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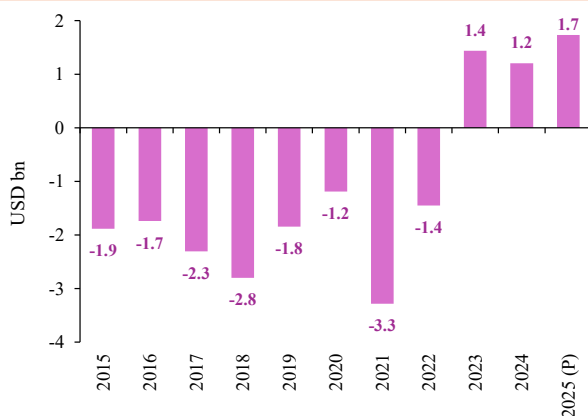
Current Account

Summary of Current Account (a)

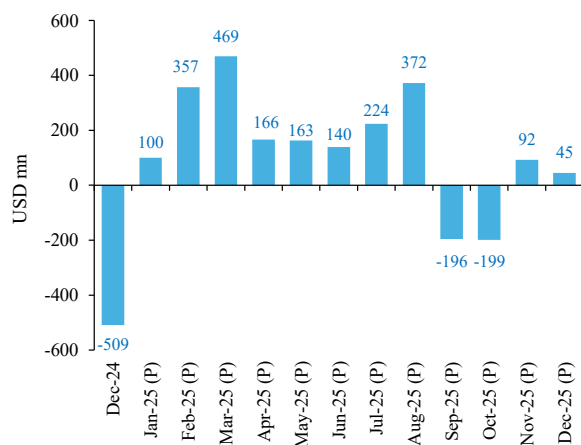
Category	Dec 2024 (USD mn)	Dec 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	2024 (USD mn)	2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Current Account Balance	-509.1	45.2	-108.9	1,205.7	1,733.4	43.8
Trade Balance	-822.7	-997.2		-6,069.4	-7,898.6	
Merchandise Exports	1,101.8	1,158.0	5.1	12,772.0	13,581.4	6.3
Merchandise Imports	1,924.5	2,155.2	12.0	18,841.4	21,479.9	14.0
Services Account (net)	127.1	343.8	170.4	3,434.8	3,707.2	7.9
Services Account - Inflows	701.5	720.6	2.7	6,910.0	7,065.7	2.3
Services Account - Outflows	574.4	376.9	-34.4	3,475.2	3,358.5	-3.4
Primary Income Account (net)	-418.2	-172.3		-2,599.0	-2,024.3	
Primary Income Account - Inflows	72.6	66.8	-8.0	609.4	621.2	1.9
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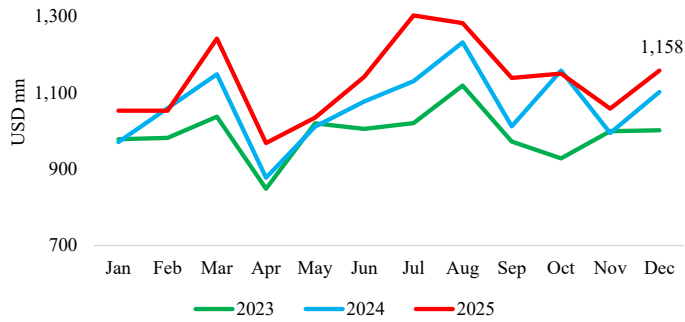


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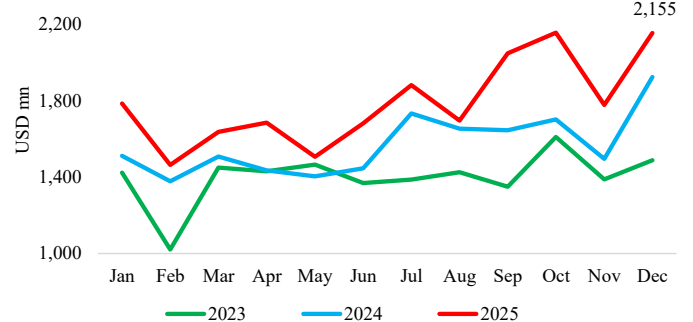


Merchandise Trade Highlights

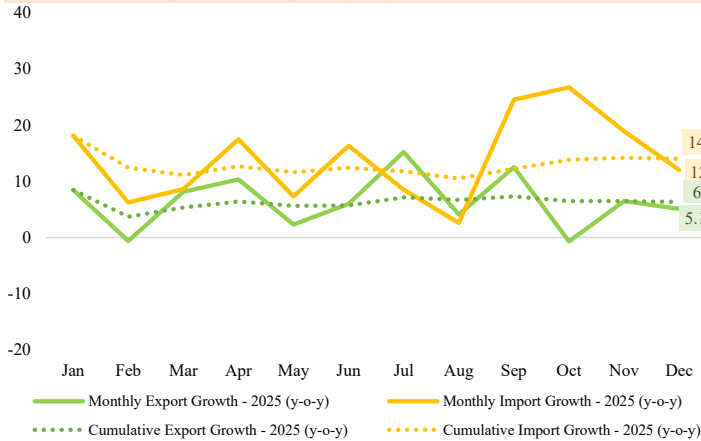
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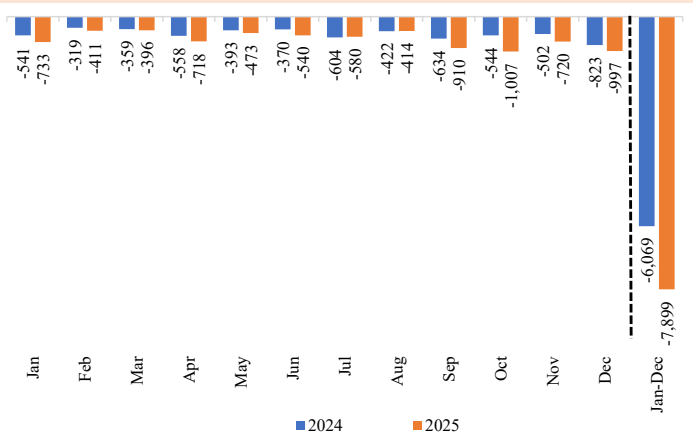
Monthly Import Performance



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

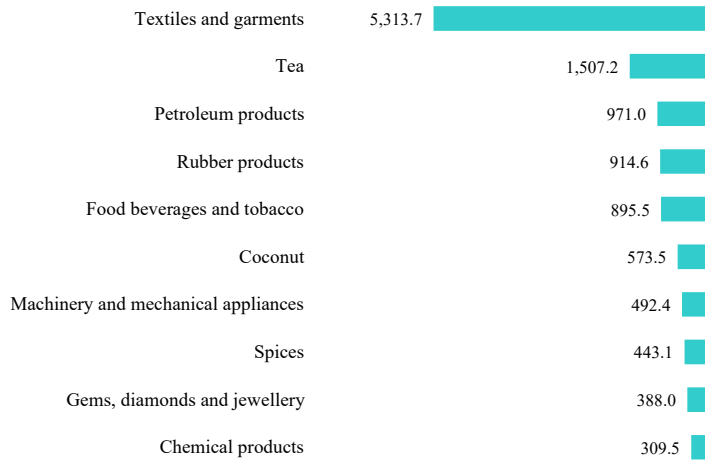


Trade Balance (USD mn)

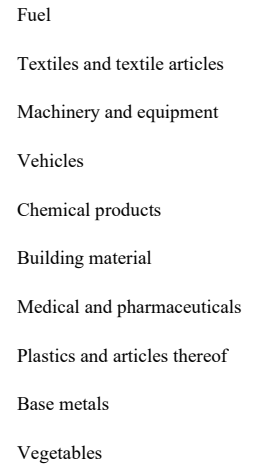


Major Merchandise Export and Import Categories - 2025

Exports (USD mn)

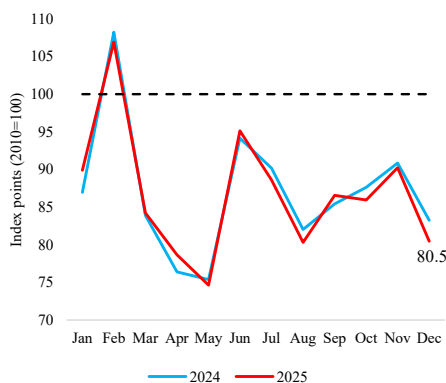


Imports (USD mn)

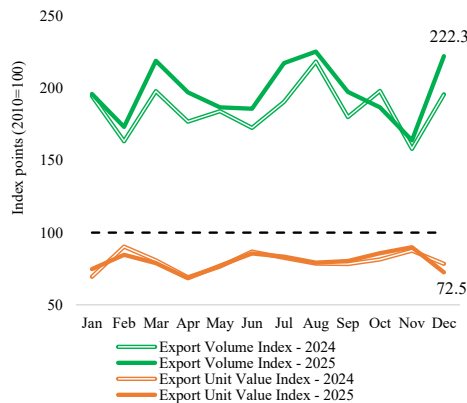


Terms of Trade and Merchandise Trade Indices (in USD terms)

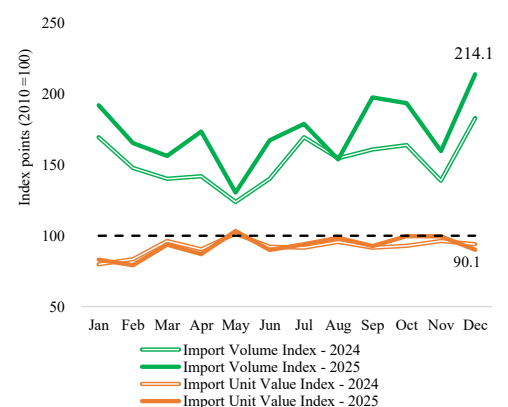
Terms of Trade



Export Volume and Unit Value Indices

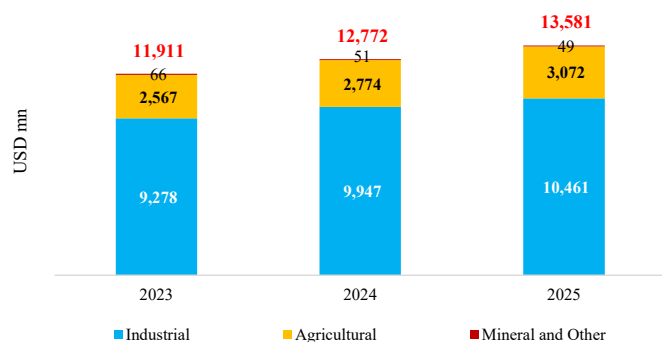


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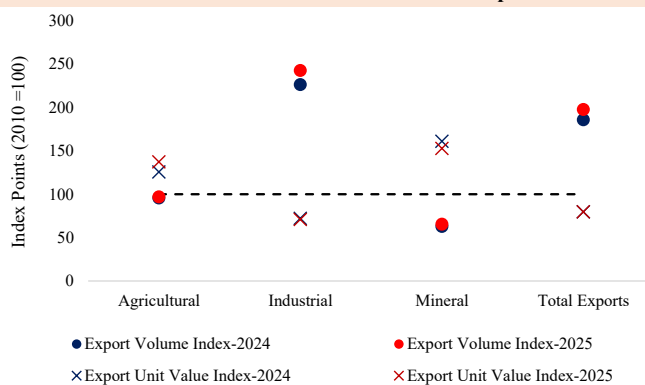


Merchandise Export Performance

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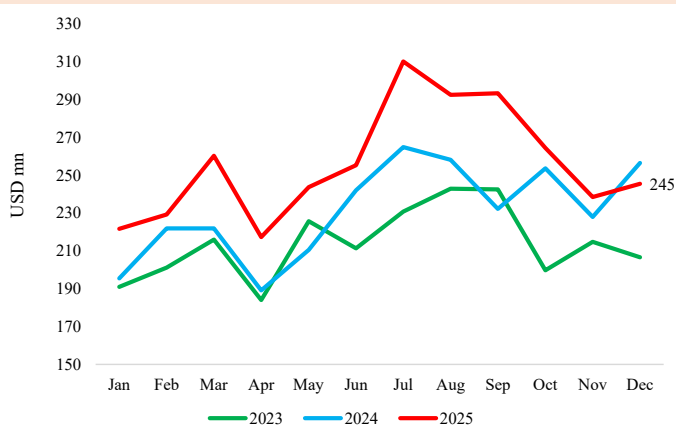


Volume and Unit Value Indices of Exports

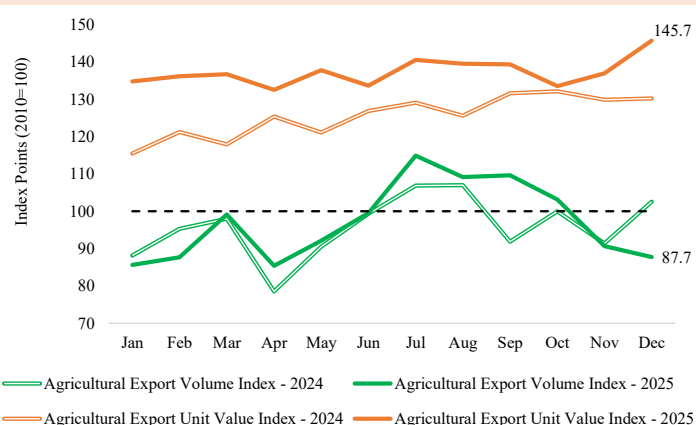


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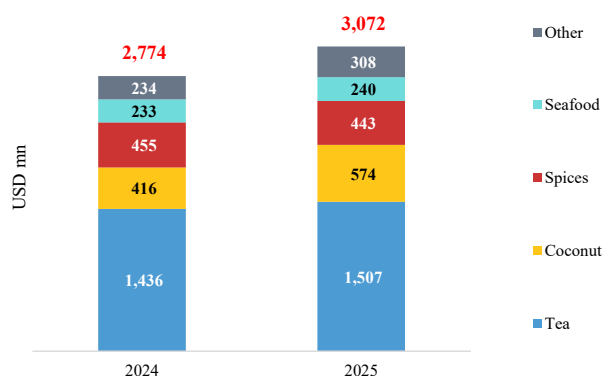
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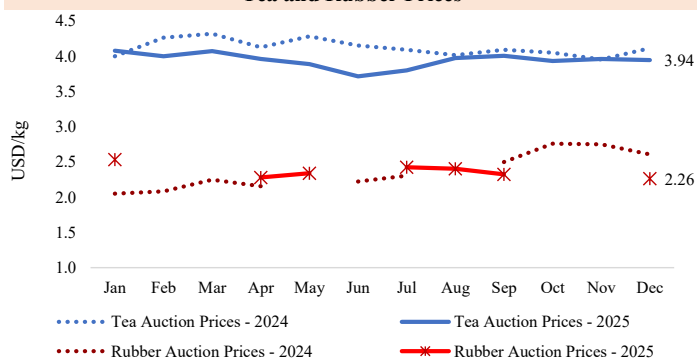
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Agricultural Exports



Performance of Agricultural Exports



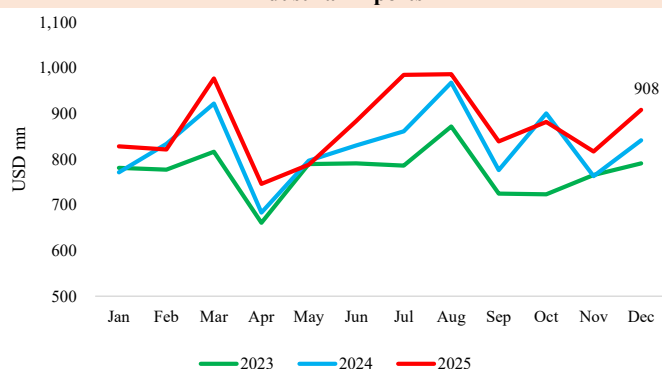
Tea and Rubber Prices



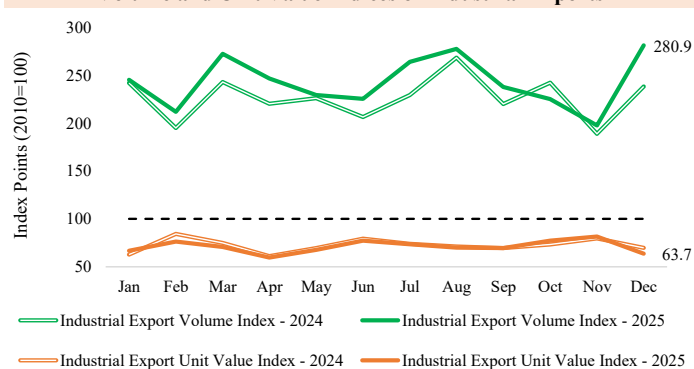
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Industrial Exports

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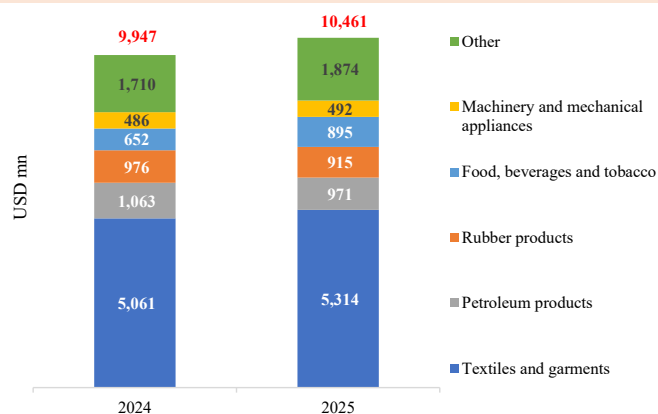


Volume and Unit Value Indices of Industrial Exports

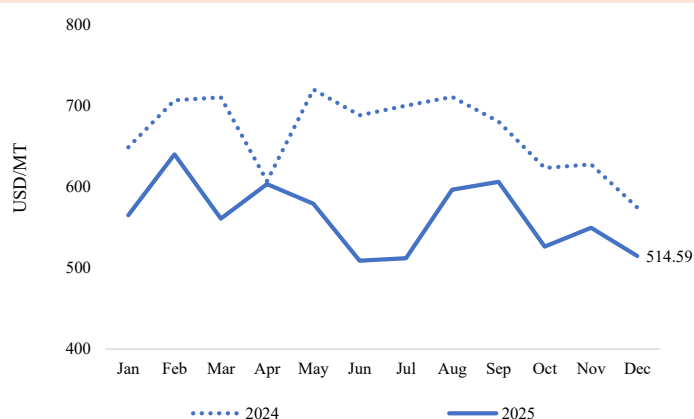


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Performance of Industrial Exports

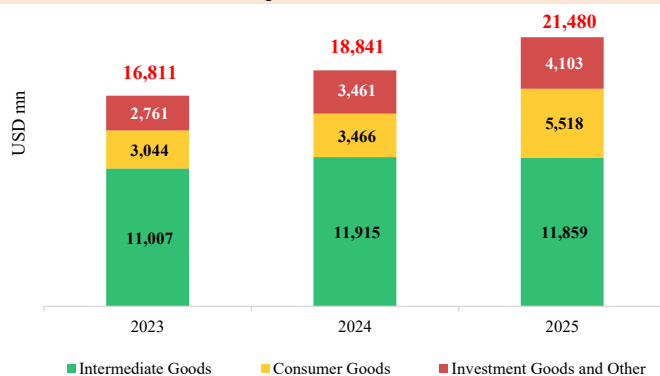


Bunker and Aviation Fuel Export Prices

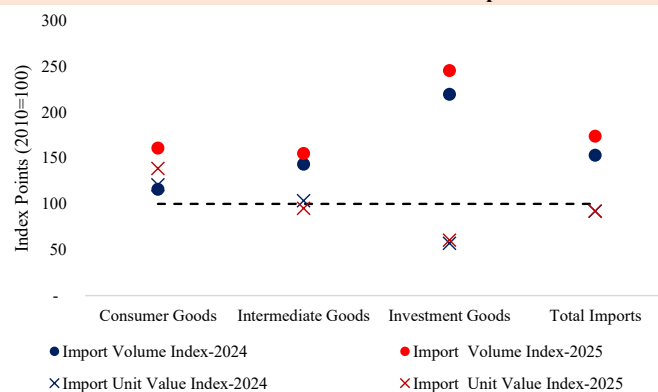


Merchandise Import Performance

Import Performance

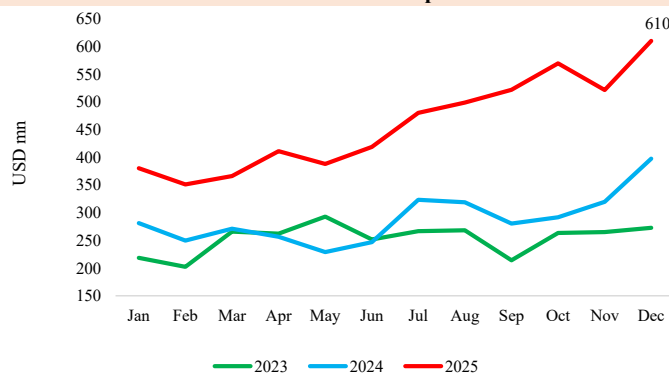


Volume and Unit Value Indices of Imports

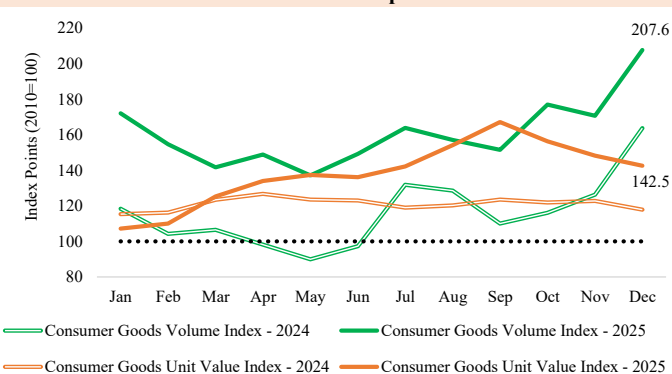


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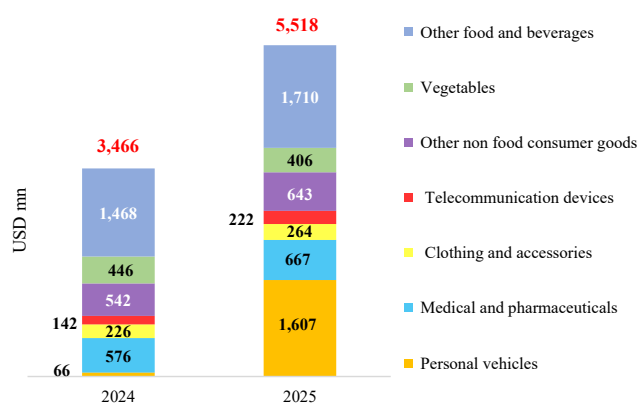
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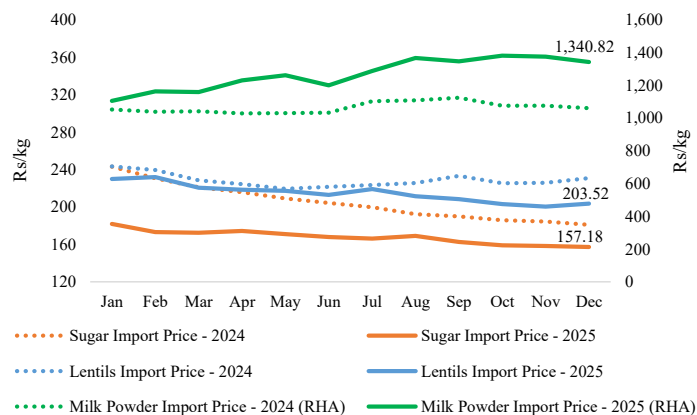
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Imports of Consumer Goods



Performance of Consumer Goods Imports

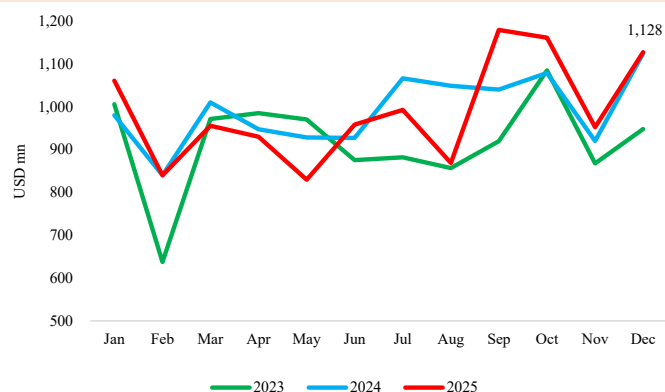


Average Import Prices of Sugar, Lentils and Milk Powder

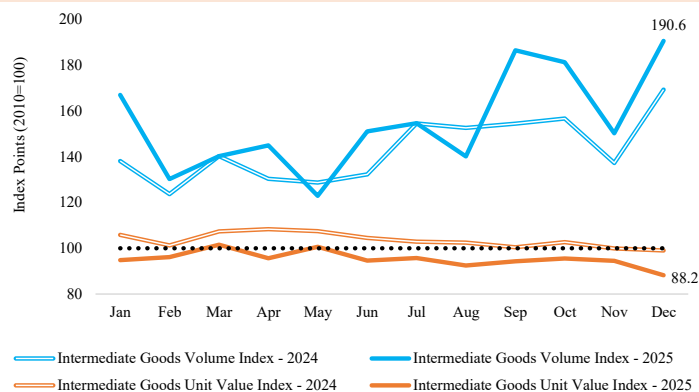


Intermediate Goods Imports

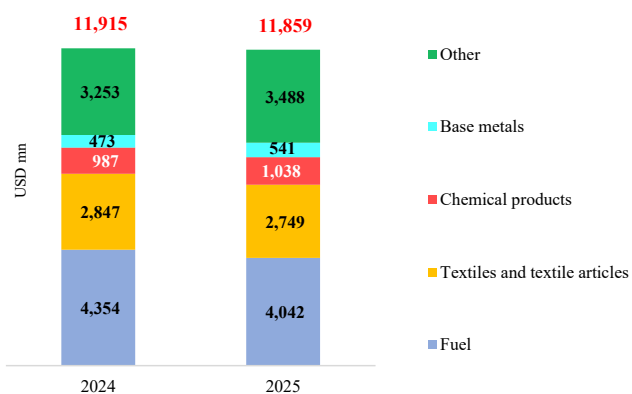
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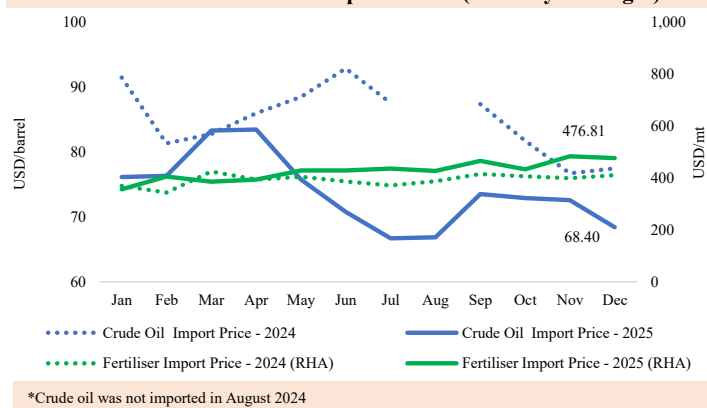
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Intermediate Goods Imports



Performance of Intermediate Goods Imports

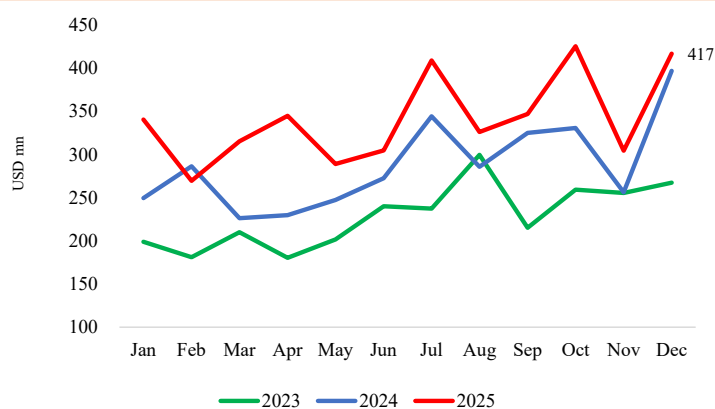


Crude Oil and Fertiliser Import Prices (Monthly Averages)

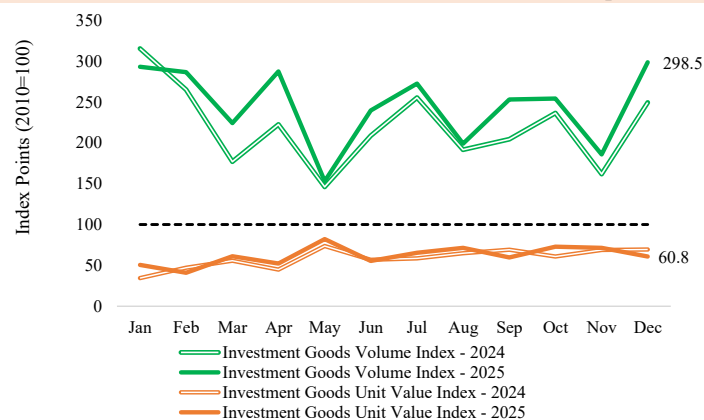


Investment Goods Imports

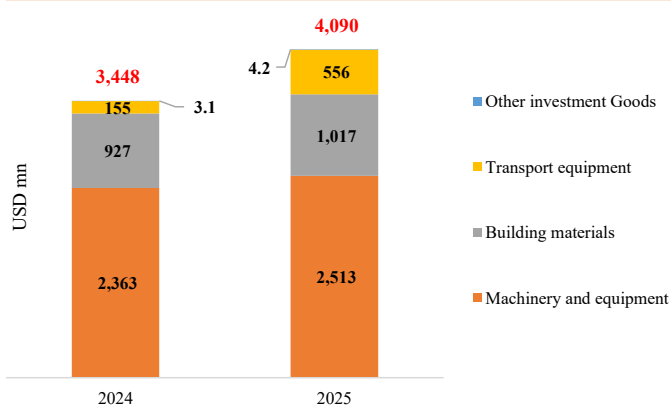
Imports of Investment Goods



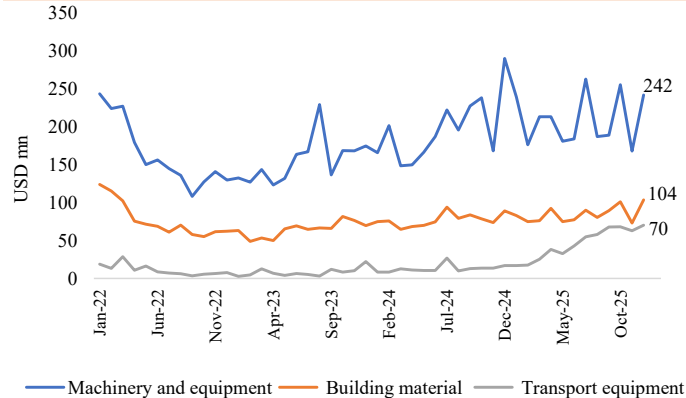
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Investment Goods Imports



Performance of Investment Goods Imports



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	Dec-24	Dec-25	Y-O-Y Change (%)	2024	2025	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Agricultural Exports	256.5	245.4	-4.3	2,774.5	3,072.0	10.7
o/w Tea	131.6	105.8	-19.6	1,435.9	1,507.2	5.0
Coconut	36.0	44.4	23.4	416.5	573.5	37.7
Spices	46.7	43.7	-6.4	454.7	443.1	-2.6
Seafood	20.1	23.4	16.1	233.0	240.2	3.1
Industrial Exports	841.5	908.0	7.9	9,946.9	10,460.8	5.2
o/w Textiles and garments	447.6	471.6	5.4	5,061.0	5,313.7	5.0
Rubber products	78.3	74.2	-5.3	975.6	914.6	-6.2
Petroleum products	87.9	90.1	2.5	1,063.5	971.0	-8.7
Food, beverages and tobacco	57.6	66.0	14.7	651.5	895.5	37.4
Machinery and mechanical appliances	39.5	39.1	-1.0	485.5	492.4	1.4
Gems, diamonds and jewellery	16.4	23.5	43.8	381.9	388.0	1.6
Leather, travel goods and footwear	4.8	5.6	15.0	62.2	69.3	11.5
Mineral and Other Exports	3.7	4.5	22.2	50.7	48.6	-4.2
Total Exports	1,101.8	1,158.0	5.1	12,772.0	13,581.4	6.3
Import Performance (USD mn)						
Item	Dec-24	Dec-25	Y-O-Y Change (%)	2024	2025	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Consumer goods	397.6	610.2	53.5	3,465.7	5,518.3	59.2
Food and beverages	242.5	191.4	-21.1	1,914.3	2,115.9	10.5
o/w Vegetables (b)	48.6	34.5	-29.0	446.0	406.2	-8.9
Rice	45.6	2.5	-94.5	85.5	103.5	21.0
Non-food consumer goods	155.1	418.8	170.1	1,551.4	3,402.3	119.3
o/w Medical and Pharmaceuticals	60.5	70.2	16.2	575.6	667.1	15.9
Intermediate goods	1,124.9	1,127.9	0.3	11,914.5	11,858.9	-0.5
o/w Fuel	434.0	390.1	-10.1	4,354.4	4,042.5	-7.2
Textiles and textile articles	252.6	251.5	-0.5	2,847.1	2,749.1	-3.4
Fertiliser	27.2	19.1	-29.9	201.1	309.2	53.7
Wheat and maize	58.3	42.1	-27.8	382.5	398.3	4.1
Investment goods and other	402.0	417.0	3.7	3,461.2	4,102.8	18.5
o/w Machinery and equipment	290.3	242.1	-16.6	2,363.1	2,513.4	6.4
Total Imports	1,924.5	2,155.2	12.0	18,841.4	21,479.9	14.0
Trade Balance (USD mn)						
Item	Dec-24	Dec-25		2024	2025	
Trade Balance	-822.7	-997.2		-6,069.4	-7,898.6	
Trade Indices and Terms of Trade (2010 = 100) (In USD terms)						
Item	Dec-24	Dec-25	Y-O-Y Change (%)	2024	2025	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Export						
Value index	153.3	161.2	5.1	148.1	157.5	6.3
Volume index	195.8	222.3	13.5	185.9	197.6	6.3
Unit value index	78.3	72.5	-7.4	79.7	79.7	0.02
Import						
Value index	172.2	192.9	12.0	140.5	160.2	14.0
Volume index	183.1	214.1	17.0	152.9	173.7	13.6
Unit value index	94.1	90.1	-4.2	91.9	92.2	0.4
Terms of Trade	83.2	80.5		86.7	86.4	

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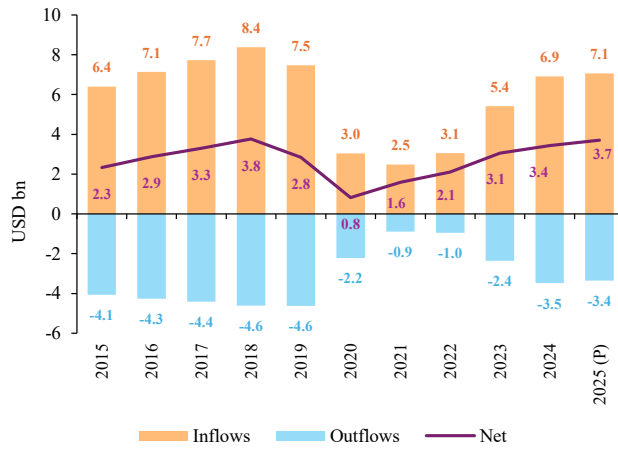
(b) includes lentils, onions, potatoes, leguminous vegetables and others

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

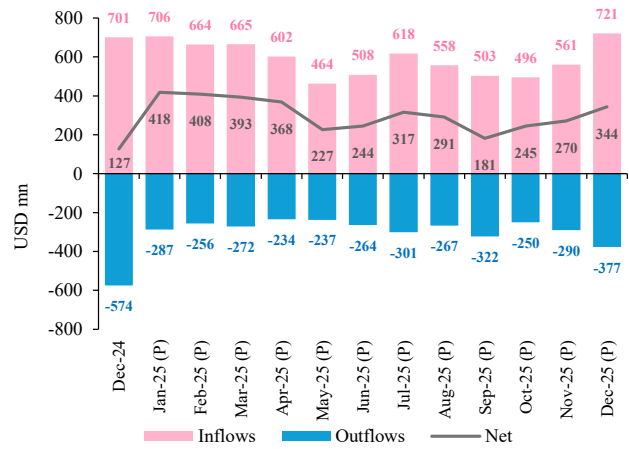
Note 2: Longer series of Merchandise Trade data can be accessed through : <https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/en/statistics/statistical-tables/external-sector>

Services Account

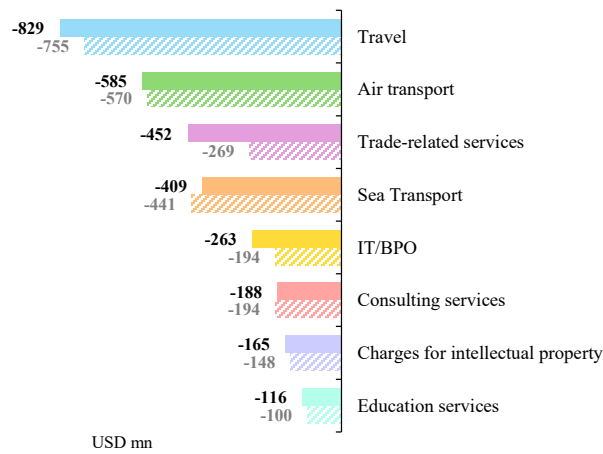
Services Account - Annual



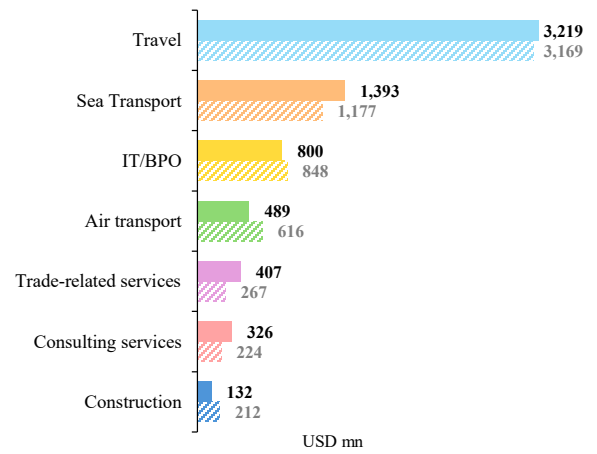
Services Account - Monthly



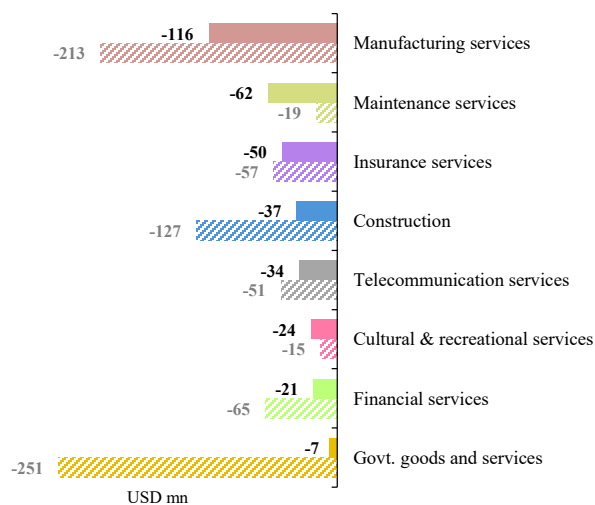
Major Services Outflows



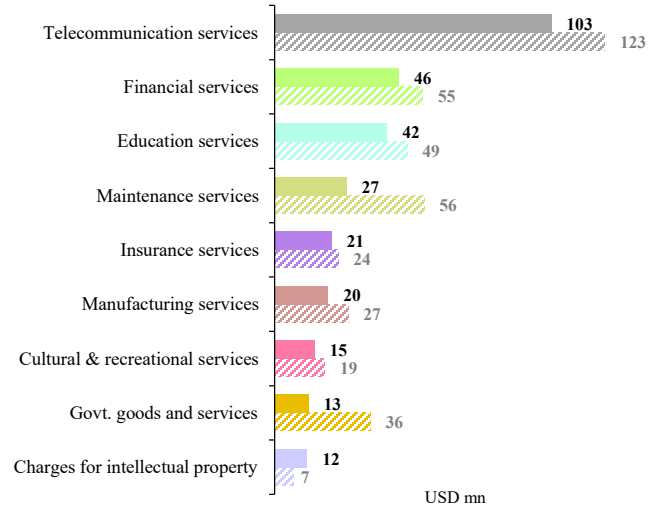
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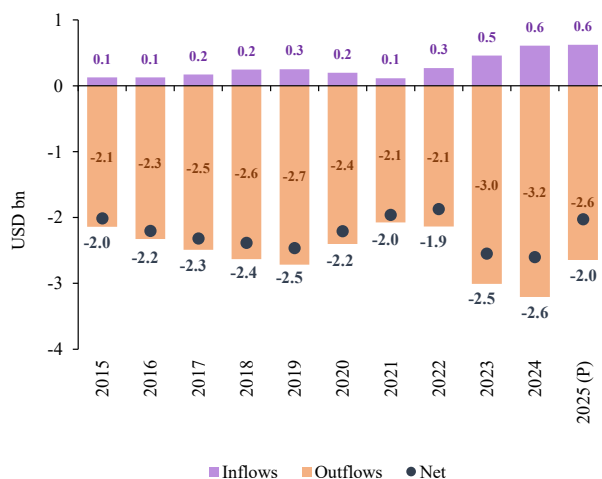
Primary Income Account

Summary of Primary Income Account (a)

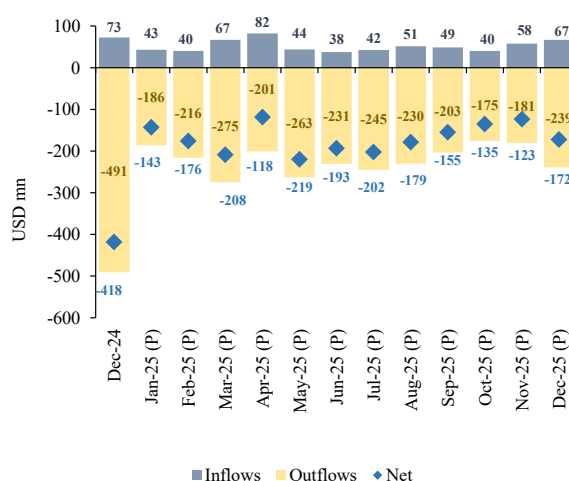
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<i>of which,</i>						
Direct Investment related Outflows	163.3	111.6	-31.7	941.7	1,065.1	13.1
Dividends	139.7	94.9	-32.0	770.8	838.2	8.7
Reinvested Earnings	23.6	16.6	-29.7	171.0	226.9	32.7
Portfolio Investment related Outflows	184.5	67.8	-63.3	877.5	507.2	-42.2
<i>of which,</i>						
Government Bond Outflows	180.0	38.9	-78.4	791.1	388.3	-50.9
Other Investment Interest	141.4	55.8	-60.6	1,369.0	1,044.9	-23.7
Interest on Foreign Loans						
Government	121.5	46.6	-61.6	986.3	727.6	-26.2
Central Bank	11.8	4.6	-60.9	275.9	167.7	-39.2
Deposit-taking Corporations	5.7	1.5	-73.7	82.0	42.9	-47.6
Other Sectors	2.4	3.0	23.7	24.8	106.6	329.5

(a) Provisional

Primary Income Account - Annual



Primary Income Account - Monthly



Secondary Income Account

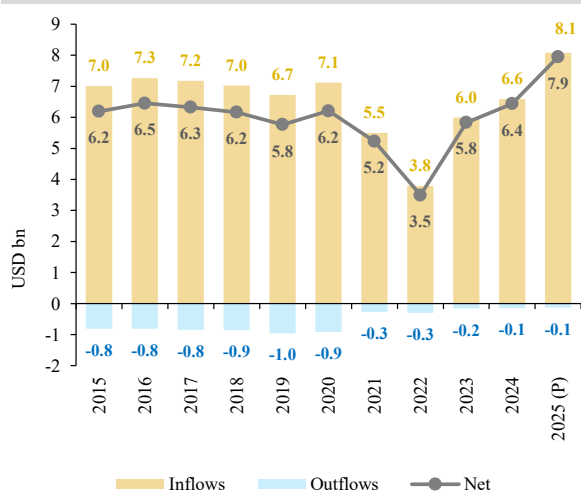
Summary of Secondary Income Account ^(a)

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Secondary Income Account Inflows	613.8	879.9	43.4	6,585.2	8,079.5	22.7
General Government	0.0	0.8		9.8	3.3	-66.6
Worker's Remittances ^(b)	613.8	879.1	43.2	6,575.4	8,076.2	22.8
Secondary Income Account Outflows	9.1	9.0	-1.0	145.9	130.4	-10.6

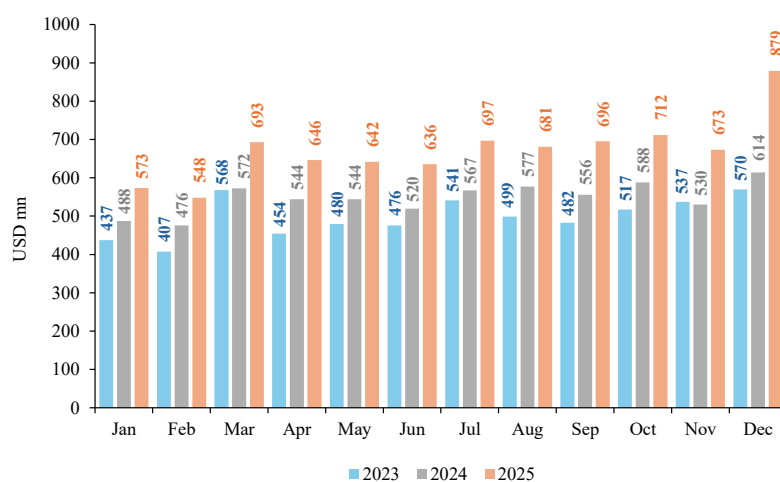
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(b) Workers' remittances may include other remittances, such as those received following Cyclone Ditwah.

Secondary Income Account - Annual

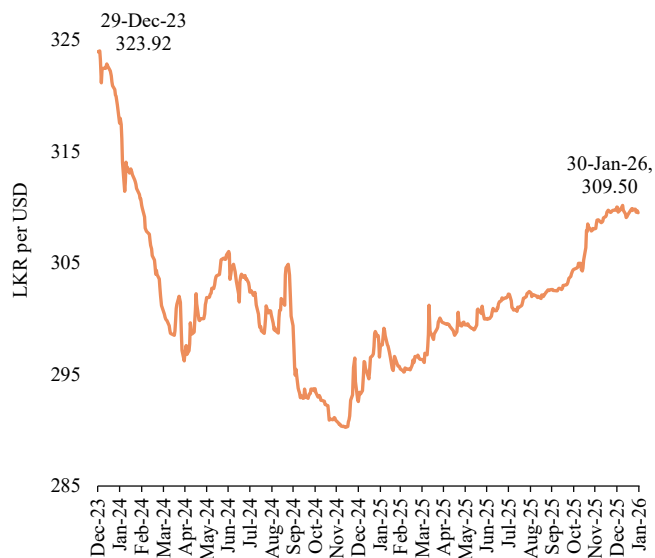


Inward Workers' Remittances - Monthly

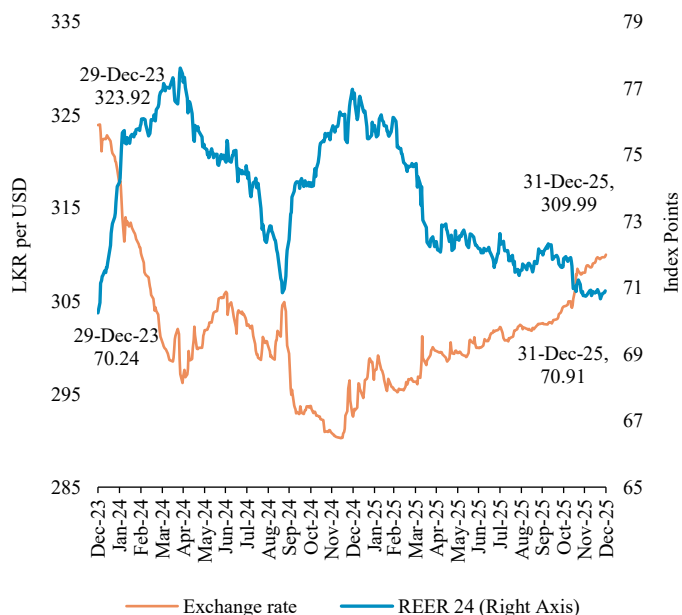


Exchange Rate Movements (a)

Movement of the Sri Lanka rupee against the US dollar



Movement of Exchange rate and REER 24 (End Dec 2023 - End Dec 2025)



Movement of the Sri Lanka rupee against Selected Currencies *

Currency	2024	2025	2026 (up to 30 Jan)
US dollar	10.7%	-5.6%	0.2%
Euro	17.8%	-16.3%	-1.3%
Pound sterling	12.3%	-12.0%	-1.9%
Chinese yuan (Renminbi)	13.9%	-9.6%	-0.4%
Japanese yen	22.5%	-5.6%	-1.6%
Australian dollar	21.7%	-12.2%	-4.0%
Indian rupee	13.9%	-1.0%	2.6%

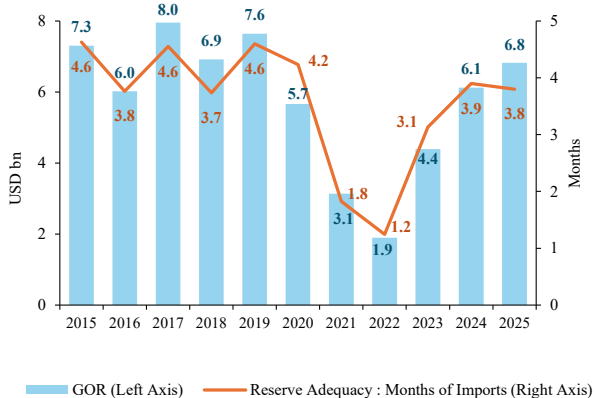
* Depreciation (-) / Appreciation (+)

(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

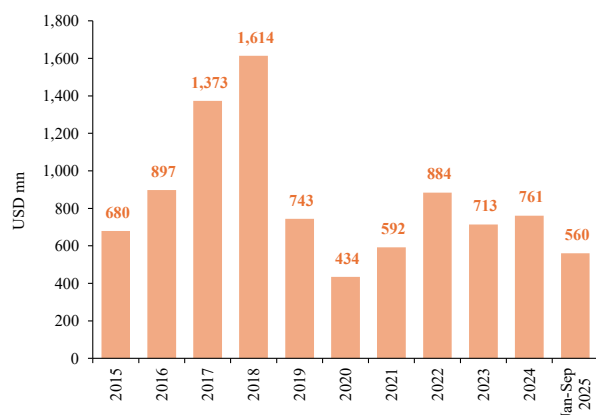
Gross Official Reserves (GOR) and Reserve Adequacy - End Period (a)



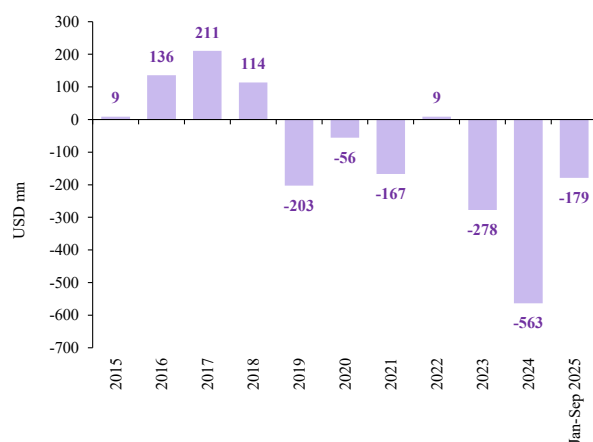
Foreign Assets and Liabilities of the Banking Sector



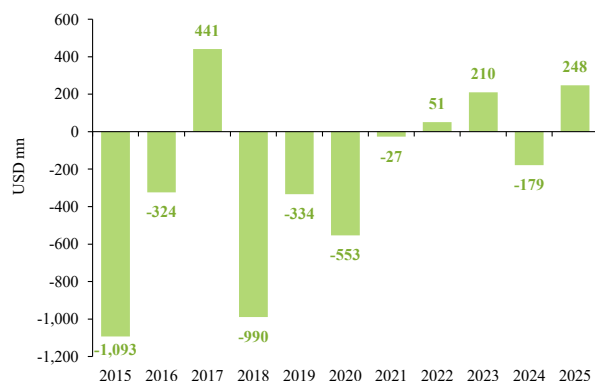
Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) (b)



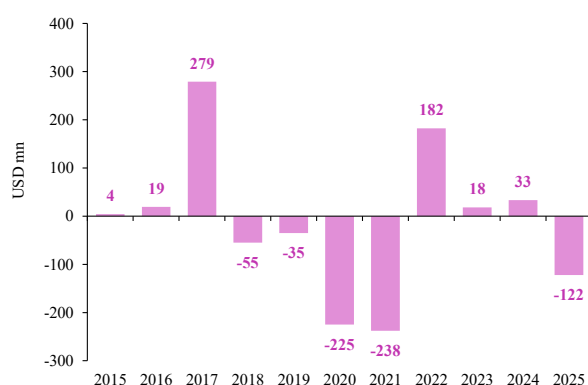
Foreign Loans to Private Sector (net)



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	December 2024 (USD mn)	December 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	2024 (USD mn)	2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
1. Industrial exports	841.5	908.0	7.9	9,946.9	10,460.8	5.2
Food, beverages and tobacco	57.6	66.0	14.7	651.5	895.5	37.4
Animal fodder	12.1	18.6	54.1	133.4	169.3	26.9
Textiles and garments	447.6	471.6	5.4	5,061.0	5,313.7	5.0
o/w Garments	415.8	439.3	5.7	4,660.1	4,911.4	5.4
Textiles	23.0	23.8	3.5	294.5	287.6	-2.3
Other made-up textile articles	8.8	8.5	-3.1	106.4	114.7	7.7
Rubber products	78.3	74.2	-5.3	975.6	914.6	-6.2
Gems, diamonds and jewellery	16.4	23.5	43.8	381.9	388.0	1.6
Machinery and mechanical appliances	39.5	39.1	-1.0	485.5	492.4	1.4
Transport equipment	8.0	21.6	169.0	107.0	124.5	16.3
Petroleum products	87.9	90.1	2.5	1,063.5	971.0	-8.7
Chemical products	21.5	25.7	19.8	234.1	309.5	32.2
Wood and paper products	9.8	9.5	-3.3	123.6	117.7	-4.7
Printing industry products	2.9	8.4	187.4	47.5	57.8	21.7
Leather, travel goods and footwear	4.8	5.6	15.0	62.2	69.3	11.5
Plastics and articles thereof	4.5	4.7	4.9	53.8	55.9	3.9
Base metals and articles	15.5	15.7	1.3	186.8	206.5	10.5
Ceramic products	2.0	2.0	0.6	32.1	29.4	-8.5
Other industrial exports	33.2	31.8	-4.3	347.3	345.5	-0.5
2. Agricultural exports	256.5	245.4	-4.3	2,774.5	3,072.0	10.7
Tea	131.6	105.8	-19.6	1,435.9	1,507.2	5.0
Rubber	2.4	2.3	-1.7	26.0	31.2	20.2
Coconut	36.0	44.4	23.4	416.5	573.5	37.7
Spices	46.7	43.7	-6.4	454.7	443.1	-2.6
Vegetables	2.9	3.3	11.3	28.5	34.5	20.9
Unmanufactured tobacco	3.3	3.4	2.3	25.7	26.7	3.6
Minor agricultural products	13.4	19.1	42.5	154.2	215.6	39.8
Seafood	20.1	23.4	16.1	233.0	240.2	3.1
3. Mineral exports	1.6	2.4	55.8	24.5	24.2	-1.4
4. Unclassified exports	2.2	2.1	-2.2	26.1	24.4	-6.7
Total exports	1,101.8	1,158.0	5.1	12,772.0	13,581.4	6.3

(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	December 2024 (USD mn)	December 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	2024 (USD mn)	2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
1. Consumer goods	397.6	610.2	53.5	3,465.7	5,518.3	59.2
Food and beverages	242.5	191.4	-21.1	1,914.3	2,115.9	10.5
Cereals and milling industry products	48.6	6.9	-85.9	163.2	154.7	-5.2
Dairy products	30.3	31.6	4.5	239.7	357.5	49.1
Vegetables (b)	48.6	34.5	-29.0	446.0	406.2	-8.9
Seafood	9.9	20.7	109.9	118.8	135.2	13.8
Sugar and confectionery	43.5	29.4	-32.4	389.5	367.9	-5.5
Spices	12.1	11.7	-3.0	115.7	101.3	-12.5
Oils and Fats	32.3	31.2	-3.2	247.9	357.0	44.0
Other food and beverages	17.2	25.2	46.5	193.6	236.2	22.0
Non-food consumer goods	155.1	418.8	170.1	1,551.4	3,402.3	119.3
Personal vehicles	3.5	240.9	6,691.3	66.2	1,606.7	2,325.5
Medical and pharmaceuticals	60.5	70.2	16.2	575.6	667.1	15.9
Home appliances	13.6	18.9	38.6	155.6	201.6	29.6
Clothing and accessories	25.0	24.2	-2.9	225.8	263.8	16.8
Telecommunication devices	12.5	22.0	75.9	141.9	221.9	56.4
Household and furniture items	14.1	16.3	15.4	138.1	153.4	11.0
Other non-food consumables	25.8	26.3	1.6	248.1	287.8	16.0
2. Intermediate goods	1,124.9	1,127.9	0.3	11,914.5	11,858.9	-0.5
Fuel	434.0	390.1	-10.1	4,354.4	4,042.5	-7.2
o/w Crude oil	113.9	148.4	30.3	863.6	896.1	3.8
Refined petroleum	262.8	235.7	-10.3	3,173.3	2,939.7	-7.4
Coal	57.4	6.07	-89.4	317.4	206.6	-34.9
Diamonds, precious stones, and metals	16.7	11.8	-29.5	216.9	148.6	-31.5
Textiles and textile articles	252.6	251.5	-0.5	2,847.1	2,749.1	-3.4
Paper and paperboard and articles thereof	36.4	35.3	-3.0	447.0	411.3	-8.0
Agricultural inputs	25.1	28.8	14.6	263.8	271.5	2.9
Wheat and maize	58.3	42.1	-27.8	382.5	398.3	4.1
Base metals	39.3	81.4	107.3	473.4	541.2	14.3
Plastics and articles thereof	54.9	57.4	4.6	609.3	643.3	5.6
Chemical products	76.8	98.2	27.9	987.0	1,037.9	5.2
Fertiliser	27.2	19.1	-29.9	201.1	309.2	53.7
Rubber and articles thereof	24.8	25.0	0.9	316.5	295.9	-6.5
Mineral products	8.3	8.2	-0.8	127.2	155.1	21.9
Other intermediate goods	70.5	79.1	12.1	688.3	855.1	24.2
3. Investment goods	396.6	416.6	5.0	3,448.2	4,089.9	18.6
Machinery and equipment	290.3	242.1	-16.6	2,363.1	2,513.4	6.4
Building material	89.1	103.5	16.2	927.2	1,016.8	9.7
Transport equipment	16.9	70.2	315.5	154.8	555.5	259.0
o/w Commercial Vehicles	5.9	60.2	913.2	47.3	440.5	831.9
Other investment goods	0.3	0.7	161.2	3.1	4.2	36.2
4. Unclassified imports	5.4	0.5	-91.1	13.0	12.9	-0.7
Total imports	1,924.5	2,155.2	12.0	18,841.4	21,479.9	14.0
o/w Non-fuel imports	1,490.5	1,765.1	18.4	14,487.0	17,437.5	20.4

(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	December 2024 (USD mn)	December 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	2024 (USD mn)	2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
0. Food and live animals	273.8	270.4	-1.2	2,998.1	3,377.9	12.7
03 Fish and fish preparations	24.9	30.8	24.0	284.1	307.1	8.1
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	6.3	7.0	12.4	74.1	81.7	10.3
05 Vegetables and fruit	44.0	57.4	30.5	489.5	726.4	48.4
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	179.2	148.1	-17.4	1,891.6	1,947.1	2.9
1. Beverages and tobacco	17.3	16.3	-5.9	165.6	176.3	6.5
11 Beverages	6.6	5.0	-24.5	74.4	71.3	-4.2
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	10.7	11.3	5.5	91.1	105.0	15.2
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	29.4	33.3	13.1	375.6	455.2	21.2
23 Crude rubber	2.5	2.4	-3.6	27.5	32.9	19.8
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	16.8	12.8	-23.9	222.5	251.0	12.8
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	87.9	90.1	2.5	1,063.4	971.0	-8.7
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	76.2	82.5	8.2	939.2	939.1	0.0
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	11.7	7.6	-35.1	124.3	32.0	-74.3
4. Animal and vegetable oils, fats, and waxes	11.4	15.5	36.1	95.3	200.9	110.8
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	8.4	12.9	54.0	83.6	149.0	78.2
5. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	25.2	30.9	22.6	281.1	363.7	29.4
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	124.3	127.8	2.8	1,782.8	1,713.2	-3.9
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	50.6	48.4	-4.5	695.8	619.8	-10.9
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, etc., n.e.s.	30.2	31.0	2.6	384.9	385.7	0.2
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	22.2	27.7	24.3	445.2	442.3	-0.7
7. Machinery, transport equipment	46.4	59.4	28.1	578.8	599.7	3.6
77 Electric machinery, apparatus, and appliances, n.e.s. and electrical parts thereof	24.1	25.4	5.5	284.1	305.2	7.4
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles	486.1	514.4	5.8	5,431.1	5,723.4	5.4
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	447.3	469.6	5.0	4,978.7	5,249.1	5.4
9. Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	-	-	-	0.3	0.1	-77.1
Total exports	1,101.8	1,158.0	5.1	12,772.0	13,581.4	6.3

(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/cn/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	December 2024 (USD mn)	December 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	2024 (USD mn)	2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
0. Food and live animals	302.0	275.8	-8.7	2,395.8	2,536.2	5.9
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	30.3	17.8	-41.4	246.0	358.0	45.5
03 Fish and fish preparations	10.0	11.6	16.4	120.4	136.8	13.7
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	106.8	97.3	-8.9	541.6	549.3	1.4
05 Vegetables and fruit	55.1	50.3	-8.7	513.8	487.4	-5.1
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	43.5	43.4	-0.4	389.5	368.0	-5.5
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	19.7	19.1	-3.2	188.7	200.8	6.4
1. Beverages and tobacco	14.5	10.5	-27.3	123.0	135.3	10.0
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	37.5	42.1	12.4	458.3	503.9	10.0
23 Crude rubber	20.1	22.5	12.1	269.0	253.7	-5.7
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	1.2	1.1	-7.6	16.6	23.1	39.0
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	434.0	417.7	-3.8	4,354.4	4,042.5	-7.2
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	333.6	347.0	4.0	3,660.4	3,437.5	-6.1
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	43.1	36.2	-15.8	376.6	398.4	5.8
4. Animal and vegetable oils, fats, and waxes	37.0	42.9	16.0	285.9	434.3	51.9
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	35.5	40.6	14.5	268.1	418.8	56.2
5. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	215.3	189.0	-12.2	2,330.1	2,609.0	12.0
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	56.6	39.2	-30.8	525.2	610.9	16.3
56 Fertilisers, manufactured	27.2	12.6	-53.8	200.2	309.0	54.4
57 Plastics in primary forms	34.7	33.6	-3.3	410.8	424.0	3.2
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	15.7	16.7	6.3	150.1	168.2	12.0
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	453.3	422.8	-6.7	5,102.3	5,048.4	-1.1
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles thereof	35.3	29.8	-15.6	426.8	386.8	-9.4
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, etc., n.e.s.	247.4	228.5	-7.6	2,784.4	2,686.4	-3.5
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	40.7	32.3	-20.5	506.3	459.8	-9.2
67 Iron and steel	52.6	68.4	30.0	608.7	675.3	11.0
7. Machinery, transport equipment	332.3	298.4	-10.2	2,908.8	5,146.0	76.9
72 Machinery specialized for particular industries	41.1	37.3	-9.4	384.2	516.7	34.5
74 General industrial machinery and equipment and machine parts, n.e.s.	125.5	102.9	-18.0	736.5	734.7	-0.2
75 Office machines and automatic data-processing machines	23.4	15.7	-32.8	185.9	227.7	22.5
76 Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	29.3	34.7	18.5	369.9	447.5	21.0
77 Electric machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s. and electrical parts thereof	52.3	50.2	-4.0	603.0	652.9	8.3
78 Road vehicles	24.3	29.1	20.0	225.4	2,181.4	867.9
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles	93.2	82.6	-11.4	868.5	1,007.4	16.0
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	22.5	20.8	-7.8	198.0	228.5	15.4
87 Professional, scientific, and controlling instruments and apparatus n.e.s.	24.2	16.0	-33.7	168.0	201.4	19.9
9. Commodities and transactions not elsewhere specified in SITC	5.4	3.7	-30.8	14.2	16.9	19.5
Total imports	1,924.5	2,155.2	12.0	18,841.4	21,479.9	14.0

(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)

	Dec 2024 (USD mn)	Dec 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	2024 (USD mn)	2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Services	701.5	720.6	2.7	6,910.0	7,065.7	2.3
Manufacturing services	1.3	4.0	219.9	27.4	20.0	-27.1
Maintenance and repair services	1.2	13.0		55.7	26.7	-52.0
Transport	156.7	188.0	20.0	1,793.9	1,883.1	5.0
Sea transport	117.0	127.0	8.6	1,177.3	1,393.5	18.4
Passenger	0.1	0.0		1.4	0.4	-69.0
Freight	86.4	77.0	-10.9	770.2	794.9	3.2
Other	30.5	50.0	63.9	405.7	598.1	47.4
Air transport	39.6	61.0	54.0	615.7	488.9	-20.6
Passenger	20.6	44.0	113.1	281.1	337.3	20.0
Freight	4.2	3.0	-28.5	51.4	35.2	-31.6
Other	14.8	14.0	-5.3	283.3	116.5	-58.9
Postal services	0.1	0.0		0.8	0.8	-5.9
Travel	362.1	308.6	-14.8	3,168.6	3,219.2	1.6
Construction	11.4	12.0	5.1	212.2	132.4	-37.6
Construction abroad	0.7	6.0		19.5	20.9	7.3
Construction in the reporting economy	2.8	3.0	8.6	100.1	40.1	-59.9
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	7.9	3.0	-62.2	92.6	71.4	-22.9
Insurance and pension services	0.5	1.0	92.3	23.7	21.2	-10.8
Direct insurance	0.5	1.0	93.6	20.8	16.7	-19.7
Reinsurance	0.003	0.0		2.9	4.5	52.9
Financial services	2.5	5.0	99.9	55.2	46.3	-16.1
Charges for the use of intellectual property	1.1	1.0	-10.9	7.2	12.1	67.6
Telecommunications, computer, and information services	89.6	85.0	-5.2	971.5	902.9	-7.1
Telecommunications services	14.2	15.0	5.3	123.1	103.1	-16.2
Computer & IT/BPO related services	75.4	70.0	-7.1	848.4	799.7	-5.7
Computer services	74.0	70.0	-5.4	840.9	794.0	-5.6
Information services	1.4	0.0		7.5	5.8	-22.4
Other business services	71.8	100.0	39.2	540.2	774.1	43.3
Education services	4.9	3.0	-38.6	49.4	41.9	-15.2
Professional and management consulting services	29.9	37.0	23.7	223.8	325.6	45.5
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	37.0	60.0	62.1	267.0	406.7	52.3
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	1.7	2.0	15.7	18.7	14.9	-20.4
Audiovisual and related services	0.8	1.0	24.9	7.8	7.3	-5.6
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.9	1.0	7.8	11.0	7.6	-30.9
Government goods and services	1.5	1.0	-33.3	35.8	12.7	-64.5

(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)

	Dec 2024 (USD mn)	Dec 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	2024 (USD mn)	2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Services	574.4	376.9	-34.4	3,475.2	3,358.5	-3.4
Manufacturing services	10.9	0.0	-100.0	213.2	115.6	-45.8
Maintenance and repair services	4.4	4.0	-8.6	18.9	62.2	230.0
Transport	111.5	81.0	-27.3	1,017.2	995.6	-2.1
Sea transport	56.7	26.0	-54.2	441.1	408.9	-7.3
Passenger	0.05	0.0		1.2	0.1	-89.4
Freight	50.9	25.0	-50.9	410.7	365.9	-10.9
Other	5.8	1.0	-82.6	29.2	42.9	46.9
Air transport	53.5	55.0	2.8	569.7	585.4	2.8
Passenger	18.3	14.0	-23.3	278.6	201.8	-27.6
Freight	27.6	27.0	-2.0	172.9	297.3	72.0
Other	7.7	14.0	82.0	118.2	86.3	-27.0
Postal services	1.2	0.0		6.3	1.3	-79.7
Travel	80.6	104.9	30.0	755.4	828.6	9.7
Construction	8.4	2.0	-76.3	126.6	36.6	-71.1
Construction abroad	0.7	0.0		30.8	2.7	-91.3
Construction in the reporting economy	0.4	0.0		13.8	6.6	-52.2
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	7.3	2.0	-72.7	81.9	27.3	-66.7
Insurance and pension services	4.1	5.0	22.5	57.3	49.7	-13.2
Direct insurance	1.1	1.0	-5.7	11.5	12.5	8.7
Reinsurance	3.0	4.0	32.5	45.8	37.2	-18.7
Financial services	1.3	3.0	136.3	64.6	21.2	-67.2
Charges for the use of intellectual property	18.0	19.0	5.6	148.4	164.9	11.1
Telecommunications, computer, and information services	25.6	27.0	5.3	244.5	296.9	21.5
Telecommunications services	5.4	2.0	-63.3	50.5	34.3	-32.2
Computer & IT/BPO related services	20.2	25.0	23.7	193.9	262.7	35.5
Computer services	19.1	24.0	25.7	171.5	256.0	49.3
Information services	1.1	1.0	-9.8	22.5	6.7	-70.1
Other business services	60.4	126.0	108.7	563.2	756.3	34.3
Education services	10.5	23.0	119.3	99.7	116.0	16.3
Professional and management consulting services	19.4	33.0	70.1	194.1	188.2	-3.0
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	30.5	70.0	129.7	269.5	452.2	67.8
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	2.1	4.0	91.7	15.2	23.5	54.5
Audiovisual and related services	2.0	4.0	104.1	13.9	22.7	64.2
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.1	0.0		1.4	0.8	-43.0
Government goods and services	247.1	1.0	-99.6	250.8	7.3	-97.1

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Sources: SLTDA, ITRS – CBSL

Services Account – Net (a)

	Dec 2024 (USD mn)	Dec 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	2024 (USD mn)	2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Services	127.1	343.8	170.4	3,434.8	3,707.2	7.9
Manufacturing services	-9.6	4.0	-141.6	-185.8	-95.7	-48.5
Maintenance and repair services	-3.2	9.0	-385.1	36.8	-35.5	-196.4
Transport	45.3	107.0	136.4	776.7	887.6	14.3
Sea transport	60.3	101.0	67.6	736.2	984.6	33.7
Passenger	0.02	0.0		0.2	0.3	47.4
Freight	35.5	52.0	46.5	359.5	429.1	19.4
Other	24.7	49.0	98.0	376.6	555.2	47.4
Air transport	-13.9	6.0	-143.2	46.0	-96.5	-309.8
Passenger	2.4	30.0		2.4	135.5	
Freight	-23.4	-24.0	2.7	-121.5	-262.2	115.8
Other	7.1	0.0		165.1	30.2	-81.7
Postal services	-1.1	0.0		-5.5	-0.5	-90.6
Travel	281.4	203.8	-27.6	2,413.2	2,390.6	-0.9
Construction	3.0	10.0	235.4	85.7	95.8	11.9
Construction abroad	0.05	6.0		-11.3	18.2	-260.8
Construction in the reporting economy	2.3	3.0	28.9	86.3	33.5	-61.2
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	0.6	1.0	64.7	10.7	44.1	313.6
Insurance and pension services	-3.6	-4.0	12.4	-33.5	-28.5	-14.9
Direct insurance	-0.5	0.0		9.3	4.2	-54.7
Reinsurance	-3.0	-4.0	32.6	-42.9	-32.8	-23.6
Financial services	1.2	2.0	62.4	-9.4	25.1	-367.2
Charges for the use of intellectual property	-16.9	-18.0	6.7	-141.2	-152.8	8.2
Telecommunications, computer, and information services	64.0	58.0	-9.3	727.0	605.9	-16.7
Telecommunications services	8.8	13.0	47.8	72.5	68.9	-5.0
Computer & IT/BPO related services	55.2	45.0	-18.5	654.5	537.1	-17.9
Computer services	54.9	46.0	-16.3	669.5	538.0	-19.6
Information services	0.2	-1.0		-15.0	-0.9	-93.8
Other business services	11.5	-26.0	-327.0	-23.1	17.8	-177.3
Education services	-5.6	-20.0	256.7	-50.3	-74.1	47.3
Professional and management consulting services	10.5	4.0	-61.9	29.7	137.4	362.6
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	6.5	-10.0	-252.7	-2.5	-45.5	
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	-0.4	-2.0	459.5	3.5	-8.6	-346.8
Audiovisual and related services	-1.2	-3.0	158.8	-6.1	-15.4	153.3
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.8	1.0	24.7	9.6	6.8	-29.1
Government goods and services	-245.6	0.0		-215.0	5.4	-102.5

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