



EXTERNAL SECTOR BULLETIN

ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

CENTRAL BANK OF SRI LANKA

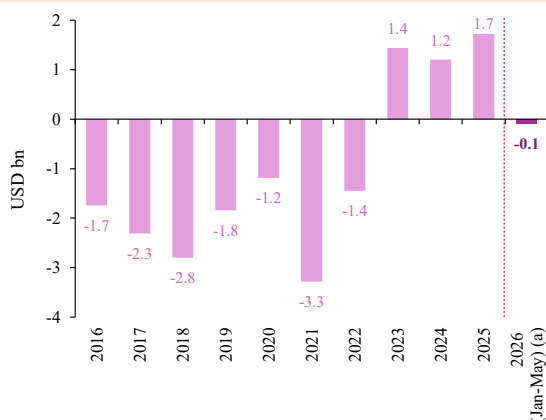
May 2026
VOLUME 02 ISSUE 05

Current Account

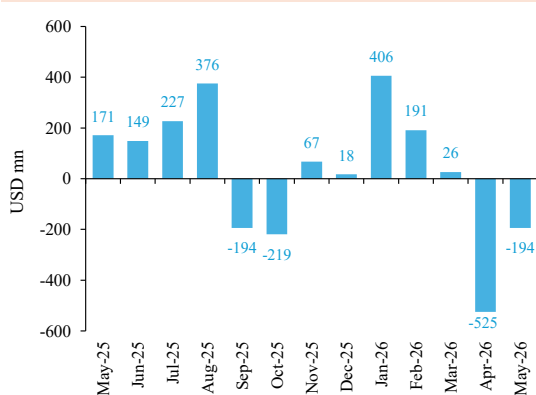
Summary of Current Account (a)

Category	May 2025 (USD mn)	May 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-May 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-May 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Current Account Balance *	171.3	-194.5	-213.5	1,295.7	-96.7	-107.5
Trade Balance	-472.5	-967.9		-2,729.8	-4,660.6	
Merchandise Exports	1,034.7	1,224.3	18.3	5,350.3	5,759.4	7.6
Merchandise Imports	1,507.2	2,192.1	45.4	8,080.1	10,420.0	29.0
Services Account (net)	226.6	143.2	-36.8	1,814.8	1,436.8	-20.8
Services Account - Inflows **	463.6	475.3	2.5	3,101.2	3,012.0	-2.9
Services Account - Outflows	236.9	332.0	40.1	1,286.4	1,575.2	22.5
Primary Income Account (net)	-211.5	-205.4		-825.0	-727.2	
Primary Income Account - Inflows	43.6	44.9	3.0	276.3	252.5	-8.6
Primary Income Account - Outflows	255.1	250.3	-1.9	1,101.3	979.8	-11.0
Secondary Income Account (net)	628.7	835.5	32.9	3,035.7	3,854.3	27.0
Secondary Income Account - Inflows	641.9	847.4	32.0	3,103.1	3,914.0	26.1
Secondary Income Account - Outflows	13.2	11.9	-9.7	67.3	59.7	-11.3

Current Account Balance - Annual



Current Account Balance - Monthly (a)



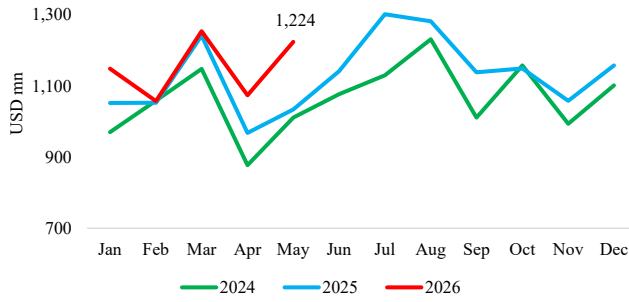
(a) Provisional

* The monthly current account data for Jan-Mar 2026 have been revised following the finalisation of estimates for the first quarter of 2026. The data for the second quarter of 2026 will be revised by end September 2026, upon the finalisation of the respective quarterly estimates.

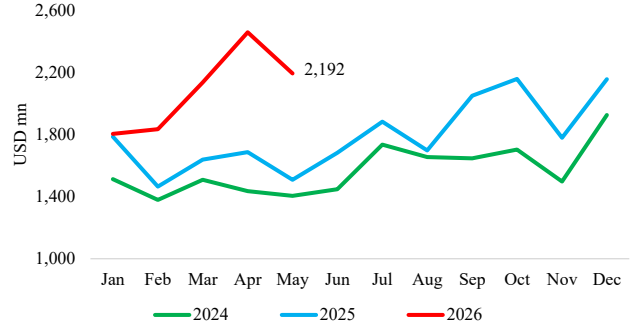
** The Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority has revised the methodology of compiling monthly earnings from tourism estimates in May 2026 to enhance the accuracy and representativeness of such estimates incorporating country-specific data on tourist arrivals, average daily expenditure, and average duration of stay. The revised methodology has been applied retrospectively to monthly estimates from January 2026 onwards. Accordingly, monthly estimates on earnings from tourism for January – April 2026 have been revised

Merchandise Trade Highlights

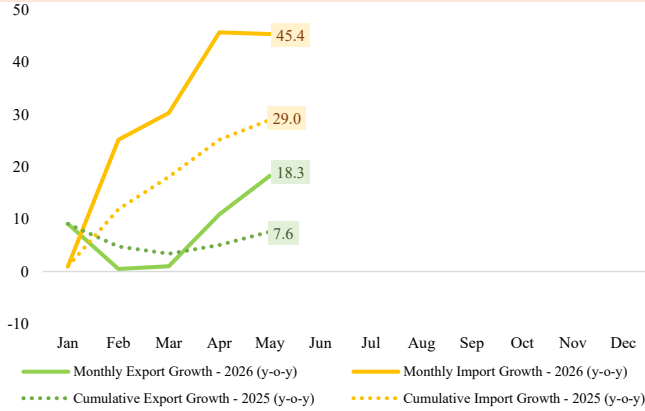
Monthly Export Performance



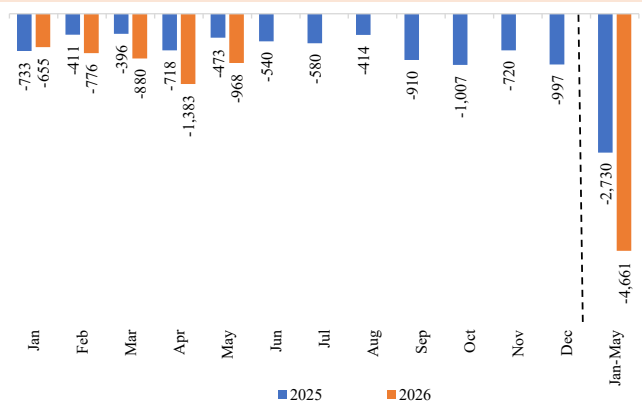
Monthly Import Performance



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



Trade Balance (USD mn)



Major Merchandise Export and Import Categories - Jan - May 2026

Exports (USD mn)

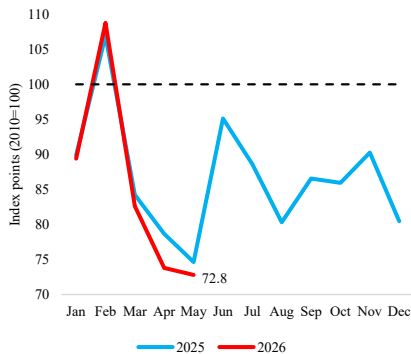
Textiles and garments	2,040.6
Petroleum products	601.8
Tea	581.9
Rubber products	391.4
Food beverages and tobacco	391.3
Machinery and mechanical appliances	272.1
Coconut	240.4
Spices	163.3
Gems, diamonds and jewellery	162.5
Chemical products	146.6

Imports (USD mn)

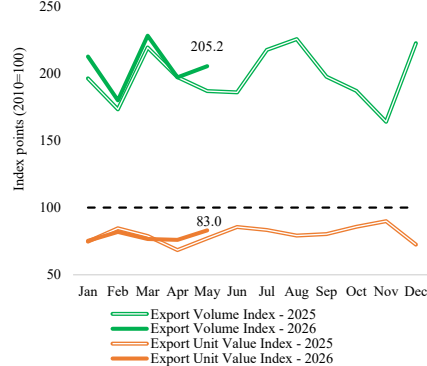
Fuel	2,703.7
Machinery and equipment	1,149.4
Textiles and textile articles	1,095.3
Vehicles	1,071.4
Chemical products	478.6
Building material	414.6
Medical and pharmaceuticals	300.3
Plastics and articles thereof	281.2
Base metals	238.5
Vegetables	168.6

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

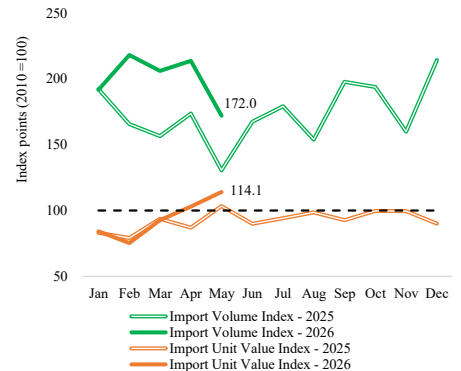
Terms of Trade



Export Volume and Unit Value Indices

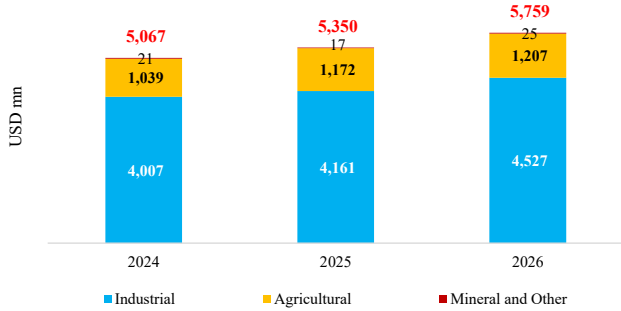


Import Volume and Unit Value Indices

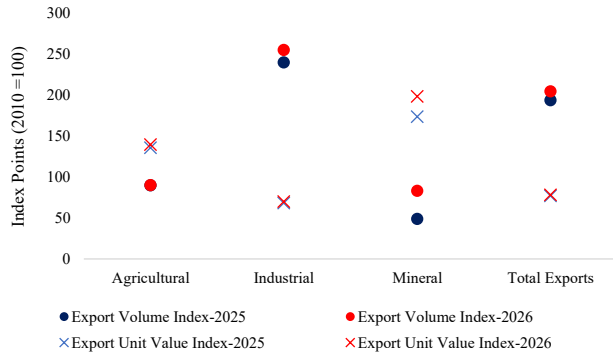


Merchandise Export Performance

Export Performance - Jan.-May

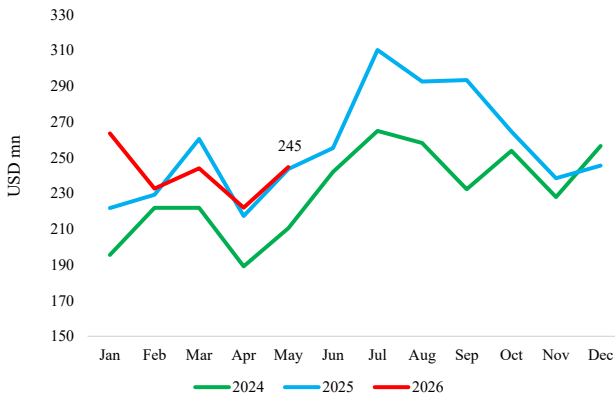


Volume and Unit Value Indices of Exports - Jan.-May

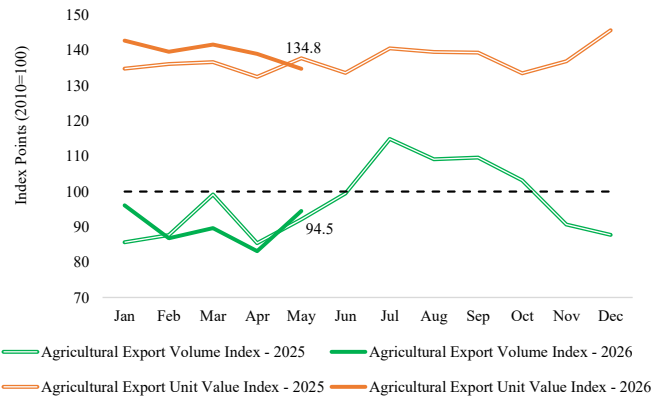


Agricultural Exports

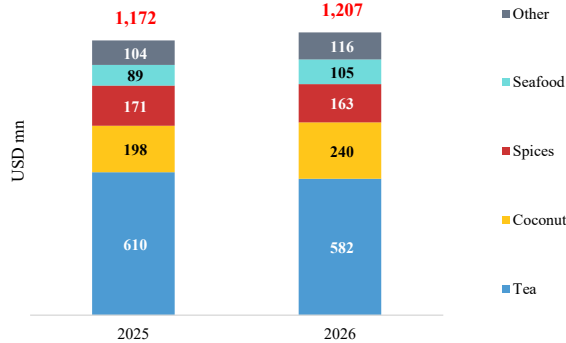
Agricultural Exports



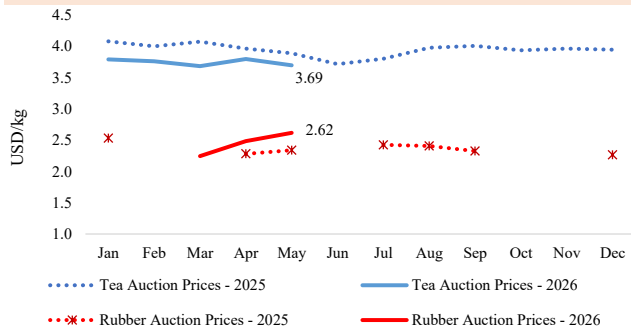
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Agricultural Exports



Performance of Agricultural Exports - Jan.-May



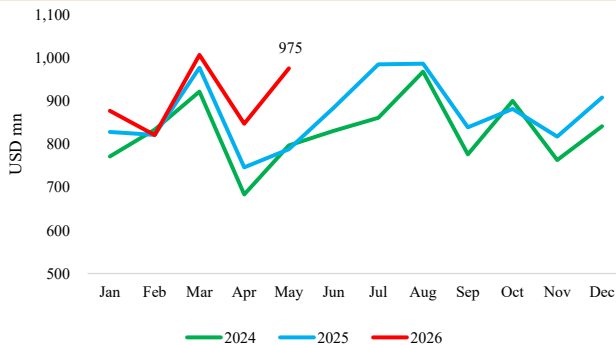
Tea and Rubber Prices



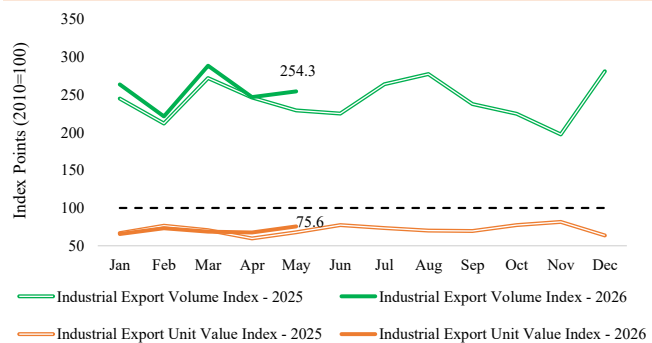
*Rubber (RSS) prices for February, March, June, October and November 2025 and January and February 2026 were not determined at the auction.

Industrial Exports

Industrial Exports

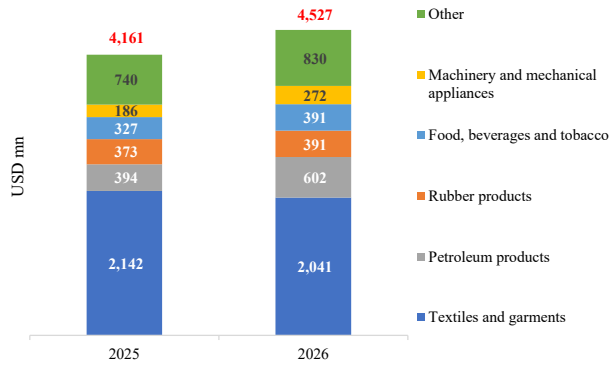


Volume and Unit Value Indices of Industrial Exports

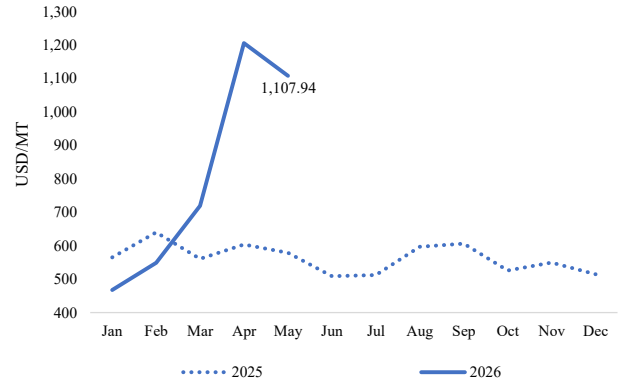


Industrial Exports (Continued...)

Performance of Industrial Exports - Jan.-May

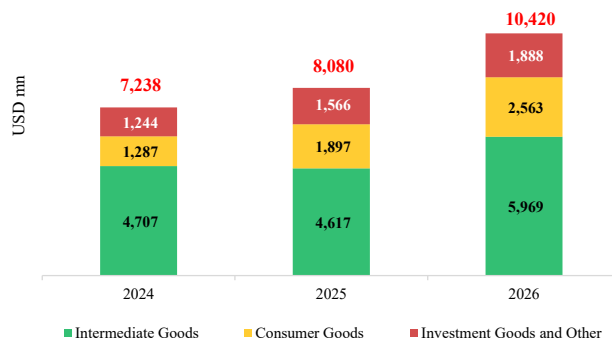


Bunker and Aviation Fuel Export Prices

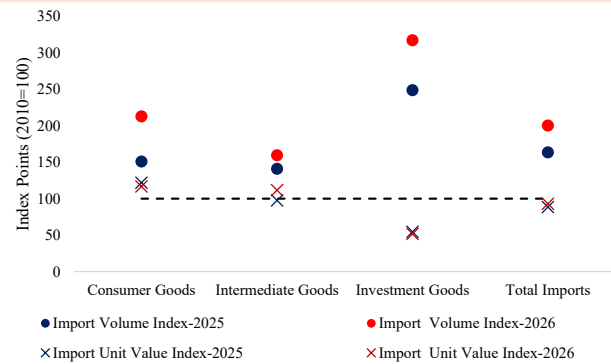


Merchandise Import Performance

Import Performance - Jan.-May

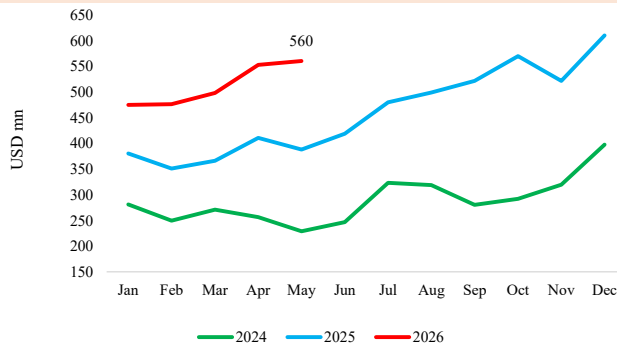


Volume and Unit Value Indices of Imports - Jan.-May

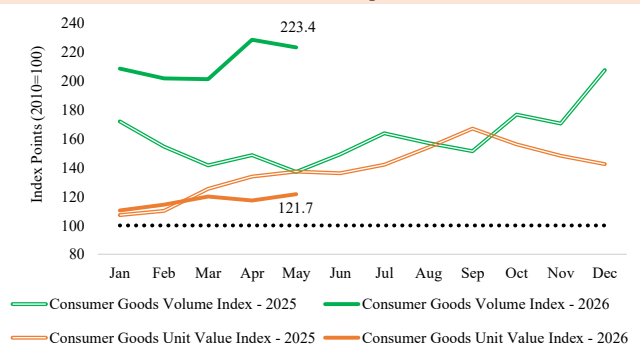


Consumer Goods Imports

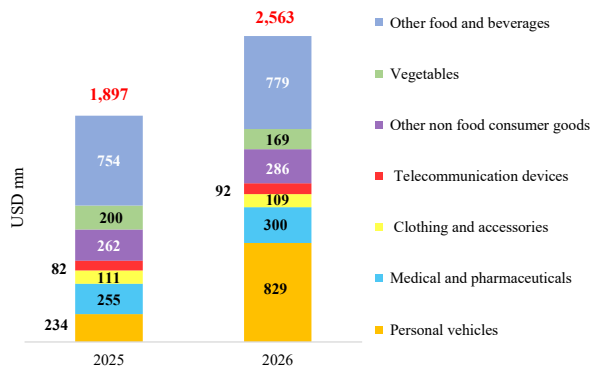
Consumer Goods Imports



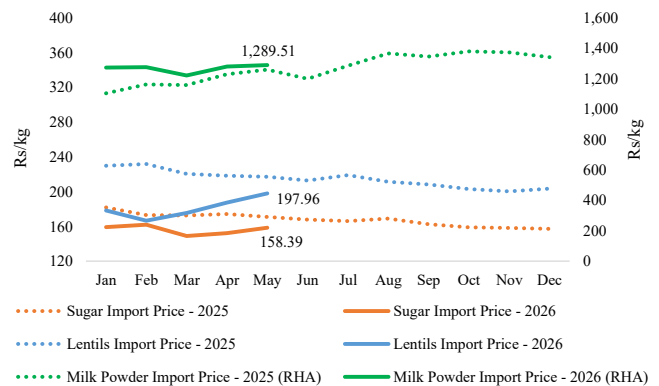
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Imports of Consumer Goods



Performance of Consumer Goods Imports - Jan.-May

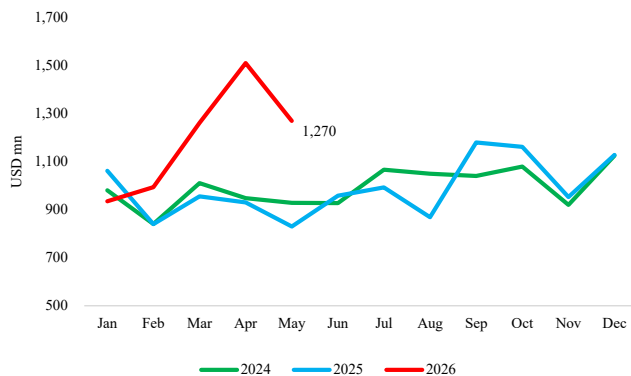


Average Import Prices of Sugar, Lentils and Milk Powder

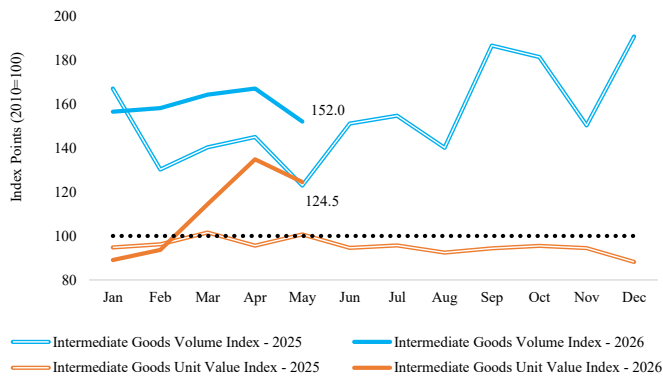


Intermediate Goods Imports

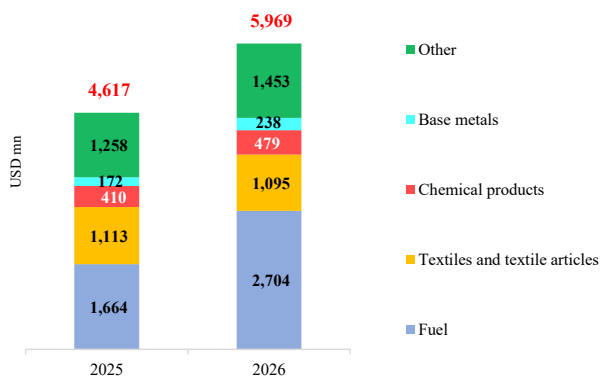
Intermediate Goods Imports



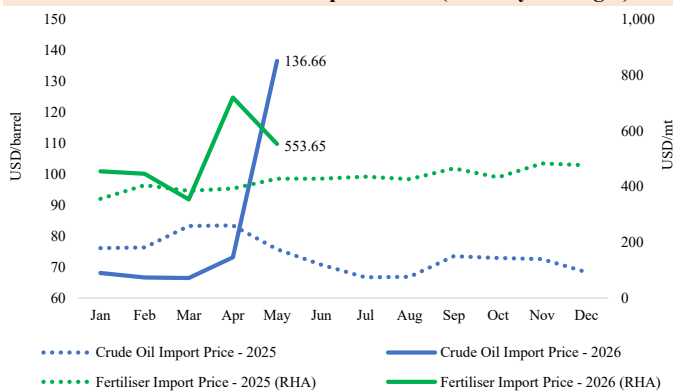
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Intermediate Goods Imports



Performance of Intermediate Goods Imports - Jan.-May

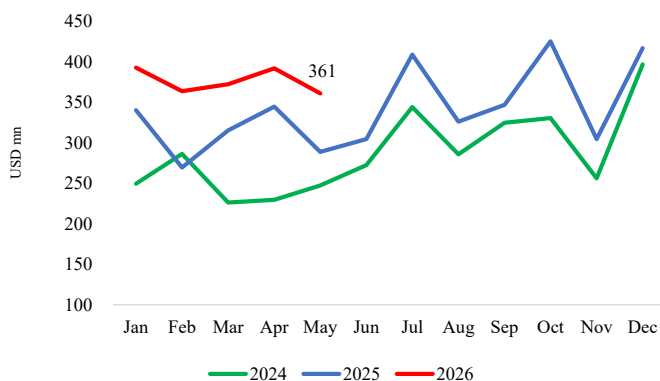


Crude Oil and Fertiliser Import Prices (Monthly Averages)

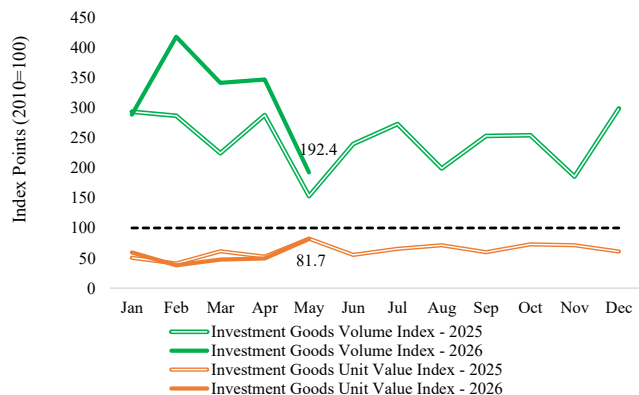


Investment Goods Imports

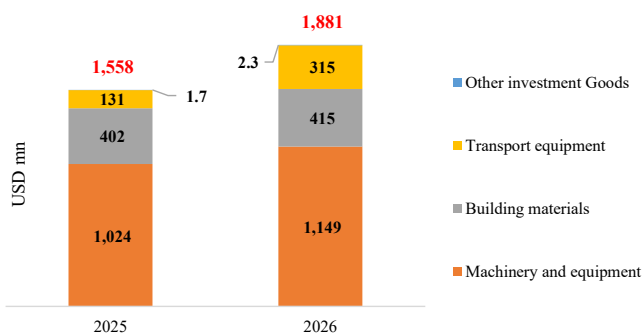
Imports of Investment Goods



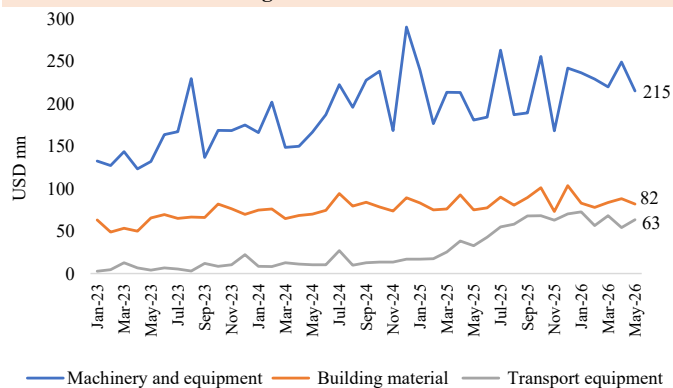
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Investment Goods Imports



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-25	May-26	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-May 2025	Jan-May 2026	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Agricultural Exports		243.6	244.7	0.4	1,172.2	1,206.8	2.9
o/w	Tea	131.8	130.3	-1.1	610.1	581.9	-4.6
	Coconut	43.1	54.7	26.9	198.1	240.4	21.3
	Spices	30.3	29.4	-2.8	171.1	163.3	-4.6
	Seafood	13.6	12.2	-10.3	88.5	105.5	19.2
Industrial Exports		787.8	975.5	23.8	4,160.7	4,527.5	8.8
o/w	Textiles and garments	389.9	415.9	6.7	2,141.7	2,040.6	-4.7
	Rubber products	71.4	89.2	24.9	372.6	391.4	5.0
	Petroleum products	69.7	152.5	118.8	393.8	601.8	52.8
	Food, beverages and tobacco	68.9	76.1	10.4	326.9	391.3	19.7
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	40.4	68.9	70.4	186.1	272.1	46.2
	Gems, diamonds and jewellery	34.3	29.6	-13.6	157.2	162.5	3.4
	Leather, travel goods and footwear	5.8	4.5	-23.1	23.8	22.8	-4.5
Mineral and Other Exports		3.2	4.1	29.7	17.3	25.1	45.3
Total Exports		1,034.7	1,224.3	18.3	5,350.3	5,759.4	7.6
Import Performance (USD mn)							
	Item	May-25	May-26	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-May 2025	Jan-May 2026	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Consumer goods		388.2	560.4	44.4	1,896.6	2,563.1	35.1
Food and beverages		159.9	201.3	25.9	954.0	947.4	-0.7
o/w	Vegetables (b)	34.9	34.5	-1.3	200.2	168.6	-15.8
	Rice	1.0	49.0	4,568.5	58.1	90.3	55.6
Non-food consumer goods		228.3	359.1	57.3	942.5	1,615.7	71.4
o/w	Medical and Pharmaceuticals	50.4	67.4	33.8	254.7	300.3	17.9
Intermediate goods		829.9	1,269.5	53.0	4,617.1	5,969.3	29.3
o/w	Fuel	252.8	536.0	112.0	1,664.2	2,703.7	62.5
	Textiles and textile articles	217.6	195.9	-10.0	1,112.8	1,095.3	-1.6
	Fertiliser	6.1	14.2	130.1	70.2	82.0	16.8
	Wheat and maize	11.0	54.3	395.1	103.2	161.0	56.0
Investment goods and other		289.0	362.1	25.3	1,566.4	1,887.6	20.5
o/w	Machinery and equipment	180.9	215.2	19.0	1,023.9	1,149.4	12.3
Total Imports		1,507.2	2,192.1	45.4	8,080.1	10,420.0	29.0
Trade Balance (USD mn)							
	Item	May-25	May-26		Jan-May 2025	Jan-May 2026	
Trade Balance		-472.5	-967.9		-2,729.8	-4,660.6	
Trade Indices and Terms of Trade (2010 = 100) (In USD terms)							
	Item	May-25	May-26	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-May 2025	Jan-May 2026	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Export							
	Value index	144.0	170.4	18.3	148.9	160.3	7.6
	Volume index	185.4	205.2	10.7	193.7	204.5	5.6
	Unit value index	77.7	83.0	6.9	76.9	78.4	2.0
Import							
	Value index	134.9	196.2	45.4	144.6	186.5	29.0
	Volume index	130.5	172.0	31.8	163.7	200.3	22.4
	Unit value index	103.3	114.1	10.4	88.4	93.1	5.4
Terms of Trade		75.2	72.8		87.0	84.2	

(a) Provisional

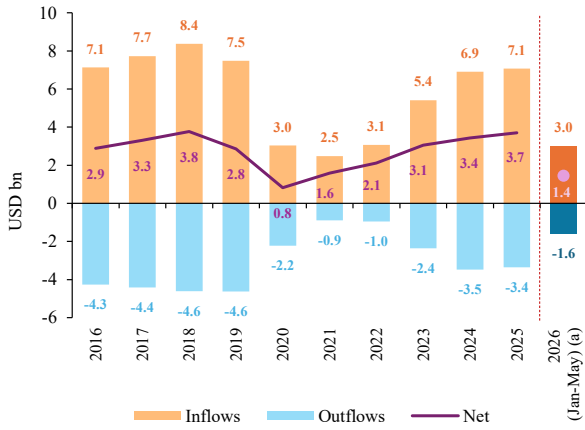
(b) includes lentils, onions, potatoes, leguminous vegetables and others

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

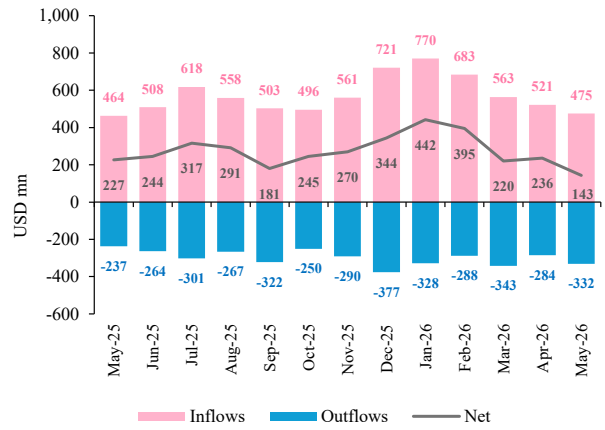
Note 2: Longer series of Merchandise Trade data can be accessed through : <https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/en/statistics/statistical-tables/external-sector>

Services Account

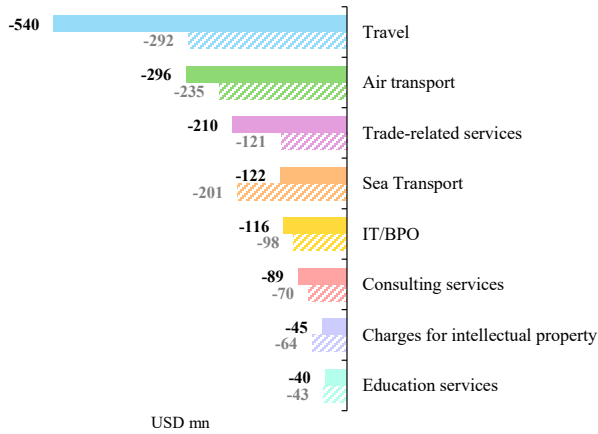
Services Account - Annual



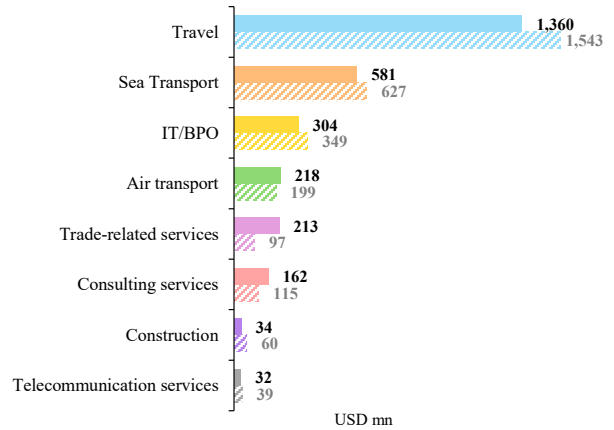
Services Account - Monthly (a)



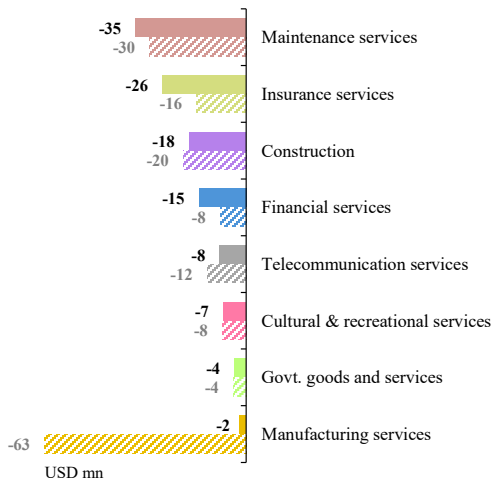
Major Services Outflows



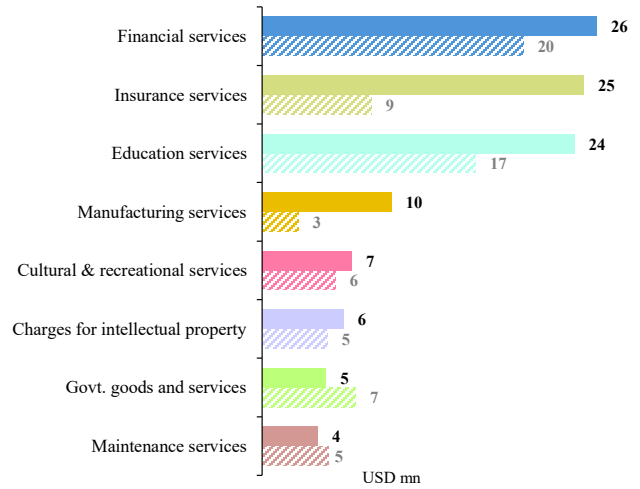
Major Services Inflows



Minor Services Outflows



Minor Services Inflows



Jan-May 2025

Jan-May 2026 (a)

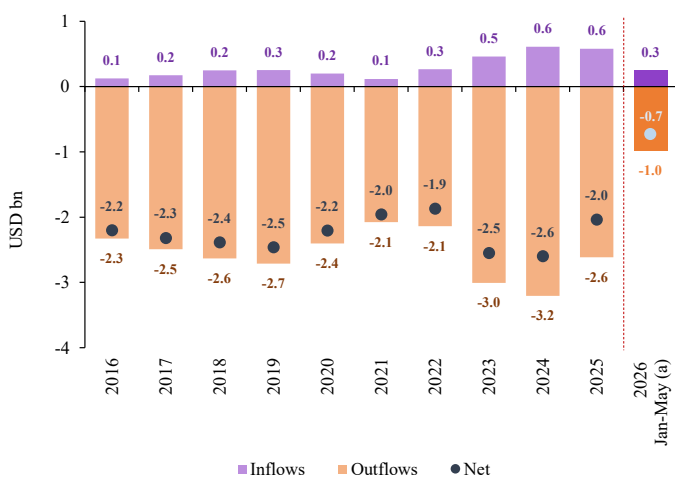
(a) Provisional

Primary Income Account

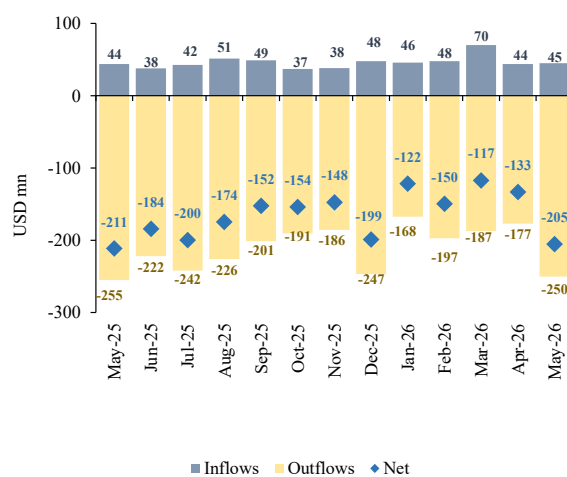
Summary of Primary Income Account (a)

Category	May 2025 (USD mn)	May 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-May 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-May 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Primary Income Account (net)	-211.5	-205.4		-825.0	-727.2	
Primary Income Account Inflows	43.6	44.9	3.0	276.3	252.5	-8.6
Primary Income Account Outflows	255.1	250.3	-1.9	1,101.3	979.8	-11.0
<i>of which,</i>						
Direct Investment related Interest Outflows	114.5	124.9	9.1	472.3	438.2	-7.2
Dividends	99.4	98.9	-0.5	387.4	307.1	-20.7
Reinvested Earnings	15.1	26.0	72.7	84.9	131.0	54.4
Portfolio Investment related Outflows	28.6	35.0	22.4	186.0	175.1	-5.8
<i>of which,</i>						
Government Bond Outflows	22.6	22.6	-0.02	167.9	151.3	-9.9
Other Investment Interest	109.8	87.8	-20.0	431.2	355.7	-17.5
<i>Interest on Foreign Loans</i>						
Government	60.3	63.0	4.5	255.7	258.9	1.3
Central Bank	26.2	22.0	-16.2	83.5	70.1	-16.1
Deposit-taking Corporations	4.1	1.3	-69.0	24.1	16.3	-32.4
Other Sectors	19.1	1.6	-91.6	67.9	10.5	-84.6

Primary Income Account - Annual



Primary Income Account - Monthly (a)



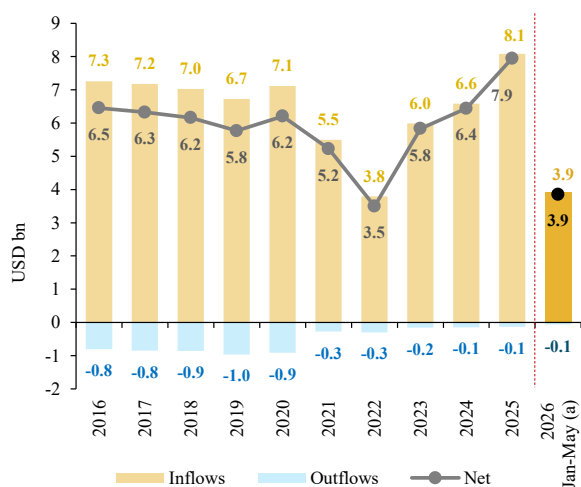
(a) Provisional

Secondary Income Account

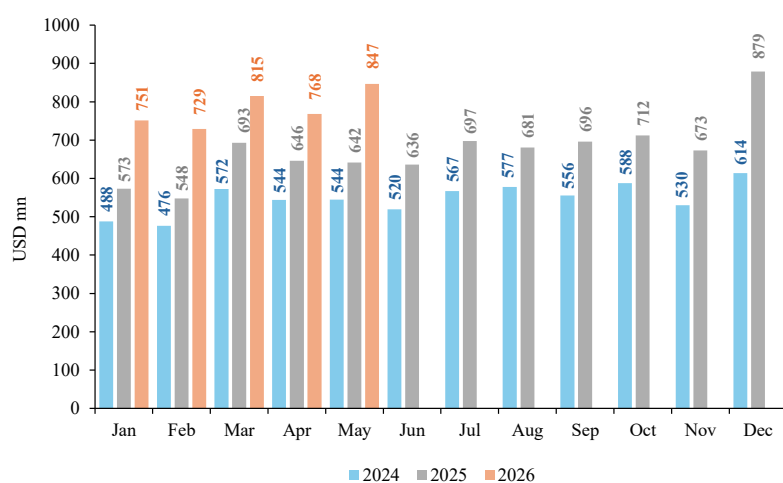
Summary of Secondary Income Account (a)

Category	May 2025 (USD mn)	May 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-May 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-May 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Secondary Income Account (net)	628.7	835.5	32.9	3,035.7	3,854.3	27.0
Secondary Income Account Inflows	641.9	847.4	32.0	3,103.1	3,914.0	26.1
General Government	0.2	0.5	166.1	0.8	4.3	421.8
Worker's Remittances (b)	641.7	847.0	32.0	3,102.2	3,909.7	26.0
Secondary Income Account Outflows	13.2	11.9	-9.7	67.3	59.7	-11.3

Secondary Income Account - Annual



Inward Workers' Remittances - Monthly

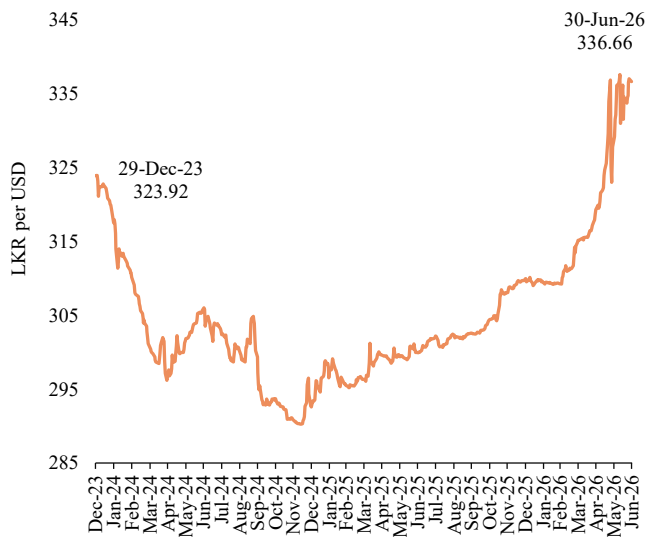


(a) Provisional

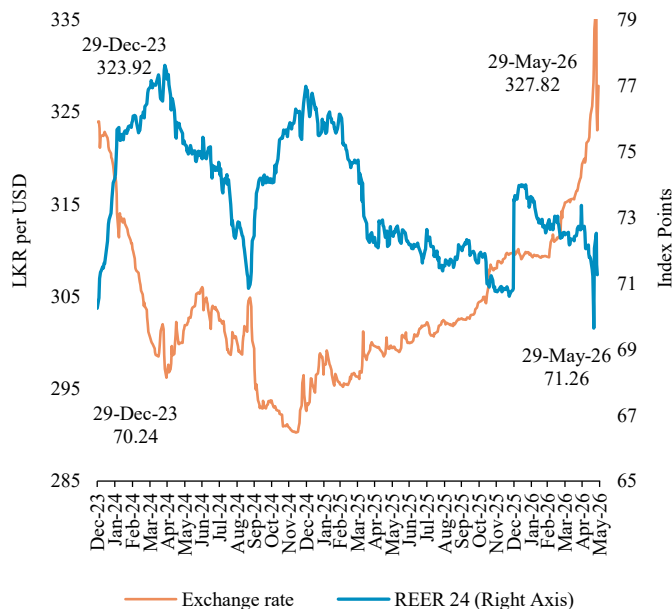
(b) Workers' remittances may include other remittances, such as those received following Cyclone Ditwah.

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 May 2026)



Movement of the Sri Lanka rupee against Selected Currencies *

Currency	2024	2025	2026 (up to 30 June)
US dollar	+10.7%	-5.6%	-7.9%
Euro	+17.8%	-16.3%	-5.2%
Pound sterling	+12.3%	-12.0%	-6.3%
Chinese yuan (Renminbi)	+13.9%	-9.6%	-10.5%
Japanese yen	+22.5%	-5.6%	-4.6%
Australian dollar	+21.7%	-12.2%	-10.2%
Indian rupee	+13.9%	-1.0%	-3.0%

* Depreciation (-) / Appreciation (+)

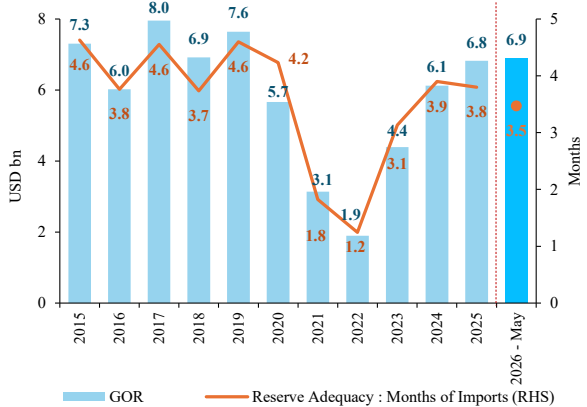
(a) Historical data on exchange rate is published in the CBSL website and can be accessed via the following link.

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

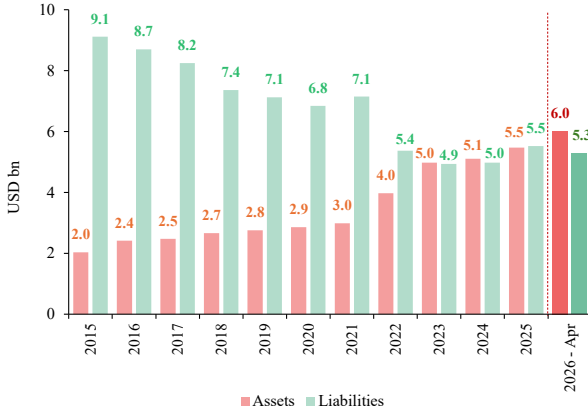
(b) Data for 2026 are revised based on the rebased CPI figures of several trading partner countries included in the currency basket

Financial Flows and International Reserves

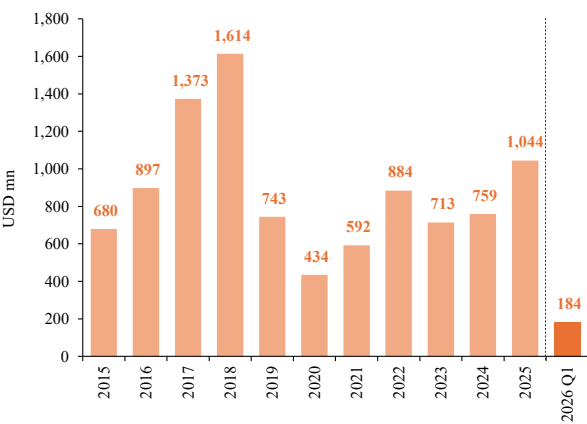
Gross Official Reserves (GOR) and Reserve Adequacy - End Period (a)



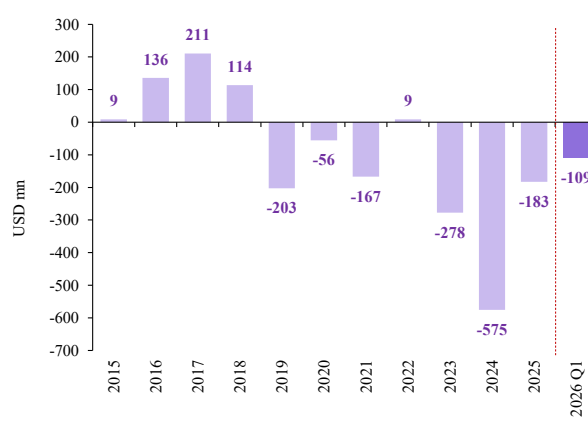
Foreign Assets and Liabilities of the Banking Sector



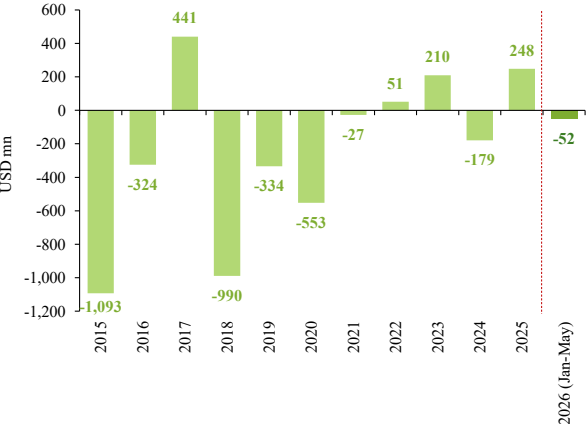
Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) (b)



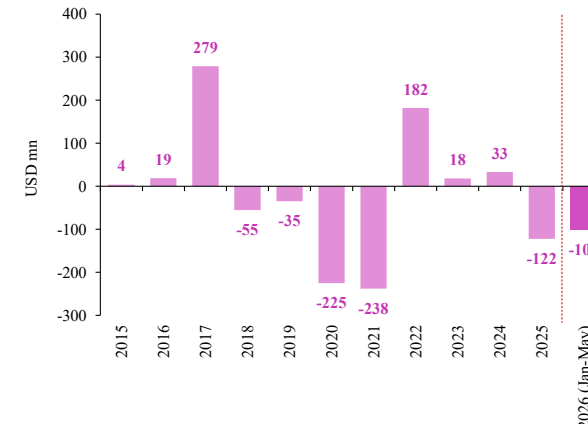
Foreign Loans to Private Sector (net)



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 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	May 2025 (USD mn)	May 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-May 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-May 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
1. Industrial exports	787.8	975.5	23.8	4,160.7	4,527.5	8.8
Food, beverages and tobacco	68.9	76.1	10.4	326.9	391.3	19.7
Animal fodder	14.3	15.1	5.9	63.1	79.5	25.9
Textiles and garments	389.9	415.9	6.7	2,141.7	2,040.6	-4.7
o/w Garments	355.0	385.4	8.6	1,974.6	1,885.2	-4.5
Textiles	24.3	21.2	-12.8	118.1	109.7	-7.1
Other made-up textile articles	10.6	9.3	-12.1	49.1	45.7	-6.7
Rubber products	71.4	89.2	24.9	372.6	391.4	5.0
Gems, diamonds and jewellery	34.3	29.6	-13.6	157.2	162.5	3.4
Machinery and mechanical appliances	40.4	68.9	70.4	186.1	272.1	46.2
Transport equipment	6.5	7.1	9.4	45.5	54.8	20.4
Petroleum products	69.7	152.5	118.8	393.8	601.8	52.8
Chemical products	24.2	30.5	26.1	128.0	146.6	14.6
Wood and paper products	9.5	12.5	31.9	51.1	57.1	11.7
Printing industry products	2.5	2.5	-0.4	17.0	18.0	6.2
Leather, travel goods and footwear	5.8	4.5	-23.1	23.8	22.8	-4.5
Plastics and articles thereof	4.4	5.8	30.8	20.8	27.2	31.2
Base metals and articles	15.2	20.1	32.3	79.2	98.7	24.7
Ceramic products	2.2	2.5	13.0	11.8	11.2	-5.2
Other industrial exports	28.6	42.6	49.0	142.1	151.8	6.9
2. Agricultural exports	243.6	244.7	0.4	1,172.2	1,206.8	2.9
Tea	131.8	130.3	-1.1	610.1	581.9	-4.6
Rubber	2.2	2.3	5.2	13.4	13.3	-0.5
Coconut	43.1	54.7	26.9	198.1	240.4	21.3
Spices	30.3	29.4	-2.8	171.1	163.3	-4.6
Vegetables	1.7	1.5	-15.3	11.4	12.8	12.0
Unmanufactured tobacco	2.2	3.6	62.2	8.9	12.3	38.1
Minor agricultural products	18.8	10.7	-42.8	70.7	77.3	9.4
Seafood	13.6	12.2	-10.3	88.5	105.5	19.2
3. Mineral exports	2.2	3.1	39.6	8.6	16.6	94.3
4. Unclassified exports	0.9	1.0	6.7	8.7	8.5	-2.7
Total exports	1,034.7	1,224.3	18.3	5,350.3	5,759.4	7.6

(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	May 2025 (USD mn)	May 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-May 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-May 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
1. Consumer goods	388.2	560.4	44.4	1,896.6	2,563.1	35.1
Food and beverages	159.9	201.3	25.9	954.0	947.4	-0.7
Cereals and milling industry products	3.8	53.8	1,315.6	74.2	105.0	41.5
Dairy products	40.7	22.5	-44.9	161.8	166.8	3.1
Vegetables (b)	34.9	34.5	-1.3	200.2	168.6	-15.8
Seafood	8.8	11.9	35.9	42.5	71.0	67.3
Sugar and confectionery	20.3	27.3	34.2	180.1	132.9	-26.2
Spices	8.3	8.9	7.1	41.8	59.8	43.1
Oils and Fats	24.5	23.9	-2.3	161.4	135.0	-16.4
Other food and beverages	18.6	18.7	0.3	92.0	108.1	17.5
Non-food consumer goods	228.3	359.1	57.3	942.5	1,615.7	71.4
Personal vehicles	91.9	207.8	126.2	233.6	828.8	254.8
Medical and pharmaceuticals	50.4	67.4	33.8	254.7	300.3	17.9
Home appliances	14.1	16.7	18.6	89.3	111.9	25.3
Clothing and accessories	22.4	15.9	-28.7	110.6	108.8	-1.6
Telecommunication devices	14.2	20.5	44.1	82.1	91.7	11.7
Household and furniture items	10.4	9.4	-9.5	60.9	64.5	5.9
Other non-food consumables	25.0	21.4	-14.6	111.3	109.6	-1.5
2. Intermediate goods	829.9	1,269.5	53.0	4,617.1	5,969.3	29.3
Fuel	252.8	536.0	112.0	1,664.2	2,703.7	62.5
o/w Crude oil	55.5	94.9	70.9	344.2	394.1	14.5
Refined petroleum	197.2	418.7	112.3	1,190.5	2,173.0	82.5
Coal	0.1	22.4	30,220.0	129.5	136.6	5.5
Diamonds, precious stones, and metals	11.4	17.1	50.3	53.3	81.0	52.0
Textiles and textile articles	217.6	195.9	-10.0	1,112.8	1,095.3	-1.6
Paper and paperboard and articles thereof	32.6	36.6	12.2	163.7	167.2	2.1
Agricultural inputs	24.2	22.3	-7.9	114.5	129.9	13.4
Wheat and maize	11.0	54.3	395.1	103.2	161.0	56.0
Base metals	55.5	96.2	73.4	171.9	238.5	38.8
Plastics and articles thereof	46.8	75.6	61.8	252.1	281.2	11.5
Chemical products	77.3	103.5	33.8	410.5	478.6	16.6
Fertiliser	6.1	14.2	130.1	70.2	82.0	16.8
Rubber and articles thereof	21.4	24.5	14.9	115.4	119.6	3.6
Mineral products	5.9	18.6	214.7	51.9	81.3	56.6
Other intermediate goods	67.4	74.9	11.1	333.4	350.1	5.0
3. Investment goods	288.8	360.9	25.0	1,558.1	1,881.0	20.7
Machinery and equipment	180.9	215.2	19.0	1,023.9	1,149.4	12.3
Building material	74.9	81.7	9.2	401.6	414.6	3.2
Transport equipment	32.7	63.4	93.7	130.8	314.8	140.6
o/w Commercial Vehicles	26.6	42.3	59.2	78.8	242.5	207.9
Other investment goods	0.3	0.6	96.2	1.7	2.3	32.0
4. Unclassified imports	0.3	1.3	339.8	8.3	6.6	-20.8
Total imports	1,507.2	2,192.1	45.4	8,080.1	10,420.0	29.0
o/w Non-fuel imports	1,254.4	1,656.1	32.0	6,415.9	7,716.3	20.3

(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 2025 (USD mn)	May 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-May 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-May 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
0. Food and live animals	269.6	262.5	-2.6	1,277.7	1,355.7	6.1
03 Fish and fish preparations	16.6	19.7	18.7	110.5	153.4	38.8
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	6.7	6.4	-5.3	33.8	34.0	0.7
05 Vegetables and fruit	56.7	49.7	-12.2	235.0	263.6	12.1
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	163.2	159.2	-2.4	781.9	746.5	-4.5
1. Beverages and tobacco	13.5	18.9	39.9	66.5	75.2	13.0
11 Beverages	5.9	8.1	37.1	31.6	29.4	-7.0
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	7.6	10.8	42.2	35.0	45.9	31.1
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	34.0	44.4	30.6	174.4	206.0	18.1
23 Crude rubber	2.3	2.5	9.8	14.0	14.0	-0.5
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	19.9	18.5	-7.2	102.9	78.8	-23.4
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	69.7	152.5	118.8	393.8	601.8	52.8
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	69.7	152.5	118.8	393.8	596.1	51.4
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	0	0		0	5.7	
4. Animal and vegetable oils, fats, and waxes	16.2	17.0	4.7	72.1	79.5	10.1
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	10.7	13.0	22.3	48.8	61.5	26.0
5. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	27.9	36.6	31.1	147.6	174.2	18.0
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	143.6	153.5	6.9	704.6	726.5	3.1
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	50.2	64.1	27.6	253.2	271.2	7.1
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, etc., n.e.s.	33.4	29.3	-12.5	161.5	146.2	-9.5
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	40.0	34.1	-14.7	184.2	179.4	-2.6
7. Machinery, transport equipment	45.3	74.1	63.6	225.0	317.2	41.0
77 Electric machinery, apparatus, and appliances, n.e.s. and electrical parts thereof	25.4	37.8	48.6	115.4	151.1	30.9
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles	414.9	464.8	12.0	2,288.4	2,223.3	-2.8
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	379.4	413.8	9.1	2,106.7	2,019.7	-4.1
9. Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	0	0		0.1	0.0	
Total exports	1,034.7	1,224.3	18.3	5,350.3	5,759.4	7.6

(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/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	May 2025 (USD mn)	May 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-May 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-May 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
0. Food and live animals	178.4	262.0	46.8	1,054.9	1,146.0	8.6
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	40.8	22.5	-44.9	162.1	167.1	3.1
03 Fish and fish preparations	8.9	12.0	34.8	43.2	71.9	66.4
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	14.5	107.8	642.6	175.2	264.2	50.8
05 Vegetables and fruit	40.6	40.4	-0.3	233.2	206.3	-11.5
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	20.3	27.3	34.2	180.1	132.9	-26.2
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	16.7	15.3	-8.5	82.8	99.7	20.4
1. Beverages and tobacco	12.8	12.3	-3.8	48.6	58.6	20.6
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	34.9	40.7	16.5	183.1	211.8	15.7
23 Crude rubber	18.3	20.6	12.6	98.5	103.4	5.0
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	1.9	1.5	-25.1	7.1	7.7	7.9
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	252.8	536.0	112.0	1,664.2	2,703.7	62.5
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	222.7	477.0	114.2	1,349.1	2,413.3	78.9
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	30.0	36.6	22.0	185.7	153.8	-17.2
4. Animal and vegetable oils, fats, and waxes	35.3	34.8	-1.3	199.6	151.6	-24.0
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	33.8	34.1	0.9	190.1	148.1	-22.1
5. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	177.2	254.2	43.4	966.5	1,127.3	16.6
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	47.4	60.8	28.1	230.9	272.6	18.0
56 Fertilisers, manufactured	6.0	14.2	134.0	70.1	81.6	16.5
57 Plastics in primary forms	30.9	56.8	83.7	163.6	190.3	16.3
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	11.7	15.0	28.7	66.5	73.7	10.8
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	401.1	449.1	12.0	1,967.7	2,098.7	6.7
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles thereof	30.9	34.3	11.3	152.6	159.3	4.4
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, etc., n.e.s.	212.2	191.2	-9.9	1,087.7	1,072.6	-1.4
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	27.0	46.1	70.4	166.7	225.0	34.9
67 Iron and steel	63.1	102.9	63.0	226.2	261.0	15.4
7. Machinery, transport equipment	333.5	522.1	56.6	1,565.3	2,509.1	60.3
72 Machinery specialized for particular industries	37.8	41.4	9.4	185.4	245.4	32.3
74 General industrial machinery and equipment and machine parts, n.e.s.	40.1	53.0	32.0	315.7	287.2	-9.1
75 Office machines and automatic data-processing machines	15.4	20.9	35.5	86.6	133.9	54.6
76 Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	28.4	37.4	31.6	181.1	240.4	32.8
77 Electric machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s. and electrical parts thereof	59.4	68.7	15.7	258.5	297.1	15.0
78 Road vehicles	125.2	259.1	106.9	376.2	1,130.1	200.4
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles	80.7	79.6	-1.4	424.6	407.8	-4.0
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	18.6	13.1	-29.6	98.5	91.3	-7.3
87 Professional, scientific, and controlling instruments and apparatus n.e.s.	15.5	24.7	59.1	83.5	104.4	25.0
9. Commodities and transactions not elsewhere specified in SITC	0.4	1.3	200.9	5.5	5.4	-3.2
Total imports	1,507.2	2,192.1	45.4	8,080.1	10,420.0	29.0

(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>

Services Account – Inflows (a)

	May 2025 (USD mn)	May 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-May 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-May 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Services	463.6	475.3	2.5	3,101.2	3,012.0	-2.9
Manufacturing services	0.9	1.8	100.2	2.8	10.0	255.6
Maintenance and repair services	0.2	1.4		5.1	4.3	-15.7
Transport	137.3	156.2	13.7	826.1	799.3	-3.2
Sea transport	98.1	112.7	14.9	627.1	580.7	-7.4
Passenger	0.1	0.1	68.7	0.1	0.1	81.2
Freight	54.6	70.0	28.2	349.3	316.7	-9.3
Other	43.4	42.6	-2.0	277.7	263.8	-5.0
Air transport	39.2	43.4	10.8	198.6	218.1	9.8
Passenger	30.1	22.9	-23.8	146.7	143.8	-2.0
Freight	2.6	1.5	-41.2	16.5	10.2	-37.8
Other	6.5	19.0	190.5	35.5	64.1	80.7
Postal services	0.04	0.1	139.4	0.4	0.5	20.4
Travel ^(b)	164.1	155.7	-5.1	1,543.1	1,360.0	-11.9
Construction	9.7	6.4	-34.5	59.8	34.1	-42.9
Construction abroad	0.4	1.1	164.2	8.3	8.4	1.3
Construction in the reporting economy	2.9	2.7	-6.8	18.1	11.3	-37.7
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	6.4	2.5	-60.4	33.3	14.4	-56.8
Insurance and pension services	1.7	6.9	315.6	8.5	25.0	194.0
Direct insurance	1.6	5.5	236.1	6.9	20.9	205.7
Reinsurance	0.03	1.4		1.6	4.1	145.7
Financial services	2.6	2.5	-5.0	20.3	26.0	28.2
Charges for the use of intellectual property	1.6	1.3	-17.9	5.1	6.3	24.5
Telecommunications, computer, and information services	95.2	72.2	-24.2	388.0	335.8	-13.5
Telecommunications services	9.9	5.5	-44.5	39.0	31.8	-18.3
Computer & IT/BPO related services	85.4	66.7	-21.8	349.1	304.0	-12.9
Computer services	85.0	66.1	-22.1	345.1	302.7	-12.3
Information services	0.4	0.6	38.0	4.0	1.3	-67.9
Other business services	47.7	69.4	45.5	229.3	399.2	74.1
Education services	3.7	2.1	-42.7	16.6	24.3	46.2
Professional and management consulting services	21.1	29.8	41.4	115.5	162.1	40.3
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	22.9	37.4	63.7	97.2	212.8	119.0
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.6	1.0	77.8	5.7	7.0	22.2
Audiovisual and related services	0.2	0.8	262.8	2.2	5.5	147.3
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.4	0.2	-32.4	3.5	1.5	-57.3
Government goods and services	2.0	0.6	-71.1	7.3	5.0	-31.9

(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.

(b) The Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority has revised the methodology of compiling monthly earnings from tourism estimates in May 2026 to enhance the accuracy and representativeness of such estimates incorporating country-specific data on tourist arrivals, average daily expenditure, and average duration of stay. The revised methodology has been applied retrospectively to monthly estimates from January 2026 onwards. Accordingly, monthly estimates on earnings from tourism for January – April 2026 have been revised

Sources: SLTDA, ITRS – CBSL

Services Account – Outflows (a)

	May 2025 (USD mn)	May 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-May 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-May 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Services	236.9	332.0	40.1	1,286.4	1,575.2	22.5
Manufacturing services	8.8	0.1	-99.2	63.1	2.1	-96.6
Maintenance and repair services	4.0	7.6	91.7	30.2	34.6	14.6
Transport	91.8	128.1	39.5	437.3	419.9	-4.0
Sea transport	42.0	28.1	-33.0	200.9	122.1	-39.2
Passenger	0.01	0.1		0.05	0.2	430.8
Freight	36.6	23.7	-35.4	186.3	107.6	-42.2
Other	5.3	4.3	-19.1	14.6	14.2	-2.4
Air transport	49.4	99.5	101.5	235.4	296.2	25.8
Passenger	16.7	18.4	10.2	87.7	72.6	-17.2
Freight	26.1	35.5	36.1	115.5	133.6	15.6
Other	6.6	45.6		32.2	90.0	179.4
Postal services	0.5	0.5	16.7	1.0	1.6	63.1
Travel	39.4	87.7	122.5	291.7	539.8	85.0
Construction	1.3	1.9	45.5	19.6	17.8	-9.3
Construction abroad	0.04	0.1	64.6	2.1	3.5	64.5
Construction in the reporting economy	0.04	0.0		4.3	2.5	-43.0
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	1.2	1.8	49.6	13.2	11.9	-10.1
Insurance and pension services	2.9	5.0	74.8	15.5	26.2	68.7
Direct insurance	0.6	1.5	134.4	5.0	8.2	62.6
Reinsurance	2.2	3.6	57.8	10.5	18.0	71.6
Financial services	1.1	1.8	66.2	8.2	14.7	80.2
Charges for the use of intellectual property	11.2	5.4	-51.8	64.4	45.4	-29.5
Telecommunications, computer, and information services	23.0	24.9	8.3	109.9	124.4	13.2
Telecommunications services	1.5	2.5	66.4	12.2	8.3	-32.2
Computer & IT/BPO related services	21.5	22.4	4.2	97.7	116.1	18.8
Computer services	21.0	22.0	4.6	94.8	112.3	18.4
Information services	0.5	0.5	-10.4	2.9	3.8	33.1
Other business services	51.7	68.6	32.6	234.9	339.5	44.6
Education services	8.0	6.2	-22.2	43.1	39.8	-7.7
Professional and management consulting services	15.9	19.0	19.4	70.4	89.4	27.0
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	27.8	43.3	55.9	121.4	210.3	73.3
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	1.3	0.7	-47.5	7.5	7.2	-4.4
Audiovisual and related services	1.2	0.5	-59.0	7.0	6.6	-5.7
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.1	0.2	126.2	0.5	0.6	13.9
Government goods and services	0.4	0.3	-31.0	4.0	3.6	-10.4

(a) Provisional.

Sources: SLTDA, ITRS – CBSL

Services Account – Net (a)

	May 2025 (USD mn)	May 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-May 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-May 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Services	226.6	143.2	-36.8	1,814.8	1,436.8	-20.8
Manufacturing services	-7.9	1.7	-121.4	-60.3	7.9	-113.2
Maintenance and repair services	-3.8	-6.2	63.0	-25.1	-30.3	20.8
Transport	45.5	28.0	-38.4	388.8	379.5	-2.4
Sea transport	56.1	84.5	50.8	426.2	458.6	7.6
Passenger	0.1	-0.01	-125.4	0.03	-0.1	-448.6
Freight	17.9	46.3	158.0	163.0	209.1	28.3
Other	38.1	38.3	0.4	263.1	249.6	-5.1
Air transport	-10.2	-56.1		-36.8	-78.1	112.1
Passenger	13.3	4.5	-66.5	59.0	71.2	20.7
Freight	-23.5	-34.0	44.5	-99.1	-123.3	24.5
Other	-0.04	-26.6		3.3	-25.9	
Postal services	-0.4	-0.4	5.6	-0.6	-1.1	95.2
Travel	124.7	68.0	-45.5	1,251.4	820.2	-34.5
Construction	8.4	4.5	-46.7	40.1	16.3	-59.4
Construction abroad	0.4	1.0	176.0	6.2	5.0	-20.3
Construction in the reporting economy	2.9	2.7	-5.5	13.8	8.8	-36.1
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	5.2	0.7	-86.0	20.1	2.5	-87.5
Insurance and pension services	-1.2	1.9		-7.0	-1.2	-83.0
Direct insurance	1.0	4.0		1.8	12.7	
Reinsurance	-2.2	-2.1	-4.1	-8.8	-13.9	57.8
Financial services	1.5	0.7	-53.8	12.1	11.3	-7.0
Charges for the use of intellectual property	-9.7	-4.1	-57.3	-59.3	-39.1	-34.2
Telecommunications, computer, and information services	72.2	47.3	-34.5	278.1	211.4	-24.0
Telecommunications services	8.4	3.0	-64.4	26.8	23.6	-11.9
Computer & IT/BPO related services	63.9	44.3	-30.6	251.4	187.8	-25.3
Computer services	63.9	44.2	-30.9	250.3	190.4	-23.9
Information services	-0.1	0.1	-280.9	1.1	-2.5	-331.1
Other business services	-4.0	0.8		-5.6	59.6	
Education services	-4.3	-4.1	-4.2	-26.5	-15.5	-41.5
Professional and management consulting services	5.2	10.8	109.7	45.1	72.7	61.2
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	-4.9	-5.9	20.0	-24.2	2.5	-110.2
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	-0.7	0.4	-149.6	-1.8	-0.2	-88.0
Audiovisual and related services	-1.0	0.3	-129.0	-4.8	-1.1	-76.1
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.3	0.1	-77.1	3.0	0.9	-68.9
Government goods and services	1.6	0.3	-81.4	3.3	1.4	-58.2

(a) Provisional.

Sources: SLTDA, ITRS – CBSL