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ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

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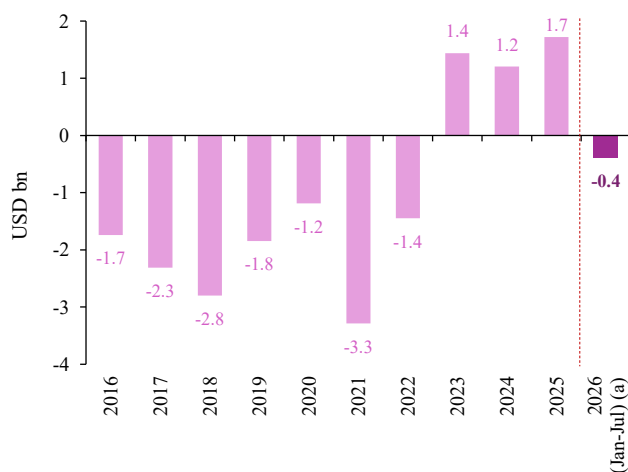
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Current Account

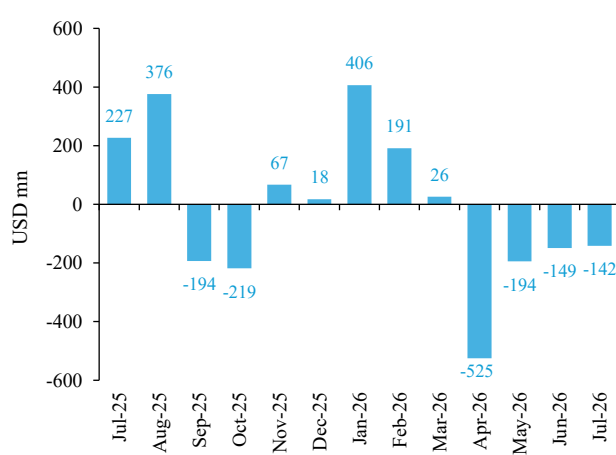
Summary of Current Account (a)

Category	Jul 2025 (USD mn)	Jul 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Jul 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-Jul 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Current Account Balance	226.7	-142.0	-162.6	1,671.1	-387.4	-123.2
Trade Balance	-580.0	-1,017.6		-3,850.1	-6,506.7	
Merchandise Exports	1,302.2	1,233.4	-5.3	7,794.3	8,136.6	4.4
Merchandise Imports	1,882.2	2,251.0	19.6	11,644.4	14,643.2	25.8
Services Account (net)	316.7	244.0	-23.0	2,375.8	1,842.7	-22.4
Services Account - Inflows	618.0	621.0	0.5	4,227.5	4,149.3	-1.8
Services Account - Outflows	301.3	377.0	25.1	1,851.7	2,306.7	24.6
Primary Income Account (net)	-199.6	-134.7		-1,208.7	-1,029.2	
Primary Income Account - Inflows	42.4	54.5	28.7	356.5	365.8	2.6
Primary Income Account - Outflows	242.0	189.2	-21.8	1,565.2	1,395.1	-10.9
Secondary Income Account (net)	689.6	766.3	11.1	4,354.0	5,305.8	21.9
Secondary Income Account - Inflows	697.3	778.1	11.6	4,436.1	5,387.6	21.5
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Current Account Balance - Annual



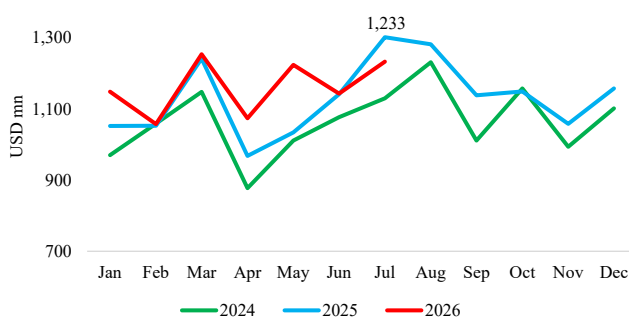
Current Account Balance - Monthly (a)



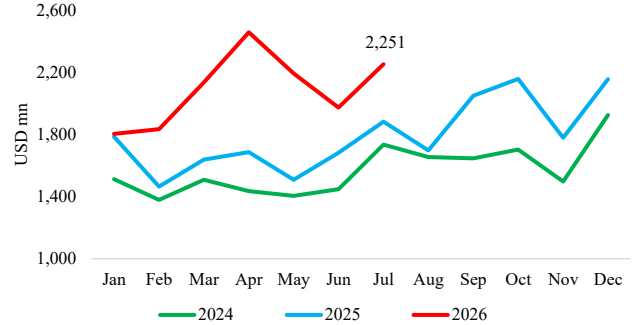
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Merchandise Trade Highlights

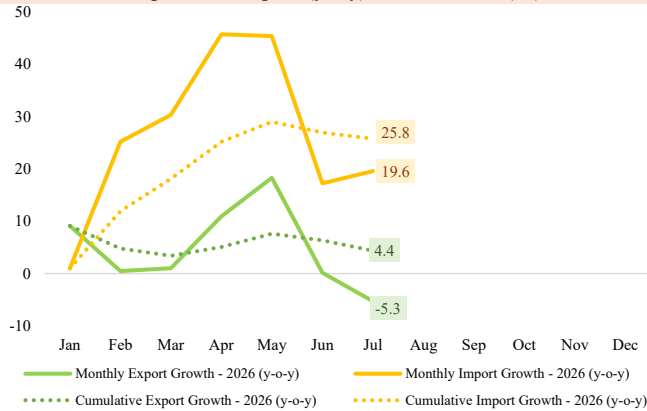
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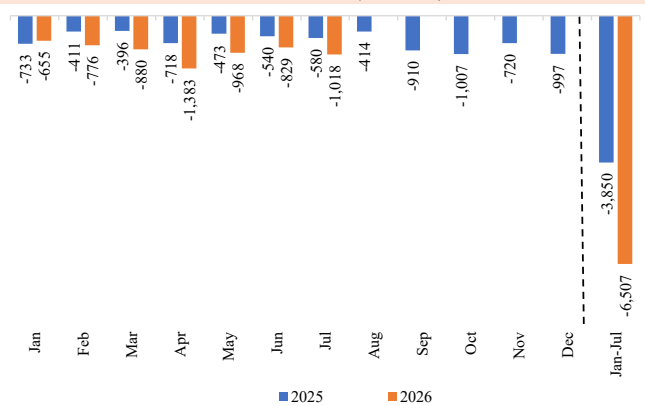
Monthly Import Performance



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

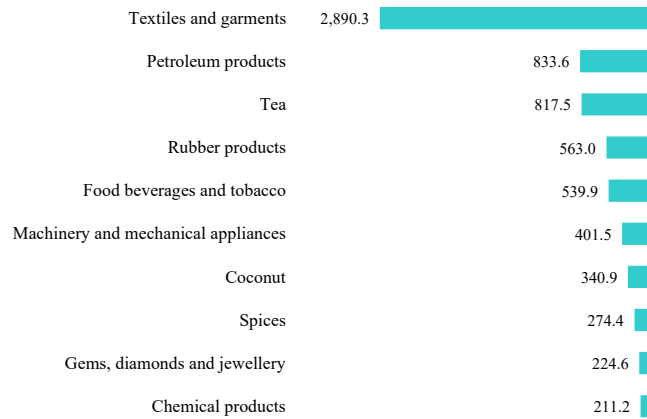


Trade Balance (USD mn)

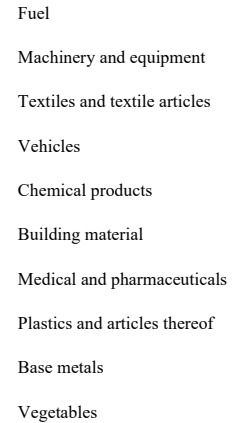


Major Merchandise Export and Import Categories - Jan - Jul 2026

Exports (USD mn)

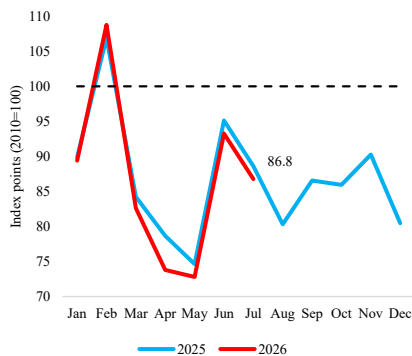


Imports (USD mn)

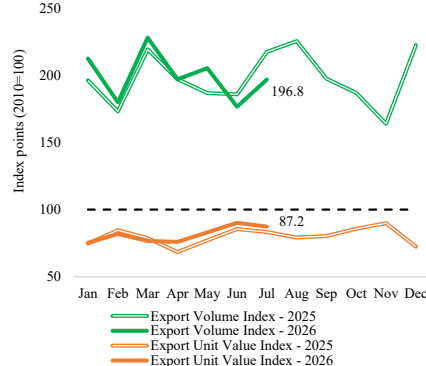


Terms of Trade and Merchandise Trade Indices (in USD terms)

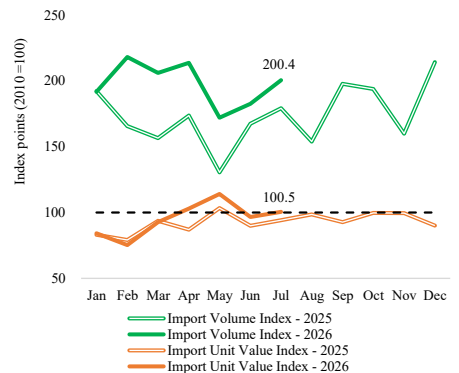
Terms of Trade



Export Volume and Unit Value Indices

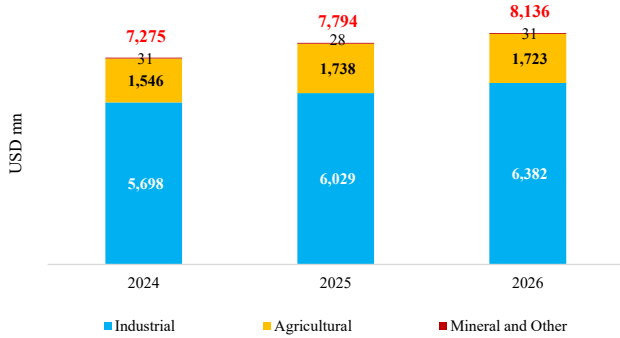


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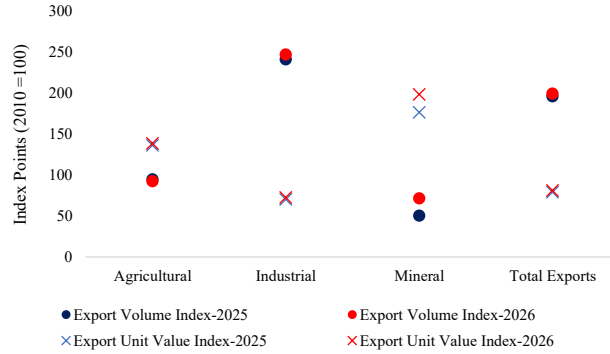


Merchandise Export Performance

Export Performance - Jan.-Jul.

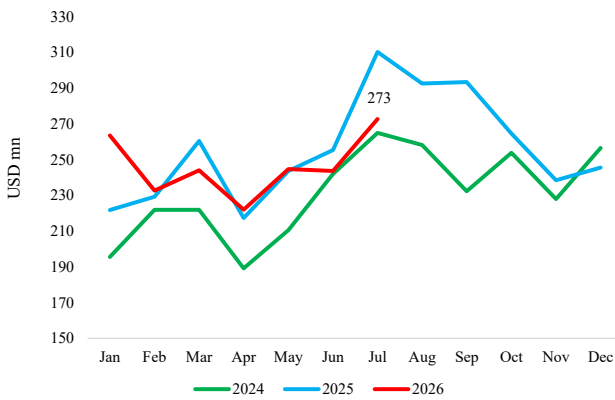


Volume and Unit Value Indices of Exports - Jan.-Jul.

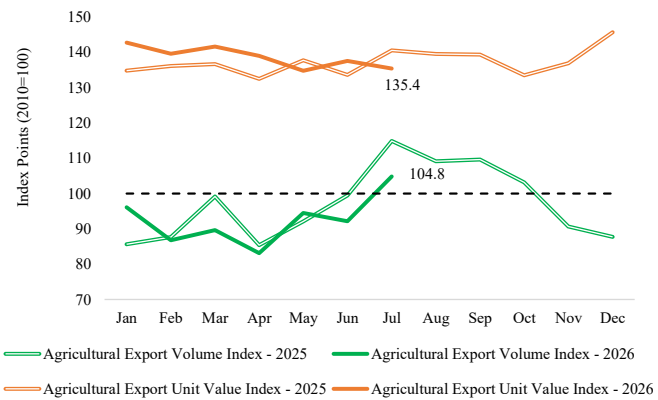


Agricultural Exports

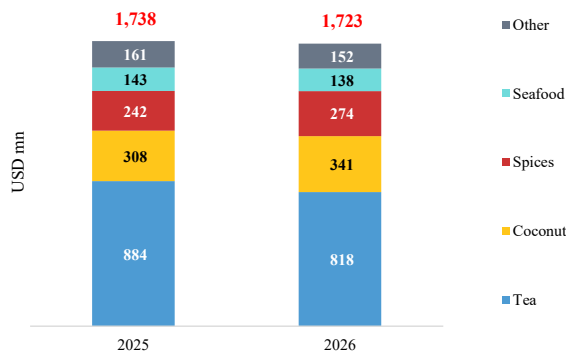
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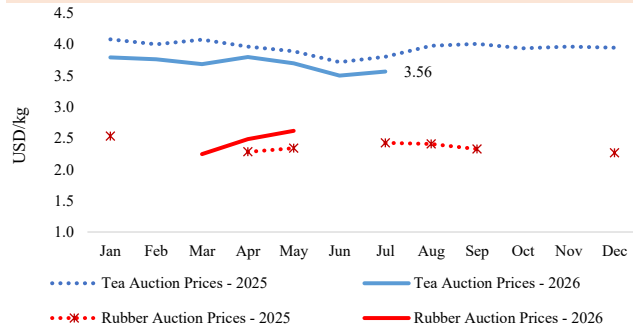
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Agricultural Exports



Performance of Agricultural Exports - Jan.-Jul.



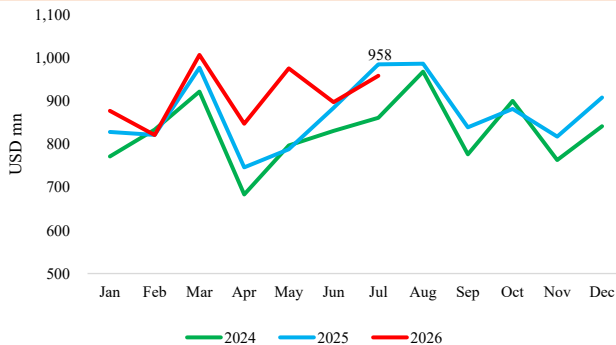
Tea and Rubber Prices



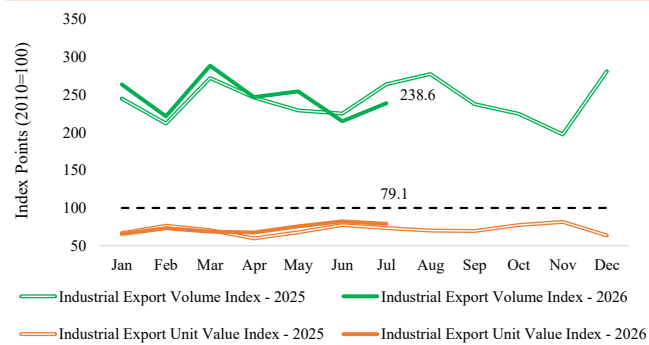
*Rubber (RSS) prices for February, March, June, October and November 2025 and January, February, June and July 2026 were not determined at the auction.

Industrial Exports

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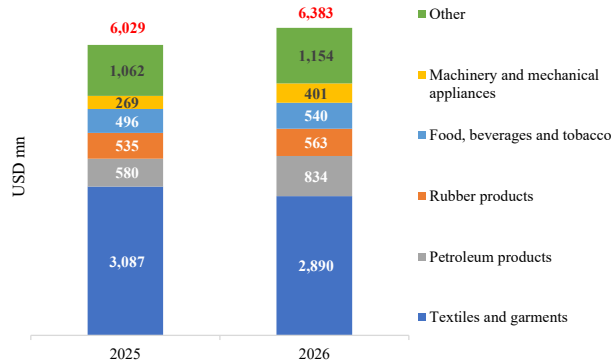


Volume and Unit Value Indices of Industrial Exports

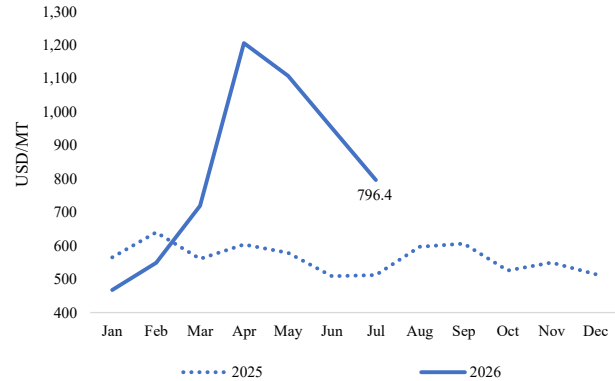


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Performance of Industrial Exports - Jan.-Jul.

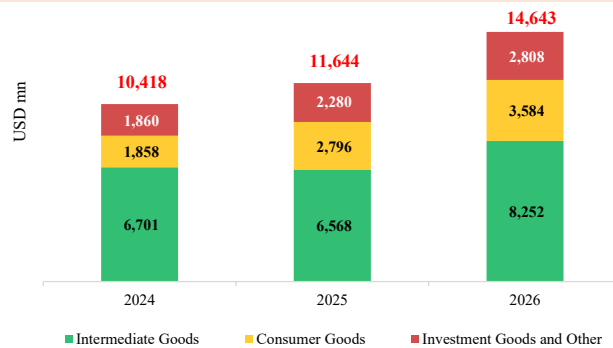


Bunker and Aviation Fuel Export Prices

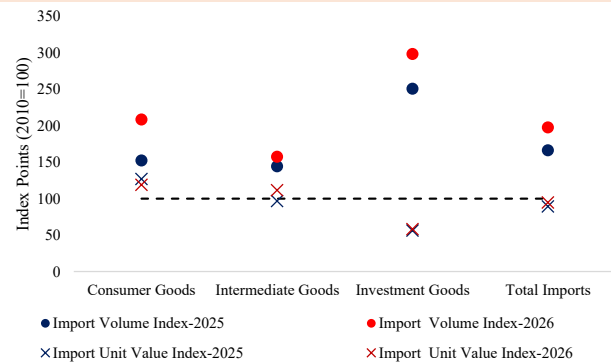


Merchandise Import Performance

Import Performance - Jan.-Jul.

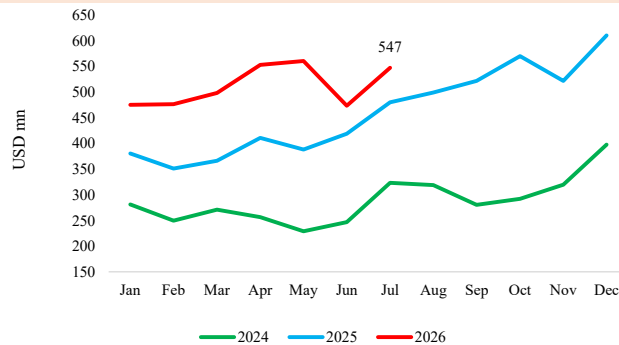


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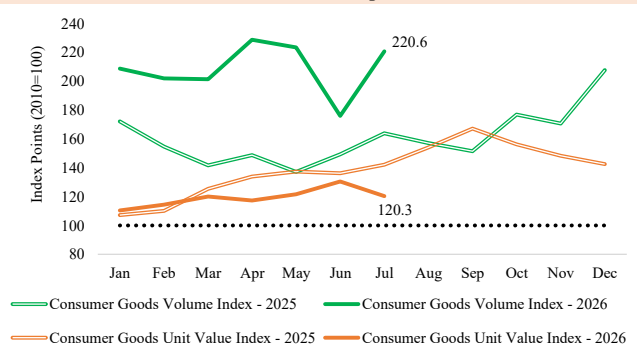


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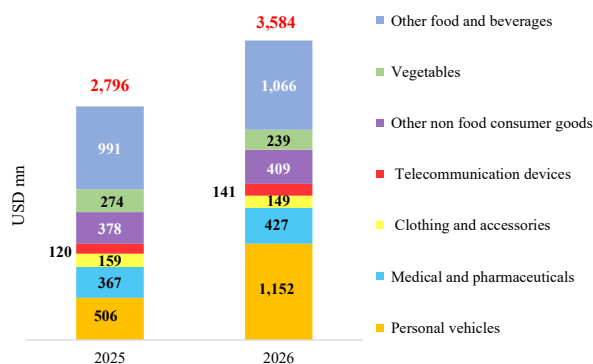
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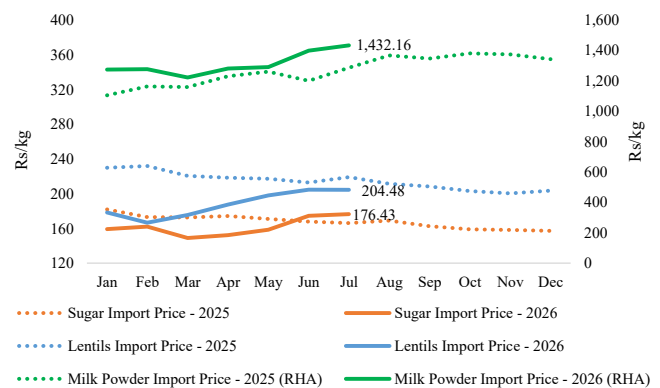
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Imports of Consumer Goods



Performance of Consumer Goods Imports - Jan.-Jul.

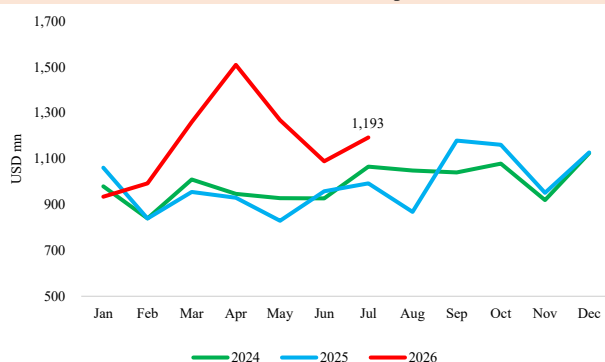


Average Import Prices of Sugar, Lentils and Milk Powder

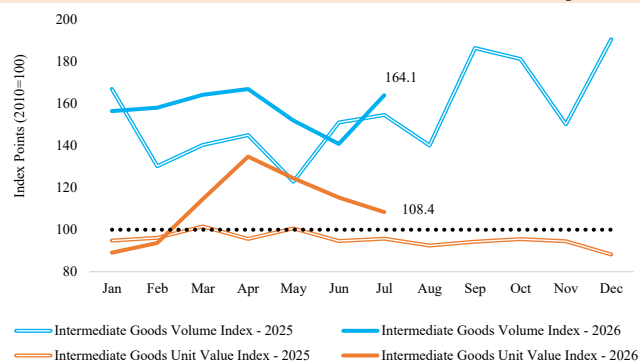


Intermediate Goods Imports

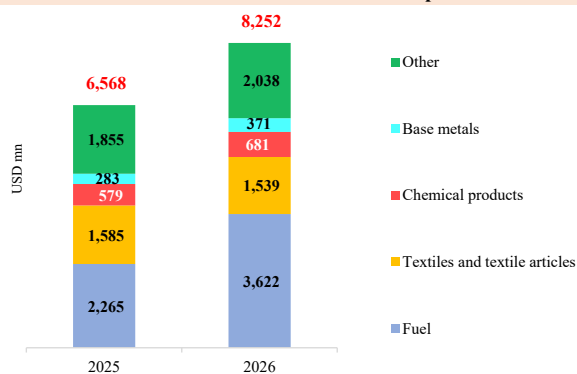
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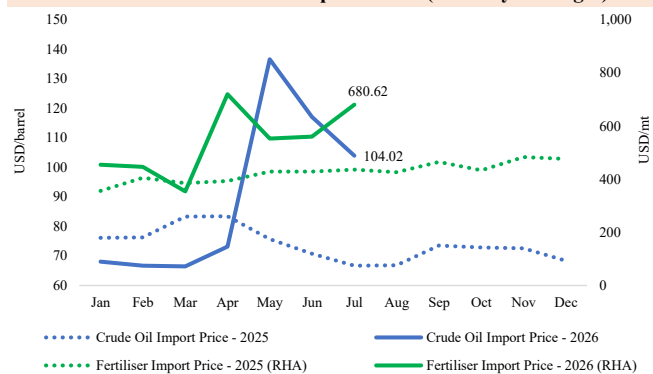
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Intermediate Goods Imports



Performance of Intermediate Goods Imports - Jan.-Jul.

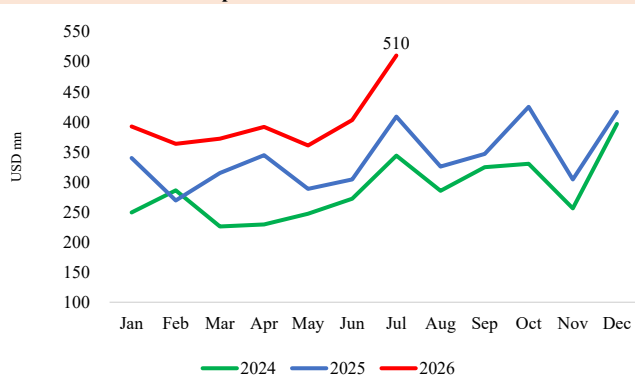


Crude Oil and Fertiliser Import Prices (Monthly Averages)

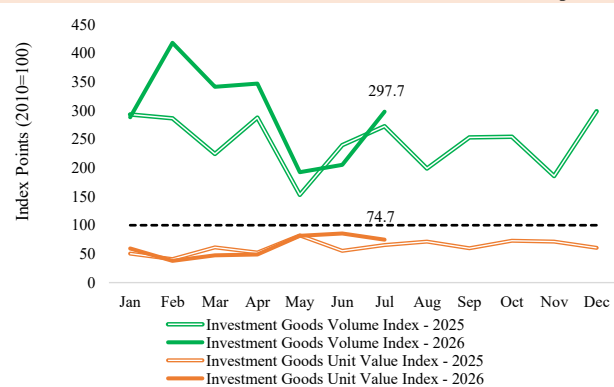


Investment Goods Imports

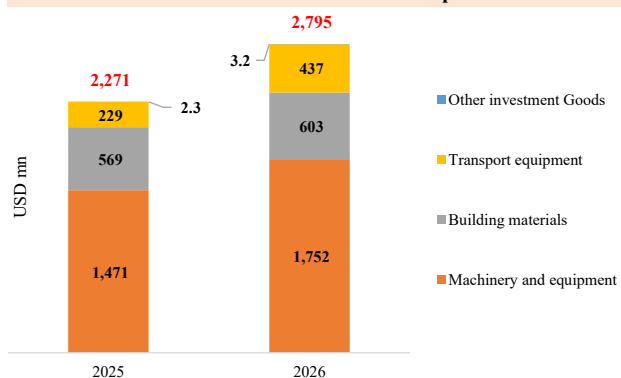
Imports of Investment Goods



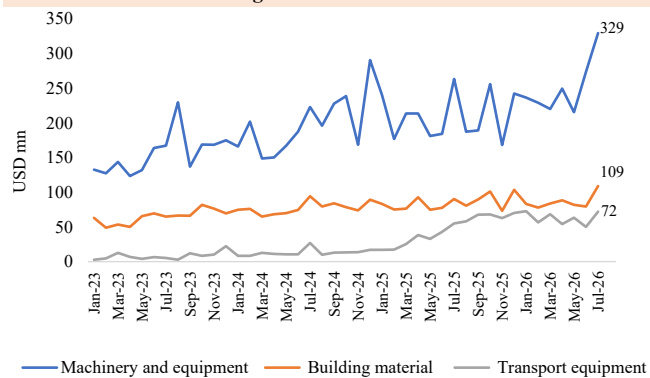
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Investment Goods Imports



Performance of Investment Goods Imports - Jan.-Jul



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	Jul-25	Jul-26	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Jul 2025	Jan-Jul 2026	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Agricultural Exports	310.1	272.7	-12.1	1,737.7	1,723.0	-0.8
o/w Tea	141.0	116.7	-17.2	884.1	817.5	-7.5
Coconut	59.2	52.7	-10.9	307.9	340.9	10.7
Spices	35.8	71.5	99.7	241.7	274.4	13.5
Seafood	39.3	15.6	-60.3	143.4	138.1	-3.7
Industrial Exports	984.6	958.2	-2.7	6,029.1	6,382.7	5.9
o/w Textiles and garments	481.4	439.3	-8.7	3,087.3	2,890.3	-6.4
Rubber products	81.7	85.5	4.6	534.8	563.0	5.3
Petroleum products	115.1	112.8	-2.0	580.4	833.6	43.6
Food, beverages and tobacco	88.2	78.9	-10.5	495.8	539.9	8.9
Machinery and mechanical appliances	43.8	79.6	81.9	269.1	401.5	49.2
Gems, diamonds and jewellery	37.4	26.6	-28.8	226.3	224.6	-0.7
Leather, travel goods and footwear	11.2	5.3	-52.3	41.4	34.0	-17.8
Mineral and Other Exports	7.5	2.6	-65.2	27.5	30.8	12.0
Total Exports	1,302.2	1,233.4	-5.3	7,794.3	8,136.6	4.4
Import Performance (USD mn)						
Item	Jul-25	Jul-26	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Jul 2025	Jan-Jul 2026	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Consumer goods	480.1	547.3	14.0	2,795.6	3,583.8	28.2
Food and beverages	171.1	191.3	11.8	1,265.7	1,305.1	3.1
o/w Vegetables (b)	41.4	32.6	-21.4	274.4	238.7	-13.0
Rice	1.4	1.9	34.1	60.5	93.7	54.9
Non-food consumer goods	309.0	355.9	15.2	1,529.9	2,278.6	48.9
o/w Medical and Pharmaceuticals	57.1	66.8	17.0	367.2	427.5	16.4
Intermediate goods	992.8	1,193.1	20.2	6,568.4	8,251.8	25.6
o/w Fuel	269.7	453.1	68.0	2,265.4	3,621.5	59.9
Textiles and textile articles	248.7	236.1	-5.1	1,585.1	1,539.4	-2.9
Fertiliser	27.6	14.3	-48.1	121.7	123.8	1.8
Wheat and maize	67.5	22.5	-66.7	189.3	185.3	-2.1
Investment goods and other	409.3	510.6	24.8	2,280.4	2,807.7	23.1
o/w Machinery and equipment	263.1	329.2	25.1	1,471.2	1,751.9	19.1
Total Imports	1,882.2	2,251.0	19.6	11,644.4	14,643.2	25.8
Trade Balance (USD mn)						
Item	Jul-25	Jul-26		Jan-Jul 2025	Jan-Jul 2026	
Trade Balance	-580.0	-1,017.6		-3,850.1	-6,506.7	
Trade Indices and Terms of Trade (2010 = 100) (In USD terms)						
Item	Jul-25	Jul-26	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Jul 2025	Jan-Jul 2026	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Export						
Value index	181.2	171.7	-5.3	155.0	161.8	4.4
Volume index	216.6	196.8	-9.2	195.9	199.4	1.8
Unit value index	83.7	87.2	4.3	79.1	81.1	2.6
Import						
Value index	168.5	201.5	19.6	148.9	187.2	25.8
Volume index	179.1	200.4	11.9	166.4	197.8	18.9
Unit value index	94.1	100.5	6.9	89.5	94.7	5.8
Terms of Trade	88.9	86.8		88.4	85.7	

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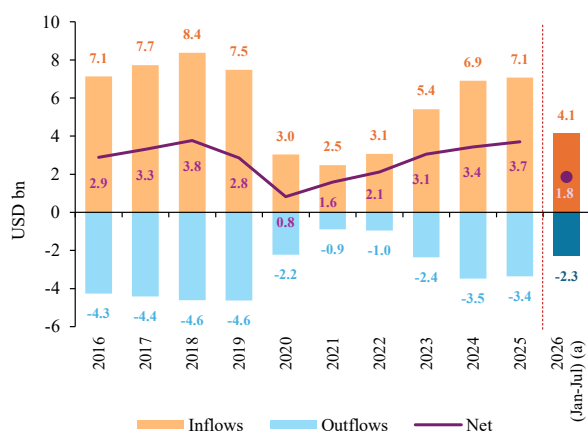
(b) includes lentils, onions, potatoes, leguminous vegetables and others

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

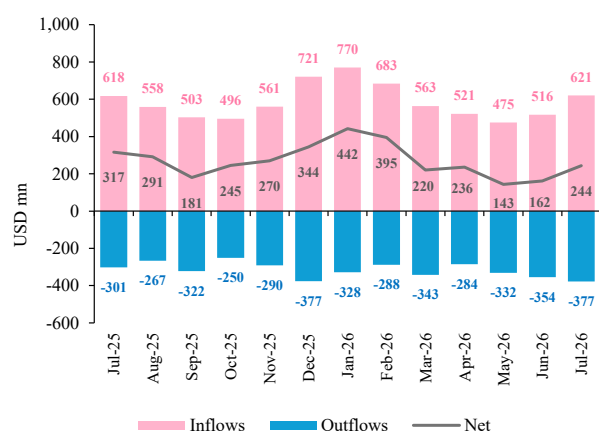
Note 2: Longer series of Merchandise Trade data can be accessed through : <https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/en/statistics/statistical-tables/external-sector>

Services Account

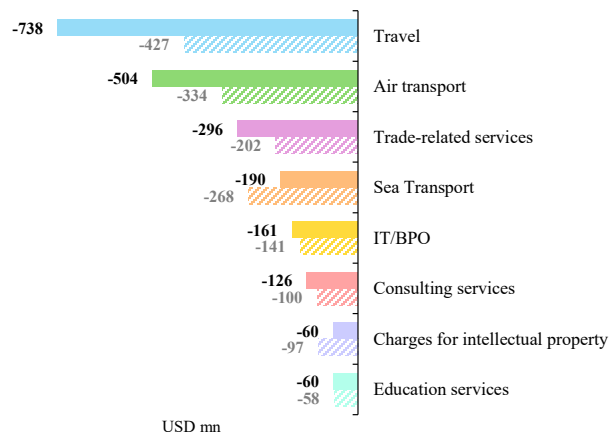
Services Account - Annual



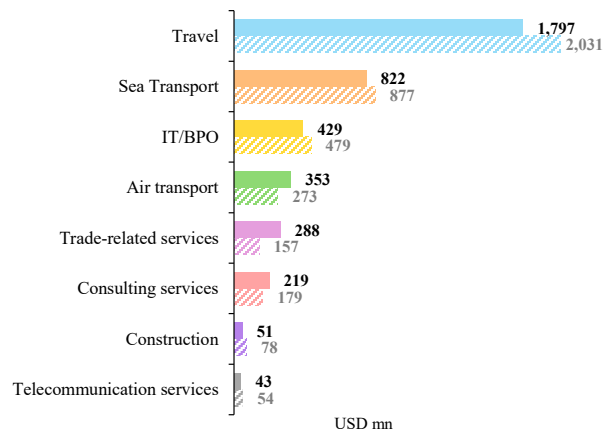
Services Account - Monthly (a)



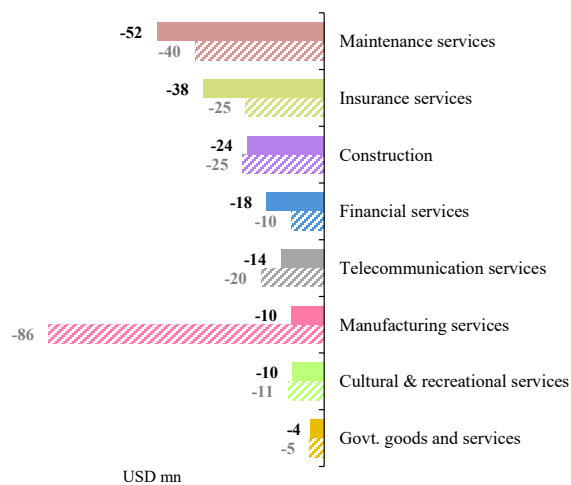
Major Services Outflows



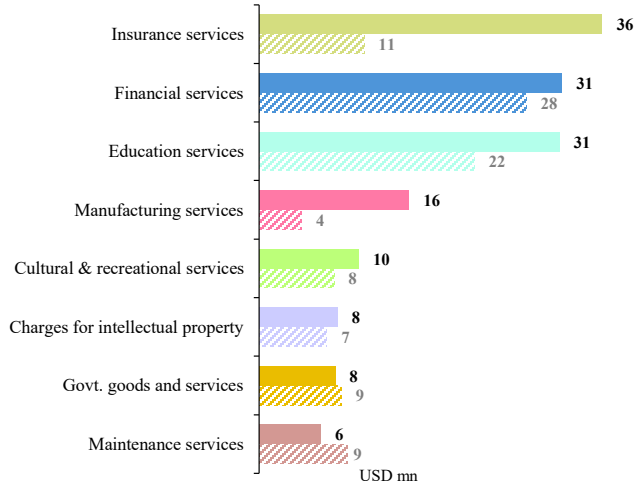
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Minor Services Inflows



Jan-Jul 2025

Jan-Jul 2026 (a)

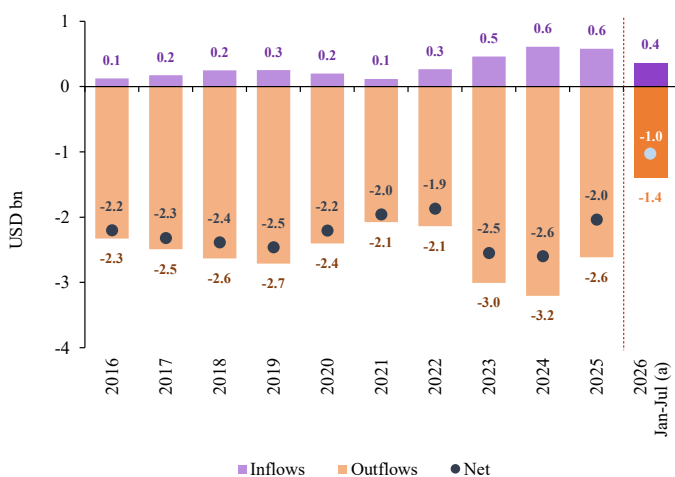
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Primary Income Account

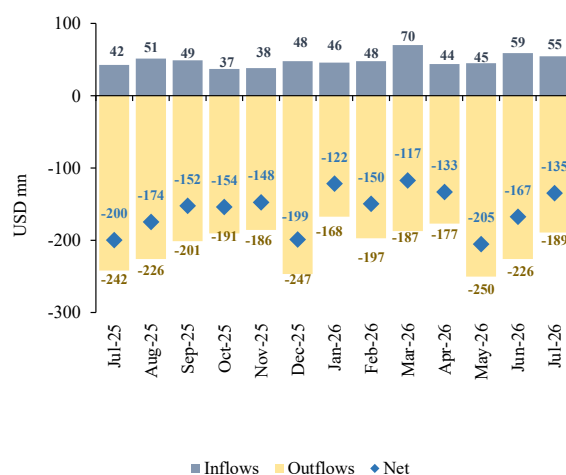
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<i>of which,</i>						
Direct Investment related Interest Outflows	97.0	101.2	4.3	653.0	669.6	2.5
Dividends	70.6	75.8	7.4	526.7	487.9	-7.4
Reinvested Earnings	26.4	25.3	-3.9	126.3	181.7	43.8
Portfolio Investment related Outflows	22.3	20.3	-8.8	255.8	236.0	-7.7
<i>of which,</i>						
Government Bond Outflows	18.0	18.0	0.01	227.4	207.5	-8.7
Other Investment Interest	120.9	63.6	-47.4	641.5	470.5	-26.7
Interest on Foreign Loans						
Government	106.9	57.0	-46.6	411.3	357.9	-13.0
Central Bank	7.7	1.2	-84.0	99.7	73.1	-26.7
Deposit-taking Corporations	3.8	4.6	20.4	32.0	25.5	-20.5
Other Sectors	2.5	0.8	-70.0	98.4	14.0	-85.7

Primary Income Account - Annual



Primary Income Account - Monthly (a)



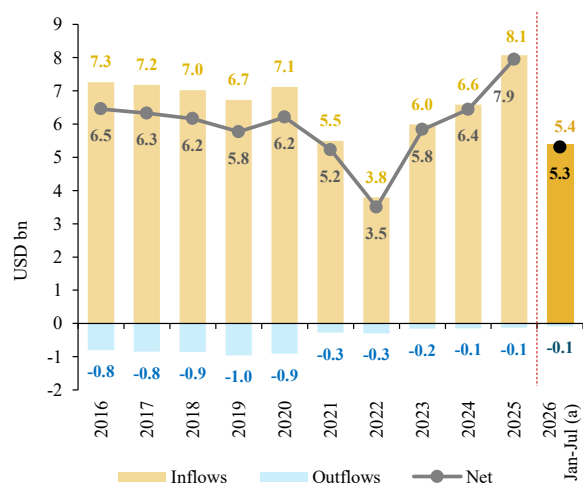
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Secondary Income Account

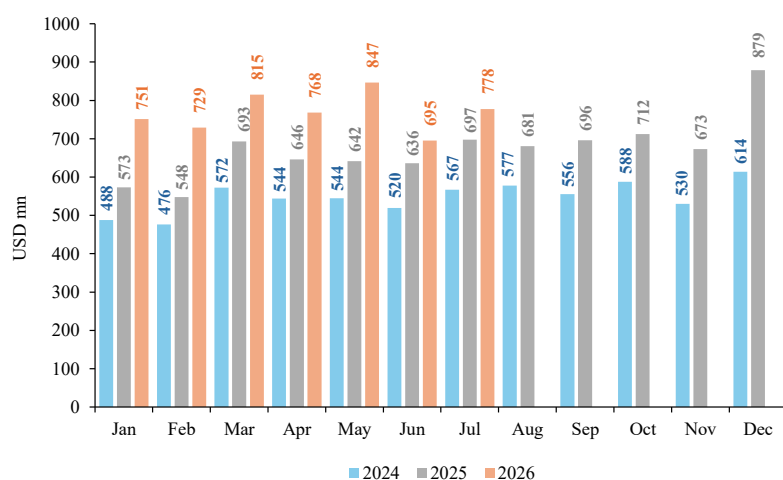
Summary of Secondary Income Account (a)

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Secondary Income Account (net)	689.6	766.3	11.1	4,354.0	5,305.8	21.9
Secondary Income Account Inflows	697.3	778.1	11.6	4,436.1	5,387.6	21.5
General Government	-	0.5		0.8	5.2	
Worker's Remittances (b)	697.3	777.6	11.5	4,435.2	5,382.4	21.4
Secondary Income Account Outflows	7.6	11.8	55.1	82.0	81.8	-0.3

Secondary Income Account - Annual



Inward Workers' Remittances - Monthly

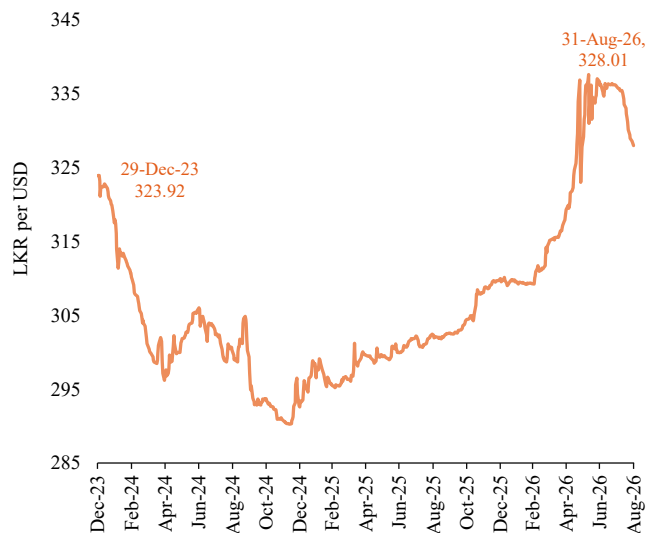


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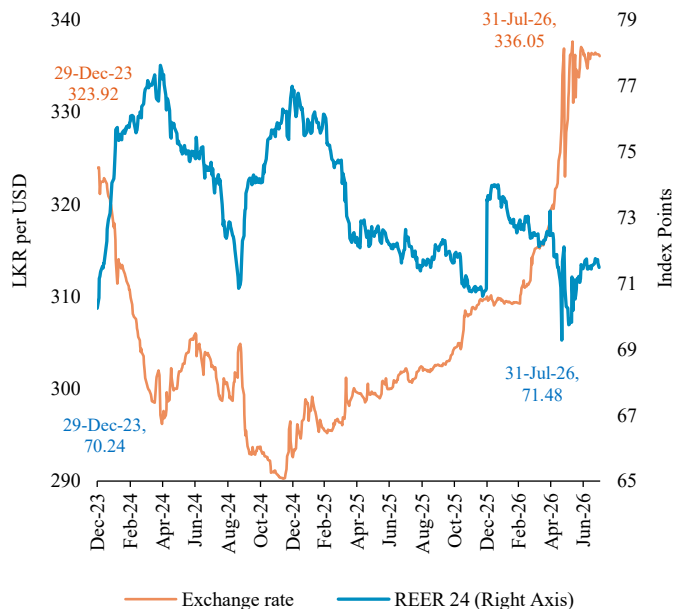
(b) Workers' remittances may include other remittances, such as those received following Cyclone Ditwah.

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 July 2026)



Movement of the Sri Lanka rupee against Selected Currencies *

Currency	2024	2025	2026 (up to 31 Aug)
US dollar	+10.7%	-5.6%	-5.5%
Euro	+17.8%	-16.3%	-4.3%
Pound sterling	+12.3%	-12.0%	-6.1%
Chinese yuan (Renminbi)	+13.9%	-9.6%	-9.1%
Japanese yen	+22.5%	-5.6%	-3.5%
Australian dollar	+21.7%	-12.2%	-11.7%
Indian rupee	+13.9%	-1.0%	+0.4%

* Depreciation (-) / Appreciation (+)

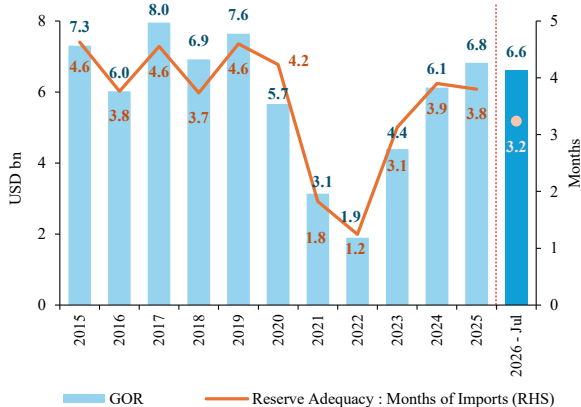
(a) Historical data on exchange rate is published in the CBSL website and can be accessed via the following link.

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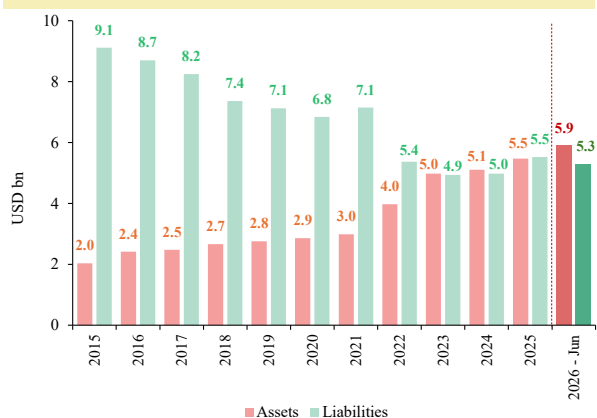
(b) Data for 2026 are revised based on the rebased CPI figures of several trading partner countries included in the currency basket

Financial Flows and International Reserves

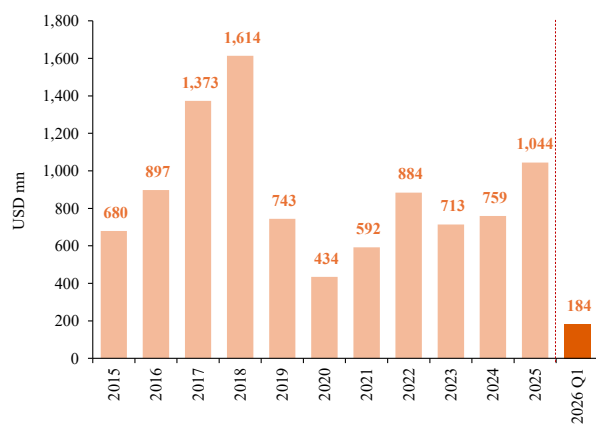
Gross Official Reserves (GOR) and Reserve Adequacy - End Period (a)



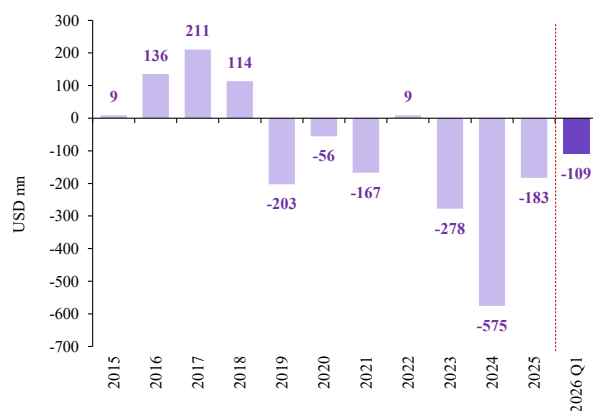
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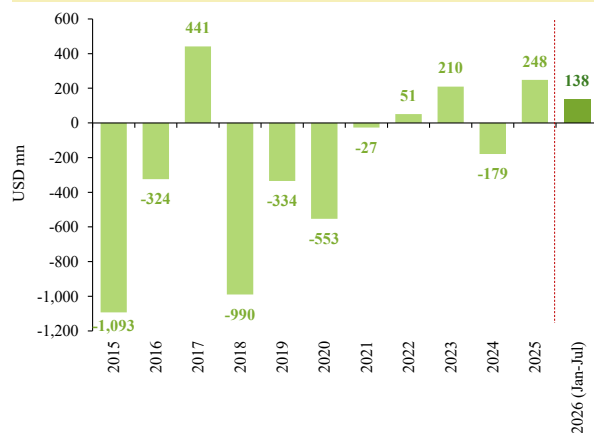
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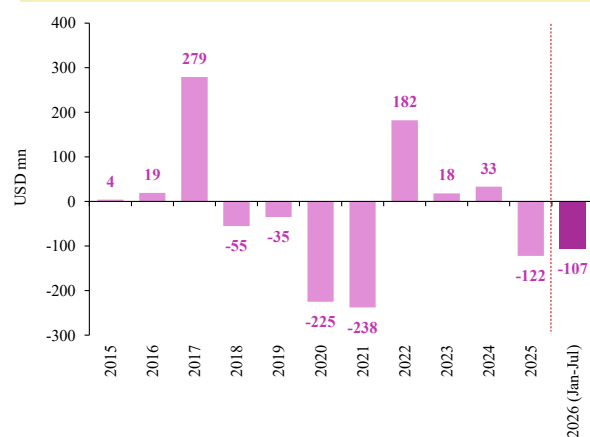
Foreign Loans to Private Sector (net)



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 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	Jul 2025 (USD mn)	Jul 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Jul 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-Jul 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
1. Industrial exports	984.6	958.2	-2.7	6,029.1	6,382.7	5.9
Food, beverages and tobacco	88.2	78.9	-10.5	495.8	539.9	8.9
Animal fodder	18.1	16.3	-10.0	94.4	110.5	17.1
Textiles and garments	481.4	439.3	-8.7	3,087.3	2,890.3	-6.4
o/w Garments	445.2	409.4	-8.0	2,848.5	2,673.5	-6.1
Textiles	25.5	22.0	-13.8	167.7	156.0	-7.0
Other made-up textile articles	10.7	7.9	-25.7	71.0	60.8	-14.4
Rubber products	81.7	85.5	4.6	534.8	563.0	5.3
Gems, diamonds and jewellery	37.4	26.6	-28.8	226.3	224.6	-0.7
Machinery and mechanical appliances	43.8	79.6	81.9	269.1	401.5	49.2
Transport equipment	7.2	6.5	-9.5	61.2	69.1	12.9
Petroleum products	115.1	112.8	-2.0	580.4	833.6	43.6
Chemical products	27.0	35.6	31.9	176.7	211.2	19.6
Wood and paper products	10.5	12.9	22.7	70.8	84.1	18.8
Printing industry products	5.6	1.3	-77.1	25.9	23.0	-10.9
Leather, travel goods and footwear	11.2	5.3	-52.3	41.4	34.0	-17.8
Plastics and articles thereof	5.5	5.5	1.2	30.9	37.5	21.6
Base metals and articles	17.8	19.9	12.0	115.3	136.3	18.3
Ceramic products	2.6	2.8	6.8	16.9	15.8	-6.5
Other industrial exports	31.6	29.3	-7.4	202.1	208.1	3.0
2. Agricultural exports	310.1	272.7	-12.1	1,737.7	1,723.0	-0.8
Tea	141.0	116.7	-17.2	884.1	817.5	-7.5
Rubber	2.9	1.8	-37.5	17.6	16.6	-5.9
Coconut	59.2	52.7	-10.9	307.9	340.9	10.7
Spices	35.8	71.5	99.7	241.7	274.4	13.5
Vegetables	6.3	1.7	-73.4	19.9	16.8	-15.3
Unmanufactured tobacco	1.4	1.5	8.1	12.2	16.2	33.2
Minor agricultural products	24.4	11.2	-54.0	111.0	102.5	-7.7
Seafood	39.3	15.6	-60.3	143.4	138.1	-3.7
3. Mineral exports	2.5	2.0	-21.6	12.6	20.1	59.5
4. Unclassified exports	5.0	0.7	-86.9	14.9	10.7	-28.1
Total exports	1,302.2	1,233.4	-5.3	7,794.3	8,136.6	4.4

(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	Jul 2025 (USD mn)	Jul 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Jul 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-Jul 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
1. Consumer goods	480.1	547.3	14.0	2,795.6	3,583.8	28.2
Food and beverages	171.1	191.3	11.8	1,265.7	1,305.1	3.1
Cereals and milling industry products	7.1	6.2	-12.5	85.9	115.7	34.7
Dairy products	30.8	40.1	30.1	213.4	241.5	13.2
Vegetables (b)	41.4	32.6	-21.4	274.4	238.7	-13.0
Seafood	11.4	21.5	88.3	63.4	103.9	64.0
Sugar and confectionery	27.0	28.1	4.3	228.5	182.4	-20.2
Spices	10.9	15.5	41.8	57.9	83.5	44.1
Oils and Fats	22.8	22.7	-0.5	205.8	189.4	-8.0
Other food and beverages	19.7	24.7	25.5	136.3	150.0	10.1
Non-food consumer goods	309.0	355.9	15.2	1,529.9	2,278.6	48.9
Personal vehicles	145.7	180.2	23.7	506.1	1,152.3	127.7
Medical and pharmaceuticals	57.1	66.8	17.0	367.2	427.5	16.4
Home appliances	17.0	28.4	66.8	121.3	161.0	32.7
Clothing and accessories	26.7	20.9	-21.8	158.6	148.8	-6.2
Telecommunication devices	19.6	21.3	8.6	120.5	141.2	17.2
Household and furniture items	13.9	12.0	-13.6	89.1	86.0	-3.5
Other non-food consumables	28.9	26.3	-9.0	167.2	161.9	-3.2
2. Intermediate goods	992.8	1,193.1	20.2	6,568.4	8,251.8	25.6
Fuel	269.7	453.1	68.0	2,265.4	3,621.5	59.9
o/w Crude oil	46.7	151.7	225.1	492.6	631.2	28.1
Refined petroleum	222.9	301.3	35.2	1,643.3	2,839.9	72.8
Coal	0.1	0.1	15.2	129.6	150.4	16.1
Diamonds, precious stones, and metals	14.3	15.6	9.1	79.8	114.1	43.0
Textiles and textile articles	248.7	236.1	-5.1	1,585.1	1,539.4	-2.9
Paper and paperboard and articles thereof	37.0	42.8	15.6	231.9	245.2	5.8
Agricultural inputs	22.1	24.9	12.9	156.6	181.1	15.6
Wheat and maize	67.5	22.5	-66.7	189.3	185.3	-2.1
Base metals	37.9	78.6	107.4	283.4	371.2	31.0
Plastics and articles thereof	57.9	74.8	29.2	356.2	415.4	16.6
Chemical products	90.9	105.9	16.6	579.5	681.4	17.6
Fertiliser	27.6	14.3	-48.1	121.7	123.8	1.8
Rubber and articles thereof	29.0	42.6	46.6	165.2	186.5	12.9
Mineral products	14.8	10.0	-32.5	79.6	102.8	29.1
Other intermediate goods	75.4	71.9	-4.7	474.7	483.9	1.9
3. Investment goods	408.7	510.5	24.9	2,271.3	2,794.5	23.0
Machinery and equipment	263.1	329.2	25.1	1,471.2	1,751.9	19.1
Building material	90.1	108.8	20.8	569.2	602.8	5.9
Transport equipment	55.0	71.9	30.7	228.7	436.6	90.9
o/w Commercial Vehicles	47.8	60.8	27.3	162.2	342.4	111.1
Other investment goods	0.4	0.6	31.6	2.3	3.2	36.8
4. Unclassified imports	0.6	0.1	-78.8	9.1	13.2	45.6
Total imports	1,882.2	2,251.0	19.6	11,644.4	14,643.2	25.8
o/w Non-fuel imports	1,612.5	1,797.9	11.5	9,379.0	11,021.7	17.5

(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	Jul 2025 (USD mn)	Jul 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Jul 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-Jul 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
0. Food and live animals	343.4	294.6	-14.2	1,909.5	1,913.7	0.2
03 Fish and fish preparations	47.0	22.7	-51.6	178.0	200.4	12.6
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	6.2	6.3	2.2	46.3	46.6	0.7
05 Vegetables and fruit	75.7	48.9	-35.4	377.9	359.2	-5.0
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	174.9	187.5	7.2	1,126.1	1,091.9	-3.0
1. Beverages and tobacco	13.7	19.8	44.6	95.9	109.8	14.5
11 Beverages	5.8	8.7	49.4	43.6	45.5	4.5
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	7.9	11.1	41.1	52.3	64.2	22.7
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	46.7	41.1	-12.0	255.7	286.6	12.1
23 Crude rubber	3.0	1.9	-36.0	18.6	17.5	-5.9
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	24.5	17.2	-29.8	147.7	113.7	-23.0
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	115.1	112.8	-2.0	580.4	833.6	43.6
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	115.1	112.8	-2.0	580.4	827.9	42.6
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	0	0		0	5.7	
4. Animal and vegetable oils, fats, and waxes	20.1	17.7	-12.1	109.5	112.9	3.0
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	16.6	12.7	-23.2	79.7	85.5	7.4
5. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	33.3	41.4	24.2	205.3	249.4	21.5
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	157.2	143.3	-8.8	1,007.1	1,025.8	1.9
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	57.6	56.8	-1.4	364.9	387.2	6.1
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, etc., n.e.s.	34.6	29.1	-16.0	230.5	205.8	-10.7
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	41.9	30.9	-26.1	260.6	249.9	-4.1
7. Machinery, transport equipment	49.2	84.6	72.2	320.1	457.7	43.0
77 Electric machinery, apparatus, and appliances, n.e.s. and electrical parts thereof	27.2	42.4	55.6	167.1	228.0	36.4
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles	523.5	478.1	-8.7	3,310.7	3,147.1	-4.9
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	477.9	441.1	-7.7	3,042.7	2,870.2	-5.7
9. Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	0	0		0.1	0	
Total exports	1,302.2	1,233.4	-5.3	7,794.3	8,136.6	4.4

(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	Jul 2025 (USD mn)	Jul 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Jul 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-Jul 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
0. Food and live animals	248.4	222.7	-10.3	1,461.0	1,542.3	5.6
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	30.8	40.1	30.1	213.6	241.8	13.2
03 Fish and fish preparations	11.6	21.7	87.8	64.3	105.1	63.4
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	74.3	27.8	-62.6	272.3	298.3	9.5
05 Vegetables and fruit	48.4	40.4	-16.5	319.4	289.5	-9.4
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	27.0	28.1	4.3	228.6	182.4	-20.2
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	19.5	24.8	27.2	114.4	141.6	23.7
1. Beverages and tobacco	15.9	12.3	-22.3	72.9	83.0	13.8
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	50.2	59.0	17.6	276.5	309.7	12.0
23 Crude rubber	24.7	37.7	52.4	141.6	162.3	14.6
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	3.1	0.5	-85.2	12.1	8.5	-29.8
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	269.7	453.1	68.0	2,265.4	3,621.5	59.9
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	239.9	429.6	79.1	1,877.5	3,254.7	73.4
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	29.7	23.4	-21.2	258.3	216.4	-16.2
4. Animal and vegetable oils, fats, and waxes	28.3	23.6	-16.6	261.4	205.5	-21.4
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	27.4	22.5	-17.9	249.9	200.2	-19.9
5. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	228.3	259.8	13.8	1,394.4	1,631.5	17.0
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	52.1	61.9	18.8	335.6	391.8	16.7
56 Fertilisers, manufactured	27.6	14.3	-48.1	121.6	123.5	1.5
57 Plastics in primary forms	35.5	53.4	50.5	229.7	284.8	24.0
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	17.1	16.5	-3.6	95.2	104.6	9.8
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	442.5	498.0	12.5	2,845.6	3,004.3	5.6
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles thereof	35.0	41.3	17.8	217.1	233.7	7.6
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, etc., n.e.s.	241.4	231.8	-4.0	1,550.0	1,507.5	-2.7
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	41.9	40.7	-2.9	247.8	305.8	23.4
67 Iron and steel	45.5	75.1	65.2	354.1	384.4	8.6
7. Machinery, transport equipment	500.6	636.8	27.2	2,455.1	3,661.5	49.1
72 Machinery specialized for particular industries	48.4	55.1	13.9	269.8	333.6	23.6
74 General industrial machinery and equipment and machine parts, n.e.s.	84.2	107.8	28.0	443.6	472.3	6.5
75 Office machines and automatic data-processing machines	18.8	49.2	161.9	122.4	203.1	65.8
76 Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	41.9	56.7	35.4	256.6	340.9	32.9
77 Electric machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s. and electrical parts thereof	55.0	77.5	40.9	363.7	489.4	34.6
78 Road vehicles	206.0	254.0	23.3	751.8	1,575.6	109.6
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles	97.4	85.0	-12.7	604.9	576.2	-4.7
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	22.8	16.8	-26.0	139.2	123.2	-11.5
87 Professional, scientific, and controlling instruments and apparatus n.e.s.	18.9	18.7	-0.7	116.6	140.7	20.7
9. Commodities and transactions not elsewhere specified in SITC	1.0	0.5	-44.8	7.3	7.7	5.8
Total imports	1,882.2	2,251.0	19.6	11,644.4	14,643.2	25.8

(a) Provisional

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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)

	Jul 2025 (USD mn)	Jul 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Jul 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-Jul 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Services	618.0	621.0	0.5	4,227.5	4,149.3	-1.8
Manufacturing services	0.9	3.3	252.9	4.4	15.5	250.5
Maintenance and repair services	0.6	0.9	52.0	9.1	6.4	-29.8
Transport	138.2	180.4	30.5	1,150.7	1,176.4	2.2
Sea transport	99.5	112.8	13.4	877.4	822.3	-6.3
Passenger	0.2	0.01	-97.1	0.4	0.2	-56.1
Freight	65.0	49.6	-23.7	471.5	439.4	-6.8
Other	34.3	63.2	84.5	405.5	382.8	-5.6
Air transport	38.7	67.3	74.1	272.8	353.3	29.5
Passenger	26.0	35.5	36.3	192.6	207.6	7.8
Freight	2.6	1.8	-29.3	21.5	14.4	-32.9
Other	10.1	30.0	198.4	58.8	131.3	123.3
Postal services	0.02	0.2		0.5	0.8	71.8
Travel ^(b)	318.5	285.5	-10.3	2,031.1	1,796.7	-11.5
Construction	10.0	6.2	-38.0	77.8	50.8	-34.7
Construction abroad	0.6	0.8	34.9	10.4	10.1	-3.0
Construction in the reporting economy	4.2	2.0	-51.2	25.0	19.2	-23.3
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	5.2	3.3	-36.0	42.5	21.6	-49.1
Insurance and pension services	1.4	5.9	313.0	10.9	35.6	226.9
Direct insurance	1.4	4.7	237.4	9.2	30.0	228.1
Reinsurance	0.04	1.2		1.7	5.5	220.7
Financial services	4.9	3.6	-27.6	27.7	31.4	13.4
Charges for the use of intellectual property	1.4	0.7	-45.0	7.0	8.1	15.4
Telecommunications, computer, and information services	67.2	62.1	-7.7	533.5	471.6	-11.6
Telecommunications services	6.5	6.0	-7.6	54.3	43.1	-20.7
Computer & IT/BPO related services	60.7	56.0	-7.7	479.2	428.5	-10.6
Computer services	60.3	55.6	-7.6	474.1	426.6	-10.0
Information services	0.4	0.4	-13.6	5.1	1.9	-62.2
Other business services	72.8	69.1	-5.0	359.0	538.6	50.0
Education services	3.4	3.5	4.7	22.3	31.1	39.6
Professional and management consulting services	41.0	26.6	-34.9	179.2	219.5	22.4
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	28.4	39.0	37.0	157.4	288.0	82.9
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	1.3	1.8	34.6	7.8	10.3	32.5
Audiovisual and related services	0.8	0.8	-3.6	3.2	7.2	122.3
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.5	1.0	92.5	4.6	3.1	-31.0
Government goods and services	0.8	1.5	87.1	8.5	7.9	-7.6

(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.

(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)

	Jul 2025 (USD mn)	Jul 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Jul 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-Jul 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Services	301.3	377.0	25.1	1,851.7	2,306.7	24.6
Manufacturing services	14.3	5.3	-62.7	86.4	10.2	-88.2
Maintenance and repair services	5.9	8.3	40.6	40.4	52.4	29.8
Transport	76.9	134.8	75.3	603.1	696.7	15.5
Sea transport	25.4	38.0	49.2	268.3	190.4	-29.0
Passenger	0.02	0.04	71.9	0.1	0.3	201.2
Freight	22.3	26.3	17.9	248.7	162.1	-34.8
Other	3.1	11.6	273.9	19.5	28.0	43.1
Air transport	51.4	96.8	88.3	333.8	504.1	51.0
Passenger	20.7	27.8	34.6	123.9	134.3	8.4
Freight	26.9	28.6	6.3	169.0	187.1	10.7
Other	3.8	40.4		40.8	182.7	347.5
Postal services	0.02	0.02	38.5	1.0	2.2	113.4
Travel	81.0	105.0	29.7	427.1	737.5	72.7
Construction	1.6	4.6	194.6	25.5	24.1	-5.6
Construction abroad	0.01	0.03	214.3	2.2	3.5	62.1
Construction in the reporting economy	0.05	1.9		4.6	4.5	-3.8
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	1.5	2.6	74.9	18.7	16.1	-13.9
Insurance and pension services	4.6	6.0	28.7	24.6	37.9	53.9
Direct insurance	0.8	0.9	16.5	6.9	10.8	55.3
Reinsurance	3.9	5.1	31.1	17.7	27.1	53.3
Financial services	1.4	1.9	37.1	10.3	18.0	75.4
Charges for the use of intellectual property	21.9	5.8	-73.6	96.9	60.2	-37.9
Telecommunications, computer, and information services	26.9	23.3	-13.4	161.1	174.7	8.4
Telecommunications services	2.8	2.5	-11.5	19.7	13.6	-31.2
Computer & IT/BPO related services	24.1	20.8	-13.6	141.4	161.1	13.9
Computer services	23.2	20.7	-10.9	137.5	156.6	13.9
Information services	0.9	0.1	-85.6	3.9	4.5	15.7
Other business services	65.0	80.8	24.3	360.6	480.8	33.3
Education services	8.9	12.9	45.7	58.4	59.7	2.2
Professional and management consulting services	13.6	20.3	49.6	100.4	125.5	25.0
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	42.6	47.6	11.9	201.8	295.6	46.5
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	1.7	0.7	-55.6	11.2	9.9	-12.1
Audiovisual and related services	1.7	0.6	-64.8	10.7	9.1	-14.6
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.004	0.2		0.5	0.7	38.9
Government goods and services	0.2	0.5	195.0	4.6	4.4	-4.2

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Sources: SLTDA, ITRS – CBSL

Services Account – Net (a)

	Jul 2025 (USD mn)	Jul 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Jul 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-Jul 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Services	316.7	244.0	-23.0	2,375.8	1,842.7	-22.4
Manufacturing services	-13.4	-2.0	-84.9	-81.9	5.3	-106.5
Maintenance and repair services	-5.3	-7.4	39.3	-31.3	-46.0	47.2
Transport	61.3	45.6	-25.7	547.6	479.7	-12.4
Sea transport	74.1	74.9	1.1	609.1	631.9	3.8
Passenger	0.2	-0.03	-118.1	0.3	-0.1	-149.3
Freight	42.7	23.3	-45.5	222.8	277.2	24.4
Other	31.2	51.6	65.6	386.0	354.8	-8.1
Air transport	-12.7	-29.5	131.2	-60.9	-150.9	147.6
Passenger	5.4	7.7	43.0	68.7	73.3	6.7
Freight	-24.3	-26.8	10.1	-147.6	-172.7	17.0
Other	6.2	-10.3	-265.9	18.0	-51.5	-386.6
Postal services	0.004	0.2		-0.5	-1.3	150.2
Travel	237.5	180.5	-24.0	1,604.0	1,059.1	-34.0
Construction	8.4	1.6	-81.1	52.3	26.8	-48.8
Construction abroad	0.6	0.8	31.8	8.2	6.5	-20.3
Construction in the reporting economy	4.1	0.1	-97.7	20.3	14.7	-27.7
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	3.7	0.7	-81.2	23.8	5.5	-76.7
Insurance and pension services	-3.2	-0.1	-97.4	-13.7	-2.3	-83.2
Direct insurance	0.6	3.8		2.2	19.3	
Reinsurance	-3.8	-3.9	1.0	-16.0	-21.6	35.2
Financial services	3.5	1.6	-53.3	17.4	13.4	-23.1
Charges for the use of intellectual property	-20.6	-5.0	-75.5	-89.8	-52.1	-42.1
Telecommunications, computer, and information services	40.3	38.8	-3.9	372.4	296.9	-20.3
Telecommunications services	3.7	3.6	-4.6	34.6	29.5	-14.8
Computer & IT/BPO related services	36.6	35.2	-3.8	337.7	267.4	-20.8
Computer services	37.0	34.9	-5.6	336.6	270.0	-19.8
Information services	-0.4	0.3	-161.5	1.2	-2.6	-315.3
Other business services	7.8	-11.7	-249.9	-1.6	57.8	
Education services	-5.5	-9.4	70.9	-36.1	-28.5	-21.0
Professional and management consulting services	27.4	6.4	-76.7	78.8	93.9	19.1
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	-14.1	-8.7	-38.7	-44.4	-7.6	-82.8
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	-0.4	1.0	-382.0	-3.4	0.5	-113.3
Audiovisual and related services	-0.9	0.2	-119.7	-7.5	-2.0	-73.8
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.5	0.8	64.1	4.0	2.4	-40.1
Government goods and services	0.7	1.1	60.4	3.9	3.5	-11.5

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