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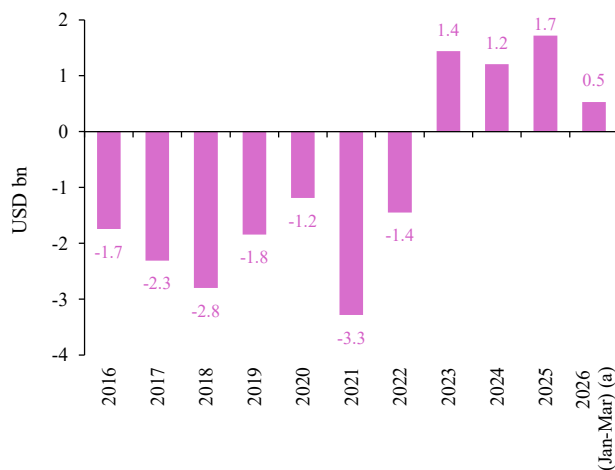
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Current Account

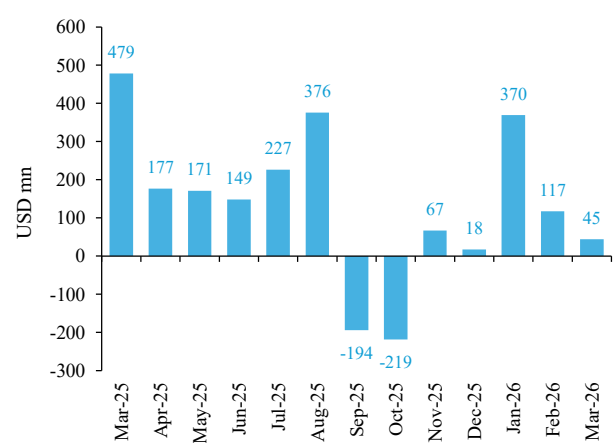
Summary of Current Account (a)

Category	Mar 2025 (USD mn)	Mar 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Mar 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-Mar 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Current Account Balance	478.8	44.6	-90.7	947.7	531.5	-43.9
Trade Balance	-395.6	-879.7		-1,539.6	-2,310.3	
Merchandise Exports	1,241.7	1,254.3	1.0	3,347.4	3,460.8	3.4
Merchandise Imports	1,637.3	2,134.1	30.3	4,887.0	5,771.2	18.1
Services Account (net)	393.3	226.6	-42.4	1,220.0	973.1	-20.2
Services Account - Inflows	665.0	541.7	-18.5	2,035.1	1,929.8	-5.2
Services Account - Outflows	271.7	315.1	16.0	815.2	956.7	17.4
Primary Income Account (net)	-198.7	-104.5		-505.5	-395.5	
Primary Income Account - Inflows	66.8	71.6	7.3	150.1	183.6	22.3
Primary Income Account - Outflows	265.5	176.1	-33.7	655.7	579.0	-11.7
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Secondary Income Account - Inflows	693.5	814.9	17.5	1,815.0	2,295.1	26.5
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Current Account Balance - Annual



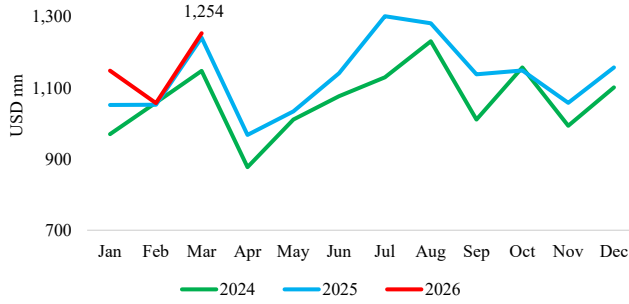
Current Account Balance - Monthly (a)



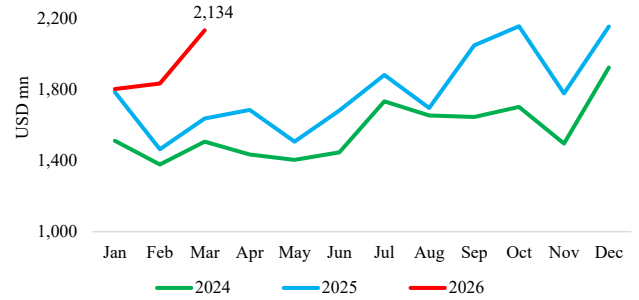
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Merchandise Trade Highlights

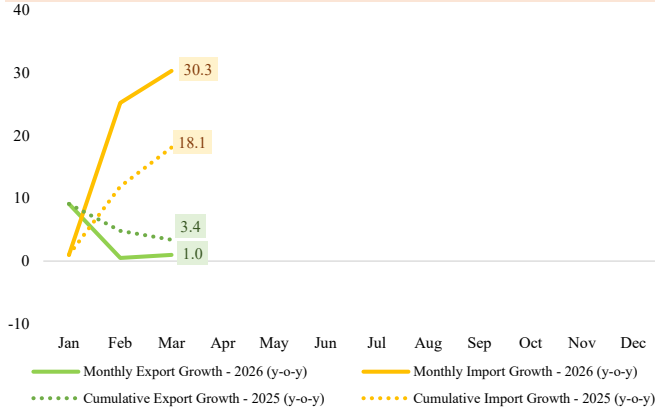
Monthly Export Performance



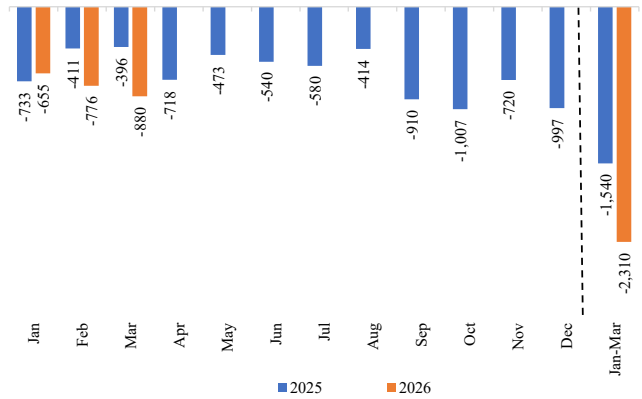
Monthly Import Performance



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

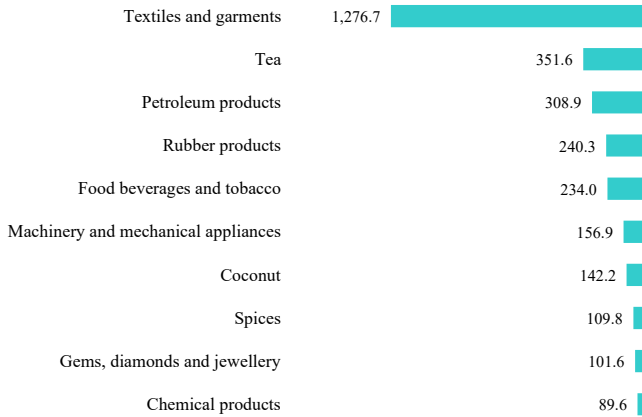


Trade Balance (USD mn)

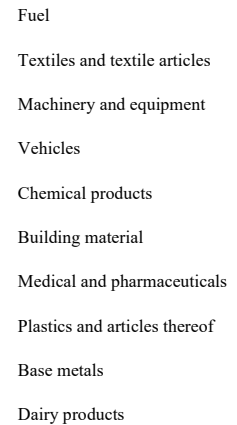


Major Merchandise Export and Import Categories - Jan - Mar 2026

Exports (USD mn)

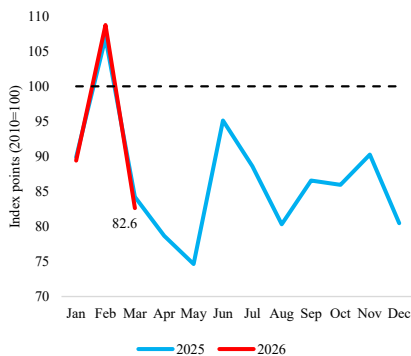


Imports (USD mn)

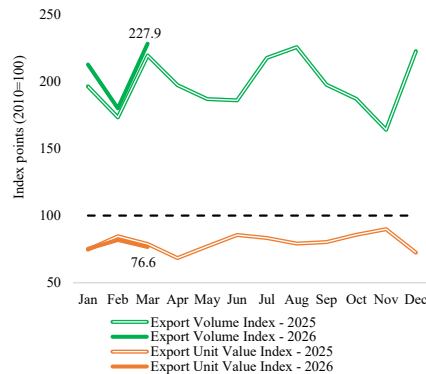


Terms of Trade and Merchandise Trade Indices (in USD terms)

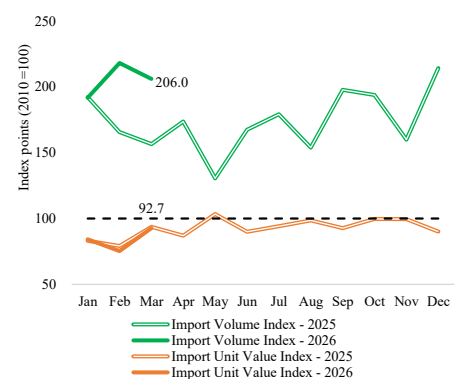
Terms of Trade



Export Volume and Unit Value Indices

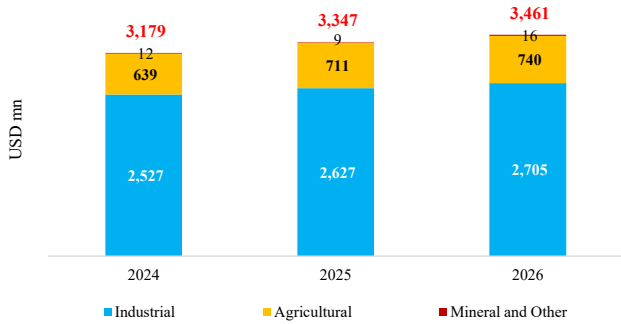


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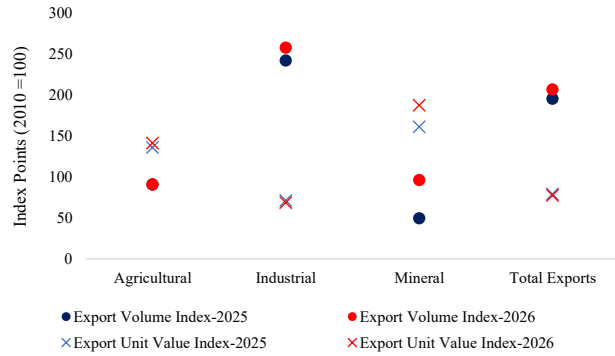


Merchandise Export Performance

Export Performance - Jan.-Mar.

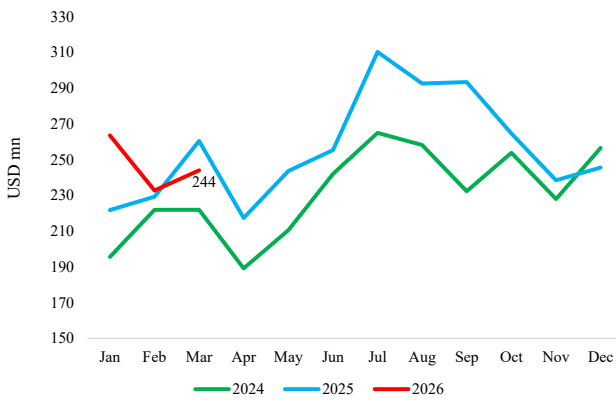


Volume and Unit Value Indices of Exports - Jan.-Mar.

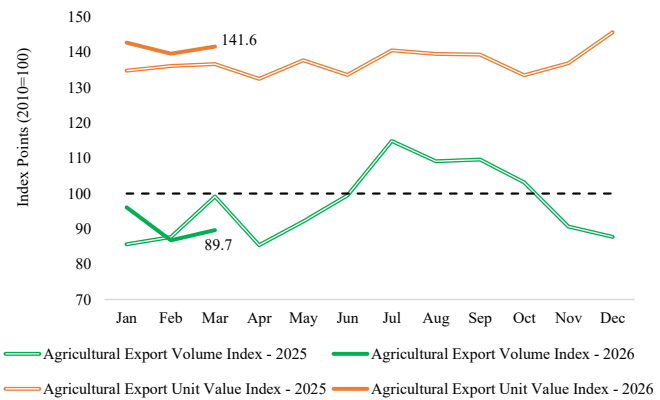


Agricultural Exports

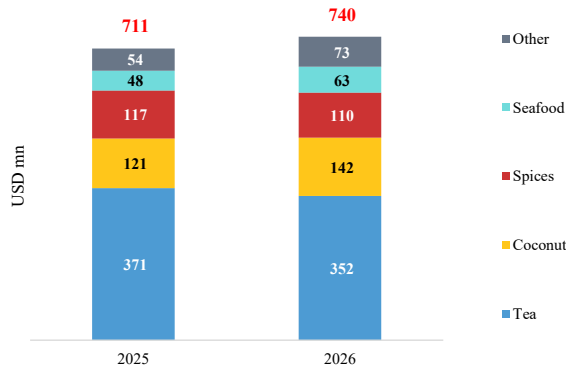
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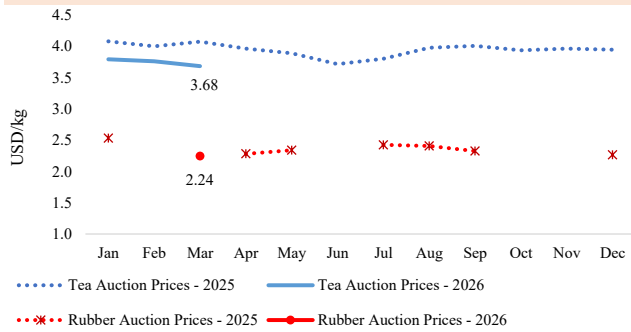
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Agricultural Exports



Performance of Agricultural Exports - Jan.-Mar.



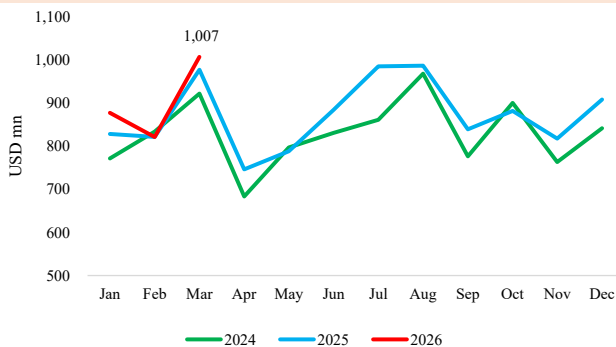
Tea and Rubber Prices



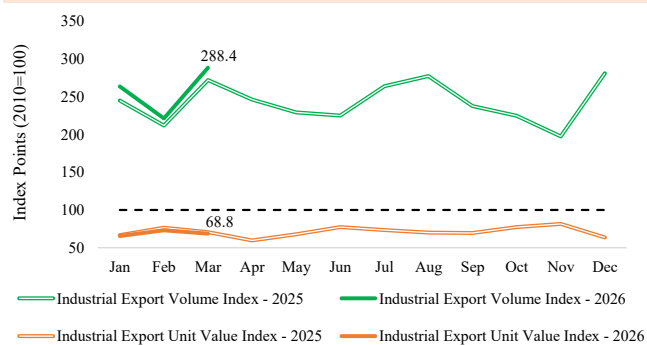
*Rubber (RSS) prices for February, March, June, October and November 2025 and January and February 2026 were not determined at the auction.

Industrial Exports

Industrial Exports

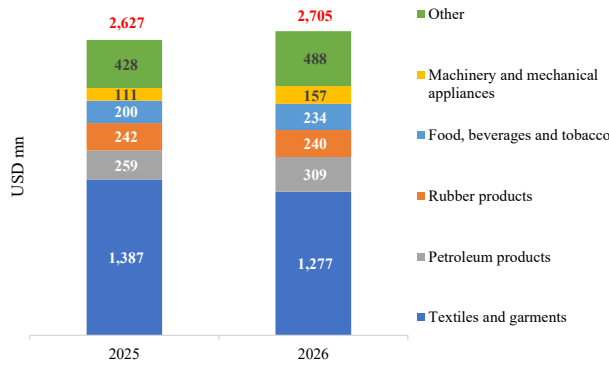


Volume and Unit Value Indices of Industrial Exports

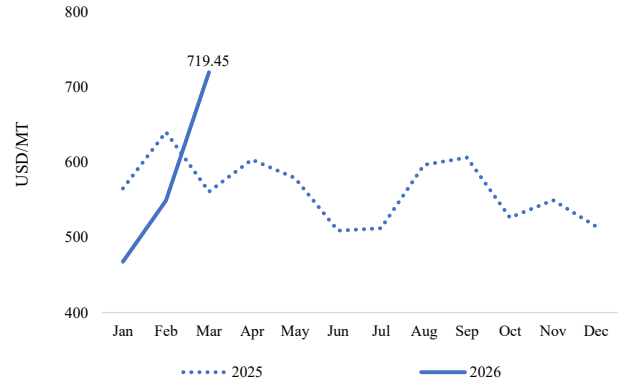


Industrial Exports (Continued...)

Performance of Industrial Exports - Jan.-Mar.

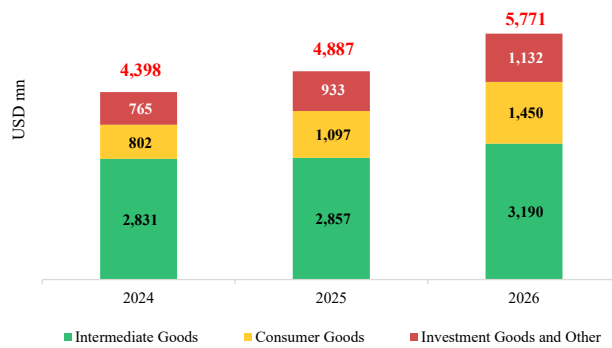


Bunker and Aviation Fuel Export Prices

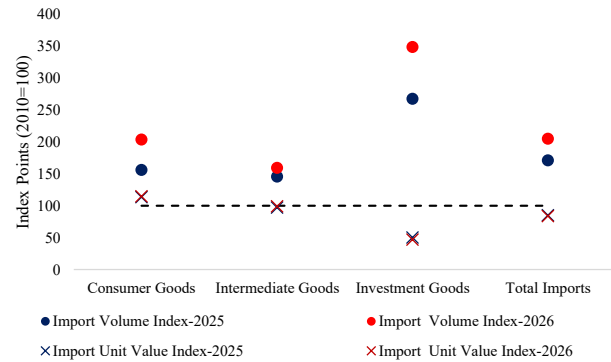


Merchandise Import Performance

Import Performance - Jan.-Mar.

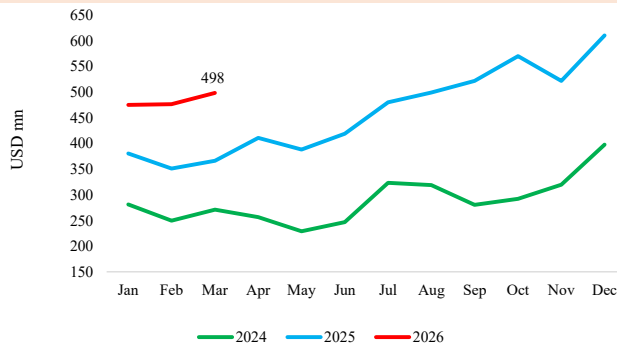


Volume and Unit Value Indices of Imports - Jan.-Mar.

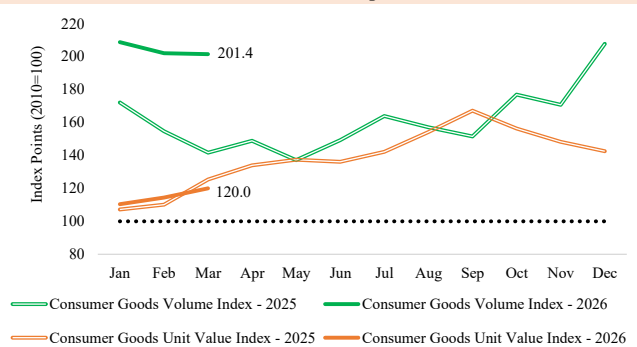


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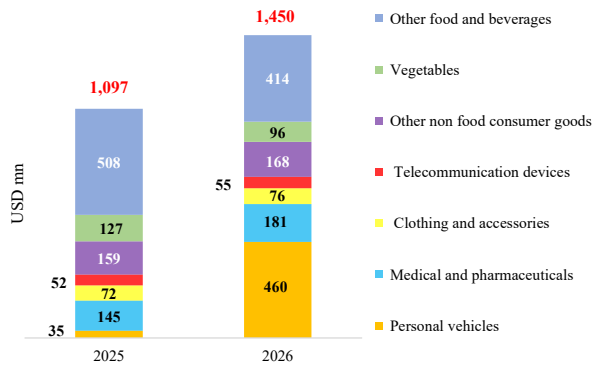
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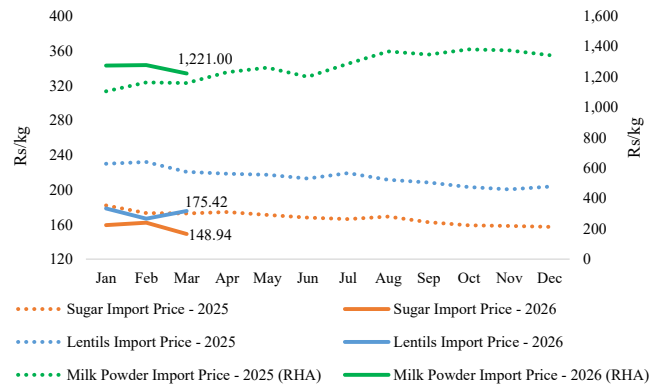
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Imports of Consumer Goods



Performance of Consumer Goods Imports - Jan.-Mar.

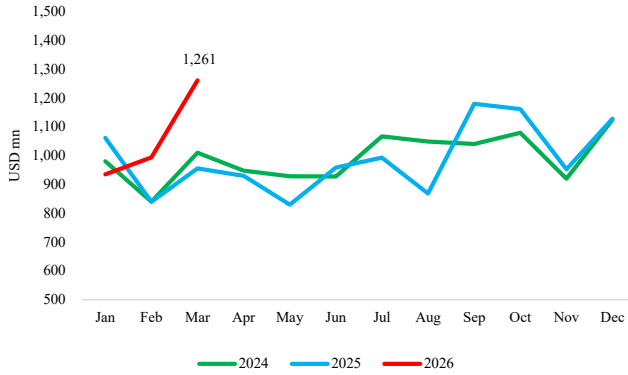


Average Import Prices of Sugar, Lentils and Milk Powder

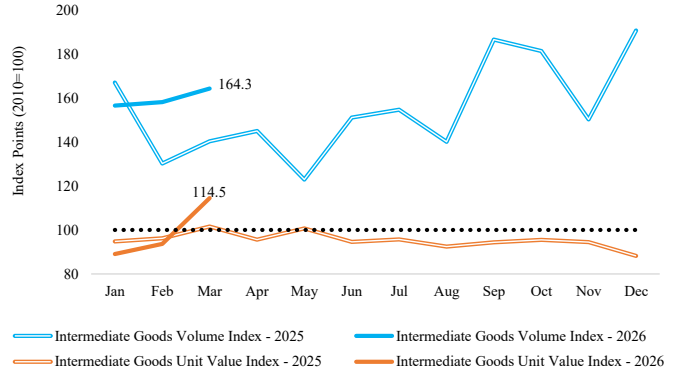


Intermediate Goods Imports

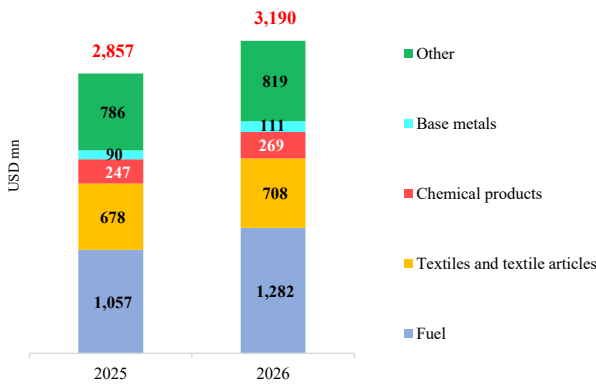
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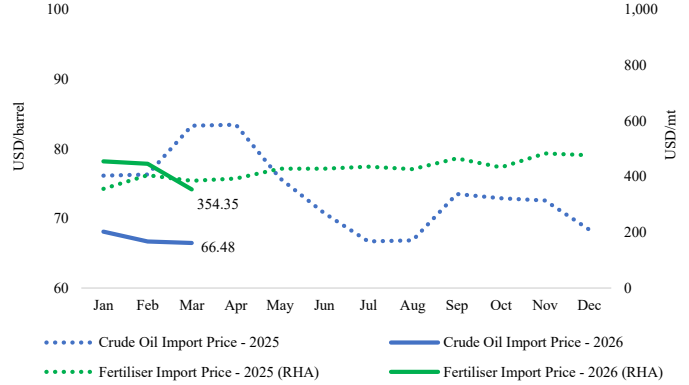
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Intermediate Goods Imports



Performance of Intermediate Goods Imports - Jan.-Mar.

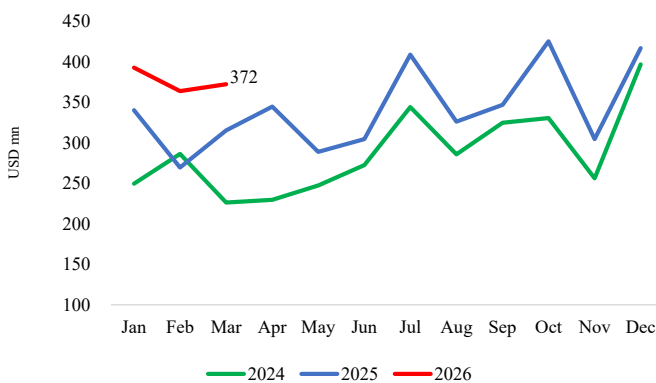


Crude Oil and Fertiliser Import Prices (Monthly Averages)

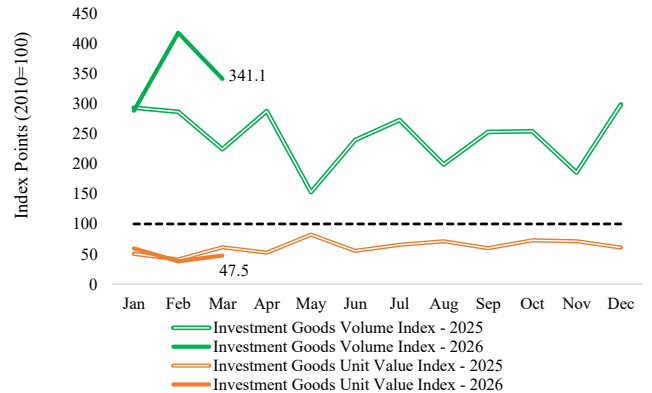


Investment Goods Imports

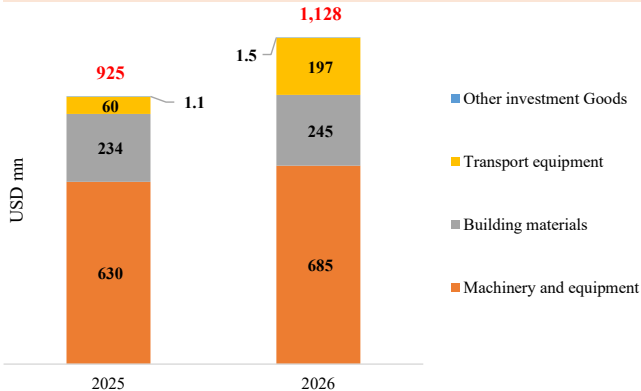
Imports of Investment Goods



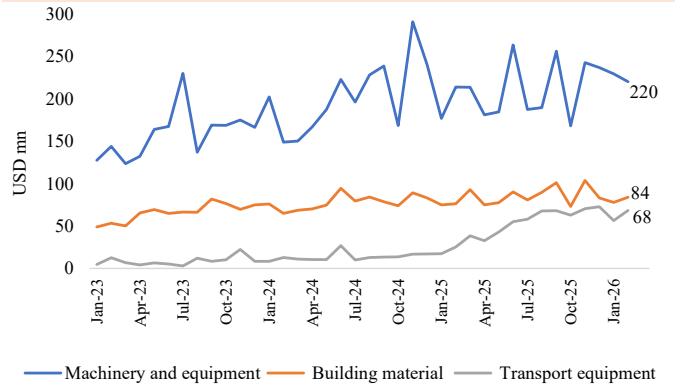
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Investment Goods Imports



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-25	Mar-26	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Mar 2025	Jan-Mar 2026	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Agricultural Exports		260.3	244.0	-6.3	711.3	740.1	4.1
o/w	Tea	138.8	114.7	-17.4	370.9	351.6	-5.2
	Coconut	44.4	50.4	13.7	121.0	142.2	17.5
	Spices	41.4	35.0	-15.5	116.9	109.8	-6.1
	Seafood	17.0	22.4	32.0	48.3	63.1	30.9
Industrial Exports		977.1	1,006.6	3.0	2,626.9	2,704.8	3.0
o/w	Textiles and garments	496.9	442.2	-11.0	1,386.6	1,276.7	-7.9
	Rubber products	90.3	89.2	-1.2	242.1	240.3	-0.8
	Petroleum products	104.4	157.2	50.6	259.0	308.9	19.3
	Food, beverages and tobacco	86.3	89.0	3.2	200.4	234.0	16.7
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	42.0	55.3	31.7	111.2	156.9	41.1
	Gems, diamonds and jewellery	26.8	28.3	5.6	92.2	101.6	10.2
	Leather, travel goods and footwear	4.9	5.7	16.2	13.9	13.9	0.0
Mineral and Other Exports		4.3	3.7	-12.3	9.3	15.9	71.5
Total Exports		1,241.7	1,254.3	1.0	3,347.4	3,460.8	3.4

Import Performance (USD mn)

Item		Mar-25	Mar-26	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Mar 2025	Jan-Mar 2026	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Consumer goods		366.1	498.3	36.1	1,097.4	1,449.6	32.1
Food and beverages		193.8	187.4	-3.3	634.4	510.3	-19.6
o/w	Vegetables (b)	44.7	39.5	-11.7	126.6	96.1	-24.1
	Rice	1.3	1.1	-15.1	55.8	4.8	-91.3
Non-food consumer goods		172.3	310.9	80.4	463.0	939.3	102.9
o/w	Medical and Pharmaceuticals	53.1	56.7	6.8	144.7	181.1	25.2
Intermediate goods		955.7	1,261.2	32.0	2,857.1	3,189.5	11.6
o/w	Fuel	360.7	630.1	74.7	1,056.7	1,281.5	21.3
	Textiles and textile articles	214.3	236.1	10.2	677.9	707.9	4.4
	Fertiliser	22.9	3.8	-83.5	51.4	28.1	-45.3
	Wheat and maize	26.6	20.7	-22.2	82.8	95.0	14.7
Investment goods and other		315.5	374.5	18.7	932.6	1,132.0	21.4
o/w	Machinery and equipment	213.4	219.7	3.0	629.7	685.0	8.8
Total Imports		1,637.3	2,134.1	30.3	4,887.0	5,771.2	18.1

Trade Balance (USD mn)

Item	Mar-25	Mar-26	Jan-Mar 2025	Jan-Mar 2026
Trade Balance	-395.6	-879.7	-1,539.6	-2,310.3

Trade Indices and Terms of Trade (2010 = 100) (In USD terms)

Item	Mar-25	Mar-26	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Mar 2025	Jan-Mar 2026	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Export						
Value index	172.8	174.6	1.0	155.3	160.6	3.4
Volume index	218.4	227.9	4.4	195.5	206.7	5.8
Unit value index	79.1	76.6	-3.2	79.5	77.7	-2.3
Import						
Value index	146.5	191.0	30.3	145.8	172.2	18.1
Volume index	156.5	206.0	31.7	171.4	205.3	19.7
Unit value index	93.7	92.7	-1.0	85.1	83.9	-1.4
Terms of Trade	84.5	82.6		93.4	92.6	

(a) Provisional

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

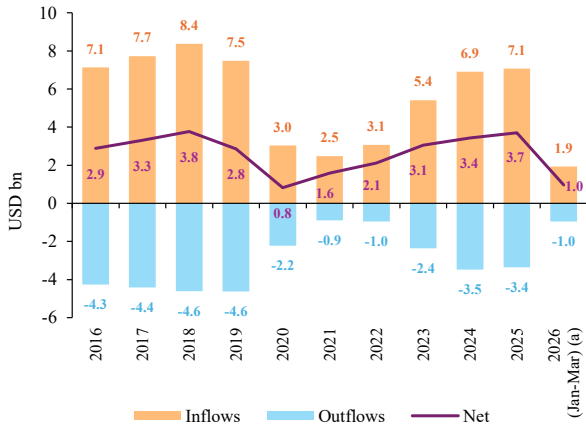
Note 1: Detailed CBSL merchandise trade classification and the classification based on the Standard International Trade Classification are presented in Annexure.

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

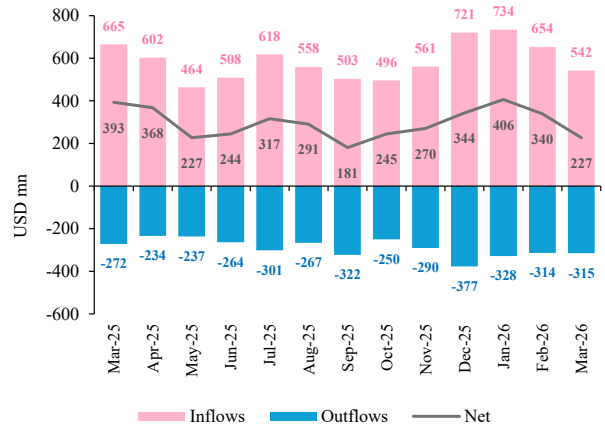
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Services Account

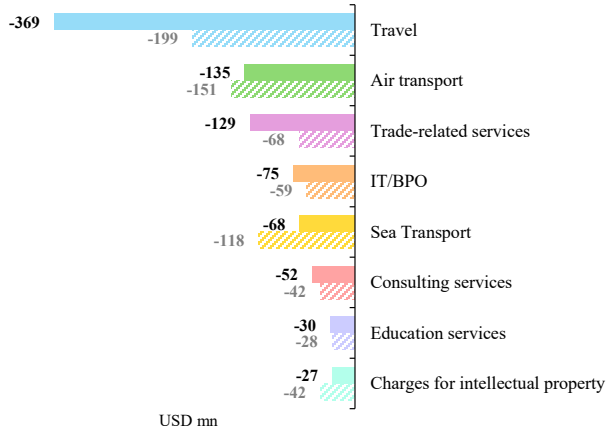
Services Account - Annual



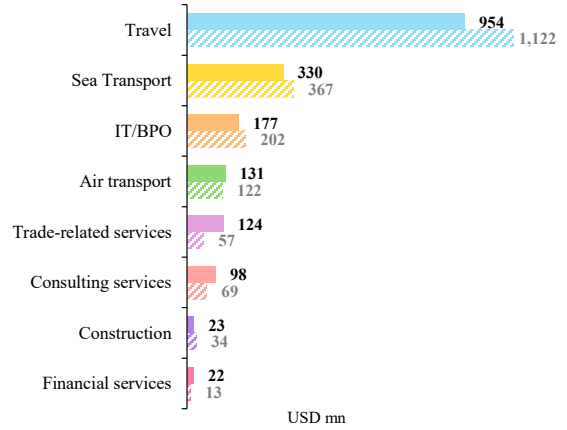
Services Account - Monthly (a)



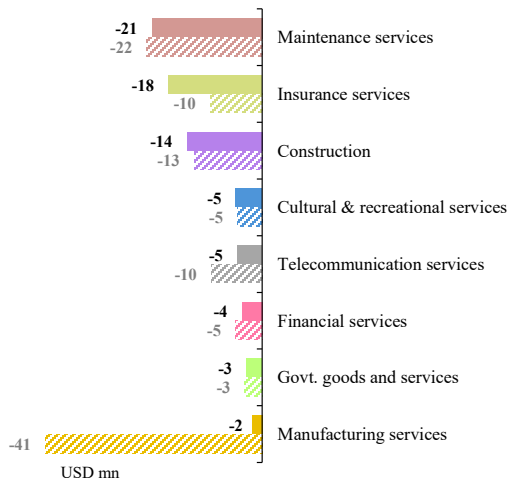
Major Services Outflows



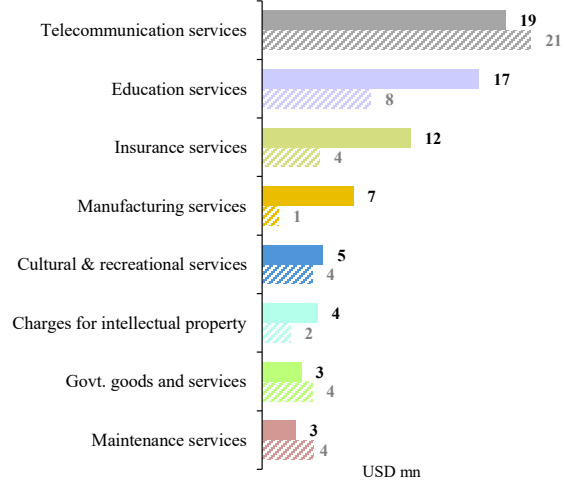
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Minor Services Outflows



Minor Services Inflows



▨ Jan-Mar 2025

■ Jan-Mar 2026 (a)

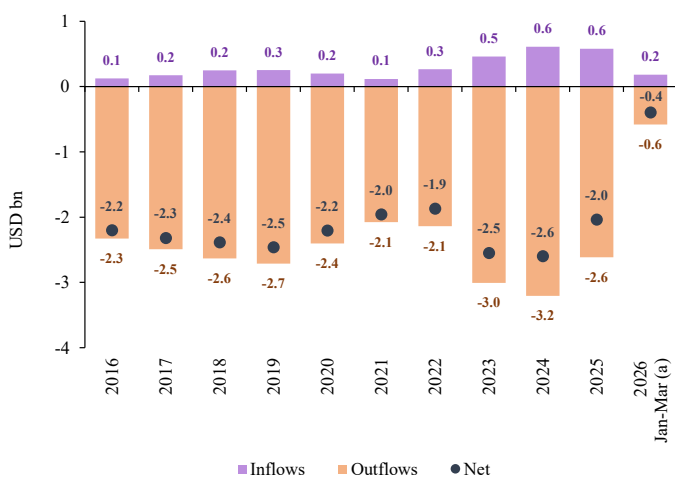
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Primary Income Account

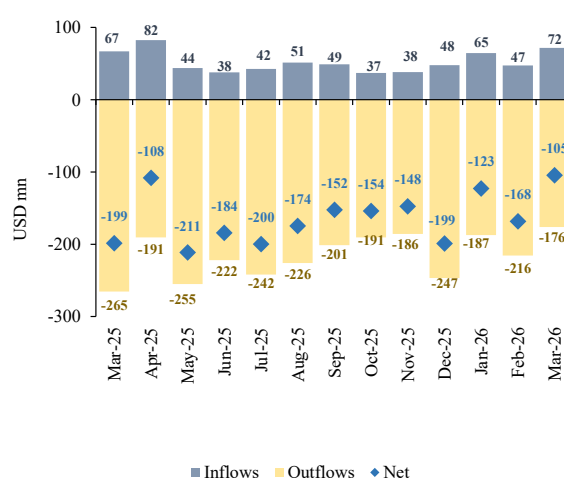
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Primary Income Account Outflows	265.5	176.1	-33.7	655.7	579.0	-11.7
<i>of which,</i>						
Direct Investment related Interest Outflows	130.7	85.3	-34.7	277.9	218.9	-21.2
Dividends	112.5	47.3	-57.9	223.1	118.6	-46.8
Reinvested Earnings	18.2	38.0	108.4	54.7	100.3	83.2
Portfolio Investment related Outflows	40.4	42.6	5.4	117.1	156.0	33.2
<i>of which,</i>						
Government Bond Outflows	38.4	38.1	-0.7	110.9	93.3	-15.8
Other Investment Interest	91.0	47.0	-48.3	254.0	198.7	-21.8
<i>Interest on Foreign Loans</i>						
Government	64.6	34.9	-46.0	149.7	152.8	2.1
Central Bank	9.2	2.9	-68.8	47.7	30.2	-36.7
Deposit-taking Corporations	5.0	4.7	-5.9	15.4	7.4	-52.3
Other Sectors	12.2	4.5	-62.9	41.2	8.3	-80.0

Primary Income Account - Annual



Primary Income Account - Monthly (a)



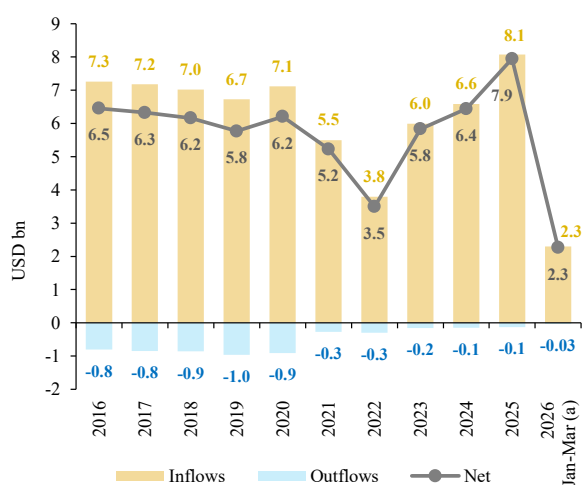
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Secondary Income Account

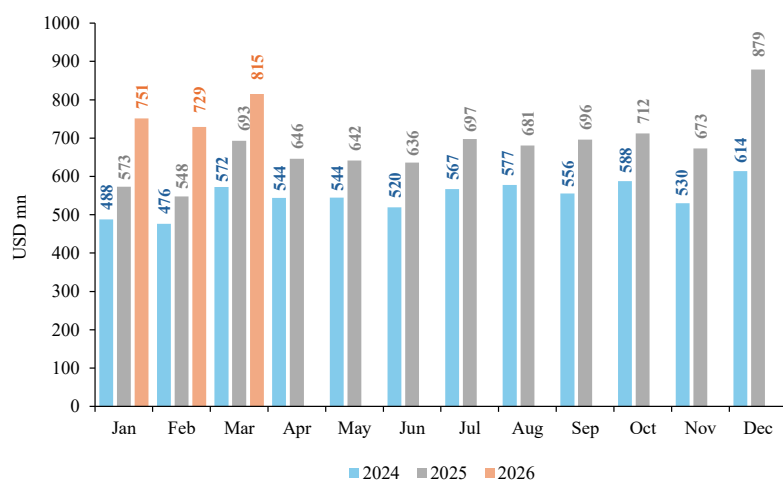
Summary of Secondary Income Account (a)

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Secondary Income Account Inflows	693.5	814.9	17.5	1,815.0	2,295.1	26.5
General Government	0.2	0.1	-60.9	0.5	0.2	-60.9
Worker's Remittances (b)	693.3	814.8	17.5	1,814.4	2,294.9	26.5
Secondary Income Account Outflows	13.6	12.6	-7.5	42.0	30.9	-26.4

Secondary Income Account - Annual



Inward Workers' Remittances - Monthly

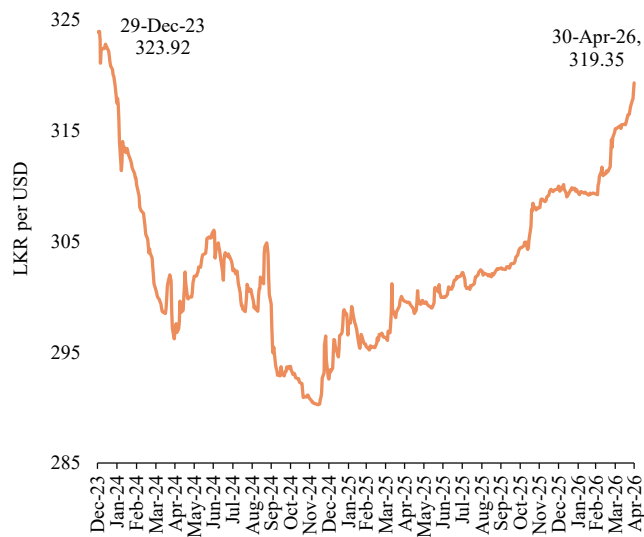


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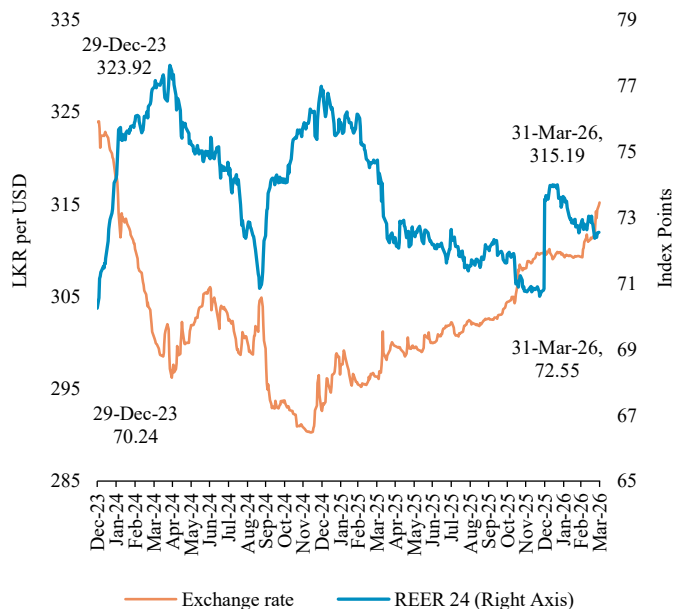
(b) Workers' remittances may include other remittances, such as those received following Cyclone Ditwah.

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 Mar 2026)



Movement of the Sri Lanka rupee against Selected Currencies *

Currency	2024	2025	2026 (up to 30 April)
US dollar	+10.7%	-5.6%	-2.9%
Euro	+17.8%	-16.3%	-2.3%
Pound sterling	+12.3%	-12.0%	-3.0%
Chinese yuan (Renminbi)	+13.9%	-9.6%	-5.0%
Japanese yen	+22.5%	-5.6%	-0.5%
Australian dollar	+21.7%	-12.2%	-8.8%
Indian rupee	+13.9%	-1.0%	+2.5%

* Depreciation (-) / Appreciation (+)

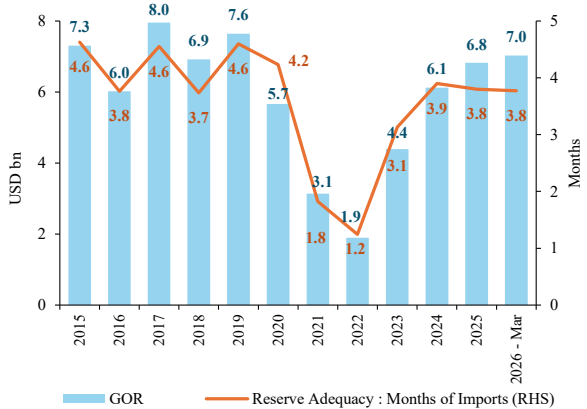
(a) Historical data on exchange rate is published in the CBSL website and can be accessed via the following link.

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

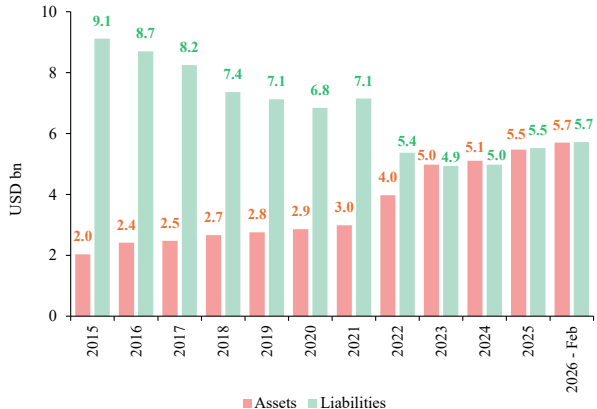
(b) Data for 2026 are revised based on the rebased CPI figures of several trading partner countries included in the currency basket

Financial Flows and International Reserves

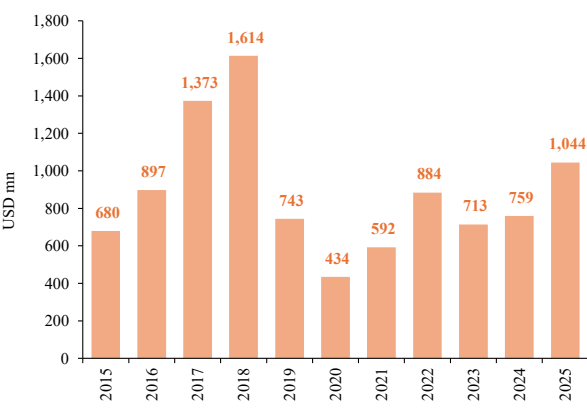
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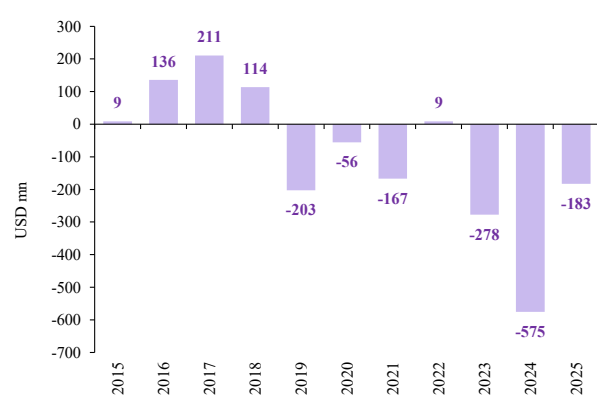
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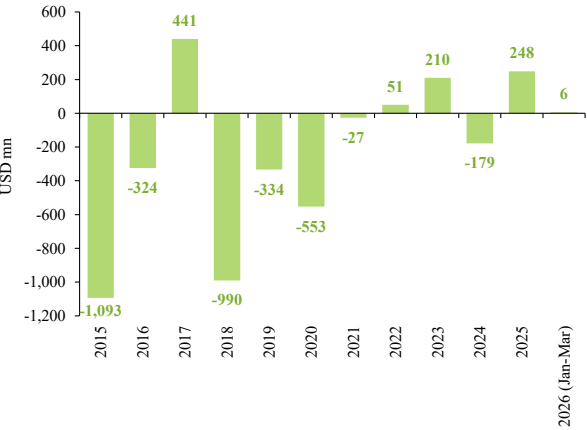
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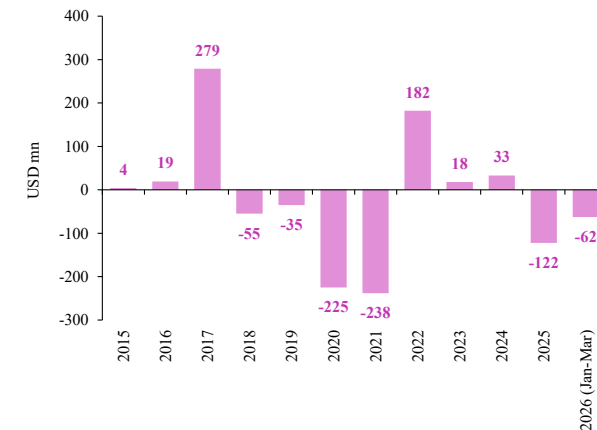
Foreign Loans to Private Sector (net)



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	March 2025 (USD mn)	March 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Mar 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-Mar 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
1. Industrial exports	977.1	1,006.6	3.0	2,626.9	2,704.8	3.0
Food, beverages and tobacco	86.3	89.0	3.2	200.4	234.0	16.7
Animal fodder	12.6	17.3	37.3	36.2	52.0	43.8
Textiles and garments	496.9	442.2	-11.0	1,386.6	1,276.7	-7.9
o/w Garments	456.4	409.2	-10.3	1,283.5	1,178.6	-8.2
Textiles	29.3	23.2	-20.9	73.2	69.5	-5.2
Other made-up textile articles	11.3	9.7	-13.6	29.8	28.7	-3.8
Rubber products	90.3	89.2	-1.2	242.1	240.3	-0.8
Gems, diamonds and jewellery	26.8	28.3	5.6	92.2	101.6	10.2
Machinery and mechanical appliances	42.0	55.3	31.7	111.2	156.9	41.1
Transport equipment	6.5	8.2	26.6	19.7	22.9	16.2
Petroleum products	104.4	157.2	50.6	259.0	308.9	19.3
Chemical products	24.6	34.5	40.4	66.0	89.6	35.7
Wood and paper products	11.9	13.4	12.6	31.2	35.0	12.0
Printing industry products	7.7	8.6	11.8	11.2	12.5	12.0
Leather, travel goods and footwear	4.9	5.7	16.2	13.9	13.9	0.0
Plastics and articles thereof	4.4	6.0	36.4	12.4	16.2	30.7
Base metals and articles	19.4	19.2	-0.9	46.6	53.2	14.2
Ceramic products	2.9	1.9	-33.8	7.5	6.6	-12.3
Other industrial exports	35.7	30.6	-14.3	90.7	84.6	-6.7
2. Agricultural exports	260.3	244.0	-6.3	711.3	740.1	4.1
Tea	138.8	114.7	-17.4	370.9	351.6	-5.2
Rubber	2.8	3.3	15.3	9.2	8.6	-6.2
Coconut	44.4	50.4	13.7	121.0	142.2	17.5
Spices	41.4	35.0	-15.5	116.9	109.8	-6.1
Vegetables	1.6	2.3	44.4	5.2	7.3	41.3
Unmanufactured tobacco	1.4	1.9	39.8	5.1	7.7	49.3
Minor agricultural products	12.9	13.8	7.2	34.7	49.8	43.5
Seafood	17.0	22.4	32.0	48.3	63.1	30.9
3. Mineral exports	2.4	2.2	-7.0	4.9	10.9	125.1
4. Unclassified exports	1.9	1.5	-18.9	4.4	5.0	12.7
Total exports	1,241.7	1,254.3	1.0	3,347.4	3,460.8	3.4

(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	March 2025 (USD mn)	March 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Mar 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-Mar 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
1. Consumer goods	366.1	498.3	36.1	1,097.4	1,449.6	32.1
Food and beverages	193.8	187.4	-3.3	634.4	510.3	-19.6
Cereals and milling industry products	4.2	3.5	-16.8	67.1	12.0	-82.2
Dairy products	32.1	27.7	-13.6	91.5	99.3	8.5
Vegetables (b)	44.7	39.5	-11.7	126.6	96.1	-24.1
Seafood	8.3	11.8	42.3	27.7	49.0	77.1
Sugar and confectionery	43.5	28.3	-34.8	129.9	60.7	-53.3
Spices	12.3	14.2	16.2	28.9	40.0	38.4
Oils and Fats	28.9	40.9	41.6	106.4	86.5	-18.7
Other food and beverages	19.9	21.5	7.8	56.2	66.7	18.7
Non-food consumer goods	172.3	310.9	80.4	463.0	939.3	102.9
Personal vehicles	28.2	147.5	423.5	34.7	459.7	1,225.3
Medical and pharmaceuticals	53.1	56.7	6.8	144.7	181.1	25.2
Home appliances	18.5	22.6	22.4	57.3	64.5	12.7
Clothing and accessories	23.9	26.8	12.4	72.1	76.1	5.6
Telecommunication devices	19.6	21.1	7.5	52.2	54.7	4.7
Household and furniture items	9.1	13.9	54.1	37.8	40.0	5.8
Other non-food consumables	20.0	22.1	10.6	64.2	63.0	-1.9
2. Intermediate goods	955.7	1,261.2	32.0	2,857.1	3,189.5	11.6
Fuel	360.7	630.1	74.7	1,056.7	1,281.5	21.3
o/w Crude oil	60.6	44.1	-27.2	227.9	191.0	-16.2
Refined petroleum	258.4	568.0	119.8	724.4	1,019.7	40.8
Coal	41.7	18.0	-56.7	104.5	70.8	-32.2
Diamonds, precious stones, and metals	13.1	17.3	32.5	26.7	46.8	75.3
Textiles and textile articles	214.3	236.1	10.2	677.9	707.9	4.4
Paper and paperboard and articles thereof	35.0	33.1	-5.5	98.6	91.5	-7.2
Agricultural inputs	26.8	27.5	2.7	71.0	84.5	19.0
Wheat and maize	26.6	20.7	-22.2	82.8	95.0	14.7
Base metals	20.4	33.2	63.1	89.8	111.4	24.1
Plastics and articles thereof	47.3	48.3	2.1	148.3	146.5	-1.3
Chemical products	87.2	100.4	15.1	247.2	269.4	9.0
Fertiliser	22.9	3.8	-83.5	51.4	28.1	-45.3
Rubber and articles thereof	24.8	23.5	-5.0	73.0	68.9	-5.7
Mineral products	8.9	13.1	46.7	33.2	49.2	48.1
Other intermediate goods	67.7	74.1	9.5	200.4	208.8	4.2
3. Investment goods	315.2	372.1	18.0	924.7	1,128.4	22.0
Machinery and equipment	213.4	219.7	3.0	629.7	685.0	8.8
Building material	76.1	83.8	10.0	234.2	244.5	4.4
Transport equipment	25.4	68.2	169.0	59.8	197.3	229.8
o/w Commercial Vehicles	11.4	47.7	318.5	25.3	153.2	506.0
Other investment goods	0.3	0.3	8.8	1.1	1.5	38.2
4. Unclassified imports	0.3	2.5	728.6	7.8	3.7	-52.9
Total imports	1,637.3	2,134.1	30.3	4,887.0	5,771.2	18.1
o/w Non-fuel imports	1,276.6	1,504.0	17.8	3,830.3	4,489.6	17.2

(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 2025 (USD mn)	March 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Mar 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-Mar 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
0. Food and live animals	295.0	280.9	-4.8	770.0	834.6	8.4
03 Fish and fish preparations	22.0	32.8	49.3	61.4	93.5	52.2
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	7.3	7.4	1.7	20.5	22.7	11.0
05 Vegetables and fruit	54.8	54.1	-1.3	133.8	166.4	24.4
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	180.6	148.3	-17.9	487.1	461.8	-5.2
1. Beverages and tobacco	15.9	16.1	1.7	40.9	43.2	5.5
11 Beverages	6.2	6.2	0.1	18.8	16.0	-14.9
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	9.6	9.9	2.7	22.1	27.2	22.9
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	35.9	40.1	11.9	106.4	121.0	13.7
23 Crude rubber	3.0	3.4	13.4	9.6	8.9	-6.9
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	21.0	15.2	-27.9	65.3	44.3	-32.1
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	104.4	157.2	50.6	259.0	308.9	19.3
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	104.4	157.2	50.6	259.0	303.2	17.1
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	0	0		0	5.7	
4. Animal and vegetable oils, fats, and waxes	18.7	18.0	-3.4	44.8	51.7	15.4
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	12.7	14.4	12.7	28.9	39.2	35.5
5. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	28.8	40.3	40.0	78.7	105.5	34.0
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	159.9	155.3	-2.9	433.0	441.9	2.0
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	61.7	63.7	3.3	161.6	167.0	3.3
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, etc., n.e.s.	39.8	32.1	-19.5	99.8	92.0	-7.8
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	32.7	32.0	-2.2	108.5	109.9	1.3
7. Machinery, transport equipment	47.0	61.2	30.3	127.5	173.7	36.2
77 Electric machinery, apparatus, and appliances, n.e.s. and electrical parts thereof	26.2	31.0	18.1	69.8	83.6	19.7
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles	536.2	485.4	-9.5	1,487.0	1,380.8	-7.1
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	487.5	437.9	-10.2	1,371.5	1,260.6	-8.1
9. Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	0.1	0		0.1	0	
Total exports	1,241.7	1,254.3	1.0	3,347.4	3,461.3	3.4

(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	March 2025 (USD mn)	March 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Mar 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-Mar 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
0. Food and live animals	229.5	202.4	-11.8	709.1	629.5	-11.2
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	32.3	27.8	-13.8	91.7	99.5	8.5
03 Fish and fish preparations	8.4	11.9	41.2	28.1	49.6	76.3
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	30.4	24.0	-21.0	148.4	105.9	-28.6
05 Vegetables and fruit	52.3	47.2	-9.8	148.9	121.3	-18.6
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	43.5	28.3	-34.8	129.9	60.7	-53.3
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	20.9	21.2	1.5	53.3	64.9	21.8
1. Beverages and tobacco	8.2	11.9	45.3	25.3	33.9	34.3
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	39.7	45.1	13.6	115.2	128.7	11.7
23 Crude rubber	21.6	20.3	-5.8	62.8	59.7	-5.0
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	1.0	2.6	153.3	2.7	5.3	94.0
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	360.7	630.1	74.7	1,056.7	1,281.5	21.3
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	271.3	581.8	114.5	837.0	1,132.9	35.3
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	47.8	30.3	-36.7	115.2	77.8	-32.5
4. Animal and vegetable oils, fats, and waxes	37.2	43.3	16.6	126.8	88.1	-30.6
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	35.2	42.6	21.2	120.5	86.1	-28.5
5. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	205.9	206.1	0.1	578.9	618.2	6.8
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	46.6	52.3	12.3	129.0	167.2	29.6
56 Fertilisers, manufactured	22.9	3.7	-83.7	51.4	27.7	-46.0
57 Plastics in primary forms	31.7	30.9	-2.7	93.3	93.3	0.0
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	11.3	14.0	23.8	41.5	43.0	3.5
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	362.8	423.9	16.8	1,166.8	1,264.6	8.4
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles thereof	32.1	31.2	-2.9	91.7	87.4	-4.7
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, etc., n.e.s.	209.1	231.2	10.6	664.5	694.6	4.5
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	34.3	45.7	33.2	99.3	137.3	38.3
67 Iron and steel	28.8	33.6	17.0	120.2	123.9	3.1
7. Machinery, transport equipment	305.1	483.5	58.5	839.8	1,478.1	76.0
72 Machinery specialized for particular industries	31.6	52.3	65.5	105.8	160.0	51.1
74 General industrial machinery and equipment and machine parts, n.e.s.	75.7	59.1	-21.9	224.6	182.2	-18.9
75 Office machines and automatic data-processing machines	20.9	20.0	-4.5	49.8	72.9	46.3
76 Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	40.6	50.7	24.8	117.7	158.4	34.6
77 Electric machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s. and electrical parts thereof	49.5	57.9	17.1	146.8	160.2	9.1
78 Road vehicles	54.0	206.6	282.9	105.3	654.6	521.7
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles	87.9	86.7	-1.4	263.5	246.5	-6.4
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	21.8	22.8	4.9	65.6	64.0	-2.4
87 Professional, scientific, and controlling instruments and apparatus n.e.s.	19.4	17.7	-8.4	51.7	52.7	2.0
9. Commodities and transactions not elsewhere specified in SITC	0.3	1.0	199.6	4.9	2.1	-57.7
Total imports	1,637.3	2,134.1	30.3	4,887.0	5,771.2	18.1

(a) Provisional

n.e.s. not elsewhere specified

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

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

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

Services Account – Inflows (a)

	Mar 2025 (USD mn)	Mar 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Mar 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-Mar 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Services	665.0	541.7	-18.5	2,035.1	1,929.8	-5.2
Manufacturing services	0.6	1.9	188.3	1.3	7.1	442.3
Maintenance and repair services	0.4	1.0	171.2	4.0	2.6	-35.1
Transport	152.5	153.9	0.9	489.2	462.0	-5.6
Sea transport	110.1	106.9	-2.9	367.3	330.3	-10.1
Passenger	0.0001	0.01		0.003	0.02	425.7
Freight	62.0	53.4	-14.0	222.0	184.6	-16.8
Other	48.1	53.6	11.4	145.3	145.7	0.2
Air transport	42.3	46.8	10.6	121.7	131.4	8.0
Passenger	31.4	29.2	-7.1	89.3	90.3	1.1
Freight	3.4	2.1	-39.2	9.3	5.9	-37.3
Other	7.5	15.5	107.8	23.1	35.3	52.8
Postal services	0.1	0.2	22.0	0.2	0.3	16.8
Travel	354.0	223.7	-36.8	1,122.3	954.0	-15.0
Construction	15.7	7.5	-52.4	33.6	23.2	-30.9
Construction abroad	3.1	1.7	-45.1	6.4	7.0	9.5
Construction in the reporting economy	5.6	2.6	-53.3	9.2	7.1	-23.0
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	7.0	3.2	-54.8	18.0	9.1	-49.4
Insurance and pension services	1.5	2.3	46.0	4.5	11.5	157.0
Direct insurance	1.4	2.2	54.4	3.3	9.7	190.3
Reinsurance	0.1	0.04	-66.1	1.2	1.9	60.9
Financial services	3.9	10.7	175.0	12.9	21.8	68.6
Charges for the use of intellectual property	0.03	1.7		2.2	4.3	95.5
Telecommunications, computer, and information services	80.7	65.4	-19.0	223.0	196.4	-11.9
Telecommunications services	6.2	4.5	-27.1	20.9	18.9	-9.6
Computer & IT/BPO related services	74.5	60.9	-18.3	202.0	177.4	-12.2
Computer services	73.6	60.8	-17.4	199.2	177.1	-11.1
Information services	0.9	0.1	-88.6	2.8	0.4	-86.5
Other business services	53.3	70.9	33.2	134.4	239.3	78.0
Education services	3.0	3.6	19.9	8.5	16.9	99.1
Professional and management consulting services	31.3	31.6	0.9	68.6	98.1	42.9
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	18.9	35.7	89.0	57.3	124.3	116.9
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	1.4	1.7	24.6	3.9	4.7	21.7
Audiovisual and related services	0.7	1.4	90.4	1.5	3.7	146.9
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.6	0.3	-53.0	2.4	1.1	-55.9
Government goods and services	0.9	1.1	21.3	3.9	3.0	-21.8

(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 2025 (USD mn)	Mar 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Mar 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-Mar 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Services	271.7	315.1	16.0	815.2	956.7	17.4
Manufacturing services	16.3	1.6	-90.0	40.7	1.9	-95.3
Maintenance and repair services	8.9	8.7	-1.6	21.7	20.7	-4.4
Transport	70.1	70.7	0.9	269.6	204.0	-24.3
Sea transport	26.5	26.5	-0.3	117.9	67.6	-42.6
Passenger	0.003	0.03		0.01	0.1	
Freight	25.0	26.0	4.2	112.1	66.1	-41.0
Other	1.5	0.4	-74.3	5.8	1.4	-76.2
Air transport	43.3	43.8	1.1	151.3	135.3	-10.6
Passenger	13.5	13.0	-3.4	54.3	37.1	-31.8
Freight	26.0	21.4	-17.6	73.7	67.3	-8.7
Other	3.8	9.3	145.4	23.3	30.9	32.8
Postal services	0.2	0.4	94.6	0.3	1.0	253.9
Travel	68.8	98.3	42.9	199.2	369.2	85.4
Construction	2.3	5.5	138.4	12.8	14.1	10.6
Construction abroad	0.1	0.1	22.7	0.2	3.4	
Construction in the reporting economy	0.01	2.1		2.1	2.5	19.0
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	2.3	3.4	50.5	10.5	8.3	-20.8
Insurance and pension services	4.2	8.4	97.6	9.7	17.6	80.8
Direct insurance	1.5	2.5	70.5	3.1	5.1	65.4
Reinsurance	2.8	5.9	112.1	6.7	12.5	87.9
Financial services	2.3	1.2	-44.9	5.0	3.8	-24.2
Charges for the use of intellectual property	20.6	10.3	-50.1	42.2	27.2	-35.6
Telecommunications, computer, and information services	25.6	31.8	24.4	68.5	80.1	16.8
Telecommunications services	5.3	1.7	-67.4	9.5	4.7	-51.0
Computer & IT/BPO related services	20.2	30.1	48.5	59.0	75.4	27.8
Computer services	19.8	28.8	45.7	56.9	72.4	27.1
Information services	0.5	1.2	174.8	2.0	3.0	45.9
Other business services	49.1	75.4	53.5	137.9	210.3	52.5
Education services	9.7	11.0	13.6	27.6	29.7	7.3
Professional and management consulting services	16.0	22.2	38.7	42.0	52.0	23.8
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	23.5	42.3	79.9	68.2	128.6	88.4
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	3.0	2.5	-15.8	4.7	5.0	6.7
Audiovisual and related services	2.6	2.4	-7.0	4.3	4.6	7.6
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.4	0.1	-80.7	0.4	0.3	-4.2
Government goods and services	0.5	0.6	12.4	3.2	2.9	-9.5

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Sources: SLTDA, ITRS – CBSL

Services Account – Net (a)

	Mar 2025 (USD mn)	Mar 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Mar 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-Mar 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Services	393.3	226.6	-42.4	1,220.0	973.1	-20.2
Manufacturing services	-15.7	0.2	-101.5	-39.4	5.2	-113.1
Maintenance and repair services	-8.5	-7.7	-9.1	-17.7	-18.1	2.5
Transport	82.5	83.2	0.8	219.7	258.0	17.4
Sea transport	83.6	80.5	-3.7	249.4	262.7	5.3
Passenger	-0.003	-0.02		-0.01	-0.1	
Freight	37.0	27.3	-26.2	109.9	118.5	7.8
Other	46.5	53.2	14.2	139.5	144.3	3.4
Air transport	-1.0	3.0	-386.8	-29.6	-3.9	-86.8
Passenger	17.9	16.2	-9.8	35.0	53.2	52.1
Freight	-22.6	-19.4	-14.4	-64.4	-61.5	-4.6
Other	3.6	6.1	68.4	-0.2	4.3	
Postal services	-0.1	-0.3	227.4	-0.1	-0.8	
Travel	285.2	125.3	-56.1	923.1	584.8	-36.7
Construction	13.4	1.9	-85.5	20.8	9.1	-56.4
Construction abroad	3.0	1.6	-46.3	6.2	3.6	-41.0
Construction in the reporting economy	5.6	0.5	-90.3	7.2	4.7	-35.1
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	4.8	-0.2	-104.7	7.5	0.8	-89.7
Insurance and pension services	-2.7	-6.1	127.0	-5.2	-6.1	15.8
Direct insurance	-0.1	-0.3		0.3	4.6	
Reinsurance	-2.7	-5.8	119.4	-5.5	-10.7	93.5
Financial services	1.6	9.5	477.3	7.9	18.0	128.0
Charges for the use of intellectual property	-20.6	-8.6	-58.4	-40.0	-22.9	-42.8
Telecommunications, computer, and information services	55.2	33.6	-39.0	154.4	116.3	-24.7
Telecommunications services	0.9	2.8	216.8	11.4	14.2	25.2
Computer & IT/BPO related services	54.3	30.8	-43.2	143.1	102.1	-28.7
Computer services	53.8	32.0	-40.6	142.3	104.7	-26.4
Information services	0.5	-1.1	-348.0	0.8	-2.6	-434.9
Other business services	4.1	-4.5	-209.5	-3.5	29.0	
Education services	-6.6	-7.3	10.6	-19.2	-12.8	-33.2
Professional and management consulting services	15.4	9.5	-38.4	26.6	46.1	73.2
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	-4.6	-6.6	43.2	-10.9	-4.3	-61.0
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	-1.6	-0.8	-50.6	-0.8	-0.2	-70.0
Audiovisual and related services	-1.9	-1.0	-45.7	-2.8	-0.9	-66.3
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.3	0.2	-17.4	2.1	0.7	-64.9
Government goods and services	0.4	0.5	33.1	0.7	0.1	-81.8

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