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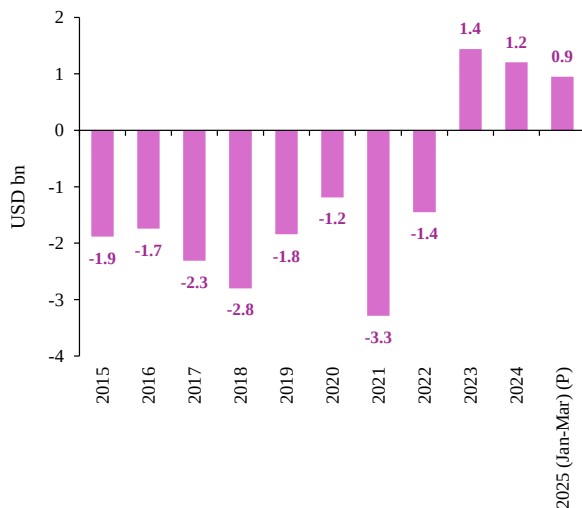
Current Account

Summary of Current Account (a)

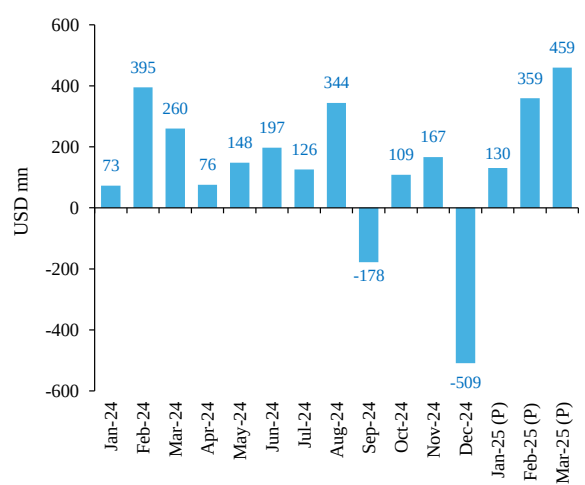
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Current Account Balance	259.9	459.5	76.8	727.6	948.9	30.4
Trade Balance	-359.2	-395.6		-1,219.4	-1,539.6	
Merchandise Exports	1,148.5	1,241.7	8.1	3,178.5	3,347.4	5.3
Merchandise Imports	1,507.7	1,637.3	8.6	4,397.9	4,887.0	11.1
Services Account (net)	373.1	393.3	5.4	1,154.9	1,220.0	5.6
Services Account - Inflows	624.2	665.0	6.5	1,861.3	2,035.1	9.3
Services Account - Outflows	251.1	271.7	8.2	706.4	815.2	15.4
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Current Account Balance - Annual

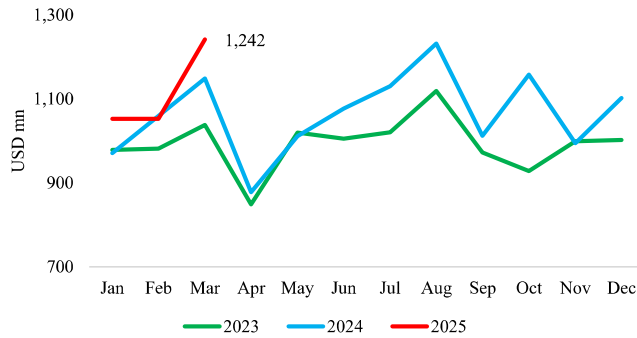


Current Account Balance - Monthly

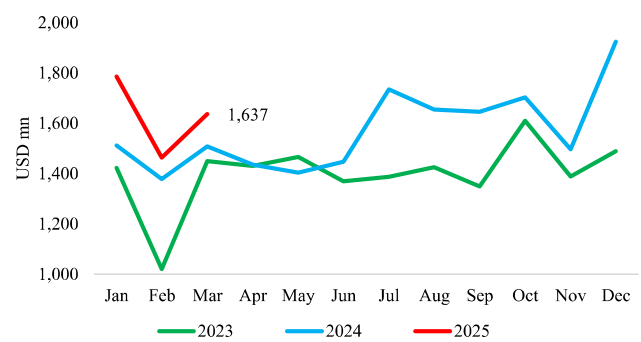


Merchandise Trade Highlights

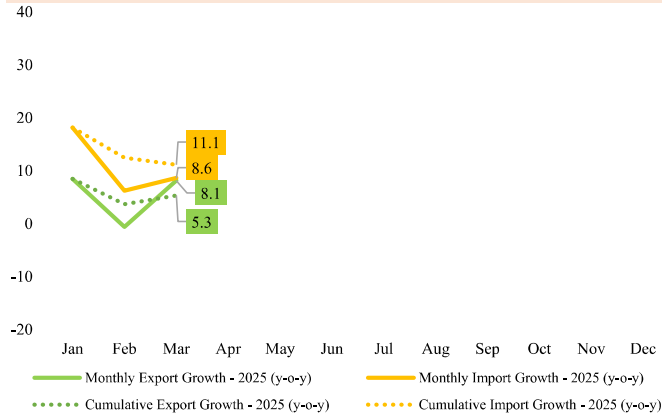
Monthly Export Performance



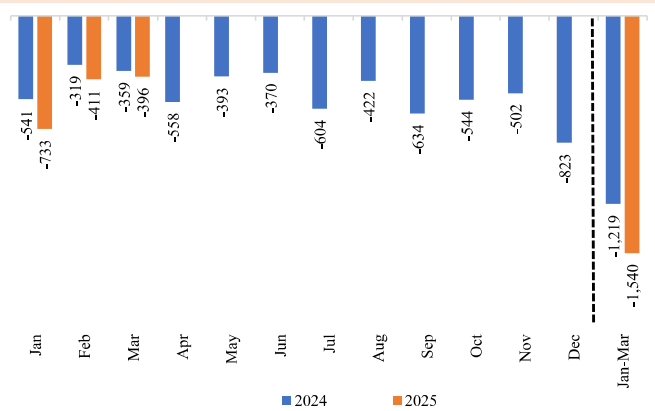
Monthly Import Performance



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



Trade Balance (USD mn)



Major Merchandise Export and Import Categories - January - March 2025

Exports (USD mn)

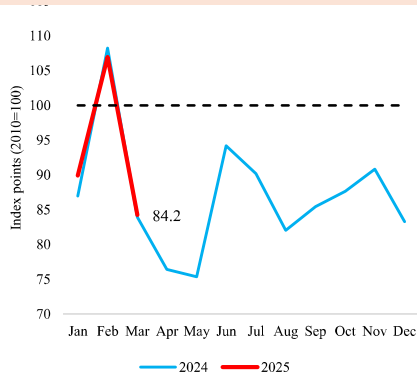
Textiles and garments	1,386.6
Tea	370.9
Petroleum products	259.0
Rubber products	242.1
Food beverages and tobacco	200.4
Coconut	121.0
Spices	116.9
Machinery and mechanical appliances	111.2
Gems, diamonds and jewellery	92.2
Chemical products	66.0

Imports (USD mn)

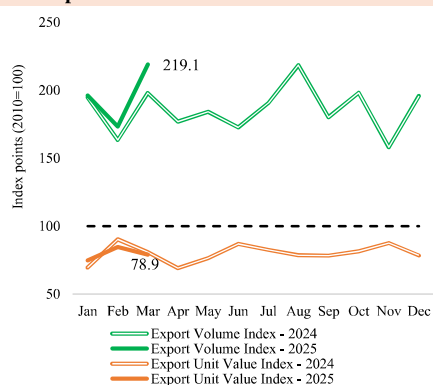
Fuel	1,056.7
Textiles and textile articles	677.9
Machinery and equipment	629.7
Chemical products	247.2
Building material	234.2
Plastics and articles thereof	148.3
Medical and pharmaceuticals	144.7
Vegetables	126.6
Paper and paperboard and articles thereof	98.6
Base metals	89.8

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

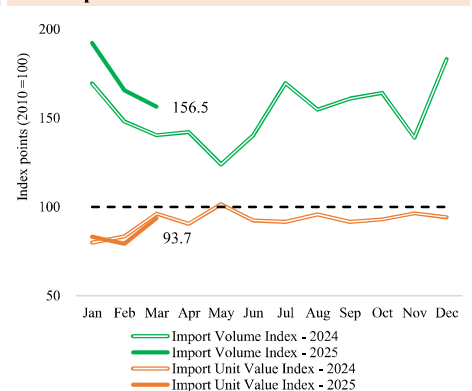
Terms of Trade



Export Volume and Unit Value Indices

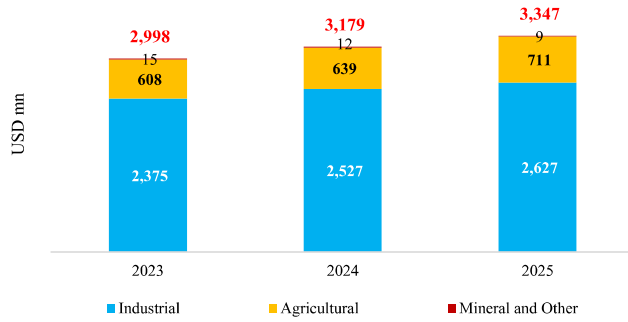


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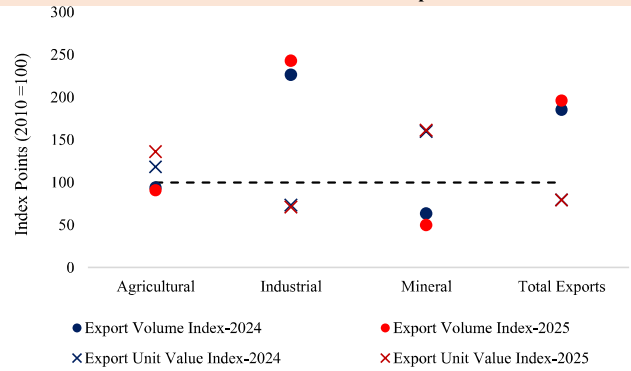


Merchandise Export Performance

Export Performance - Jan. - Mar.

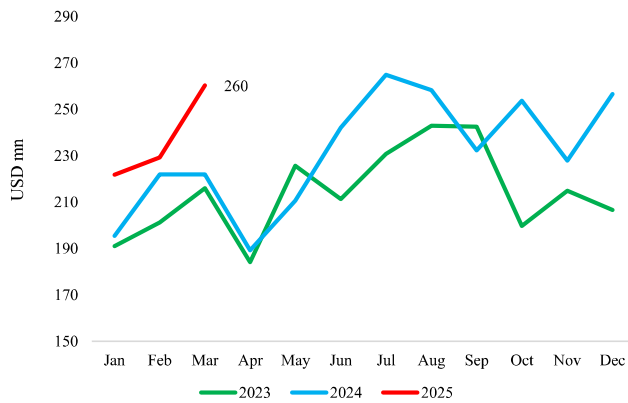


Volume and Unit Value Indices of Exports - Jan. - Mar.

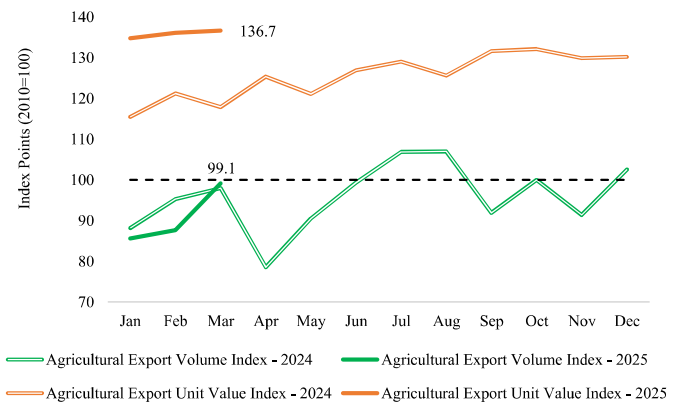


Agricultural Exports

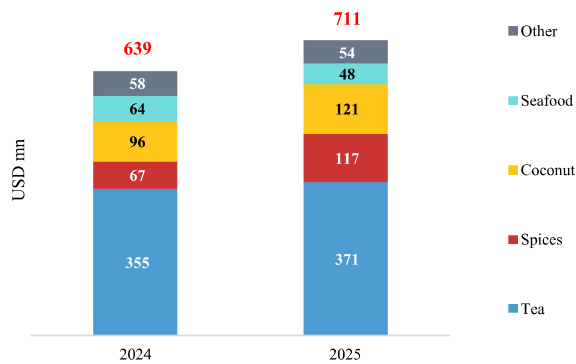
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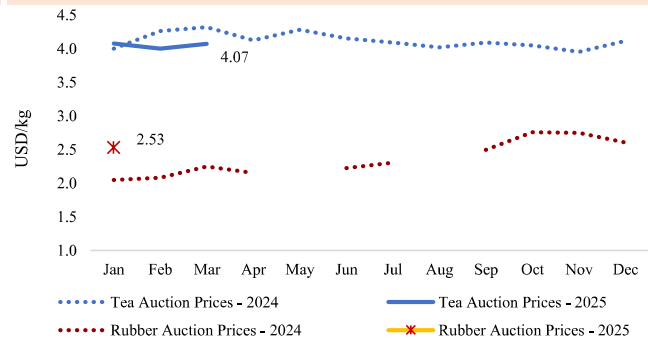
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Agricultural Exports



Performance of Agricultural Exports - Jan. - Mar.



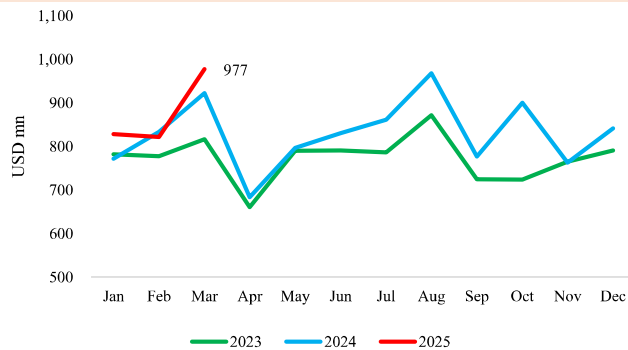
Tea and Rubber Prices



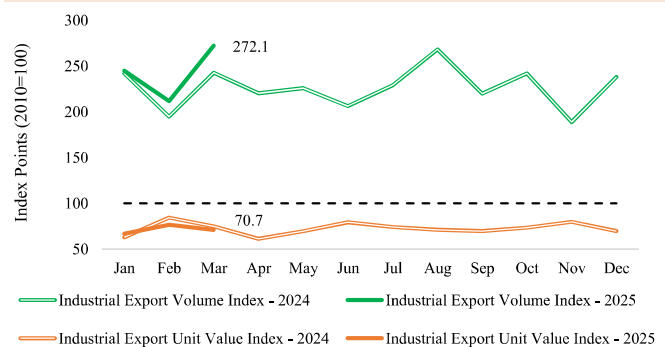
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Industrial Exports

Industrial Exports

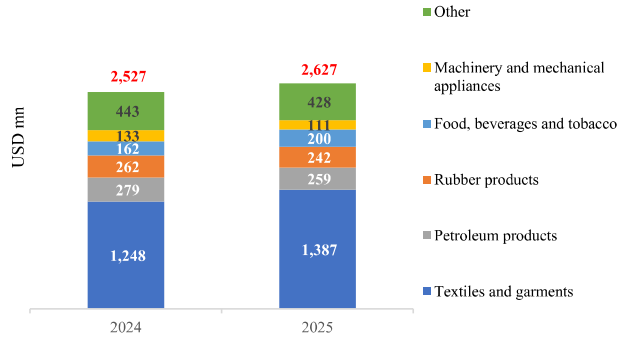


Volume and Unit Value Indices of Industrial Exports

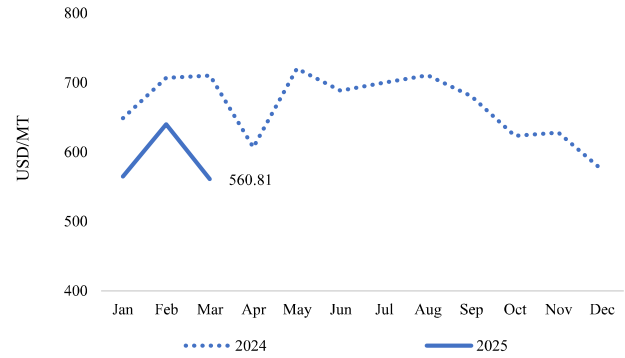


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Performance of Industrial Exports - Jan. - Mar..

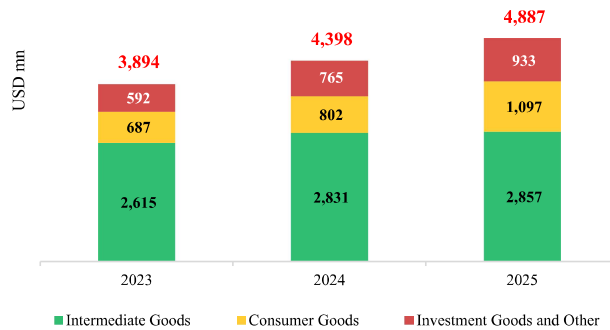


Bunker and Aviation Fuel Export Prices



Merchandise Import Performance

Import Performance - Jan. - Mar.

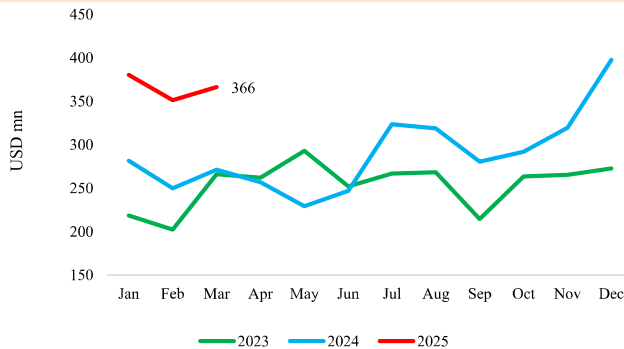


Volume and Unit Value Indices of Imports - Jan. - Mar.

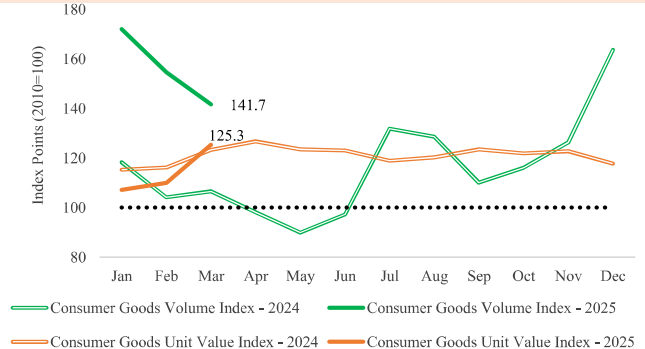


Consumer Goods Imports

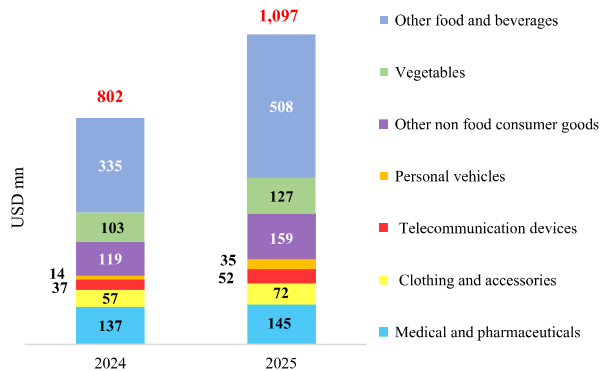
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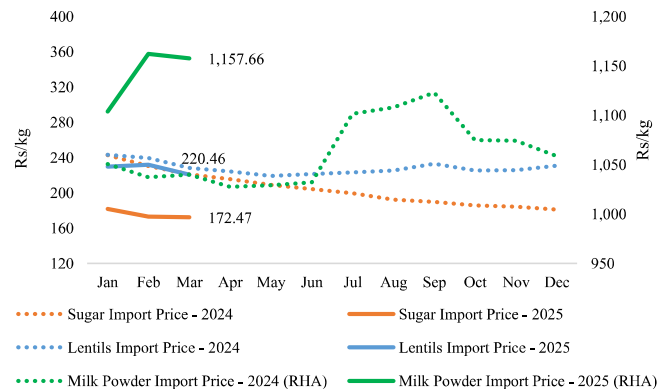
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Imports of Consumer Goods



Performance of Consumer Goods Imports - Jan. - Mar.

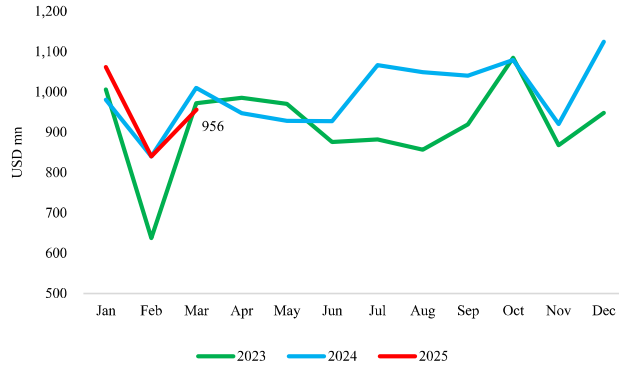


Average Import Prices of Sugar, Lentils and Milk Powder

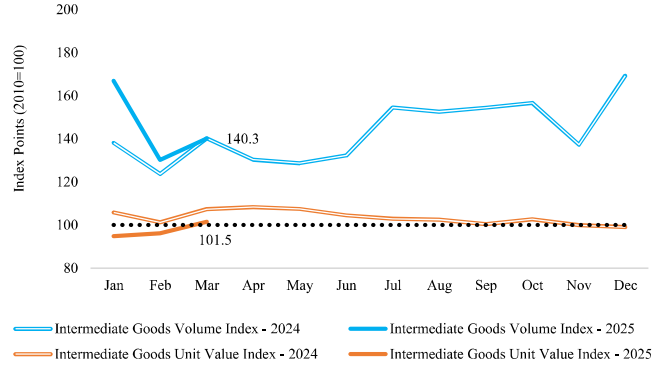


Intermediate Goods Imports

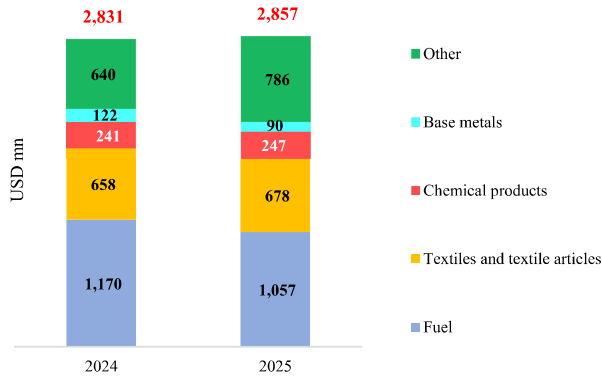
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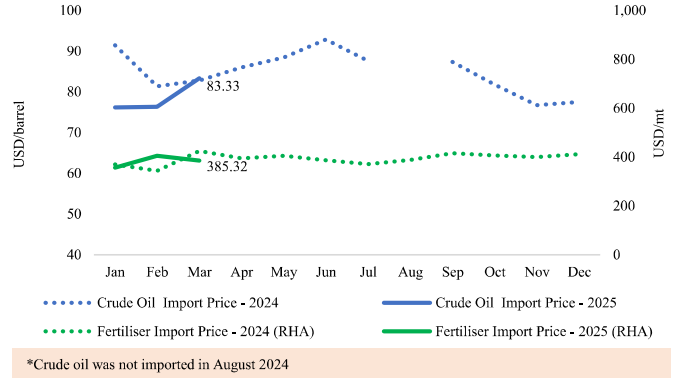
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Intermediate Goods Imports



Performance of Intermediate Goods Imports - Jan. - Mar.



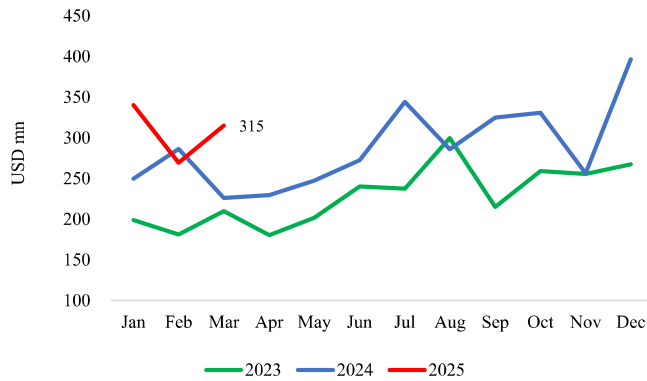
Crude Oil and Fertiliser Import Prices (Monthly Averages)



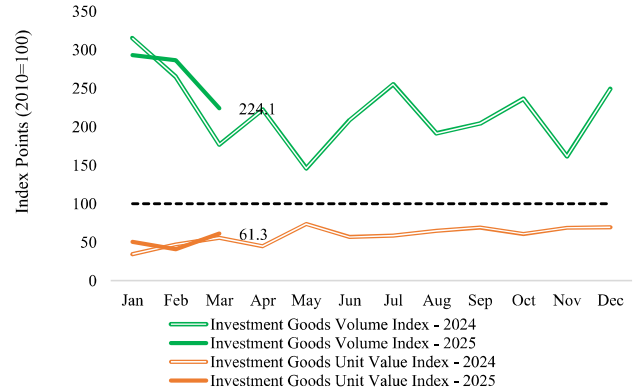
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Investment Goods Imports

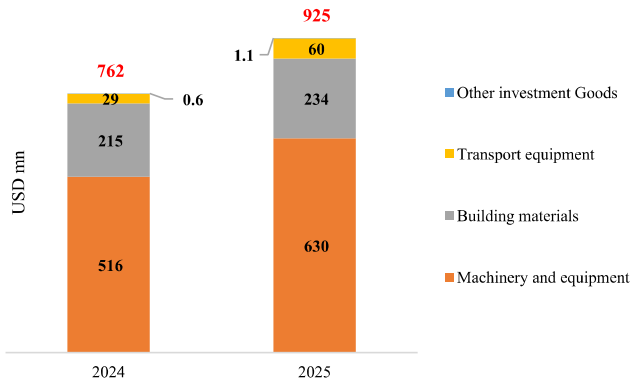
Imports of Investment Goods



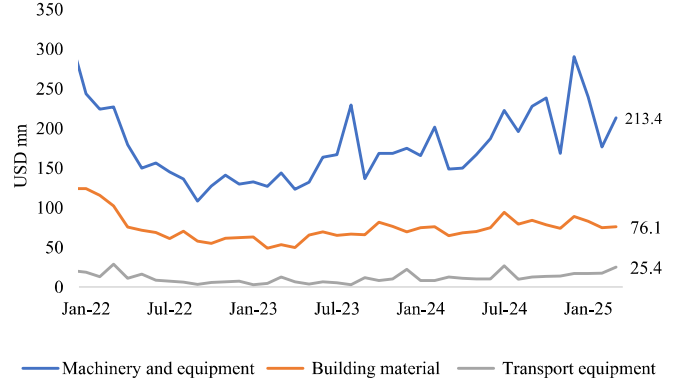
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Investment Goods Imports



Performance of Investment Goods Imports -Jan. - Mar.



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		Mar-24	Mar-25	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Mar 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Agricultural Exports		221.9	260.3	17.3	639.3	711.3	11.3
o/w	Tea	124.9	138.8	11.2	354.8	370.9	4.6
	Coconut	38.1	44.4	16.5	95.6	121.0	26.6
	Spices	16.8	41.4	146.6	66.8	116.9	75.0
	Seafood	20.2	17.0	-16.0	63.9	48.3	-24.5
Industrial Exports		921.8	977.1	6.0	2,526.9	2,626.9	4.0
o/w	Textiles and garments	444.9	496.9	11.7	1,248.3	1,386.6	11.1
	Rubber products	95.3	90.3	-5.3	261.8	242.1	-7.5
	Petroleum products	101.9	104.4	2.5	279.2	259.0	-7.2
	Food, beverages and tobacco	65.4	86.3	31.8	161.9	200.4	23.8
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	50.6	42.0	-17.0	132.8	111.2	-16.3
	Gems, diamonds and jewellery	33.9	26.8	-20.9	112.9	92.2	-18.4
	Leather, travel goods and footwear	4.4	4.9	12.3	13.0	13.9	6.8
Mineral and Other Exports		4.8	4.3	-12.1	12.4	9.3	-24.9
Total Exports		1,148.5	1,241.7	8.1	3,178.5	3,347.4	5.3
Import Performance (USD mn)							
Item		Mar-24	Mar-25	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Mar 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Consumer goods		271.0	366.1	35.1	801.9	1,097.4	36.8
Food and beverages		154.5	193.8	25.5	437.6	634.4	45.0
o/w	Vegetables (b)	39.9	44.7	12.1	102.6	126.6	23.4
	Rice	1.5	1.3	-12.1	22.3	55.8	150.4
Non-food consumer goods		116.5	172.3	47.9	364.3	463.0	27.1
o/w	Medical and Pharmaceuticals	41.9	53.1	26.9	137.3	144.7	5.4
Intermediate goods		1,010.2	955.7	-5.4	2,830.9	2,857.1	0.9
o/w	Fuel	462.1	360.7	-21.9	1,170.0	1,056.7	-9.7
	Textiles and textile articles	187.9	214.3	14.0	658.5	677.9	2.9
	Fertiliser	5.2	22.9	338.1	18.8	51.4	173.9
	Wheat and maize	10.9	26.6	144.1	29.1	82.8	184.1
Investment goods and other		226.5	315.5	39.3	765.1	932.6	21.9
o/w	Machinery and equipment	148.6	213.4	43.6	516.3	629.7	22.0
Total Imports		1,507.7	1,637.3	8.6	4,397.9	4,887.0	11.1
Trade Balance (USD mn)							
Item		Mar-24	Mar-25		Jan-Mar 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	
Trade Balance		-359.2	-395.6		-1,219.4	-1,539.6	
Trade Indices and Terms of Trade (2010 = 100) (In USD terms)							
Item		Mar-24	Mar-25	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Mar 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Export							
Value index		159.8	172.8	8.1	147.5	155.3	5.3
Volume index		198.0	219.1	10.6	185.3	196.1	5.8
Unit value index		80.7	78.9	-2.3	79.6	79.2	-0.5
Import							
Value index		134.9	146.5	8.6	131.2	145.8	11.1
Volume index		140.2	156.5	11.6	152.5	171.4	12.4
Unit value index		96.2	93.7	-2.7	86.0	85.1	-1.1
Terms of Trade		83.9	84.2	0.4	92.5	93.1	0.6

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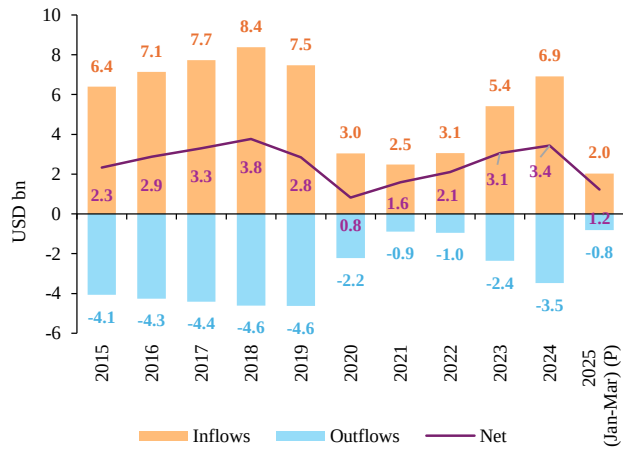
(b) includes lentils, onions, potatoes, leguminous vegetables and others

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

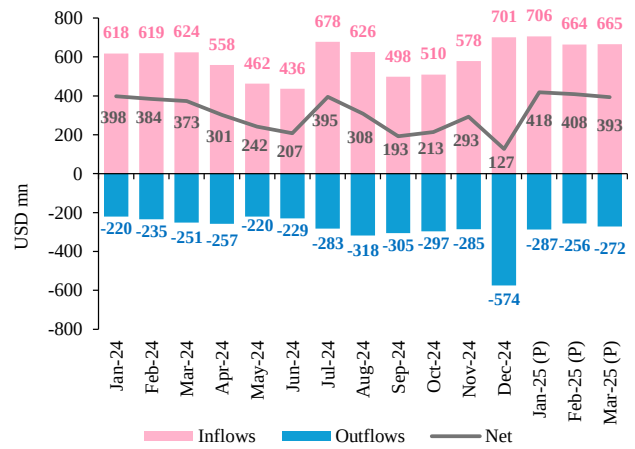
Note 2: Longer series of Merchandise Trade data can be accessed through : <https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/en/statistics/statistical-tables/external-sector>

Services Account

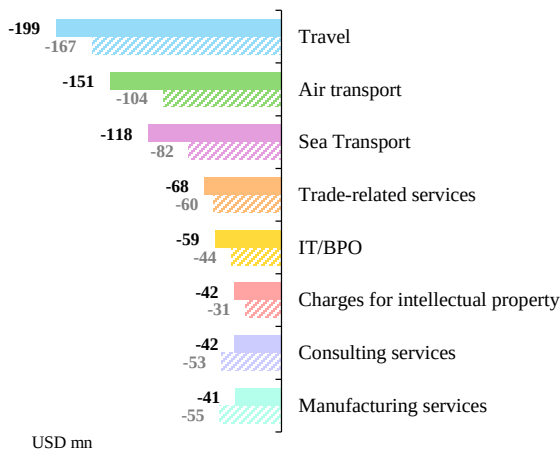
Services Account - Annual



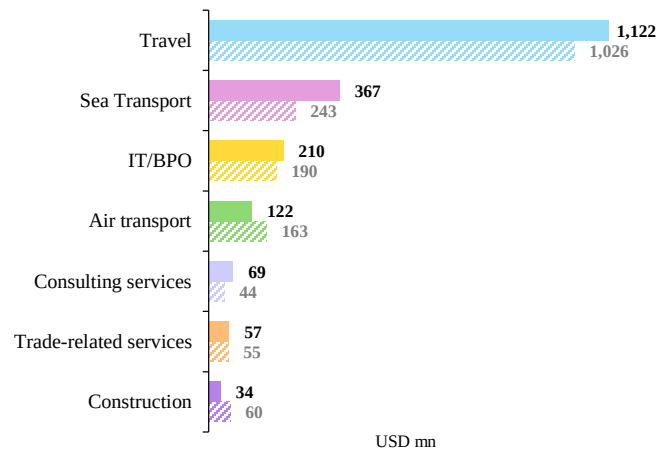
Services Account - Monthly



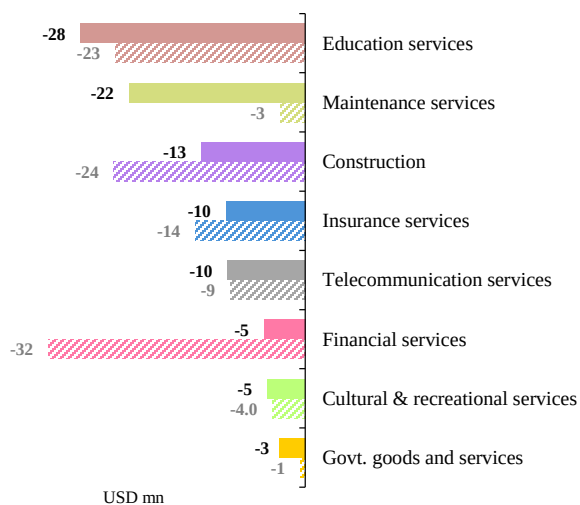
Major Services Outflows



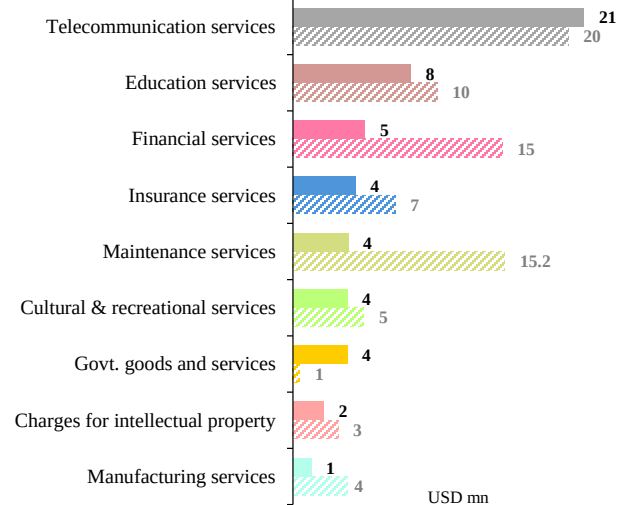
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Minor Services Outflows



Minor Services Inflows



Jan-Mar 2024

Jan-Mar 2025 (P)

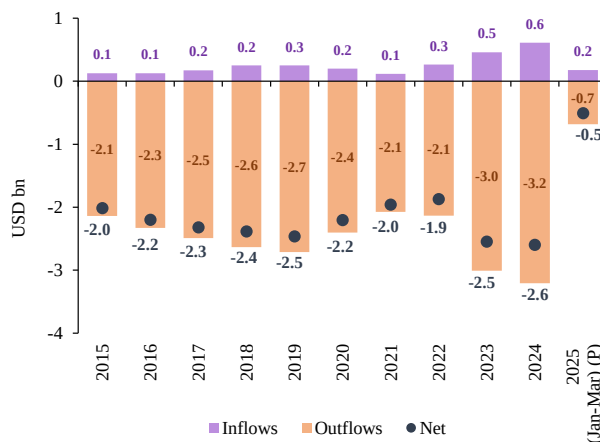
Primary Income Account

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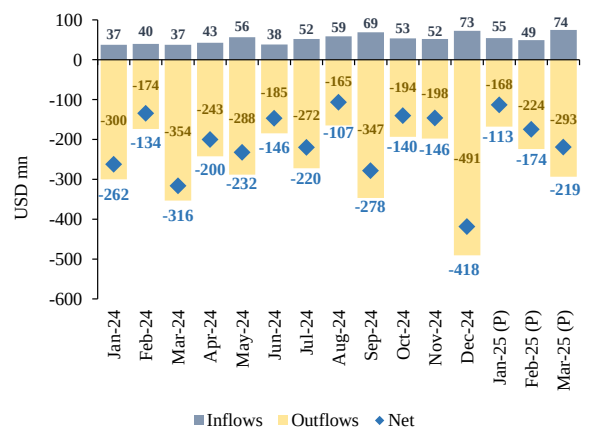
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<i>of which,</i>						
Direct Investment related Outflows	72.7	135.1	85.7	193.8	277.6	43.3
Dividends	61.4	112.9	83.7	159.9	210.5	31.6
Reinvested Earnings	11.3	22.2	96.3	33.9	67.1	98.2
Portfolio Investment related Outflows	144.1	66.0	-54.2	214.5	153.9	-28.2
<i>of which,</i>						
Government Bond Outflows	138.1	46.7	-66.2	196.3	108.2	-44.9
Other Investment Interest	135.8	88.7	-34.6	414.4	246.2	-40.6
Interest on Foreign Loans						
Government	108.6	65.5	-39.7	308.8	151.3	-51.0
Central Bank	17.4	9.2	-47.3	75.1	47.7	-36.4
Deposit-taking Corporations	7.8	1.9	-75.6	23.0	6.1	-73.6
Other Sectors	2.1	12.2	493.8	7.5	41.2	451.1

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Primary Income Account - Annual



Primary Income Account - Monthly

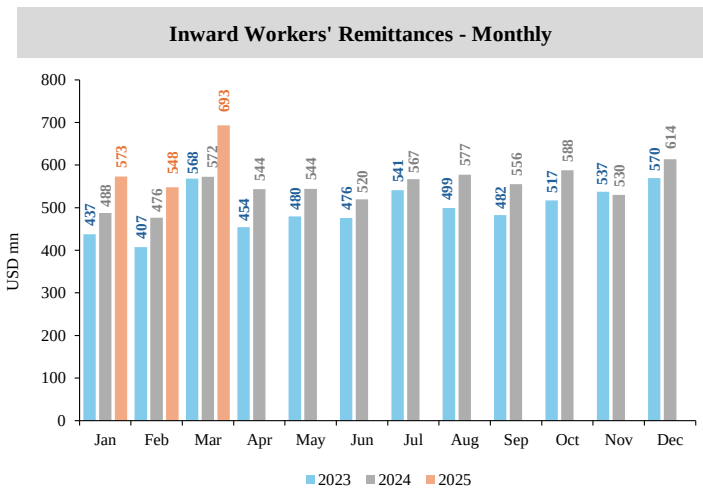
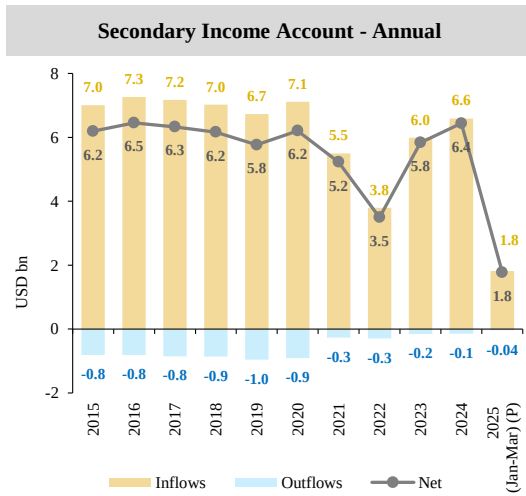


Secondary Income Account

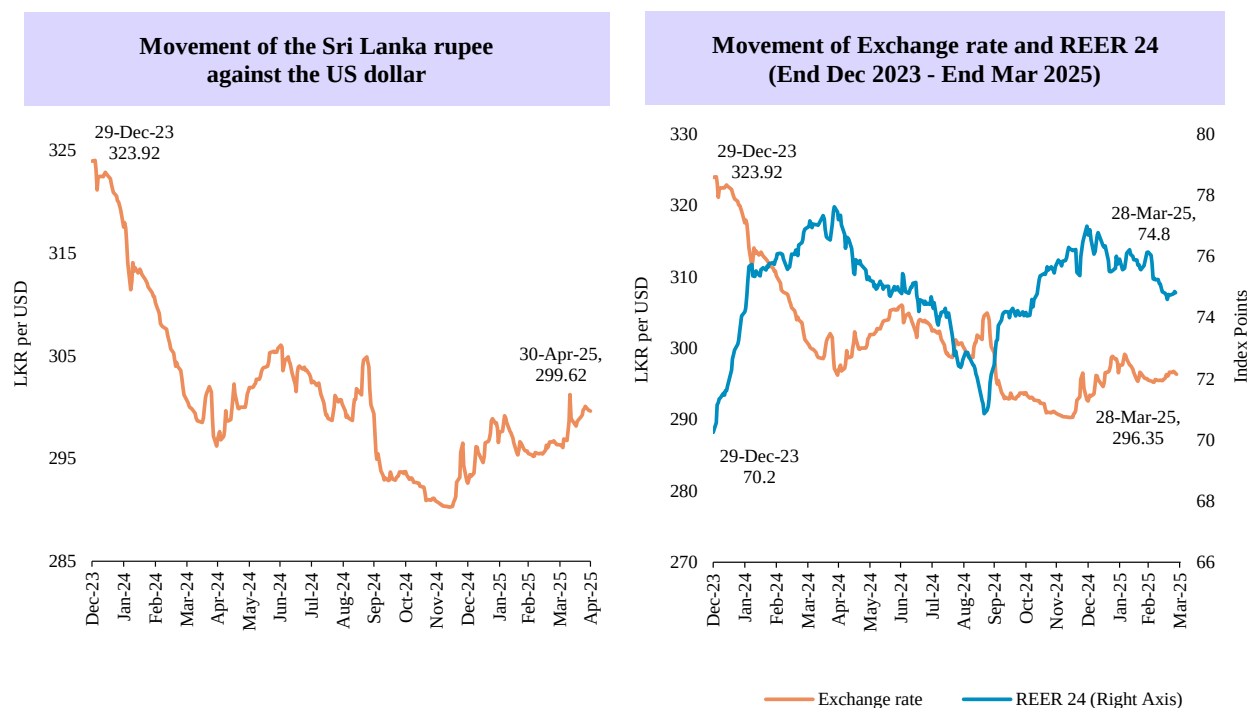
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General Government	0.6	0.8	45.3	1.6	2.3	42.7
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Secondary Income Account Outflows	10.7	13.6	27.9	33.2	42.0	26.6

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Exchange Rate Movements (a)



Movement of the Sri Lanka rupee against Selected Currencies *

Currency	2023	2024	2025 (up to 30 Apr)
US dollar	12.1%	10.7%	-2.3%
Euro	7.9%	17.8%	-10.6%
Pound sterling	6.0%	12.3%	-8.5%
Chinese yuan (Renminbi)	14.3%	13.9%	-2.7%
Japanese yen	19.5%	22.5%	-11.1%
Australian dollar	10.8%	21.7%	-5.0%
Indian rupee	12.6%	13.9%	-2.7%

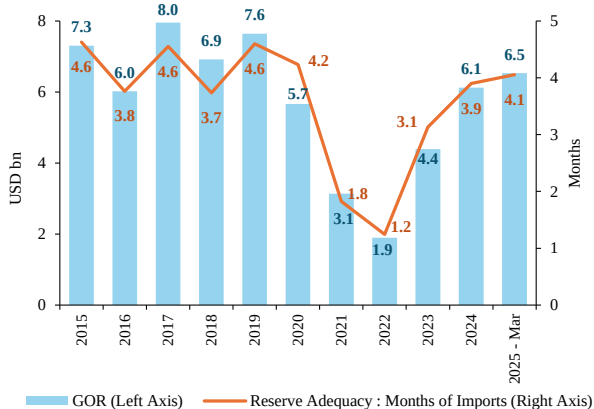
* Depreciation (-) / Appreciation (+)

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

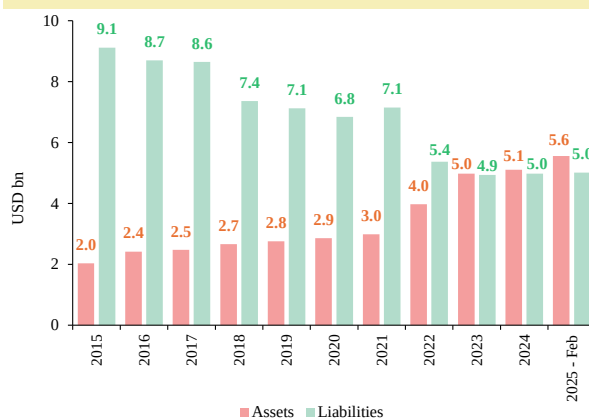
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Financial Flows and International Reserves

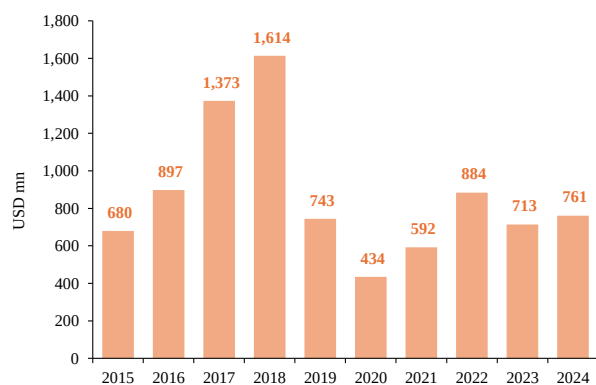
Gross Official Reserves (GOR) and Reserve Adequacy - End Period (a)



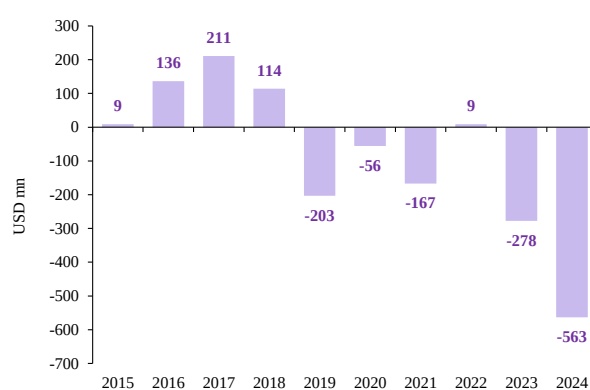
Foreign Assets and Liabilities of the Banking Sector



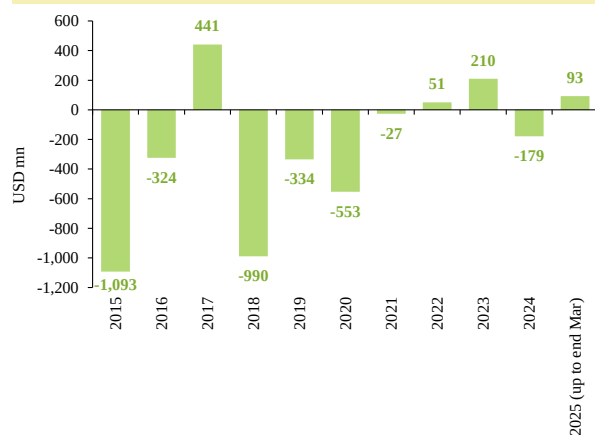
Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) (b)



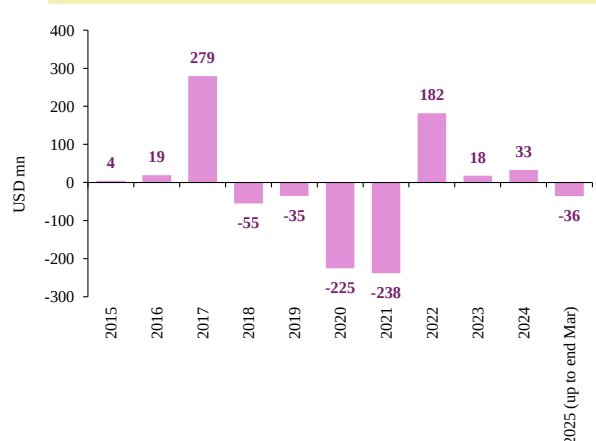
Foreign Loans to Private Sector (net)



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	March 2024 (USD mn)	March 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan.-Mar. 2024 (USD mn)	Jan.-Mar. 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
1. Industrial exports	921.8	977.1	6.0	2,526.9	2,626.9	4.0
Food, beverages and tobacco	65.4	86.3	31.8	161.9	200.4	23.8
Animal fodder	12.8	12.6	-1.7	37.1	36.2	-2.5
Textiles and garments	444.9	496.9	11.7	1,248.3	1,386.6	11.1
o/w Garments	407.3	456.4	12.0	1,145.7	1,283.5	12.0
Textiles	26.1	29.3	12.2	72.1	73.2	1.5
Other made-up textile articles	11.5	11.3	-1.8	30.5	29.8	-2.3
Rubber products	95.3	90.3	-5.3	261.8	242.1	-7.5
Gems, diamonds and jewellery	33.9	26.8	-20.9	112.9	92.2	-18.4
Machinery and mechanical appliances	50.6	42.0	-17.0	132.8	111.2	-16.3
Transport equipment	15.8	6.5	-59.2	27.3	19.7	-27.9
Petroleum products	101.9	104.4	2.5	279.2	259.0	-7.2
Chemical products	20.5	24.6	19.9	57.1	66.0	15.7
Wood and paper products	10.9	11.9	9.2	30.8	31.2	1.3
Printing industry products	6.6	7.7	16.6	12.3	11.2	-8.8
Leather, travel goods and footwear	4.4	4.9	12.3	13.0	13.9	6.8
Plastics and articles thereof	5.0	4.4	-11.9	14.1	12.4	-11.8
Base metals and articles	17.4	19.4	11.1	48.4	46.6	-3.8
Ceramic products	2.6	2.9	11.4	7.1	7.5	6.3
Other industrial exports	33.8	35.7	5.7	82.9	90.7	9.4
2. Agricultural exports	221.9	260.3	17.3	639.3	711.3	11.3
Tea	124.9	138.8	11.2	354.8	370.9	4.6
Rubber	2.7	2.8	6.1	6.7	9.2	37.0
Coconut	38.1	44.4	16.5	95.6	121.0	26.6
Spices	16.8	41.4	146.6	66.8	116.9	75.0
Vegetables	1.9	1.6	-12.3	5.7	5.2	-8.7
Unmanufactured tobacco	2.7	1.4	-47.9	5.8	5.1	-11.1
Minor agricultural products	14.8	12.9	-12.8	40.1	34.7	-13.5
Seafood	20.2	17.0	-16.0	63.9	48.3	-24.5
3. Mineral exports	2.8	2.4	-15.8	6.1	4.9	-20.8
4. Unclassified exports	2.0	1.9	-6.9	6.2	4.4	-29.0
Total exports	1,148.5	1,241.7	8.1	3,178.5	3,347.4	5.3

(a) Provisional

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

Other Exporters of Petroleum, CBSL

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

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

Detailed Breakdown of Import Expenditure Classified as per Central Bank of Sri Lanka's Trade Classification (a)						
Category	March 2024 (USD mn)	March 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan.-Mar. 2024 (USD mn)	Jan.-Mar. 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
1. Consumer goods	271.0	366.1	35.1	801.9	1,097.4	36.8
Food and beverages	154.5	193.8	25.5	437.6	634.4	45.0
Cereals and milling industry products	7.9	4.2	-46.8	38.3	67.1	75.2
Dairy products	16.1	32.1	99.5	50.9	91.5	79.7
Vegetables (b)	39.9	44.7	12.1	102.6	126.6	23.4
Seafood	9.6	8.3	-14.2	29.2	27.7	-5.2
Sugar and confectionery	28.6	43.5	52.2	90.2	129.9	44.0
Spices	14.9	12.3	-17.7	34.8	28.9	-16.7
Oils and Fats	17.1	28.9	68.5	42.2	106.4	151.9
Other food and beverages	20.4	19.9	-2.3	49.3	56.2	13.9
Non-food consumer goods	116.5	172.3	47.9	364.3	463.0	27.1
Personal vehicles	4.9	28.2	469.5	14.4	34.7	140.9
Medical and pharmaceuticals	41.9	53.1	26.9	137.3	144.7	5.4
Home appliances	13.6	18.5	35.6	33.2	57.3	72.7
Clothing and accessories	18.4	23.9	29.7	56.8	72.1	26.9
Telecommunication devices	12.8	19.6	53.2	37.3	52.2	40.2
Household and furniture items	7.3	9.1	23.7	31.6	37.8	19.9
Other non-food consumables	17.5	20.0	14.1	53.8	64.2	19.3
2. Intermediate goods	1,010.2	955.7	-5.4	2,830.9	2,857.1	0.9
Fuel	462.1	360.7	-21.9	1,170.0	1,056.7	-9.7
o/w Crude oil	117.8	60.6	-48.6	310.8	227.9	-26.7
Refined petroleum	308.5	258.4	-16.2	762.2	724.4	-5.0
Coal	35.8	41.7	16.5	97.0	104.5	7.7
Diamonds, precious stones, and metals	25.8	13.1	-49.3	52.7	26.7	-49.4
Textiles and textile articles	187.9	214.3	14.0	658.5	677.9	2.9
Paper and paperboard and articles thereof	38.4	35.0	-8.9	107.2	98.6	-8.1
Agricultural inputs	19.5	26.8	37.4	60.0	71.0	18.5
Wheat and maize	10.9	26.6	144.1	29.1	82.8	184.1
Base metals	44.3	20.4	-54.0	121.8	89.8	-26.3
Plastics and articles thereof	44.2	47.3	7.1	128.7	148.3	15.2
Chemical products	81.9	87.2	6.5	240.9	247.2	2.6
Fertiliser	5.2	22.9	338.1	18.8	51.4	173.9
Rubber and articles thereof	21.2	24.8	17.1	66.0	73.0	10.6
Mineral products	16.4	8.9	-45.7	31.1	33.2	6.9
Other intermediate goods	52.4	67.7	29.1	145.9	200.4	37.3
3. Investment goods	226.1	315.2	39.4	761.8	924.7	21.4
Machinery and equipment	148.6	213.4	43.6	516.3	629.7	22.0
Building material	64.7	76.1	17.7	215.4	234.2	8.7
Transport equipment	12.7	25.4	99.0	29.5	59.8	103.0
Other investment goods	0.1	0.3	189.3	0.6	1.1	87.0
4. Unclassified imports	0.4	0.3	-19.8	3.3	7.8	138.9
Total imports	1,507.7	1,637.3	8.6	4,397.9	4,887.0	11.1
o/w Non-fuel imports	1,045.6	1,276.6	22.1	3,227.9	3,830.3	18.7

(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	March 2024 (USD mn)	March 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan.-Mar. 2024 (USD mn)	Jan.-Mar. 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
0. Food and live animals	246.5	295.0	19.7	702.2	770.0	9.7
03 Fish and fish preparations	23.4	22.0	-6.3	74.4	61.4	-17.5
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	7.0	7.3	4.1	19.8	20.5	3.4
05 Vegetables and fruit	44.6	54.8	23.0	112.6	133.8	18.8
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	143.8	180.6	25.6	423.5	487.1	15.0
1. Beverages and tobacco	16.9	15.9	-6.1	40.8	40.9	0.4
11 Beverages	8.0	6.2	-22.4	20.3	18.8	-7.2
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	8.9	9.6	8.6	20.5	22.1	7.8
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	36.5	35.9	-1.6	96.3	106.4	10.5
23 Crude rubber	2.8	3.0	4.3	7.1	9.6	34.6
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	22.8	21.0	-7.8	56.4	65.3	15.7
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	101.9	104.4	2.5	279.2	259.0	-7.2
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	101.9	104.4	2.5	269.0	259.0	-3.7
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	-	-		10.2	-	
4. Animal and vegetable oils, fats, and waxes	7.7	18.7	142.7	19.6	44.8	129.1
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	7.3	12.7	75.6	18.3	28.9	57.9
5. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	23.8	28.8	20.6	68.8	78.7	14.3
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	171.2	159.9	-6.6	485.4	433.0	-10.8
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	70.7	61.7	-12.7	197.5	161.6	-18.2
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, etc., n.e.s.	36.3	39.8	9.7	98.1	99.8	1.7
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	40.0	32.7	-18.4	124.9	108.5	-13.2
7. Machinery, transport equipment	65.2	47.0	-27.9	156.7	127.5	-18.6
77 Electric machinery, apparatus, and appliances, n.e.s. and electrical parts thereof	26.4	26.2	-0.5	73.5	69.8	-5.1
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles	478.9	536.2	12.0	1,329.6	1,487.0	11.8
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	434.3	487.5	12.3	1,217.2	1,371.5	12.7
9. Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	-	0.1		0.05	0.1	15.1
Total exports	1,148.5	1,241.7	8.1	3,178.5	3,347.4	5.3

(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	March 2024 (USD mn)	March 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan.-Mar. 2024 (USD mn)	Jan.-Mar. 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
0. Food and live animals	174.7	229.5	31.4	501.9	709.1	41.3
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	19.4	32.3	66.4	56.9	91.7	61.3
03 Fish and fish preparations	9.7	8.4	-13.5	29.5	28.1	-4.5
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	19.1	30.4	59.1	66.7	148.4	122.4
05 Vegetables and fruit	47.2	52.3	10.9	120.4	148.9	23.7
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	28.6	43.5	52.2	90.2	129.9	44.0
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	19.8	20.9	5.1	48.1	53.3	10.9
1. Beverages and tobacco	9.3	8.2	-11.8	22.7	25.3	11.3
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	30.5	39.7	30.1	95.4	115.2	20.7
23 Crude rubber	16.8	21.6	28.9	54.4	62.8	15.5
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	1.4	1.0	-27.5	3.9	2.7	-30.6
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	462.1	360.7	-21.9	1,170.0	1,056.7	-9.7
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	401.6	271.3	-32.4	989.2	837.0	-15.4
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	24.8	47.8	92.7	83.8	115.2	37.4
4. Animal and vegetable oils, fats, and waxes	21.8	37.2	70.8	48.3	126.8	162.5
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	20.6	35.2	71.0	44.9	120.5	168.1
5. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	170.2	205.9	21.0	515.0	578.9	12.4
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	38.2	46.6	22.1	124.5	129.0	3.6
56 Fertilisers, manufactured	4.8	22.9	375.0	18.3	51.4	180.4
57 Plastics in primary forms	30.4	31.7	4.4	85.1	93.3	9.7
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	10.2	11.3	10.6	33.1	41.5	25.4
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	381.5	362.8	-4.9	1,202.9	1,166.8	-3.0
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles thereof	36.9	32.1	-12.8	102.5	91.7	-10.6
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, etc., n.e.s.	183.7	209.1	13.8	644.0	664.5	3.2
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	52.7	34.3	-34.9	130.7	99.3	-24.0
67 Iron and steel	55.8	28.8	-48.4	160.4	120.2	-25.1
7. Machinery, transport equipment	193.3	305.1	57.9	633.5	839.8	32.6
72 Machinery specialized for particular industries	23.2	31.6	36.5	84.0	105.8	25.9
74 General industrial machinery and equipment and machine parts, n.e.s.	36.2	75.7	109.2	142.7	224.6	57.4
75 Office machines and automatic data-processing machines	14.3	20.9	46.4	41.6	49.8	19.9
76 Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	35.4	40.6	14.7	91.8	117.7	28.1
77 Electric machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s. and electrical parts thereof	43.8	49.5	12.9	131.6	146.8	11.6
78 Road vehicles	17.0	54.0	216.6	48.7	105.3	116.0
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles	64.0	87.9	37.3	206.7	263.5	27.5
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	16.2	21.8	34.7	50.2	65.6	30.6
87 Professional, scientific, and controlling instruments and apparatus n.e.s.	13.7	19.4	41.8	39.6	51.7	30.4
9. Commodities and transactions not elsewhere specified in SITC	0.4	0.3	-7.7	1.3	4.9	260.7
Total imports	1,507.7	1,637.3	8.6	4,397.9	4,887.0	11.1

(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)

	Mar 2024 (USD mn)	Mar 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Mar 2024 (USD mn)	Jan-Mar 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Services	624.2	665.0	6.5	1,861.3	2,035.1	9.3
Manufacturing services	1.0	0.6	-38.2	3.9	1.3	-66.6
Maintenance and repair services	11.1	0.4	-96.7	15.2	4.0	-74.0
Transport	137.6	152.5	10.9	406.4	489.2	20.4
Sea transport	86.5	110.1	27.3	243.3	367.3	51.0
Passenger	0.1	0.0001	-99.9	0.7	0.003	-99.6
Freight	51.9	62.0	19.5	150.6	222.0	47.4
Other	34.4	48.1	39.7	92.0	145.3	57.9
Air transport	51.1	42.3	-17.2	162.9	121.7	-25.3
Passenger	22.2	31.4	41.7	77.4	89.3	15.3
Freight	4.3	3.4	-21.7	12.5	9.3	-25.6
Other	24.5	7.5	-69.6	72.9	23.1	-68.3
Postal services	0.1	0.1	171.2	0.3	0.2	-18.2
Travel	338.4	354.0	4.6	1,025.9	1,122.3	9.4
Construction	14.3	15.7	9.3	60.4	33.6	-44.4
Construction abroad	0.9	3.1	227.8	8.2	6.4	-22.3
Construction in the reporting economy	7.8	5.6	-28.8	28.0	9.2	-67.0
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	5.6	7.0	26.0	24.2	18.0	-25.8
Insurance and pension services	1.8	1.5	-14.3	7.4	4.5	-39.2
Direct insurance	1.5	1.4	-3.8	5.5	3.3	-39.7
Reinsurance	0.3	0.1	-65.1	1.8	1.2	-37.6
Financial services	6.2	1.6	-74.7	15.0	5.2	-65.6
Charges for the use of intellectual property	0.1	0.03	-74.8	3.2	2.2	-32.3
Telecommunications, computer, and information services	77.6	83.1	7.0	209.6	230.7	10.1
Telecommunications services	5.7	6.2	9.6	19.8	20.9	5.7
Computer & IT/BPO related services	72.0	76.9	6.8	189.8	209.8	10.5
Computer services	71.7	76.0	6.0	188.5	207.0	9.8
Information services	0.3	0.9	195.2	1.3	2.8	115.8
Other business services	34.3	53.3	55.0	108.6	134.4	23.8
Education services	4.2	3.0	-27.6	10.4	8.5	-18.4
Professional and management consulting services	12.7	31.3	146.2	43.5	68.6	57.7
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	17.4	18.9	8.3	54.7	57.3	4.8
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	1.6	1.4	-15.3	5.1	3.9	-23.6
Audiovisual and related services	0.5	0.7	54.6	2.0	1.5	-25.0
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	1.1	0.6	-44.7	3.1	2.4	-22.7
Government goods and services	0.1	0.9		0.5	3.9	

(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)

	Mar 2024 (USD mn)	Mar 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Mar 2024 (USD mn)	Jan-Mar 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Services	251.1	271.7	8.2	706.4	815.2	15.4
Manufacturing services	20.8	16.3	-21.5	54.5	40.7	-25.3
Maintenance and repair services	1.4	8.9		3.1	21.7	
Transport	58.6	70.1	19.6	187.7	269.6	43.6
Sea transport	20.0	26.5	32.8	81.6	117.9	44.5
Passenger	0.1	0.003	-94.3	0.2	0.01	-94.1
Freight	19.0	25.0	31.7	78.5	112.1	42.8
Other	1.0	1.5	62.0	2.9	5.8	98.9
Air transport	38.5	43.3	12.6	104.3	151.3	45.2
Passenger	26.2	13.5	-48.6	64.8	54.3	-16.1
Freight	4.3	26.0		12.7	73.7	478.9
Other	8.0	3.8	-52.1	26.8	23.3	-13.0
Postal services	0.1	0.2	63.3	1.8	0.3	-83.5
Travel	61.4	68.8	12.0	167.1	199.2	19.2
Construction	10.7	2.3	-78.3	23.5	12.8	-45.7
Construction abroad	1.6	0.1	-96.6	3.0	0.2	-92.7
Construction in the reporting economy	1.8	0.01	-99.5	4.1	2.1	-49.6
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	7.3	2.3	-69.0	16.5	10.5	-36.2
Insurance and pension services	5.2	4.2	-18.0	13.5	9.7	-28.0
Direct insurance	1.8	1.5	-17.6	3.4	3.1	-9.5
Reinsurance	3.4	2.8	-18.2	10.1	6.7	-34.2
Financial services	20.8	2.3	-89.2	31.6	5.0	-84.0
Charges for the use of intellectual property	10.6	20.6	94.9	31.5	42.2	34.0
Telecommunications, computer, and information services	20.4	25.6	25.2	53.1	68.5	29.0
Telecommunications services	2.9	5.3	81.9	9.2	9.5	3.8
Computer & IT/BPO related services	17.5	20.2	15.7	43.9	59.0	34.2
Computer services	14.5	19.8	36.6	36.9	56.9	54.1
Information services	3.0	0.5	-85.0	7.0	2.0	-70.7
Other business services	39.4	49.1	24.9	136.2	137.9	1.2
Education services	8.7	9.7	11.5	23.4	27.6	18.2
Professional and management consulting services	11.2	16.0	42.7	53.1	42.0	-20.8
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	19.5	23.5	20.5	59.8	68.2	14.2
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	1.6	3.0	87.4	4.0	4.7	17.5
Audiovisual and related services	1.6	2.6	66.3	3.8	4.3	13.6
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.01	0.4		0.2	0.4	100.4
Government goods and services	0.3	0.5	75.3	0.6	3.2	464.9

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Services Account – Net (a)

	Mar 2024 (USD mn)	Mar 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Mar 2024 (USD mn)	Jan-Mar 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Services	373.1	393.3	5.4	1,154.9	1,220.0	5.6
Manufacturing services	-19.7	-15.7	-20.6	-50.6	-39.4	-22.1
Maintenance and repair services	9.7	-8.5	-187.4	12.1	-17.7	-245.7
Transport	79.0	82.5	4.4	218.8	219.7	0.4
Sea transport	66.5	83.6	25.7	161.7	249.4	54.2
Passenger	0.1	-0.003	-104.1	0.5	-0.01	-102.1
Freight	32.9	37.0	12.5	72.1	109.9	52.4
Other	33.5	46.5	39.0	89.1	139.5	56.6
Air transport	12.6	-1.0	-108.2	58.6	-29.6	-150.5
Passenger	-4.0	17.9		12.7	35.0	175.8
Freight	0.1	-22.6		-0.2	-64.4	
Other	16.6	3.6	-78.1	46.1	-0.2	-100.4
Postal services	-0.1	-0.1	-5.5	-1.5	-0.1	-95.1
Travel	277.0	285.2	3.0	858.8	923.1	7.5
Construction	3.6	13.4	266.3	36.8	20.8	-43.5
Construction abroad	-0.7	3.0		5.2	6.2	18.0
Construction in the reporting economy	6.0	5.6	-7.6	23.9	7.2	-70.0
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	-1.7	4.8	-381.1	7.7	7.5	-3.4
Insurance and pension services	-3.4	-2.7	-20.0	-6.2	-5.2	-14.7
Direct insurance	-0.3	-0.1	-83.3	2.1	0.3	-87.3
Reinsurance	-3.1	-2.7	-13.5	-8.3	-5.5	-33.5
Financial services	-14.7	-0.7	-95.2	-16.6	0.1	-100.8
Charges for the use of intellectual property	-10.5	-20.6	97.1	-28.2	-40.0	41.7
Telecommunications, computer, and information services	57.2	57.5	0.5	156.5	162.2	3.7
Telecommunications services	2.7	0.9	-67.8	10.6	11.4	7.2
Computer & IT/BPO related services	54.5	56.6	3.9	145.9	150.8	3.4
Computer services	57.2	56.2	-1.8	151.6	150.0	-1.0
Information services	-2.7	0.5	-117.0	-5.7	0.8	-113.7
Other business services	-5.0	4.1	-182.1	-27.6	-3.5	-87.4
Education services	-4.5	-6.6	48.3	-13.0	-19.2	47.5
Professional and management consulting services	1.5	15.4		-9.6	26.6	-378.0
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	-2.1	-4.6	122.4	-5.1	-10.9	115.2
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.04	-1.6		1.1	-0.8	-167.3
Audiovisual and related services	-1.1	-1.9	71.4	-1.8	-2.8	56.2
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	1.1	0.3	-75.6	2.9	2.1	-30.2
Government goods and services	-0.2	0.4	-286.8	-0.1	0.7	

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