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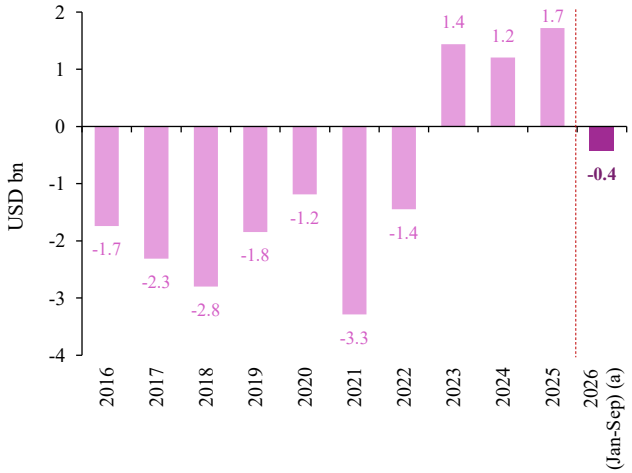
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Current Account

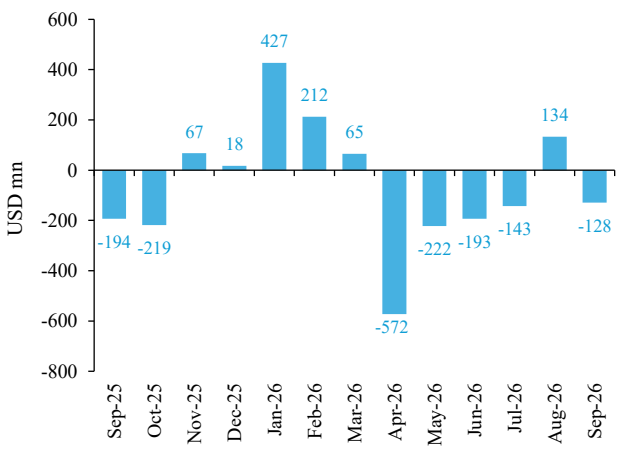
Summary of Current Account (a)

Category	Sep 2025 (USD mn)	Sep 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Sep 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-Sep 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Current Account Balance	**-193.8**	**-128.4**		**1,853.2**	**-420.4**	
Trade Balance	**-910.1**	**-731.3**		**-5,174.4**	**-7,911.5**	
Merchandise Exports	1,138.5	1,377.3	21.0	10,215.1	10,754.2	5.3
Merchandise Imports	2,048.6	2,108.6	2.9	15,389.5	18,665.7	21.3
Services Account (net)	**180.7**	**118.7**	**-34.3**	**2,847.8**	**2,213.3**	**-22.3**
Services Account - Inlows	503.1	559.5	11.2	5,288.5	5,256.7	-0.6
Services Account - Outflows	322.4	440.8	36.7	2,440.8	3,043.3	24.7
Primary Income Account (net)	**-152.4**	**-240.6**		**-1,535.5**	**-1,481.5**	
Primary Income Account - Inflows	48.9	49.6	1.5	456.7	466.8	2.2
Primary Income Account - Outflows	201.3	290.3	44.2	1,992.3	1,948.3	-2.2
Secondary Income Account (net)	**688.0**	**724.9**	**5.4**	**5,715.3**	**6,759.2**	**18.3**
Secondary Income Account - Inflows	695.7	734.9	5.6	5,812.6	6,868.7	18.2
Secondary Income Account - Outflows	7.7	10.0	29.1	97.2	109.6	12.7

Current Account Balance - Annual



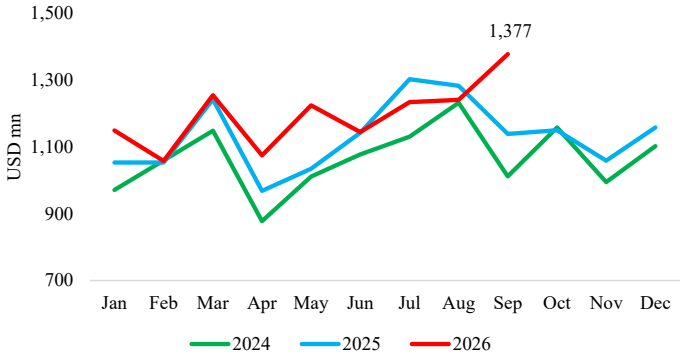
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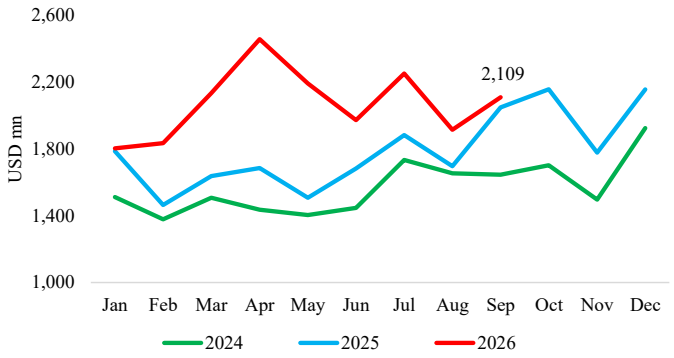
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Merchandise Trade Highlights

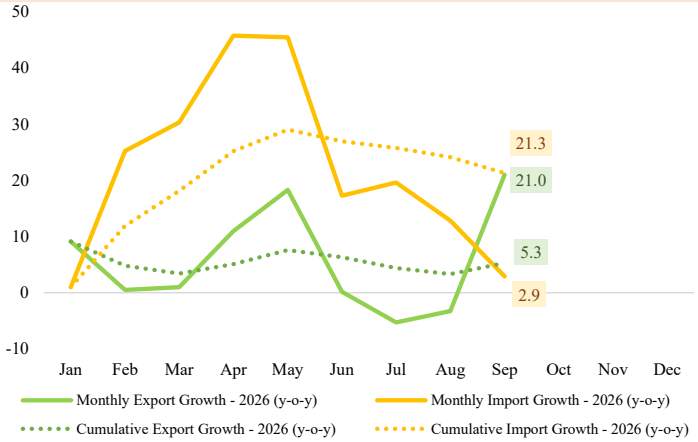
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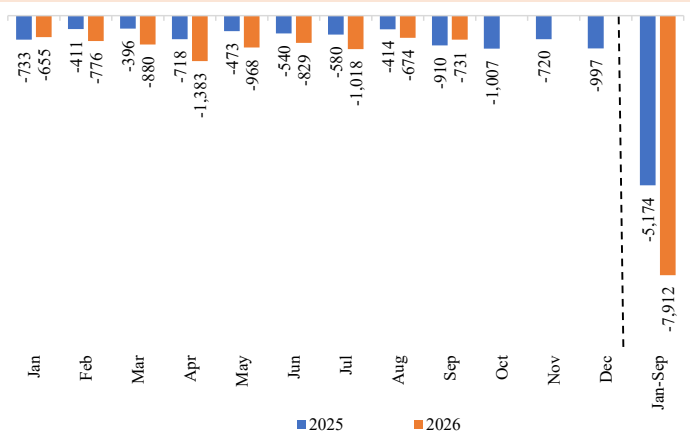
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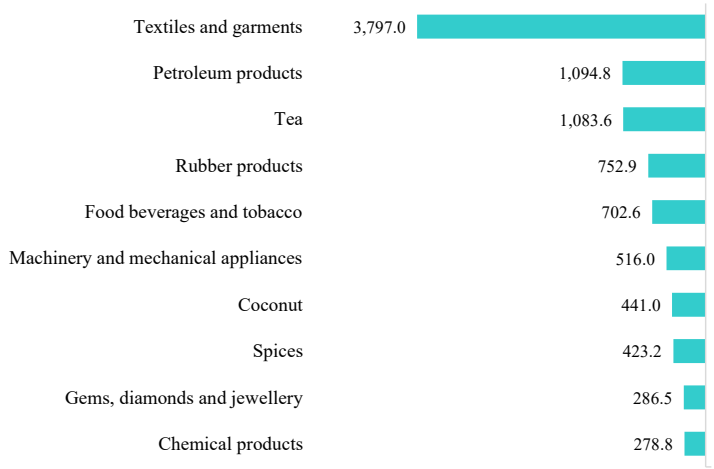


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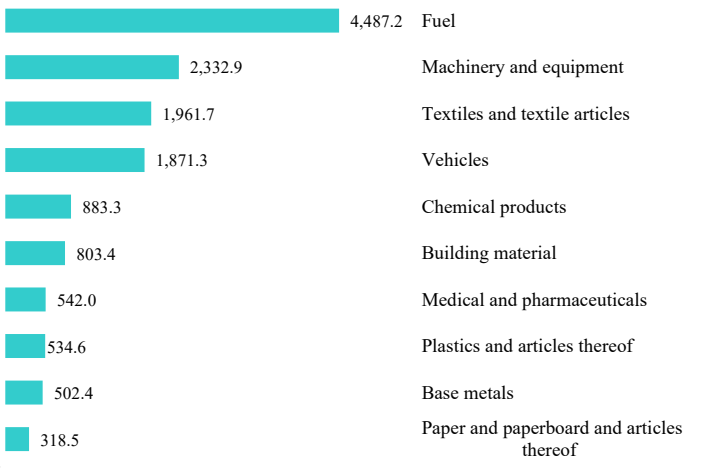


Major Merchandise Export and Import Categories - Jan - Sep 2026

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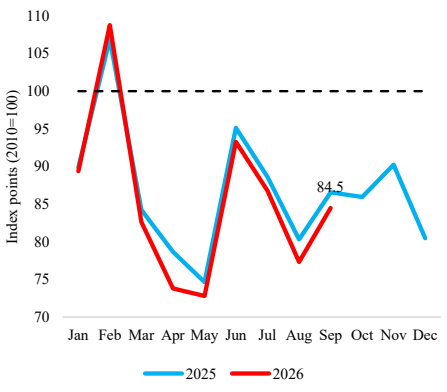


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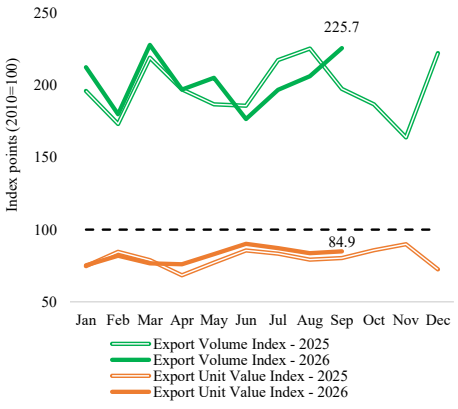


Terms of Trade and Merchandise Trade Indices (in USD terms)

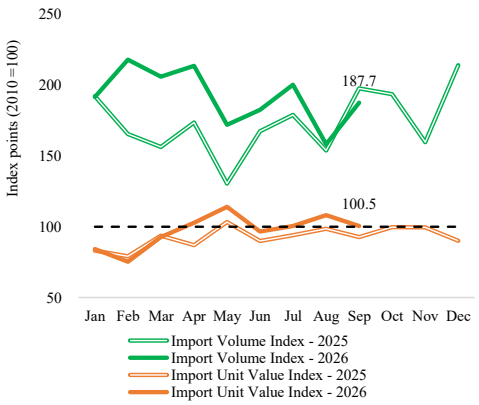
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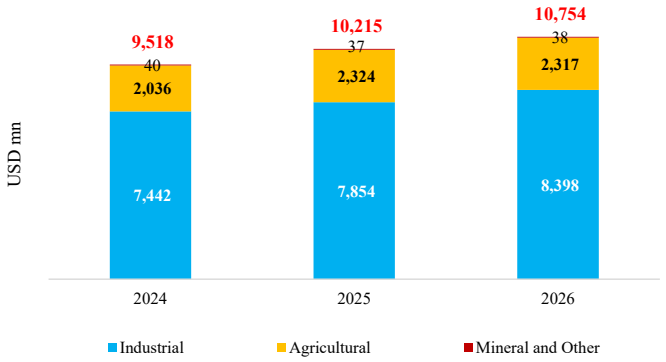


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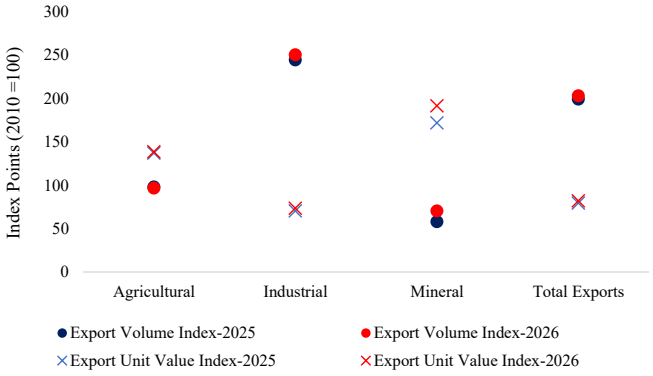


Merchandise Export Performance

Export Performance - Jan-Sep

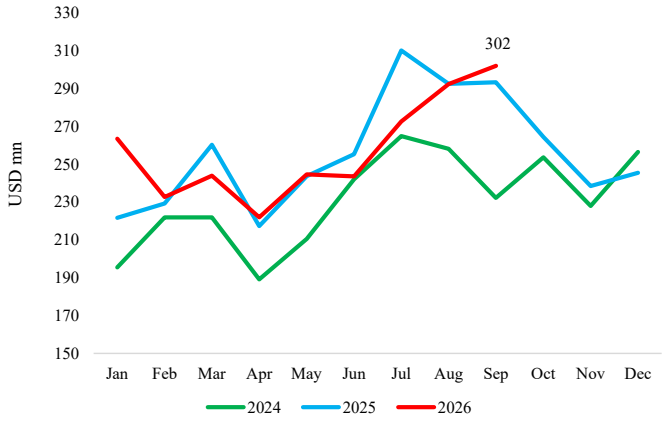


Volume and Unit Value Indices of Exports - Jan-Sep

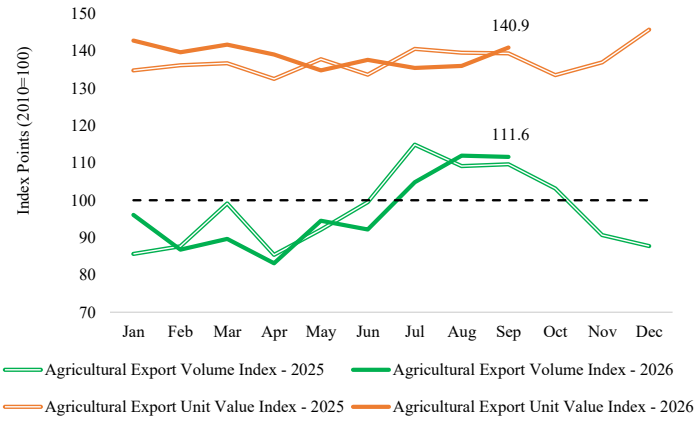


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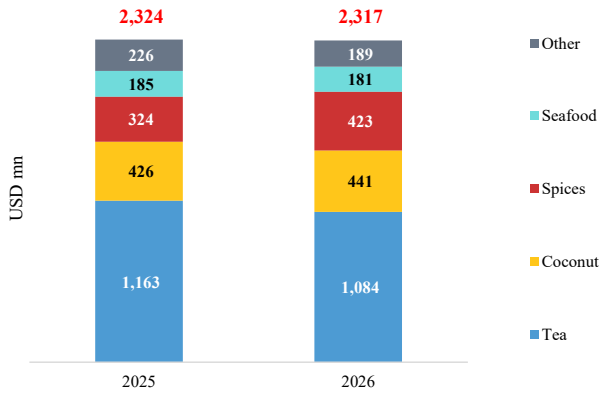
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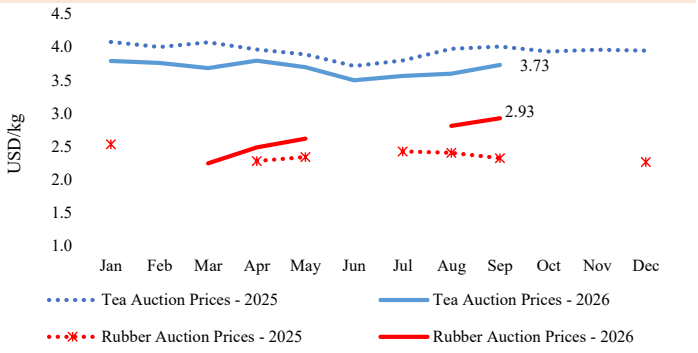
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Agricultural Exports



Performance of Agricultural Exports - Jan-Sep



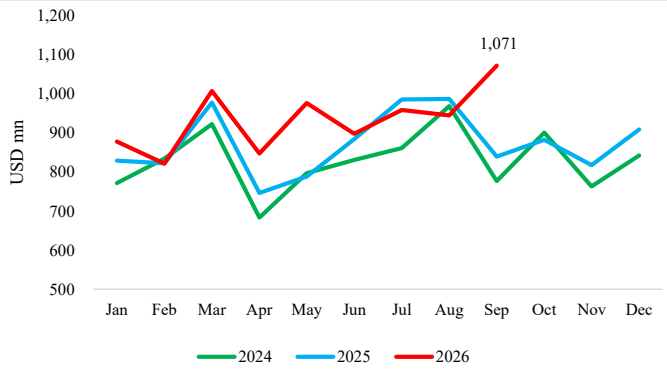
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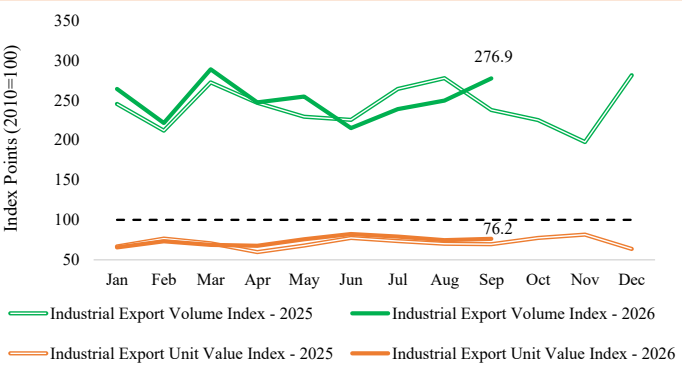
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Industrial Exports

Industrial Exports

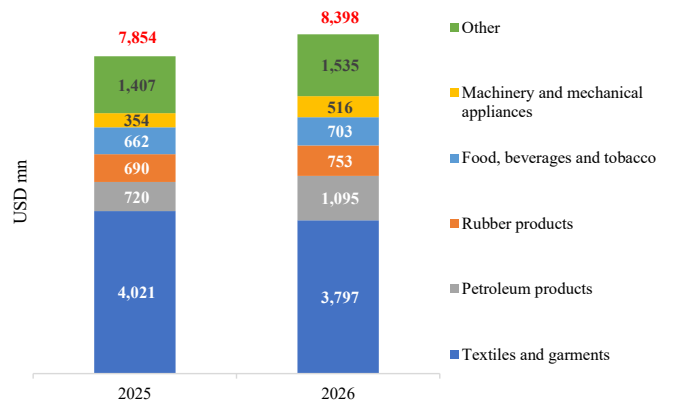


Volume and Unit Value Indices of Industrial Exports

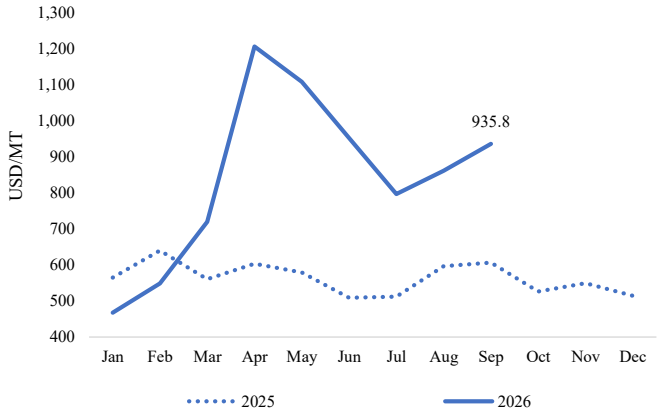


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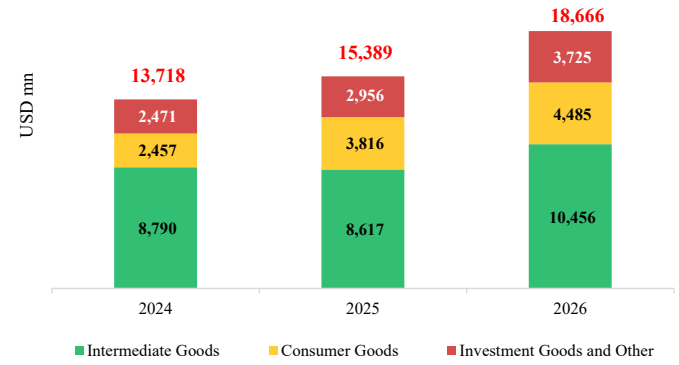


Bunker and Aviation Fuel Export Prices

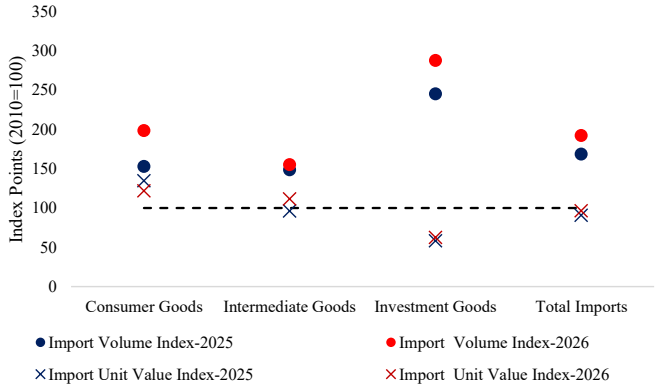


Merchandise Import Performance

Import Performance - Jan-Sep

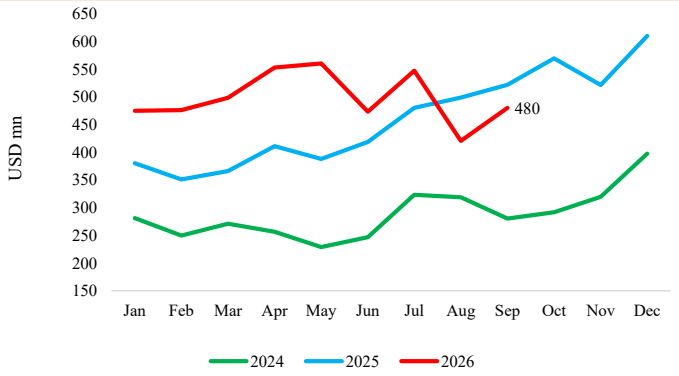


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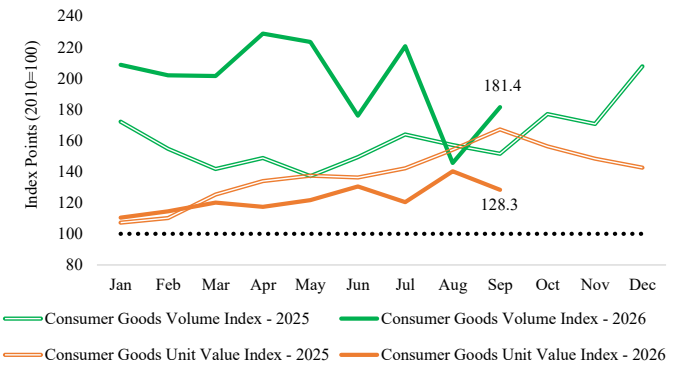


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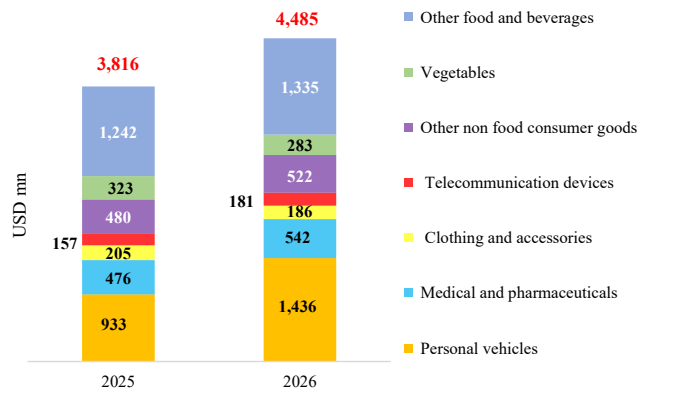
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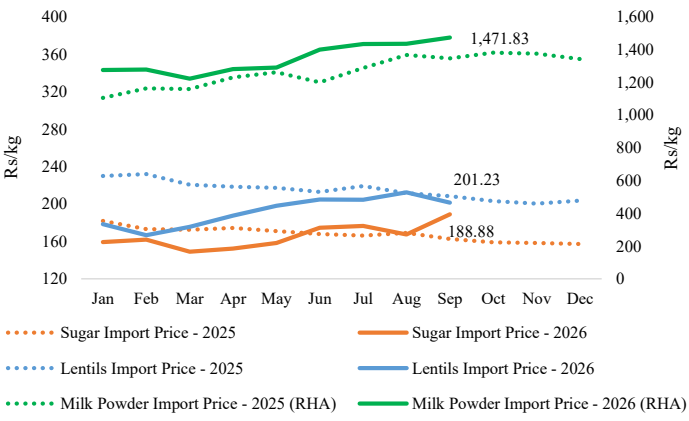
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Imports of Consumer Goods



Performance of Consumer Goods Imports - Jan-Sep

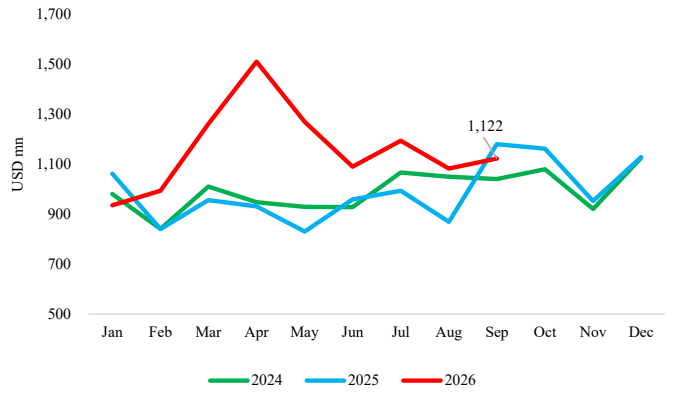


Average Import Prices of Sugar, Lentils and Milk Powder

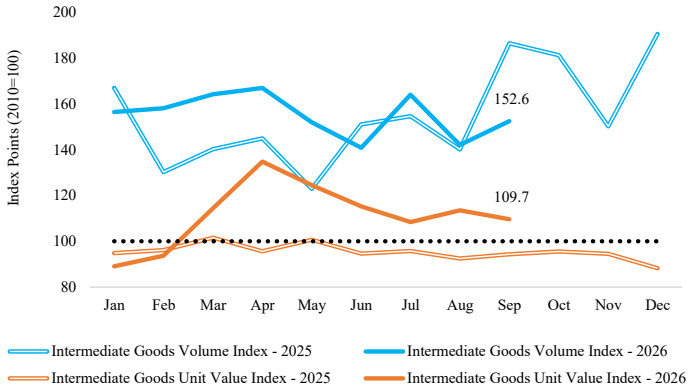


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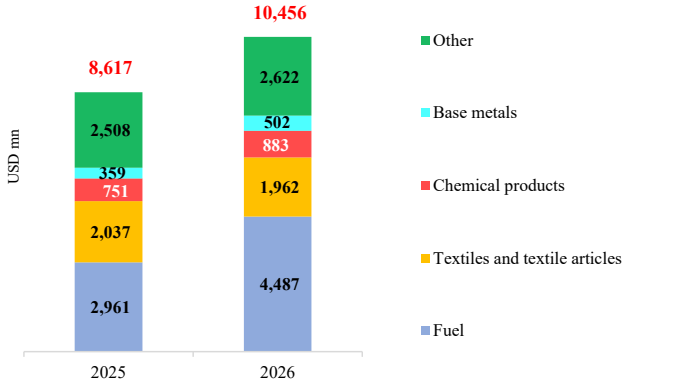
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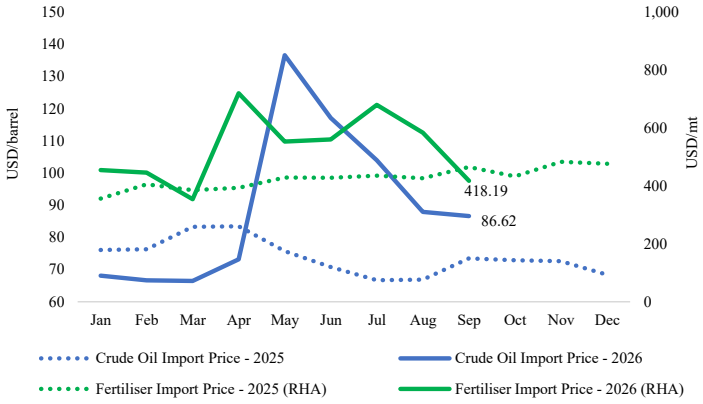
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Intermediate Goods Imports



Performance of Intermediate Goods Imports - Jan-Sep

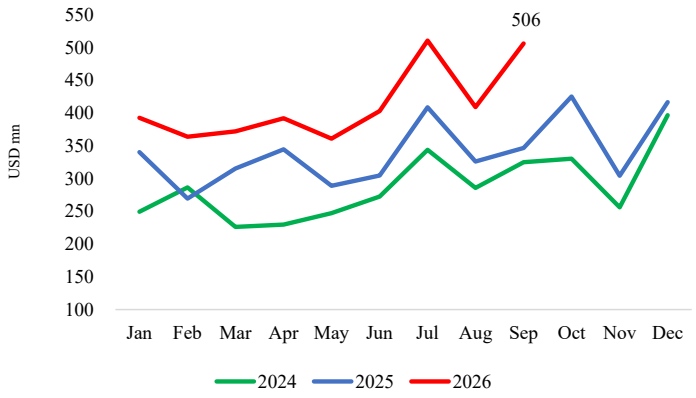


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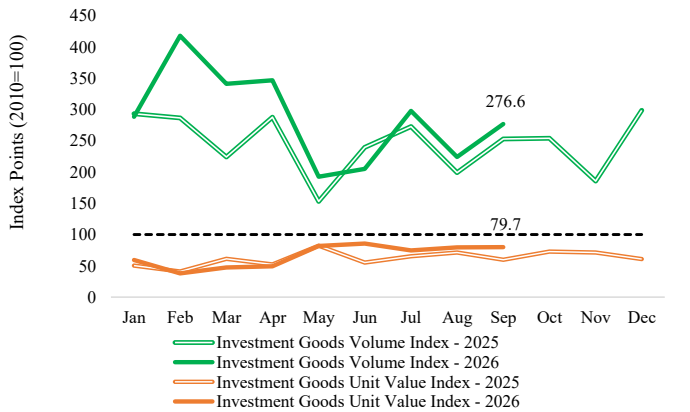


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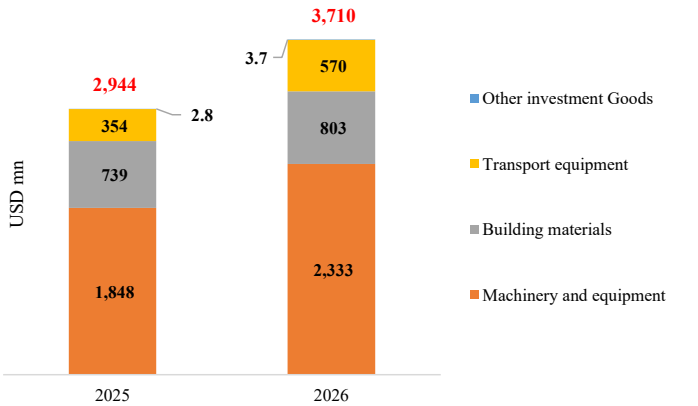
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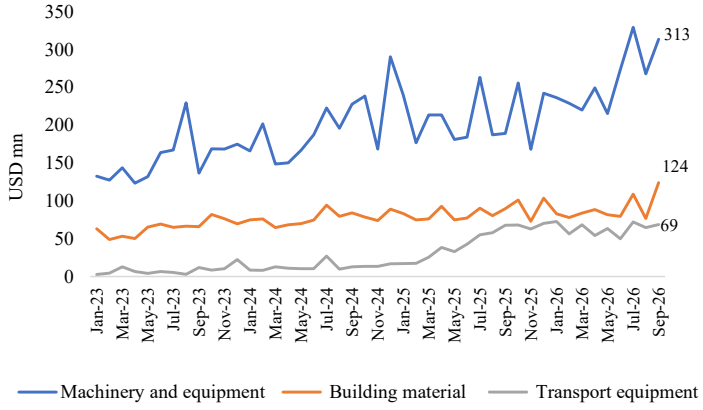
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Investment Goods Imports



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-25	Sep-26	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Sep 2025	Jan-Sep 2026	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Agricultural Exports		**293.4**	**302.0**	**2.9**	**2,323.6**	**2,317.4**	**-0.3**
o/w	Tea	137.0	135.1	-1.4	1,163.0	1,083.6	-6.8
	Coconut	58.2	51.4	-11.6	425.8	441.0	3.6
	Spices	41.9	73.8	76.3	324.4	423.2	30.4
	Seafood	22.7	23.6	4.1	184.6	180.8	-2.0
Industrial Exports		**838.8**	**1,071.2**	**27.7**	**7,854.2**	**8,398.3**	**6.9**
o/w	Textiles and garments	426.0	441.4	3.6	4,021.4	3,797.0	-5.6
	Rubber products	71.2	97.2	36.6	689.8	752.9	9.2
	Petroleum products	65.2	149.9	129.8	719.9	1,094.8	52.1
	Food, beverages and tobacco	85.1	86.6	1.8	662.4	702.6	6.1
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	40.6	70.0	72.3	353.9	516.0	45.8
	Gems, diamonds and jewellery	32.5	30.3	-6.8	299.5	286.5	-4.3
	Leather, travel goods and footwear	5.1	6.2	22.4	53.4	46.9	-12.1
Mineral and Other Exports		**6.3**	**4.0**	**-36.4**	**37.3**	**38.4**	**2.9**
Total Exports		**1,138.5**	**1,377.3**	**21.0**	**10,215.1**	**10,754.2**	**5.3**

Import Performance (USD mn)

Item		Sep-25	Sep-26	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Sep 2025	Jan-Sep 2026	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Consumer goods		**521.8**	**480.1**	**-8.0**	**3,816.4**	**4,484.6**	**17.5**
Food and beverages		145.5	169.8	16.7	1,565.1	1,617.7	3.4
o/w	Vegetables (b)	21.2	21.5	1.2	323.0	282.9	-12.4
	Rice	1.4	1.5	8.9	63.1	96.8	53.4
Non-food consumer goods		376.3	310.3	-17.5	2,251.3	2,866.9	27.3
o/w	Medical and Pharmaceuticals	55.8	57.6	3.2	475.8	542.0	13.9
Intermediate goods		**1,179.8**	**1,122.0**	**-4.9**	**8,617.2**	**10,456.2**	**21.3**
o/w	Fuel	440.7	415.1	-5.8	2,961.3	4,487.2	51.5
	Textiles and textile articles	243.8	248.4	1.9	2,037.3	1,961.7	-3.7
	Fertiliser	37.4	17.7	-52.7	202.2	147.2	-27.2
	Wheat and maize	47.6	17.5	-63.3	252.7	257.0	1.7
Investment goods and other		**347.0**	**506.5**	**45.9**	**2,955.9**	**3,724.9**	**26.0**
o/w	Machinery and equipment	189.1	313.3	65.7	1,847.5	2,332.9	26.3
Total Imports		**2,048.6**	**2,108.6**	**2.9**	**15,389.5**	**18,665.7**	**21.3**

Trade Balance (USD mn)

Item	Sep-25	Sep-26	Jan-Sep 2025	Jan-Sep 2026
Trade Balance	-910.1	-731.3	-5,174.4	-7,911.5

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

Item		Sep-25	Sep-26	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Sep 2025	Jan-Sep 2026	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Export							
	Value index	158.4	191.7	21.0	158.0	166.3	5.3
	Volume index	196.2	225.7	15.0	199.1	203.1	2.0
	Unit value index	80.8	84.9	5.2	79.3	81.9	3.2
Import							
	Value index	183.3	188.7	2.9	153.0	185.6	21.3
	Volume index	197.7	187.7	-5.1	168.5	192.3	14.1
	Unit value index	92.7	100.5	8.4	90.8	96.5	6.3
Terms of Trade		**87.1**	**84.5**		**87.4**	**84.8**	

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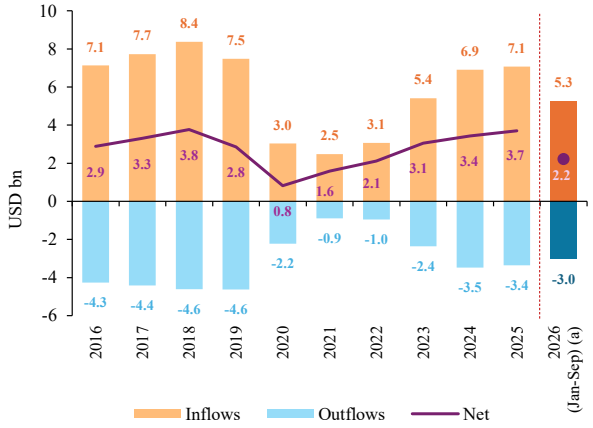
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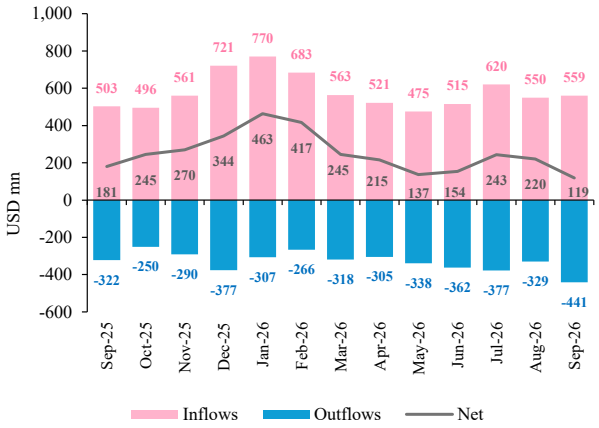
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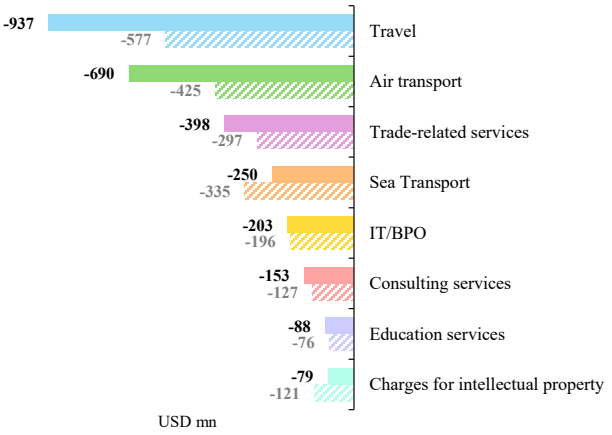
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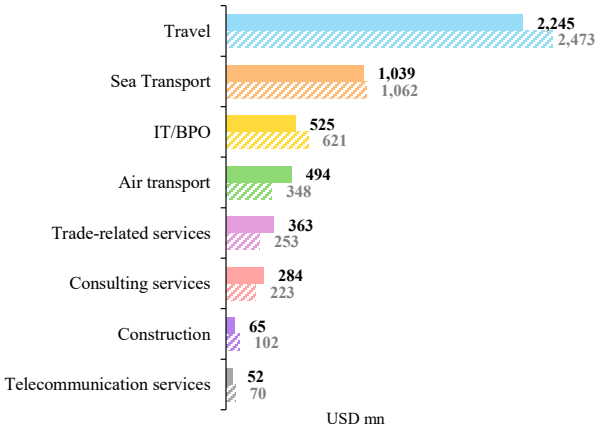
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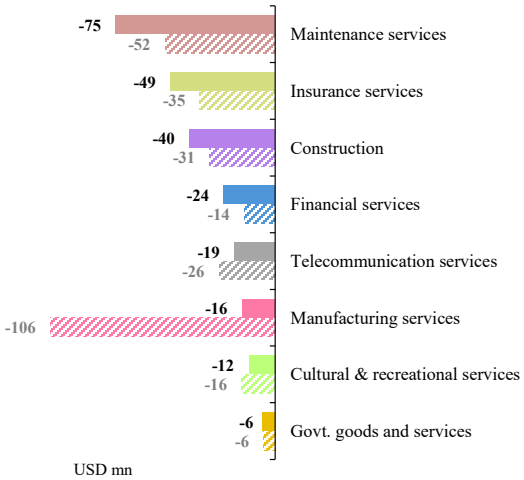
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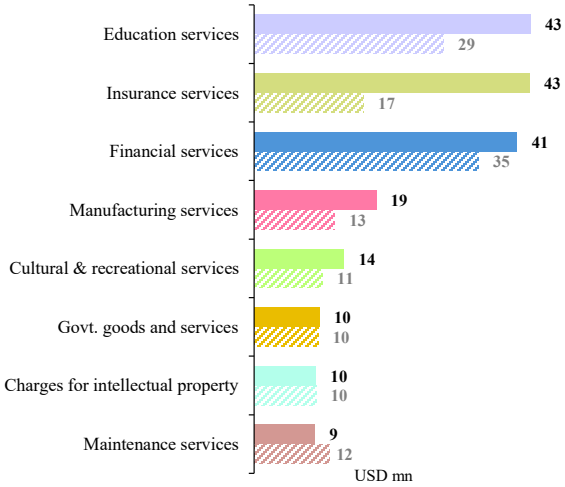
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Jan-Sep 2025 Jan-Sep 2026 (a)

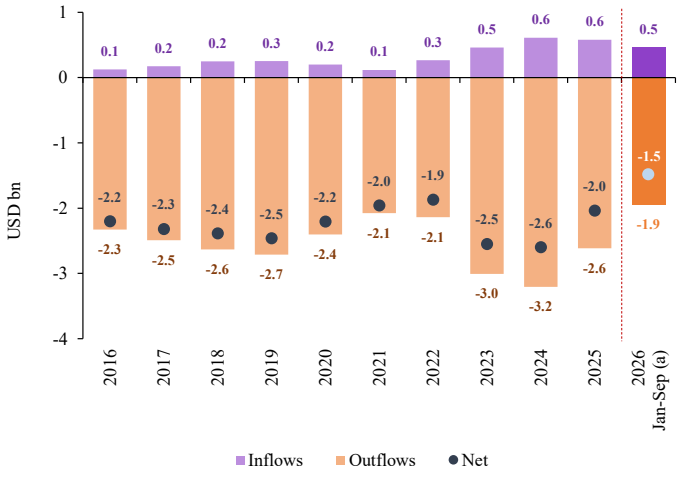
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Primary Income Account

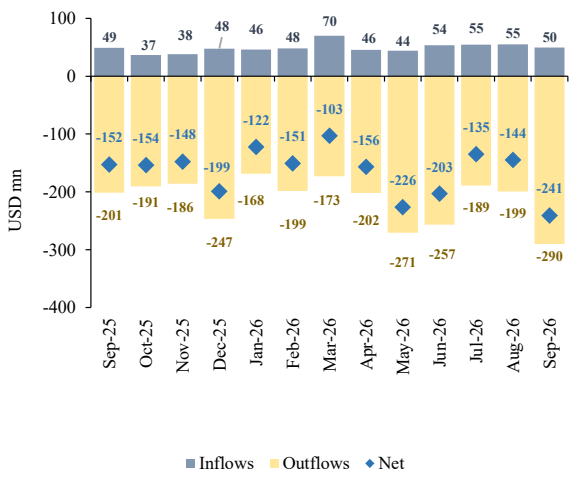
Summary of Primary Income Account (a)

Category	Sep 2025 (USD mn)	Sep 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Sep 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-Sep 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Primary Income Account (net)	**-152.4**	**-240.6**		**-1,535.5**	**-1,481.5**	
Primary Income Account Inflows	**48.9**	**49.6**	**1.5**	**456.7**	**466.8**	**2.2**
Primary Income Account Outflows	**201.3**	**290.3**	**44.2**	**1,992.3**	**1,948.3**	**-2.2**
of which,						
Direct Investment related Interest Outflows	**86.7**	**191.5**	**120.9**	**840.9**	**1,001.3**	**19.1**
Dividends	60.3	168.9	180.0	661.9	785.0	18.6
Reinvested Earnings	26.4	22.6	-14.4	179.1	216.3	20.8
Portfolio Investment related Outflows	**44.2**	**45.7**	**3.4**	**340.6**	**318.4**	**-6.5**
of which,						
Government Bond Outflows	39.9	39.9	-0.01	303.7	285.0	-6.2
Other Investment Interest	**67.6**	**49.9**	**-26.2**	**790.1**	**602.7**	**-23.7**
Interest on Foreign Loans						
Government	57.0	33.2	-41.7	518.7	440.4	-15.1
Central Bank	6.5	0.0	-100.0	132.2	83.2	-37.0
Deposit-taking Corporations	3.5	5.6	59.1	39.1	45.9	17.4
Other Sectors	0.6	11.1		100.2	33.2	-66.9

Primary Income Account - Annual



Primary Income Account - Monthly (a)



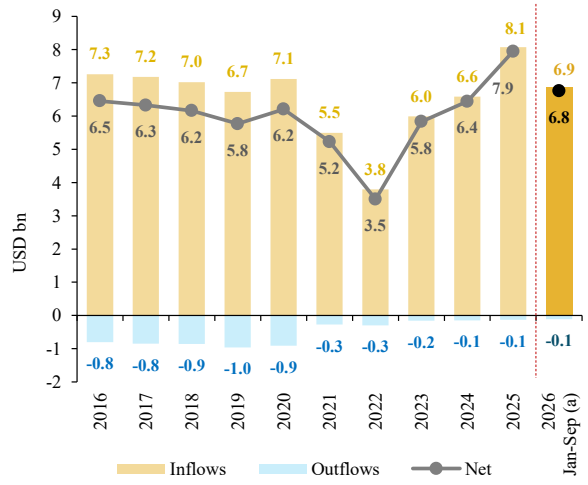
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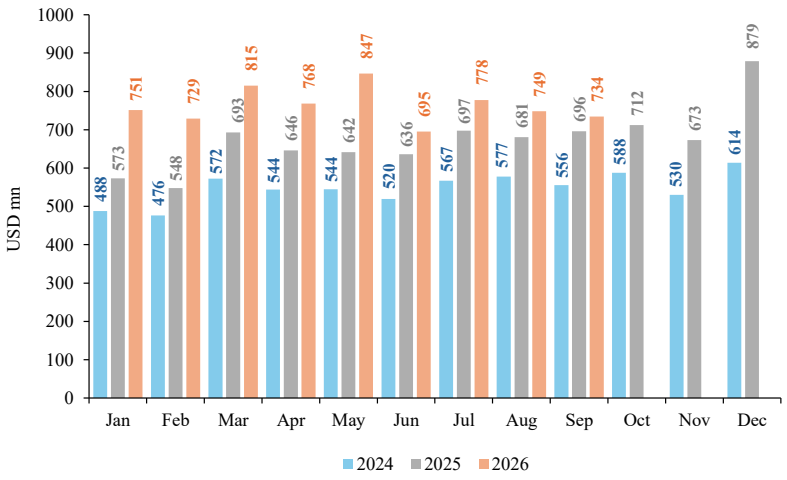
Summary of Secondary Income Account (a)

Category	Sep 2025 (USD mn)	Sep 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Sep 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-Sep 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Secondary Income Account (net)	**688.0**	**724.9**	**5.4**	**5,715.3**	**6,759.2**	**18.3**
Secondary Income Account Inflows	695.7	734.9	5.6	5,812.6	6,868.7	18.2
General Government	0.0	0.5		0.8	3.3	306.1
Worker's Remittances (b)	695.7	734.4	5.6	5,811.7	6,865.4	18.1
Secondary Income Account Outflows	7.7	10.0	29.1	97.2	109.6	12.7

Secondary Income Account - Annual



Inward Workers' Remittances - Monthly

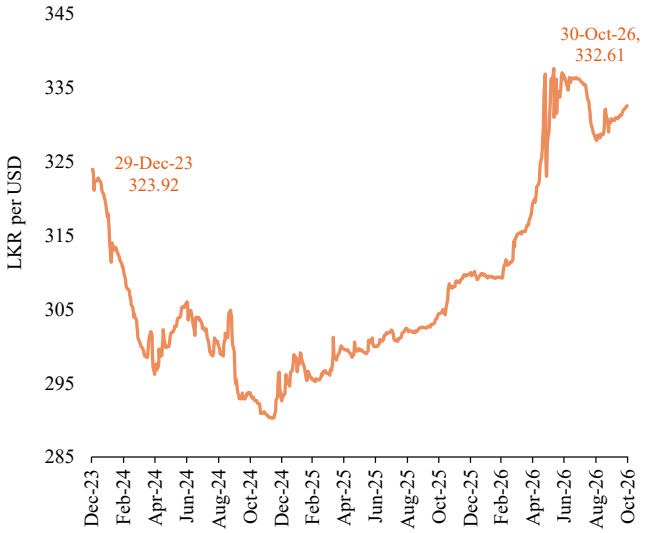


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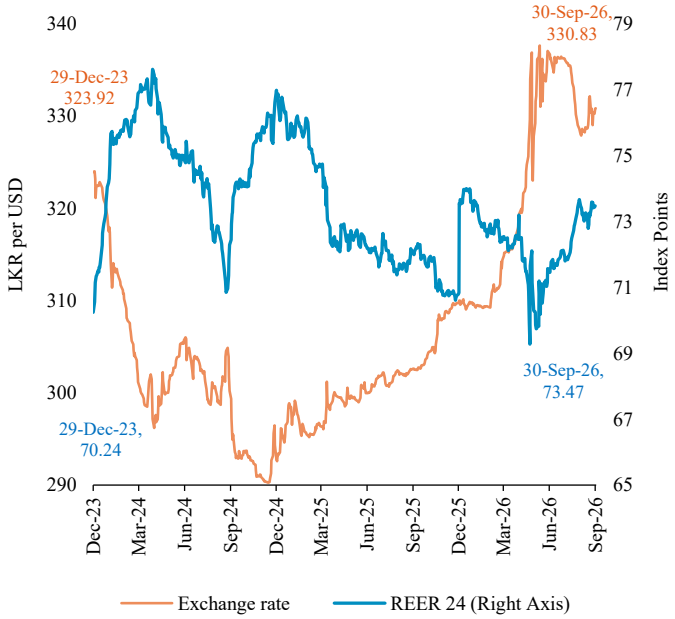
(b) Workers' remittances may include other remittances, such as those received following Cyclone Ditwah.

Exchange Rate Movements [a]

Movement of the Sri Lanka rupee against the US dollar



Movement of Exchange rate and REER 24 [b] (End Dec 2023 - End Sep 2026)



Movement of the Sri Lanka rupee against Selected Currencies *

Currency	2024	2025	2026 (up to 30 Oct)
US dollar	+10.7%	-5.6%	-6.8%
Euro	+17.8%	-16.3%	-2.3%
Pound sterling	+12.3%	-12.0%	-6.3%
Chinese yuan (Renminbi)	+13.9%	-9.6%	-11.2%
Japanese yen	+22.5%	-5.6%	-6.2%
Australian dollar	+21.7%	-12.2%	-11.3%
Indian rupee	+13.9%	-1.0%	-1.1%

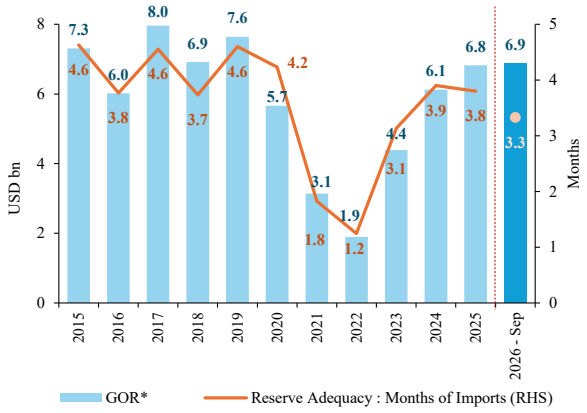
* Depreciation (-) / Appreciation (+)

(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]

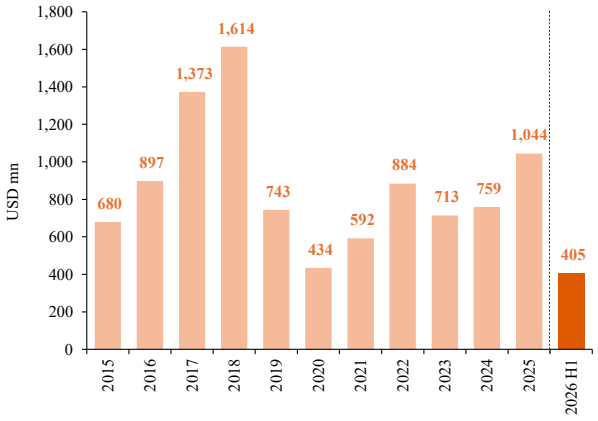


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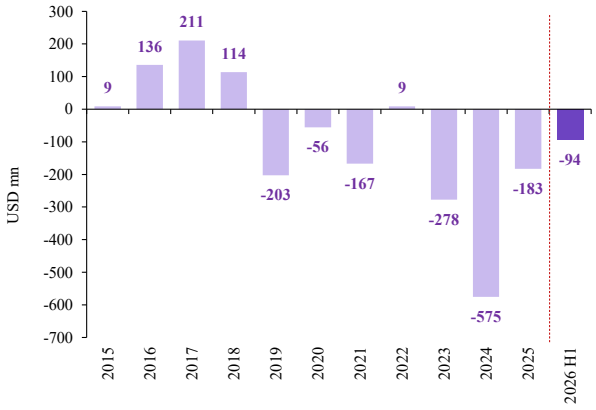
Foreign Assets and Liabilities of the Banking Sector



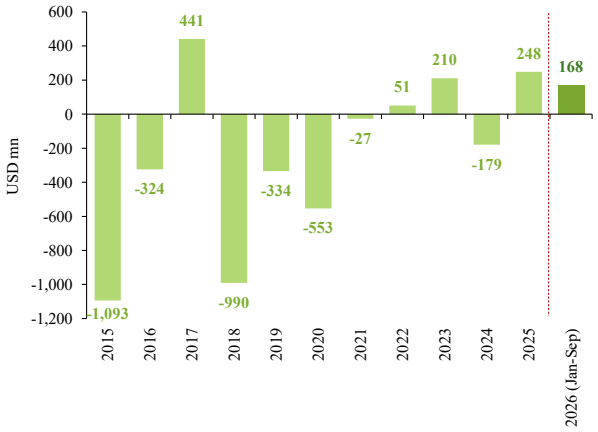
Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) [b]



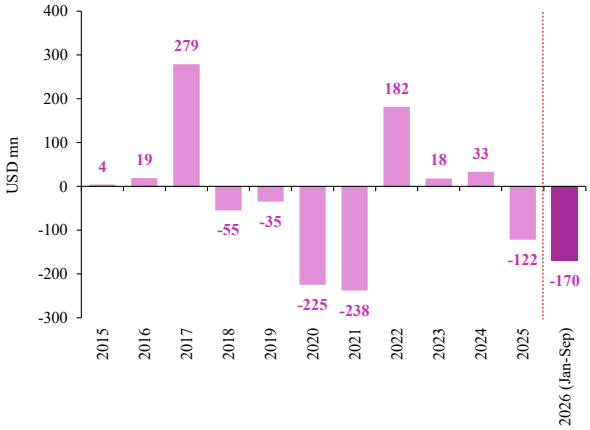
Foreign Loans to Private Sector (net)



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	Sep 2025 (USD mn)	Sep 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Sep 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-Sep 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
1. Industrial exports	**838.8**	**1,071.2**	**27.7**	**7,854.2**	**8,398.3**	**6.9**
Food, beverages and tobacco	85.1	86.6	1.8	662.4	702.6	6.1
Animal fodder	13.2	13.5	1.8	120.5	136.6	13.4
Textiles and garments	426.0	441.4	3.6	4,021.4	3,797.0	-5.6
o/w Garments	395.3	409.3	3.5	3,713.5	3,517.6	-5.3
Textiles	22.4	23.3	4.2	218.4	201.0	-8.0
Other made-up textile articles	8.3	8.8	6.1	89.5	78.5	-12.3
Rubber products	71.2	97.2	36.6	689.8	752.9	9.2
Gems, diamonds and jewellery	32.5	30.3	-6.8	299.5	286.5	-4.3
Machinery and mechanical appliances	40.6	70.0	72.3	353.9	516.0	45.8
Transport equipment	5.9	50.5	754.9	89.8	128.3	42.8
Petroleum products	65.2	149.9	129.8	719.9	1,094.8	52.1
Chemical products	24.7	36.0	45.9	230.6	278.8	20.9
Wood and paper products	10.2	13.9	37.1	91.0	111.8	22.9
Printing industry products	5.2	2.6	-49.6	36.1	28.6	-20.6
Leather, travel goods and footwear	5.1	6.2	22.4	53.4	46.9	-12.1
Plastics and articles thereof	5.0	6.5	28.7	41.0	49.4	20.6
Base metals and articles	19.3	30.2	56.2	160.6	180.4	12.3
Ceramic products	2.4	2.4	3.3	22.5	21.2	-5.6
Other industrial exports	27.2	34.0	25.2	261.9	266.5	1.7
2. Agricultural exports	**293.4**	**302.0**	**2.9**	**2,323.6**	**2,317.4**	**-0.3**
Tea	137.0	135.1	-1.4	1,163.0	1,083.6	-6.8
Rubber	3.1	2.1	-32.3	23.9	21.0	-12.0
Coconut	58.2	51.4	-11.6	425.8	441.0	3.6
Spices	41.9	73.8	76.3	324.4	423.2	30.4
Vegetables	4.1	2.0	-50.4	26.5	21.1	-20.4
Unmanufactured tobacco	2.4	2.6	6.7	18.7	20.6	9.7
Minor agricultural products	23.9	11.3	-52.8	156.7	126.2	-19.4
Seafood	22.7	23.6	4.1	184.6	180.8	-2.0
3. Mineral exports	**3.8**	**2.3**	**-39.3**	**18.1**	**24.5**	**35.1**
4. Unclassified exports	**2.5**	**1.7**	**-31.9**	**19.2**	**13.9**	**-27.5**
Total exports	**1,138.5**	**1,377.3**	**21.0**	**10,215.1**	**10,754.2**	**5.3**

(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 Classificaion 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	Sep 2025 (USD mn)	Sep 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Sep 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-Sep 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
1. Consumer goods	**521.8**	**480.1**	**-8.0**	**3,816.4**	**4,484.6**	**17.5**
Food and beverages	**145.5**	**169.8**	**16.7**	**1,565.1**	**1,617.7**	**3.4**
Cereals and milling industry products	6.6	5.6	-15.4	97.5	126.2	29.5
Dairy products	21.9	39.8	81.7	271.6	309.9	14.1
Vegetables (b)	21.2	21.5	1.2	323.0	282.9	-12.4
Seafood	10.4	16.6	59.2	84.4	138.4	63.9
Sugar and confectionery	27.4	25.8	-5.7	273.8	233.2	-14.8
Spices	6.6	11.3	71.0	72.4	102.8	42.0
Oils and Fats	35.5	25.5	-28.3	272.6	231.8	-14.9
Other food and beverages	15.8	23.8	50.1	169.9	192.4	13.3
Non-food consumer goods	**376.3**	**310.3**	**-17.5**	**2,251.3**	**2,866.9**	**27.3**
Personal vehicles	227.5	144.4	-36.5	932.6	1,435.5	53.9
Medical and pharmaceuticals	55.8	57.6	3.2	475.8	542.0	13.9
Home appliances	14.7	22.7	54.6	150.7	201.0	33.4
Clothing and accessories	21.2	20.3	-4.0	205.4	185.8	-9.5
Telecommunication devices	19.8	22.9	15.6	157.1	181.2	15.3
Household and furniture items	12.9	14.6	12.6	114.3	109.6	-4.1
Other non-food consumables	24.3	27.7	14.0	215.4	211.8	-1.7
2. Intermediate goods	**1,179.8**	**1,122.0**	**-4.9**	**8,617.2**	**10,456.2**	**21.3**
Fuel	440.7	415.1	-5.8	2,961.3	4,487.2	51.5
o/w Crude oil	103.9	57.6	-44.5	643.2	817.4	27.1
Refined petroleum	325.3	321.9	-1.0	2,171.4	3,483.7	60.4
Coal	11.5	35.6	210.6	146.7	186.1	26.9
Diamonds, precious stones, and metals	21.9	12.9	-41.3	114.9	138.5	20.6
Textiles and textile articles	243.8	248.4	1.9	2,037.3	1,961.7	-3.7
Paper and paperboard and articles thereof	39.1	40.1	2.6	305.8	318.5	4.2
Agricultural inputs	19.2	27.1	40.8	194.3	231.6	19.2
Wheat and maize	47.6	17.5	-63.3	252.7	257.0	1.7
Base metals	46.9	50.9	8.6	359.3	502.4	39.8
Plastics and articles thereof	61.3	64.2	4.7	472.7	534.6	13.1
Chemical products	89.2	106.3	19.1	751.2	883.3	17.6
Fertiliser	37.4	17.7	-52.7	202.2	147.2	-27.2
Rubber and articles thereof	30.0	34.2	14.1	222.4	246.8	11.0
Mineral products	20.8	20.2	-3.2	115.7	137.7	19.0
Other intermediate goods	81.9	67.5	-17.6	627.5	609.7	-2.8
3. Investment goods	**346.7**	**506.2**	**46.0**	**2,943.9**	**3,709.8**	**26.0**
Machinery and equipment	189.1	313.3	65.7	1,847.5	2,332.9	26.3
Building material	89.6	123.9	38.4	739.2	803.4	8.7
Transport equipment	67.7	68.6	1.2	354.4	569.8	60.8
o/w Commercial Vehicles	58.7	43.3	-26.2	271.2	435.8	60.7
Other investment goods	0.3	0.3	16.0	2.8	3.7	35.7
4. Unclassified imports	**0.3**	**0.3**	**-12.8**	**12.0**	**15.1**	**26.1**
Total imports	**2,048.6**	**2,108.6**	**2.9**	**15,389.5**	**18,665.7**	**21.3**
o/w Non-fuel imports	**1,607.9**	**1,693.5**	**5.3**	**12,428.2**	**14,178.5**	**14.1**

(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 Classificaion 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	Sep 2025 (USD mn)	Sep 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Sep 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-Sep 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
0. Food and live animals	**317.2**	**327.0**	**3.1**	**2,537.2**	**2,551.6**	**0.6**
03 Fish and fish preparations	28.3	32.9	16.1	229.5	259.3	13.0
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	7.1	8.3	17.6	60.3	63.4	5.1
05 Vegetables and fruit	78.6	47.6	-39.4	531.4	453.1	-14.7
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	176.5	209.2	18.6	1,485.8	1,504.2	1.2
1. Beverages and tobacco	**15.6**	**22.1**	**41.9**	**129.1**	**147.8**	**14.5**
11 Beverages	5.7	10.4	82.8	53.6	63.0	17.6
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	9.9	11.7	18.4	75.5	84.8	12.3
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	**45.1**	**43.1**	**-4.4**	**347.0**	**373.5**	**7.6**
23 Crude rubber	3.2	2.3	-28.4	25.2	22.4	-11.1
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	25.7	16.5	-35.9	201.1	147.2	-26.8
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	**65.2**	**149.9**	**129.8**	**719.9**	**1,094.8**	**52.1**
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	65.2	149.9	129.8	719.9	1,089.2	51.3
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	0	0		0	5.7	
4. Animal and vegetable oils, fats, and waxes	**19.6**	**17.5**	**-10.8**	**148.5**	**147.4**	**-0.8**
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	14.2	11.5	-19.3	107.6	108.6	0.9
5. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	**30.7**	**41.4**	**34.6**	**269.1**	**330.2**	**22.7**
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	**139.6**	**170.9**	**22.4**	**1,314.4**	**1,342.0**	**2.1**
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	47.4	65.3	37.6	468.1	514.2	9.8
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, etc., n.e.s.	30.0	31.4	4.7	297.2	266.4	-10.4
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	37.4	36.6	-2.3	342.0	321.6	-6.0
7. Machinery, transport equipment	**44.9**	**79.7**	**77.5**	**430.2**	**589.9**	**37.1**
77 Electric machinery, apparatus, and appliances, n.e.s. and electrical parts thereof	27.1	42.6	57.4	223.7	295.1	31.9
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles	**460.5**	**525.7**	**14.1**	**4,319.7**	**4,177.0**	**-3.3**
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	422.6	444.9	5.3	3,967.0	3,785.3	-4.6
9. Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	**0**	**0**		**0.1**	**0**	
Total exports	**1,138.5**	**1,377.3**	**21.0**	**10,215.1**	**10,754.2**	**5.3**

(a) Provisional

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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

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Detailed Breakdown of Import Expenditure Classified as per the Standard International Trade Classification Revision 4 (a)

Category	Sep 2025 (USD mn)	Sep 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Sep 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-Sep 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
0. Food and live animals	**186.2**	**195.0**	**4.7**	**1,815.4**	**1,947.3**	**7.3**
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	21.9	39.8	81.6	272.0	310.3	14.1
03 Fish and fish preparations	10.5	16.8	59.1	85.7	139.9	63.3
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	53.9	22.8	-57.7	346.6	379.8	9.6
05 Vegetables and fruit	26.8	28.0	4.5	379.1	347.1	-8.4
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	27.4	25.8	-5.7	273.8	233.2	-14.8
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	13.7	20.5	49.6	144.9	176.0	21.5
1. Beverages and tobacco	**12.8**	**10.9**	**-14.6**	**93.6**	**106.1**	**13.3**
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	**50.2**	**59.6**	**18.8**	**369.7**	**410.8**	**11.1**
23 Crude rubber	26.6	30.3	14.1	191.8	213.8	11.5
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	0.8	1.5	93.5	13.5	10.6	-21.2
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	**440.7**	**415.1**	**-5.8**	**2,961.3**	**4,487.2**	**51.5**
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	397.4	342.7	-13.8	2,495.1	4,019.0	61.1
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	31.8	36.8	15.7	319.5	282.1	-11.7
4. Animal and vegetable oils, fats, and waxes	**42.8**	**27.8**	**-35.0**	**343.1**	**251.7**	**-26.6**
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	42.0	27.2	-35.3	330.1	244.9	-25.8
5. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	**239.4**	**243.6**	**1.7**	**1,865.9**	**2,083.7**	**11.7**
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	51.9	53.0	2.2	436.2	495.7	13.7
56 Fertilisers, manufactured	37.4	17.7	-52.7	202.1	146.8	-27.3
57 Plastics in primary forms	41.2	42.5	3.2	308.3	366.1	18.8
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	14.9	17.2	14.8	124.7	134.7	8.1
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	**470.1**	**492.1**	**4.7**	**3,698.9**	**3,898.5**	**5.4**
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles thereof	36.2	37.7	4.3	286.1	302.2	5.6
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, etc., n.e.s.	239.4	244.7	2.2	1,994.2	1,923.4	-3.5
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	59.1	45.4	-23.1	347.1	388.1	11.8
67 Iron and steel	67.0	62.0	-7.4	455.5	531.7	16.7
7. Machinery, transport equipment	**524.7**	**574.1**	**9.4**	**3,462.6**	**4,733.3**	**36.7**
72 Machinery specialized for particular industries	43.9	40.4	-7.9	358.8	417.1	16.3
74 General industrial machinery and equipment and machine parts, n.e.s.	46.8	130.3	178.2	541.4	715.9	32.2
75 Office machines and automatic data-processing machines	18.3	39.3	114.7	160.2	265.0	65.4
76 Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	35.8	49.6	38.5	324.3	436.5	34.6
77 Electric machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s. and electrical parts thereof	59.7	78.5	31.5	476.2	626.3	31.5
78 Road vehicles	295.0	200.0	-32.2	1,302.4	1,970.5	51.3
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles	**81.2**	**89.8**	**10.6**	**766.8**	**736.2**	**-4.0**
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	17.4	17.1	-1.7	180.1	154.7	-14.1
87 Professional, scientific, and controlling instruments and apparatus n.e.s.	17.1	21.6	26.5	148.5	181.5	22.3
9. Commodities and transactions not elsewhere specified in SITC	**0.5**	**0.7**	**31.3**	**12.2**	**10.8**	**-10.8**
Total imports	**2,048.6**	**2,108.6**	**2.9**	**15,389.5**	**18,665.7**	**21.3**

(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

Services Account – Inflows (a)

	Sep 2025 (USD mn)	Sep 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Sep 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-Sep 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Services	**503.1**	**559.5**	**11.2**	**5,288.5**	**5,256.7**	**-0.6**
Manufacturing services	**7.0**	**1.9**	**-72.4**	**12.6**	**19.0**	**51.3**
Maintenance and repair services	**0.7**	**1.9**	**161.1**	**11.7**	**9.5**	**-19.2**
Transport	**136.2**	**199.1**	**46.2**	**1,410.7**	**1,533.6**	**8.7**
Sea transport	94.9	124.0	30.7	1,062.0	1,038.6	-2.2
Passenger	0.0	0.03		0.4	0.2	-50.2
Freight	56.1	57.8	3.0	582.0	529.2	-9.1
Other	38.8	66.2	70.6	479.7	509.3	6.2
Air transport	41.2	75.0	82.2	348.1	493.7	41.8
Passenger	23.8	29.1	22.1	238.1	266.3	11.9
Freight	3.5	2.7	-20.7	27.5	19.3	-29.6
Other	13.9	43.2	211.4	82.5	208.0	152.1
Postal services	0.1	0.1	-53.7	0.6	1.3	114.3
Travel [(b)]	**182.9**	**185.6**	**1.5**	**2,472.9**	**2,245.2**	**-9.2**
Construction	**12.0**	**8.9**	**-25.6**	**101.9**	**64.9**	**-36.3**
Construction abroad	0.4	0.5	39.9	12.7	11.1	-12.5
Construction in the reporting economy	3.5	3.8	9.9	32.1	24.5	-23.4
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	8.1	4.6	-43.8	57.1	29.2	-48.9
Insurance and pension services	**5.0**	**4.7**	**-6.9**	**17.1**	**42.8**	**151.3**
Direct insurance	3.4	2.2	-33.1	12.9	33.4	159.0
Reinsurance	1.6	2.4	46.7	4.1	9.4	127.3
Financial services	**2.9**	**3.8**	**30.9**	**34.9**	**40.9**	**17.2**
Charges for the use of intellectual property	**1.6**	**1.1**	**-36.0**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**-0.2**
Telecommunications, computer, and information services	**77.1**	**69.4**	**-10.0**	**690.8**	**576.5**	**-16.5**
Telecommunications services	7.1	4.4	-37.7	69.7	51.6	-26.0
Computer & IT/BPO related services	70.0	65.0	-7.2	621.0	524.9	-15.5
Computer services	69.8	64.7	-7.3	615.7	522.5	-15.1
Information services	0.2	0.3	45.6	5.3	2.4	-55.2
Other business services	**76.0**	**80.8**	**6.3**	**505.8**	**690.6**	**36.5**
Education services	3.9	7.0	81.4	29.5	43.0	45.7
Professional and management consulting services	21.2	35.3	66.3	222.8	284.5	27.7
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	50.9	38.5	-24.4	253.5	363.1	43.2
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	**1.1**	**1.6**	**43.8**	**10.6**	**14.0**	**31.6**
Audiovisual and related services	0.6	0.7	18.0	5.0	8.8	77.7
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.5	0.9	77.4	5.7	5.2	-8.9
Government goods and services	**0.6**	**0.9**	**37.2**	**10.0**	**10.2**	**2.1**

(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)

	Sep 2025 (USD mn)	Sep 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Sep 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-Sep 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Services	**322.4**	**440.8**	**36.7**	**2,440.8**	**3,043.3**	**24.7**
Manufacturing services	**11.2**	**2.6**	**-76.5**	**105.8**	**15.5**	**-85.3**
Maintenance and repair services	**5.5**	**13.6**	**146.6**	**51.8**	**75.0**	**44.8**
Transport	**94.1**	**140.9**	**49.7**	**760.7**	**943.6**	**24.0**
Sea transport	42.1	30.7	-27.1	334.8	250.4	-25.2
Passenger	0.0	0.04		0.1	0.4	256.7
Freight	29.0	26.7	-7.8	299.8	211.2	-29.6
Other	13.1	3.9	-70.0	34.8	38.9	11.6
Air transport	51.9	109.6	111.2	424.8	690.0	62.4
Passenger	16.7	26.1	55.6	160.3	185.5	15.7
Freight	26.7	27.5	2.7	211.1	228.5	8.3
Other	8.4	56.1		53.4	276.0	416.5
Postal services	0.2	0.6	285.7	1.2	3.2	168.0
Travel	**74.0**	**122.0**	**64.9**	**577.0**	**937.2**	**62.4**
Construction	**2.7**	**13.0**	**382.5**	**30.7**	**40.3**	**31.1**
Construction abroad	0.1	0.1	-41.8	2.3	3.6	56.2
Construction in the reporting economy	1.2	7.4		6.3	11.9	88.3
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	1.3	5.5	310.5	22.1	24.8	12.1
Insurance and pension services	**6.4**	**8.4**	**31.5**	**35.4**	**49.2**	**39.0**
Direct insurance	2.9	1.8	-38.7	10.7	13.0	22.0
Reinsurance	3.5	6.6	89.0	24.7	36.2	46.4
Financial services	**3.5**	**5.6**	**61.2**	**14.4**	**24.2**	**68.0**
Charges for the use of intellectual property	**12.4**	**12.0**	**-3.2**	**120.8**	**79.2**	**-34.4**
Telecommunications, computer, and information services	**33.3**	**28.9**	**-13.4**	**222.2**	**222.6**	**0.2**
Telecommunications services	5.1	1.7	-66.6	26.3	19.2	-27.1
Computer & IT/BPO related services	28.2	27.2	-3.8	195.9	203.4	3.8
Computer services	27.8	26.3	-5.4	191.5	197.5	3.2
Information services	0.5	0.9	92.1	4.4	5.9	33.2
Other business services	**76.6**	**91.4**	**19.3**	**500.6**	**638.3**	**27.5**
Education services	7.4	14.3	93.8	76.1	88.0	15.7
Professional and management consulting services	13.5	16.0	18.4	127.2	152.7	20.0
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	55.7	61.1	9.6	297.3	397.6	33.7
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	**2.2**	**1.7**	**-21.8**	**15.8**	**12.4**	**-21.7**
Audiovisual and related services	2.2	1.5	-32.2	15.1	11.3	-25.2
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.005	0.2		0.7	1.1	58.9
Government goods and services	**0.4**	**0.6**	**49.7**	**5.5**	**5.9**	**6.6**

(a) Provisional.

Sources: SLTDA, ITRS – CBSL

Services Account – Net (a)

	Sep 2025 (USD mn)	Sep 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Sep 2025 (USD mn)	Jan-Sep 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Services	**180.7**	**118.7**	**-34.3**	**2,847.8**	**2,213.3**	**-22.3**
Manufacturing services	**-4.2**	**-0.7**	**-83.2**	**-93.2**	**3.5**	**-103.8**
Maintenance and repair services	**-4.8**	**-11.7**	**144.4**	**-40.0**	**-65.5**	**63.5**
Transport	**42.0**	**58.1**	**38.4**	**650.0**	**590.0**	**-9.2**
Sea transport	52.8	93.3	76.7	727.3	788.2	8.4
Passenger	0.0	-0.01		0.3	-0.2	-182.1
Freight	27.1	31.0	14.6	282.1	318.0	12.7
Other	25.7	62.3	142.4	444.9	470.4	5.7
Air transport	-10.7	-34.6	222.6	-76.7	-196.4	156.0
Passenger	7.1	3.1	-57.0	77.8	80.9	3.9
Freight	-23.3	-24.7	6.2	-183.6	-209.2	13.9
Other	5.4	-12.9	-337.6	29.1	-68.0	-334.2
Postal services	-0.04	-0.6		-0.6	-1.9	223.9
Travel	**108.9**	**63.6**	**-41.6**	**1,895.9**	**1,308.0**	**-31.0**
Construction	**9.3**	**-4.1**	**-144.3**	**71.1**	**24.6**	**-65.4**
Construction abroad	0.2	0.4	83.4	10.4	7.5	-27.7
Construction in the reporting economy	2.3	-3.6	-259.0	25.7	12.6	-50.9
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	6.8	-0.9	-113.9	35.0	4.4	-87.4
Insurance and pension services	**-1.4**	**-3.8**	**168.8**	**-18.4**	**-6.4**	**-65.3**
Direct insurance	0.5	0.5	0.5	2.2	20.4	
Reinsurance	-1.9	-4.2	126.2	-20.6	-26.8	30.1
Financial services	**-0.6**	**-1.8**	**204.7**	**20.5**	**16.7**	**-18.6**
Charges for the use of intellectual property	**-10.8**	**-11.0**	**1.8**	**-111.1**	**-69.6**	**-37.4**
Telecommunications, computer, and information services	**43.8**	**40.5**	**-7.4**	**468.5**	**353.9**	**-24.5**
Telecommunications services	2.0	2.7	36.1	43.4	32.4	-25.4
Computer & IT/BPO related services	41.8	37.8	-9.5	425.1	321.5	-24.4
Computer services	42.1	38.4	-8.6	424.2	325.0	-23.4
Information services	-0.3	-0.6	120.1	0.9	-3.5	
Other business services	**-0.6**	**-10.6**		**5.2**	**52.3**	
Education services	-3.5	-7.3	107.4	-46.6	-45.1	-3.3
Professional and management consulting services	7.7	19.3	150.6	95.6	131.8	37.8
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	-4.8	-22.6	371.6	-43.8	-34.5	-21.4
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	**-1.1**	**-0.2**	**-86.5**	**-5.2**	**1.6**	**-131.3**
Audiovisual and related services	-1.6	-0.8	-51.8	-10.2	-2.5	-75.7
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.5	0.6	30.1	5.0	4.1	-18.0
Government goods and services	**0.2**	**0.3**	**15.8**	**4.4**	**4.3**	**-3.6**

(a) Provisional.

Sources: SLTDA, ITRS – CBSL