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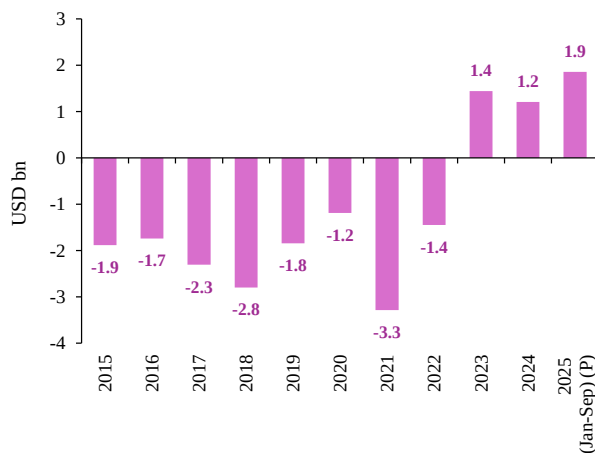
Current Account

Summary of Current Account (a)

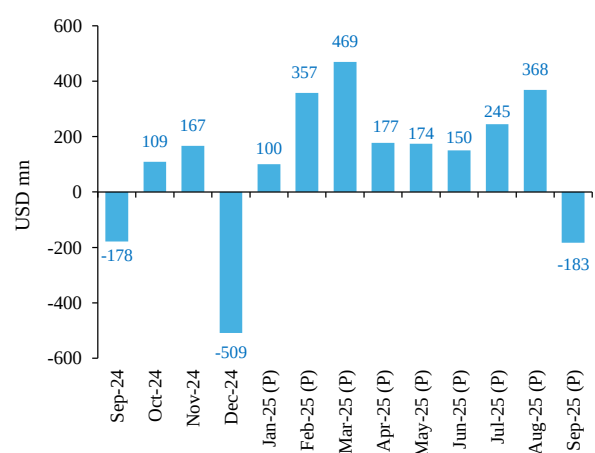
Category	Sep 2024 (USD mn)	Sep 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Sep 2024 (USD mn)	Jan-Sep 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Current Account Balance	-178.4	-182.6	2.3	1,439.6	1,856.9	29.0
Trade Balance	-634.0	-910.1		-4,200.2	-5,174.4	
Merchandise Exports	1,011.7	1,138.5	12.5	9,518.1	10,215.1	7.3
Merchandise Imports	1,645.7	2,048.6	24.5	13,718.3	15,389.5	12.2
Services Account (net)	192.9	180.7	-6.3	2,801.2	2,847.8	1.7
Services Account - Inflows	498.3	503.1	1.0	5,120.1	5,288.5	3.3
Services Account - Outflows	305.4	322.4	5.6	2,318.9	2,440.8	5.3
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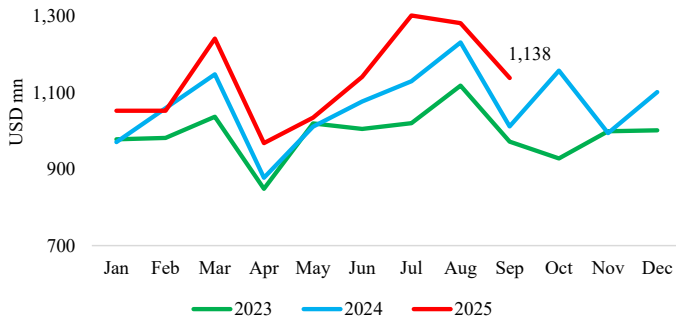


Current Account Balance - Monthly

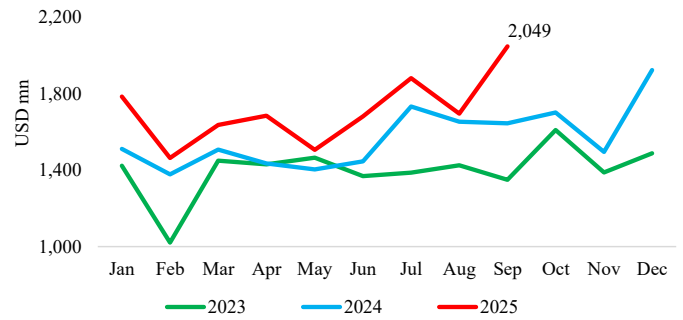


Merchandise Trade Highlights

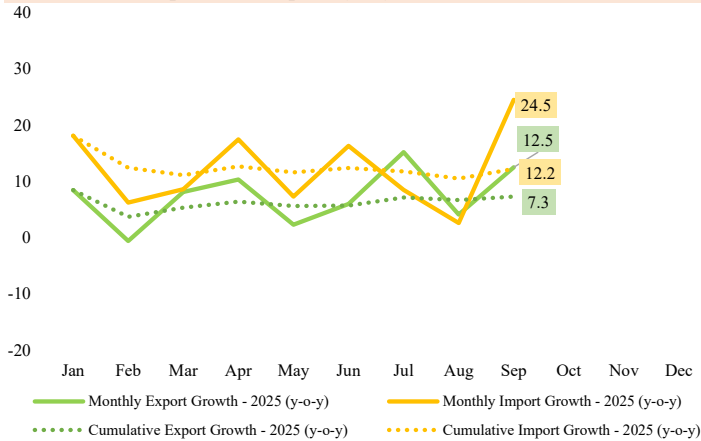
Monthly Export Performance



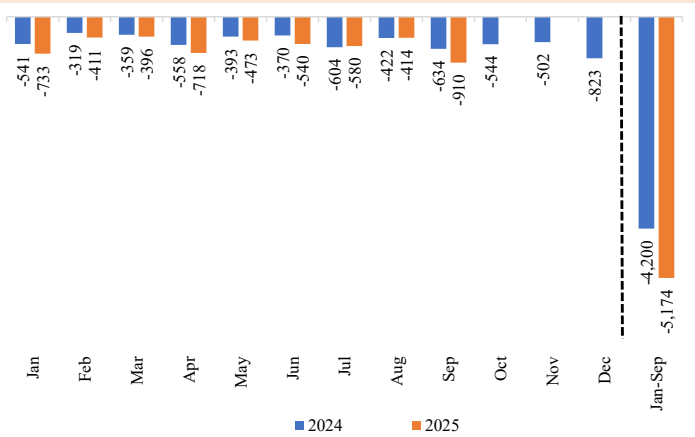
Monthly Import Performance



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



Trade Balance (USD mn)



Major Merchandise Export and Import Categories - January - September 2025

Exports (USD mn)

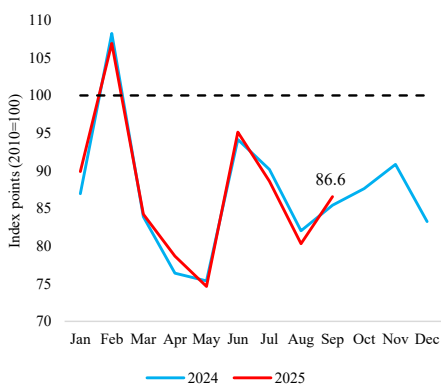
Textiles and garments	4,021.4
Tea	1,163.0
Petroleum products	719.9
Rubber products	689.8
Food beverages and tobacco	662.4
Coconut	425.8
Machinery and mechanical appliances	353.9
Spices	324.4
Gems, diamonds and jewellery	299.5
Chemical products	230.6

Imports (USD mn)

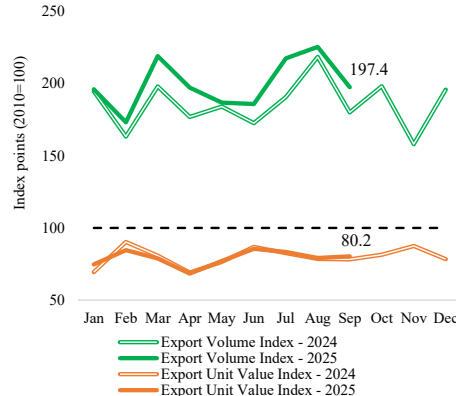
Fuel	2,961.3
Textiles and textile articles	2,037.3
Machinery and equipment	1,847.5
Vehicles	932.6
Chemical products	751.2
Building material	739.2
Medical and pharmaceuticals	475.8
Plastics and articles thereof	472.7
Base metals	359.3
Transport equipment	354.4

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

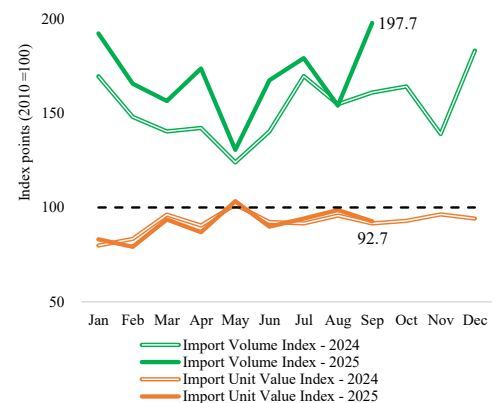
Terms of Trade



Export Volume and Unit Value Indices

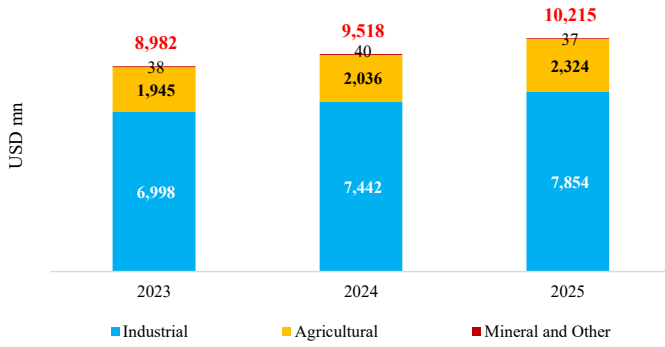


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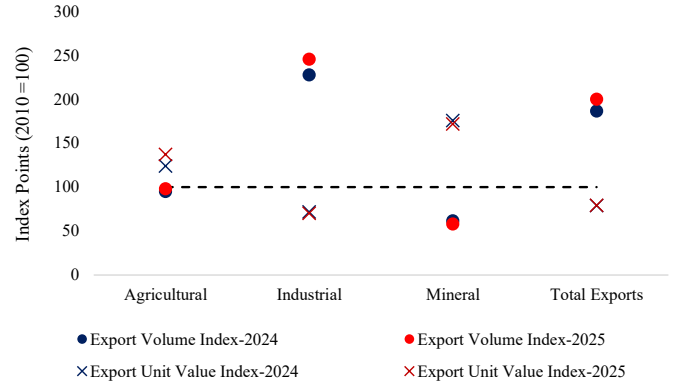


Merchandise Export Performance

Export Performance - Jan-Sep

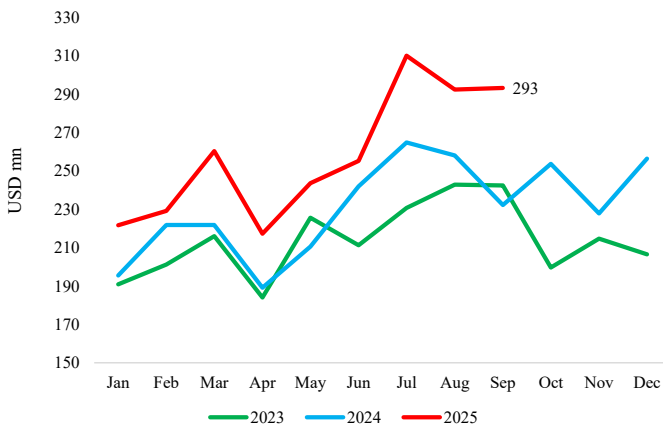


Volume and Unit Value Indices of Exports - Jan-Sep

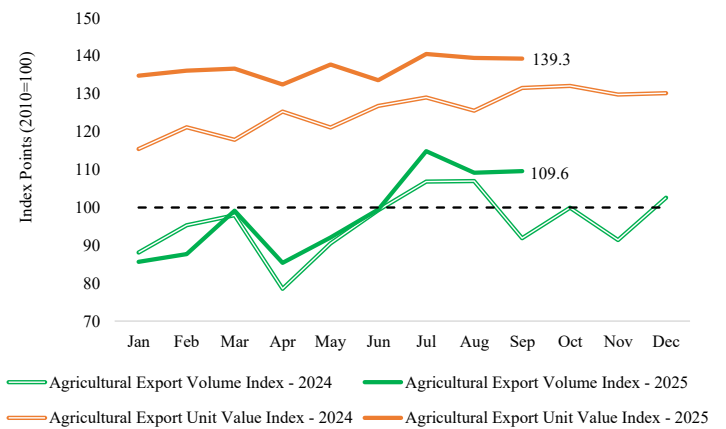


Agricultural Exports

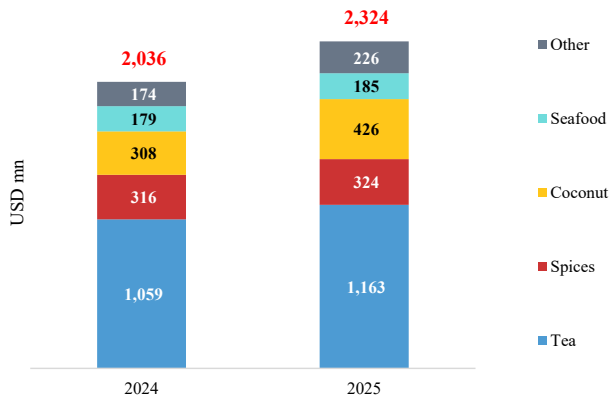
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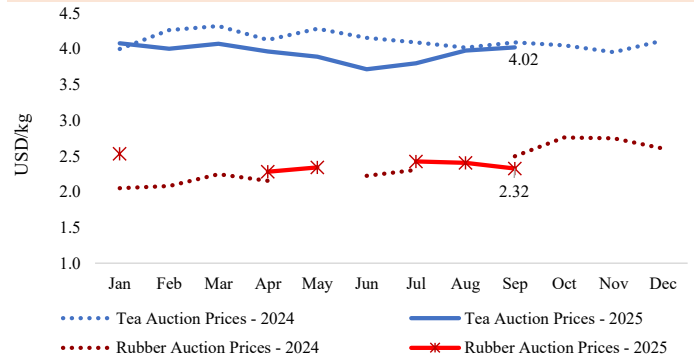
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Agricultural Exports



Performance of Agricultural Exports - Jan-Sep



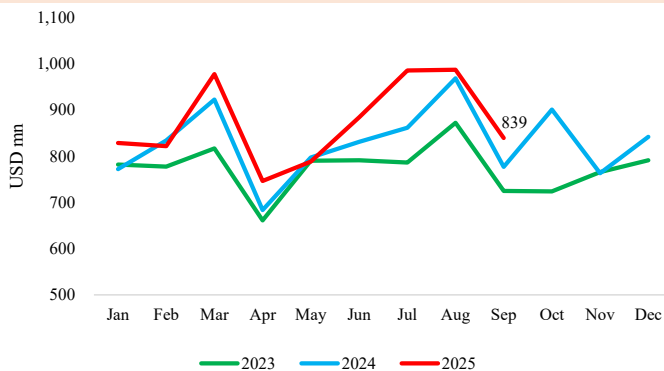
Tea and Rubber Prices



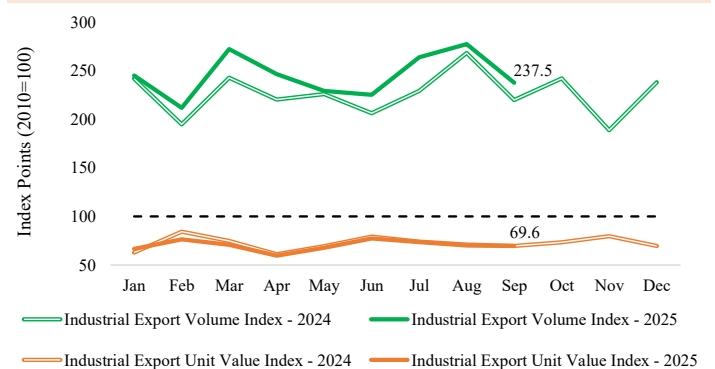
*Rubber (RSS) prices for May, August 2024 and February, March, June 2025 were not determined at the auction.

Industrial Exports

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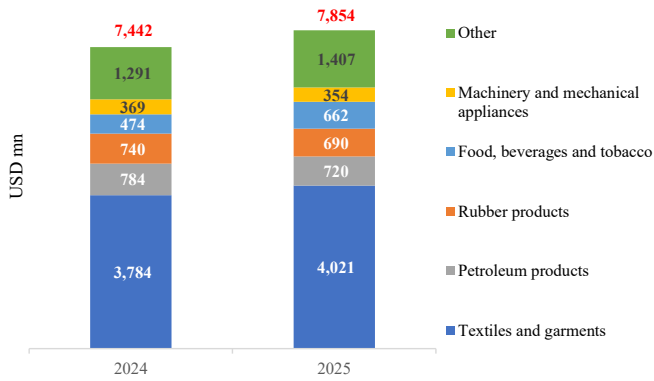


Volume and Unit Value Indices of Industrial Exports

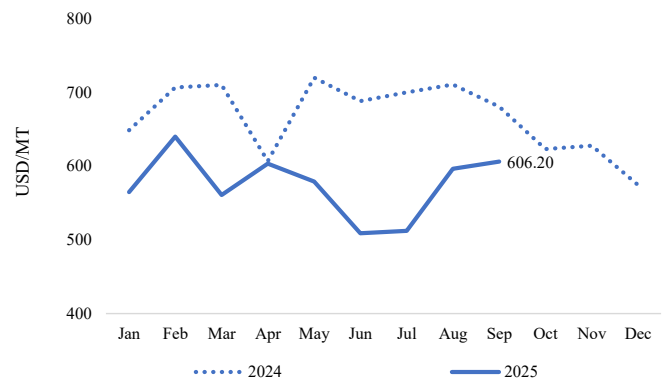


Industrial Exports (Continued...)

Performance of Industrial Exports - Jan- Sep

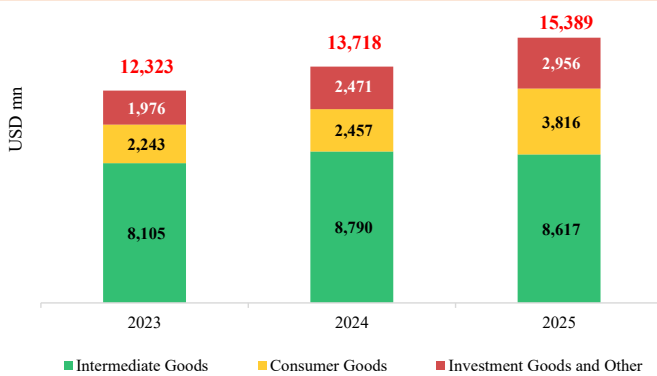


Bunker and Aviation Fuel Export Prices

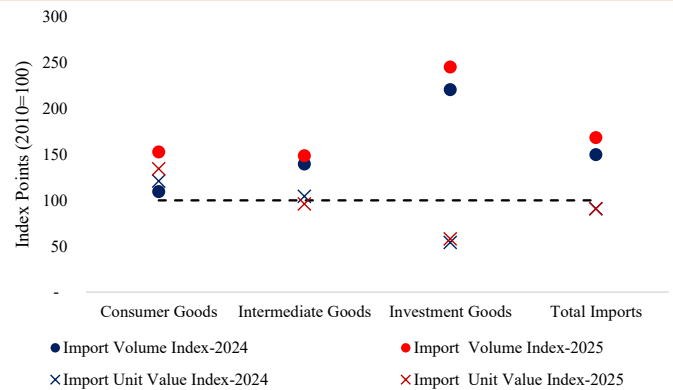


Merchandise Import Performance

Import Performance - Jan- Sep

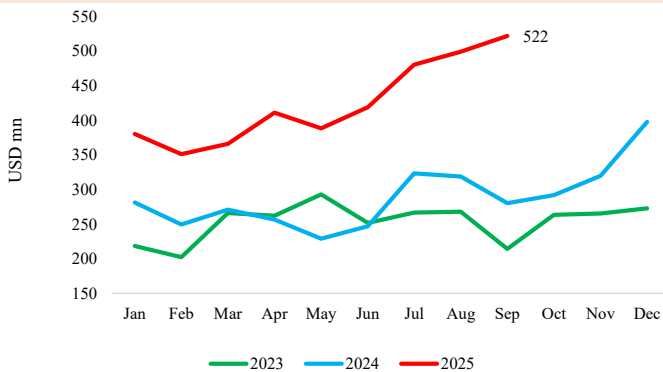


Volume and Unit Value Indices of Imports - Jan- Sep

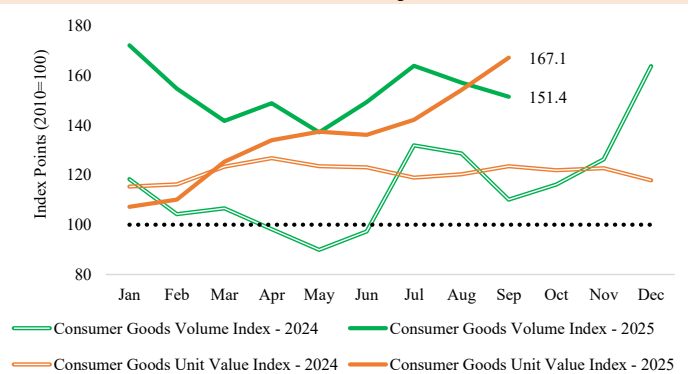


Consumer Goods Imports

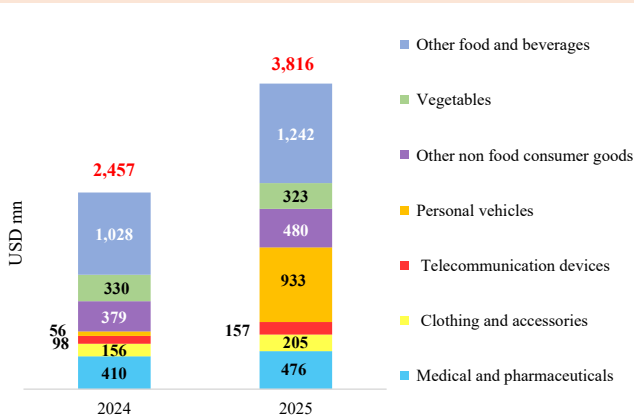
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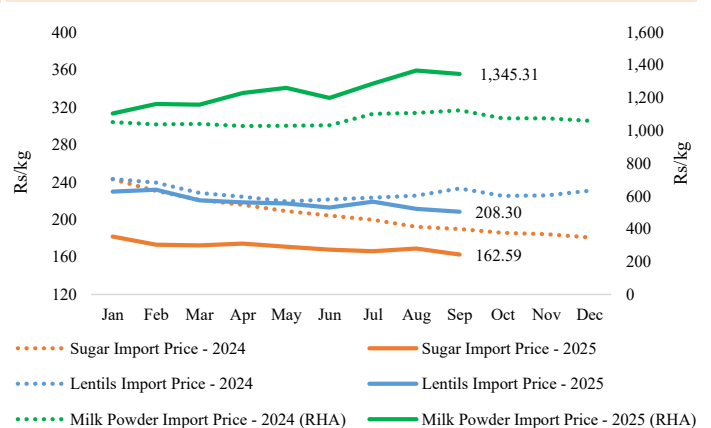
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Imports of Consumer Goods



Performance of Consumer Goods Imports - Jan- Sep

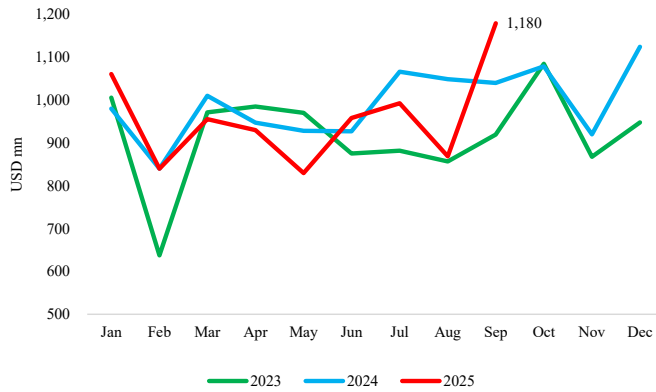


Average Import Prices of Sugar, Lentils and Milk Powder

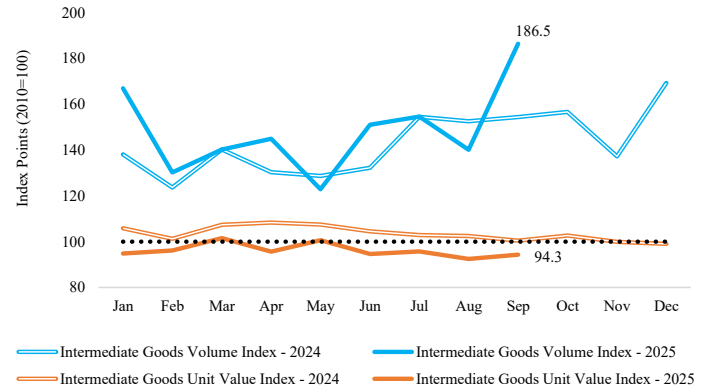


Intermediate Goods Imports

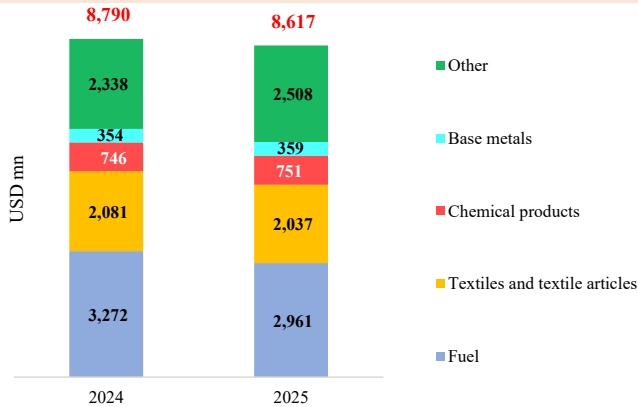
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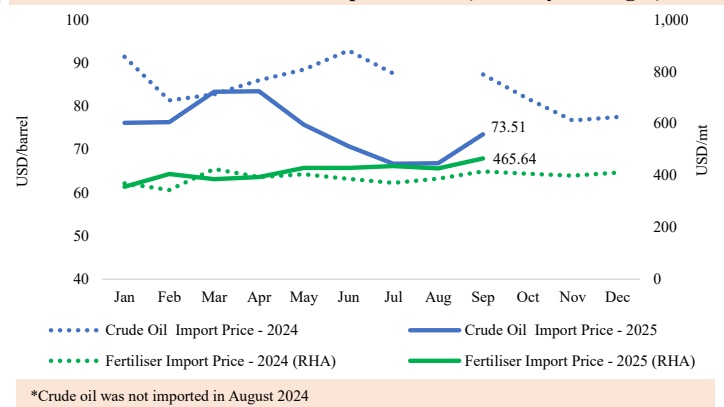
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Intermediate Goods Imports



Performance of Intermediate Goods Imports - Jan- Sep

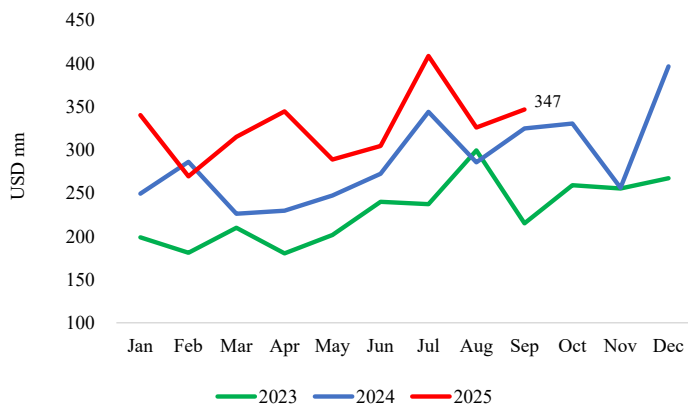


Crude Oil and Fertiliser Import Prices (Monthly Averages)

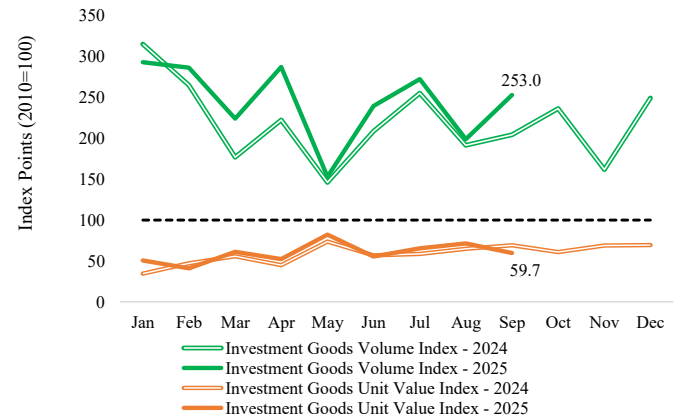


Investment Goods Imports

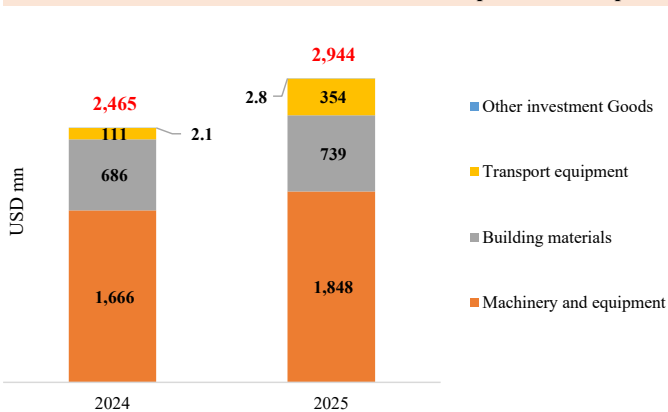
Imports of Investment Goods



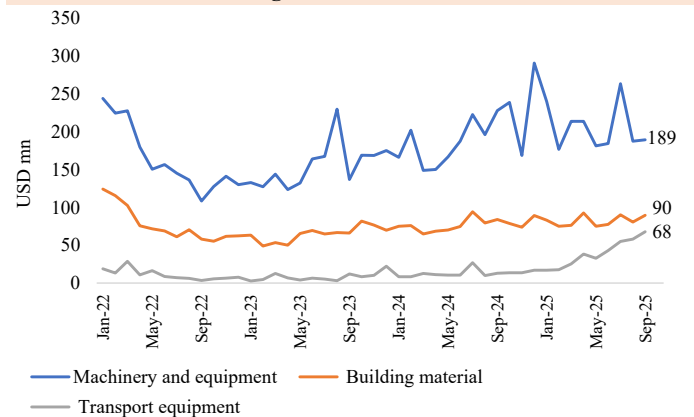
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Investment Goods Imports



Performance of Investment Goods Imports - Jan-Sep



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	Sep-24	Sep-25	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Sep 2024	Jan-Sep 2025	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Agricultural Exports	232.3	293.4	26.3	2,036.3	2,323.6	14.1
o/w Tea	117.0	137.0	17.1	1,059.3	1,163.0	9.8
Coconut	35.6	58.2	63.6	307.8	425.8	38.3
Spices	46.7	41.9	-10.4	316.2	324.4	2.6
Seafood	14.8	22.7	53.1	179.4	184.6	2.9
Industrial Exports	776.3	838.8	8.0	7,442.2	7,854.2	5.5
o/w Textiles and garments	419.3	426.0	1.6	3,784.1	4,021.4	6.3
Rubber products	77.2	71.2	-7.7	740.2	689.8	-6.8
Petroleum products	74.4	65.2	-12.3	784.1	719.9	-8.2
Food, beverages and tobacco	46.3	85.1	83.7	474.0	662.4	39.7
Machinery and mechanical appliances	32.7	40.6	24.1	368.8	353.9	-4.1
Gems, diamonds and jewellery	24.6	32.5	32.3	306.7	299.5	-2.3
Leather, travel goods and footwear	5.0	5.1	1.4	46.3	53.4	15.3
Mineral and Other Exports	3.1	6.3	100.3	39.6	37.3	-5.8
Total Exports	1,011.7	1,138.5	12.5	9,518.1	10,215.1	7.3
Import Performance (USD mn)						
Item	Sep-24	Sep-25	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Sep 2024	Jan-Sep 2025	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Consumer goods	280.2	521.8	86.2	2,456.6	3,816.4	55.4
Food and beverages	143.3	145.5	1.6	1,357.4	1,565.1	15.3
o/w Vegetables (b)	27.1	21.2	-21.6	329.6	323.0	-2.0
Rice	2.3	1.4	-38.2	36.5	63.1	72.7
Non-food consumer goods	137.0	376.3	174.7	1,099.2	2,251.3	104.8
o/w Medical and Pharmaceuticals	46.6	55.8	19.9	409.6	475.8	16.2
Intermediate goods	1,040.4	1,179.8	13.4	8,790.4	8,617.2	-2.0
o/w Fuel	375.9	440.7	17.2	3,272.5	2,961.3	-9.5
Textiles and textile articles	241.3	243.8	1.0	2,080.6	2,037.3	-2.1
Fertiliser	23.7	37.4	57.6	126.6	202.2	59.7
Wheat and maize	48.6	47.6	-2.1	253.1	252.7	-0.2
Investment goods and other	325.1	347.0	6.8	2,471.3	2,955.9	19.6
o/w Machinery and equipment	227.7	189.1	-16.9	1,666.3	1,847.5	10.9
Total Imports	1,645.7	2,048.6	24.5	13,718.3	15,389.5	12.2
Trade Balance (USD mn)						
Item	Sep-24	Sep-25		Jan-Sep 2024	Jan-Sep 2025	
Trade Balance	-634.0	-910.1		-4,200.2	-5,174.4	
Trade Indices and Terms of Trade (2010 = 100) (In USD terms)						
Item	Sep-24	Sep-25	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Sep 2024	Jan-Sep 2025	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Export						
Value index	140.8	158.4	12.5	147.2	158.0	7.3
Volume index	180.0	197.4	9.7	186.5	199.8	7.1
Unit value index	78.2	80.2	2.6	78.9	79.1	0.2
Import						
Value index	147.3	183.3	24.5	136.4	153.0	12.2
Volume index	160.9	197.7	22.9	149.9	168.5	12.4
Unit value index	91.6	92.7	1.3	91.0	90.8	-0.2
Terms of Trade	85.4	86.6		86.7	87.1	

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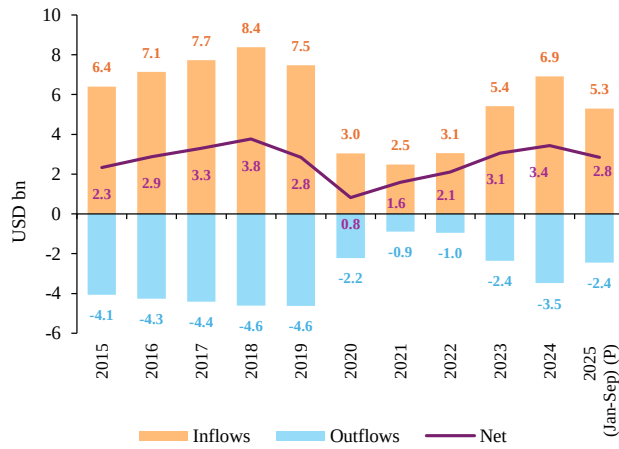
(b) includes lentils, onions, potatoes, leguminous vegetables and others

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

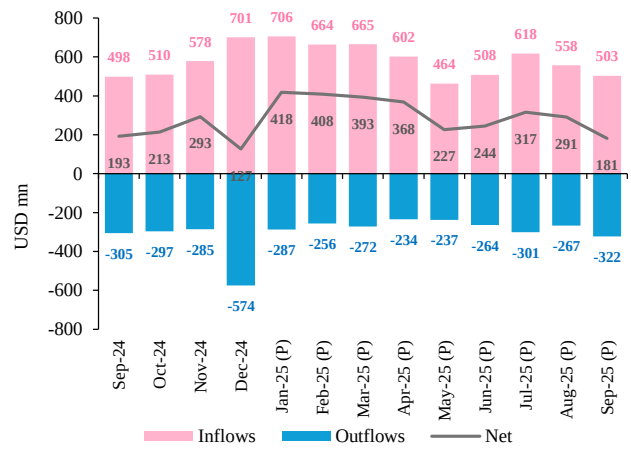
Note 2: Longer series of Merchandise Trade data can be accessed through : <https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/en/statistics/statistical-tables/external-sector>

Services Account

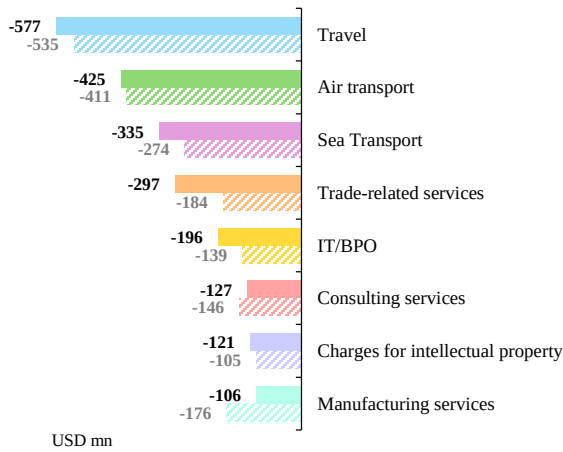
Services Account - Annual



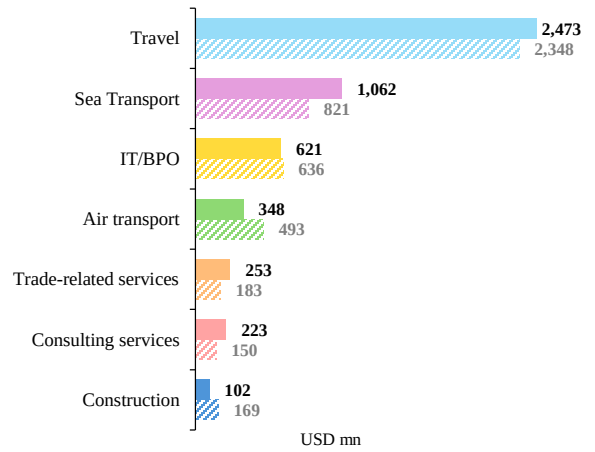
Services Account - Monthly



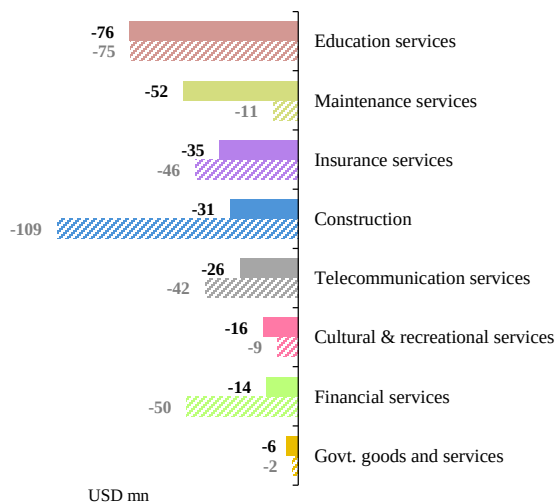
Major Services Outflows



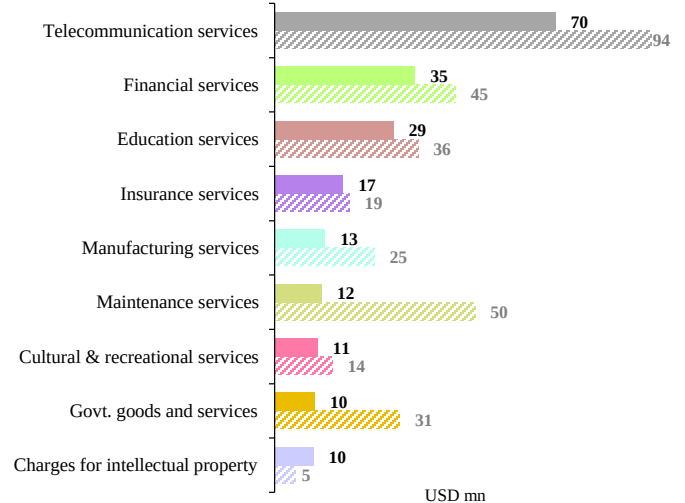
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Minor Services Outflows



Minor Services Inflows



Jan-Sep 2024

Jan-Sep 2025 (P)

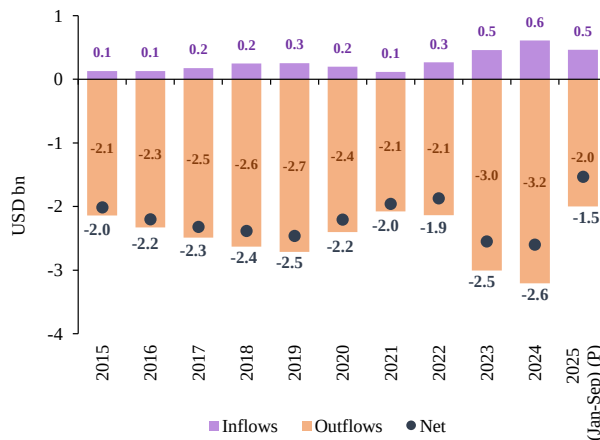
Primary Income Account

Summary of Primary Income Account (a)

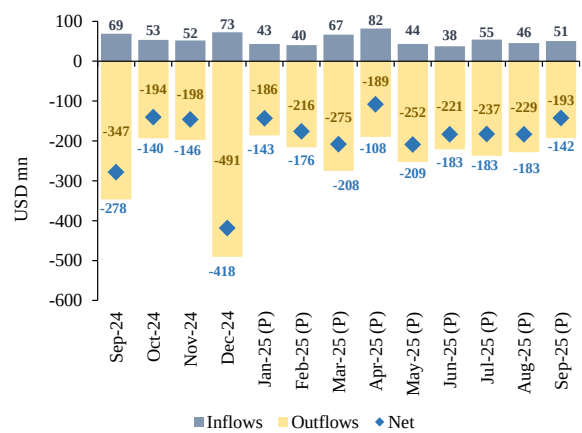
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<i>of which,</i>						
Direct Investment related Outflows	72.1	64.8	-10.1	603.3	779.5	29.2
Dividends	60.1	49.0	-18.4	503.2	634.1	26.0
Reinvested Earnings	12.0	15.8	31.4	100.0	145.4	45.3
Portfolio Investment related Outflows	136.4	59.0		680.3	391.6	-42.4
<i>of which,</i>						
Government Bond Outflows	128.6	36.9		607.5	301.9	-50.3
Other Investment Interest	135.8	66.2	-51.3	1,027.5	806.7	-21.5
Interest on Foreign Loans						
Government	113.3	58.3	-48.6	729.4	560.4	-23.2
Central Bank	15.0	6.5	-56.6	214.8	114.9	-46.5
Deposit-taking Corporations	6.2	0.8	-86.4	64.5	31.1	-51.7
Other Sectors	1.3	0.6	-53.4	18.8	100.2	434.1

(a) Provisional

Primary Income Account - Annual



Primary Income Account - Monthly



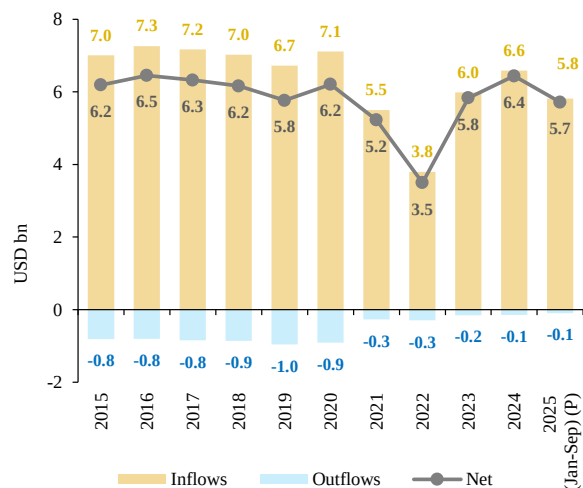
Secondary Income Account

Summary of Secondary Income Account (a)

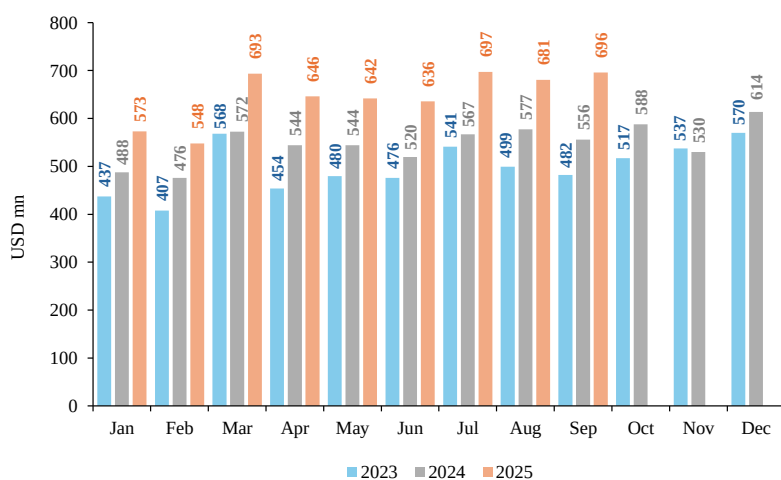
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Secondary Income Account Inflows	557.6	696.6	24.9	4,850.7	5,815.0	19.9
General Government	2.1	0.8	-60.7	6.9	3.3	-52.5
Worker's Remittances	555.6	695.7	25.2	4,843.8	5,811.7	20.0
Secondary Income Account Outflows	17.1	7.7	-55.0	117.3	97.2	-17.1

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Secondary Income Account - Annual

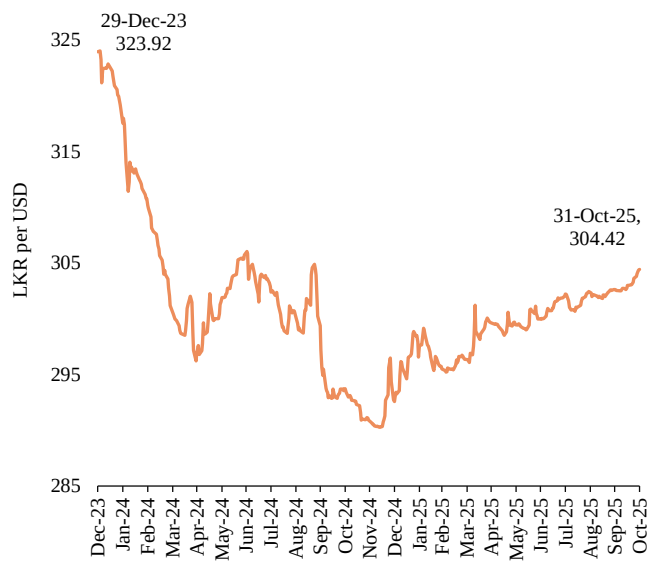


Inward Workers' Remittances - Monthly

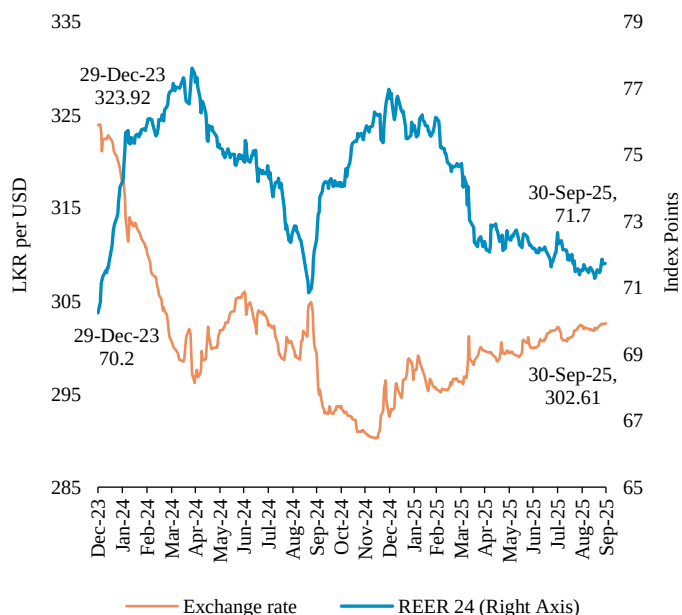


Exchange Rate Movements (a)

Movement of the Sri Lanka rupee against the US dollar



Movement of Exchange rate and REER 24 (End Dec 2023 - End Sep 2025)



Movement of the Sri Lanka rupee against Selected Currencies *

Currency	2023	2024	2025 (up to 31 Oct)
US dollar	12.1%	10.7%	-3.9%
Euro	7.9%	17.8%	-13.6%
Pound sterling	6.0%	12.3%	-8.3%
Chinese yuan (Renminbi)	14.3%	13.9%	-6.4%
Japanese yen	19.5%	22.5%	-5.5%
Australian dollar	10.8%	21.7%	-8.7%
Indian rupee	12.6%	13.9%	-0.5%

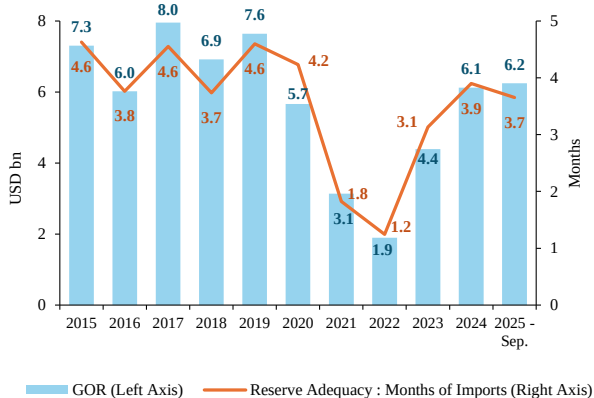
* Depreciation (-) / Appreciation (+)

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

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Financial Flows and International Reserves

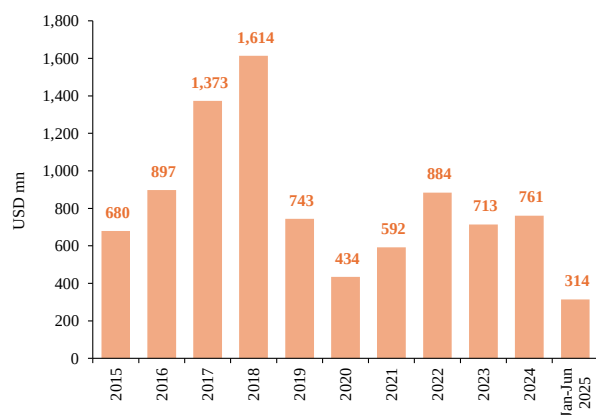
Gross Official Reserves (GOR) and Reserve Adequacy - End Period (a)



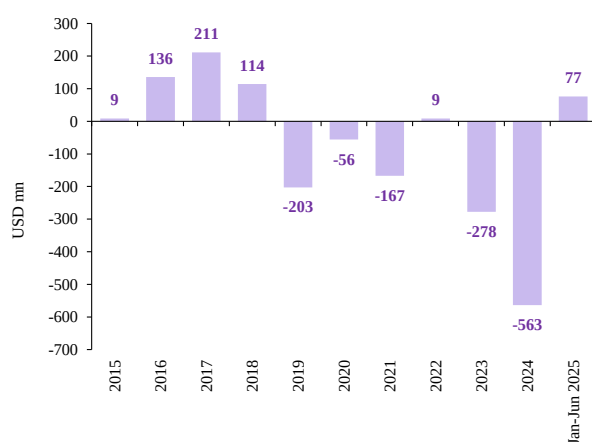
Foreign Assets and Liabilities of the Banking Sector



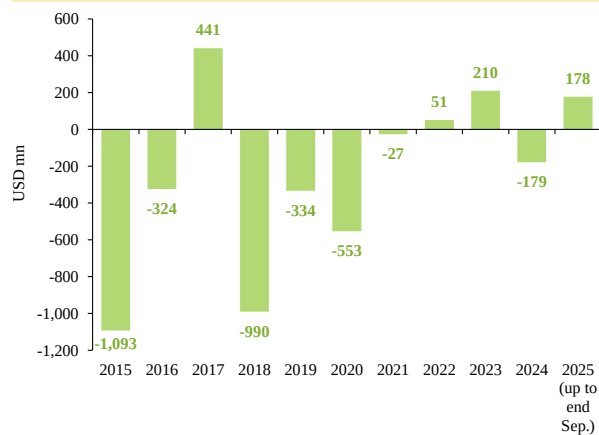
Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) (b)



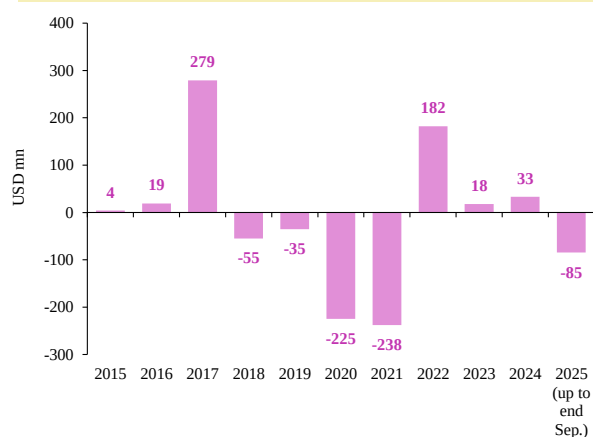
Foreign Loans to Private Sector (net)



Net Inflows to the G-Sec. Market(c)



Net Inflows to the CSE (Primary + Secondary) (c)



(a) Historical monthly data on GOR is published in the National Summary Data Page of Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS) >> External Sector >> International Reserve Position or Reserve Data Template and can be accessed via the following link

http://erd.cbsl.gov.lk/presentation/htm/english/erd/sdds/rpt_sdds.aspx

(b) FDI excluding foreign loans to the direct investment enterprises.

(c) Historical monthly data can be accessed via the following link

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

ANNEXURES

Detailed Breakdown of Export Earnings Classified as per Central Bank of Sri Lanka's Trade Classification (a)						
Category	September 2024 (USD mn)	September 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Sep 2024 (USD mn)	Jan-Sep 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
1. Industrial exports	776.3	838.8	8.0	7,442.2	7,854.2	5.5
Food, beverages and tobacco	46.3	85.1	83.7	474.0	662.4	39.7
Animal fodder	10.2	13.2	29.9	99.9	120.5	20.6
Textiles and garments	419.3	426.0	1.6	3,784.1	4,021.4	6.3
o/w Garments	389.0	395.3	1.6	3,479.0	3,713.5	6.7
Textiles	22.2	22.4	1.0	224.3	218.4	-2.6
Other made-up textile articles	8.2	8.3	1.5	80.9	89.5	10.6
Rubber products	77.2	71.2	-7.7	740.2	689.8	-6.8
Gems, diamonds and jewellery	24.6	32.5	32.3	306.7	299.5	-2.3
Machinery and mechanical appliances	32.7	40.6	24.1	368.8	353.9	-4.1
Transport equipment	5.8	5.9	1.2	75.2	89.8	19.5
Petroleum products	74.4	65.2	-12.3	784.1	719.9	-8.2
Chemical products	19.3	24.7	28.0	172.1	230.6	34.0
Wood and paper products	8.4	10.2	20.9	93.9	91.0	-3.1
Printing industry products	4.8	5.2	9.1	35.3	36.1	2.1
Leather, travel goods and footwear	5.0	5.1	1.4	46.3	53.4	15.3
Plastics and articles thereof	4.1	5.0	22.3	40.6	41.0	0.9
Base metals and articles	13.9	19.3	38.7	141.8	160.6	13.3
Ceramic products	2.7	2.4	-11.4	25.0	22.5	-10.1
Other industrial exports	27.7	27.2	-1.9	254.1	261.9	3.1
2. Agricultural exports	232.3	293.4	26.3	2,036.3	2,323.6	14.1
Tea	117.0	137.0	17.1	1,059.3	1,163.0	9.8
Rubber	2.3	3.1	34.3	18.7	23.9	27.7
Coconut	35.6	58.2	63.6	307.8	425.8	38.3
Spices	46.7	41.9	-10.4	316.2	324.4	2.6
Vegetables	1.9	4.1	119.1	20.4	26.5	29.9
Unmanufactured tobacco	2.6	2.4	-7.1	18.3	18.7	2.4
Minor agricultural products	11.3	23.9	111.6	116.3	156.7	34.8
Seafood	14.8	22.7	53.1	179.4	184.6	2.9
3. Mineral exports	0.9	3.8	337.4	19.6	18.1	-7.7
4. Unclassified exports	2.3	2.5	8.6	20.0	19.2	-3.8
Total exports	1,011.7	1,138.5	12.5	9,518.1	10,215.1	7.3

(a) Provisional

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

Other Exporters of Petroleum, CBSL

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

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Detailed Breakdown of Import Expenditure Classified as per Central Bank of Sri Lanka's Trade Classification (a)						
Category	September 2024 (USD mn)	September 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Sep 2024 (USD mn)	Jan-Sep 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
1. Consumer goods	280.2	521.8	86.2	2,456.6	3,816.4	55.4
Food and beverages	143.3	145.5	1.6	1,357.4	1,565.1	15.3
Cereals and milling industry products	13.9	6.6	-52.2	100.9	97.5	-3.3
Dairy products	23.2	21.9	-5.7	164.1	271.6	65.5
Vegetables (b)	27.1	21.2	-21.6	329.6	323.0	-2.0
Seafood	5.8	10.4	78.3	84.6	84.4	-0.2
Sugar and confectionery	31.5	27.4	-13.2	285.1	273.8	-4.0
Spices	7.0	6.6	-5.7	82.3	72.4	-12.1
Oils and Fats	17.6	35.5	101.8	169.5	272.6	60.8
Other food and beverages	17.1	15.8	-7.5	141.4	169.9	20.1
Non-food consumer goods	137.0	376.3	174.7	1,099.2	2,251.3	104.8
Personal vehicles	10.1	227.5	2,158.2	56.1	932.6	1,561.8
Medical and pharmaceuticals	46.6	55.8	19.9	409.6	475.8	16.2
Home appliances	11.0	14.7	33.5	107.5	150.7	40.2
Clothing and accessories	18.7	21.2	13.4	156.4	205.4	31.3
Telecommunication devices	14.7	19.8	34.5	98.0	157.1	60.4
Household and furniture items	13.5	12.9	-4.1	97.8	114.3	16.9
Other non-food consumables	22.5	24.3	8.4	173.9	215.4	23.9
2. Intermediate goods	1,040.4	1,179.8	13.4	8,790.4	8,617.2	-2.0
Fuel	375.9	440.7	17.2	3,272.5	2,961.3	-9.5
o/w Crude oil	63.9	103.9	62.6	634.0	643.2	1.5
Refined petroleum	281.4	325.3	15.6	2,437.3	2,171.4	-10.9
Coal	30.7	11.47	-62.6	201.2	146.7	-27.1
Diamonds, precious stones, and metals	11.5	21.9	89.8	179.3	114.9	-35.9
Textiles and textile articles	241.3	243.8	1.0	2,080.6	2,037.3	-2.1
Paper and paperboard and articles thereof	41.0	39.1	-4.6	333.6	305.8	-8.3
Agricultural inputs	21.1	19.2	-8.9	195.7	194.3	-0.7
Wheat and maize	48.6	47.6	-2.1	253.1	252.7	-0.2
Base metals	35.7	46.9	31.1	353.7	359.3	1.6
Plastics and articles thereof	53.6	61.3	14.3	439.5	472.7	7.6
Chemical products	88.7	89.2	0.6	745.8	751.2	0.7
Fertiliser	23.7	37.4	57.6	126.6	202.2	59.7
Rubber and articles thereof	29.5	30.0	1.6	231.2	222.4	-3.8
Mineral products	10.7	20.8	95.1	96.2	115.7	20.3
Other intermediate goods	58.9	81.9	39.0	482.7	627.5	30.0
3. Investment goods	324.7	346.7	6.8	2,465.1	2,943.9	19.4
Machinery and equipment	227.7	189.1	-16.9	1,666.3	1,847.5	10.9
Building material	84.0	89.6	6.6	685.9	739.2	7.8
Transport equipment	12.8	67.7	428.1	110.9	354.4	219.7
o/w Commercial Vehicles	4.1	58.7	1,331.6	33.0	271.2	721.5
Other investment goods	0.3	0.3	6.1	2.1	2.8	32.2
4. Unclassified imports	0.4	0.3	-2.5	6.2	12.0	92.6
Total imports	1,645.7	2,048.6	24.5	13,718.3	15,389.5	12.2
o/w Non-fuel imports	1,269.8	1,607.9	26.6	10,445.8	12,428.2	19.0

(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	September 2024 (USD mn)	September 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Sep 2024 (USD mn)	Jan-Sep 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
0. Food and live animals	244.0	317.2	30.0	2,197.2	2,537.2	15.5
03 Fish and fish preparations	19.7	28.3	43.6	215.3	229.5	6.6
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	5.0	7.1	42.4	54.7	60.3	10.3
05 Vegetables and fruit	37.7	78.6	108.2	358.9	531.4	48.1
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	165.3	176.5	6.8	1,376.8	1,485.8	7.9
1. Beverages and tobacco	11.1	15.6	41.2	121.4	129.1	6.3
11 Beverages	4.2	5.7	36.9	57.5	53.6	-6.8
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	6.9	9.9	43.7	63.9	75.5	18.2
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	28.3	45.1	59.6	287.5	347.0	20.7
23 Crude rubber	2.4	3.2	34.1	19.8	25.2	27.3
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	18.4	25.7	39.9	170.6	201.1	17.9
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	74.4	65.2	-12.3	784.1	719.9	-8.2
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	73.7	65.2	-11.6	726.3	719.9	-0.9
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	0.6	-		57.7	0.00001	-100.0
4. Animal and vegetable oils, fats, and waxes	8.5	19.6	130.2	64.4	148.5	130.6
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	7.4	14.2	91.7	60.7	107.6	77.4
5. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	23.5	30.7	31.0	207.4	269.1	29.7
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	134.8	139.6	3.5	1,383.3	1,314.4	-5.0
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	55.0	47.4	-13.8	542.9	468.1	-13.8
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, etc., n.e.s.	29.5	30.0	1.7	293.2	297.2	1.4
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	31.3	37.4	19.6	353.6	342.1	-3.3
7. Machinery, transport equipment	37.6	44.9	19.5	433.1	430.2	-0.7
77 Electric machinery, apparatus, and appliances, n.e.s. and electrical parts thereof	20.0	27.1	35.1	209.6	223.7	6.8
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles	449.7	460.5	2.4	4,039.4	4,319.7	6.9
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	414.0	422.6	2.1	3,704.4	3,967.0	7.1
9. Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	-	-		0.3	0.1	-71.1
Total exports	1,011.7	1,138.5	12.5	9,518.1	10,215.1	7.3

(a) Provisional

n.e.s. not elsewhere specified

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

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

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

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

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

Detailed Breakdown of Import Expenditure Classified as per the Standard International Trade Classification Revision 4 (a)						
Category	September 2024 (USD mn)	September 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Sep 2024 (USD mn)	Jan-Sep 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
0. Food and live animals	199.8	186.2	-6.8	1,692.1	1,815.4	7.3
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	23.2	21.9	-5.6	170.3	272.0	59.8
03 Fish and fish preparations	6.0	10.5	77.0	85.8	85.7	-0.1
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	62.1	53.9	-13.2	350.5	346.6	-1.1
05 Vegetables and fruit	31.4	26.8	-14.9	377.9	379.1	0.3
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	31.5	27.4	-13.2	285.1	273.8	-3.9
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	14.0	13.7	-2.5	131.7	144.9	10.0
1. Beverages and tobacco	13.7	12.8	-6.6	90.3	93.6	3.7
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	44.4	50.2	13.0	336.9	369.7	9.8
23 Crude rubber	26.8	26.6	-0.9	197.4	191.8	-2.9
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	1.7	0.8	-55.6	12.4	13.5	8.5
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	375.9	440.7	17.2	3,272.5	2,961.3	-9.5
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	316.0	397.4	25.8	2,807.1	2,495.1	-11.1
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	29.3	31.8	8.6	264.2	319.5	20.9
4. Animal and vegetable oils, fats, and waxes	19.2	42.8	123.4	194.2	343.1	76.7
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	17.6	42.0	138.8	181.7	330.1	81.7
5. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	211.3	239.4	13.3	1,689.5	1,865.9	10.4
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	42.3	51.9	22.6	370.7	436.2	17.7
56 Fertilisers, manufactured	23.7	37.4	57.6	126.0	202.1	60.3
57 Plastics in primary forms	38.0	41.2	8.5	297.2	308.3	3.7
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	13.1	14.9	13.6	107.6	124.7	15.8
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	427.4	470.1	10.0	3,769.7	3,698.9	-1.9
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles thereof	38.2	36.2	-5.2	317.7	286.1	-10.0
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, etc., n.e.s.	235.1	239.4	1.8	2,035.2	1,994.2	-2.0
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	36.7	59.1	61.1	394.6	347.1	-12.0
67 Iron and steel	45.8	67.0	46.2	455.1	455.5	0.1
7. Machinery, transport equipment	280.5	524.7	87.1	2,057.1	3,462.6	68.3
72 Machinery specialized for particular industries	30.5	43.9	44.0	281.2	358.8	27.6
74 General industrial machinery and equipment and machine parts, n.e.s.	104.8	46.8	-55.3	482.8	541.4	12.1
75 Office machines and automatic data-processing machines	19.3	18.3	-5.3	127.4	160.2	25.8
76 Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	32.2	35.8	11.1	270.5	324.3	19.9
77 Electric machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s. and electrical parts thereof	46.1	59.7	29.5	437.0	476.2	9.0
78 Road vehicles	25.5	295.0	1,055.3	165.1	1,302.4	689.1
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles	73.2	81.2	11.0	608.9	766.8	25.9
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	16.1	17.4	8.1	135.8	180.1	32.7
87 Professional, scientific, and controlling instruments and apparatus n.e.s.	14.2	17.1	20.4	112.9	148.5	31.6
9. Commodities and transactions not elsewhere specified in SITC	0.3	0.5	55.0	7.1	12.2	71.6
Total imports	1,645.7	2,048.6	24.5	13,718.3	15,389.5	12.2

(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)

	Sep 2024 (USD mn)	Sep 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Sep 2024 (USD mn)	Jan-Sep 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Services	498.3	503.1	1.0	5,120.1	5,288.5	3.3
Manufacturing services	0.6	7.0		24.8	12.6	-49.3
Maintenance and repair services	9.1	0.7	-92.0	49.8	11.7	-76.4
Transport	151.0	136.2	-9.8	1,315.2	1,410.7	7.3
Sea transport	111.6	94.9	-15.0	821.5	1,062.0	29.3
Passenger	0.03	0.0		1.2	0.4	-68.4
Freight	76.0	56.1	-26.2	510.4	582.0	14.0
Other	35.5	38.8	9.2	309.8	479.7	54.8
Air transport	39.4	41.2	4.5	493.1	348.1	-29.4
Passenger	23.1	23.8	3.4	212.5	238.1	12.0
Freight	4.4	3.5	-20.9	38.7	27.5	-29.1
Other	12.0	13.9	15.8	241.9	82.5	-65.9
Postal services	0.03	0.1	254.3	0.6	0.6	-6.4
Travel	181.0	182.9	1.1	2,348.0	2,472.9	5.3
Construction	19.7	12.0	-39.3	168.9	101.9	-39.7
Construction abroad	3.6	0.4	-89.9	17.1	12.7	-25.5
Construction in the reporting economy	9.9	3.5	-64.5	78.4	32.1	-59.1
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	6.2	8.1	30.1	73.5	57.1	-22.3
Insurance and pension services	0.9	5.0	454.4	18.6	17.1	-8.5
Direct insurance	0.9	3.4	275.3	15.9	12.9	-18.5
Reinsurance	0.01	1.6		2.8	4.1	48.8
Financial services	1.8	2.9	63.2	44.9	34.9	-22.3
Charges for the use of intellectual property	0.1	1.6		5.1	9.6	89.0
Telecommunications, computer, and information services	70.2	77.1	9.8	729.9	690.8	-5.4
Telecommunications services	3.8	7.1	87.6	93.5	69.7	-25.5
Computer & IT/BPO related services	66.4	70.0	5.4	636.3	621.0	-2.4
Computer services	65.9	69.8	6.0	631.4	615.7	-2.5
Information services	0.5	0.2	-67.7	4.9	5.3	8.6
Other business services	53.9	76.0	40.9	369.4	505.8	36.9
Education services	5.0	3.9	-22.7	35.7	29.5	-17.3
Professional and management consulting services	26.8	21.2	-20.8	150.3	222.8	48.2
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	22.1	50.9	130.0	183.4	253.5	38.2
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.7	1.1	63.0	14.4	10.6	-26.2
Audiovisual and related services	0.3	0.6	91.3	5.0	5.0	-1.2
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.4	0.5	36.7	9.4	5.7	-39.6
Government goods and services	9.2	0.6	-93.2	31.1	10.0	-68.0

(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)

	Sep 2024 (USD mn)	Sep 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Sep 2024 (USD mn)	Jan-Sep 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Services	305.4	322.4	5.6	2,318.9	2,440.8	5.3
Manufacturing services	25.5	11.2	-56.2	175.6	105.8	-39.8
Maintenance and repair services	0.9	5.5		11.3	51.8	359.6
Transport	109.7	94.1	-14.2	689.3	760.7	10.4
Sea transport	42.7	42.1	-1.5	274.0	334.8	22.2
Passenger	0.4	0.0		0.9	0.1	-87.6
Freight	37.5	29.0	-22.8	256.6	299.8	16.9
Other	4.8	13.1	172.9	16.5	34.8	111.3
Air transport	66.7	51.9	-22.1	411.2	424.8	3.3
Passenger	20.0	16.7	-16.3	212.9	160.3	-24.7
Freight	28.7	26.7	-6.8	106.3	211.1	98.5
Other	18.0	8.4	-53.1	92.0	53.4	-41.9
Postal services	0.3	0.2	-51.9	4.1	1.2	-71.1
Travel	73.3	74.0	0.9	534.6	577.0	7.9
Construction	6.2	2.7	-56.6	108.5	30.7	-71.7
Construction abroad	0.1	0.1	151.7	26.8	2.3	-91.4
Construction in the reporting economy	0.1	1.2		13.2	6.3	-52.2
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	6.1	1.3	-78.1	68.5	22.1	-67.7
Insurance and pension services	5.3	6.4	20.9	46.4	35.4	-23.6
Direct insurance	1.1	2.9	172.9	9.7	10.7	10.6
Reinsurance	4.2	3.5	-17.0	36.7	24.7	-32.7
Financial services	2.1	3.5	64.7	50.2	14.4	-71.3
Charges for the use of intellectual property	13.3	12.4	-6.3	105.3	120.8	14.6
Telecommunications, computer, and information services	25.6	33.3	30.3	180.8	222.2	23.0
Telecommunications services	5.7	5.1	-10.5	42.0	26.3	-37.3
Computer & IT/BPO related services	19.9	28.2	42.0	138.8	195.9	41.2
Computer services	19.0	27.8	46.1	119.7	191.5	59.9
Information services	0.9	0.5	-47.1	19.0	4.4	-76.6
Other business services	42.9	76.6	78.6	405.1	500.6	23.6
Education services	7.6	7.4	-2.8	75.4	76.1	0.9
Professional and management consulting services	11.2	13.5	21.0	145.9	127.2	-12.8
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	24.1	55.7	130.9	183.8	297.3	61.8
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.3	2.2		9.4	15.8	68.1
Audiovisual and related services	0.2	2.2		8.4	15.1	81.1
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.1	0.005	-95.9	1.0	0.7	-35.7
Government goods and services	0.3	0.4	23.1	2.4	5.5	128.4

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Sources: SLTDA, ITRS – CBSL

Services Account – Net (a)

	Sep 2024 (USD mn)	Sep 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Sep 2024 (USD mn)	Jan-Sep 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Services	192.9	180.7	-6.3	2,801.2	2,847.8	1.7
Manufacturing services	-24.9	-4.2	-83.2	-150.8	-93.2	-38.2
Maintenance and repair services	8.3	-4.8	-158.0	38.5	-40.0	-204.0
Transport	41.3	42.0	1.7	626.0	650.0	3.8
Sea transport	68.9	52.8	-23.3	547.5	727.3	32.8
Passenger	-0.4	0.0		0.3	0.3	-4.8
Freight	38.5	27.1	-29.6	253.8	282.1	11.1
Other	30.7	25.7	-16.4	293.4	444.9	51.6
Air transport	-27.3	-10.7	-60.6	81.9	-76.7	-193.6
Passenger	3.0	7.1	133.2	-0.4	77.8	
Freight	-24.3	-23.3	-4.2	-67.6	-183.6	171.6
Other	-6.0	5.4	-190.8	149.9	29.1	-80.6
Postal services	-0.3	0.0	-85.7	-3.4	-0.6	-83.2
Travel	107.7	108.9	1.1	1,813.4	1,895.9	4.5
Construction	13.5	9.3	-31.3	60.4	71.1	17.9
Construction abroad	3.6	0.2	-93.3	-9.8	10.4	-206.3
Construction in the reporting economy	9.8	2.3	-76.9	65.1	25.7	-60.5
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	0.1	6.8		5.0	35.0	
Insurance and pension services	-4.4	-1.4	-68.2	-27.7	-18.4	-33.8
Direct insurance	-0.2	0.5	-392.4	6.2	2.2	-64.1
Reinsurance	-4.2	-1.9	-55.8	-33.9	-20.6	-39.3
Financial services	-0.4	-0.6	72.3	-5.3	20.5	-486.0
Charges for the use of intellectual property	-13.2	-10.8	-18.0	-100.2	-111.1	10.9
Telecommunications, computer, and information services	44.6	43.8	-1.9	549.1	468.5	-14.7
Telecommunications services	-1.9	2.0	-204.1	51.6	43.4	-15.8
Computer & IT/BPO related services	46.6	41.8	-10.3	497.5	425.1	-14.6
Computer services	46.9	42.1	-10.3	511.7	424.2	-17.1
Information services	-0.3	-0.3	-14.1	-14.1	0.9	-106.2
Other business services	11.0	-0.6	-105.7	-35.7	5.2	-114.6
Education services	-2.6	-3.5	35.5	-39.8	-46.6	17.1
Professional and management consulting services	15.6	7.7	-50.8	4.4	95.6	
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	-2.0	-4.8	141.6	-0.4	-43.8	
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.4	-1.1	-411.6	5.0	-5.2	-203.3
Audiovisual and related services	0.1	-1.6		-3.3	-10.2	206.2
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.2	0.5	97.8	8.3	5.0	-40.1
Government goods and services	8.9	0.2	-97.4	28.7	4.4	-84.6

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