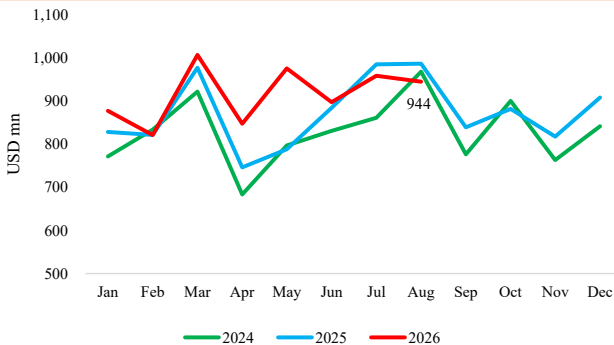
Tea and Rubber Prices



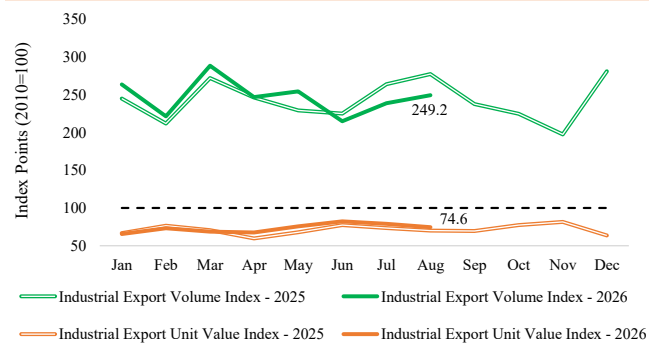
*Rubber (RSS) prices for February, March, June, October and November 2025 and January, February, June and July 2026 were not determined at the auction.

Industrial Exports

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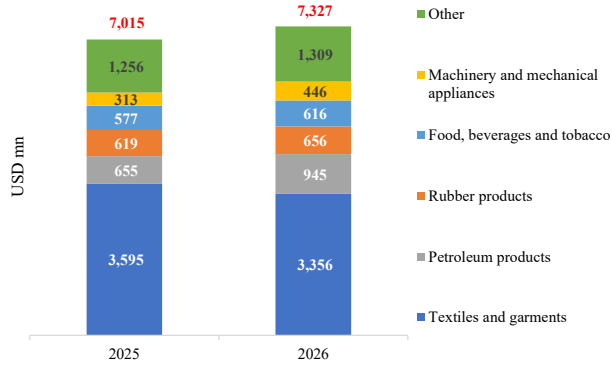


Volume and Unit Value Indices of Industrial Exports

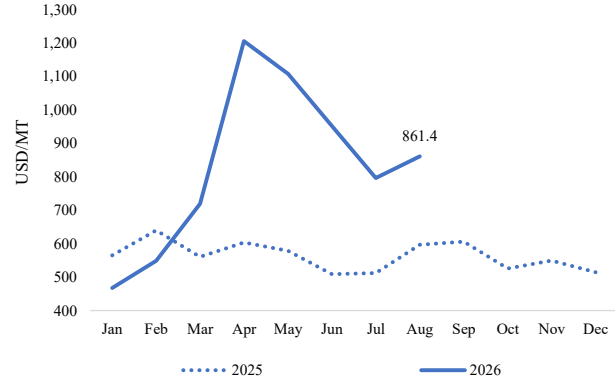


Industrial Exports (Continued...)

Performance of Industrial Exports - Jan.-Aug.

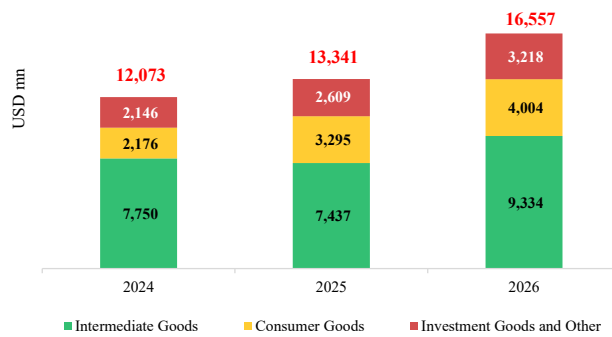


Bunker and Aviation Fuel Export Prices

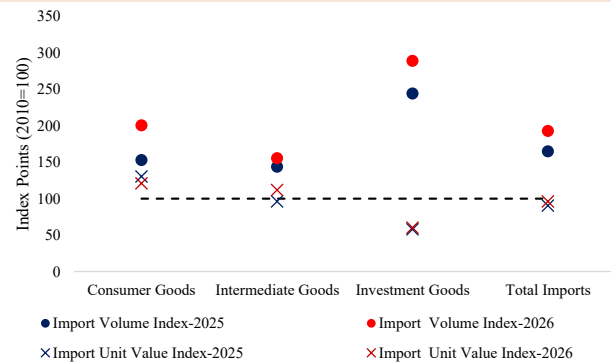


Merchandise Import Performance

Import Performance - Jan.-Aug.

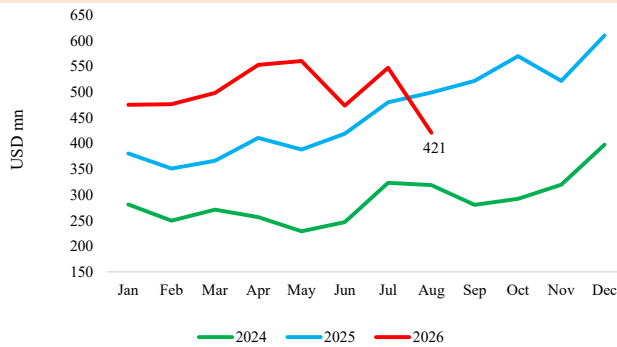


Volume and Unit Value Indices of Imports - Jan.-Aug.

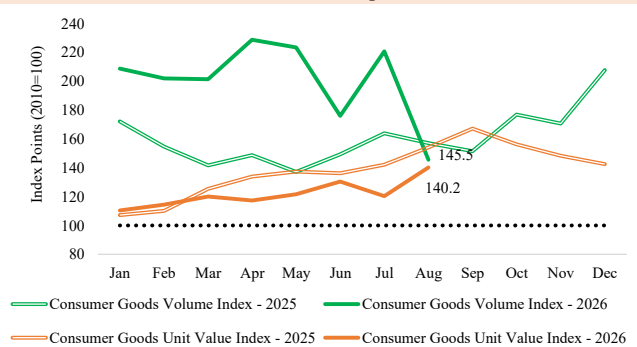


Consumer Goods Imports

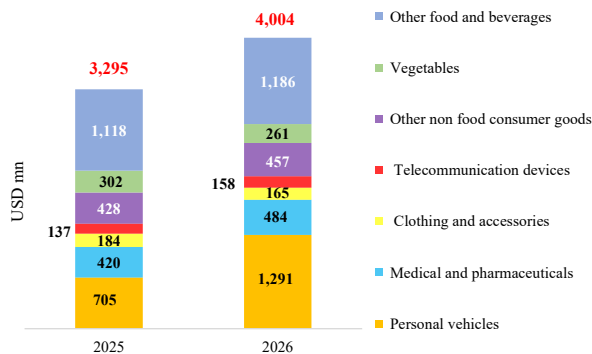
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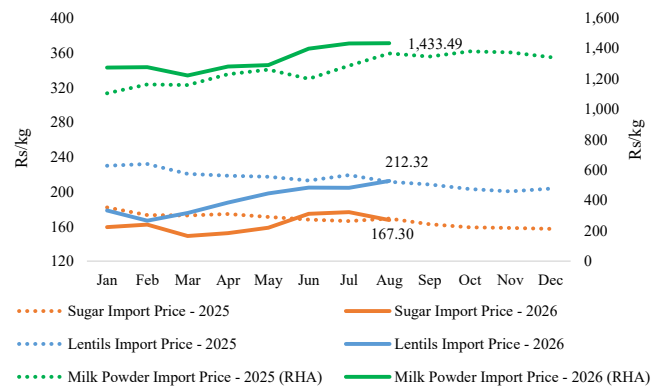
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Imports of Consumer Goods



Performance of Consumer Goods Imports - Jan.-Aug.

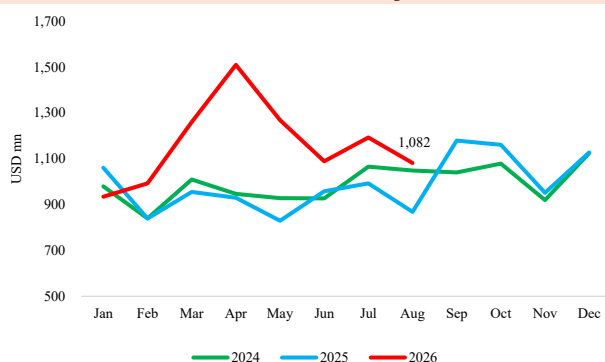


Average Import Prices of Sugar, Lentils and Milk Powder

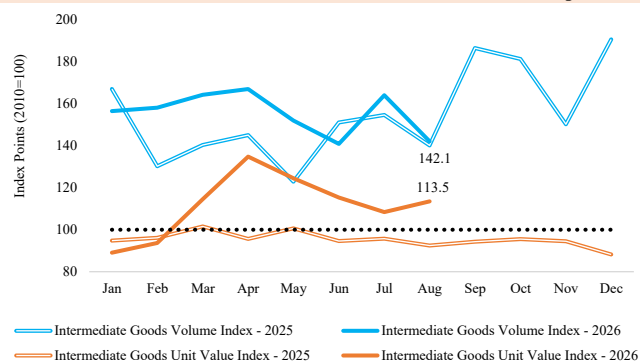


Intermediate Goods Imports

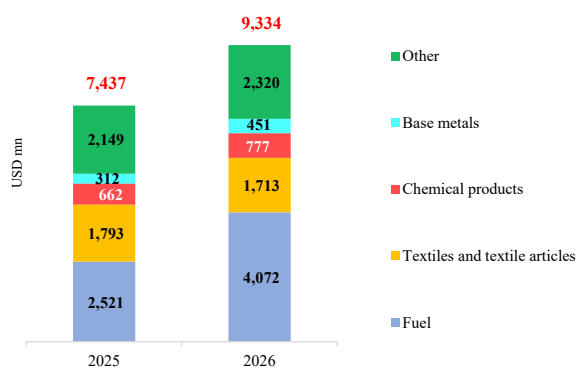
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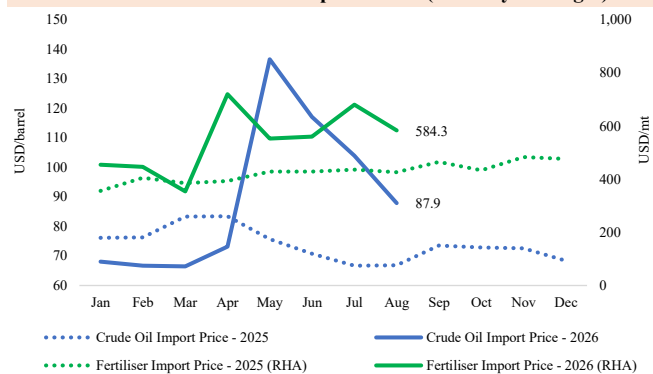
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Intermediate Goods Imports



Performance of Intermediate Goods Imports - Jan.-Aug.

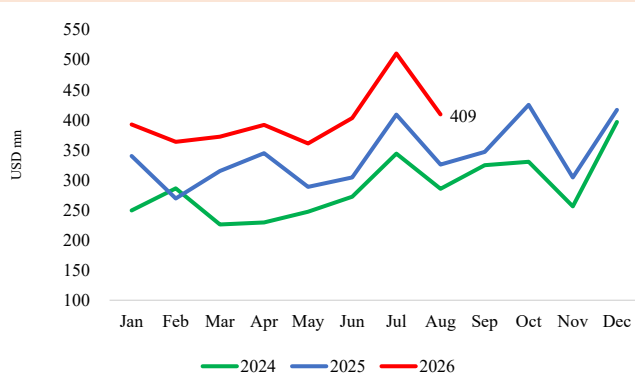


Crude Oil and Fertiliser Import Prices (Monthly Averages)

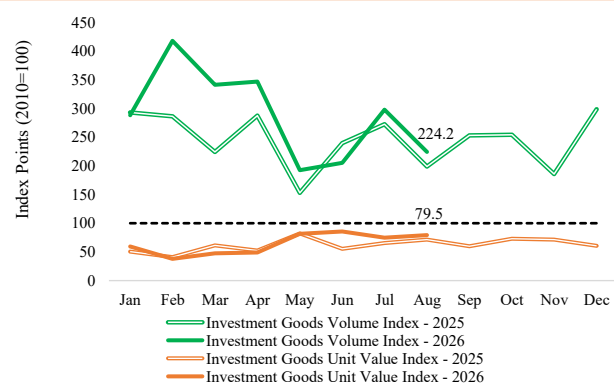


Investment Goods Imports

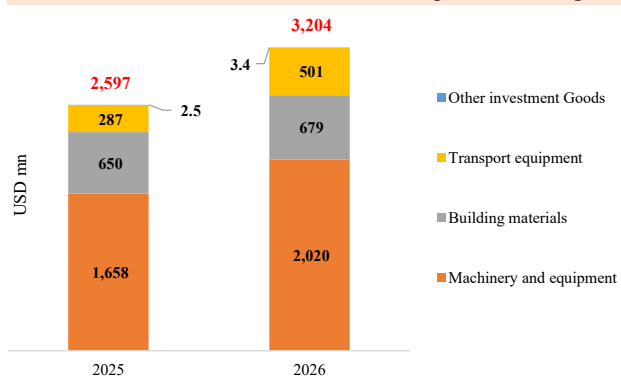
Imports of Investment Goods



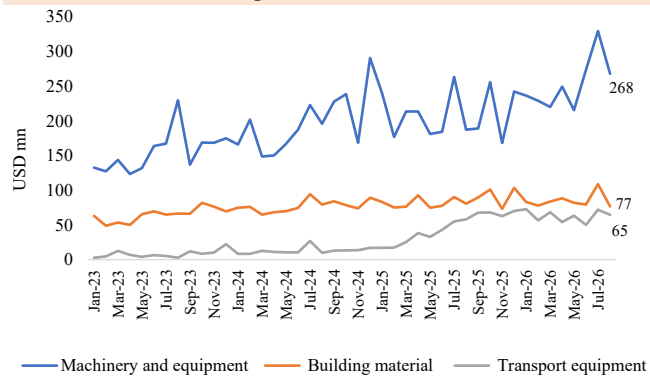
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Investment Goods Imports



Performance of Investment Goods Imports - Jan.-Aug.



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	Aug-25	Aug-26	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Aug 2025	Jan-Aug 2026	Y-O-Y Change (%)	
Agricultural Exports	292.6	292.4	-0.1	2,030.2	2,015.4	-0.7	
o/w Tea	141.9	130.9	-7.8	1,026.0	948.5	-7.6	
Coconut	59.7	48.6	-18.5	367.5	389.6	6.0	
Spices	40.9	74.9	83.4	282.6	349.3	23.6	
Seafood	18.4	19.1	3.5	161.9	157.2	-2.9	
Industrial Exports	986.3	944.4	-4.2	7,015.4	7,327.1	4.4	
o/w Textiles and garments	508.1	465.3	-8.4	3,595.3	3,355.6	-6.7	
Rubber products	83.8	92.7	10.6	618.6	655.7	6.0	
Petroleum products	74.2	111.3	50.0	654.7	944.9	44.3	
Food, beverages and tobacco	81.5	76.1	-6.7	577.3	616.0	6.7	
Machinery and mechanical appliances	44.1	44.6	1.1	313.3	446.1	42.4	
Gems, diamonds and jewellery	40.7	31.6	-22.5	267.0	256.2	-4.0	
Leather, travel goods and footwear	6.9	6.7	-3.9	48.3	40.7	-15.8	
Mineral and Other Exports	3.5	3.6	2.0	31.1	34.4	10.9	
Total Exports	1,282.3	1,240.3	-3.3	9,076.6	9,376.9	3.3	
Import Performance (USD mn)							
Item	Aug-25	Aug-26	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Aug 2025	Jan-Aug 2026	Y-O-Y Change (%)	
Consumer goods	499.1	420.7	-15.7	3,294.7	4,004.5	21.5	
Food and beverages	154.0	142.7	-7.3	1,419.6	1,447.9	2.0	
o/w Vegetables (b)	27.3	22.8	-16.7	301.8	261.4	-13.4	
Rice	1.2	1.5	26.9	61.7	95.2	54.4	
Non-food consumer goods	345.1	278.0	-19.5	1,875.0	2,556.6	36.4	
o/w Medical and Pharmaceuticals	52.8	56.9	7.8	420.0	484.4	15.3	
Intermediate goods	869.0	1,082.4	24.6	7,437.4	9,334.2	25.5	
o/w Fuel	255.2	450.6	76.5	2,520.6	4,072.1	61.6	
Textiles and textile articles	208.4	173.8	-16.6	1,793.5	1,713.2	-4.5	
Fertiliser	43.1	5.7	-86.8	164.8	129.5	-21.4	
Wheat and maize	15.7	54.2	244.3	205.1	239.5	16.8	
Investment goods and other	328.4	410.7	25.0	2,608.8	3,218.4	23.4	
o/w Machinery and equipment	187.2	267.6	42.9	1,658.4	2,019.5	21.8	
Total Imports	1,696.5	1,913.8	12.8	13,340.9	16,557.1	24.1	
Trade Balance (USD mn)							
Item	Aug-25	Aug-26		Jan-Aug 2025	Jan-Aug 2026		
Trade Balance	-414.2	-673.5		-4,264.2	-7,180.2		
Trade Indices and Terms of Trade (2010 = 100) (In USD terms)							
Item	Aug-25	Aug-26	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Aug 2025	Jan-Aug 2026	Y-O-Y Change (%)	
Export							
Value index	178.5	172.6	-3.3	157.9	163.1	3.3	
Volume index	224.5	206.3	-8.1	199.5	200.3	0.4	
Unit value index	79.5	83.7	5.3	79.2	81.5	2.9	
Import							
Value index	151.8	171.3	12.8	149.2	185.2	24.1	
Volume index	154.0	158.3	2.8	164.9	192.8	17.0	
Unit value index	98.6	108.2	9.8	90.5	96.1	6.1	
Terms of Trade	80.6	77.3		87.4	84.8		

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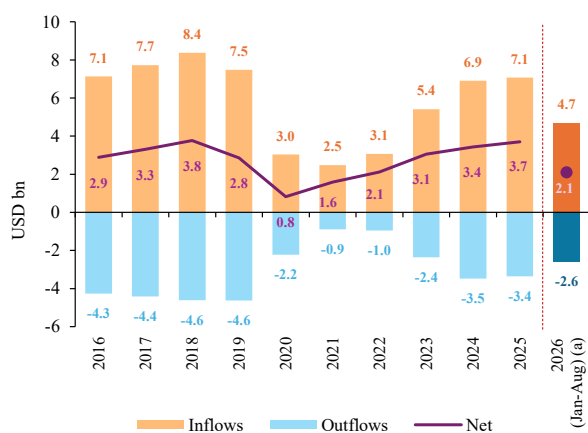
(b) includes lentils, onions, potatoes, leguminous vegetables and others

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

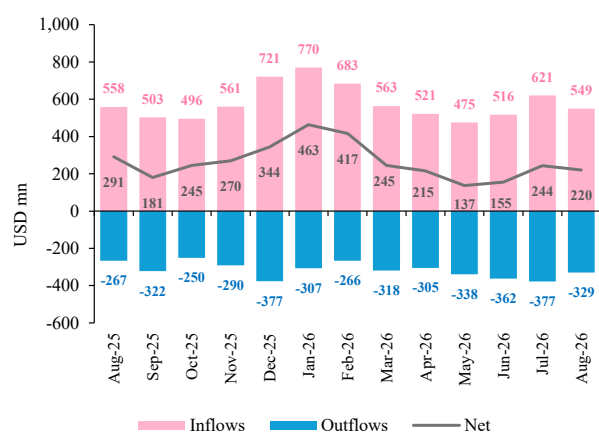
Note 2: Longer series of Merchandise Trade data can be accessed through : <https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/en/statistics/statistical-tables/external-sector>

Services Account

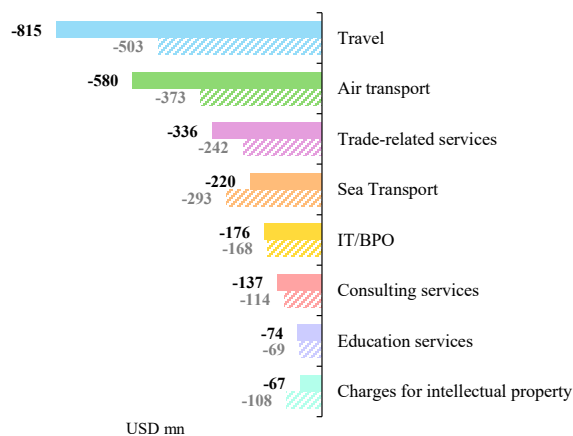
Services Account - Annual



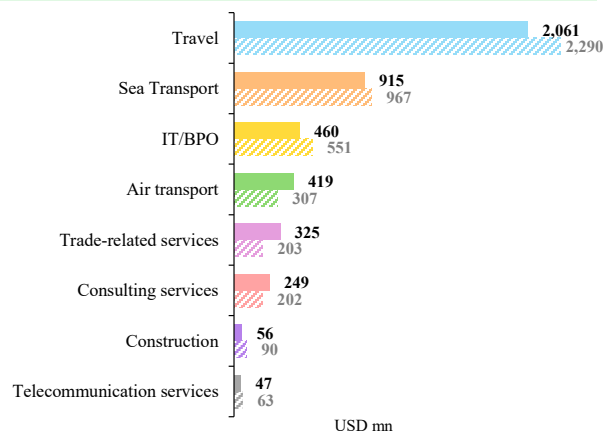
Services Account - Monthly (a)



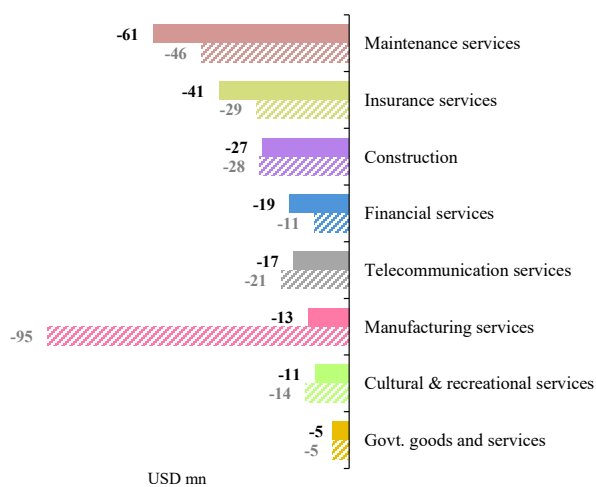
Major Services Outflows



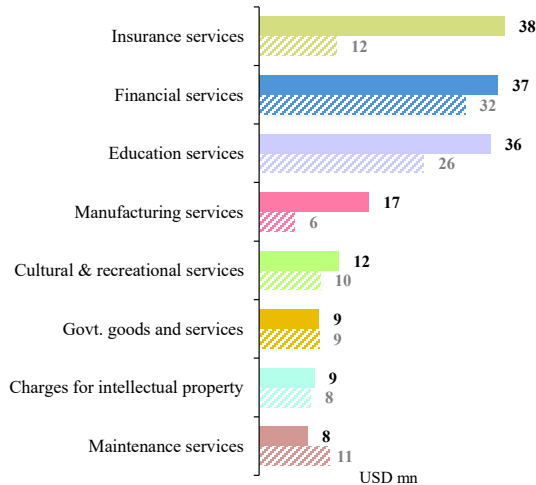
Major Services Inflows



Minor Services Outflows



Minor Services Inflows



Jan-Aug 2025

Jan-Aug 2026 (a)

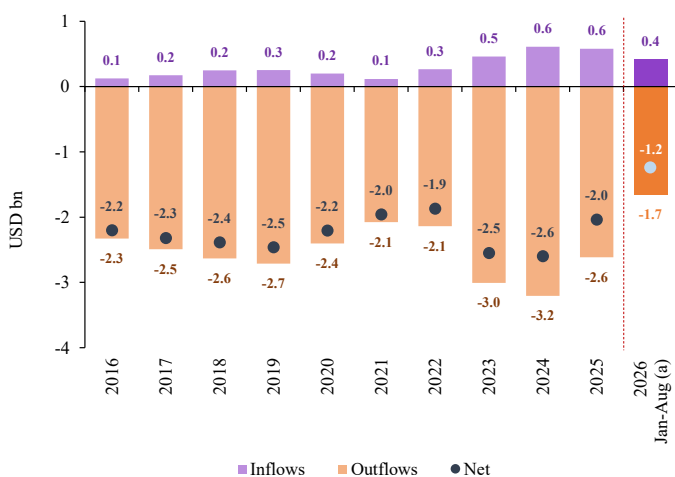
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Primary Income Account

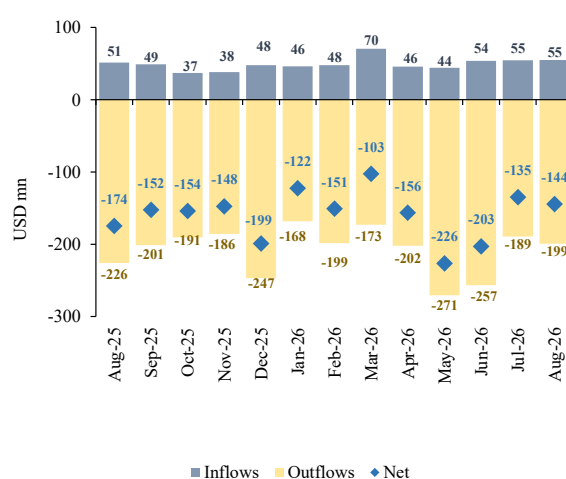
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<i>of which,</i>						
Direct Investment related Interest Outflows	101.2	68.7	-32.1	754.3	809.8	7.4
Dividends	74.9	46.1	-38.4	601.6	616.1	2.4
Reinvested Earnings	26.4	22.6	-14.4	152.7	193.8	26.9
Portfolio Investment related Outflows	40.7	38.4	-5.6	296.4	272.7	-8.0
<i>of which,</i>						
Government Bond Outflows	36.4	36.4	0.01	263.8	245.1	-7.1
Other Investment Interest	81.0	88.6	9.4	722.5	552.8	-23.5
Interest on Foreign Loans						
Government	50.4	49.6	-1.6	461.7	407.2	-11.8
Central Bank	25.9	25.3	-2.3	125.7	83.2	-33.8
Deposit-taking Corporations	3.5	5.6	58.7	35.6	40.3	13.3
Other Sectors	1.2	8.1		99.6	22.1	-77.8

Primary Income Account - Annual



Primary Income Account - Monthly (a)



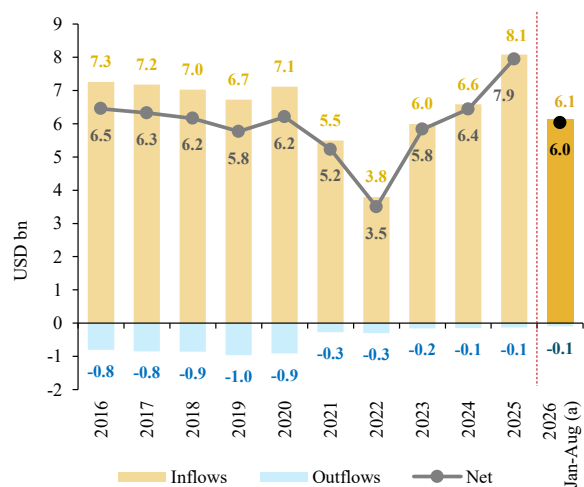
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Secondary Income Account

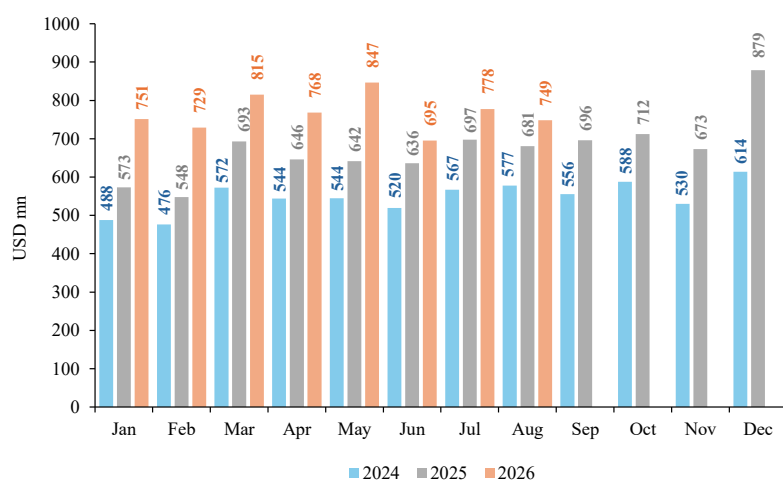
Summary of Secondary Income Account (a)

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Secondary Income Account (net)	673.2	731.2	8.6	5,027.3	6,034.2	20.0
Secondary Income Account Inflows	680.8	749.0	10.0	5,116.8	6,133.8	19.9
General Government	0.0	0.5		0.8	2.9	249.8
Worker's Remittances (b)	680.8	748.6	10.0	5,116.0	6,131.0	19.8
Secondary Income Account Outflows	7.5	17.8	137.3	89.5	99.6	11.2

Secondary Income Account - Annual



Inward Workers' Remittances - Monthly

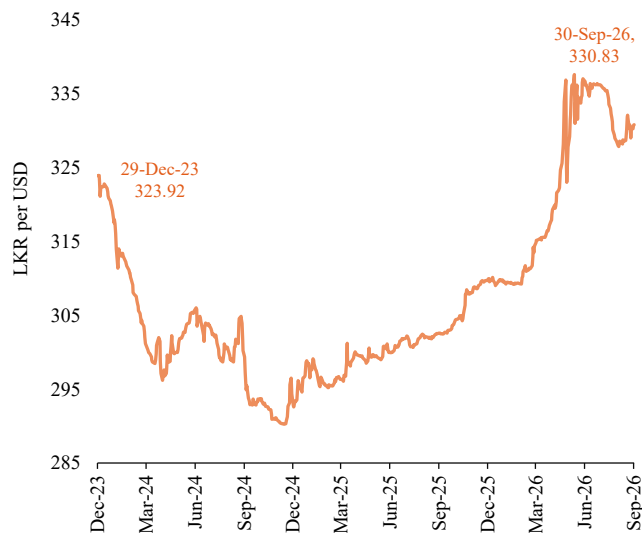


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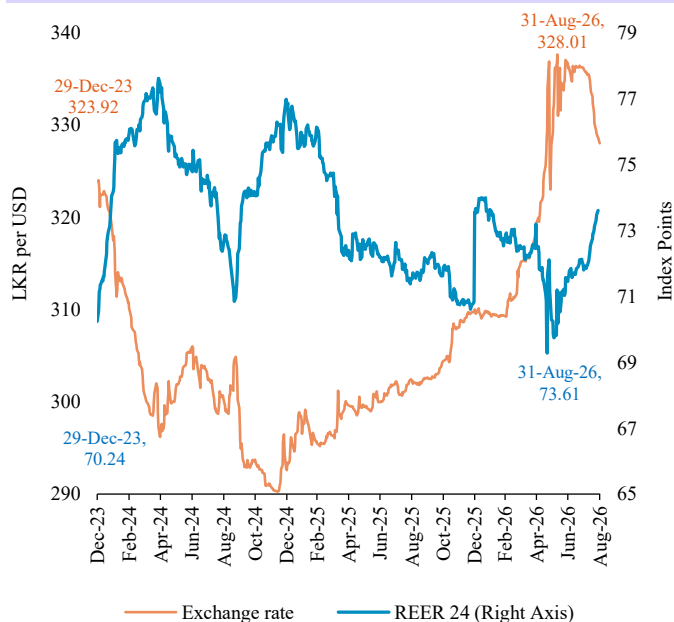
(b) Workers' remittances may include other remittances, such as those received following Cyclone Ditwah.

Exchange Rate Movements ^(a)

Movement of the Sri Lanka rupee against the US dollar



Movement of Exchange rate and REER 24 ^(b) (End Dec 2023 - End Aug 2026)



Movement of the Sri Lanka rupee against Selected Currencies *

Currency	2024	2025	2026 (up to 30 Sep)
US dollar	+10.7%	-5.6%	-6.3%
Euro	+17.8%	-16.3%	-3.0%
Pound sterling	+12.3%	-12.0%	-4.6%
Chinese yuan (Renminbi)	+13.9%	-9.6%	-10.1%
Japanese yen	+22.5%	-5.6%	-6.3%
Australian dollar	+21.7%	-12.2%	-9.9%
Indian rupee	+13.9%	-1.0%	+0.2%

* Depreciation (-) / Appreciation (+)

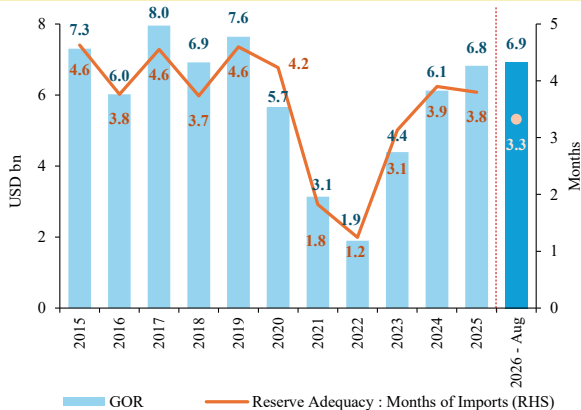
(a) Historical data on exchange rate is published in the CBSL website and can be accessed via the following link.

<https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/rates-and-indicators/exchange-rates>

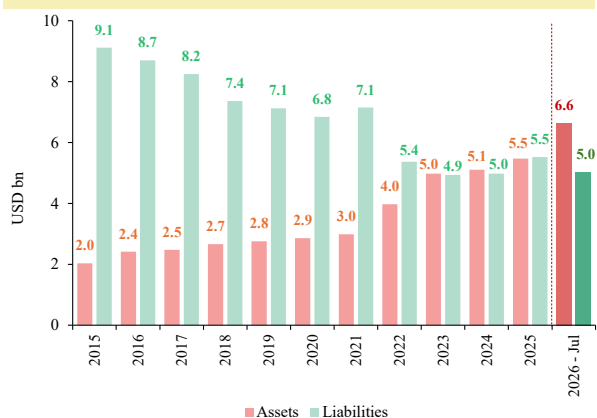
(b) Data for 2026 are revised based on the rebased CPI figures of several trading partner countries included in the currency basket

Financial Flows and International Reserves

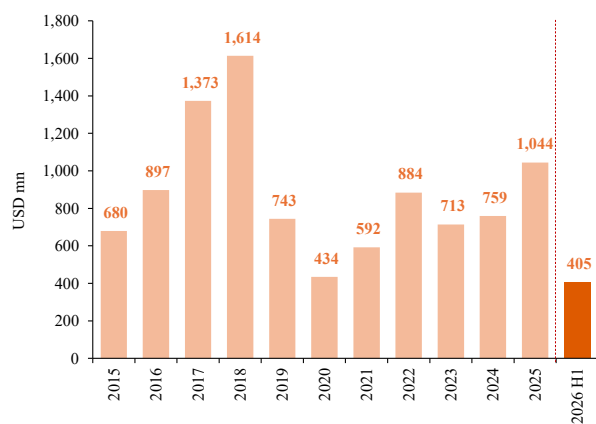
Gross Official Reserves (GOR) and Reserve Adequacy - End Period (a)



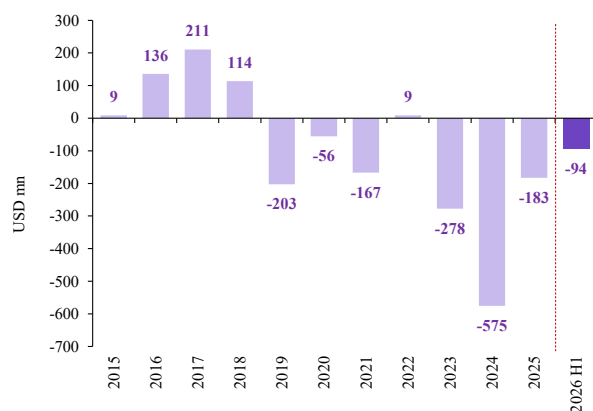
Foreign Assets and Liabilities of the Banking Sector



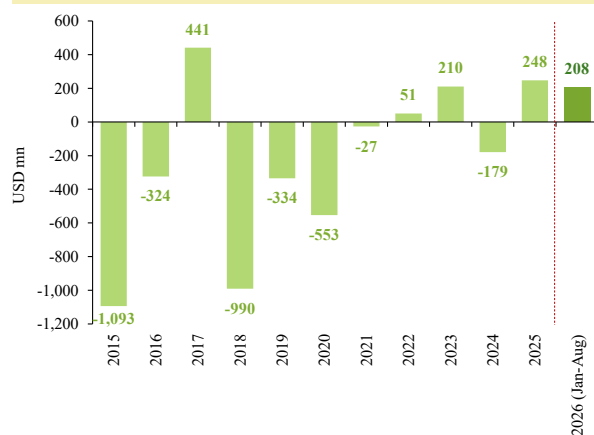
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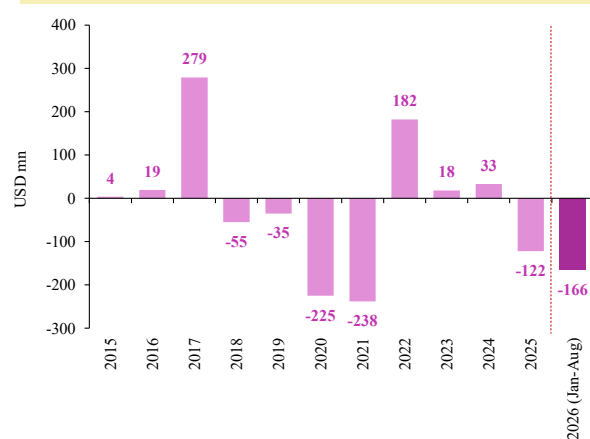
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Net Inflows to the G-Sec. Market (c)



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 from unrelated parties to BOI companies

(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	Aug 2025 (USD mn)	Aug 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Aug 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-Aug 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
1. Industrial exports	986.3	944.4	-4.2	7,015.4	7,327.1	4.4
Food, beverages and tobacco	81.5	76.1	-6.7	577.3	616.0	6.7
Animal fodder	12.8	12.6	-2.0	107.3	123.1	14.8
Textiles and garments	508.1	465.3	-8.4	3,595.3	3,355.6	-6.7
o/w Garments	469.6	434.8	-7.4	3,318.1	3,108.3	-6.3
Textiles	28.3	21.7	-23.4	196.0	177.6	-9.4
Other made-up textile articles	10.1	8.9	-12.5	81.2	69.7	-14.2
Rubber products	83.8	92.7	10.6	618.6	655.7	6.0
Gems, diamonds and jewellery	40.7	31.6	-22.5	267.0	256.2	-4.0
Machinery and mechanical appliances	44.1	44.6	1.1	313.3	446.1	42.4
Transport equipment	22.7	8.7	-61.6	83.9	77.8	-7.2
Petroleum products	74.2	111.3	50.0	654.7	944.9	44.3
Chemical products	29.3	31.5	7.7	205.9	242.7	17.9
Wood and paper products	10.0	13.8	37.5	80.8	97.9	21.1
Printing industry products	5.0	3.0	-40.7	30.9	26.0	-15.7
Leather, travel goods and footwear	6.9	6.7	-3.9	48.3	40.7	-15.8
Plastics and articles thereof	5.1	5.4	7.1	35.9	42.9	19.5
Base metals and articles	26.1	13.8	-46.8	141.3	150.2	6.3
Ceramic products	3.2	3.0	-7.2	20.1	18.8	-6.6
Other industrial exports	32.7	24.4	-25.4	234.8	232.5	-1.0
2. Agricultural exports	292.6	292.4	-0.1	2,030.2	2,015.4	-0.7
Tea	141.9	130.9	-7.8	1,026.0	948.5	-7.6
Rubber	3.2	2.3	-26.4	20.8	18.9	-9.0
Coconut	59.7	48.6	-18.5	367.5	389.6	6.0
Spices	40.9	74.9	83.4	282.6	349.3	23.6
Vegetables	2.5	2.2	-12.2	22.4	19.0	-14.9
Unmanufactured tobacco	4.1	1.7	-57.8	16.3	18.0	10.1
Minor agricultural products	21.8	12.5	-42.8	132.8	114.9	-13.4
Seafood	18.4	19.1	3.5	161.9	157.2	-2.9
3. Mineral exports	1.7	2.1	21.8	14.3	22.2	55.1
4. Unclassified exports	1.8	1.5	-16.3	16.8	12.3	-26.8
Total exports	1,282.3	1,240.3	-3.3	9,076.6	9,376.9	3.3

(a) Provisional

Sources: Sri Lanka Customs (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	Aug 2025 (USD mn)	Aug 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Aug 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-Aug 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
1. Consumer goods	499.1	420.7	-15.7	3,294.7	4,004.5	21.5
Food and beverages	154.0	142.7	-7.3	1,419.6	1,447.9	2.0
Cereals and milling industry products	4.9	4.9	-0.5	90.9	120.6	32.7
Dairy products	36.4	28.6	-21.3	249.7	270.2	8.2
Vegetables (b)	27.3	22.8	-16.7	301.8	261.4	-13.4
Seafood	10.7	17.9	67.7	74.0	121.8	64.5
Sugar and confectionery	17.9	25.0	39.5	246.4	207.4	-15.8
Spices	7.8	8.0	2.1	65.8	91.5	39.1
Oils and Fats	31.2	17.0	-45.7	237.0	206.4	-12.9
Other food and beverages	17.7	18.6	5.2	154.0	168.7	9.5
Non-food consumer goods	345.1	278.0	-19.5	1,875.0	2,556.6	36.4
Personal vehicles	198.9	138.7	-30.2	705.0	1,291.1	83.1
Medical and pharmaceuticals	52.8	56.9	7.8	420.0	484.4	15.3
Home appliances	14.7	17.3	17.4	136.0	178.3	31.1
Clothing and accessories	25.6	16.6	-35.1	184.2	165.4	-10.2
Telecommunication devices	16.8	17.1	1.6	137.3	158.3	15.3
Household and furniture items	12.3	9.1	-26.5	101.4	95.0	-6.3
Other non-food consumables	23.9	22.2	-7.0	191.1	184.1	-3.7
2. Intermediate goods	869.0	1,082.4	24.6	7,437.4	9,334.2	25.5
Fuel	255.2	450.6	76.5	2,520.6	4,072.1	61.6
o/w Crude oil	46.7	128.6	175.2	539.3	759.8	40.9
Refined petroleum	202.9	321.9	58.7	1,846.2	3,161.9	71.3
Coal	5.6	0.0	-99.7	135.2	150.5	11.3
Diamonds, precious stones, and metals	13.2	11.6	-12.1	93.0	125.7	35.2
Textiles and textile articles	208.4	173.8	-16.6	1,793.5	1,713.2	-4.5
Paper and paperboard and articles thereof	34.8	33.1	-4.9	266.7	278.3	4.4
Agricultural inputs	18.5	23.5	27.2	175.0	204.6	16.9
Wheat and maize	15.7	54.2	244.3	205.1	239.5	16.8
Base metals	29.1	80.3	176.3	312.5	451.5	44.5
Plastics and articles thereof	55.2	55.0	-0.2	411.4	470.4	14.3
Chemical products	82.5	95.6	15.9	662.0	777.0	17.4
Fertiliser	43.1	5.7	-86.8	164.8	129.5	-21.4
Rubber and articles thereof	27.2	26.1	-4.0	192.5	212.6	10.5
Mineral products	15.2	14.7	-3.2	94.8	117.5	23.9
Other intermediate goods	70.9	58.2	-17.9	545.6	542.1	-0.6
3. Investment goods	325.9	409.1	25.5	2,597.2	3,203.6	23.3
Machinery and equipment	187.2	267.6	42.9	1,658.4	2,019.5	21.8
Building material	80.5	76.7	-4.7	649.6	679.5	4.6
Transport equipment	58.0	64.6	11.3	286.7	501.2	74.8
o/w Commercial Vehicles	50.2	50.1	-0.3	212.5	392.5	84.7
Other investment goods	0.2	0.2	53.4	2.5	3.4	37.9
4. Unclassified imports	2.6	1.6	-37.5	11.6	14.8	27.3
Total imports	1,696.5	1,913.8	12.8	13,340.9	16,557.1	24.1
o/w Non-fuel imports	1,441.2	1,463.3	1.5	10,820.3	12,485.0	15.4

(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	Aug 2025 (USD mn)	Aug 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Aug 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-Aug 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
0. Food and live animals	310.4	310.9	0.2	2,219.9	2,224.6	0.2
03 Fish and fish preparations	23.3	26.0	12.0	201.2	226.4	12.5
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	6.9	8.4	21.8	53.2	55.0	3.5
05 Vegetables and fruit	74.9	46.3	-38.2	452.8	405.5	-10.4
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	183.2	203.0	10.8	1,309.3	1,295.0	-1.1
1. Beverages and tobacco	17.6	15.9	-9.8	113.5	125.6	10.7
11 Beverages	4.3	7.0	63.4	47.9	52.6	9.8
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	13.2	8.8	-33.6	65.6	73.0	11.4
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	46.2	43.8	-5.3	301.9	330.4	9.4
23 Crude rubber	3.3	2.5	-23.6	21.9	20.1	-8.6
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	27.7	17.0	-38.6	175.3	130.7	-25.5
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	74.2	111.3	50.0	654.7	944.9	44.3
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	74.2	111.3	50.0	654.7	939.3	43.5
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	0	0		0	5.7	
4. Animal and vegetable oils, fats, and waxes	19.4	17.1	-12.1	129.0	129.9	0.8
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	13.7	11.6	-15.5	93.3	97.1	4.0
5. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	33.0	39.4	19.1	238.3	288.8	21.2
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	167.7	146.6	-12.6	1,174.8	1,171.1	-0.3
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	55.8	61.7	10.6	420.7	449.0	6.7
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, etc., n.e.s.	36.7	29.2	-20.5	267.2	235.0	-12.1
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	44.0	36.5	-17.1	304.6	285.1	-6.4
7. Machinery, transport equipment	65.3	52.6	-19.4	385.4	510.3	32.4
77 Electric machinery, apparatus, and appliances, n.e.s. and electrical parts thereof	29.5	24.5	-17.0	196.7	252.5	28.4
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles	548.5	502.8	-8.3	3,859.2	3,651.3	-5.4
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	501.6	470.2	-6.3	3,544.4	3,340.4	-5.8
9. Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	0	0		0.1	0	
Total exports	1,282.3	1,240.3	-3.3	9,076.6	9,376.9	3.3

(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	Aug 2025 (USD mn)	Aug 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Aug 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-Aug 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
0. Food and live animals	168.2	210.1	24.9	1,629.2	1,752.3	7.6
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	36.5	28.7	-21.4	250.1	270.5	8.2
03 Fish and fish preparations	10.8	18.0	67.0	75.1	123.2	63.9
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	20.3	58.7	188.5	292.7	357.0	22.0
05 Vegetables and fruit	32.9	29.7	-10.0	352.3	319.1	-9.4
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	17.9	25.0	39.5	246.5	207.4	-15.9
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	16.7	13.9	-17.0	131.2	155.5	18.5
1. Beverages and tobacco	7.9	12.2	53.9	80.9	95.2	17.7
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	43.1	41.5	-3.7	319.6	351.2	9.9
23 Crude rubber	23.6	21.3	-10.1	165.2	183.5	11.1
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	0.6	0.6	8.3	12.7	9.1	-28.1
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	255.2	450.6	76.5	2,520.6	4,072.1	61.6
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	220.2	421.6	91.5	2,097.7	3,676.3	75.3
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	29.4	29.0	-1.6	287.7	245.3	-14.7
4. Animal and vegetable oils, fats, and waxes	38.9	18.3	-52.9	300.3	223.9	-25.5
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	38.3	17.5	-54.2	288.1	217.7	-24.4
5. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	232.1	208.6	-10.1	1,626.5	1,840.1	13.1
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	48.7	51.0	4.8	384.3	442.8	15.2
56 Fertilisers, manufactured	43.1	5.7	-86.8	164.7	129.2	-21.6
57 Plastics in primary forms	37.3	38.8	3.8	267.1	323.6	21.2
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	14.5	13.0	-10.4	109.7	117.6	7.2
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	383.2	402.2	4.9	3,228.8	3,406.5	5.5
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles thereof	32.7	30.8	-5.9	249.9	264.5	5.8
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, etc., n.e.s.	204.7	171.3	-16.3	1,754.7	1,678.7	-4.3
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	40.3	36.8	-8.5	288.0	342.6	19.0
67 Iron and steel	34.4	85.3	147.7	388.5	469.7	20.9
7. Machinery, transport equipment	482.7	497.7	3.1	2,937.8	4,159.2	41.6
72 Machinery specialized for particular industries	45.1	43.1	-4.5	314.9	376.7	19.6
74 General industrial machinery and equipment and machine parts, n.e.s.	51.0	113.4	122.1	494.6	585.6	18.4
75 Office machines and automatic data-processing machines	19.5	22.7	16.6	141.9	225.8	59.1
76 Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	31.9	45.9	43.9	288.5	386.9	34.1
77 Electric machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s. and electrical parts thereof	52.8	58.3	10.4	416.5	547.7	31.5
78 Road vehicles	255.7	194.9	-23.8	1,007.5	1,770.5	75.7
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles	80.7	70.3	-13.0	685.6	646.4	-5.7
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	23.5	14.4	-38.5	162.7	137.6	-15.4
87 Professional, scientific, and controlling instruments and apparatus n.e.s.	14.8	19.2	29.8	131.4	159.9	21.7
9. Commodities and transactions not elsewhere specified in SITC	4.3	2.4	-44.4	11.7	10.2	-12.6
Total imports	1,696.5	1,913.8	12.8	13,340.9	16,557.1	24.1

(a) Provisional

n.e.s. not elsewhere specified

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

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

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Services Account – Inflows (a)

	Aug 2025 (USD mn)	Aug 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Aug 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-Aug 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Services	557.9	549.3	-1.5	4,785.4	4,698.7	-1.8
Manufacturing services	1.1	1.6	36.1	5.6	17.1	206.7
Maintenance and repair services	1.9	1.2	-37.4	11.0	7.6	-31.1
Transport	123.8	158.1	27.7	1,274.6	1,334.5	4.7
Sea transport	89.8	92.3	2.8	967.2	914.6	-5.4
Passenger	0.02	0.001	-93.8	0.4	0.2	-57.6
Freight	54.4	32.1	-41.1	525.9	471.4	-10.4
Other	35.4	60.2	70.4	440.9	443.1	0.5
Air transport	34.0	65.4	91.9	306.9	418.6	36.4
Passenger	21.7	29.6	36.8	214.3	237.2	10.7
Freight	2.5	2.2	-13.6	24.0	16.6	-30.9
Other	9.8	33.5	240.5	68.6	164.8	140.1
Postal services	0.01	0.4		0.5	1.2	153.8
Travel ^(b)	258.9	264.4	2.1	2,290.0	2,061.1	-10.0
Construction	12.1	5.1	-57.8	89.9	55.9	-37.8
Construction abroad	2.0	0.5	-72.2	12.3	10.6	-14.1
Construction in the reporting economy	3.6	1.5	-57.1	28.6	20.7	-27.5
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	6.5	3.0	-53.8	49.0	24.6	-49.7
Insurance and pension services	1.2	2.6	123.4	12.1	38.2	216.9
Direct insurance	0.4	1.2	186.5	9.6	31.2	226.3
Reinsurance	0.8	1.5	89.9	2.5	7.0	180.5
Financial services	4.4	5.8	32.0	32.1	37.2	15.9
Charges for the use of intellectual property	1.0	0.5	-51.6	8.0	8.6	7.2
Telecommunications, computer, and information services	80.1	35.5	-55.7	613.6	507.1	-17.4
Telecommunications services	8.3	4.1	-50.8	62.6	47.1	-24.7
Computer & IT/BPO related services	71.8	31.4	-56.3	551.0	459.9	-16.5
Computer services	71.8	31.2	-56.6	545.9	457.8	-16.1
Information services	0.1	0.2	176.8	5.2	2.1	-58.6
Other business services	70.8	71.2	0.6	429.8	609.8	41.9
Education services	3.3	4.8	45.2	25.6	36.0	40.4
Professional and management consulting services	22.4	29.8	33.0	201.6	249.2	23.6
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	45.1	36.6	-18.8	202.5	324.6	60.3
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	1.7	2.1	19.9	9.5	12.4	30.2
Audiovisual and related services	1.1	0.9	-16.9	4.4	8.1	86.2
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.6	1.2	86.9	5.2	4.3	-16.9
Government goods and services	0.8	1.4	76.7	9.3	9.3	-0.3

(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.

(b) The Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority has revised the methodology of compiling monthly earnings from tourism estimates in May 2026 to enhance the accuracy and representativeness of such estimates incorporating country-specific data on tourist arrivals, average daily expenditure, and average duration of stay. The revised methodology has been applied retrospectively to monthly estimates from January 2026 onwards. Accordingly, monthly estimates on earnings from tourism for January – April 2026 have been revised

Sources: SLTDA, ITRS – CBSL

Services Account – Outflows (a)

	Aug 2025 (USD mn)	Aug 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Aug 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-Aug 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Services	266.6	329.2	23.5	2,118.4	2,602.5	22.9
Manufacturing services	8.2	2.7	-67.3	94.6	12.9	-86.4
Maintenance and repair services	5.9	9.0	52.3	46.3	61.4	32.6
Transport	63.5	106.0	66.9	666.6	802.7	20.4
Sea transport	24.4	29.3	20.3	292.7	219.7	-24.9
Passenger	0.02	0.1	354.9	0.1	0.4	224.3
Freight	22.2	22.3	0.5	270.9	184.4	-31.9
Other	2.2	7.0	219.9	21.7	34.9	60.8
Air transport	39.1	76.3	95.1	372.9	580.4	55.7
Passenger	19.6	25.1	28.0	143.5	159.4	11.1
Freight	15.3	13.9	-8.6	184.3	201.0	9.1
Other	4.2	37.2		45.0	219.9	388.4
Postal services	0.02	0.4		1.0	2.6	150.0
Travel	75.9	111.0	46.2	503.0	815.2	62.1
Construction	2.5	3.2	26.1	28.0	27.3	-2.8
Construction abroad	0.003	0.0	-100.0	2.2	3.5	61.9
Construction in the reporting economy	0.5	0.01	-97.7	5.1	4.5	-12.4
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	2.1	3.2	54.1	20.8	19.3	-7.2
Insurance and pension services	4.4	2.9	-33.4	29.0	40.8	40.7
Direct insurance	0.9	0.5	-41.2	7.8	11.3	44.3
Reinsurance	3.5	2.4	-31.5	21.2	29.5	39.3
Financial services	0.7	0.6	-8.9	10.9	18.6	70.2
Charges for the use of intellectual property	11.5	7.0	-39.0	108.3	67.2	-38.0
Telecommunications, computer, and information services	27.8	19.1	-31.3	188.9	193.7	2.6
Telecommunications services	1.5	3.9	159.2	21.2	17.5	-17.6
Computer & IT/BPO related services	26.3	15.2	-42.3	167.7	176.3	5.1
Computer services	26.2	14.6	-44.1	163.7	171.2	4.6
Information services	0.1	0.5	421.8	4.0	5.0	26.3
Other business services	63.3	66.0	4.3	423.9	546.8	29.0
Education services	10.3	14.1	36.4	68.7	73.7	7.3
Professional and management consulting services	13.3	11.1	-16.3	113.7	136.6	20.2
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	39.7	40.8	2.8	241.6	336.5	39.3
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	2.4	0.8	-66.8	13.6	10.6	-21.6
Audiovisual and related services	2.2	0.7	-69.5	12.9	9.8	-24.0
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.1	0.1	-25.8	0.7	0.8	25.0
Government goods and services	0.5	0.9	67.9	5.1	5.3	3.2

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Sources: SLTDA, ITRS – CBSL

Services Account – Net (a)

	Aug 2025 (USD mn)	Aug 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Aug 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-Aug 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Services	291.2	220.1	-24.4	2,667.1	2,096.1	-21.4
Manufacturing services	-7.1	-1.1	-83.9	-89.0	4.2	-104.7
Maintenance and repair services	-4.0	-7.8	94.8	-35.3	-53.8	52.6
Transport	60.3	52.1	-13.7	608.0	531.8	-12.5
Sea transport	65.4	63.0	-3.7	674.5	694.9	3.0
Passenger	-0.002	-0.1		0.3	-0.2	-178.7
Freight	32.2	9.7	-69.7	255.0	287.0	12.5
Other	33.2	53.3	60.6	419.2	408.1	-2.6
Air transport	-5.0	-10.9	116.2	-66.0	-161.8	145.2
Passenger	2.0	4.5	122.5	70.7	77.8	10.0
Freight	-12.7	-11.8	-7.6	-160.3	-184.5	15.1
Other	5.7	-3.6	-164.4	23.6	-55.1	-333.4
Postal services	-0.002	0.01		-0.5	-1.3	146.5
Travel	183.0	153.4	-16.2	1,787.0	1,245.9	-30.3
Construction	9.5	1.9	-80.1	61.9	28.7	-53.6
Construction abroad	2.0	0.5	-72.2	10.2	7.1	-30.3
Construction in the reporting economy	3.1	1.5	-51.0	23.5	16.2	-30.8
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	4.5	-0.2	-103.9	28.2	5.4	-81.0
Insurance and pension services	-3.2	-0.3	-90.4	-17.0	-2.6	-84.6
Direct insurance	-0.5	0.6	-232.3	1.7	19.9	
Reinsurance	-2.7	-0.9	-65.4	-18.7	-22.5	20.5
Financial services	3.7	5.1	39.5	21.1	18.5	-12.2
Charges for the use of intellectual property	-10.5	-6.5	-37.8	-100.3	-58.6	-41.6
Telecommunications, computer, and information services	52.4	16.4	-68.7	424.7	313.3	-26.2
Telecommunications services	6.8	0.2	-97.7	41.4	29.7	-28.4
Computer & IT/BPO related services	45.6	16.2	-64.4	383.3	283.7	-26.0
Computer services	45.6	16.6	-63.7	382.2	286.6	-25.0
Information services	-0.03	-0.3		1.2	-2.9	-347.7
Other business services	7.5	5.2	-30.9	5.9	62.9	
Education services	-7.0	-9.2	32.2	-43.1	-37.7	-12.4
Professional and management consulting services	9.1	18.7	104.9	88.0	112.6	28.0
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	5.4	-4.3	-179.4	-39.0	-11.9	-69.6
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	-0.6	1.3	-312.9	-4.1	1.8	-143.7
Audiovisual and related services	-1.1	0.3	-123.7	-8.6	-1.7	-80.2
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.5	1.1	120.8	4.5	3.5	-23.1
Government goods and services	0.3	0.5	94.0	4.2	4.0	-4.6

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