



Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Macroeconomic Developments in Charts

As at end September 2026

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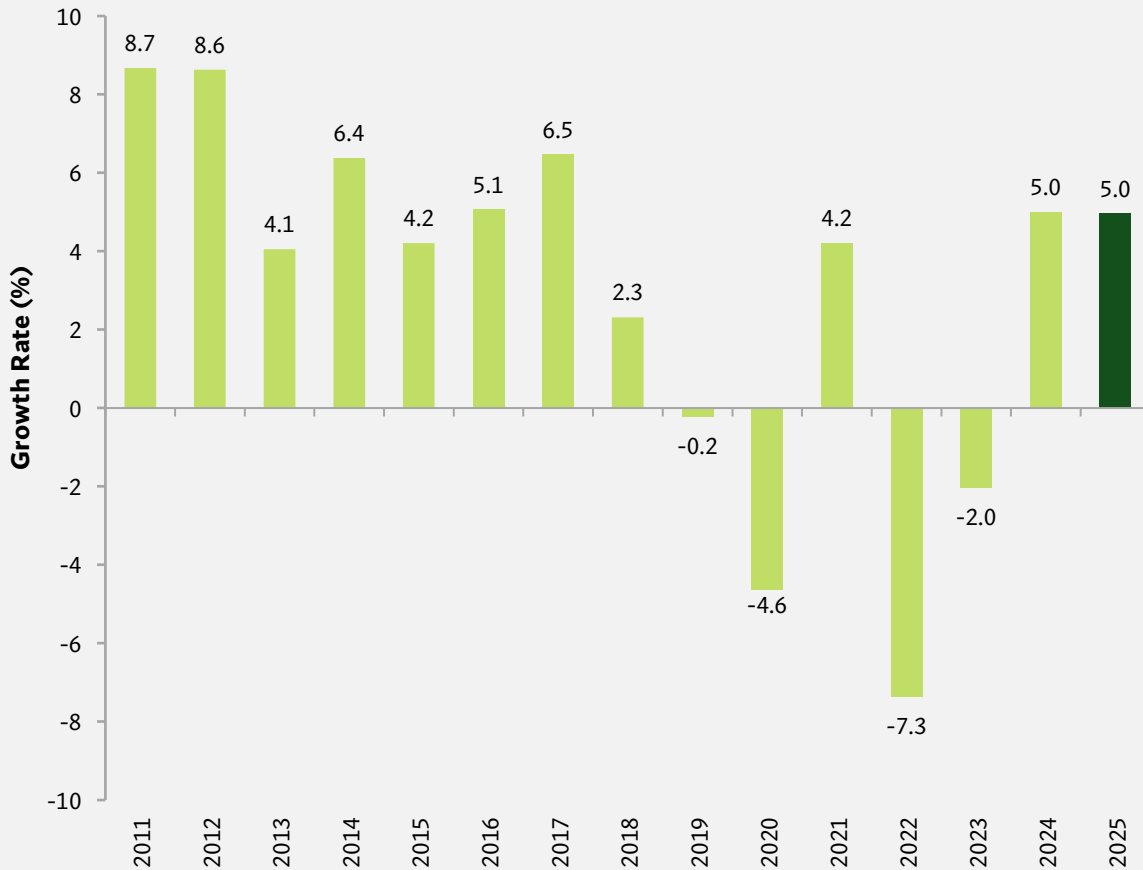
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Real Sector and Inflation

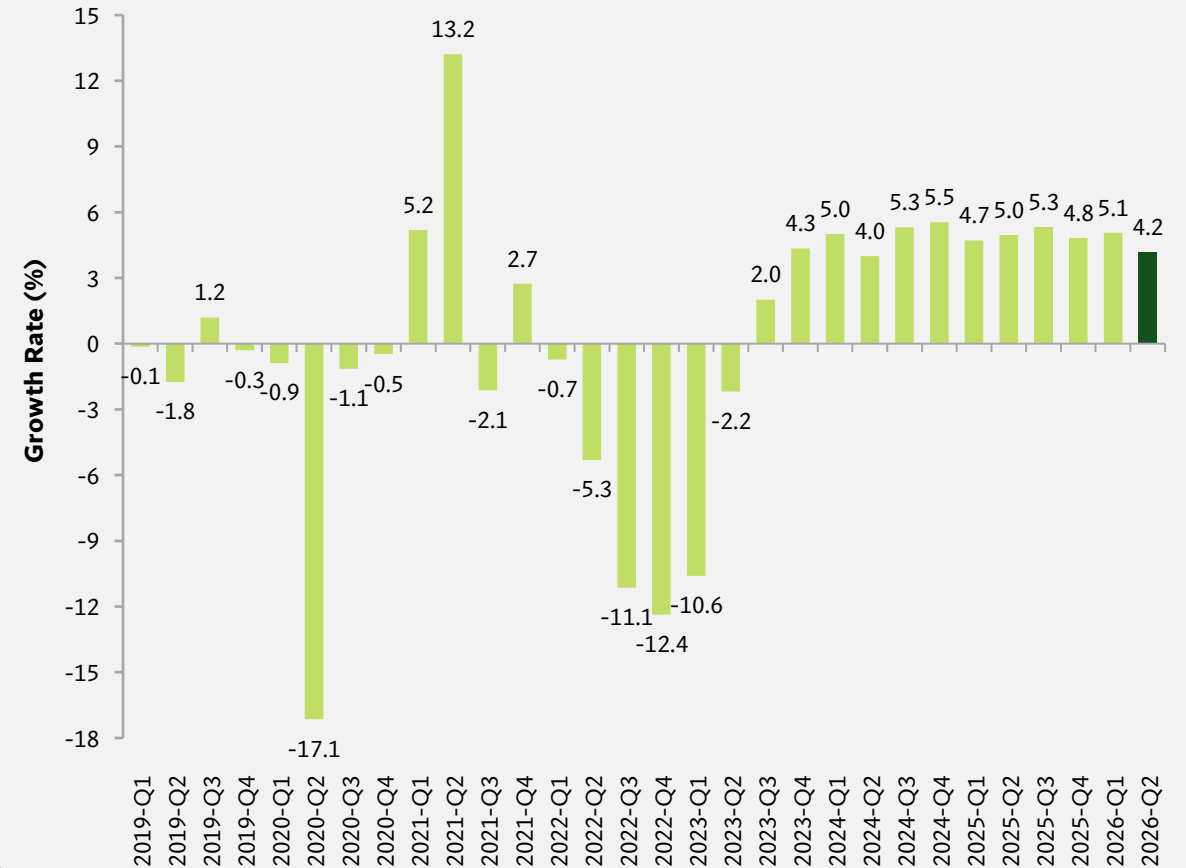


Real GDP Growth

Annual Real GDP Growth



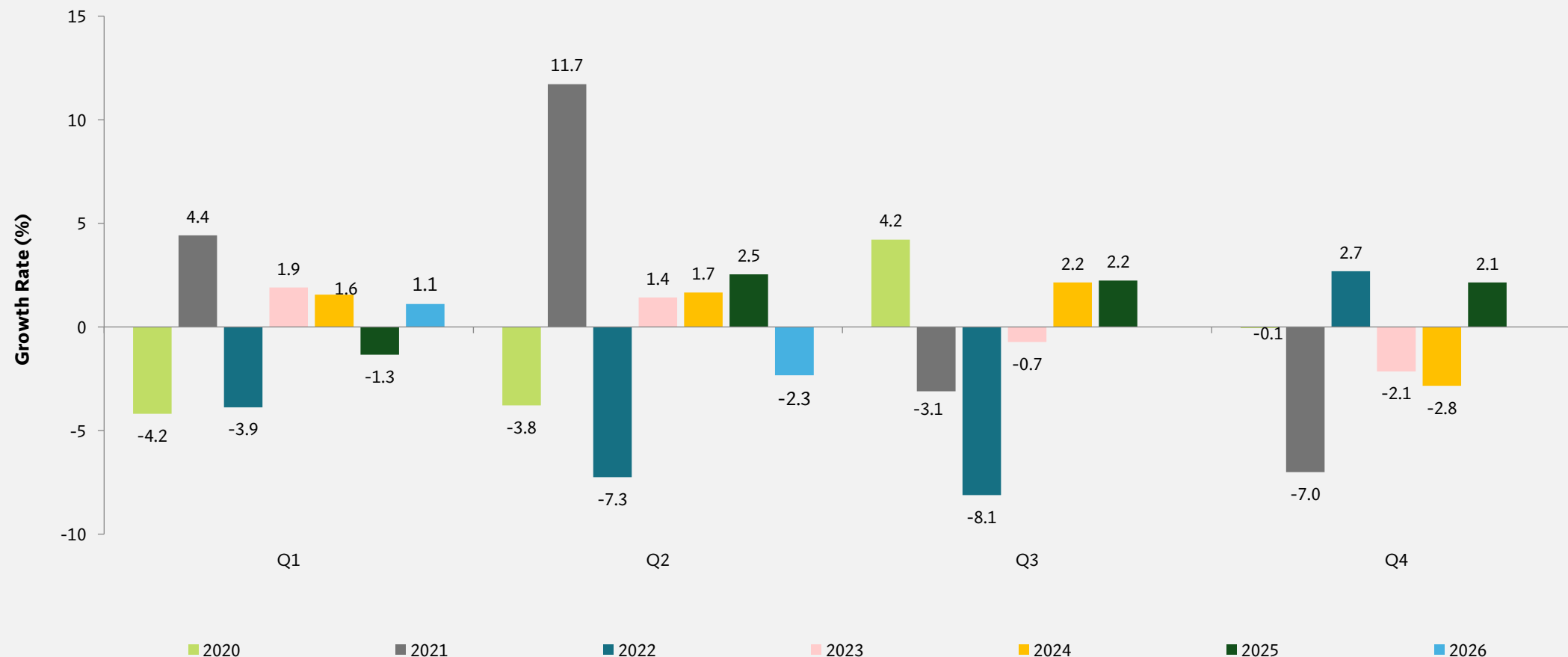
Quarterly Real GDP Growth



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Sectoral GDP Growth - Agriculture

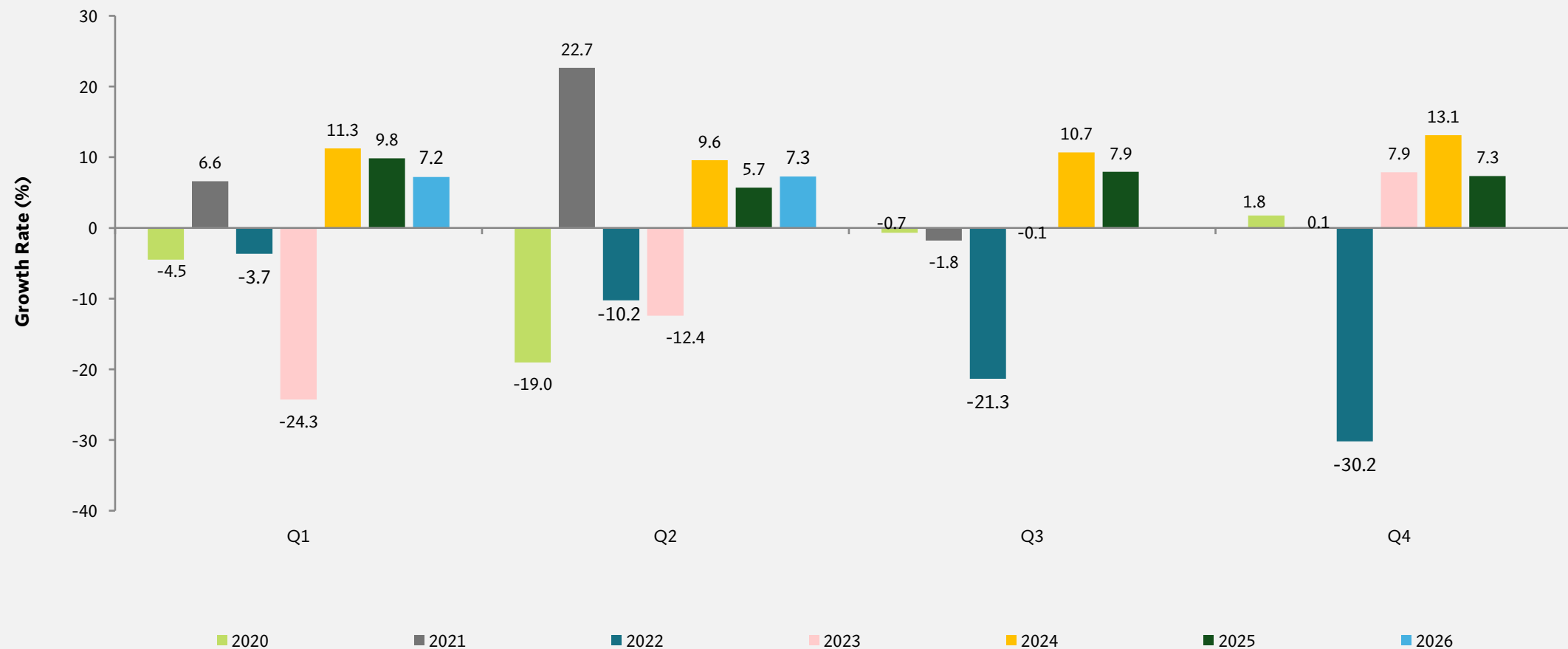


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Sectoral GDP Growth - Industry

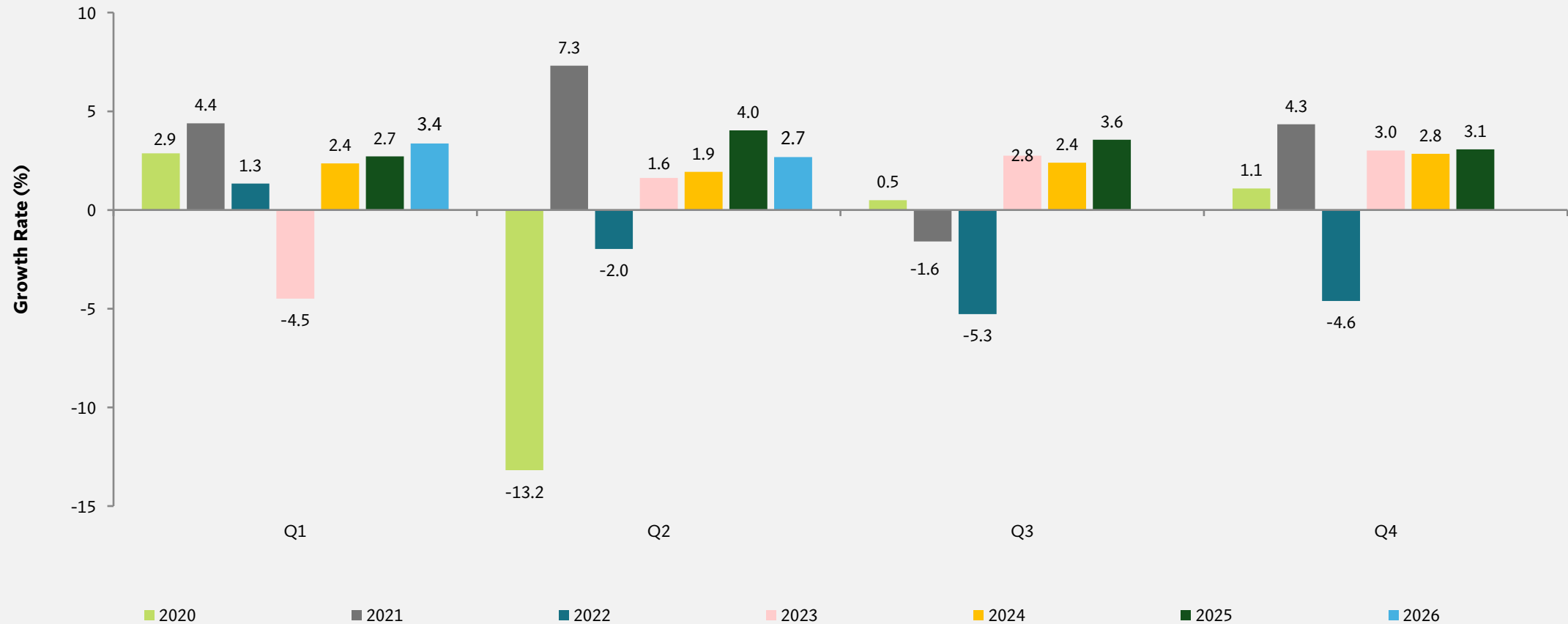


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Sectoral GDP Growth - Services

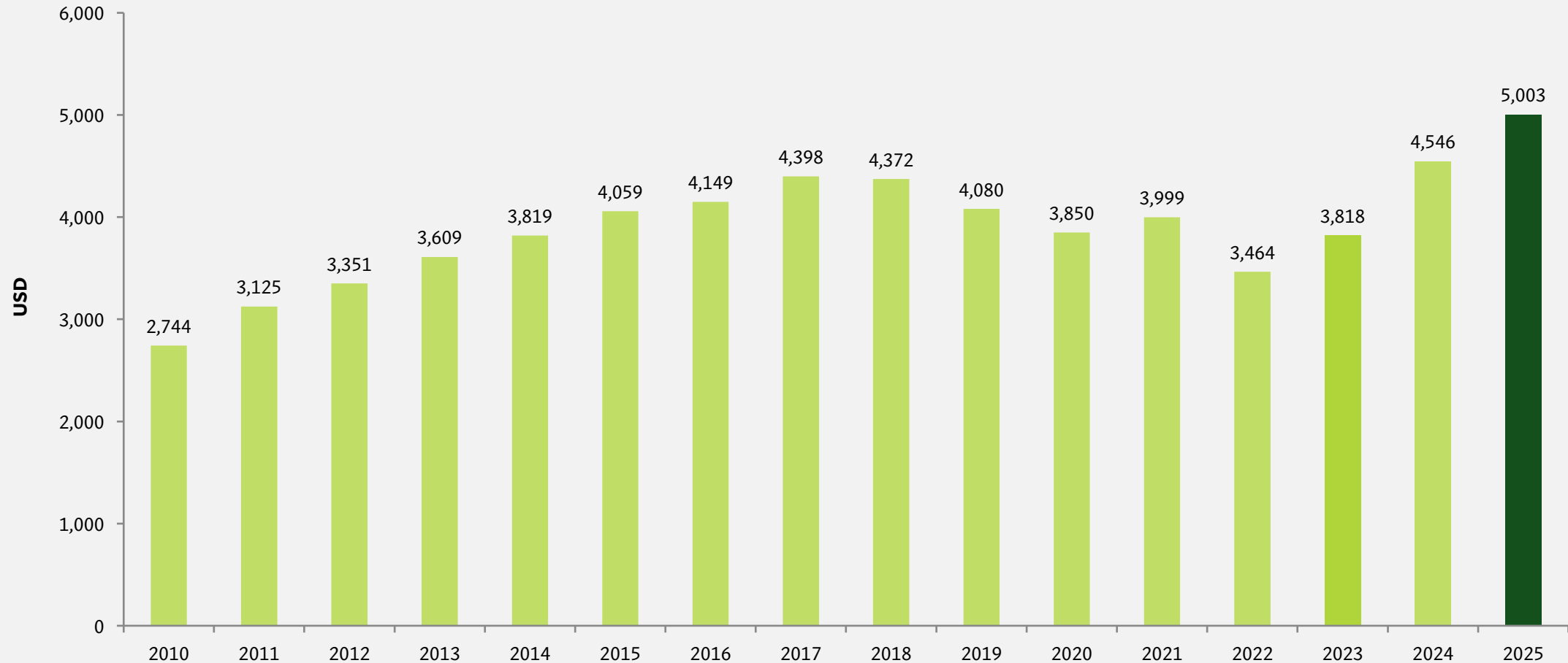


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Per Capita GDP

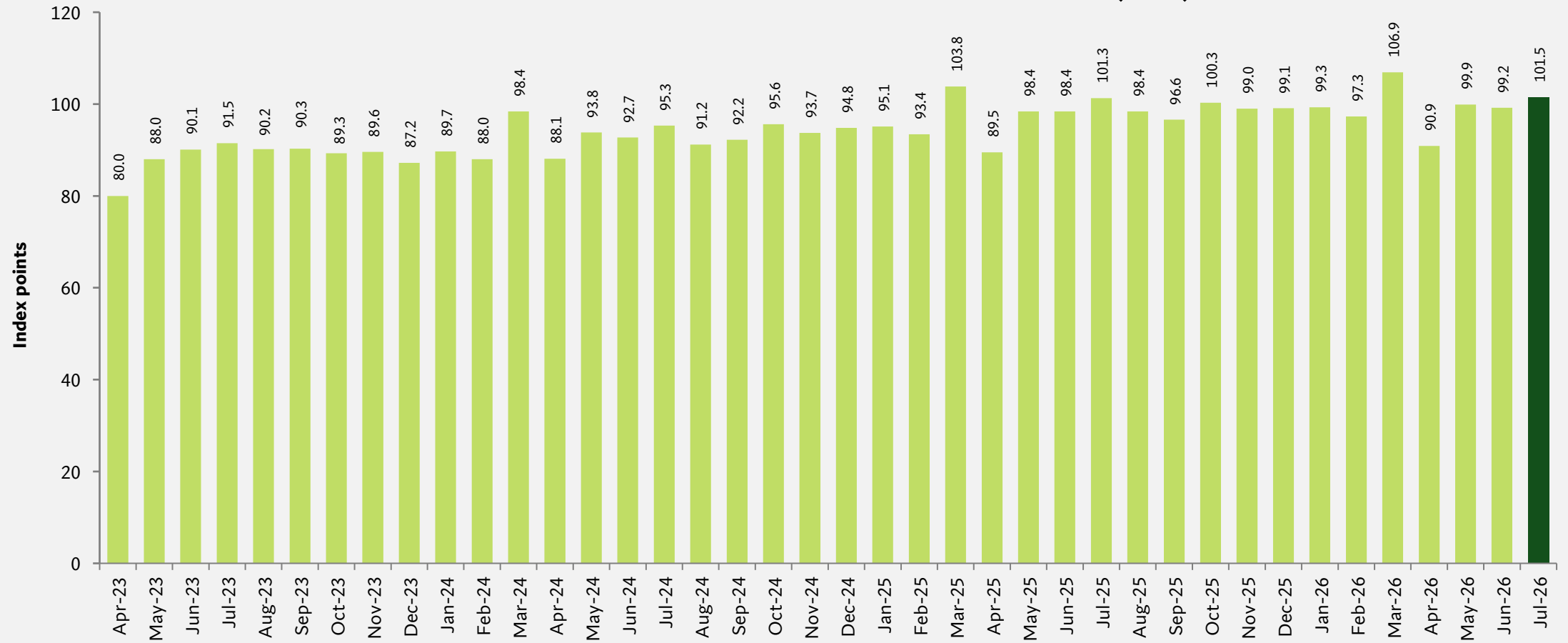


Note: Based on quarterly GDP in USD terms calculated using the quarterly average exchange rate from 2015 onwards. Estimates are updated with the latest population figures. These values may differ from those published by the DCS due to the use of quarterly average exchange rates, as opposed to annual average rates, in the derivation of GDP in USD terms.

Sources: Department of Census and Statistics
Central Bank of Sri Lanka



Index of Industrial Production (IIP)

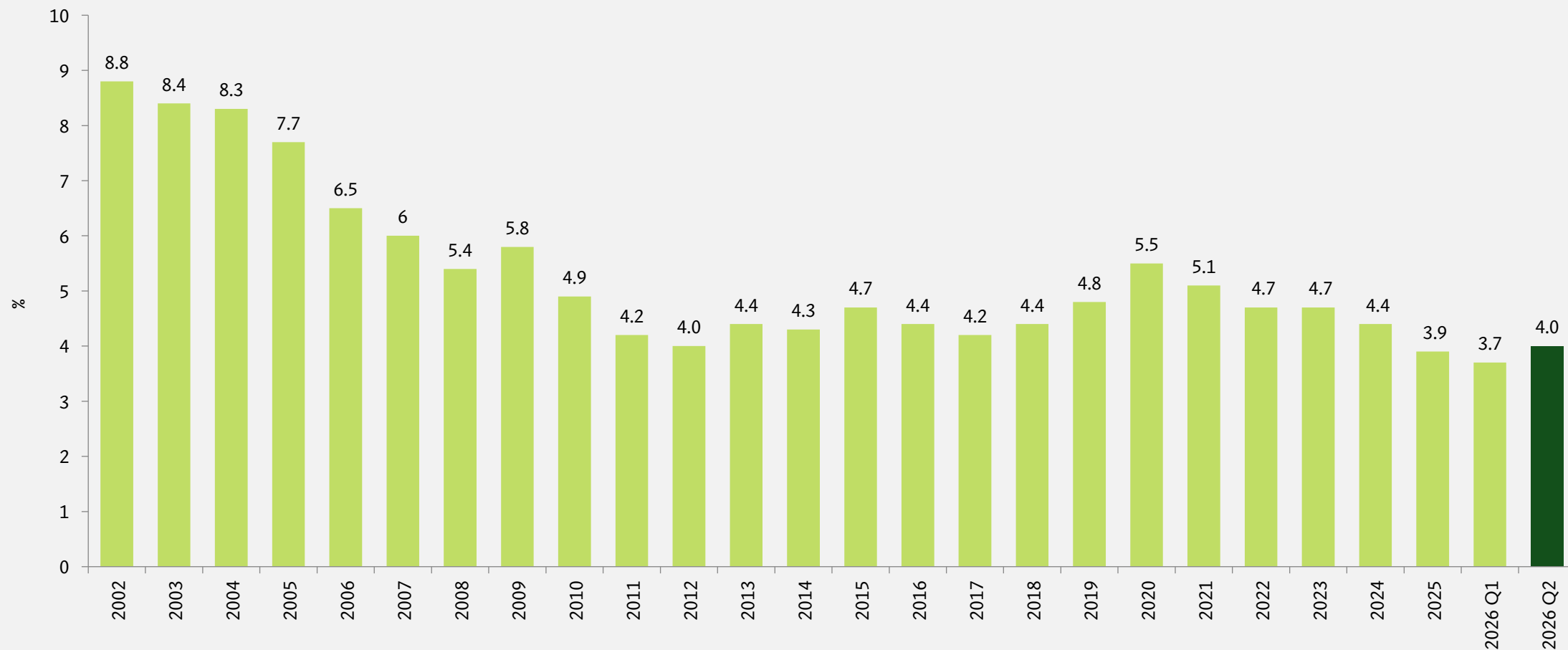


Note: Based on the Index of Industrial Production (IIP, 2015=100)

Source: Department of Census and Statistics



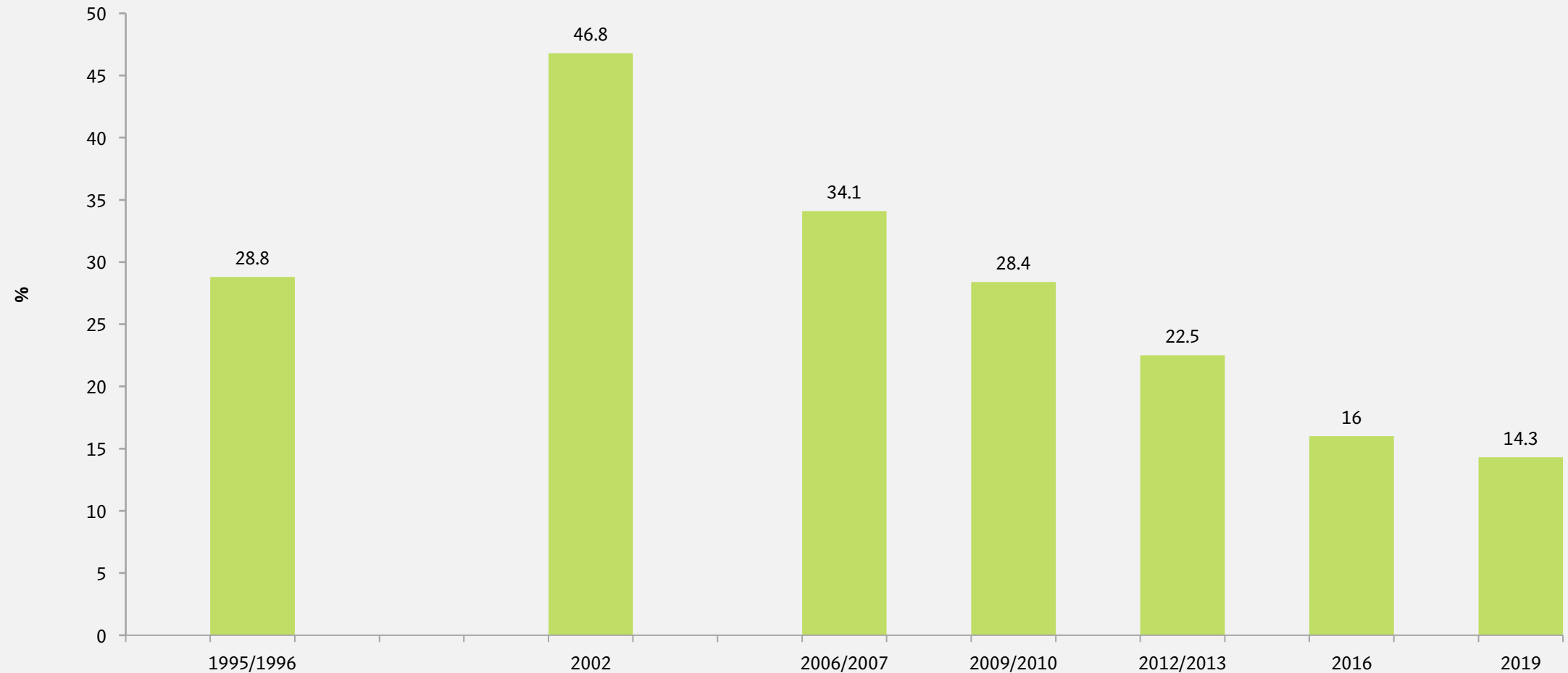
Unemployment



Source: Department of Census and Statistics



Poverty Headcount Ratio



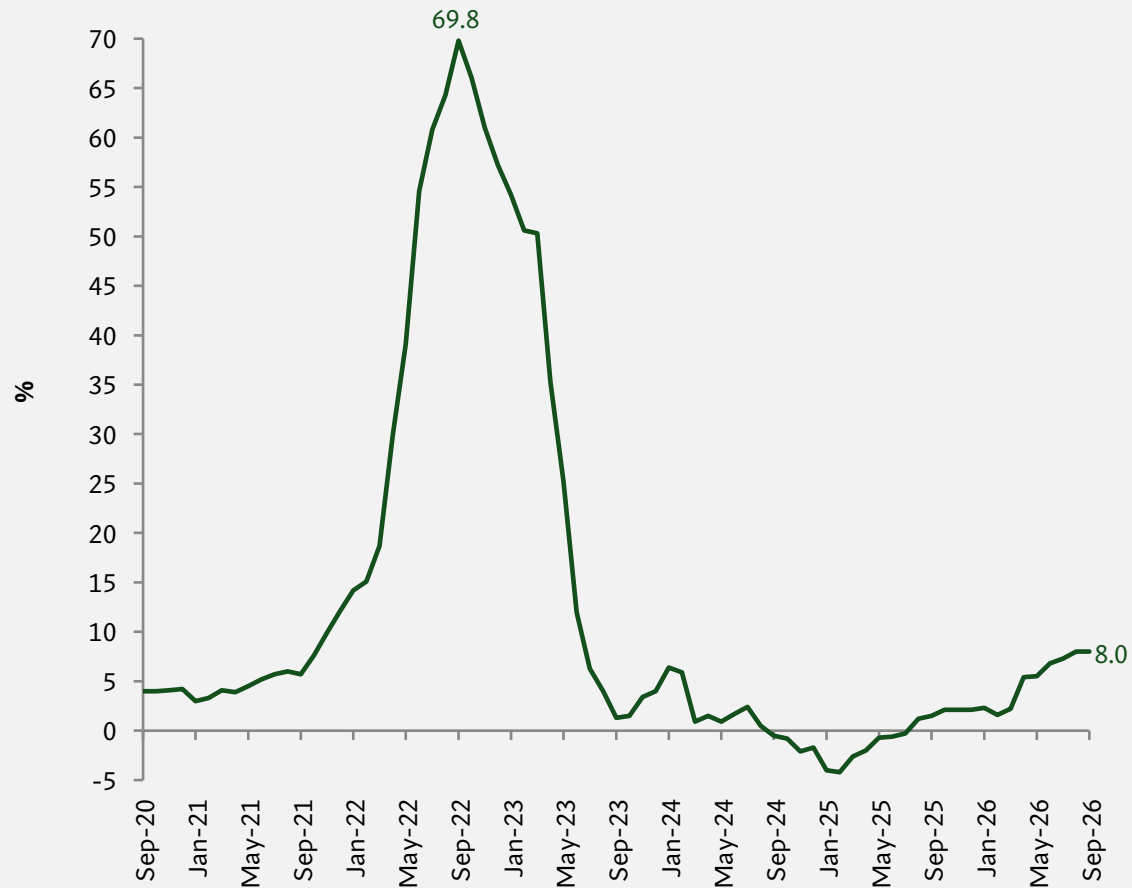
Note: Based on official poverty line using HIES 2019 data

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

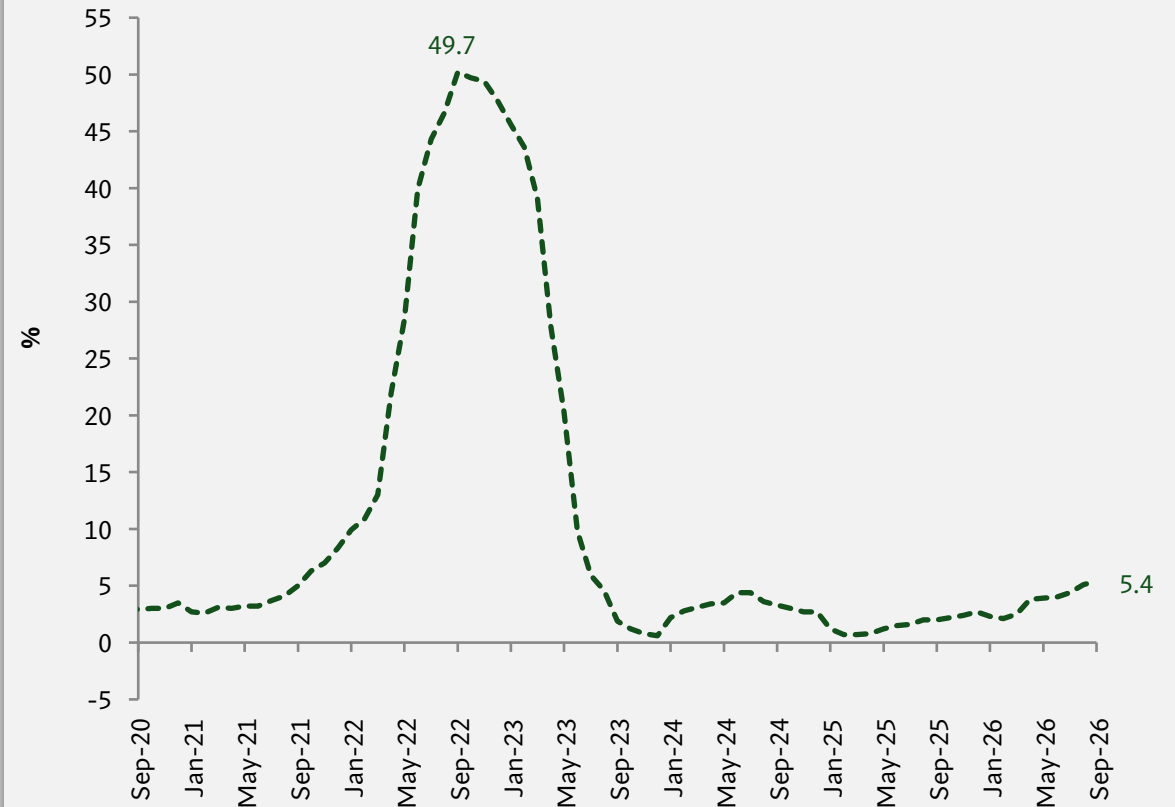


CCPI based Inflation

CCPI based Y-o-Y Headline Inflation



CCPI based Y-o-Y Core Inflation*



*Core Inflation is calculated by excluding volatile food, energy and transport categories from CCPI

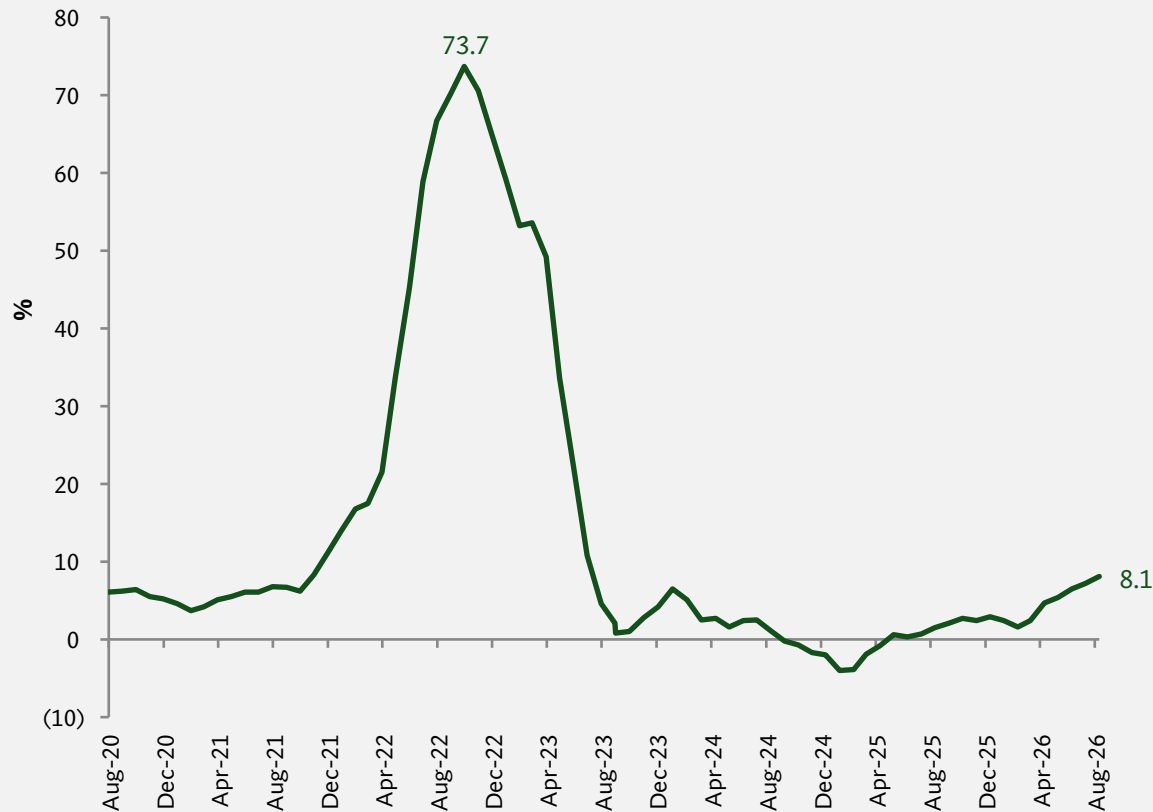
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Source: Department of Census and Statistics

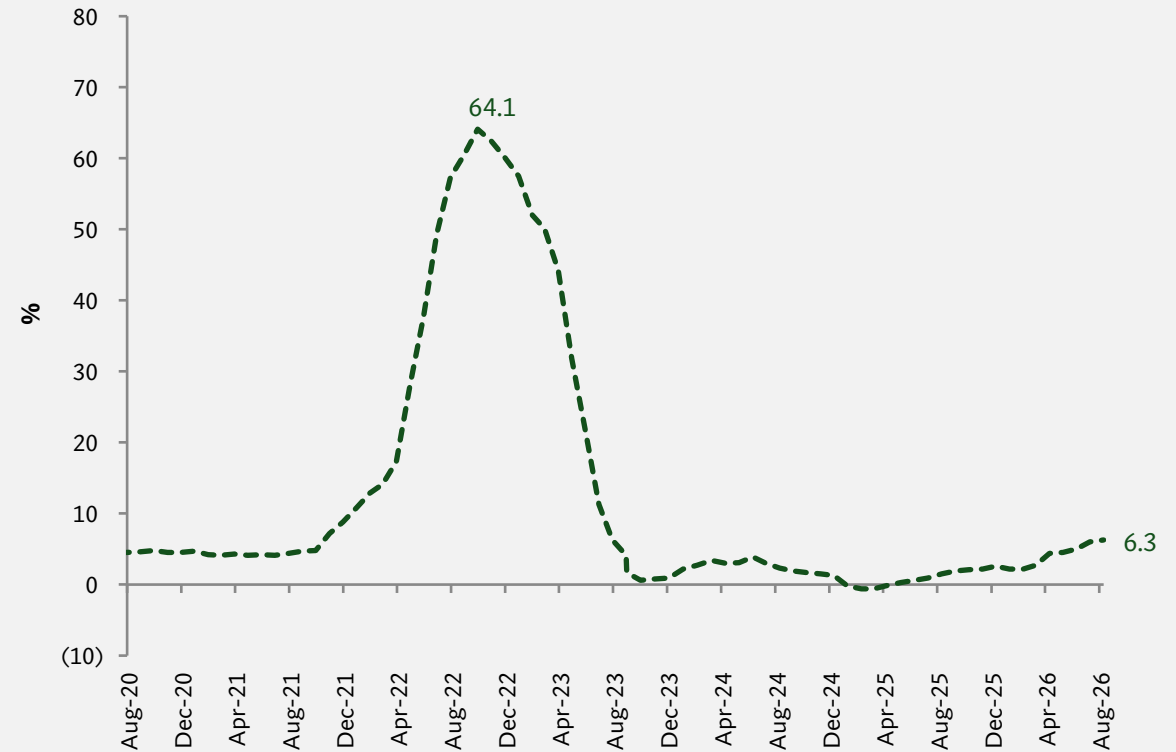


NCPI based Inflation

NCPI based Y-o-Y Headline Inflation



NCPI based Y-o-Y Core Inflation*



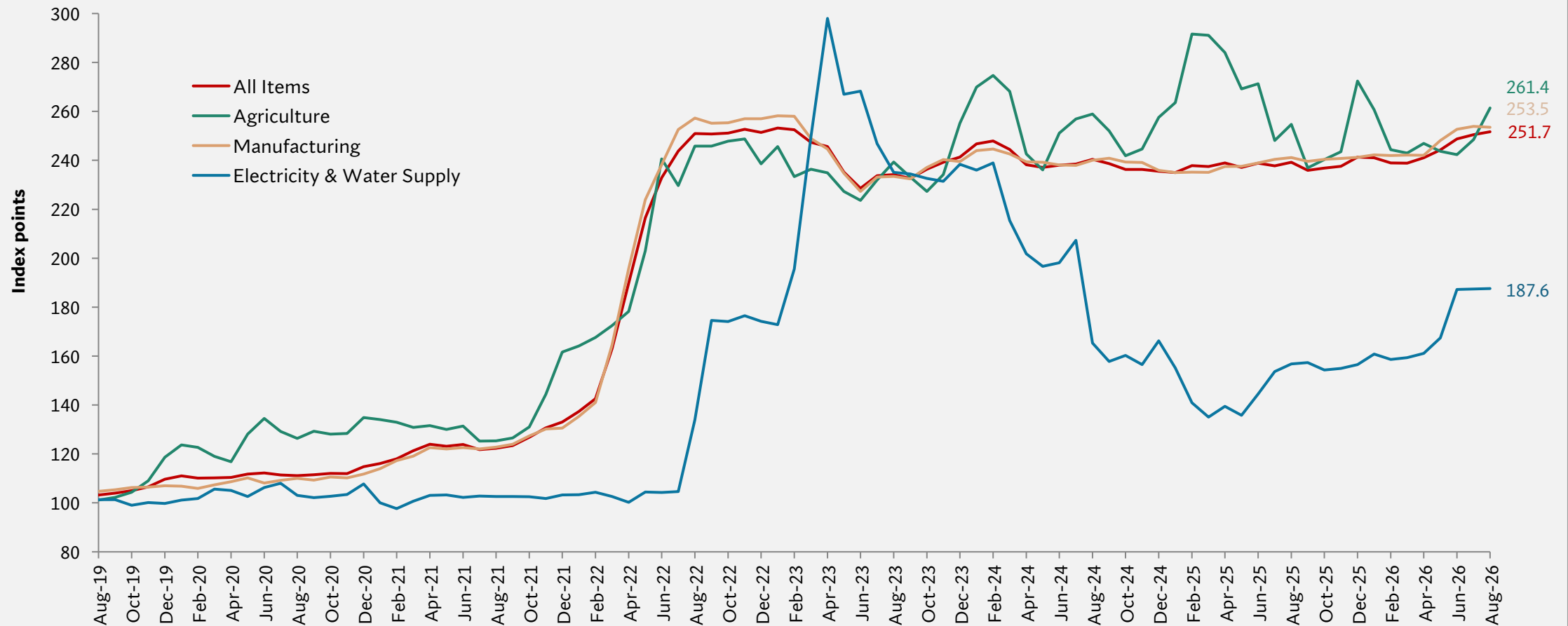
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Source: Department of Census and Statistics



Producer Price Index (PPI)*



*Based on the Producer Price Index (PPI, 2018 Q4=100)

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

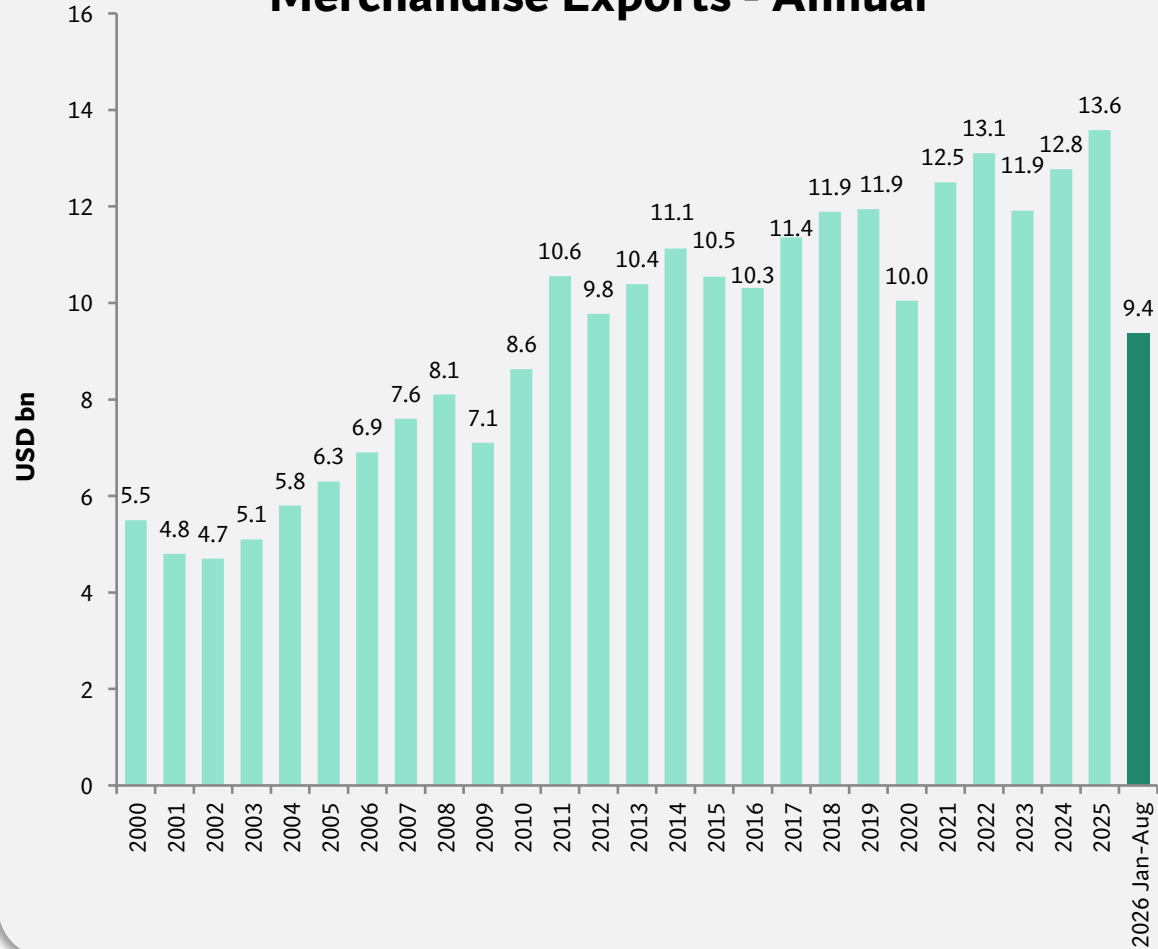


External Sector

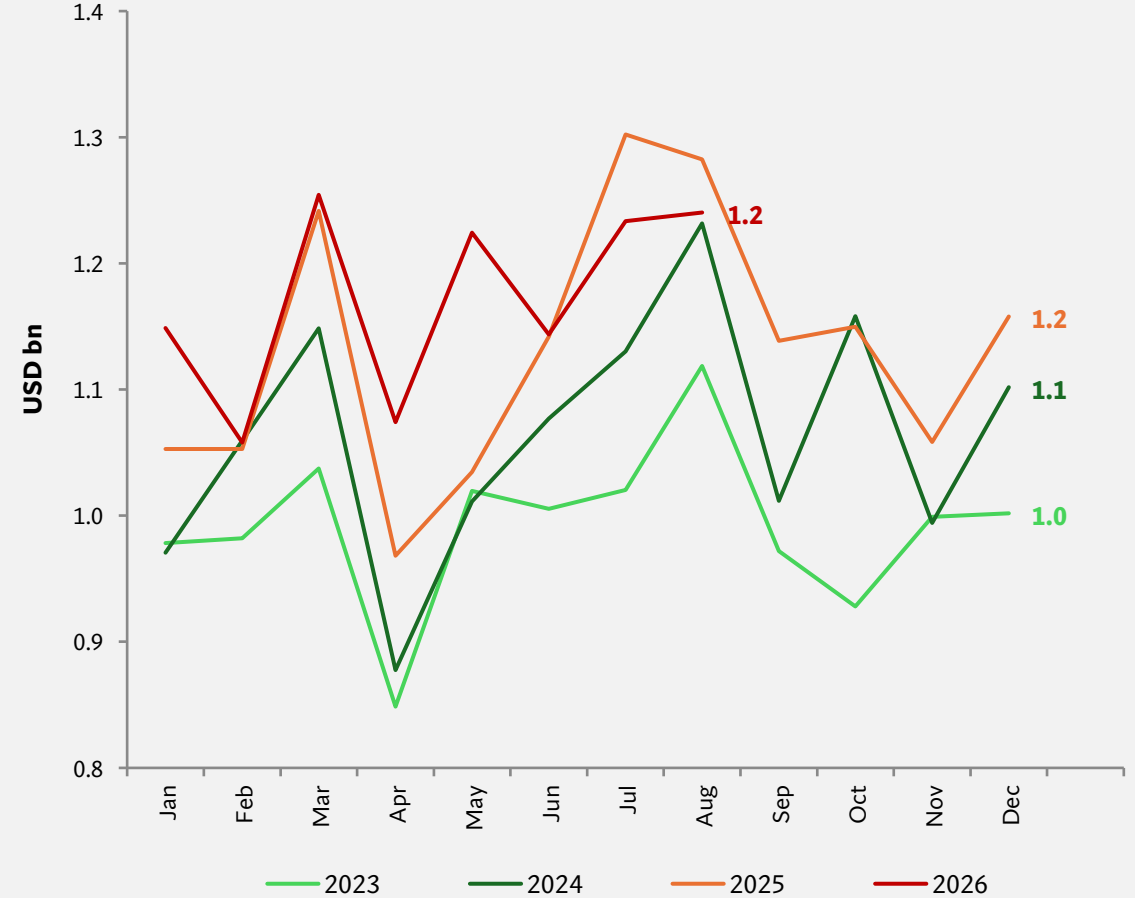


Earnings from Merchandise Exports

Merchandise Exports - Annual



Merchandise Exports - Monthly

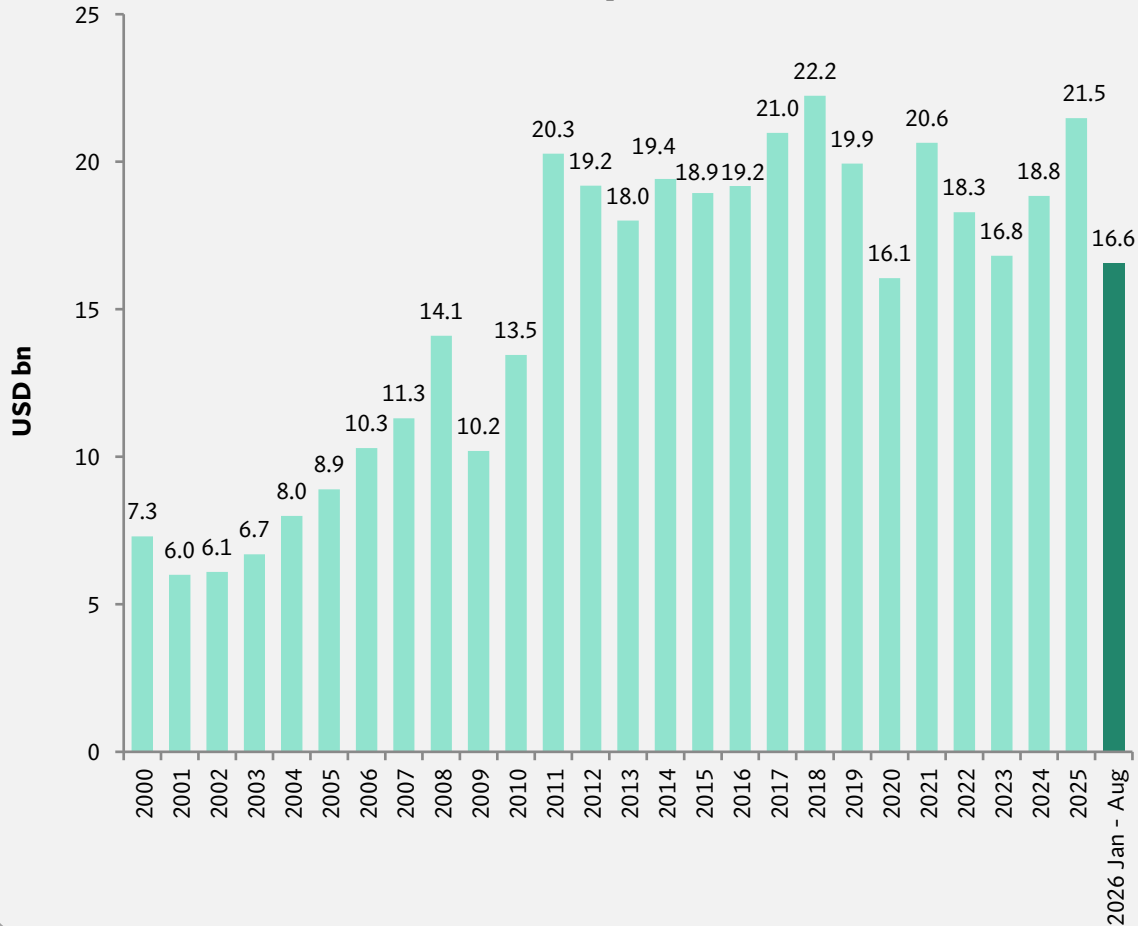


Sources: Central Bank of Sri Lanka
Sri Lanka Customs

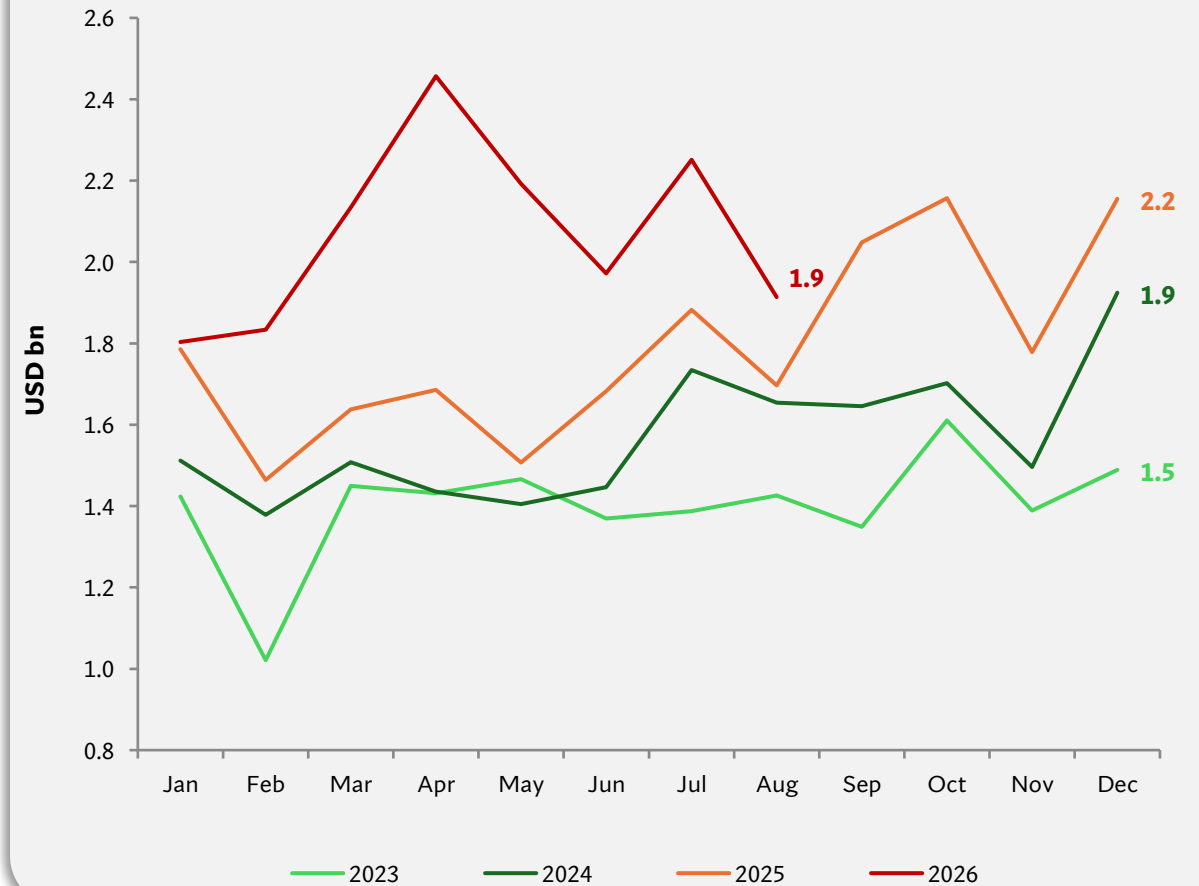


Expenditure on Merchandise Imports

Merchandise Imports - Annual



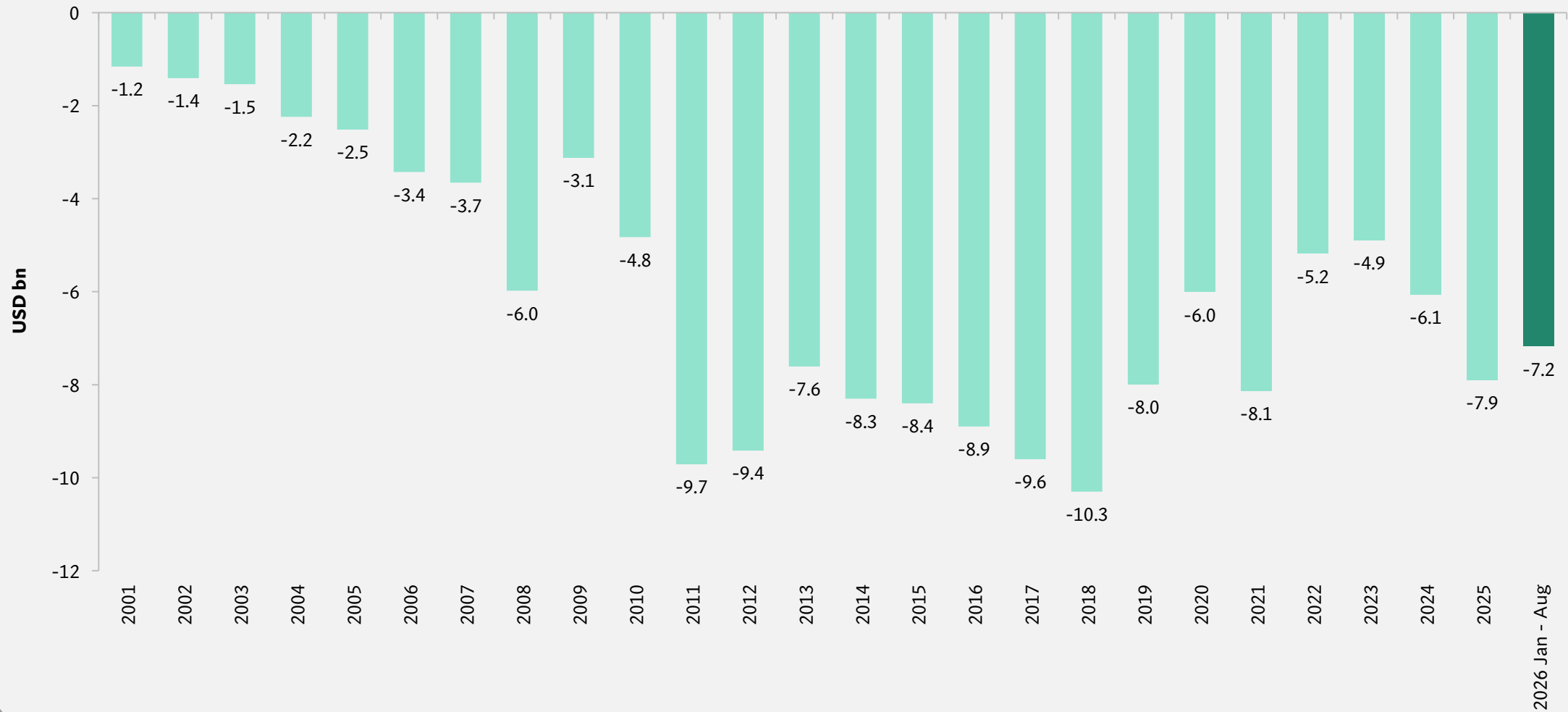
Merchandise Imports - Monthly



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Trade Balance

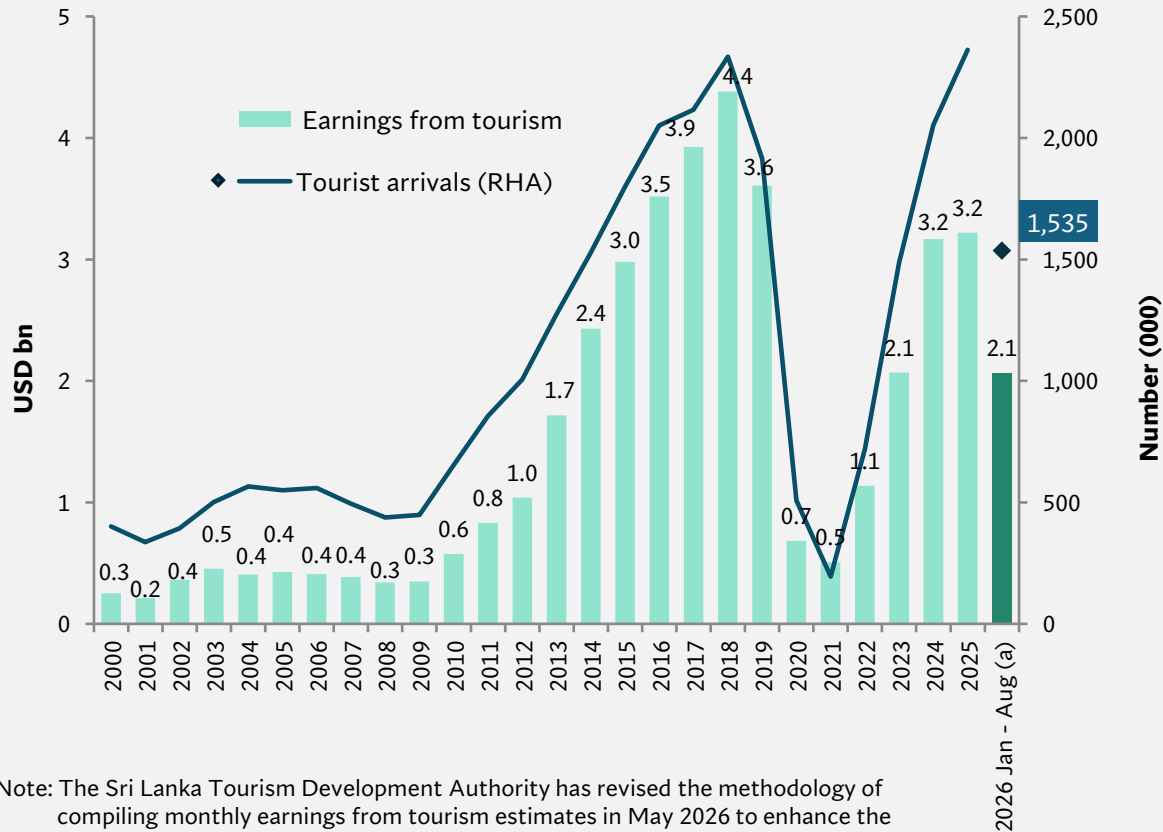


Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



Tourism

Arrivals and Earnings

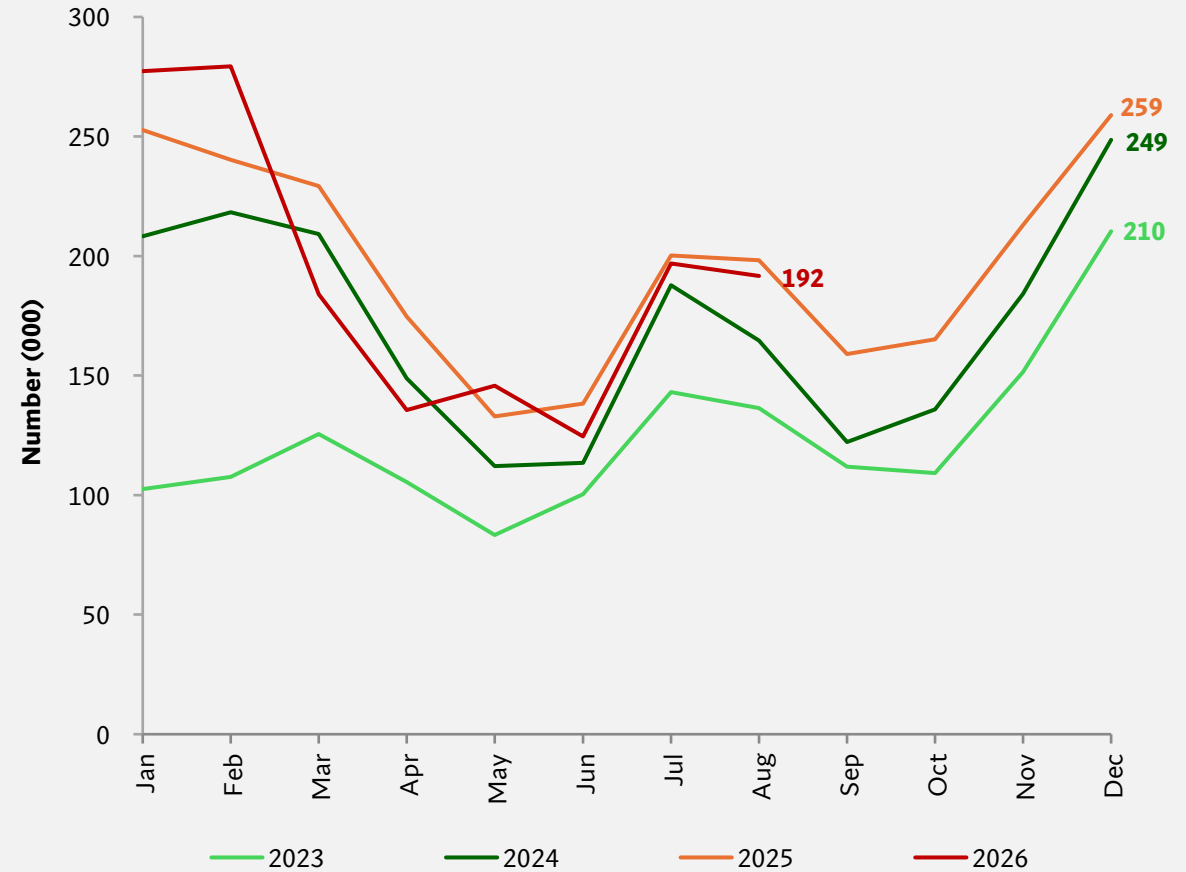


Note: The Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority has revised the methodology of compiling monthly earnings from tourism estimates in May 2026 to enhance the accuracy and representativeness of such estimates, incorporating country-specific data on tourist arrivals, average daily expenditure, and average duration of stay.

(a) Provisional

Sources: Central Bank of Sri Lanka
Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority (SLTDA)

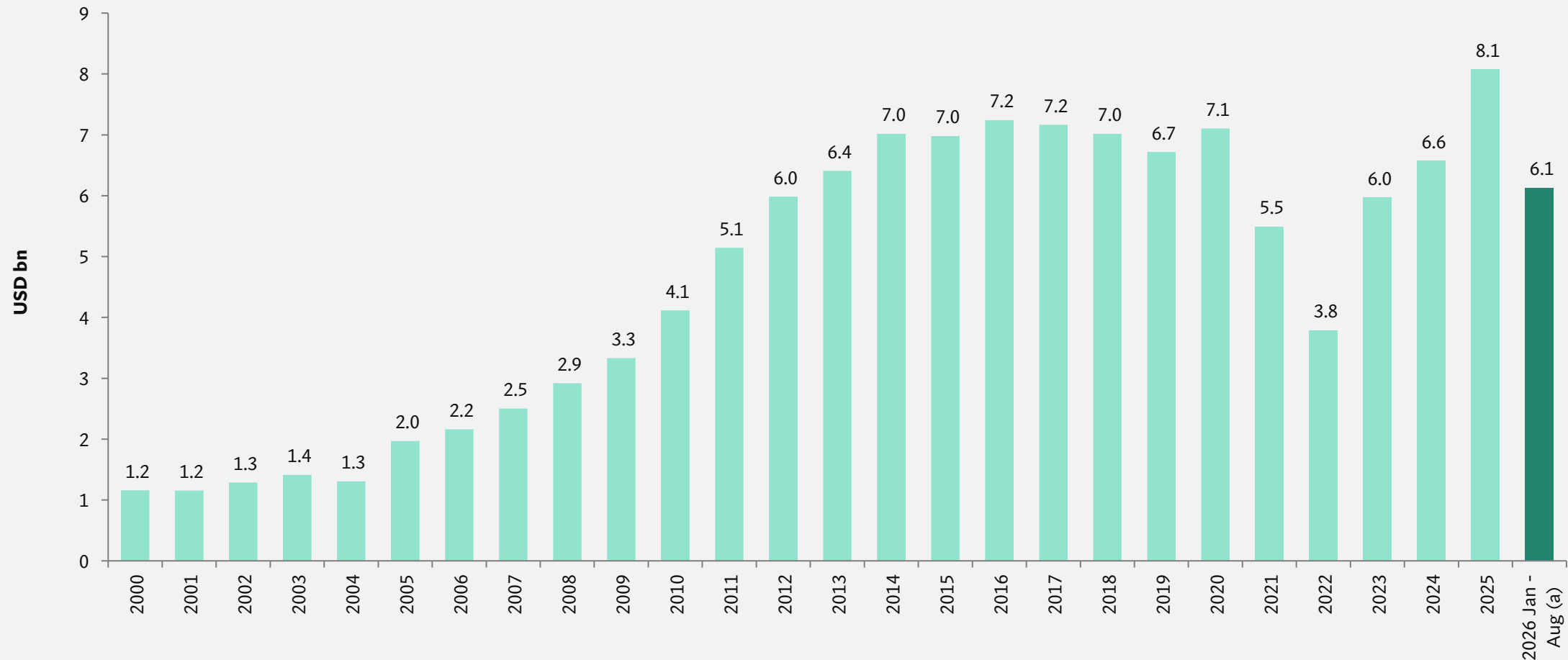
Monthly Arrivals



Source: SLTDA



Workers' Remittances



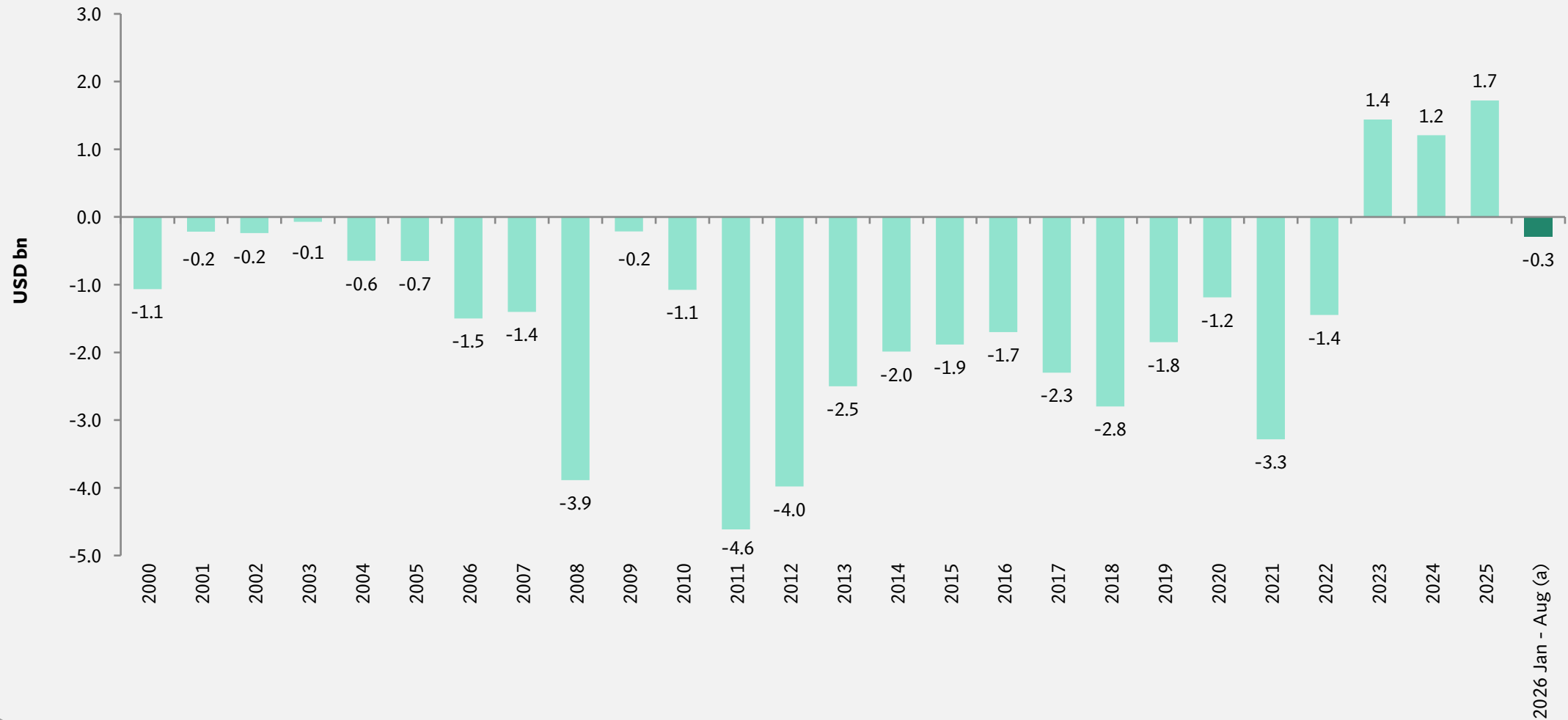
Note: Workers' remittances may include other remittances, such as those received following Cyclone Ditwah.

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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Current Account Balance

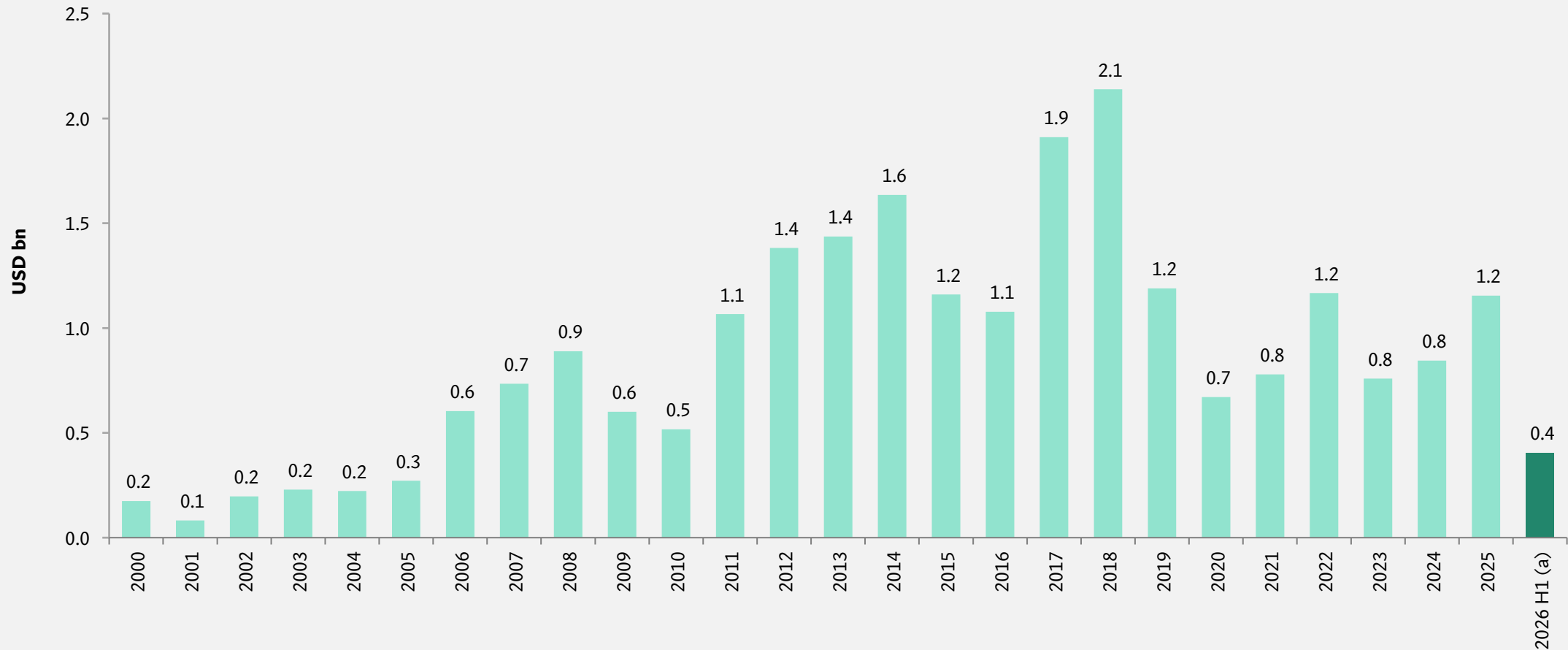


(a) Provisional

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



Foreign Direct Investment Inflows

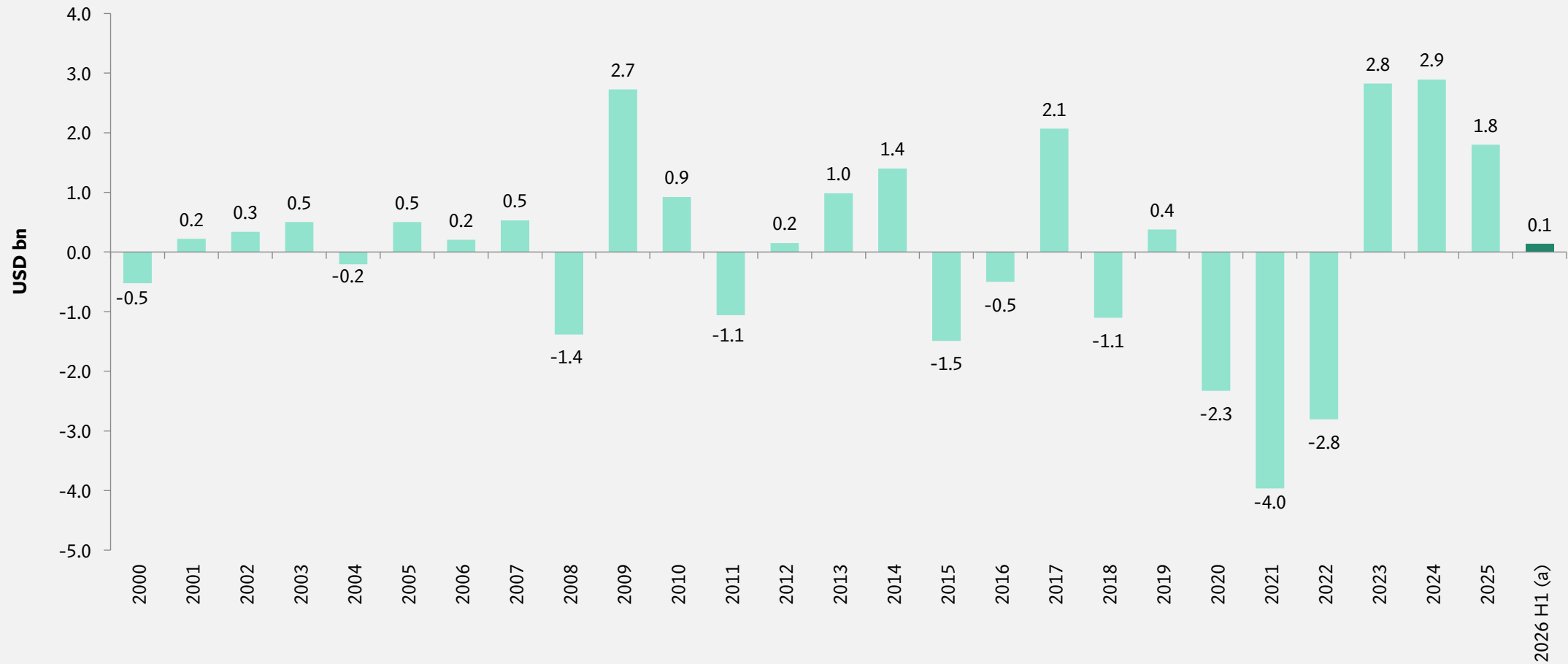


(a) Provisional

Sources: Central Bank of Sri Lanka
Board of Investment
Colombo Stock Exchange



Balance of Payments - Overall Balance

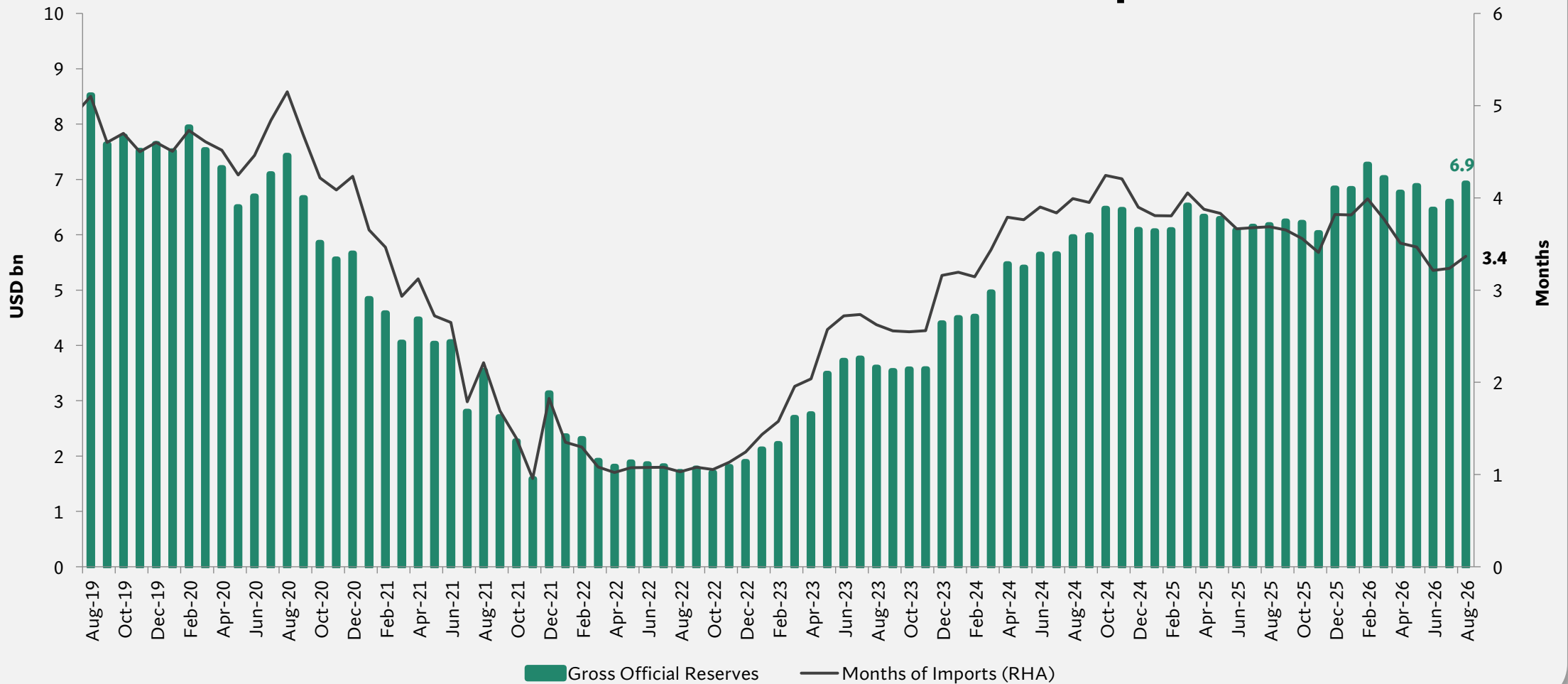


(a) Provisional

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



Gross Official Reserves and Months of Imports*

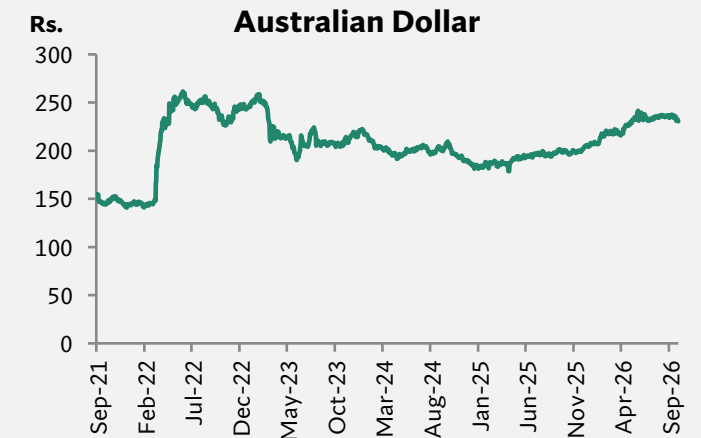
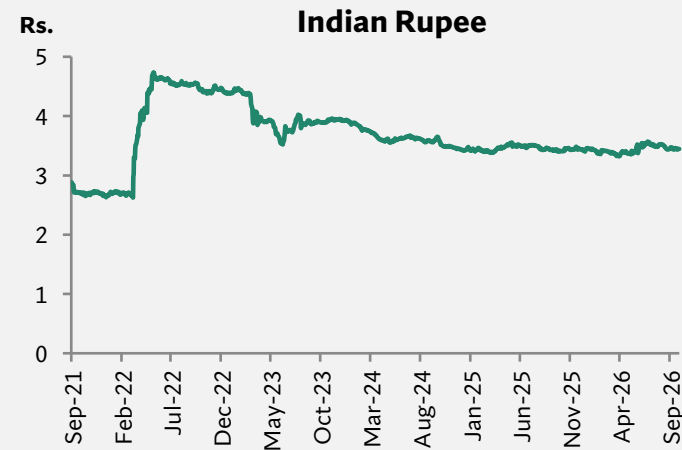
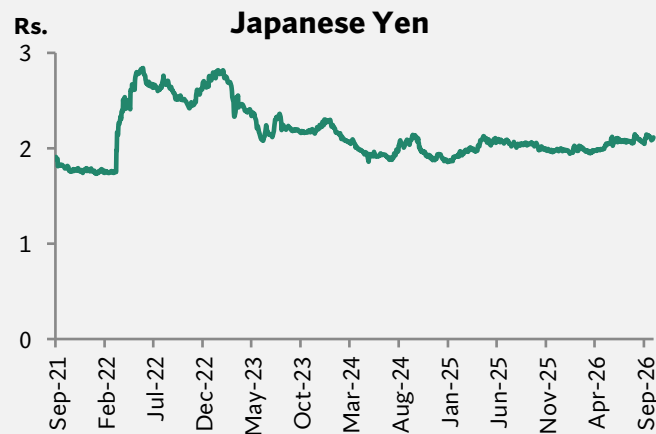
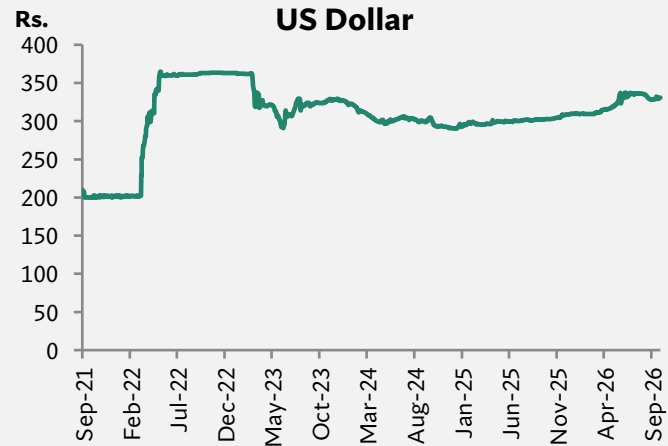


* Proceeds from the People's Bank of China (PBoC) swap, which are subject to conditionalities on usability, are included in Gross Official Reserves since end 2021.

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



Exchange Rate Movements



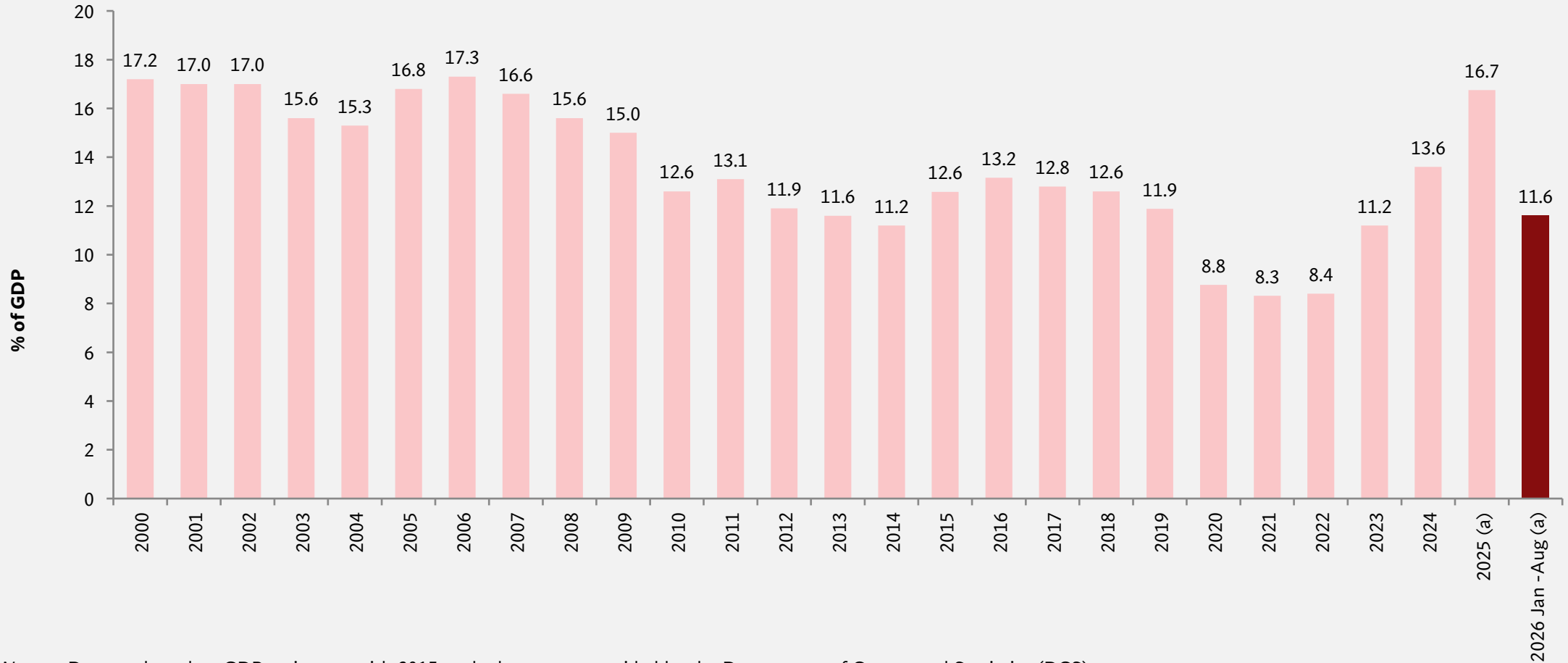
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



Fiscal Sector



Government Revenue and Grants



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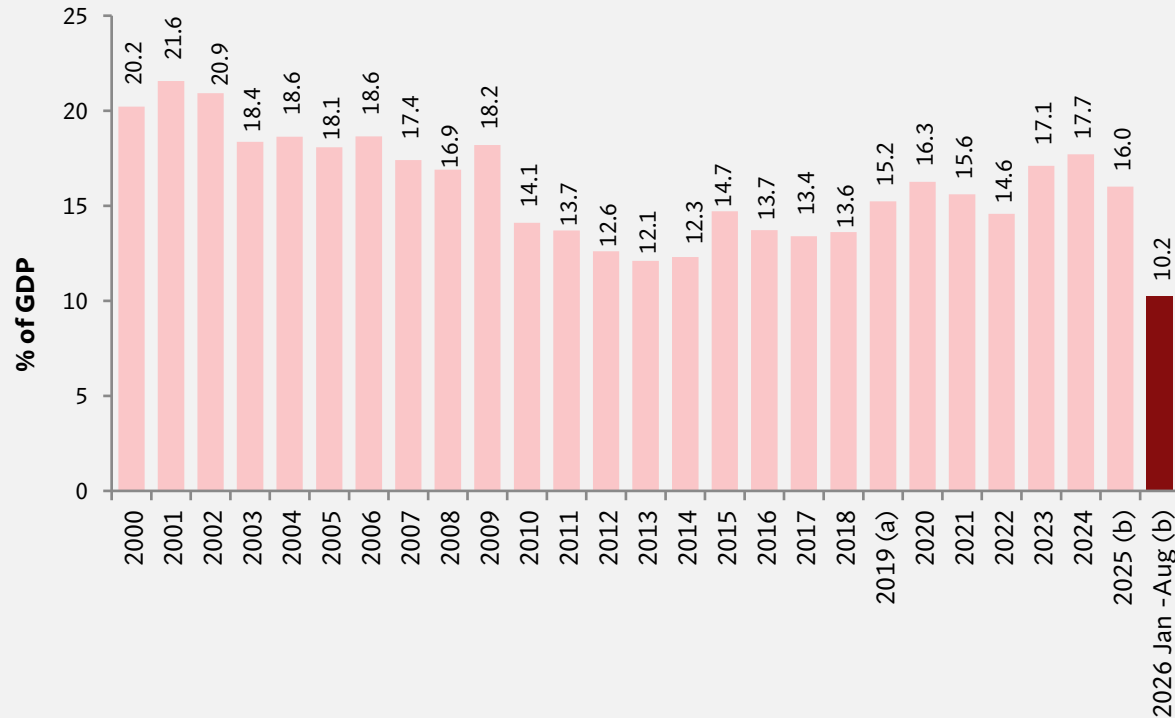
Source: Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

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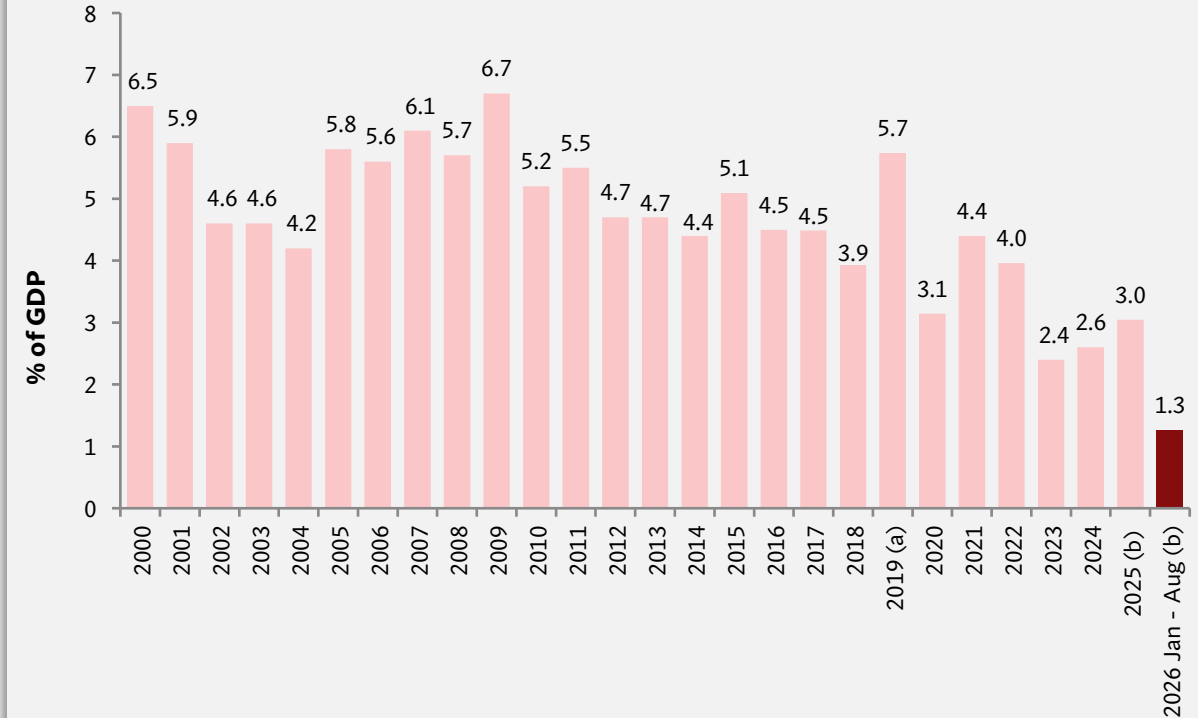
Government Expenditure

Recurrent Expenditure



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Capital and Net Lending



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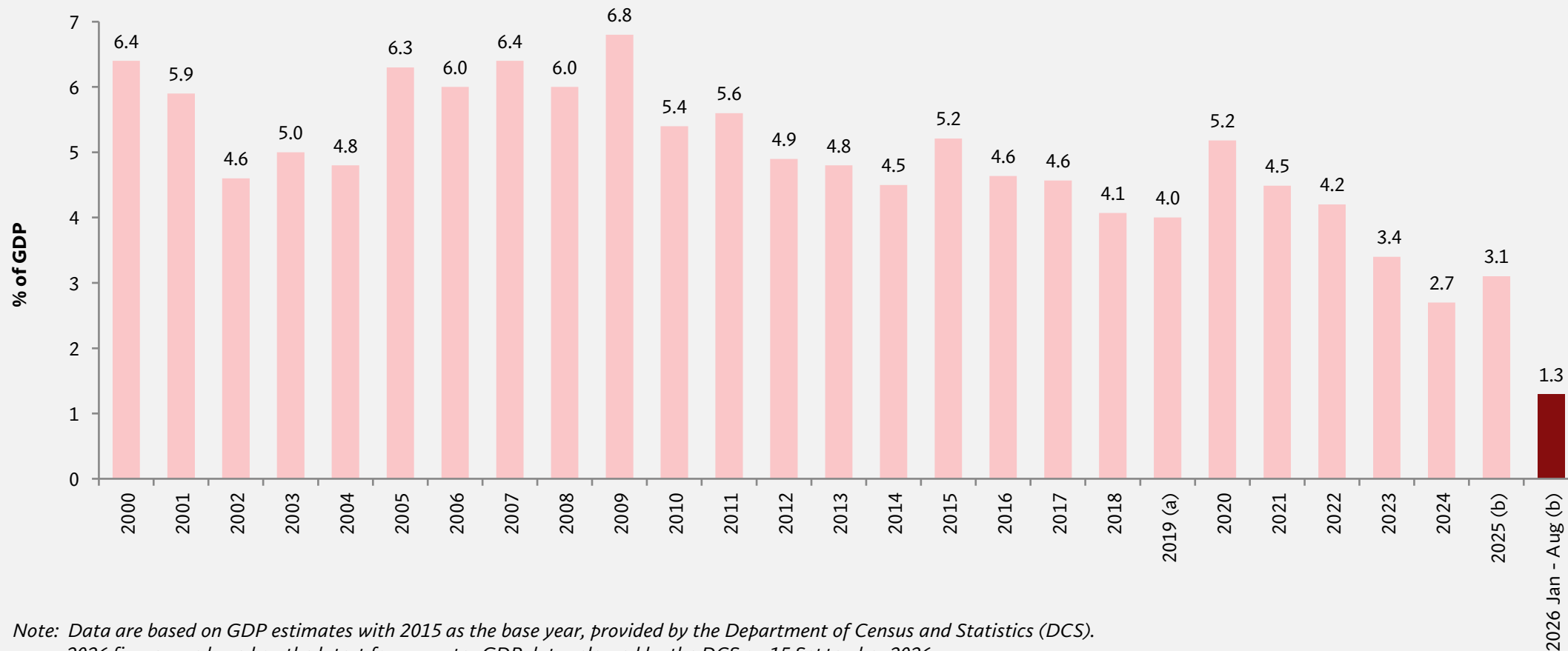
(a) According to the Ministry of Finance, fiscal sector statistics of 2019 have been adjusted as announced in the Budget Speech for 2020.

Source: Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

(b) Provisional



Public Investment



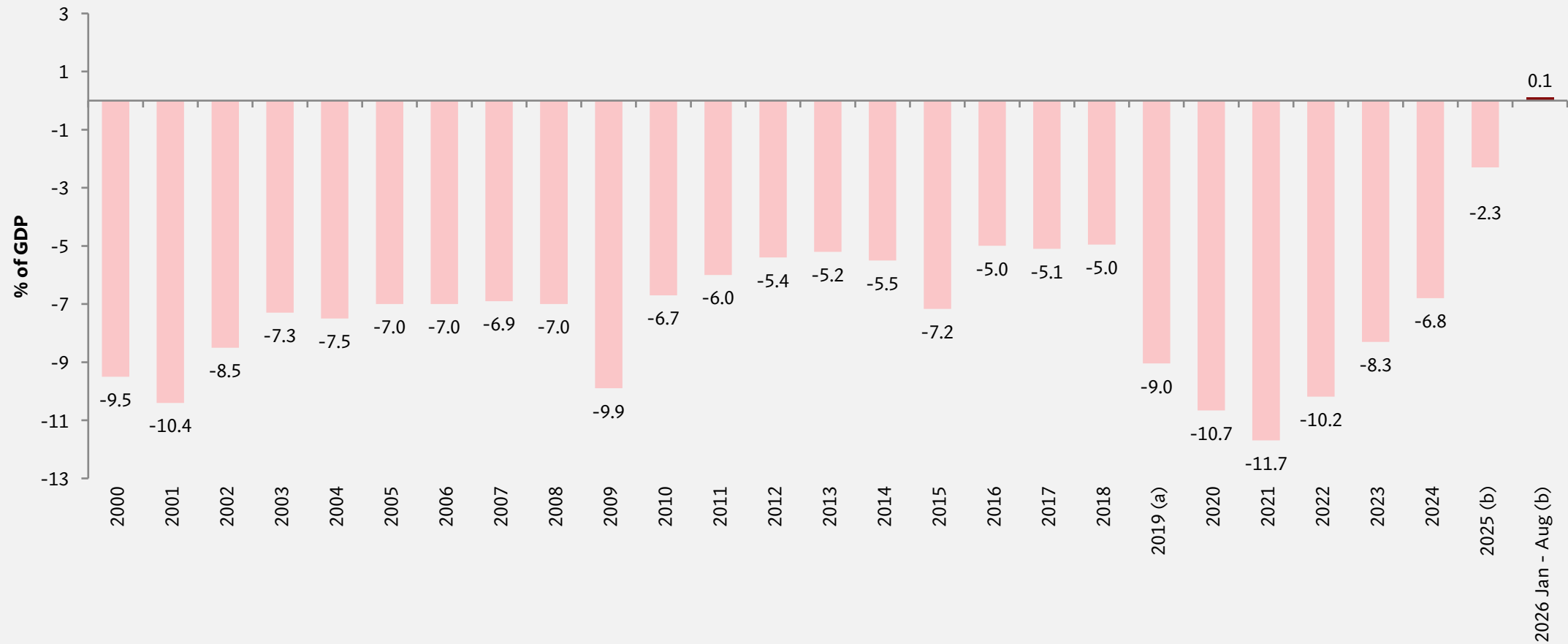
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Source: Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development



Overall Budget Balance



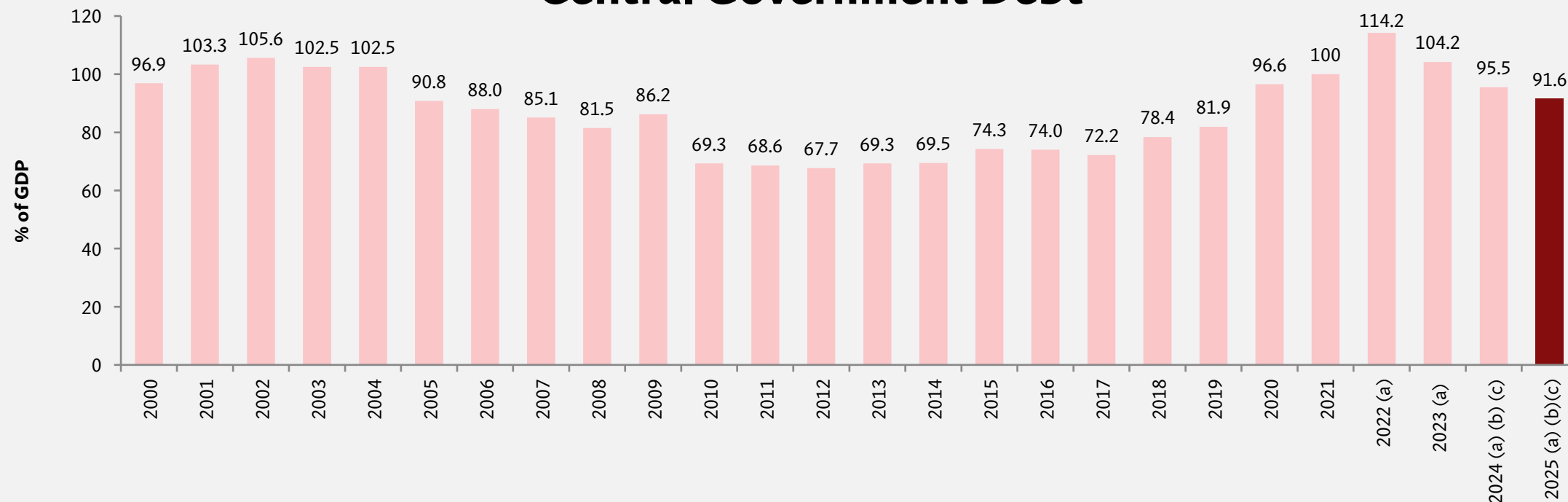
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(b) Provisional

Source: Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development



Central Government Debt



Note : 1. With the establishment of the Public Debt Management Office (PDMO) under the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MOF), the responsibility for recording and publishing Sri Lanka's public debt now falls under the PDMO, as mandated by the provisions of the Public Debt Management Act, No. 33 of 2024. Accordingly, the Quarterly Statistical Debt Bulletin, published by the PDMO, will serve as the official source for debt statistics. The Central Bank compiles and present this table based on data received from the MOF to ensure data continuity, following the Government Finance Statistics Manual 2014 (GFS 2014).

2. From 2010 - 2019, data are based on rebased GDP estimates (base year 2015) of the Department of Census and Statistics released on 15 March 2023. Data from 2023-2025 are based on latest GDP estimates made available in March 2026 by the Department of Census and Statistics.

- (a) The outstanding central government debt excludes several debt service payments that became overdue after 12 April 2022, the date of which the Interim Policy regarding the servicing of Sri Lanka's external public debt was announced by the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development. These debt service payments comprise overdue interest payments of affected debt, which is deemed to be capitalised as per the Interim Policy. Further, the December 2022 balance excluded certain coupon payments pending settlement in relation to Sri Lanka Development Bonds from April 2022 till end of 2022
- (b) Provisional
- (c) GDP estimates (base year 2015) released by the Department of Census and Statistics in March 2026 have been used

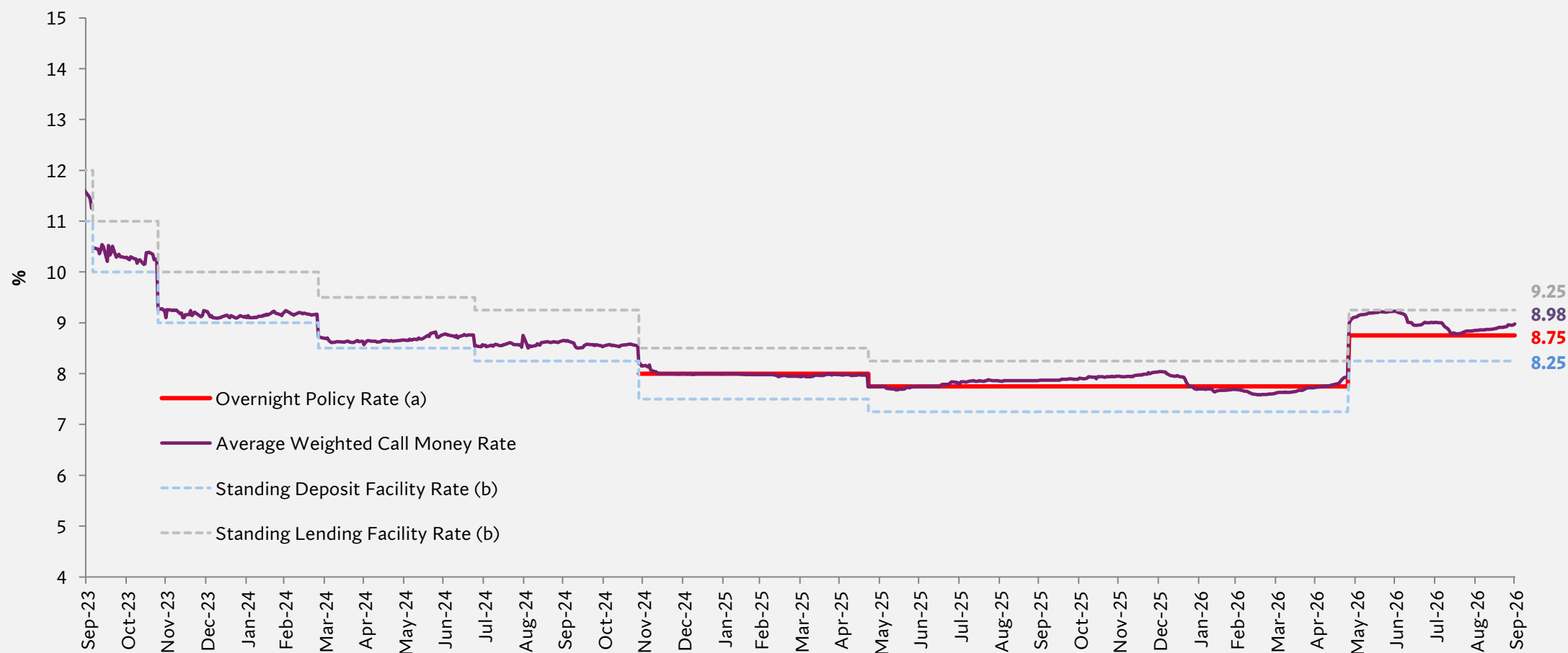
Sources: Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development
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Monetary Sector



Policy Rate, Standing Facility Rates and AWCMR



Note: (a) Effective 27 November 2024, the Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) is defined as the policy interest rate of the Central Bank under the single policy interest rate mechanism

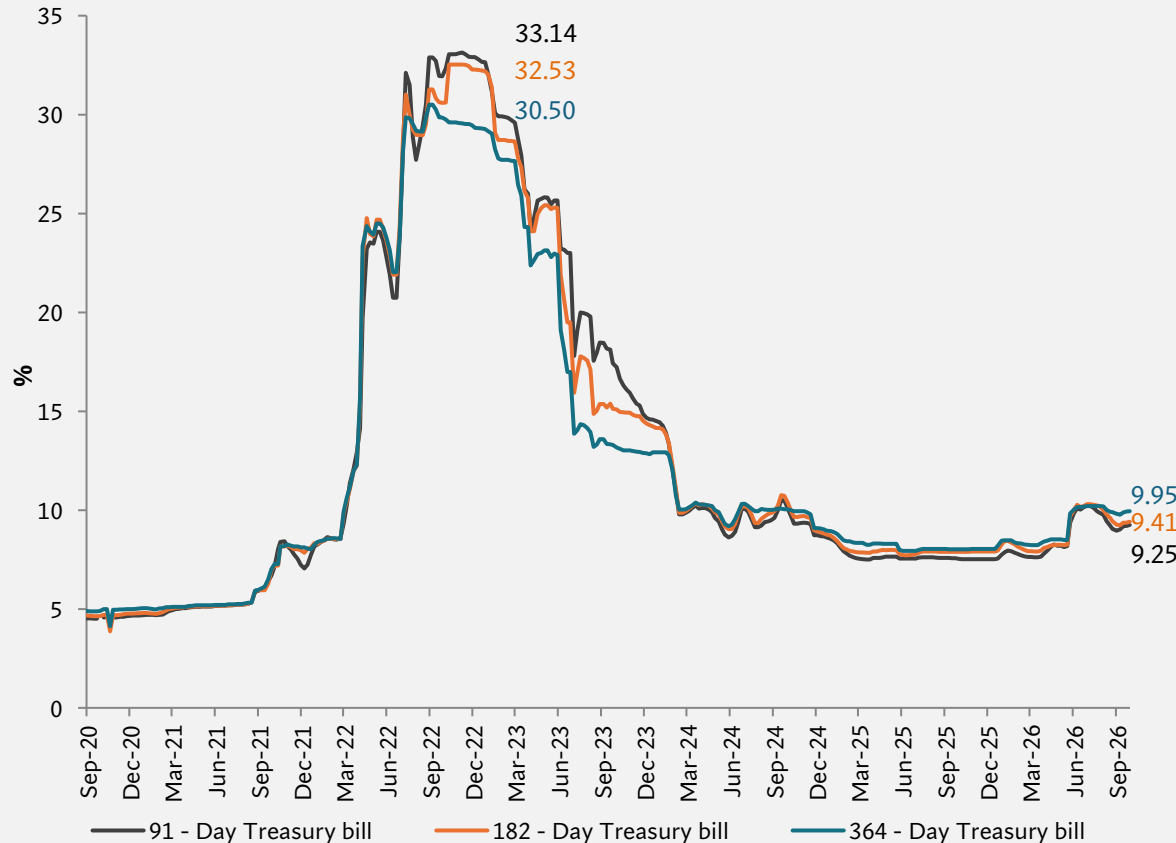
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(b) SDFR and SLFR are linked to the OPR with a pre-determined margin as decided by the Central Bank, and continue to serve as interest rates applicable under the standing facilities of the Central Bank



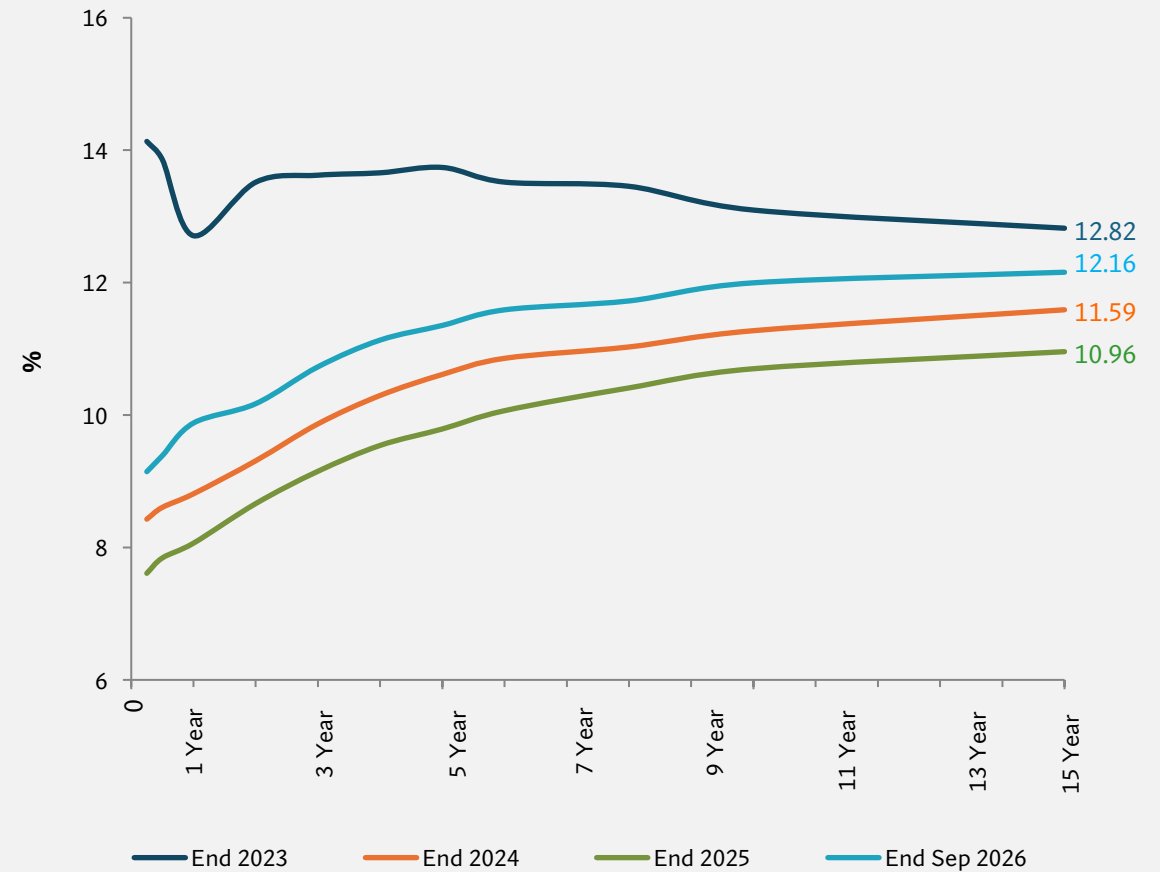
Yields on Government Securities

Treasury Bill Yields (Primary Market)*



*Yield rates for some weeks are not available due to non-acceptance of bids or not offering of relevant tenures

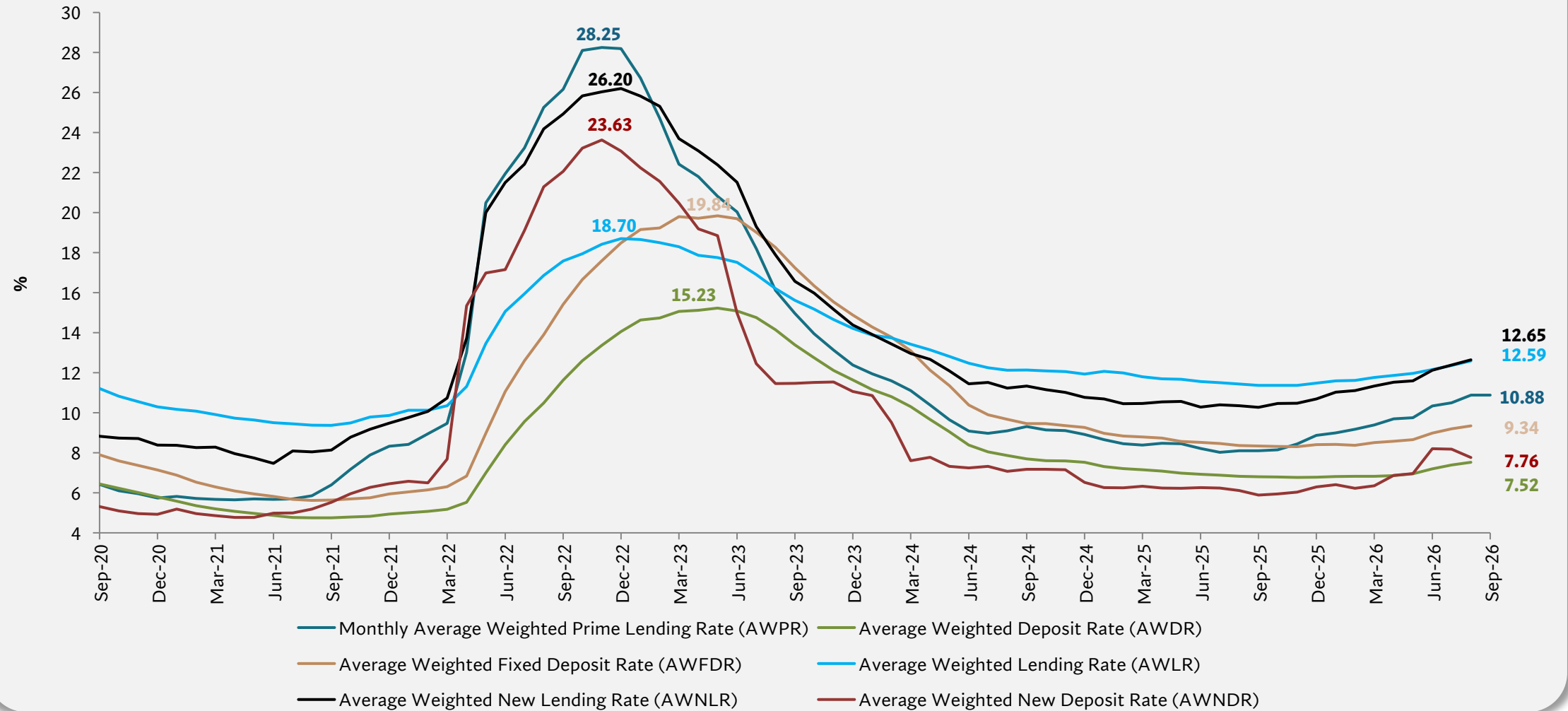
Secondary Market Yield Curve



Source: Public Debt Management Office
Central Bank of Sri Lanka



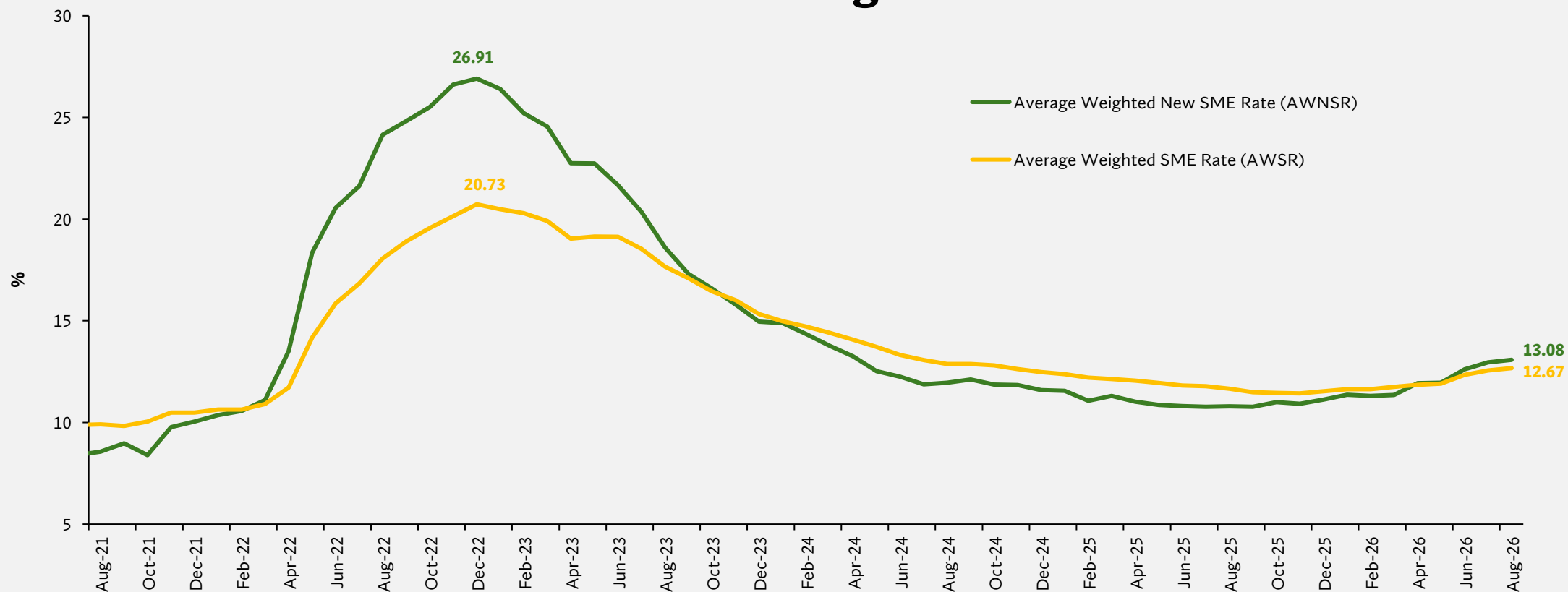
Market Interest Rates



Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



MSME Lending Rates

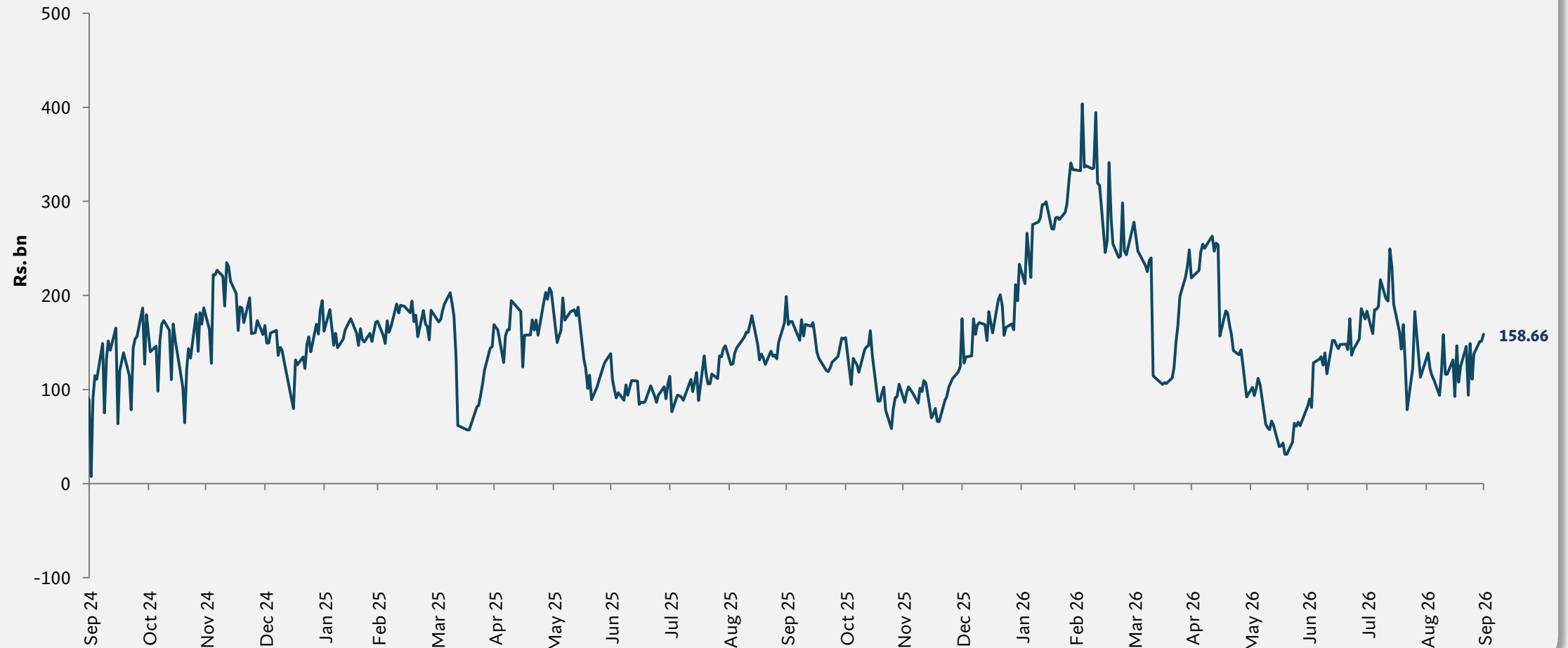


Note: AWSR reflects interest rates on all outstanding rupee loans extended by licensed banks to the MSME sector, while AWNSR captures rates on new rupee loans granted during a given month extended by licensed banks to the MSME sector. Both exclude government's refinance schemes and non-performing loans of the banks. AWSR and AWNSR are computed based on the SME survey conducted by the Economic Research Department of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. This survey uses the criterion of annual turnover of not exceeding Rs. 1 billion to define MSMEs, in line with the standard definition.

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



Overnight Money Market Liquidity

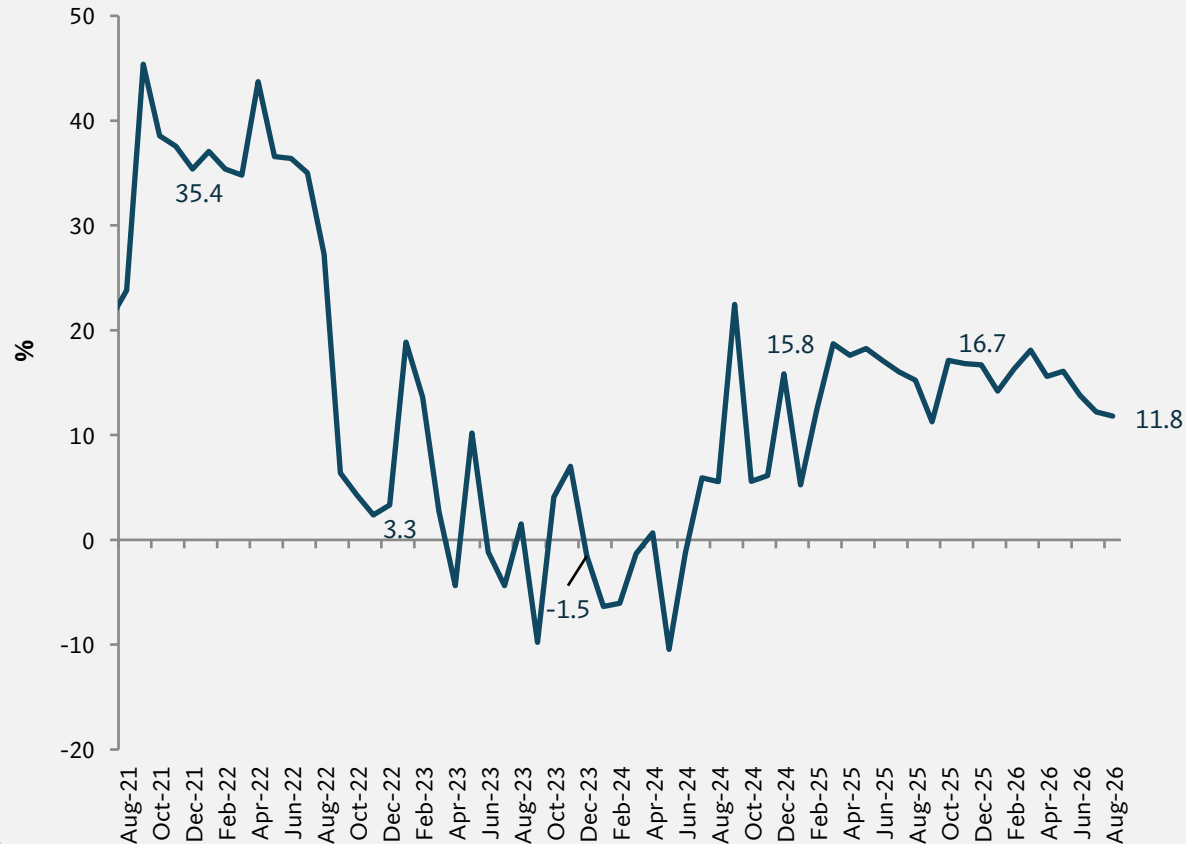


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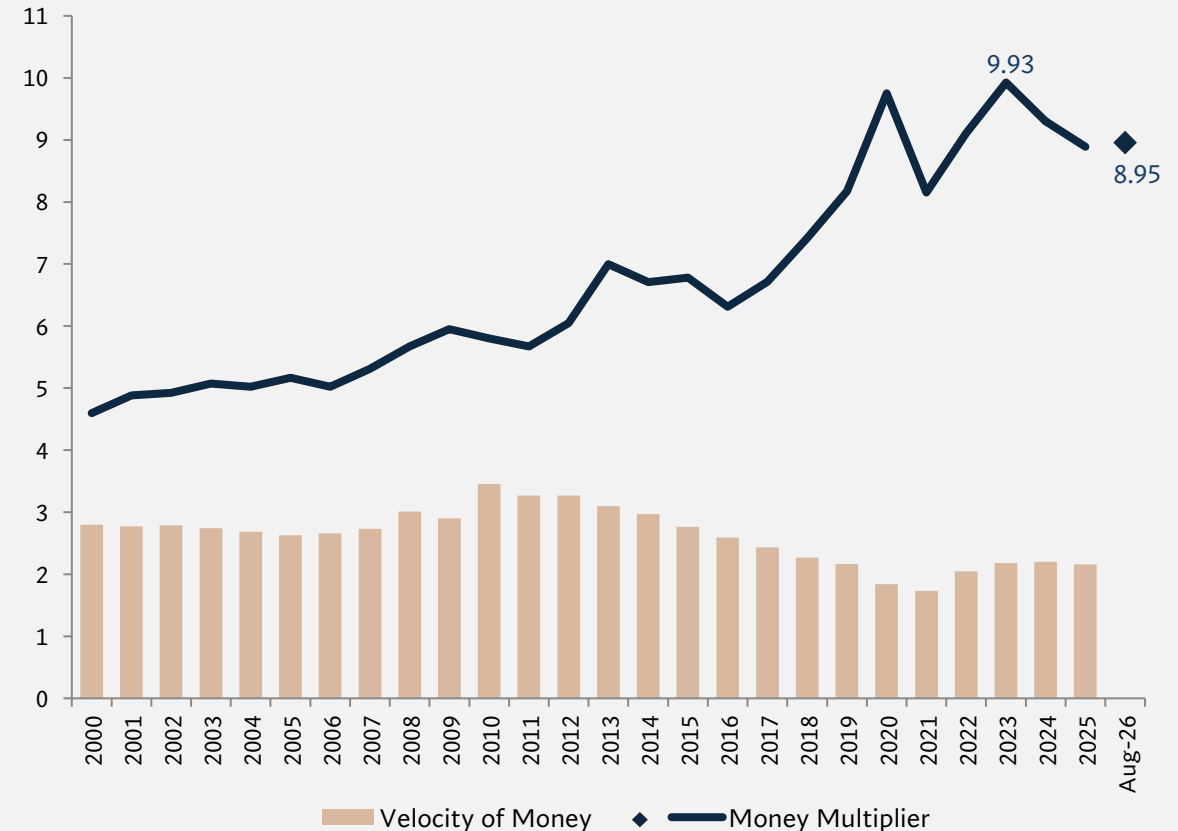


Reserve Money Growth, Money Multiplier and Velocity of Money

Reserve Money Growth (Y-o-Y)



Money Multiplier and Velocity of Money (In relation to M_{2b})



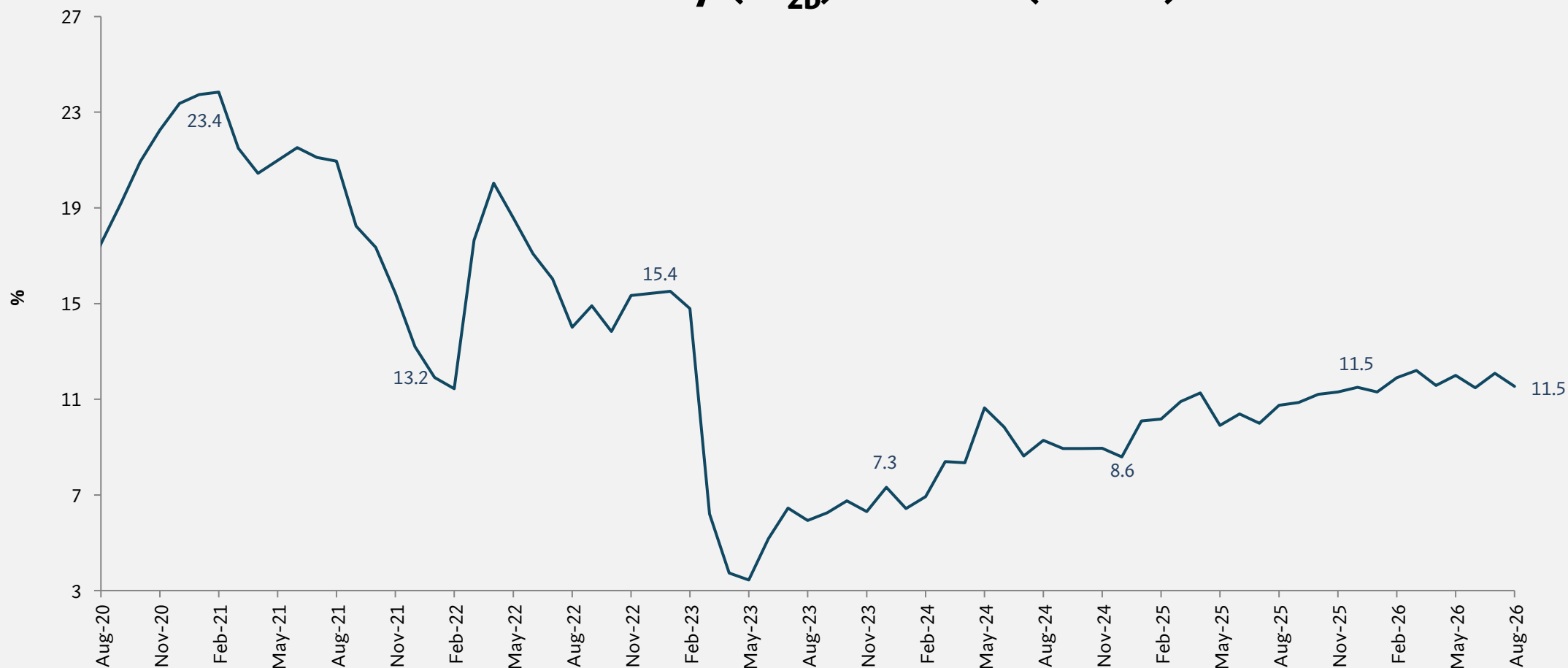
Note: Valuation changes arising from changes in the exchange rate have led to significant changes in monetary and credit aggregates during the period starting from March 2022.

The velocity of money is calculated based on annual average M_{2b} and GDP estimates published by the Department of Census and Statistics.

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



Broad Money (M_{2b}) Growth (Y-o-Y)

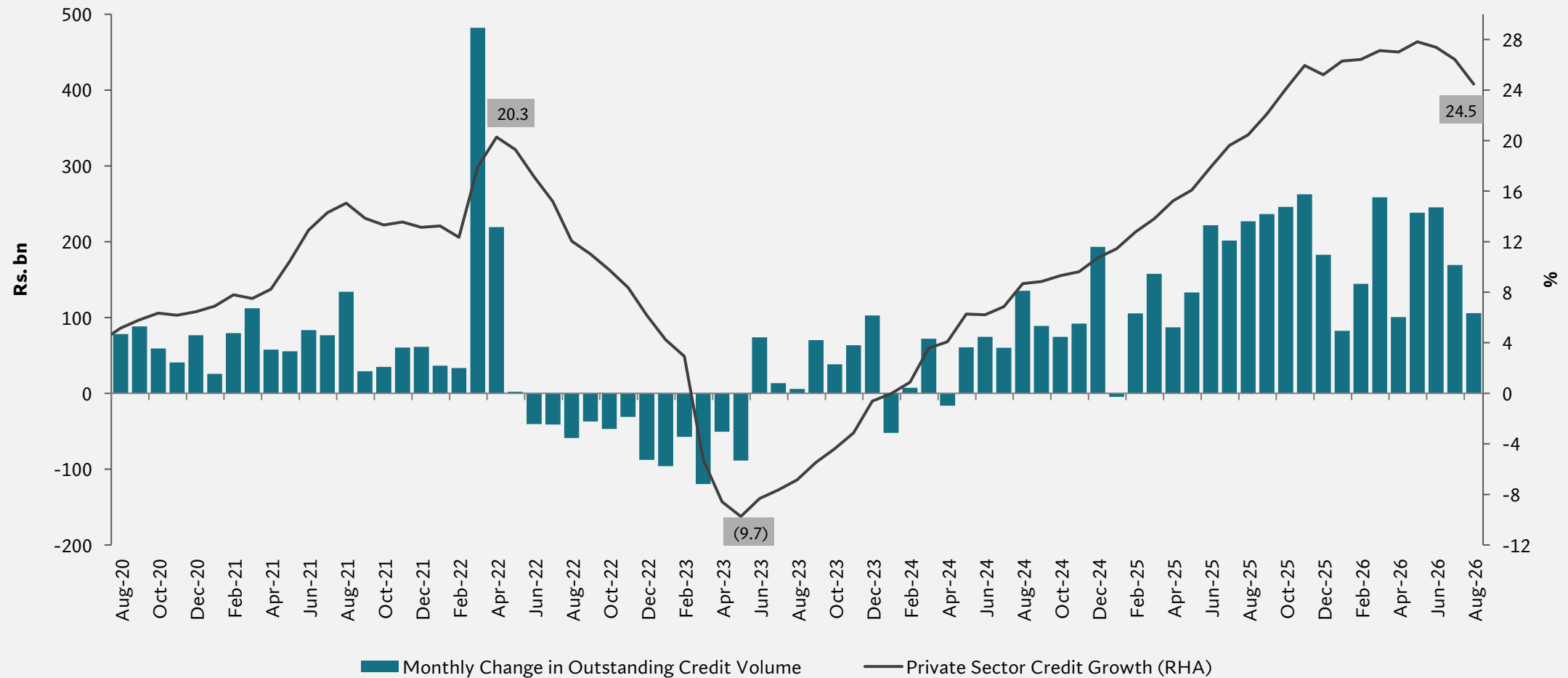


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Credit to the Private Sector by LCBs

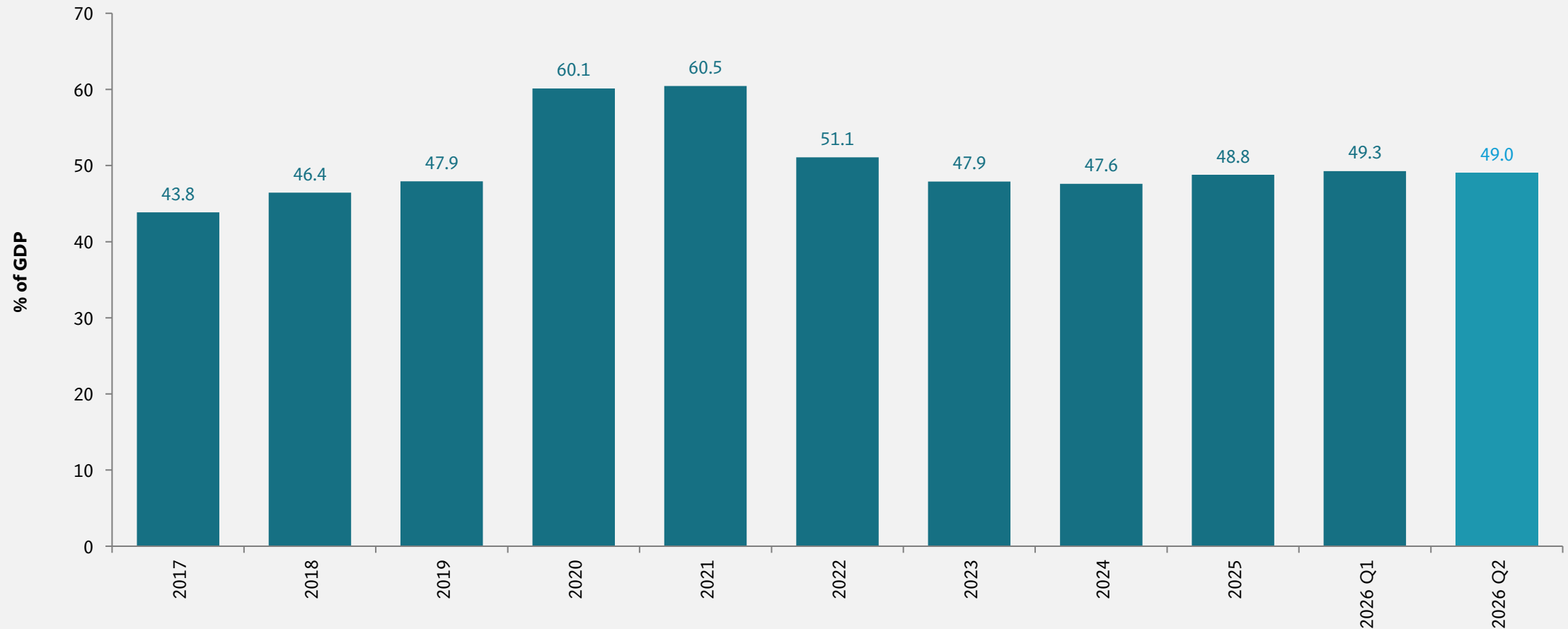


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Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



Broad Money (M_{2b}) [as a % of GDP]



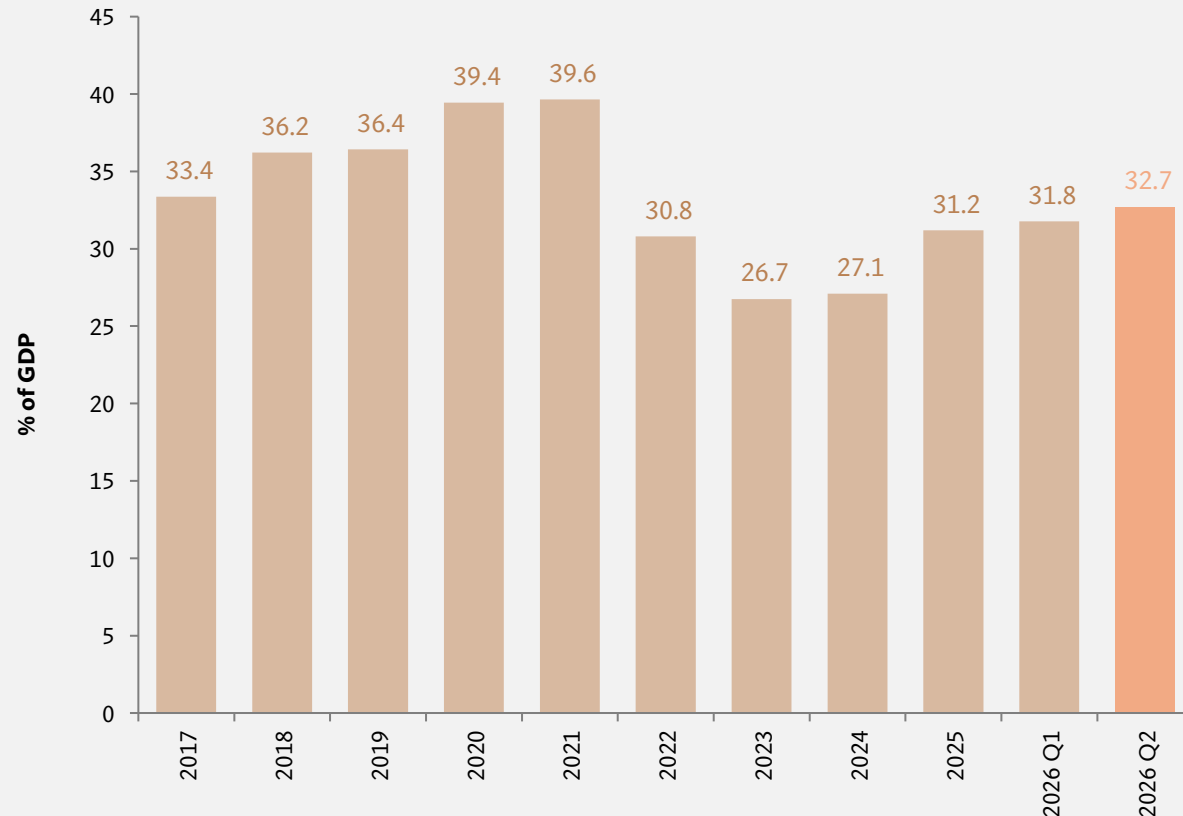
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Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

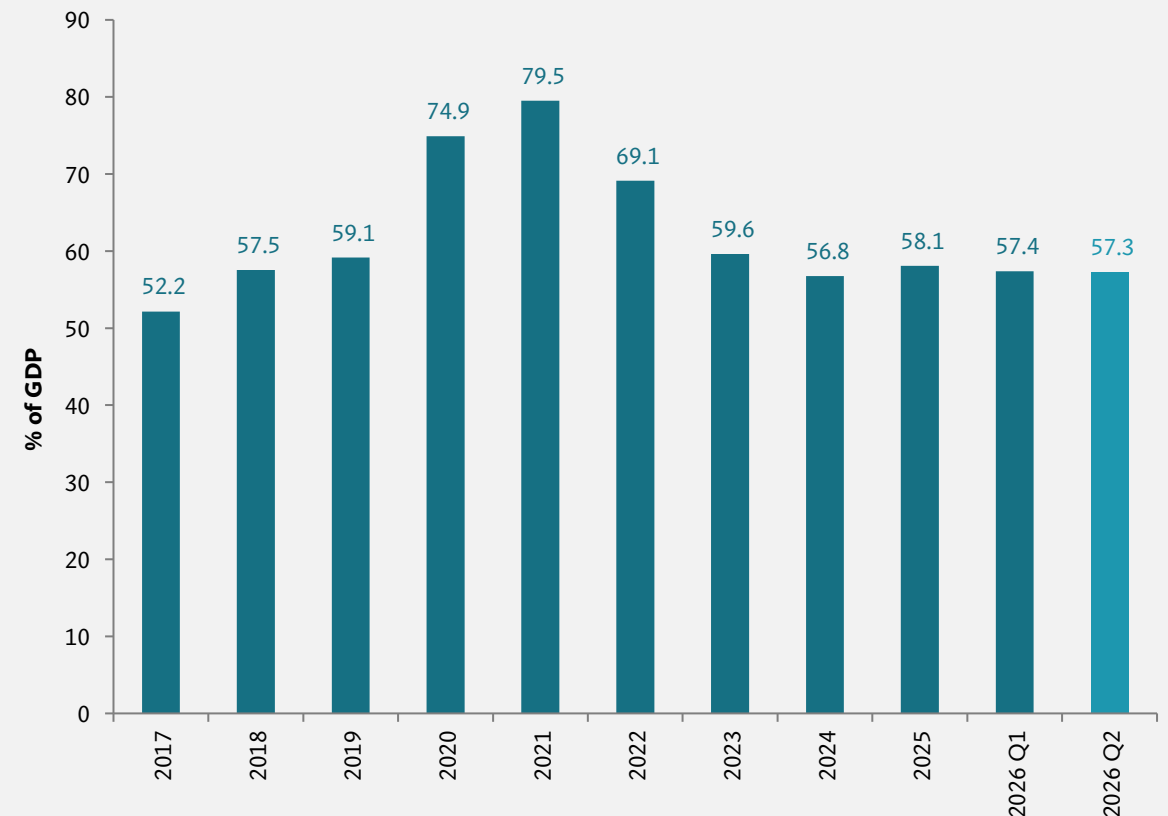


Credit to the Private Sector and Domestic Credit [as a % of GDP]

Credit to the Private Sector



Domestic Credit



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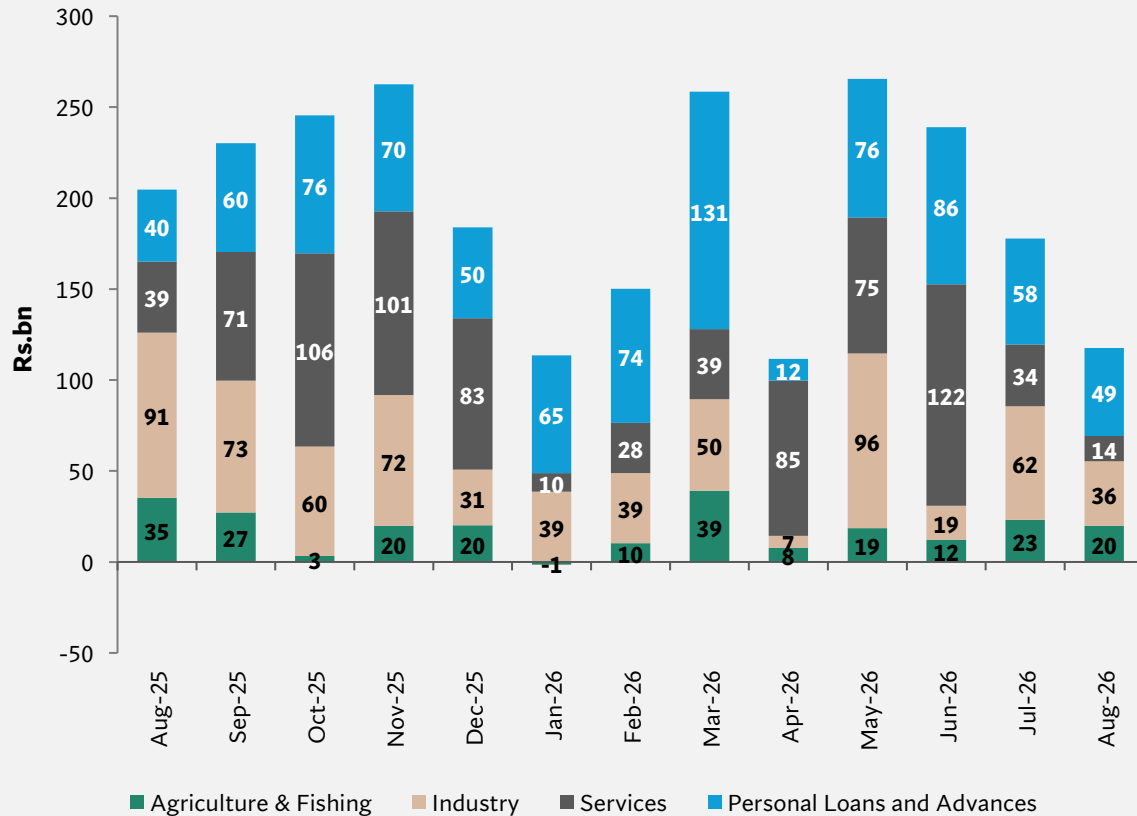
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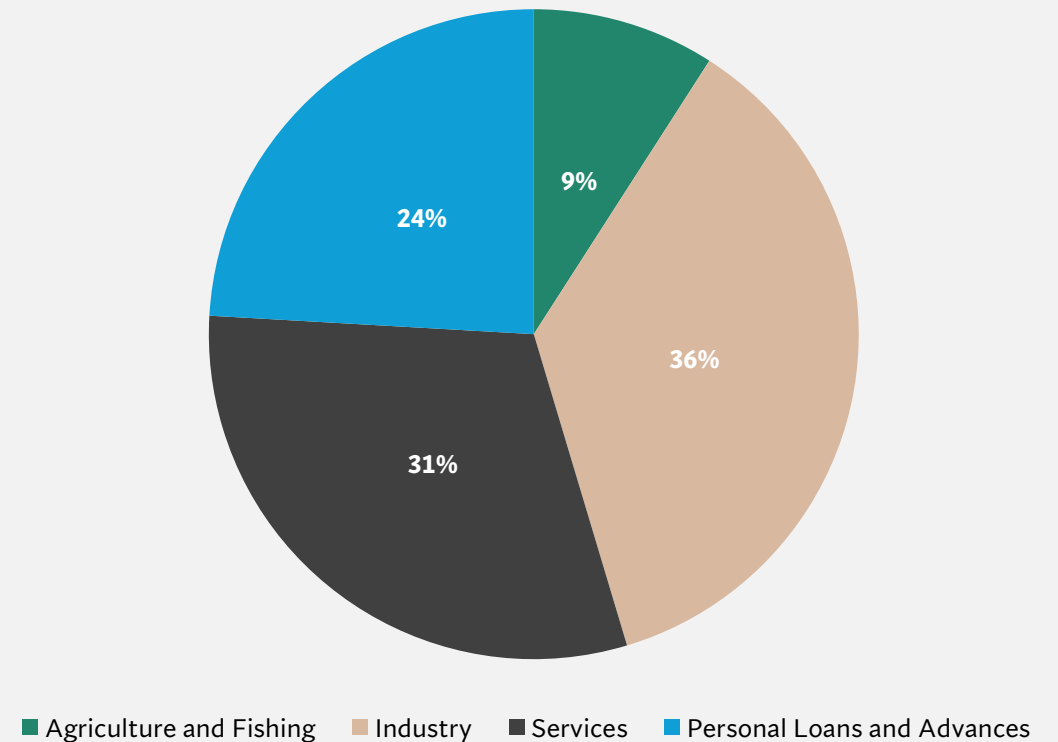


Sector-wise Credit to the Private Sector by LCBs

Monthly Change in Sector-wise Private Sector Credit



Share of Outstanding Private Sector Credit August - 2026

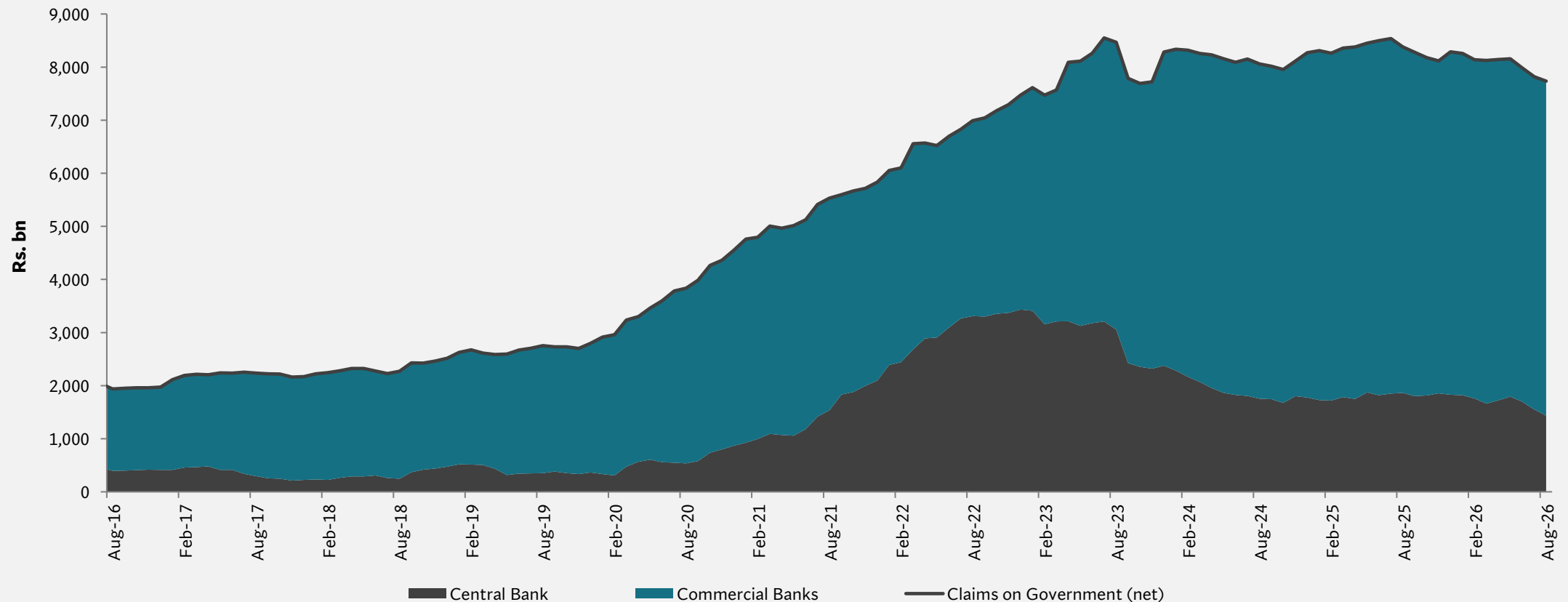


Note : These data are based on the Monthly Survey of Loans and Advances of Licensed Commercial Banks (LCBs) to the private sector and slightly differ from the Monetary Survey due to differences in compilation methodologies.

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



Net Credit to the Government*



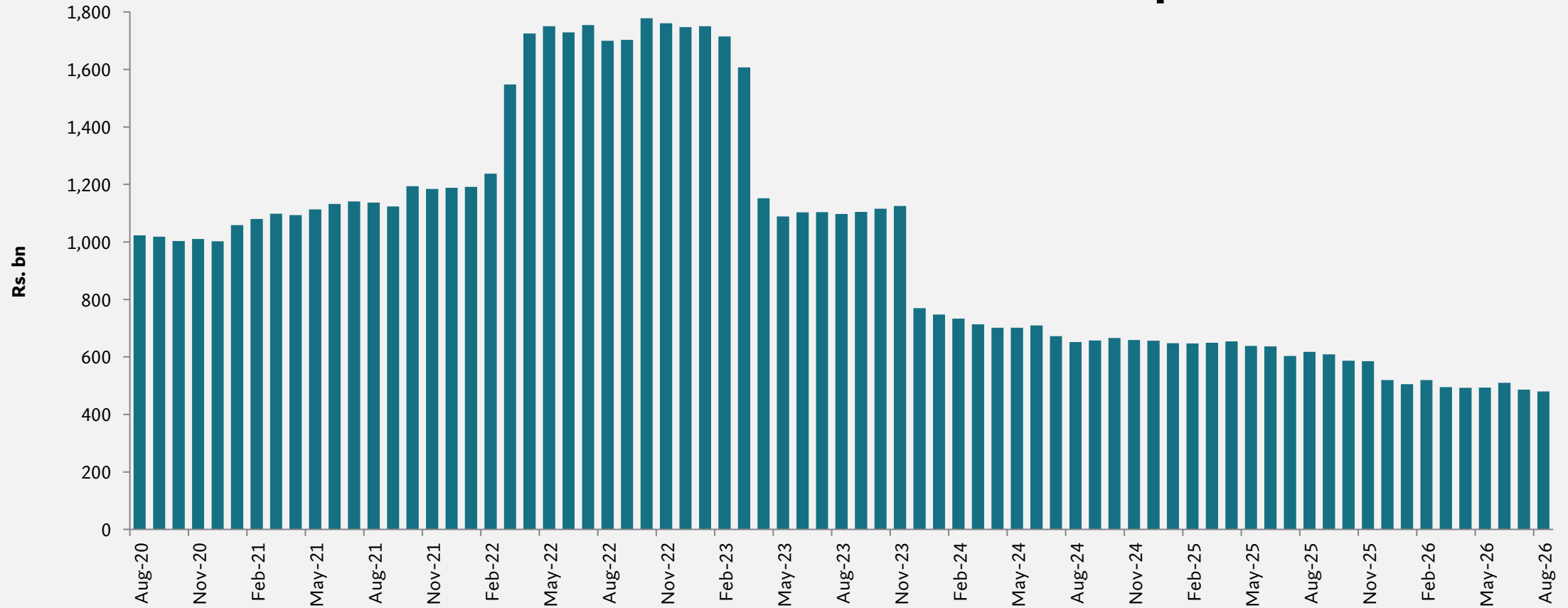
*With the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers at its meeting held on 30 January 2023, the outstanding foreign currency guaranteed debt of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) was absorbed into central government debt with effect from December 2022. Accordingly, this adjustment was implemented in two phases, first in April 2023 and subsequently in December 2023, hence, was reflected in the balance sheets of the particular state-owned commercial banks, which caused a reduction in credit to public corporations /SOBES and a corresponding expansion in net credit to the government (NCG).

- Note:
- Valuation changes arising from changes in the exchange rate have led to significant changes in monetary and credit aggregates during the period starting from March 2022.
 - The notable increase in net claims on the government during November 2024 was primarily due to the change in method used to estimate the fair value of the Treasury bond holding of the CBSL.
 - NCG reflects the fair value of government securities held by the banking sector, adjusted on a mark-to-market basis to account for changes in market interest rates and pricing, thereby providing a more accurate representation of the sector's net exposure to the Government.
 - The composition of monetary aggregates was revised for January–July 2026 following the correction of misclassified entries reported by several LCBs, while the broad money (M_{2b}) series remained unchanged.

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Credit to State Owned Business Enterprises*



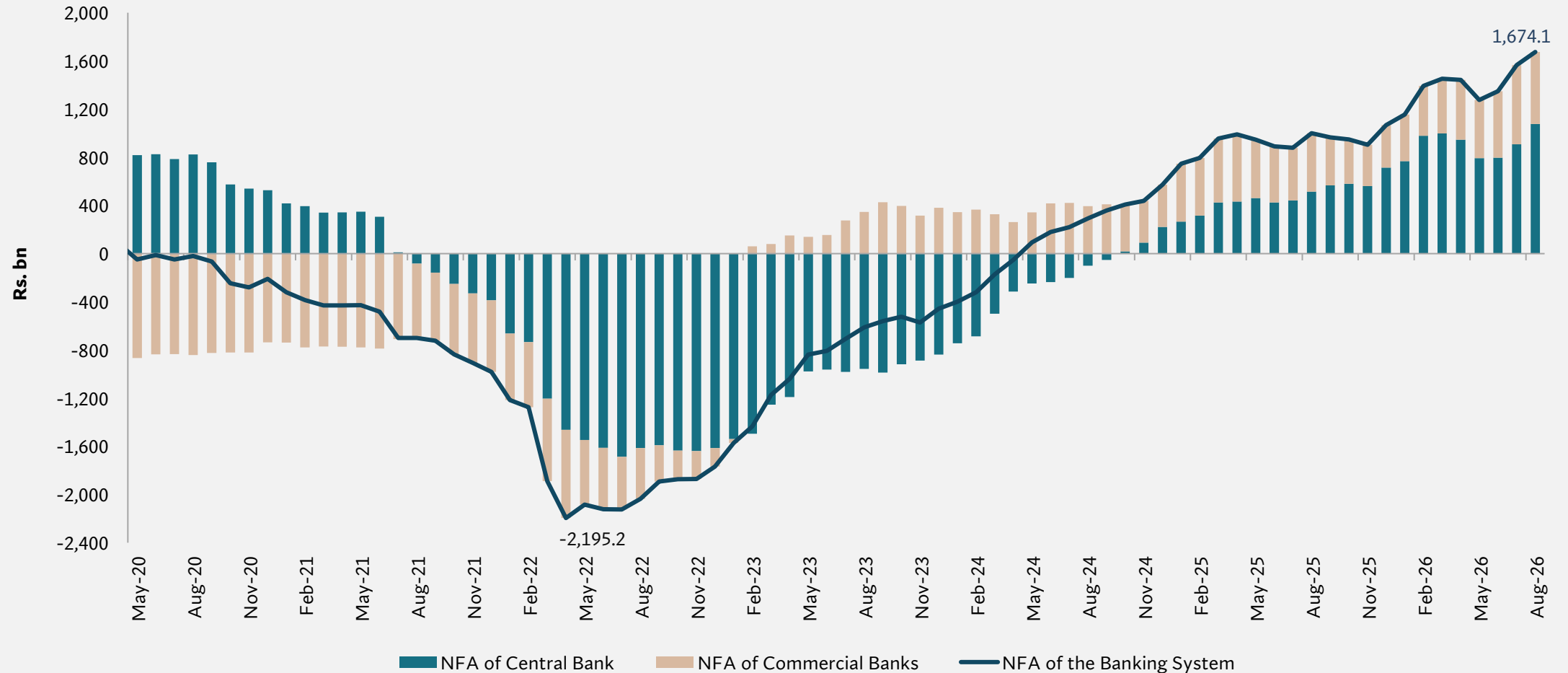
*With the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers at its meeting held on 30 January 2023, the outstanding foreign currency guaranteed debt of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) was absorbed into central government debt with effect from December 2022. Accordingly, this adjustment was implemented in two phases, first in April 2023 and subsequently in December 2023, hence, was reflected in the balance sheets of the particular state-owned commercial banks, which caused a reduction in credit to public corporations /SOBEs and a corresponding expansion in net credit to the government(NCG).

Note: Valuation changes arising from changes in the exchange rate have led to significant changes in monetary and credit aggregates during the period starting from March 2022.

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



Net Foreign Assets (NFA)



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The composition of monetary aggregates was revised for January–July 2026 following the correction of misclassified entries reported by several LCBs, while the broad money (M_{2b}) series remained unchanged.

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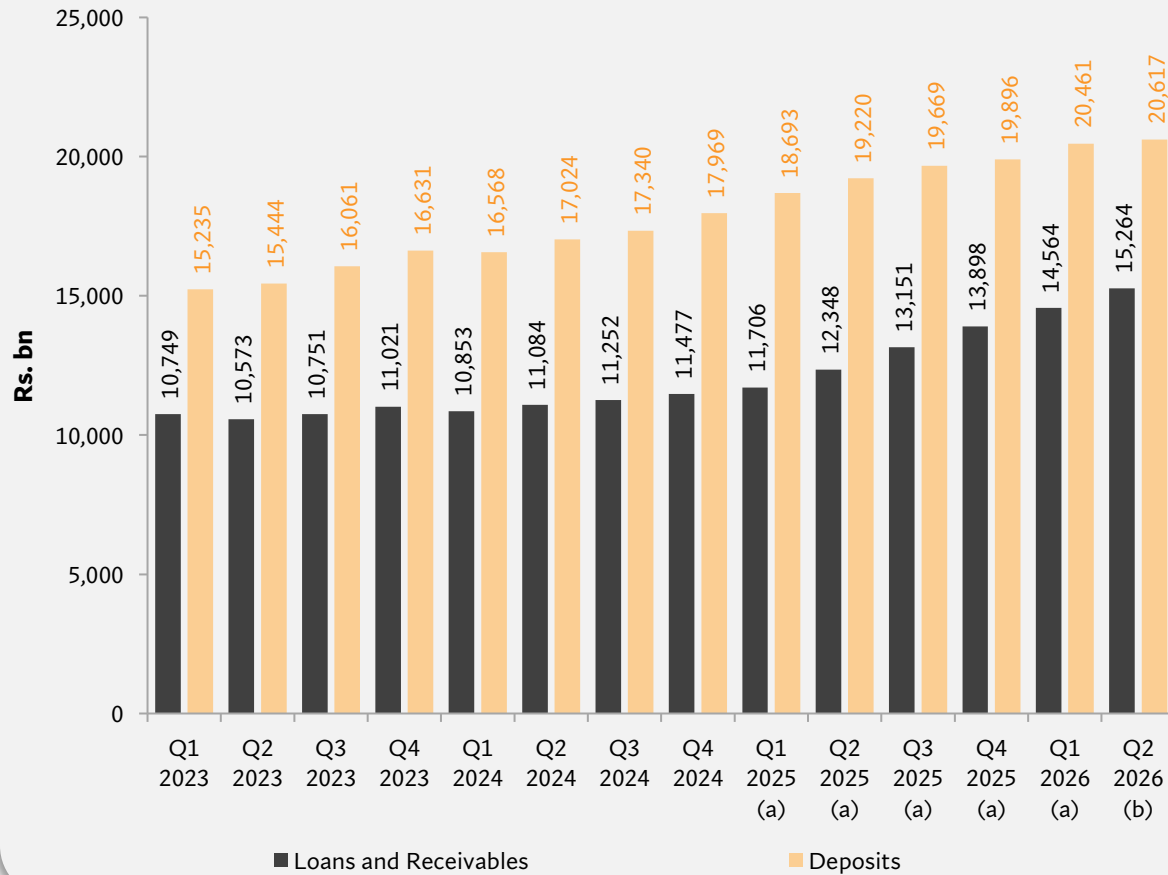


Financial Sector



Banking Sector Indicators (i)

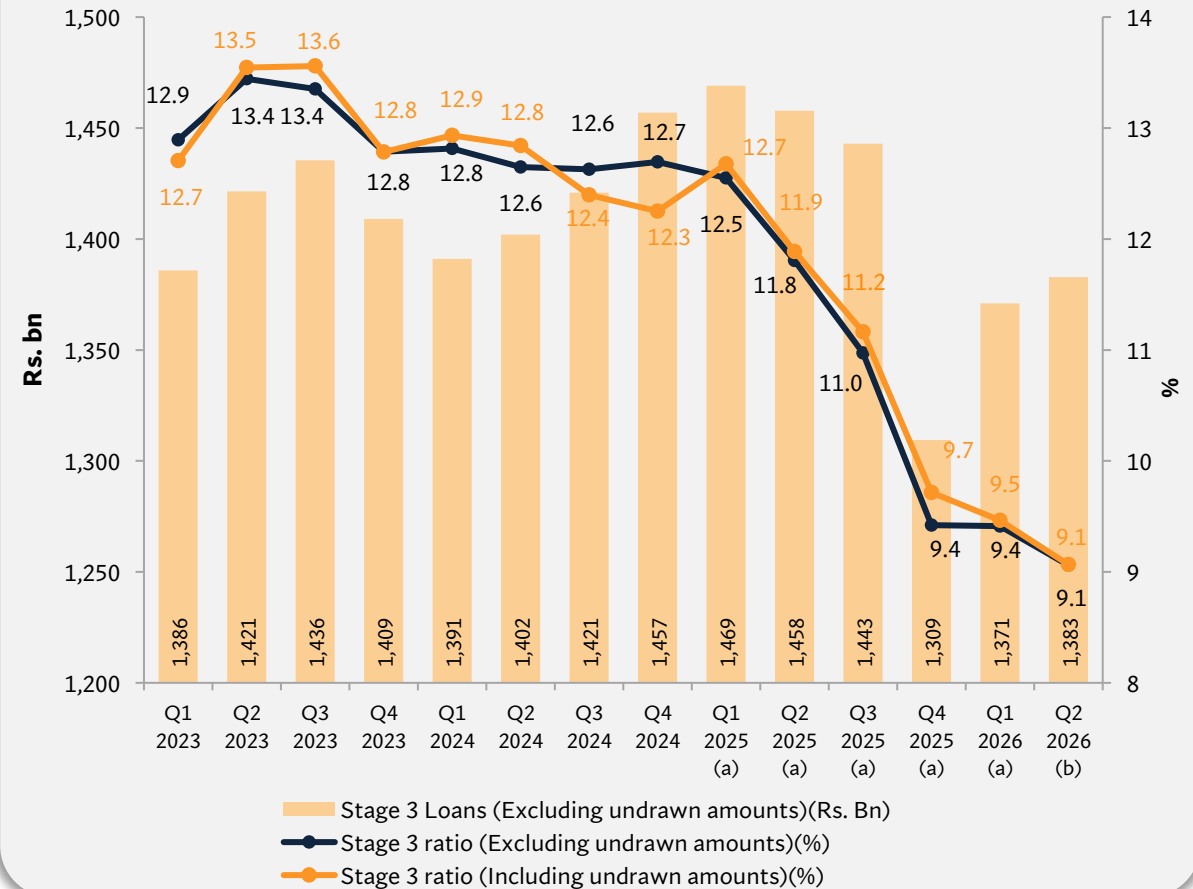
Assets and Liabilities of the Banking Sector



Note : Data reported based on SLFRS

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Stage 3 Loans of the Banking Sector

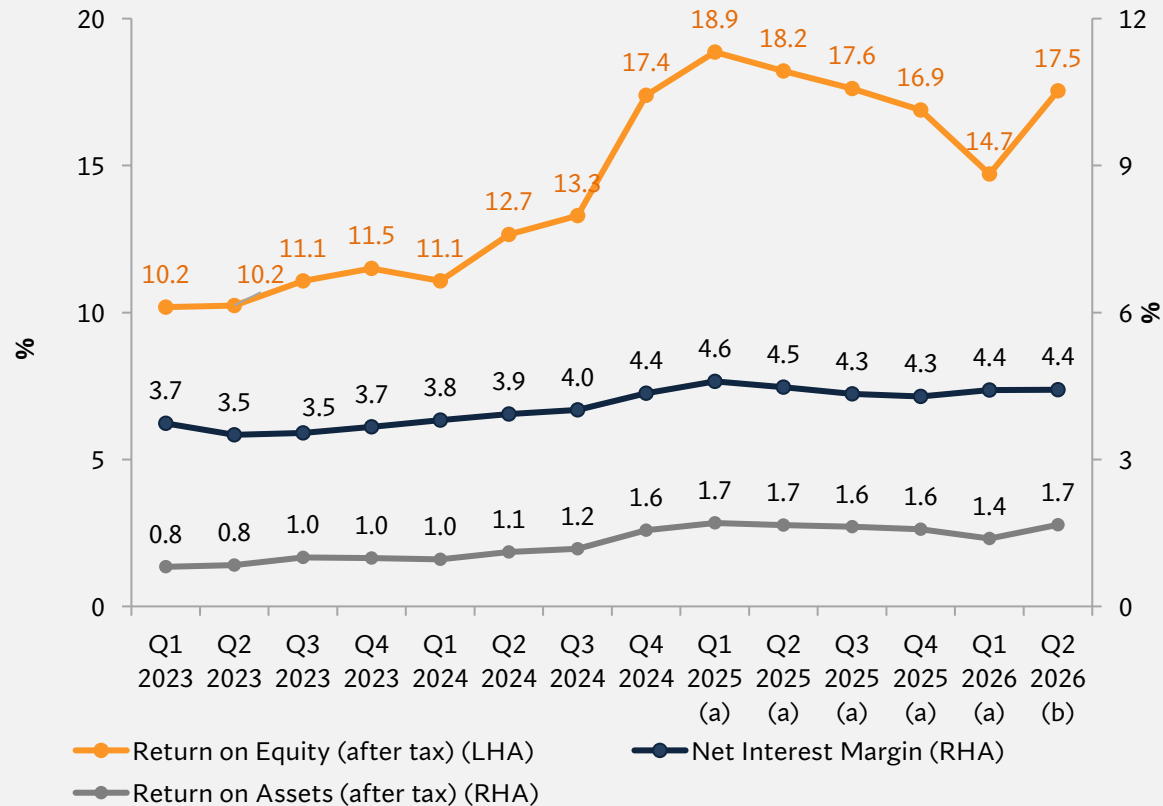


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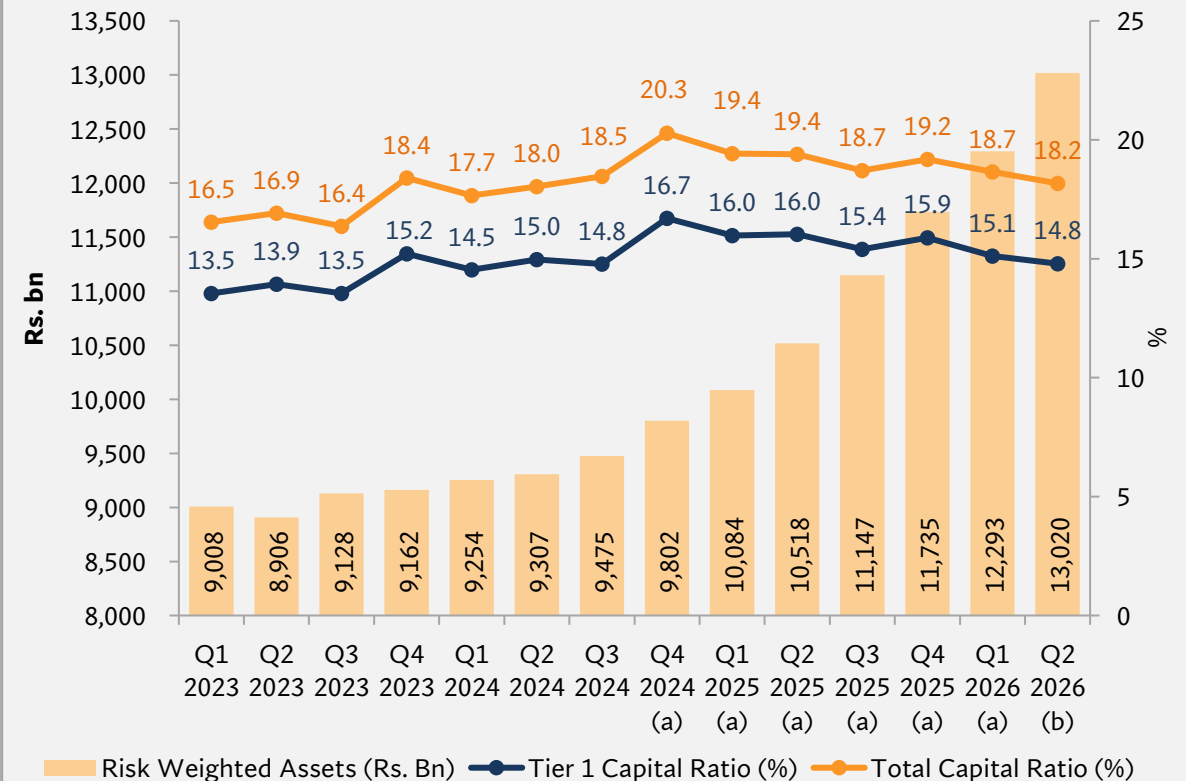


Banking Sector Indicators (ii)

Profitability Indicators



Risk-Weighted Assets and Capital Adequacy Ratios



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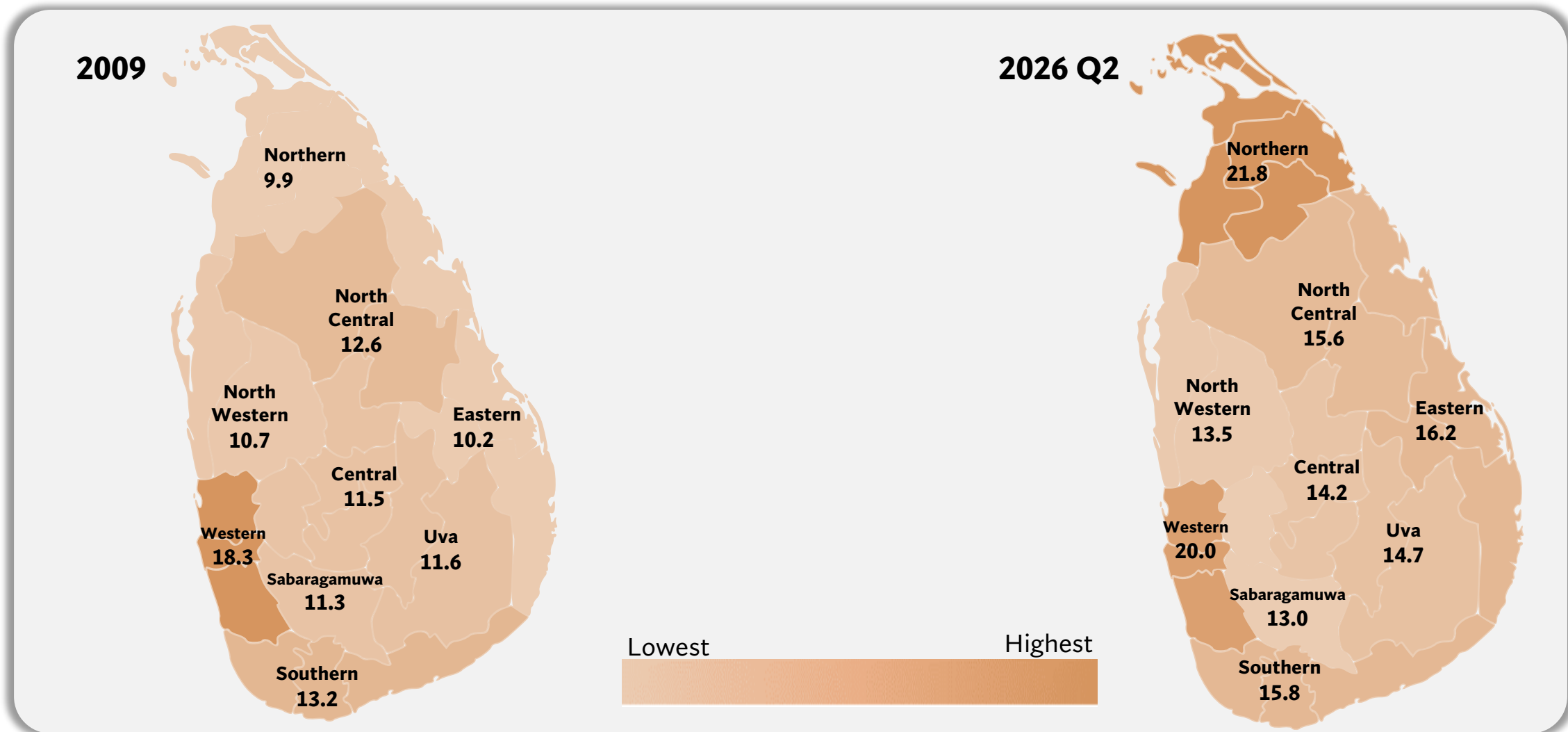
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Banking Density by Province*

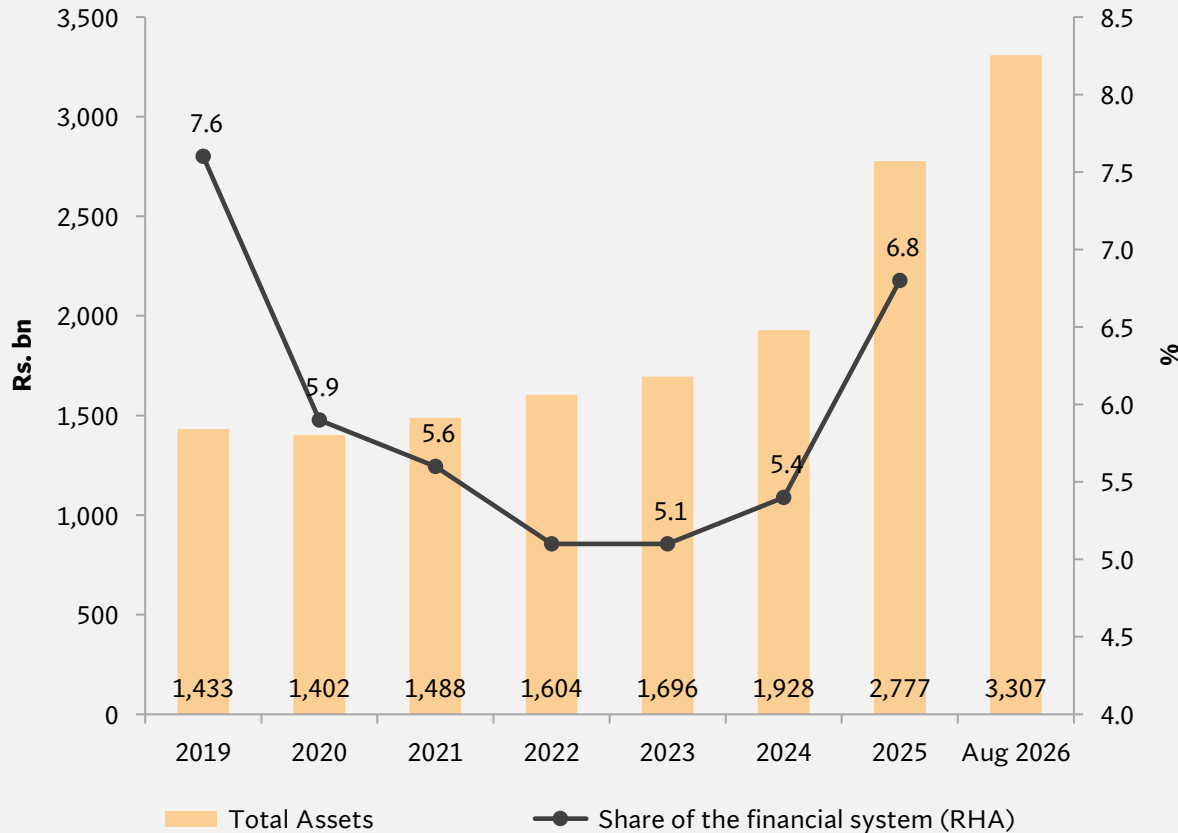
[Branches per 100,000 persons]



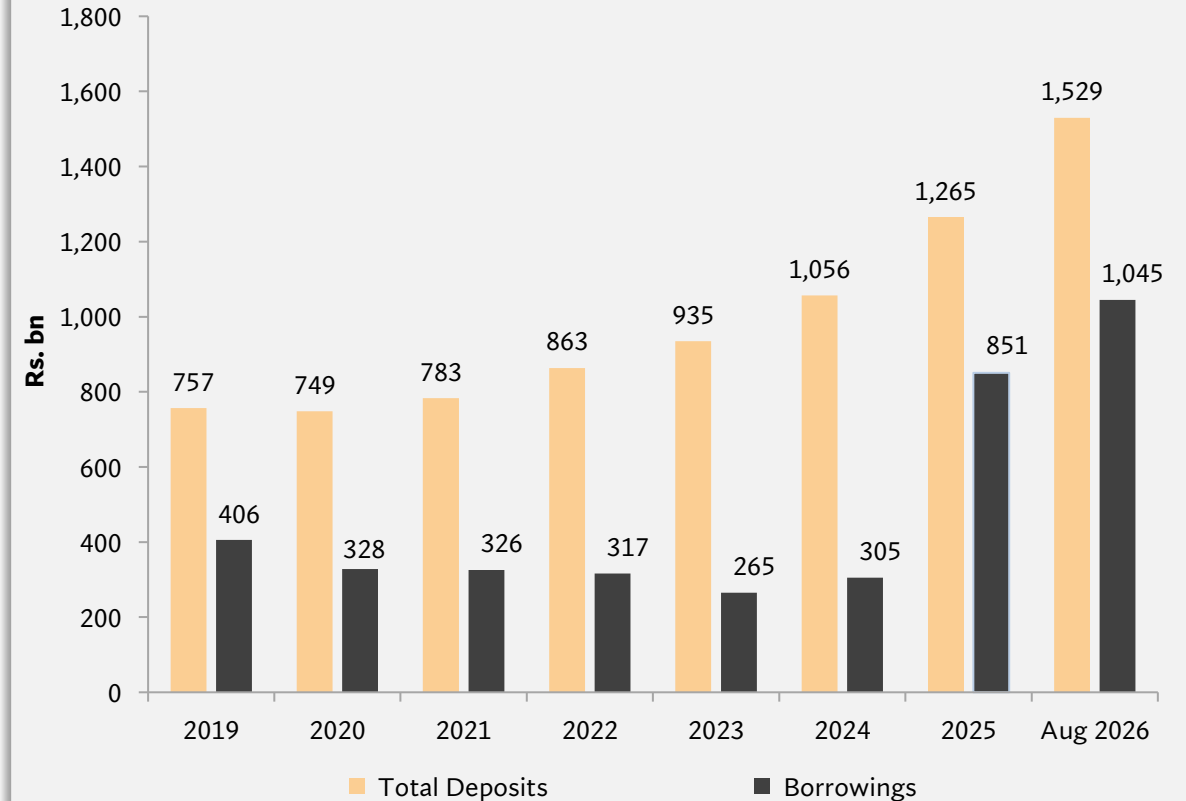
*Banking Density by Province is calculated based on the mid-year population estimates published by the Department of Census and Statistics

Non-Bank Financial Sector Indicators (i)

Assets of the FC & SLC Sector



Total Deposits and Borrowings of the FC & SLC Sector*



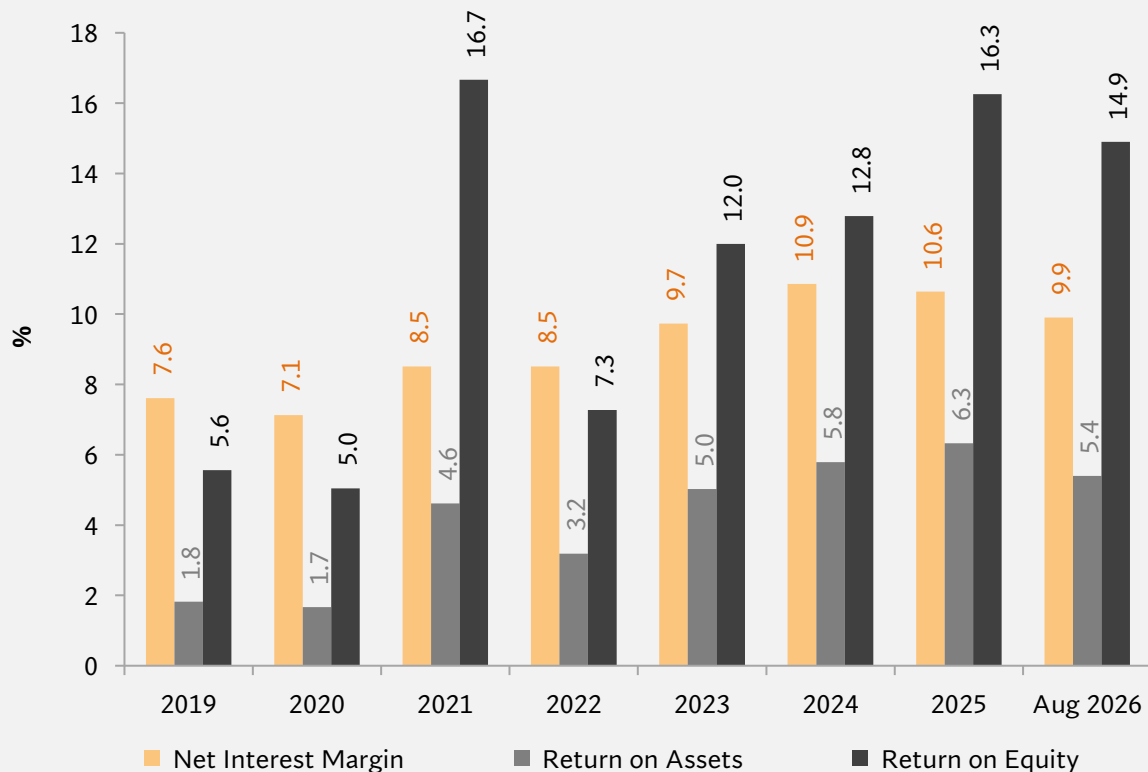
* Deposits are only mobilised by FCs

FC: Finance Companies
SLC: Specialised Leasing Companies



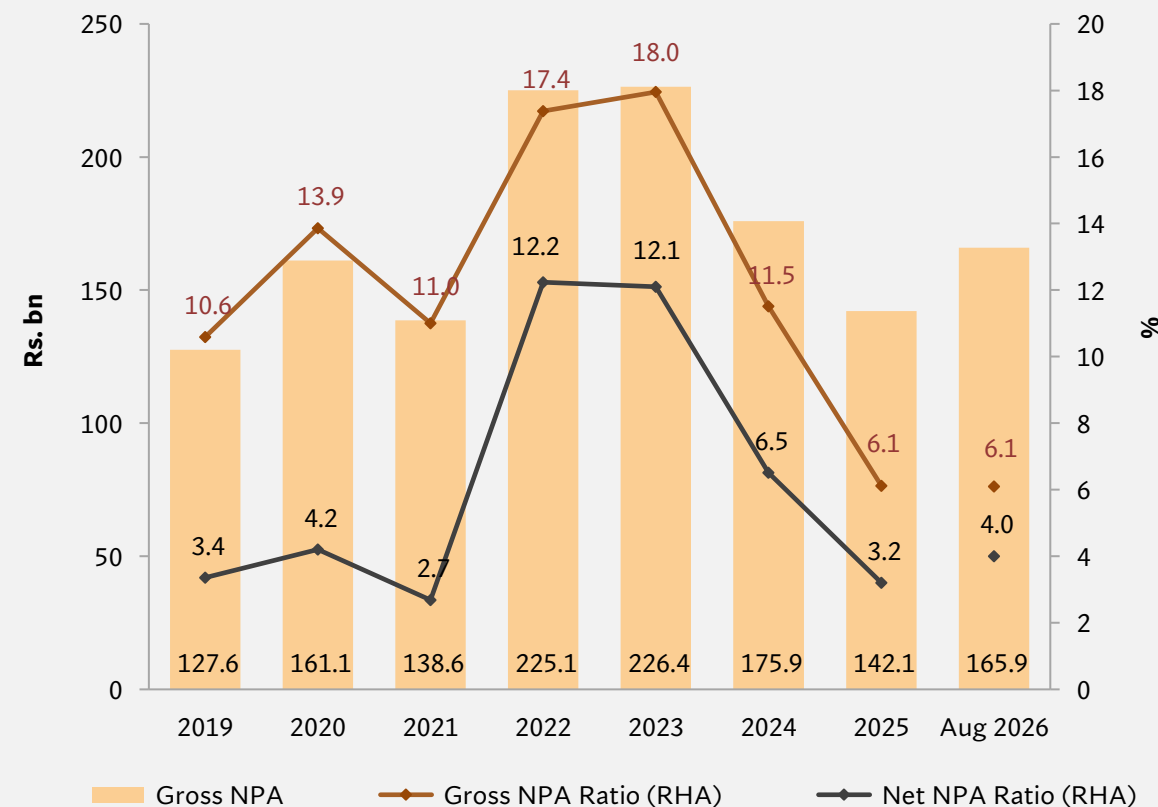
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Profitability Indicators of the FC and SLC Sectors



Note: Above ratios are calculated by annualising the financials commencing from 1st April of each year.

Non-Performing Advances



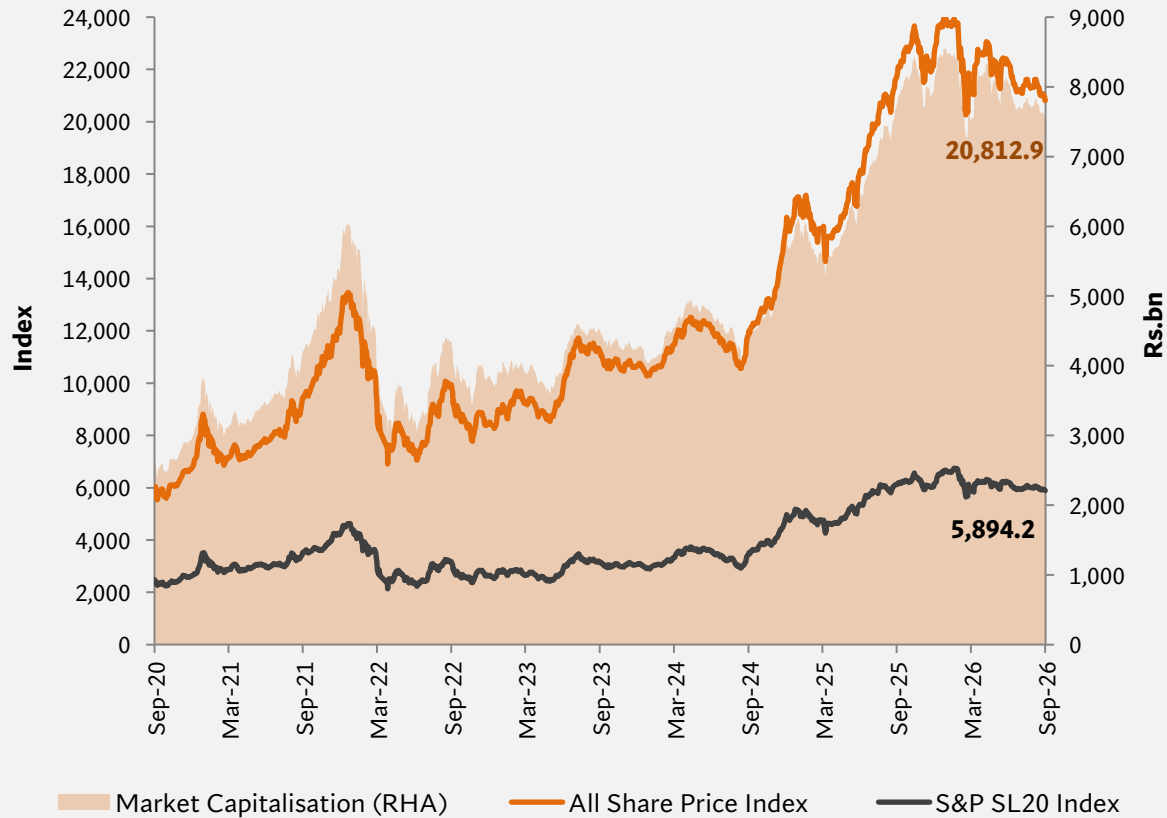
Note: The definitions pertaining to NPA and NPA ratios were revised in 2022 and 2023 to be in line with SLFRS 09 and to reflect new supervisory requirements.

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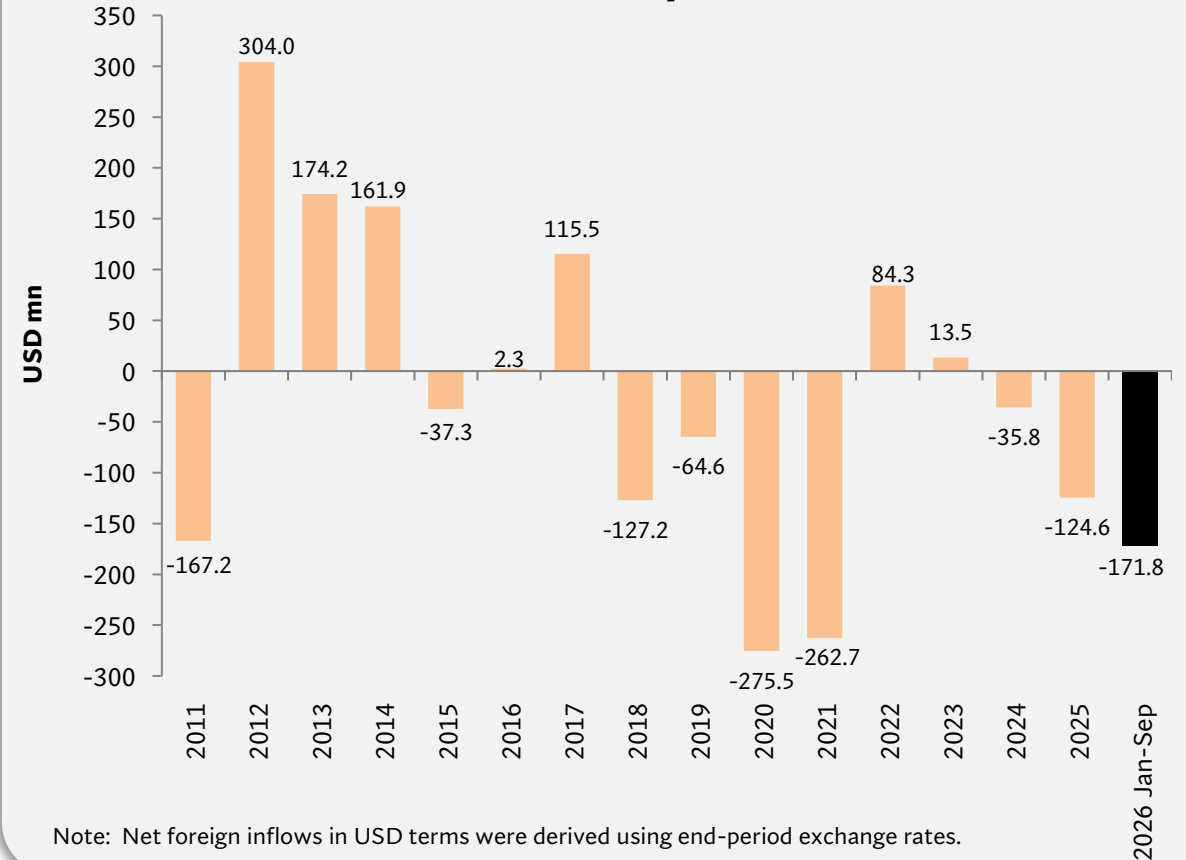


Stock Market Performance

Share Price Indices and Market Capitalisation



Net Foreign Inflows to the Secondary Market



Source: Colombo Stock Exchange



List of Acronyms

%	Per cent
AWCMR	Average Weighted Call Money Rate
AWDR	Average Weighted Deposit Rate
AWFDR	Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate
AWLR	Average Weighted Lending Rate
AWNDR	Average Weighted New Deposit Rate
AWNLR	Average Weighted New Lending rate
AWNSR	Average Weighted New SME Rate
AWPR	Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate
AWSR	Average Weighted SME Rate
bn	Billion
CBSL	Central Bank of Sri Lanka
CCPI	Colombo Consumer Price Index
CSE	Colombo Stock Exchange
CPC	Ceylon Petroleum Corporation
FC	Finance Companies
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
HIES	Household Income and Expenditure Survey
IIP	Index of Industrial Production
M ₁	M ₁ Narrow Money Supply

M ₂	M ₂ Broad Money Supply
M _{2b}	M _{2b} Broad Money Supply
mn	Million
MSME	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
MOF	Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development
NCG	Net Credit to the Government
NCPI	National Consumer Price Index
NFA	Net Foreign Assets
NPA	Non-Performing Advances
PBoC	People's Bank of China
PPI	Producer Price Index
Prov	Provisional
S&P SL20	Standard & Poor's Sri Lanka 20
SLFRS	Sri Lanka Financial Reporting Standards
SLC	Specialised Leasing Companies
SLTDA	Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority
SOBEs	State-Owned Business Enterprises
USD	United States Dollar
Y-o-Y	Year-on-Year



The set of graphs above summarises macroeconomic and financial market trends in Sri Lanka. These graphs do not contain source data. An extensive set of data is available on the Central Bank website. Information for the last quarter of data is provisional.

