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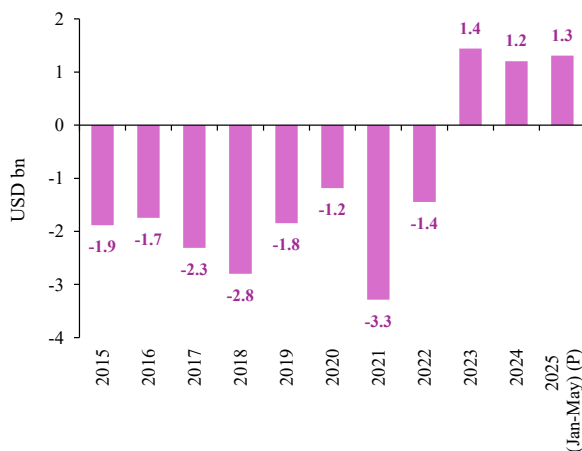
Current Account

Summary of Current Account (a)

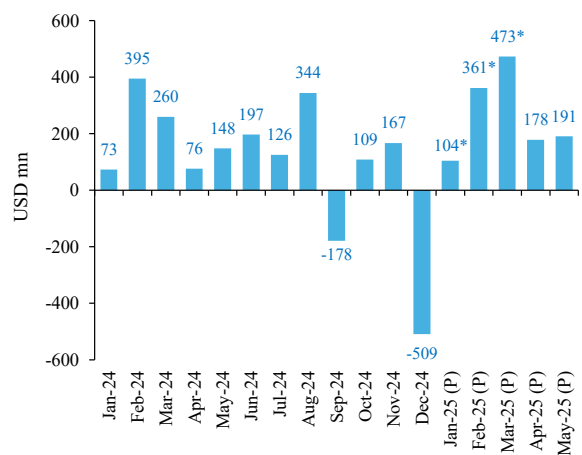
Category	May 2024 (USD mn)	May 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-May 2024 (USD mn)	Jan-May 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Current Account Balance¹	147.7	190.6	29.0	951.3	1,307.5	37.5
Trade Balance	-393.3	-472.5		-2,170.4	-2,729.6	
Merchandise Exports	1,011.3	1,034.7	2.3	5,067.4	5,350.5	5.6
Merchandise Imports	1,404.6	1,507.2	7.3	7,237.7	8,080.1	11.6
Services Account (net)	242.2	226.6	-6.4	1,698.5	1,814.8	6.8
Services Account - Inflows	462.5	463.6	0.2	2,882.2	3,101.2	7.6
Services Account - Outflows	220.3	236.9	7.5	1,183.7	1,286.4	8.7
Primary Income Account (net)	-231.8	-192.8	-16.8	-1,144.4	-814.6	-28.8
Primary Income Account - Inflows	56.2	63.8	13.5	213.4	316.2	48.2
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Current Account Balance - Annual



Current Account Balance - Monthly

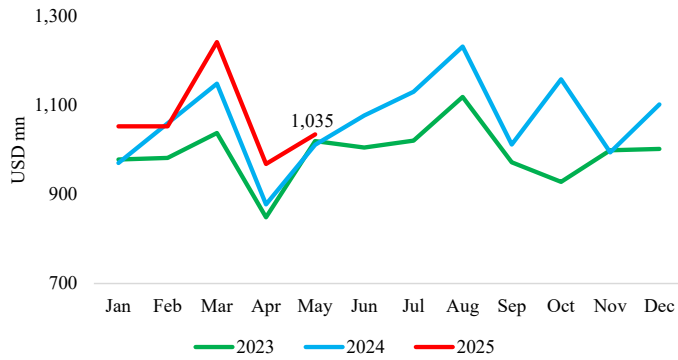


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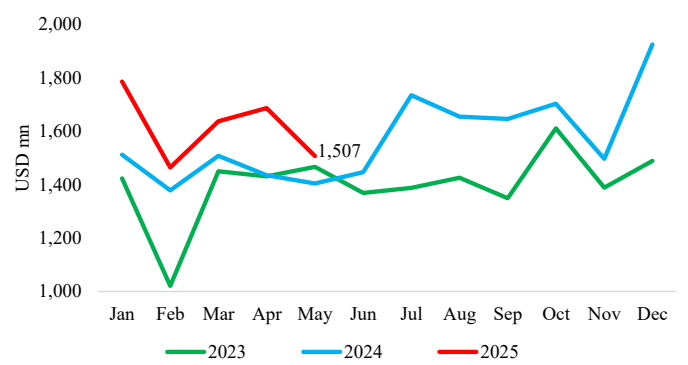
¹ Please note that monthly current account data for January, February, and March 2025 have been revised following the finalisation of estimates for the first quarter of 2025. The data for the second quarter will be revised by end September 2025, upon the finalisation of the respective quarterly estimates

Merchandise Trade Highlights

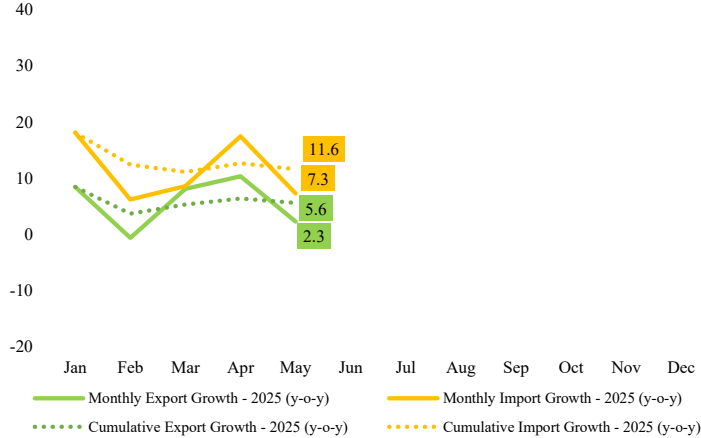
Monthly Export Performance



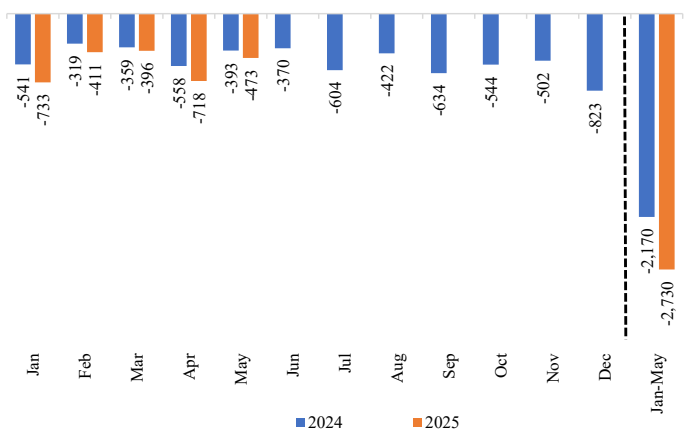
Monthly Import Performance



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



Trade Balance (USD mn)



Major Merchandise Export and Import Categories - January - May 2025

Exports (USD mn)

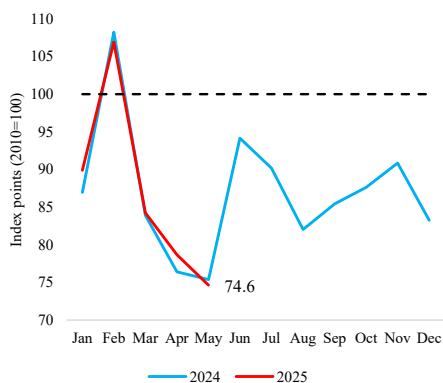
Textiles and garments	2,141.7
Tea	610.1
Petroleum products	393.8
Rubber products	372.6
Food beverages and tobacco	326.9
Coconut	198.1
Machinery and mechanical appliances	186.1
Spices	171.1
Gems, diamonds and jewellery	157.2
Chemical products	128.0

Imports (USD mn)

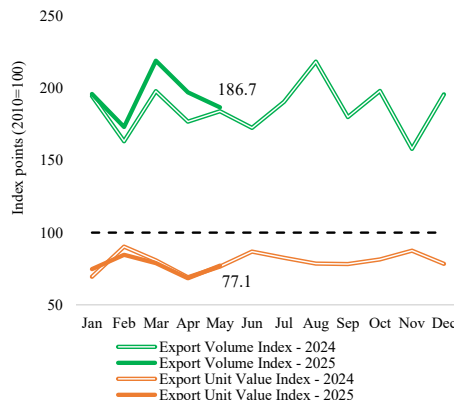
Fuel	1,664.2
Textiles and textile articles	1,112.8
Machinery and equipment	1,023.9
Chemical products	410.5
Building material	401.6
Medical and pharmaceuticals	254.7
Plastics and articles thereof	252.1
Vehicles	233.6
Vegetables	200.2
Sugar and confectionery	180.1

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

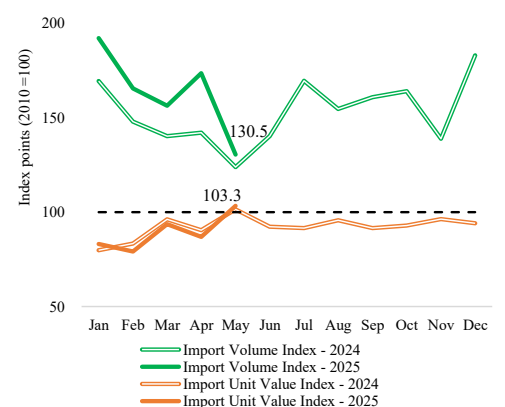
Terms of Trade



Export Volume and Unit Value Indices

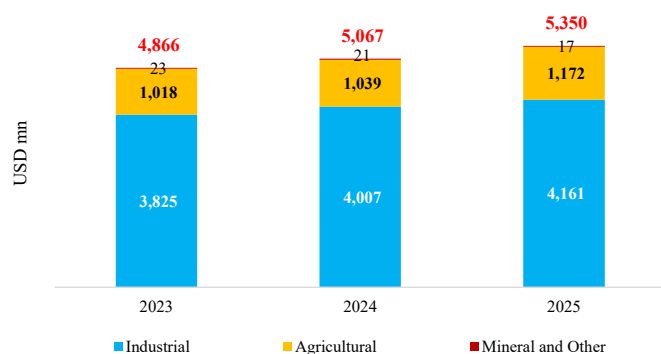


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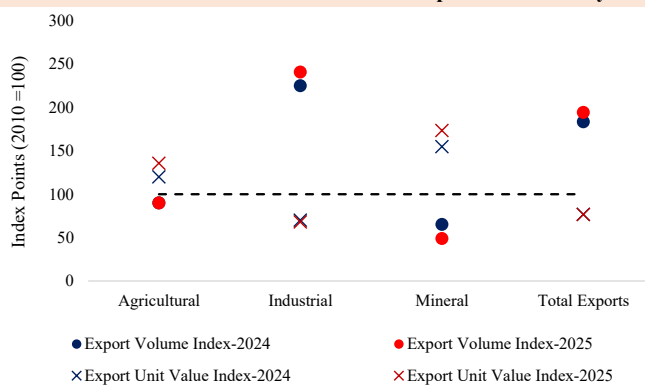


Merchandise Export Performance

Export Performance - Jan. - May

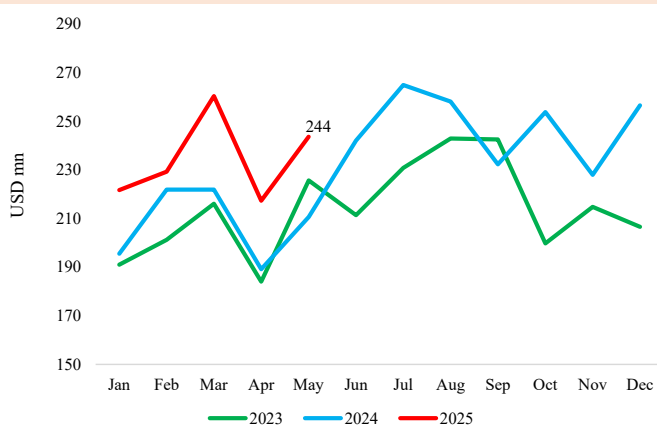


Volume and Unit Value Indices of Exports - Jan. - May

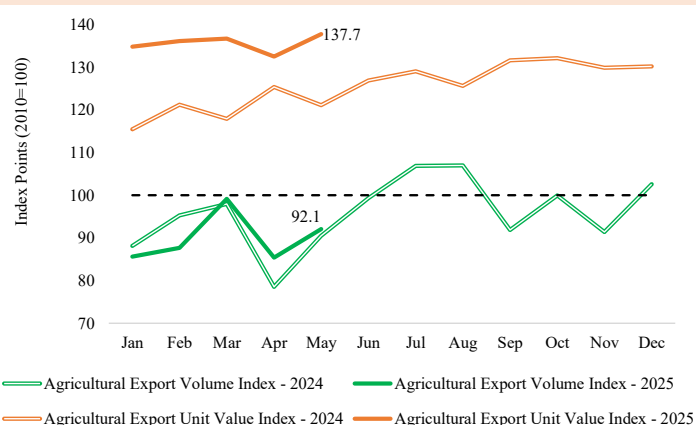


Agricultural Exports

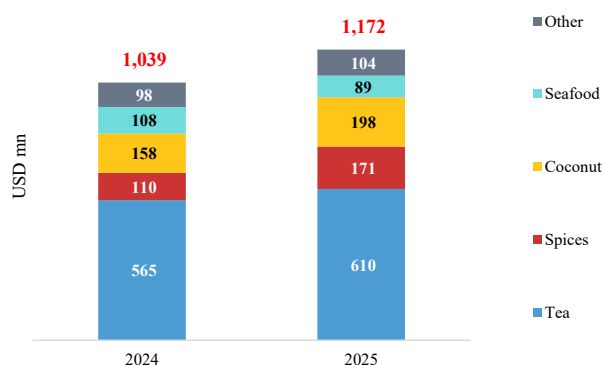
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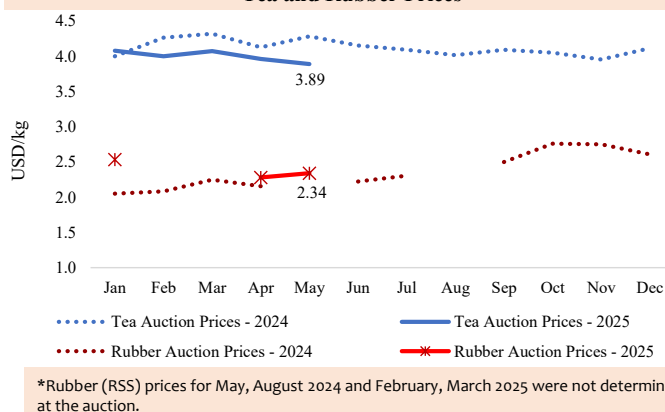
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Agricultural Exports



Performance of Agricultural Exports - Jan. - May

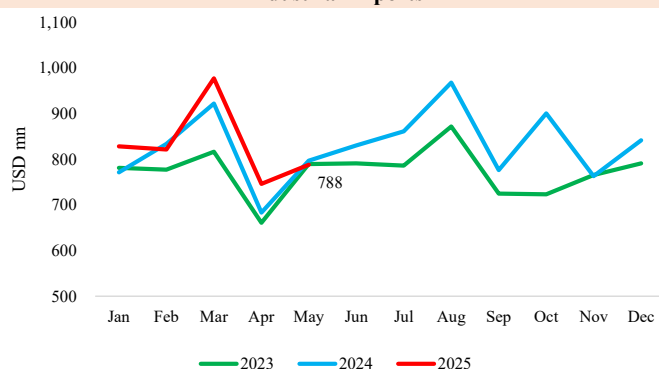


Tea and Rubber Prices

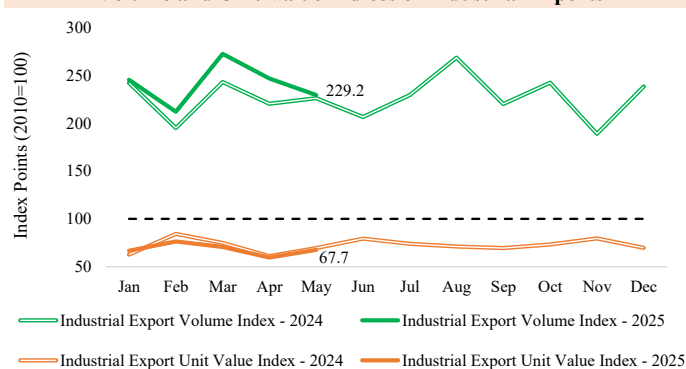


Industrial Exports

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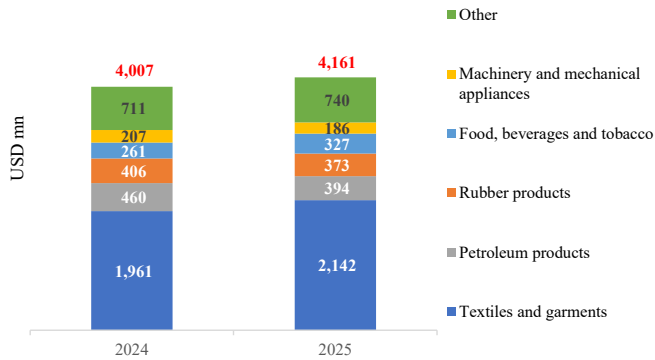


Volume and Unit Value Indices of Industrial Exports

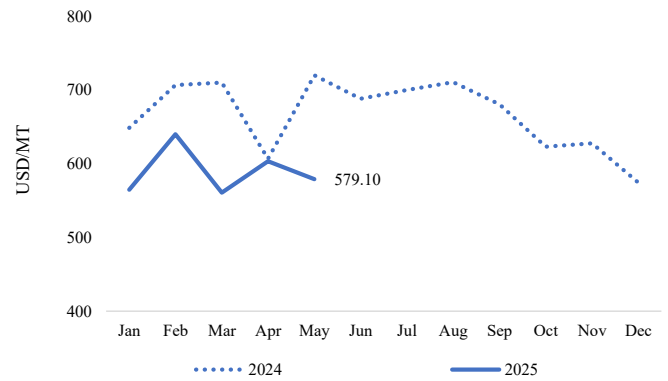


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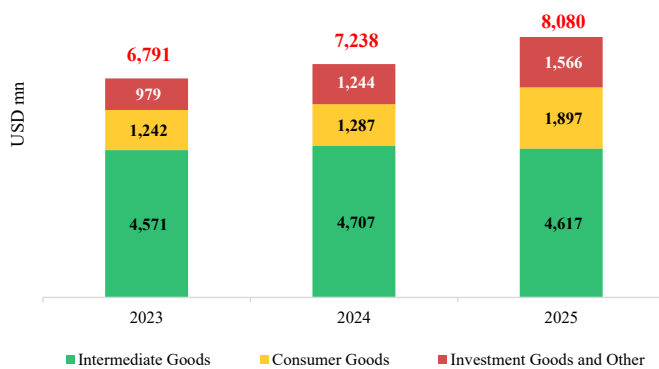


Bunker and Aviation Fuel Export Prices

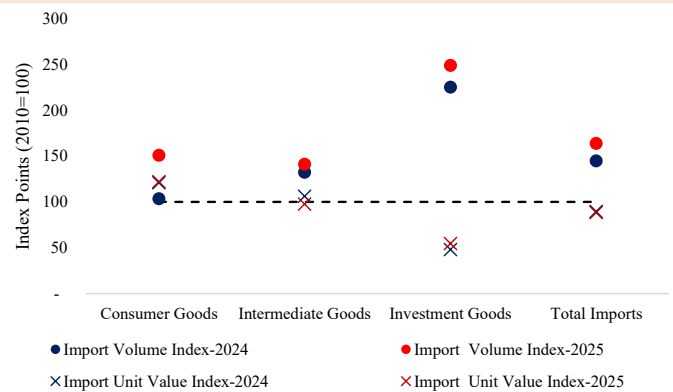


Merchandise Import Performance

Import Performance - Jan. - May

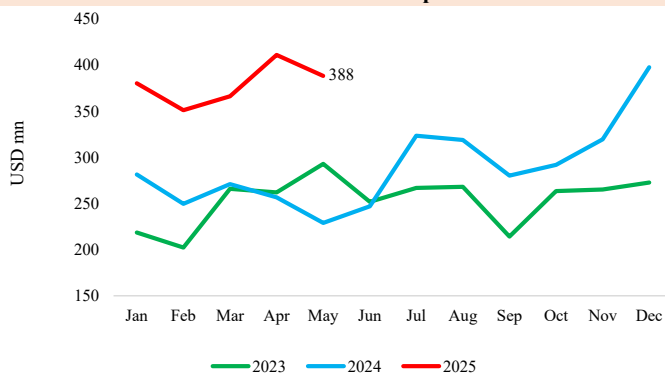


Volume and Unit Value Indices of Imports - Jan. - May

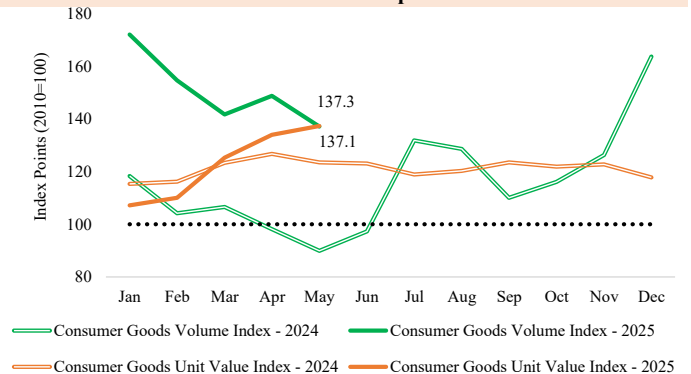


Consumer Goods Imports

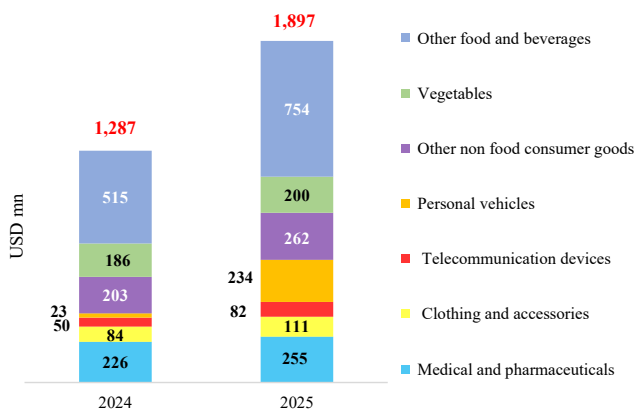
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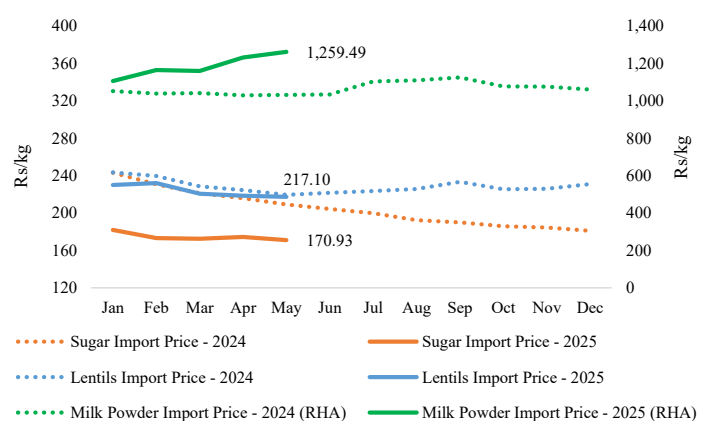
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Imports of Consumer Goods



Performance of Consumer Goods Imports - Jan. - May

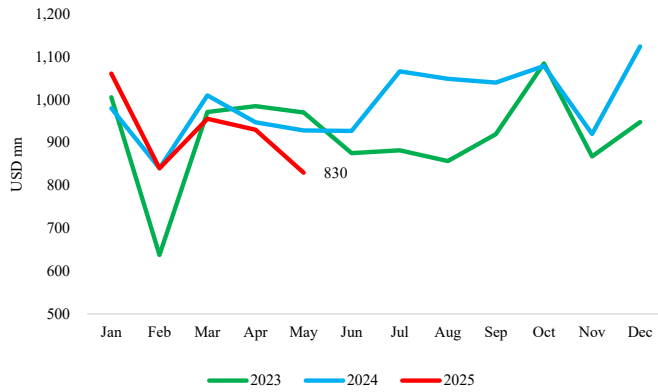


Average Import Prices of Sugar, Lentils and Milk Powder

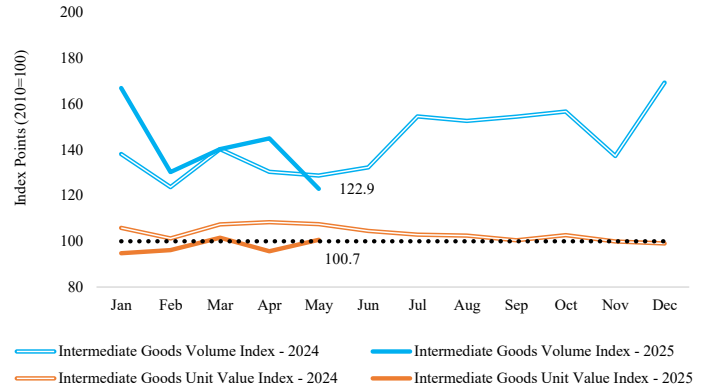


Intermediate Goods Imports

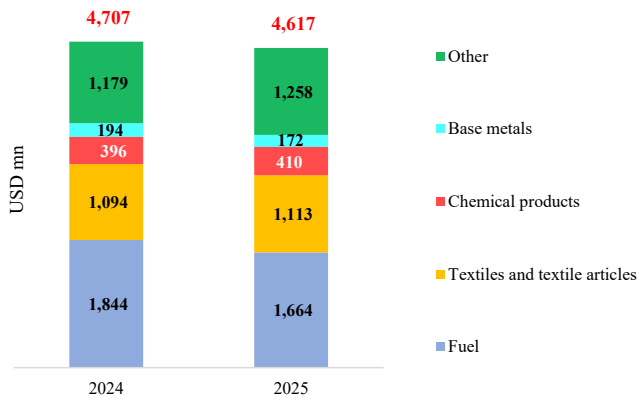
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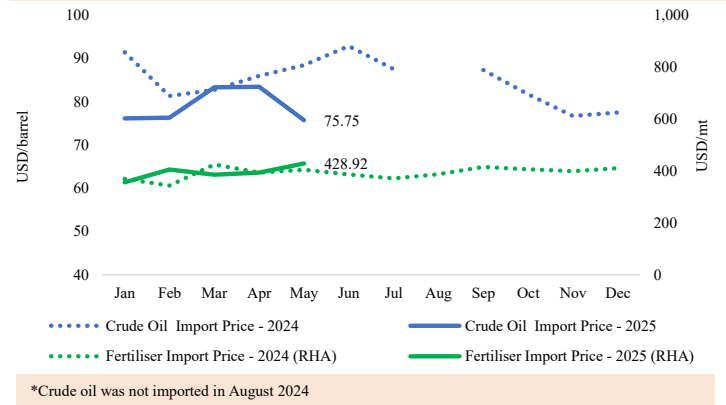
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Intermediate Goods Imports



Performance of Intermediate Goods Imports - Jan. - May

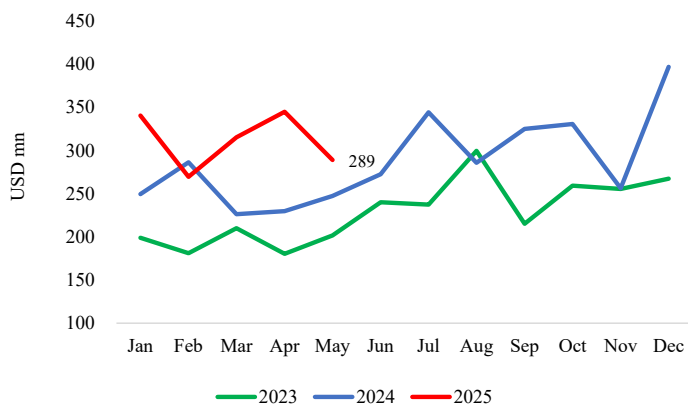


Crude Oil and Fertiliser Import Prices (Monthly Averages)

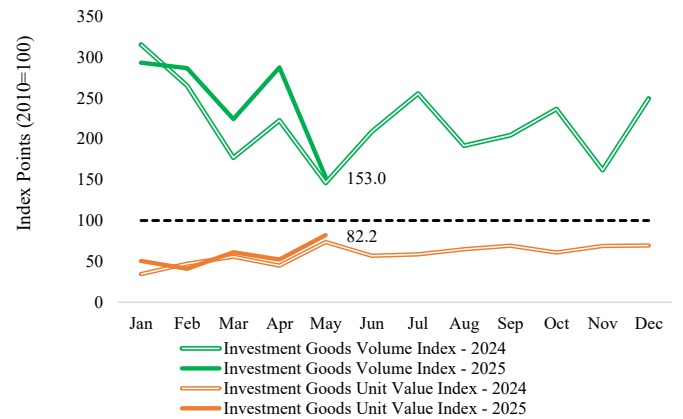


Investment Goods Imports

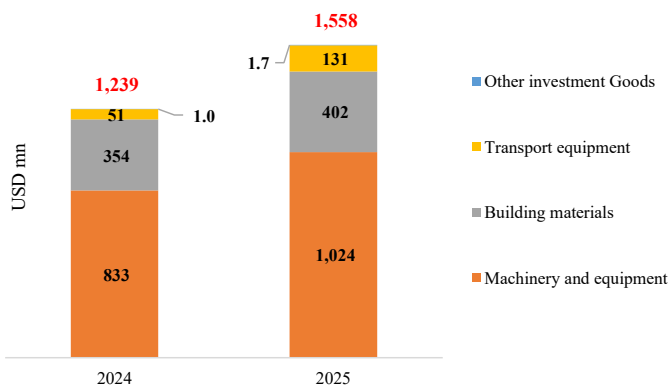
Imports of Investment Goods



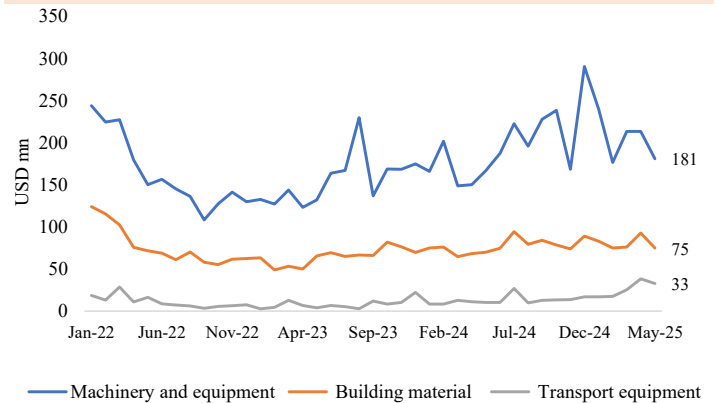
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Investment Goods Imports



Performance of Investment Goods Imports -Jan. - May



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		May-24	May-25	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-May 2024	Jan-May 2025	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Agricultural Exports		210.6	243.6	15.7	1,039.0	1,172.2	12.8
o/w	Tea	115.0	131.8	14.6	565.3	610.1	7.9
	Coconut	32.6	43.1	32.3	158.2	198.1	25.3
	Spices	25.1	30.3	20.6	109.8	171.1	55.8
	Seafood	17.4	13.6	-22.1	108.1	88.5	-18.1
Industrial Exports		796.7	787.8	-1.1	4,006.8	4,160.7	3.8
o/w	Textiles and garments	390.9	389.9	-0.3	1,961.0	2,141.7	9.2
	Rubber products	79.3	71.4	-9.9	406.2	372.6	-8.3
	Petroleum products	90.6	69.7	-23.1	460.4	393.8	-14.4
	Food, beverages and tobacco	54.6	68.9	26.1	260.9	326.9	25.3
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	38.9	40.4	4.0	207.0	186.1	-10.1
	Gems, diamonds and jewellery	40.2	34.3	-14.7	182.9	157.2	-14.0
	Leather, travel goods and footwear	4.1	5.8	42.5	23.8	23.8	0.0
Mineral and Other Exports		3.9	3.2	-19.9	21.5	17.3	-19.5
Total Exports		1,011.3	1,034.7	2.3	5,067.4	5,350.3	5.6
Import Performance (USD mn)							
Item		May-24	May-25	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-May 2024	Jan-May 2025	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Consumer goods		228.9	388.2	69.6	1,287.4	1,896.6	47.3
Food and beverages		123.7	159.9	29.3	700.9	954.0	36.1
o/w	Vegetables (b)	39.0	34.9	-10.4	186.0	200.2	7.6
	Rice	3.1	1.0	-66.0	28.6	58.1	102.9
Non-food consumer goods		105.2	228.3	117.0	586.5	942.5	60.7
o/w	Medical and Pharmaceuticals	39.5	50.4	27.7	226.1	254.7	12.6
Intermediate goods		928.3	829.9	-10.6	4,706.9	4,617.1	-1.9
o/w	Fuel	314.0	252.8	-19.5	1,843.7	1,664.2	-9.7
	Textiles and textile articles	227.3	217.6	-4.3	1,094.2	1,112.8	1.7
	Fertiliser	18.0	6.1	-65.9	41.9	70.2	67.5
	Wheat and maize	49.4	11.0	-77.8	123.0	103.2	-16.1
Investment goods and other		247.4	289.0	16.8	1,243.5	1,566.4	26.0
o/w	Machinery and equipment	166.7	180.9	8.5	833.0	1,023.9	22.9
Total Imports		1,404.6	1,507.2	7.3	7,237.7	8,080.1	11.6
Trade Balance (USD mn)							
Item		May-24	May-25		Jan-May 2024	Jan-May 2025	
Trade Balance		-393.3	-472.5		-2,170.4	-2,729.8	
Trade Indices and Terms of Trade (2010 = 100) (In USD terms)							
Item		May-24	May-25	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-May 2024	Jan-May 2025	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Export							
Value index		140.7	144.0	2.3	141.1	148.9	5.6
Volume index		184.0	186.7	1.5	183.4	194.4	6.0
Unit value index		76.5	77.1	0.9	76.9	76.6	-0.4
Import							
Value index		125.7	134.9	7.3	129.6	144.6	11.6
Volume index		123.9	130.5	5.4	144.7	163.7	13.1
Unit value index		101.5	103.3	1.8	89.5	88.4	-1.3
Terms of Trade		75.4	74.6	-1.0	85.9	86.7	0.9

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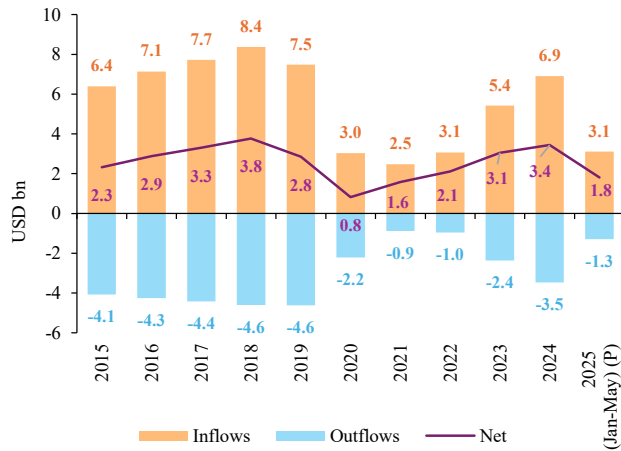
(b) includes lentils, onions, potatoes, leguminous vegetables and others

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

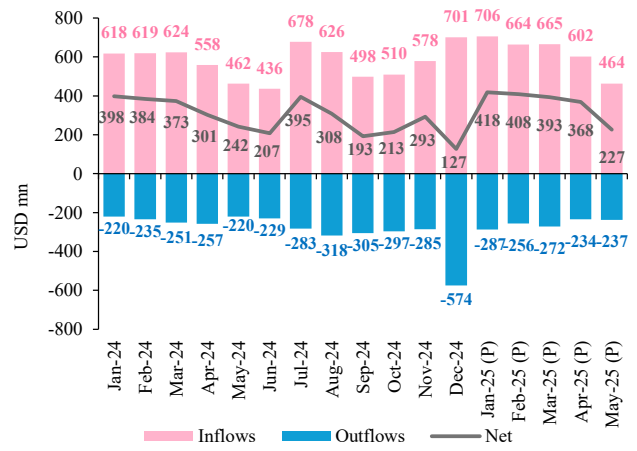
Note 2: Longer series of Merchandise Trade data can be accessed through : <https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/en/statistics/statistical-tables/external-sector>

Services Account

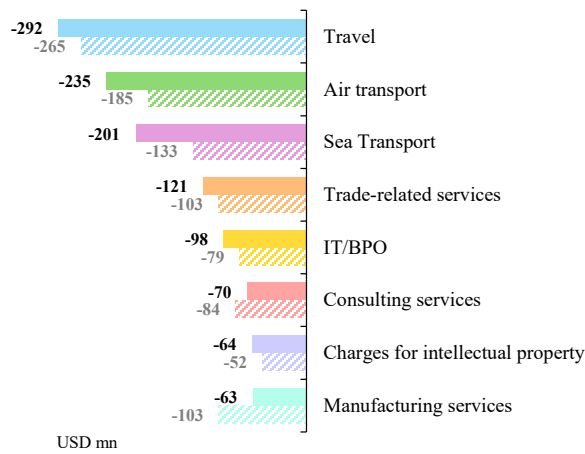
Services Account - Annual



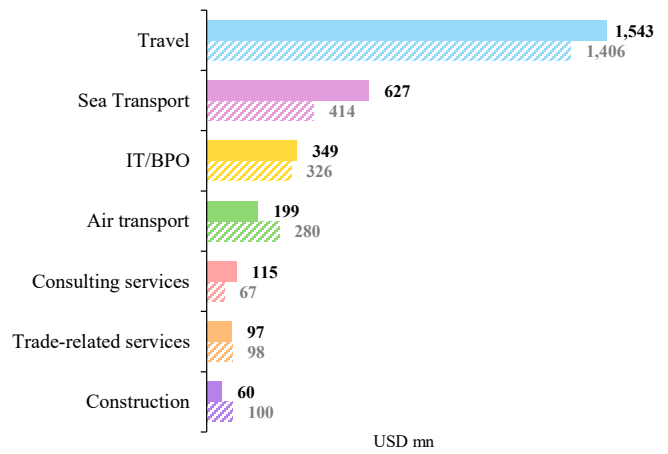
Services Account - Monthly



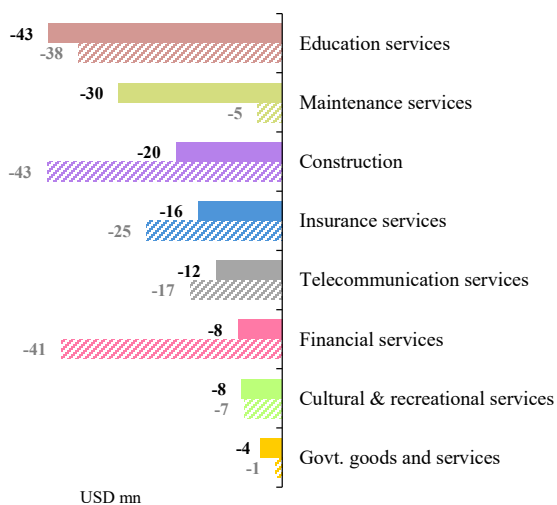
Major Services Outflows



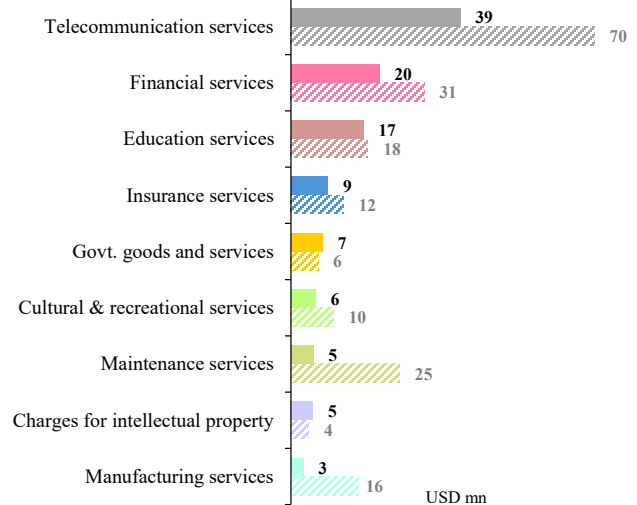
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Minor Services Outflows



Minor Services Inflows



Jan-May 2024

Jan-May 2025 (P)

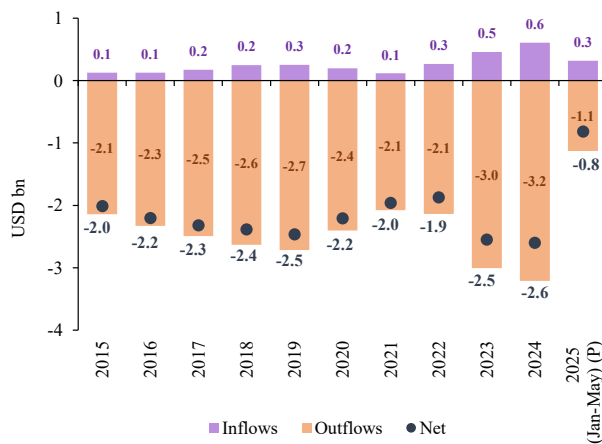
Primary Income Account

Summary of Primary Income Account (a)

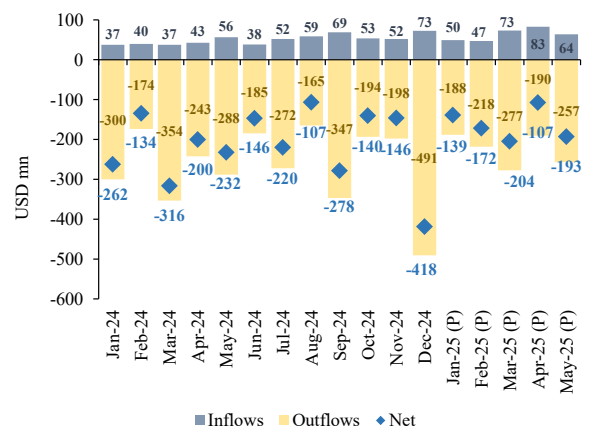
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<i>of which,</i>						
Direct Investment related Outflows	72.7	102.7	41.4	311.3	451.6	45.1
Dividends	62.6	83.6	33.4	257.4	356.7	38.6
Reinvested Earnings	10.0	19.1	90.8	53.9	94.9	76.1
Portfolio Investment related Outflows	114.9	44.0	-61.7	425.0	219.1	-48.4
<i>of which,</i>						
Government Bond Outflows	104.5	24.6	-76.5	386.0	173.2	-55.1
Other Investment Interest	98.7	107.6	9.0	613.5	448.3	-26.9
Interest on Foreign Loans						
Government	54.0	60.6	12.1	436.1	277.9	-36.3
Central Bank	36.7	26.2	-28.5	129.7	83.5	-35.6
Deposit-taking Corporations	7.3	1.7	-77.2	38.0	19.0	-50.1
Other Sectors	0.6	19.1	2,944.2	9.7	67.9	597.1

(a) Provisional

Primary Income Account - Annual



Primary Income Account - Monthly

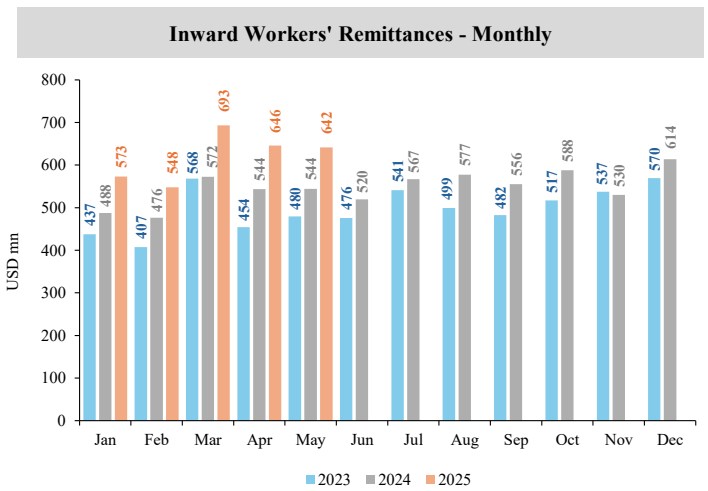
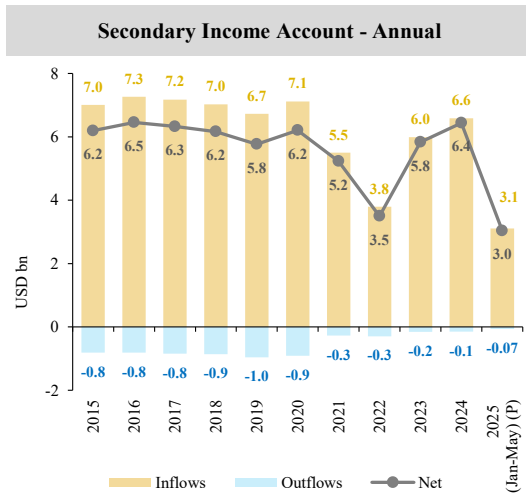


Secondary Income Account

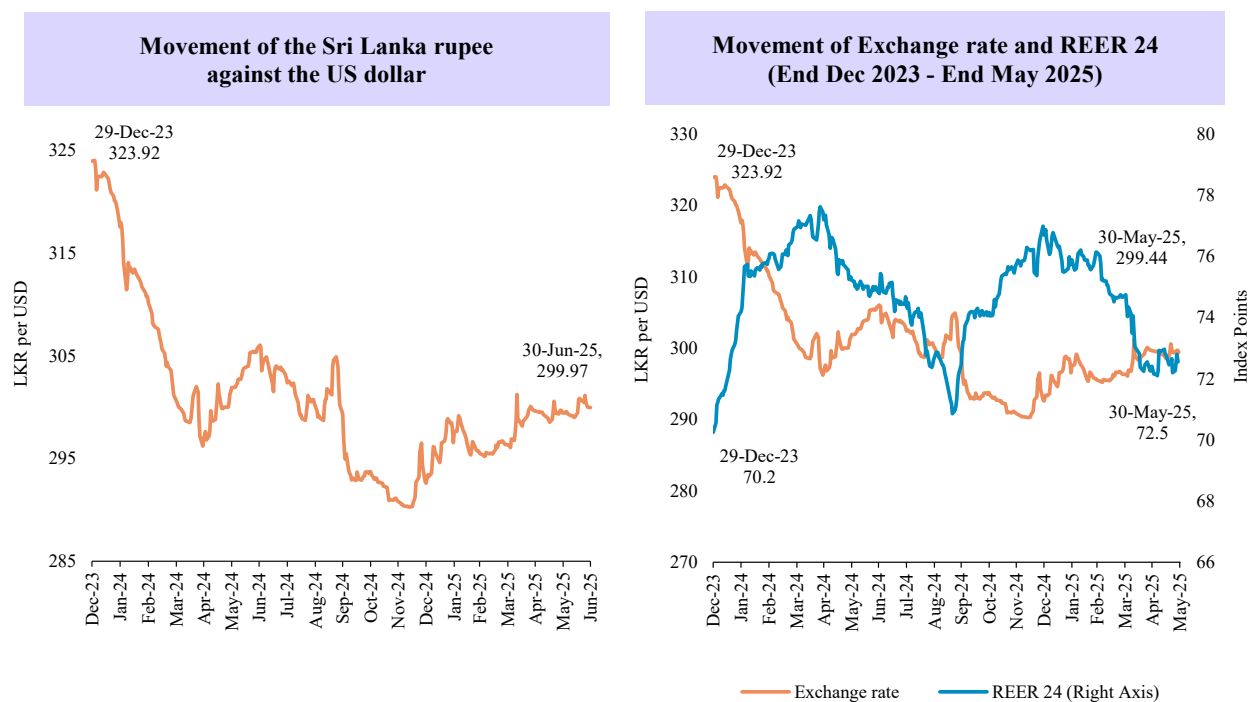
Summary of Secondary Income Account (a)

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Secondary Income Account (net)	530.7	629.3	18.6	2,567.5	3,036.9	18.3
Secondary Income Account Inflows	544.4	642.5	18.0	2,627.4	3,104.3	18.2
General Government	0.01	0.8		3.0	2.0	-32.4
Worker's Remittances	544.4	641.7	17.9	2,624.4	3,102.2	18.2
Secondary Income Account Outflows	13.7	13.2	-3.7	59.8	67.3	12.6

(a) Provisional



Exchange Rate Movements (a)



Movement of the Sri Lanka rupee against Selected Currencies *

Currency	2023	2024	2025 (up to 30 June)
US dollar	12.1%	10.7%	-2.5%
Euro	7.9%	17.8%	-13.2%
Pound sterling	6.0%	12.3%	-10.9%
Chinese yuan (Renminbi)	14.3%	13.9%	-4.2%
Japanese yen	19.5%	22.5%	-10.0%
Australian dollar	10.8%	21.7%	-7.3%
Indian rupee	12.6%	13.9%	-2.4%

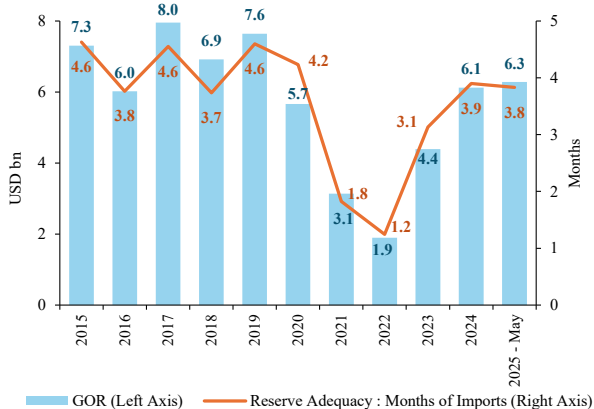
* Depreciation (-) / Appreciation (+)

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

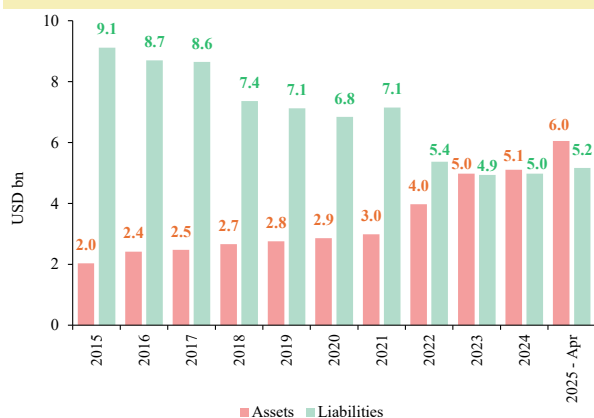
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Financial Flows and International Reserves

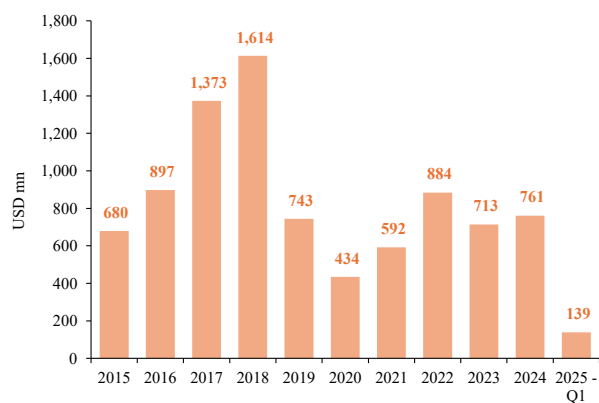
Gross Official Reserves (GOR) and Reserve Adequacy - End Period (a)



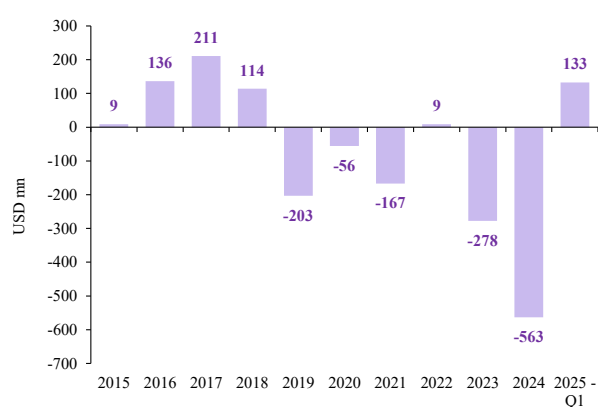
Foreign Assets and Liabilities of the Banking Sector



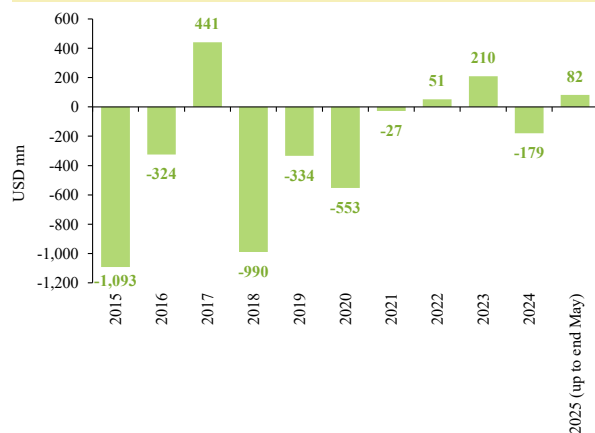
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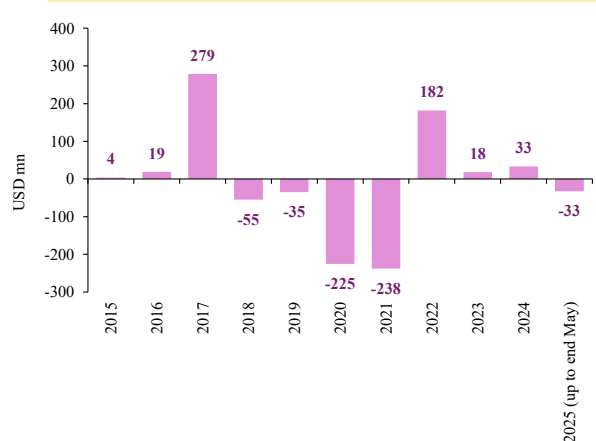
Foreign Loans to Private Sector (net)



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	May 2024 (USD mn)	May 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan.-May 2024 (USD mn)	Jan.-May 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
1. Industrial exports	796.7	787.8	-1.1	4,006.8	4,160.7	3.8
Food, beverages and tobacco	54.6	68.9	26.1	260.9	326.9	25.3
Animal fodder	12.6	14.3	13.2	59.9	63.1	5.4
Textiles and garments	390.9	389.9	-0.3	1,961.0	2,141.7	9.2
o/w Garments	359.5	355.0	-1.3	1,797.2	1,974.6	9.9
Textiles	23.2	24.3	4.9	117.5	118.1	0.4
Other made-up textile articles	8.3	10.6	28.2	46.2	49.1	6.3
Rubber products	79.3	71.4	-9.9	406.2	372.6	-8.3
Gems, diamonds and jewellery	40.2	34.3	-14.7	182.9	157.2	-14.0
Machinery and mechanical appliances	38.9	40.4	4.0	207.0	186.1	-10.1
Transport equipment	5.2	6.5	23.7	37.7	45.5	20.7
Petroleum products	90.6	69.7	-23.1	460.4	393.8	-14.4
Chemical products	18.5	24.2	31.2	91.2	128.0	40.3
Wood and paper products	12.8	9.5	-26.1	52.5	51.1	-2.6
Printing industry products	4.7	2.5	-46.1	19.3	17.0	-12.2
Leather, travel goods and footwear	4.1	5.8	42.5	23.8	23.8	0.02
Plastics and articles thereof	4.3	4.4	2.3	22.2	20.8	-6.7
Base metals and articles	12.6	15.2	21.0	75.9	79.2	4.3
Ceramic products	2.6	2.2	-16.8	11.6	11.8	1.4
Other industrial exports	24.7	28.6	15.6	134.3	142.1	5.8
2. Agricultural exports	210.6	243.6	15.7	1,039.0	1,172.2	12.8
Tea	115.0	131.8	14.6	565.3	610.1	7.9
Rubber	1.9	2.2	13.4	10.1	13.4	33.2
Coconut	32.6	43.1	32.3	158.2	198.1	25.3
Spices	25.1	30.3	20.6	109.8	171.1	55.8
Vegetables	2.2	1.7	-21.1	11.4	11.4	-0.1
Unmanufactured tobacco	2.7	2.2	-17.4	9.7	8.9	-8.1
Minor agricultural products	13.6	18.8	37.6	66.5	70.7	6.3
Seafood	17.4	13.6	-22.1	108.1	88.5	-18.1
3. Mineral exports	1.8	2.2	23.8	10.2	8.6	-15.9
4. Unclassified exports	2.2	0.9	-55.9	11.3	8.7	-22.9
Total exports	1,011.3	1,034.7	2.3	5,067.4	5,350.3	5.6

(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

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Detailed Breakdown of Import Expenditure Classified as per Central Bank of Sri Lanka's Trade Classification (a)						
Category	May 2024 (USD mn)	May 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan.-May 2024 (USD mn)	Jan.-May 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
1. Consumer goods	228.9	388.2	69.6	1,287.4	1,896.6	47.3
Food and beverages	123.7	159.9	29.3	700.9	954.0	36.1
Cereals and milling industry products	5.7	3.8	-32.8	52.5	74.2	41.3
Dairy products	12.7	40.7	219.5	86.0	161.8	88.1
Vegetables (b)	39.0	34.9	-10.4	186.0	200.2	7.6
Seafood	9.8	8.8	-11.0	48.8	42.5	-12.9
Sugar and confectionery	21.1	20.3	-3.5	126.6	180.1	42.3
Spices	10.0	8.3	-17.1	48.7	41.8	-14.2
Oils and Fats	12.2	24.5	99.9	70.2	161.4	130.1
Other food and beverages	13.2	18.6	41.5	82.2	92.0	12.0
Non-food consumer goods	105.2	228.3	117.0	586.5	942.5	60.7
Personal vehicles	5.4	91.9	1,610.6	22.9	233.6	919.5
Medical and pharmaceuticals	39.5	50.4	27.7	226.1	254.7	12.6
Home appliances	10.7	14.1	31.2	59.9	89.3	49.1
Clothing and accessories	13.9	22.4	60.8	84.3	110.6	31.2
Telecommunication devices	4.5	14.2	216.5	50.2	82.1	63.6
Household and furniture items	11.7	10.4	-11.3	51.1	60.9	19.1
Other non-food consumables	19.6	25.0	28.0	91.9	111.3	21.1
2. Intermediate goods	928.3	829.9	-10.6	4,706.9	4,617.1	-1.9
Fuel	314.0	252.8	-19.5	1,843.7	1,664.2	-9.7
o/w Crude oil	64.9	55.5	-14.5	438.0	344.2	-21.4
Refined petroleum	219.6	197.2	-10.2	1,235.5	1,190.5	-3.6
Coal	29.5	0.1	-99.7	170.3	129.5	-24.0
Diamonds, precious stones, and metals	29.0	11.4	-60.8	106.2	53.3	-49.8
Textiles and textile articles	227.3	217.6	-4.3	1,094.2	1,112.8	1.7
Paper and paperboard and articles thereof	35.3	32.6	-7.7	175.3	163.7	-6.6
Agricultural inputs	23.2	24.2	4.5	103.4	114.5	10.7
Wheat and maize	49.4	11.0	-77.8	123.0	103.2	-16.1
Base metals	28.0	55.5	98.0	193.8	171.9	-11.3
Plastics and articles thereof	49.4	46.8	-5.4	226.0	252.1	11.5
Chemical products	76.1	77.3	1.7	396.1	410.5	3.6
Fertiliser	18.0	6.1	-65.9	41.9	70.2	67.5
Rubber and articles thereof	20.8	21.4	2.9	109.1	115.4	5.8
Mineral products	10.1	5.9	-41.4	48.8	51.9	6.2
Other intermediate goods	47.6	67.4	41.6	245.2	333.4	36.0
3. Investment goods	247.2	288.8	16.8	1,238.6	1,558.1	25.8
Machinery and equipment	166.7	180.9	8.5	833.0	1,023.9	22.9
Building material	69.9	74.9	7.0	353.7	401.6	13.5
Transport equipment	10.4	32.7	215.1	50.9	130.8	157.1
o/w Commercial Vehicles	3.5	26.6	654.1	17.7	78.8	344.3
Other investment goods	0.2	0.3	43.7	1.0	1.7	76.5
4. Unclassified imports	0.2	0.3	56.3	4.9	8.3	68.9
Total imports	1,404.6	1,507.2	7.3	7,237.7	8,080.1	11.6
o/w Non-fuel imports	1,090.6	1,254.4	15.0	5,394.0	6,415.9	18.9

(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	May 2024 (USD mn)	May 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan.-May 2024 (USD mn)	Jan.-May 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
0. Food and live animals	232.7	269.6	15.8	1,136.6	1,277.7	12.4
03 Fish and fish preparations	21.2	16.6	-21.8	127.5	110.5	-13.3
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	5.8	6.7	15.9	30.7	33.8	10.1
05 Vegetables and fruit	40.0	56.7	41.5	187.7	235.0	25.2
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	139.3	163.2	17.1	677.2	781.9	15.5
1. Beverages and tobacco	14.6	13.5	-7.4	68.9	66.5	-3.4
11 Beverages	6.6	5.9	-10.1	33.5	31.6	-5.8
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	8.0	7.6	-5.1	35.4	35.0	-1.1
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	32.9	34.0	3.4	160.9	174.4	8.4
23 Crude rubber	2.0	2.3	12.4	10.7	14.0	31.2
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	19.1	19.9	4.0	93.8	102.9	9.8
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	90.6	69.7	-23.1	460.4	393.8	-14.4
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	66.5	69.7	4.8	426.1	393.8	-7.6
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	24.09	0.00001		34.3	0.00001	
4. Animal and vegetable oils, fats, and waxes	5.6	16.2	190.8	30.8	72.1	134.6
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	5.5	10.7	93.1	29.4	48.8	66.2
5. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	21.8	27.9	27.6	109.1	147.6	35.3
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	154.0	143.6	-6.8	771.4	704.6	-8.7
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	60.3	50.2	-16.7	307.0	253.2	-17.5
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, etc., n.e.s.	29.5	33.4	13.2	155.9	161.5	3.6
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	44.2	40.0	-9.6	205.1	184.2	-10.2
7. Machinery, transport equipment	43.0	45.3	5.3	239.4	225.0	-6.0
77 Electric machinery, apparatus, and appliances, n.e.s. and electrical parts thereof	22.0	25.4	15.7	116.1	115.4	-0.6
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles	416.0	414.9	-0.3	2,089.8	2,288.4	9.5
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	380.8	379.4	-0.4	1,910.6	2,106.7	10.3
9. Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	0.03			0.1	0.1	-49.3
Total exports	1,011.3	1,034.7	2.3	5,067.4	5,350.3	5.6

(a) Provisional

n.e.s. not elsewhere specified

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

Note 1: The first digit indicates the 'section' and the first two digits indicate the 'division' of SITC. The above table shows only selected divisions of SITC. For further information on SITC, please see CBSL Annual Report 2017 Box Article 04.

https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/sites/default/files/cbslweb_documents/publications/annual_report/2017/cn/9_Chapter_05.pdf

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

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

Detailed Breakdown of Import Expenditure Classified as per the Standard International Trade Classification Revision 4 (a)						
Category	May 2024 (USD mn)	May 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan.-May 2024 (USD mn)	Jan.-May 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
0. Food and live animals	190.7	178.4	-6.4	884.6	1,054.9	19.3
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	12.8	40.8	219.9	92.1	162.1	75.9
03 Fish and fish preparations	10.1	8.9	-11.5	49.4	43.2	-12.5
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	54.7	14.5	-73.5	174.3	175.2	0.5
05 Vegetables and fruit	44.0	40.6	-7.8	215.8	233.2	8.0
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	21.1	20.3	-3.5	126.6	180.1	42.3
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	15.1	16.7	10.5	72.0	82.8	15.0
1. Beverages and tobacco	7.7	12.8	66.1	41.7	48.6	16.7
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	37.3	34.9	-6.5	165.7	183.1	10.5
23 Crude rubber	17.3	18.3	5.8	89.5	98.5	10.0
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	0.8	1.9	158.8	7.0	7.1	1.2
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	314.0	252.8	-19.5	1,843.7	1,664.2	-9.7
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	260.9	222.7	-14.6	1,535.4	1,349.1	-12.1
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	23.6	30.0	27.0	138.1	185.7	34.5
4. Animal and vegetable oils, fats, and waxes	13.5	35.3	162.3	82.9	199.6	140.9
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	12.6	33.8	168.9	77.1	190.1	146.5
5. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	180.5	177.2	-1.8	873.7	966.5	10.6
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	35.8	47.4	32.6	206.2	230.9	12.0
56 Fertilisers, manufactured	18.0	6.0	-66.3	41.4	70.1	69.3
57 Plastics in primary forms	35.3	30.9	-12.4	153.3	163.6	6.7
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	10.4	11.7	12.1	54.6	66.5	21.7
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	400.3	401.1	0.2	1,992.7	1,967.7	-1.3
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles thereof	34.1	30.9	-9.6	167.3	152.6	-8.8
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, etc., n.e.s.	223.8	212.2	-5.2	1,069.3	1,087.7	1.7
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	49.4	27.0	-45.3	222.2	166.7	-25.0
67 Iron and steel	37.7	63.1	67.5	253.8	226.2	-10.9
7. Machinery, transport equipment	198.8	333.5	67.7	1,023.4	1,565.3	53.0
72 Machinery specialized for particular industries	29.9	37.8	26.3	143.7	185.4	29.0
74 General industrial machinery and equipment and machine parts, n.e.s.	37.8	40.1	6.1	216.0	315.7	46.2
75 Office machines and automatic data-processing machines	10.4	15.4	47.8	68.9	86.6	25.8
76 Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	20.9	28.4	36.0	141.9	181.1	27.6
77 Electric machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s. and electrical parts thereof	47.7	59.4	24.5	225.9	258.5	14.4
78 Road vehicles	16.9	125.2	641.2	79.5	376.2	373.2
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles	61.6	80.7	31.0	326.5	424.6	30.1
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	11.8	18.6	57.6	74.2	98.5	32.7
87 Professional, scientific, and controlling instruments and apparatus n.e.s.	9.7	15.5	60.1	59.8	83.5	39.6
9. Commodities and transactions not elsewhere specified in SITC	0.2	0.4	90.5	3.0	5.5	81.8
Total imports	1,404.6	1,507.2	7.3	7,237.7	8,080.1	11.6

(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)

	May 2024 (USD mn)	May 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-May 2024 (USD mn)	Jan-May 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Services	462.5	463.6	0.2	2,882.2	3,101.2	7.6
Manufacturing services	0.9	0.9	-3.0	15.6	2.8	-81.9
Maintenance and repair services	5.6	0.2	-97.0	25.0	5.1	-79.5
Transport	156.9	137.3	-12.5	694.4	826.1	19.0
Sea transport	93.8	98.1	4.5	413.9	627.1	51.5
Passenger	0.2	0.1	-66.0	1.0	0.1	-92.2
Freight	51.2	54.6	6.7	250.9	349.3	39.2
Other	42.5	43.4	2.3	162.0	277.7	71.4
Air transport	62.9	39.2	-37.7	280.0	198.6	-29.1
Passenger	19.5	30.1	54.0	122.4	146.7	19.9
Freight	6.8	2.6	-62.4	22.6	16.5	-27.2
Other	36.5	6.5	-82.1	135.0	35.5	-73.7
Postal services	0.2	0.04	-75.4	0.5	0.4	-7.9
Travel	154.0	164.1	6.6	1,405.6	1,543.1	9.8
Construction	19.7	9.7	-50.7	99.9	59.8	-40.1
Construction abroad	0.2	0.4	77.5	12.0	8.3	-30.8
Construction in the reporting economy	6.7	2.9	-56.3	42.9	18.1	-57.7
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	12.7	6.4	-50.1	44.9	33.3	-25.9
Insurance and pension services	1.6	1.7	0.6	12.1	8.5	-29.5
Direct insurance	1.5	1.6	5.8	9.8	6.9	-29.9
Reinsurance	0.1	0.03	-71.1	2.3	1.6	-27.8
Financial services	6.9	2.6	-62.0	30.7	20.3	-33.8
Charges for the use of intellectual property	0.9	1.6	75.4	4.1	5.1	22.7
Telecommunications, computer, and information services	72.9	95.2	30.6	396.0	388.0	-2.0
Telecommunications services	7.4	9.9	33.6	69.8	39.0	-44.2
Computer & IT/BPO related services	65.6	85.4	30.3	326.1	349.1	7.0
Computer services	65.1	85.0	30.5	323.8	345.1	6.6
Information services	0.4	0.4	-1.9	2.3	4.0	72.7
Other business services	36.3	47.7	31.5	182.9	229.3	25.4
Education services	3.8	3.7	-1.1	17.7	16.6	-6.4
Professional and management consulting services	12.5	21.1	69.0	67.3	115.5	71.6
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	20.0	22.9	14.2	97.9	97.2	-0.7
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	2.2	0.6	-73.6	9.8	5.7	-41.8
Audiovisual and related services	0.7	0.2	-67.2	2.8	2.2	-21.1
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	1.6	0.4	-76.3	7.0	3.5	-50.1
Government goods and services	4.7	2.0	-56.3	6.2	7.3	17.0

(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)

	May 2024 (USD mn)	May 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-May 2024 (USD mn)	Jan-May 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Services	220.3	236.9	7.5	1,183.7	1,286.4	8.7
Manufacturing services	21.8	8.8	-59.5	103.0	63.1	-38.7
Maintenance and repair services	0.8	4.0	426.2	4.5	30.2	
Transport	61.4	91.8	49.6	321.1	437.3	36.2
Sea transport	23.5	42.0	78.6	133.0	200.9	51.0
Passenger	0.02	0.01	-45.1	0.3	0.05	-83.0
Freight	22.5	36.6	62.7	127.2	186.3	46.4
Other	1.0	5.3	448.6	5.5	14.6	164.0
Air transport	37.8	49.4	30.5	185.5	235.4	26.9
Passenger	23.0	16.7	-27.3	114.4	87.7	-23.4
Freight	6.7	26.1	291.4	25.3	115.5	356.5
Other	8.2	6.6	-19.6	45.8	32.2	-29.6
Postal services	0.03	0.5		2.6	1.0	-62.7
Travel	41.8	39.4	-5.7	265.1	291.7	10.1
Construction	6.7	1.3	-80.9	43.4	19.6	-54.8
Construction abroad	0.7	0.04	-93.3	9.7	2.1	-78.3
Construction in the reporting economy	2.1	0.04	-98.1	6.2	4.3	-30.6
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	4.0	1.2	-69.9	27.5	13.2	-51.9
Insurance and pension services	5.1	2.9	-43.4	25.1	15.5	-38.1
Direct insurance	0.7	0.6	-13.4	5.4	5.0	-7.4
Reinsurance	4.4	2.2	-48.4	19.6	10.5	-46.6
Financial services	5.3	1.1	-79.9	40.7	8.2	-79.9
Charges for the use of intellectual property	13.7	11.2	-17.8	52.0	64.4	23.9
Telecommunications, computer, and information services	23.8	23.0	-3.4	95.7	109.9	14.8
Telecommunications services	3.8	1.5	-60.9	17.0	12.2	-28.3
Computer & IT/BPO related services	20.0	21.5	7.7	78.7	97.7	24.2
Computer services	17.3	21.0	21.3	66.2	94.8	43.2
Information services	2.7	0.5	-81.0	12.4	2.9	-77.0
Other business services	38.4	51.7	34.7	224.9	234.9	4.4
Education services	6.9	8.0	15.4	37.6	43.1	14.6
Professional and management consulting services	14.8	15.9	7.9	83.8	70.4	-16.0
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	16.7	27.8	66.3	103.5	121.4	17.3
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	1.4	1.3	-9.3	7.1	7.5	6.5
Audiovisual and related services	1.4	1.2	-11.5	6.8	7.0	3.8
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.1	0.1	48.9	0.3	0.5	70.5
Government goods and services	0.2	0.4	95.8	1.2	4.0	241.3

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Services Account – Net (a)

	May 2024 (USD mn)	May 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-May 2024 (USD mn)	Jan-May 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Services	242.2	226.6	-6.4	1,698.5	1,814.8	6.8
Manufacturing services	-20.9	-7.9	-62.0	-87.4	-60.3	-31.0
Maintenance and repair services	4.8	-3.8	-178.8	20.5	-25.1	-222.3
Transport	95.5	45.5	-52.4	373.3	388.8	4.2
Sea transport	70.3	56.1	-20.2	280.9	426.2	51.7
Passenger	0.2	0.1	-69.0	0.7	0.03	-95.7
Freight	28.6	17.9	-37.3	123.7	163.0	31.8
Other	41.5	38.1	-8.2	156.5	263.1	68.1
Air transport	25.1	-10.2	-140.7	94.6	-36.8	-138.9
Passenger	-3.5	13.3	-482.5	8.0	59.0	
Freight	0.2	-23.5		-2.7	-99.1	
Other	28.4	-0.04	-100.1	89.3	3.3	-96.4
Postal services	0.1	-0.4	-428.5	-2.2	-0.6	-74.2
Travel	112.2	124.7	11.2	1,140.5	1,251.4	9.7
Construction	13.0	8.4	-35.1	56.5	40.1	-28.9
Construction abroad	-0.4	0.4	-186.8	2.3	6.2	167.5
Construction in the reporting economy	4.6	2.9	-37.7	36.7	13.8	-62.3
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	8.8	5.2	-41.1	17.4	20.1	15.2
Insurance and pension services	-3.4	-1.2	-64.5	-13.0	-7.0	-46.1
Direct insurance	0.8	1.0	23.2	4.3	1.8	-58.3
Reinsurance	-4.2	-2.2	-47.8	-17.4	-8.8	-49.1
Financial services	1.6	1.5	-2.8	-10.1	12.1	-220.4
Charges for the use of intellectual property	-12.8	-9.7	-24.3	-47.8	-59.3	24.0
Telecommunications, computer, and information services	49.1	72.2	47.1	300.3	278.1	-7.4
Telecommunications services	3.5	8.4	136.1	52.8	26.8	-49.3
Computer & IT/BPO related services	45.6	63.9	40.2	247.5	251.4	1.6
Computer services	47.8	63.9	33.8	257.6	250.3	-2.8
Information services	-2.2	-0.1	-96.5	-10.2	1.1	-110.8
Other business services	-2.1	-4.0	88.9	-42.0	-5.6	-86.7
Education services	-3.2	-4.3	35.2	-19.9	-26.5	33.4
Professional and management consulting services	-2.3	5.2	-324.9	-16.5	45.1	-373.5
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	3.3	-4.9	-249.3	-5.6	-24.2	330.6
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.8	-0.7	-192.5	2.7	-1.8	-166.1
Audiovisual and related services	-0.7	-1.0	40.3	-4.0	-4.8	21.4
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	1.5	0.3	-80.8	6.7	3.0	-55.3
Government goods and services	4.4	1.6	-63.5	5.1	3.3	-35.2

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