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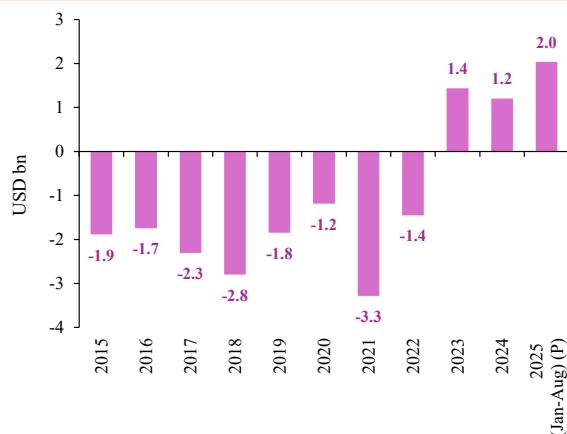
Current Account

Summary of Current Account (a)

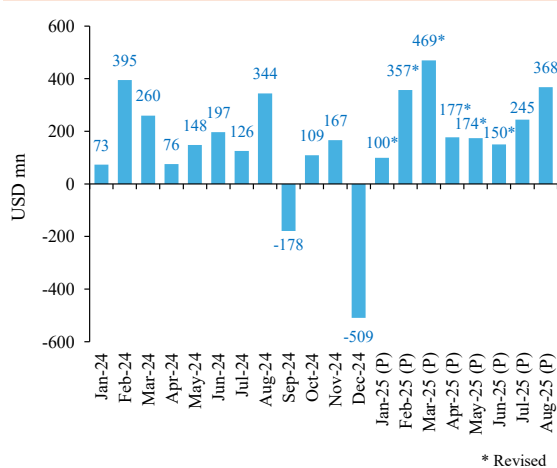
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Current Account Balance¹	343.9	368.0	7.0	1,618.0	2,039.5	26.1
Trade Balance	-422.3	-414.2		-3,566.2	-4,264.2	
Merchandise Exports	1,231.7	1,282.3	4.1	8,506.3	9,076.6	6.7
Merchandise Imports	1,654.0	1,696.5	2.6	12,072.5	13,340.9	10.5
Services Account (net)	307.9	291.2	-5.4	2,608.3	2,667.1	2.3
Services Account - Inflows	625.8	557.9	-10.9	4,621.8	4,785.4	3.5
Services Account - Outflows	317.9	266.6	-16.1	2,013.5	2,118.4	5.2
Primary Income Account (net)	-106.5	-183.1		-1,616.9	-1,392.2	
Primary Income Account - Inflows	58.7	45.5	-22.5	362.6	413.4	14.0
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Current Account Balance - Annual



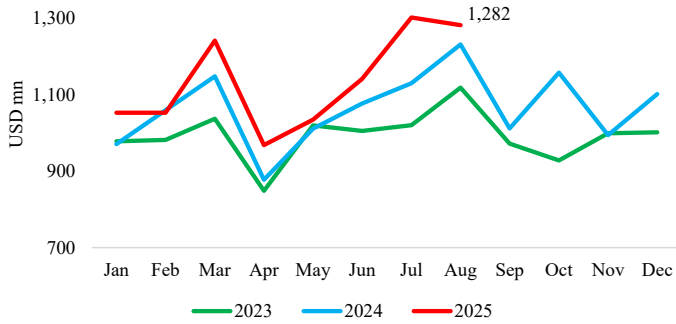
Current Account Balance - Monthly



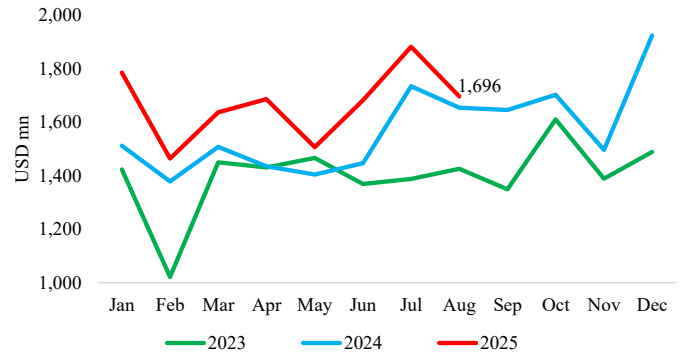
¹ The monthly current account data for January-June 2025 have been revised following the finalisation of estimates for the second quarter of 2025. The data for the third quarter will be revised by end 2025, upon the finalisation of the respective quarterly estimates.

Merchandise Trade Highlights

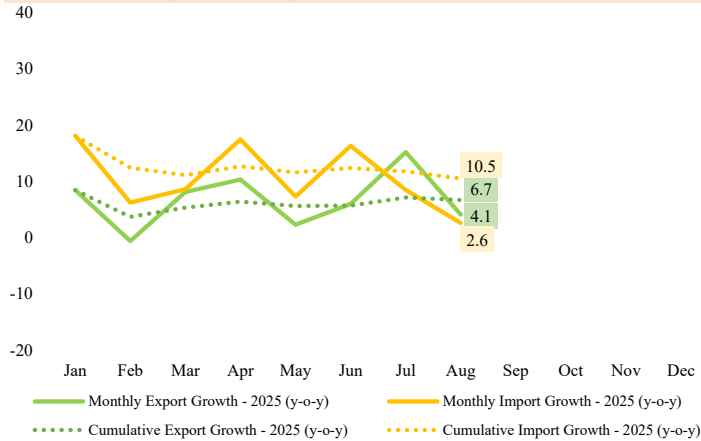
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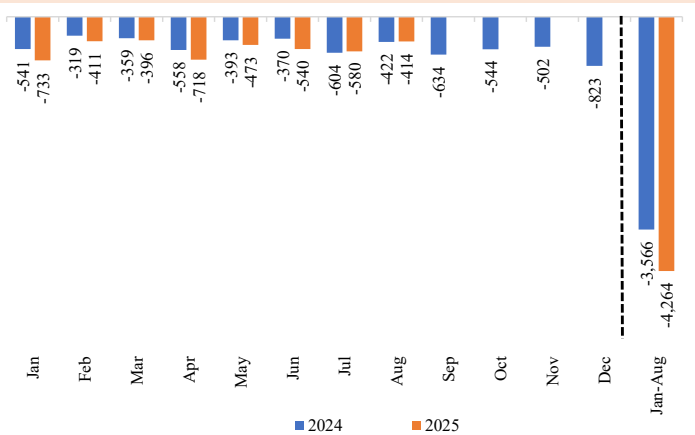
Monthly Import Performance



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



Trade Balance (USD mn)



Major Merchandise Export and Import Categories - January - August 2025

Exports (USD mn)

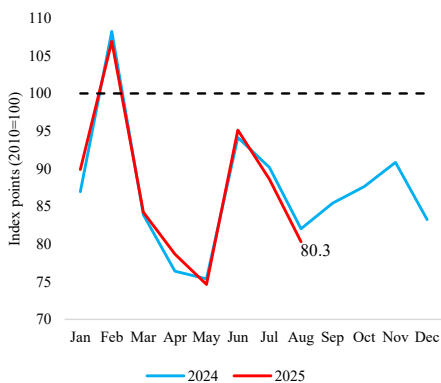
Textiles and garments	3,595.3
Tea	1,026.0
Petroleum products	654.7
Rubber products	618.6
Food beverages and tobacco	577.3
Coconut	367.5
Machinery and mechanical appliances	313.3
Spices	282.6
Gems, diamonds and jewellery	267.0
Chemical products	205.9

Imports (USD mn)

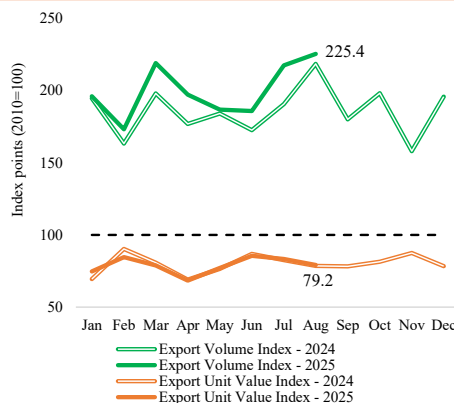
Fuel	2,520.6
Textiles and textile articles	1,793.5
Machinery and equipment	1,658.4
Vehicles	705.0
Chemical products	662.0
Building material	649.6
Medical and pharmaceuticals	420.0
Plastics and articles thereof	411.4
Base metals	312.5
Vegetables	301.8

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

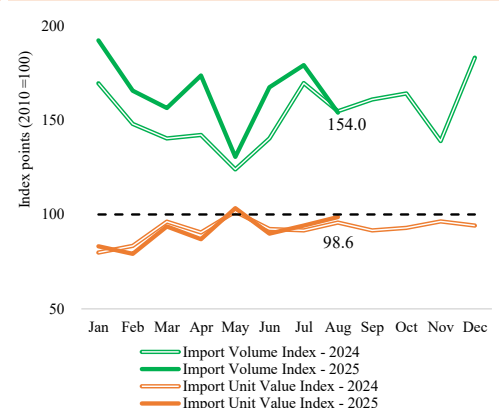
Terms of Trade



Export Volume and Unit Value Indices

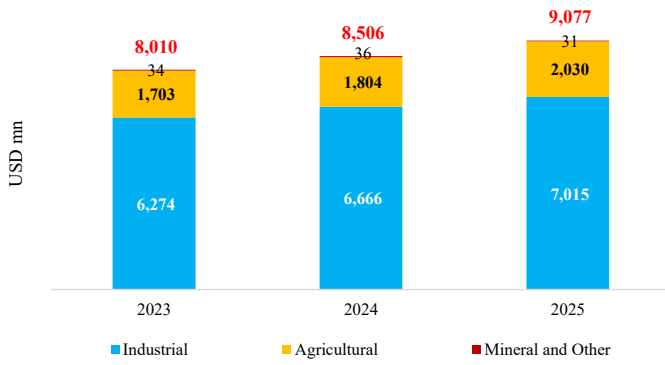


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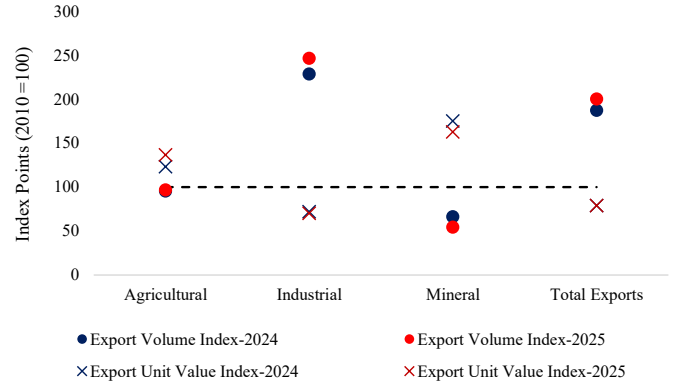


Merchandise Export Performance

Export Performance - Jan-Aug

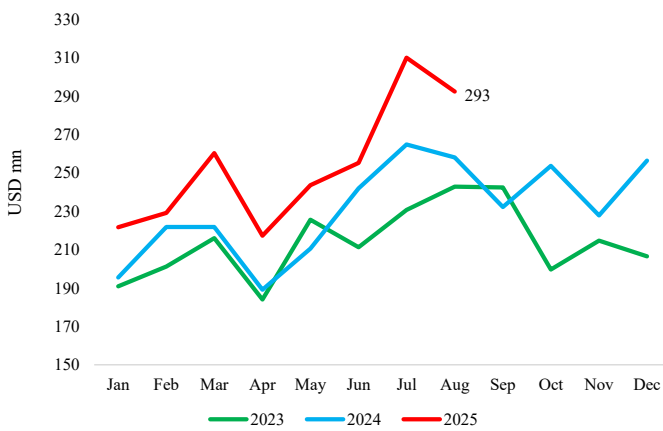


Volume and Unit Value Indices of Exports - Jan- Aug

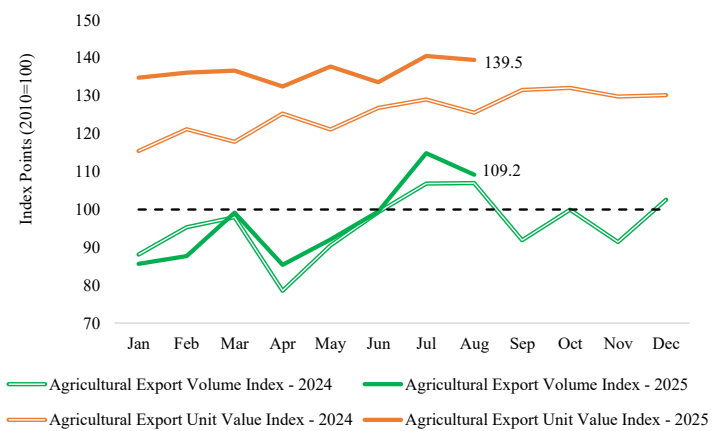


Agricultural Exports

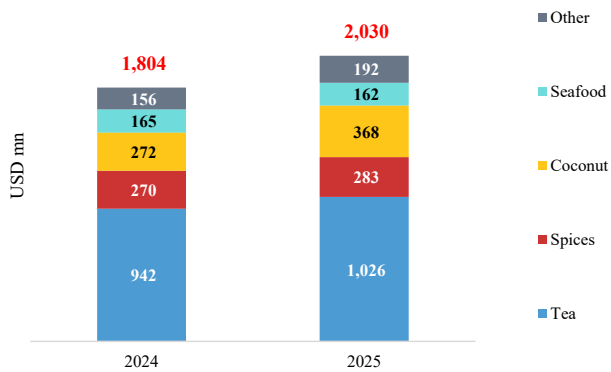
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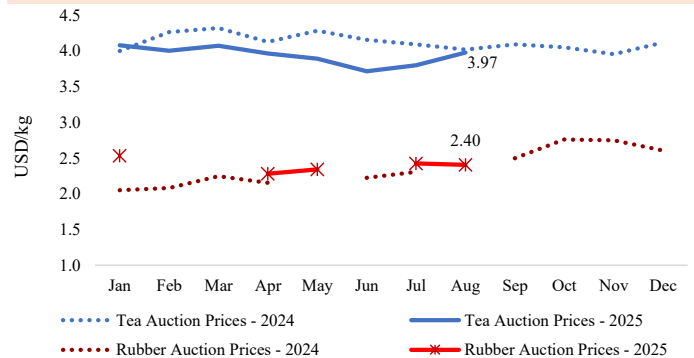
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Agricultural Exports



Performance of Agricultural Exports - Jan- Aug



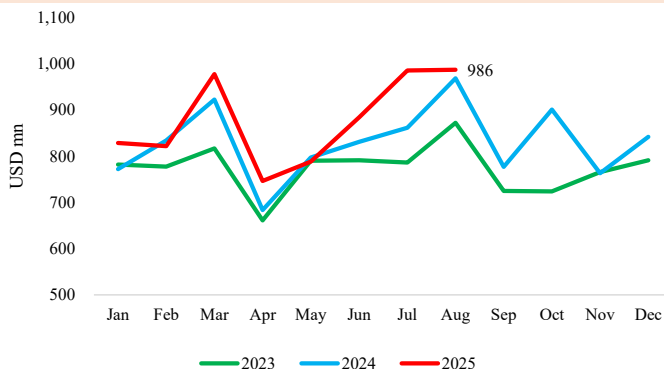
Tea and Rubber Prices



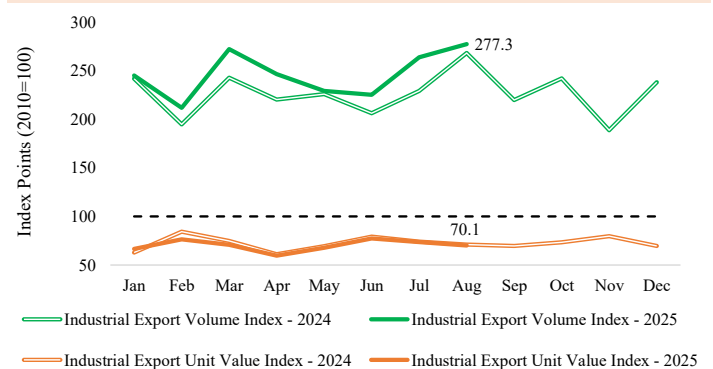
*Rubber (RSS) prices for May, August 2024 and February, March, June 2025 were not determined at the auction.

Industrial Exports

Industrial Exports

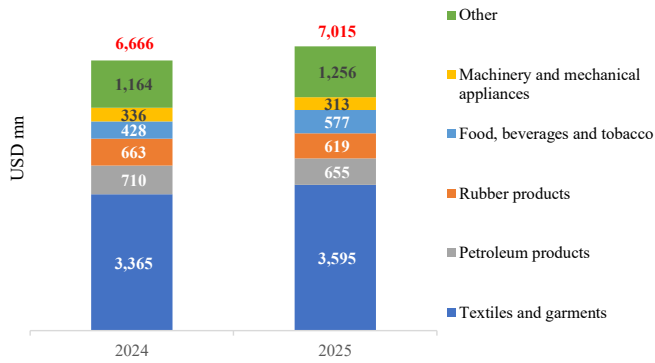


Volume and Unit Value Indices of Industrial Exports

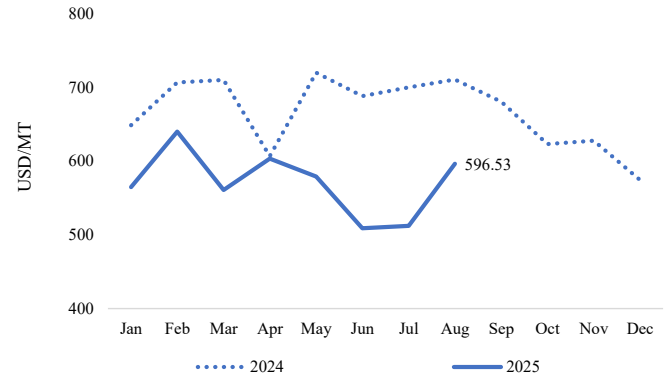


Industrial Exports (Continued...)

Performance of Industrial Exports - Jan- Aug

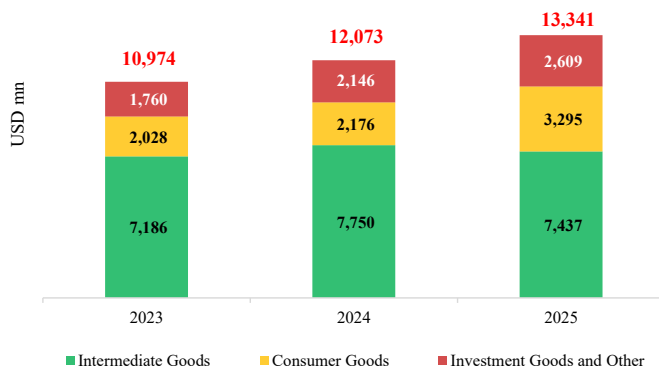


Bunker and Aviation Fuel Export Prices

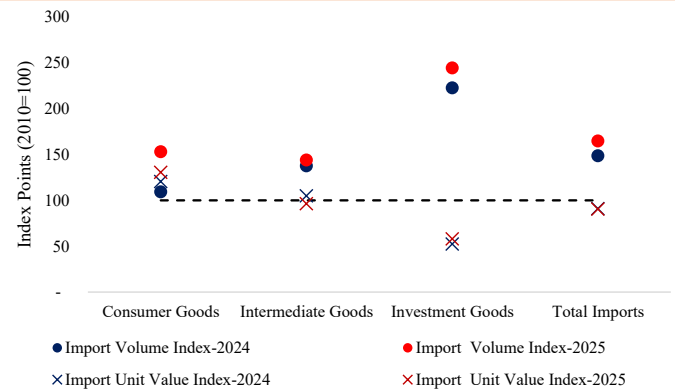


Merchandise Import Performance

Import Performance - Jan- Aug

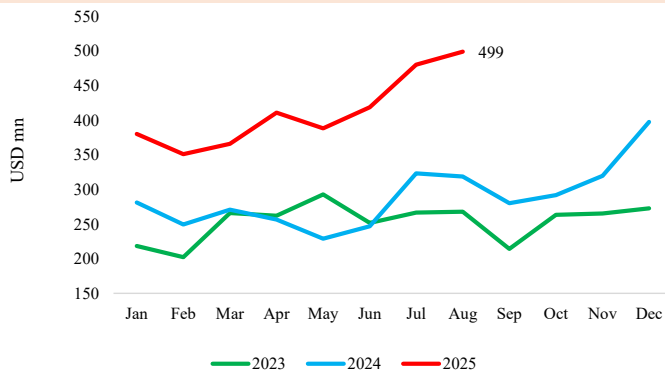


Volume and Unit Value Indices of Imports - Jan- Aug

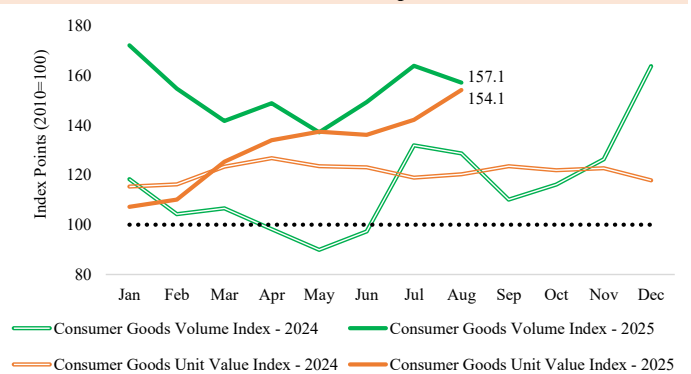


Consumer Goods Imports

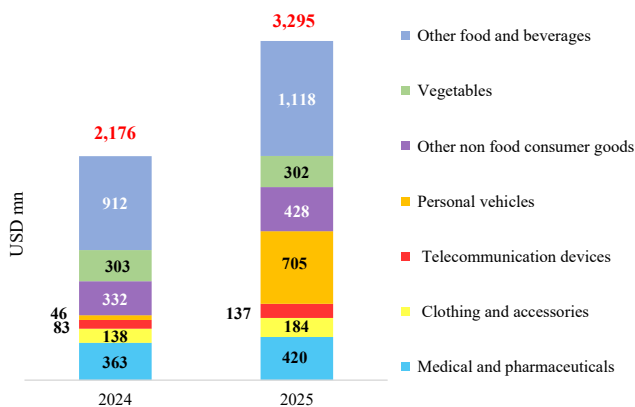
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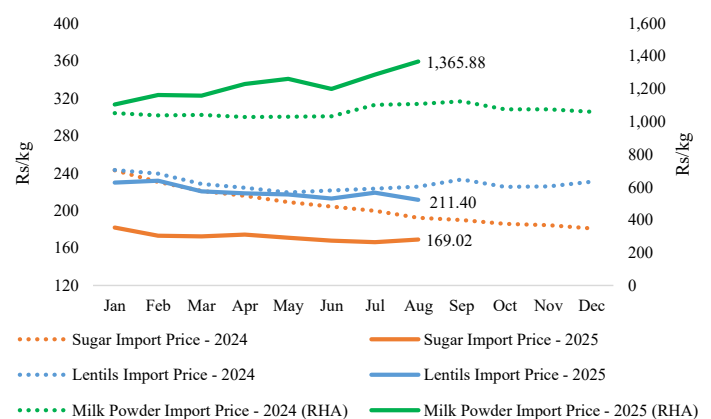
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Imports of Consumer Goods



Performance of Consumer Goods Imports - Jan- Aug

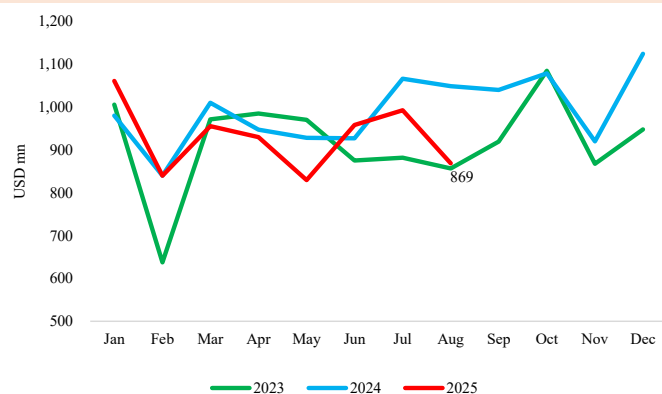


Average Import Prices of Sugar, Lentils and Milk Powder

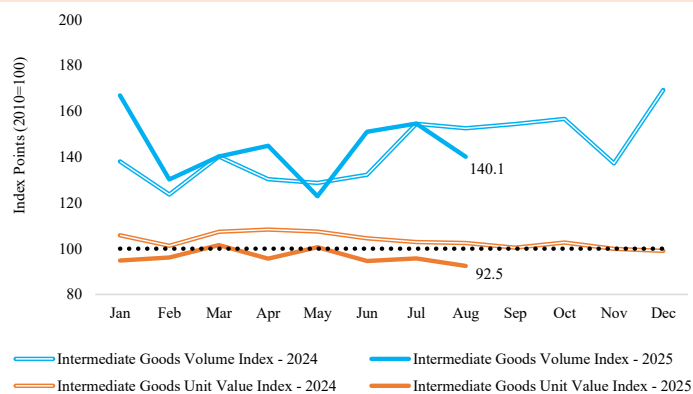


Intermediate Goods Imports

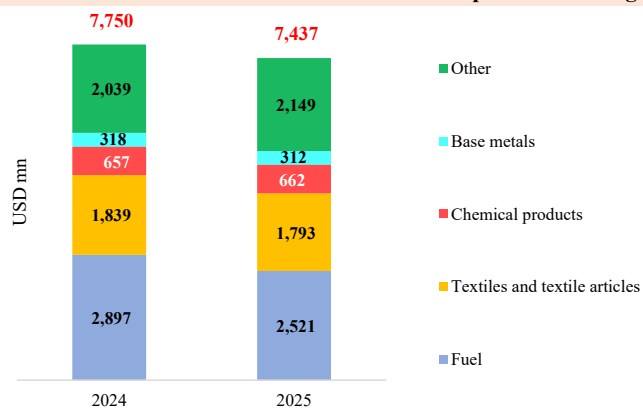
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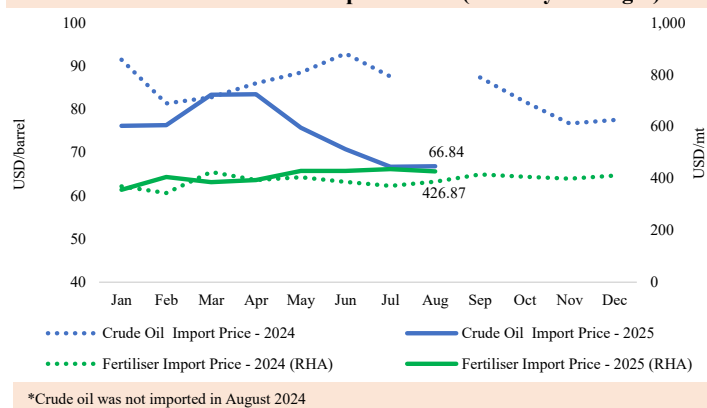
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Intermediate Goods Imports



Performance of Intermediate Goods Imports - Jan- Aug

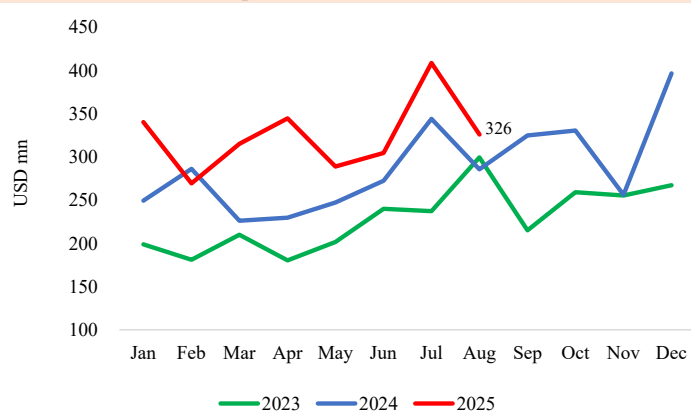


Crude Oil and Fertiliser Import Prices (Monthly Averages)

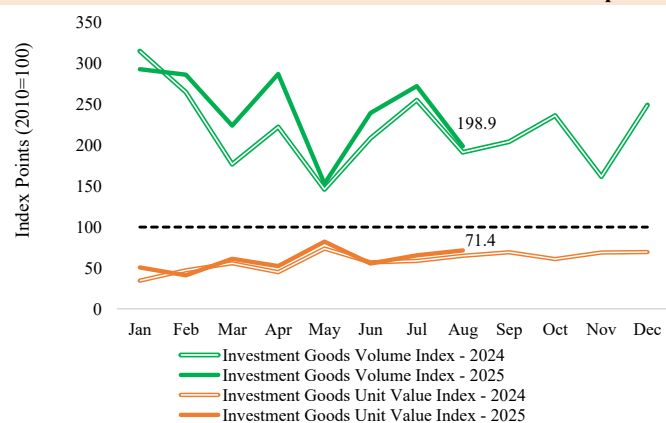


Investment Goods Imports

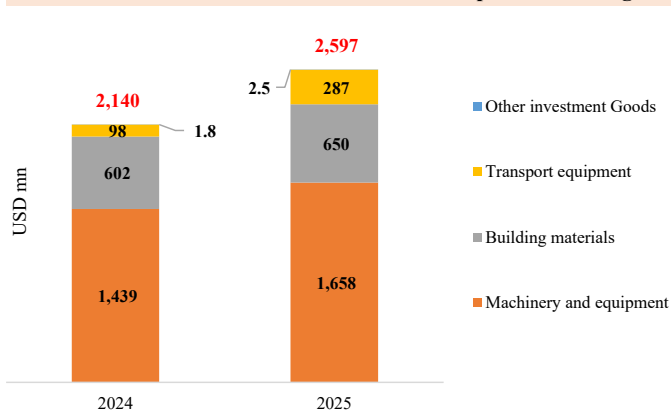
Imports of Investment Goods



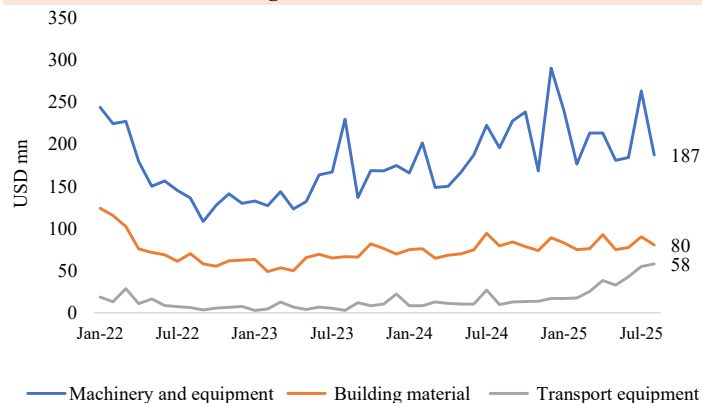
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Investment Goods Imports



Performance of Investment Goods Imports - Jan-Aug



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	Aug-24	Aug-25	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Aug 2024	Jan-Aug 2025	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Agricultural Exports	258.1	292.6	13.3	1,804.0	2,030.2	12.5
o/w Tea	130.5	141.9	8.7	942.3	1,026.0	8.9
Coconut	42.6	59.7	40.2	272.2	367.5	35.0
Spices	51.8	40.9	-21.1	269.5	282.6	4.8
Seafood	13.9	18.4	33.1	164.5	161.9	-1.6
Industrial Exports	967.8	986.3	1.9	6,665.8	7,015.4	5.2
o/w Textiles and garments	512.1	508.1	-0.8	3,364.8	3,595.3	6.9
Rubber products	101.1	83.8	-17.1	663.1	618.6	-6.7
Petroleum products	83.2	74.2	-10.8	709.7	654.7	-7.8
Food, beverages and tobacco	63.0	81.5	29.4	427.7	577.3	35.0
Machinery and mechanical appliances	45.7	44.1	-3.5	336.1	313.3	-6.8
Gems, diamonds and jewellery	36.9	40.7	10.4	282.1	267.0	-5.4
Leather, travel goods and footwear	6.5	6.9	6.8	41.3	48.3	17.0
Mineral and Other Exports	5.8	3.5	-39.3	36.5	31.1	-14.9
Total Exports	1,231.7	1,282.3	4.1	8,506.3	9,076.6	6.7
Import Performance (USD mn)						
Item	Aug-24	Aug-25	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Aug 2024	Jan-Aug 2025	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Consumer goods	318.8	499.1	56.5	2,176.3	3,294.7	51.4
Food and beverages	192.9	154.0	-20.2	1,214.1	1,419.6	16.9
o/w Vegetables (b)	37.7	27.3	-27.6	302.5	301.8	-0.3
Rice	2.0	1.2	-40.7	34.2	61.7	80.1
Non-food consumer goods	126.0	345.1	174.0	962.2	1,875.0	94.9
o/w Medical and Pharmaceuticals	40.1	52.8	31.6	363.0	420.0	15.7
Intermediate goods	1,049.2	869.0	-17.2	7,750.0	7,437.4	-4.0
o/w Fuel	350.5	255.2	-27.2	2,896.5	2,520.6	-13.0
Textiles and textile articles	232.3	208.4	-10.3	1,839.3	1,793.5	-2.5
Fertiliser	38.3	43.1	12.5	102.9	164.8	60.2
Wheat and maize	39.0	15.7	-59.6	204.5	205.1	0.3
Investment goods and other	286.0	328.4	14.8	2,146.2	2,608.8	21.6
o/w Machinery and equipment	195.9	187.2	-4.4	1,438.6	1,658.4	15.3
Total Imports	1,654.0	1,696.5	2.6	12,072.5	13,340.9	10.5
Trade Balance (USD mn)						
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Trade Indices and Terms of Trade (2010 = 100) (In USD terms)						
Item	Aug-24	Aug-25	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Aug 2024	Jan-Aug 2025	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Export						
Value index	171.4	178.5	4.1	148.0	157.9	6.7
Volume index	218.4	225.4	3.2	187.3	200.1	6.8
Unit value index	78.5	79.2	0.9	79.0	78.9	-0.1
Import						
Value index	148.0	151.8	2.6	135.1	149.2	10.5
Volume index	154.7	154.0	-0.5	148.5	164.9	11.0
Unit value index	95.7	98.6	3.0	90.9	90.5	-0.4
Terms of Trade	82.0	80.3		86.9	87.2	

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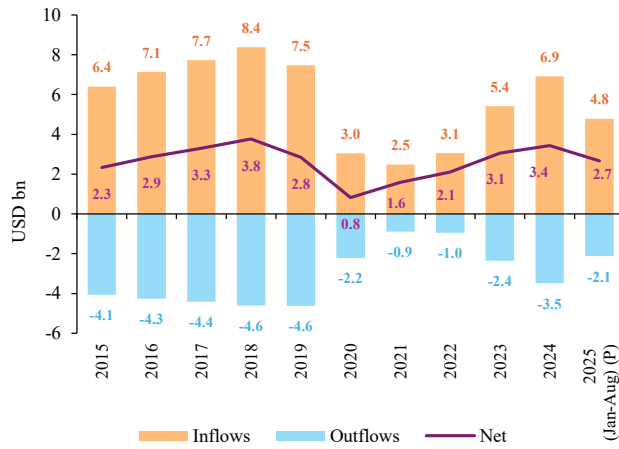
(b) includes lentils, onions, potatoes, leguminous vegetables and others

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

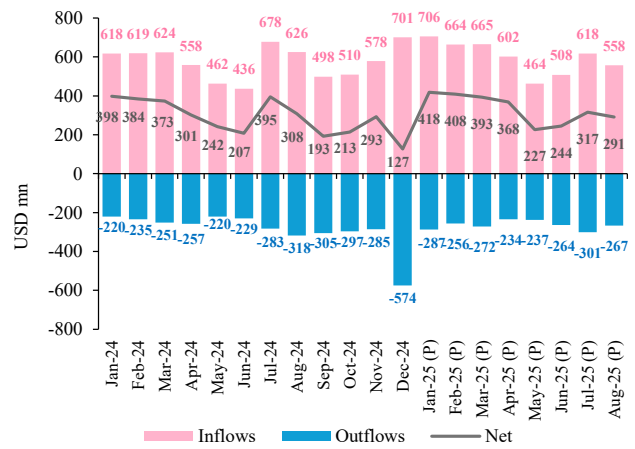
Note 2: Longer series of Merchandise Trade data can be accessed through : <https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/en/statistics/statistical-tables/external-sector>

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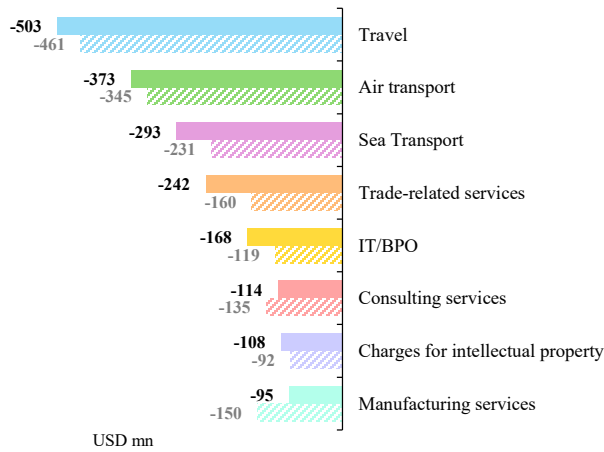
Services Account - Annual



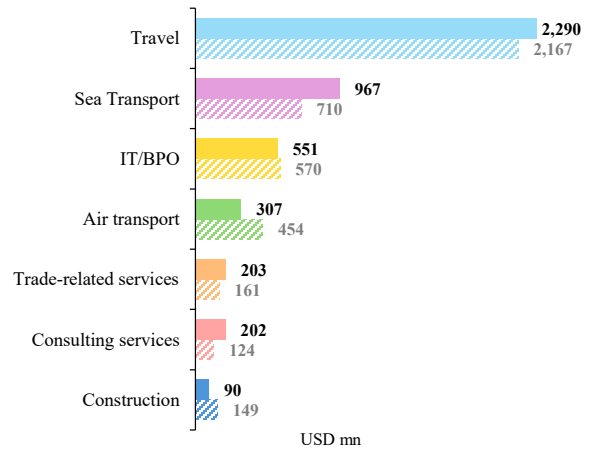
Services Account - Monthly



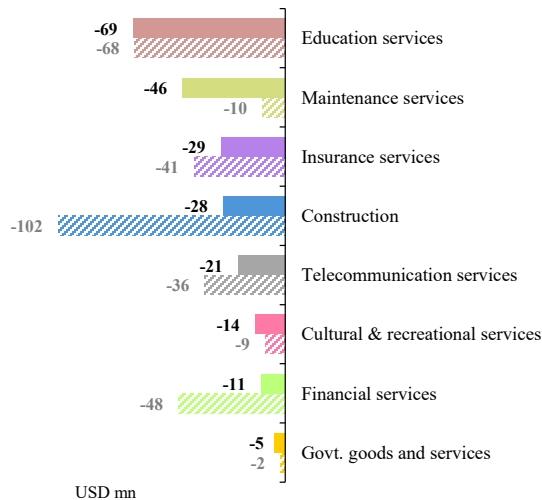
Major Services Outflows



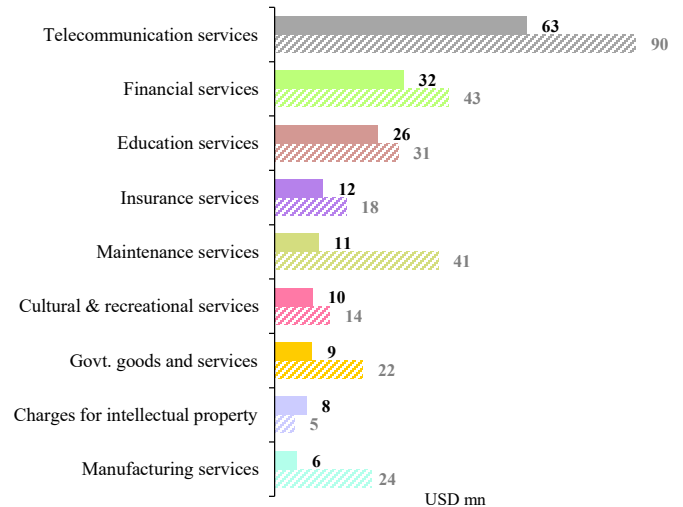
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Minor Services Outflows



Minor Services Inflows



Jan-Aug 2024

Jan-Aug 2025 (P)

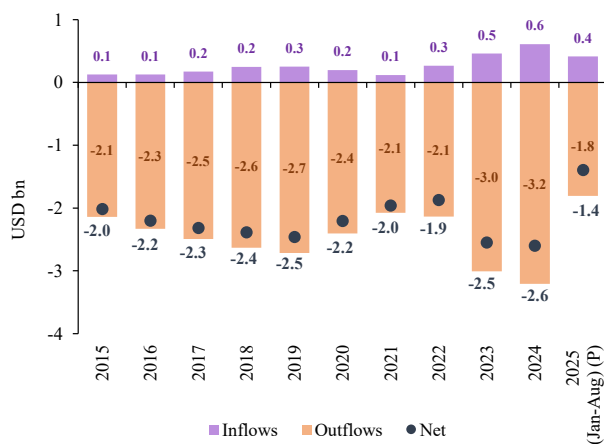
Primary Income Account

Summary of Primary Income Account (a)

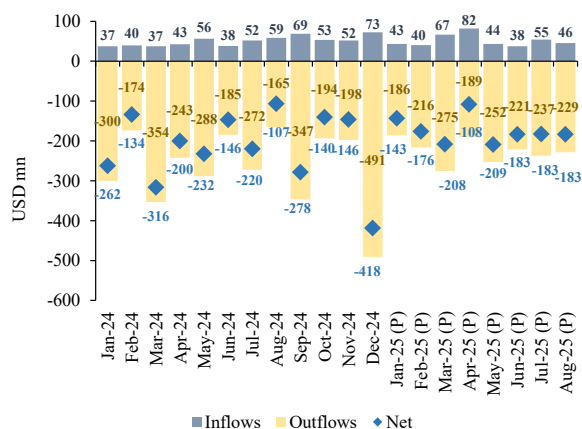
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<i>of which,</i>						
Direct Investment related Outflows	42.3	79.4	87.4	531.2	714.7	34.6
Dividends	30.3	63.5	109.7	443.2	585.1	32.0
Reinvested Earnings	12.0	15.8	31.4	88.0	129.6	47.2
Portfolio Investment related Outflows	8.3	58.6		543.9	332.6	-38.8
<i>of which,</i>						
Government Bond Outflows	0.5	36.5		478.9	265.0	-44.7
Other Investment Interest	112.6	87.8	-22.1	891.6	740.5	-17.0
Interest on Foreign Loans						
Government	67.4	50.7	-24.8	616.1	502.2	-18.5
Central Bank	37.7	35.5	-6.0	199.8	108.4	-45.8
Deposit-taking Corporations	6.2	0.4	-93.2	58.2	30.3	-48.0
Other Sectors	1.2	1.2	-5.2	17.5	99.6	469.5

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Primary Income Account - Annual



Primary Income Account - Monthly



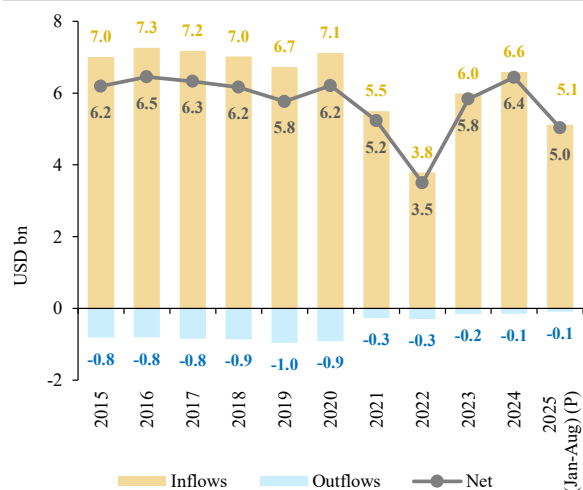
Secondary Income Account

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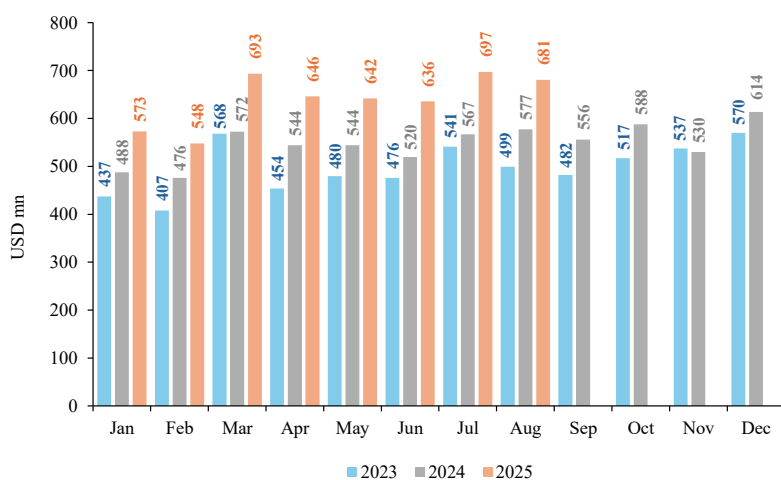
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General Government	0.6	0.8	48.1	4.8	2.5	-49.0
Worker's Remittances	577.5	680.8	17.9	4,288.2	5,116.0	19.3
Secondary Income Account Outflows	13.1	7.5	-42.7	100.2	89.5	-10.7

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Secondary Income Account - Annual



Inward Workers' Remittances - Monthly

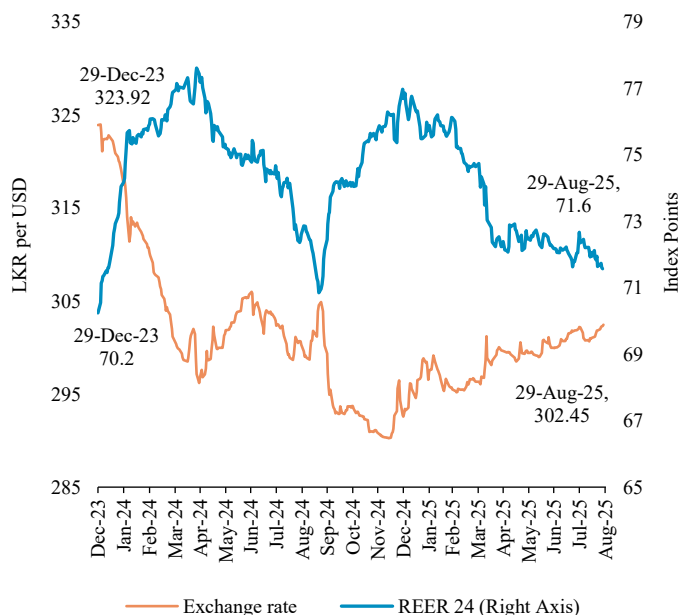


Exchange Rate Movements (a)

Movement of the Sri Lanka rupee against the US dollar



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



Movement of the Sri Lanka rupee against Selected Currencies *

Currency	2023	2024	2025 (up to 30 Sep)
US dollar	12.1%	10.7%	-3.3%
Euro	7.9%	17.8%	-14.1%
Pound sterling	6.0%	12.3%	-9.6%
Chinese yuan (Renminbi)	14.3%	13.9%	-5.6%
Japanese yen	19.5%	22.5%	-8.1%
Australian dollar	10.8%	21.7%	-8.5%
Indian rupee	12.6%	13.9%	0.3%

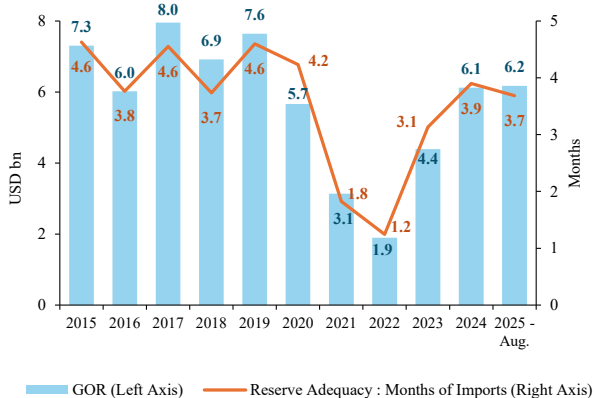
* Depreciation (-) / Appreciation (+)

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

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Financial Flows and International Reserves

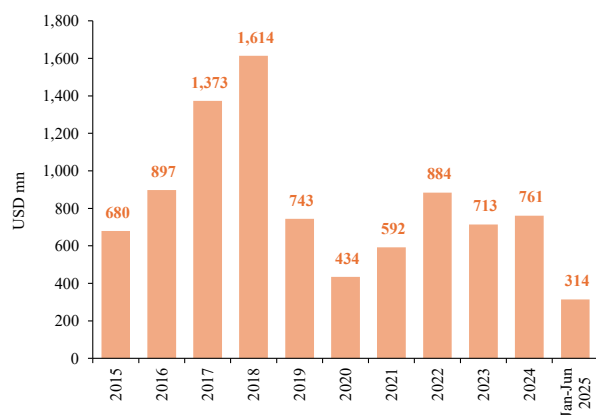
Gross Official Reserves (GOR) and Reserve Adequacy - End Period (a)



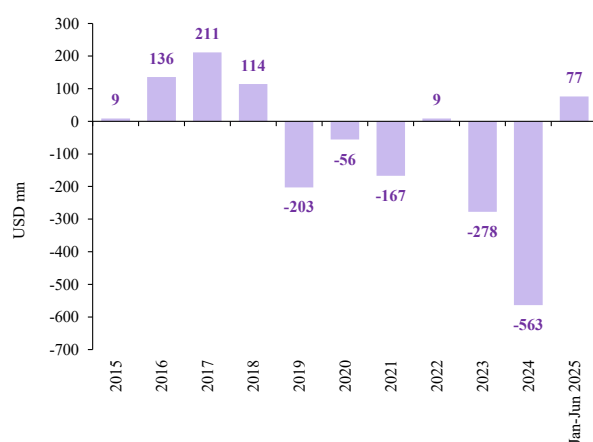
Foreign Assets and Liabilities of the Banking Sector



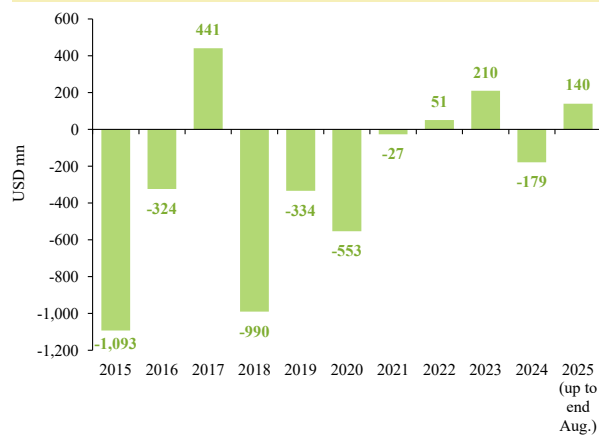
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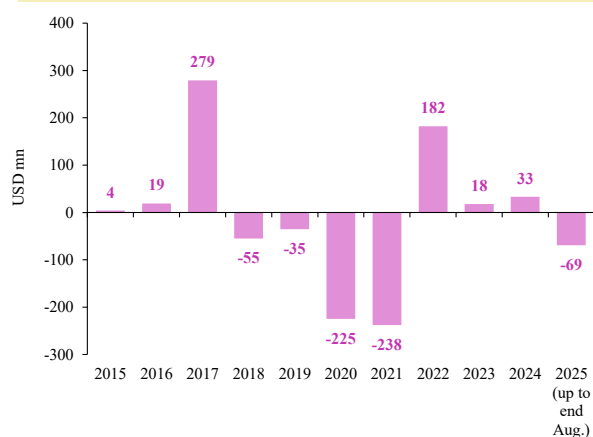
Foreign Loans to Private Sector (net)



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



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



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

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

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

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

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

ANNEXURES

Detailed Breakdown of Export Earnings Classified as per Central Bank of Sri Lanka's Trade Classification (a)						
Category	August 2024 (USD mn)	August 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Aug 2024 (USD mn)	Jan-Aug 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
1. Industrial exports	967.8	986.3	1.9	6,665.8	7,015.4	5.2
Food, beverages and tobacco	63.0	81.5	29.4	427.7	577.3	35.0
Animal fodder	12.8	12.8	0.3	89.7	107.3	19.6
Textiles and garments	512.1	508.1	-0.8	3,364.8	3,595.3	6.9
o/w Garments	477.5	469.6	-1.6	3,090.0	3,318.1	7.4
Textiles	25.9	28.3	9.1	202.1	196.0	-3.0
Other made-up textile articles	8.7	10.1	16.7	72.7	81.2	11.6
Rubber products	101.1	83.8	-17.1	663.1	618.6	-6.7
Gems, diamonds and jewellery	36.9	40.7	10.4	282.1	267.0	-5.4
Machinery and mechanical appliances	45.7	44.1	-3.5	336.1	313.3	-6.8
Transport equipment	7.0	22.7	224.7	69.3	83.9	21.1
Petroleum products	83.2	74.2	-10.8	709.7	654.7	-7.8
Chemical products	22.1	29.3	32.5	152.8	205.9	34.8
Wood and paper products	10.7	10.0	-6.4	85.5	80.8	-5.5
Printing industry products	4.7	5.0	6.7	30.5	30.9	1.1
Leather, travel goods and footwear	6.5	6.9	6.8	41.3	48.3	17.0
Plastics and articles thereof	5.7	5.1	-11.7	36.5	35.9	-1.6
Base metals and articles	17.6	26.1	48.0	127.9	141.3	10.5
Ceramic products	4.5	3.2	-28.2	22.3	20.1	-9.9
Other industrial exports	34.2	32.7	-4.5	226.4	234.8	3.7
2. Agricultural exports	258.1	292.6	13.3	1,804.0	2,030.2	12.5
Tea	130.5	141.9	8.7	942.3	1,026.0	8.9
Rubber	2.7	3.2	15.4	16.4	20.8	26.7
Coconut	42.6	59.7	40.2	272.2	367.5	35.0
Spices	51.8	40.9	-21.1	269.5	282.6	4.8
Vegetables	2.0	2.5	24.7	18.5	22.4	20.9
Unmanufactured tobacco	2.3	4.1	81.2	15.7	16.3	4.0
Minor agricultural products	12.3	21.8	76.9	105.0	132.8	26.5
Seafood	13.9	18.4	33.1	164.5	161.9	-1.6
3. Mineral exports	4.0	1.7	-57.3	18.8	14.3	-23.8
4. Unclassified exports	1.8	1.8	-0.2	17.7	16.8	-5.4
Total exports	1,231.7	1,282.3	4.1	8,506.3	9,076.6	6.7

(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	August 2024 (USD mn)	August 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Aug 2024 (USD mn)	Jan-Aug 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
1. Consumer goods	318.8	499.1	56.5	2,176.3	3,294.7	51.4
Food and beverages	192.9	154.0	-20.2	1,214.1	1,419.6	16.9
Cereals and milling industry products	12.0	4.9	-58.8	87.0	90.9	4.5
Dairy products	19.8	36.4	83.3	140.9	249.7	77.3
Vegetables (b)	37.7	27.3	-27.6	302.5	301.8	-0.3
Seafood	8.3	10.7	28.6	78.8	74.0	-6.0
Sugar and confectionery	46.8	17.9	-61.8	253.5	246.4	-2.8
Spices	9.9	7.8	-21.1	75.3	65.8	-12.6
Oils and Fats	45.1	31.2	-30.7	151.9	237.0	56.0
Other food and beverages	13.2	17.7	34.3	124.2	154.0	24.0
Non-food consumer goods	126.0	345.1	174.0	962.2	1,875.0	94.9
Personal vehicles	11.2	198.9	1,668.6	46.0	705.0	1,431.3
Medical and pharmaceuticals	40.1	52.8	31.6	363.0	420.0	15.7
Home appliances	13.1	14.7	12.0	96.5	136.0	41.0
Clothing and accessories	20.4	25.6	25.8	137.7	184.2	33.8
Telecommunication devices	9.5	16.8	76.9	83.2	137.3	65.0
Household and furniture items	12.6	12.3	-1.7	84.3	101.4	20.3
Other non-food consumables	19.0	23.9	25.6	151.4	191.1	26.2
2. Intermediate goods	1,049.2	869.0	-17.2	7,750.0	7,437.4	-4.0
Fuel	350.5	255.2	-27.2	2,896.5	2,520.6	-13.0
o/w Crude oil	0.0	46.7	0.0	570.1	539.3	-5.4
Refined petroleum	350.4	202.9	-42.1	2,156.0	1,846.2	-14.4
Coal	0.0	5.63	28,815.3	170.5	135.2	-20.7
Diamonds, precious stones, and metals	23.3	13.2	-43.4	167.7	93.0	-44.6
Textiles and textile articles	232.3	208.4	-10.3	1,839.3	1,793.5	-2.5
Paper and paperboard and articles thereof	42.9	34.8	-18.9	292.6	266.7	-8.9
Agricultural inputs	24.7	18.5	-25.3	174.6	175.0	0.2
Wheat and maize	39.0	15.7	-59.6	204.5	205.1	0.3
Base metals	28.8	29.1	1.0	317.9	312.5	-1.7
Plastics and articles thereof	58.2	55.2	-5.2	385.8	411.4	6.6
Chemical products	94.9	82.5	-13.1	657.1	662.0	0.7
Fertiliser	38.3	43.1	12.5	102.9	164.8	60.2
Rubber and articles thereof	34.1	27.2	-20.1	201.8	192.5	-4.6
Mineral products	16.9	15.2	-9.9	85.5	94.8	10.9
Other intermediate goods	65.4	70.9	8.4	423.8	545.6	28.7
3. Investment goods	285.5	325.9	14.1	2,140.3	2,597.2	21.3
Machinery and equipment	195.9	187.2	-4.4	1,438.6	1,658.4	15.3
Building material	79.4	80.5	1.4	601.9	649.6	7.9
Transport equipment	9.8	58.0	490.1	98.0	286.7	192.4
o/w Commercial Vehicles	1.8	50.2	2,723.1	28.9	212.5	634.9
Other investment goods	0.4	0.2	-60.7	1.8	2.5	35.9
4. Unclassified imports	0.5	2.6	404.8	5.9	11.6	98.4
Total imports	1,654.0	1,696.5	2.6	12,072.5	13,340.9	10.5
o/w Non-fuel imports	1,303.6	1,441.2	10.6	9,176.0	10,820.3	17.9

(a) Provisional

(b) Includes lentils, onions, potatoes, leguminous and other vegetables

Sources: SLC, CPC, Lanka IOC PLC, CBSL

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

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

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

Category	August 2024 (USD mn)	August 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Aug 2024 (USD mn)	Jan-Aug 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
0. Food and live animals	278.2	310.4	11.6	1,953.2	2,219.9	13.7
03 Fish and fish preparations	16.8	23.3	38.8	195.6	201.2	2.9
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	6.9	6.9	-0.1	49.7	53.2	7.0
05 Vegetables and fruit	51.7	74.9	44.8	321.2	452.8	41.0
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	181.7	183.2	0.8	1,211.5	1,309.3	8.1
1. Beverages and tobacco	17.9	17.6	-2.0	110.3	113.5	2.9
11 Beverages	8.9	4.3	-51.3	53.3	47.9	-10.2
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	9.1	13.2	46.2	57.0	65.6	15.1
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	36.1	46.2	28.2	259.2	301.9	16.5
23 Crude rubber	2.8	3.3	16.7	17.4	21.9	26.4
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	21.6	27.7	28.1	152.2	175.3	15.2
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	83.2	74.2	-10.8	709.7	654.7	-7.8
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	74.5	74.2	-0.4	652.6	654.7	0.3
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	8.7	-		57.1	0.00001	
4. Animal and vegetable oils, fats, and waxes	9.7	19.4	100.7	55.9	129.0	130.7
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	9.4	13.7	46.2	53.2	93.3	75.4
5. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	25.7	33.0	28.5	184.0	238.3	29.5
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	173.6	167.7	-3.4	1,248.5	1,174.8	-5.9
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	71.8	55.8	-22.2	487.9	420.7	-13.8
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, etc., n.e.s.	33.8	36.7	8.7	263.7	267.2	1.3
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	44.1	44.0	-0.3	322.3	304.6	-5.5
7. Machinery, transport equipment	50.8	65.3	28.4	395.5	385.4	-2.6
77 Electric machinery, apparatus, and appliances, n.e.s. and electrical parts thereof	26.7	29.5	10.6	189.5	196.7	3.8
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles	556.3	548.5	-1.4	3,589.7	3,859.2	7.5
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	511.2	501.6	-1.9	3,290.3	3,544.4	7.7
9. Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	0.11	-		0.3	0.1	-71.1
Total exports	1,231.7	1,282.3	4.1	8,506.3	9,076.6	6.7

(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	August 2024 (USD mn)	August 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Aug 2024 (USD mn)	Jan-Aug 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
0. Food and live animals	219.7	168.2	-23.4	1,492.2	1,629.2	9.2
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	19.9	36.5	83.3	147.0	250.1	70.1
03 Fish and fish preparations	8.5	10.8	27.5	79.8	75.1	-5.8
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	50.1	20.3	-59.4	288.4	292.7	1.5
05 Vegetables and fruit	42.0	32.9	-21.6	346.4	352.3	1.7
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	46.8	17.9	-61.8	253.5	246.5	-2.8
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	15.8	16.7	5.7	117.7	131.2	11.5
1. Beverages and tobacco	11.4	7.9	-30.4	76.6	80.9	5.5
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	47.6	43.1	-9.4	292.5	319.6	9.3
23 Crude rubber	30.2	23.6	-21.7	170.7	165.2	-3.2
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	1.4	0.6	-60.7	10.7	12.7	18.8
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	350.5	255.2	-27.2	2,896.5	2,520.6	-13.0
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	320.5	220.2	-31.3	2,491.0	2,097.7	-15.8
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	29.9	29.4	-1.5	235.0	287.7	22.5
4. Animal and vegetable oils, fats, and waxes	51.1	38.9	-23.7	175.1	300.3	71.5
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	49.1	38.3	-22.1	164.1	288.1	75.5
5. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	227.3	232.1	2.1	1,478.2	1,626.5	10.0
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	35.7	48.7	36.3	328.4	384.3	17.0
56 Fertilisers, manufactured	38.3	43.1	12.5	102.3	164.7	61.0
57 Plastics in primary forms	38.4	37.3	-2.8	259.2	267.1	3.0
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	15.1	14.5	-4.4	94.5	109.7	16.1
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	431.6	383.2	-11.2	3,342.3	3,228.8	-3.4
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles thereof	41.6	32.7	-21.2	279.6	249.9	-10.6
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, etc., n.e.s.	228.3	204.7	-10.3	1,800.1	1,754.7	-2.5
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	56.8	40.3	-29.1	357.9	288.0	-19.5
67 Iron and steel	31.7	34.4	8.7	409.2	388.5	-5.1
7. Machinery, transport equipment	243.8	482.7	98.0	1,776.5	2,937.8	65.4
72 Machinery specialized for particular industries	33.6	45.1	34.1	250.8	314.9	25.6
74 General industrial machinery and equipment and machine parts, n.e.s.	43.8	51.0	16.6	378.0	494.6	30.8
75 Office machines and automatic data-processing machines	15.7	19.5	24.1	108.0	141.9	31.3
76 Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	25.2	31.9	26.9	238.3	288.5	21.1
77 Electric machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s. and electrical parts thereof	61.3	52.8	-13.9	390.9	416.5	6.5
78 Road vehicles	23.9	255.7	971.6	139.5	1,007.5	622.1
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles	70.5	80.7	14.5	535.8	685.6	28.0
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	17.6	23.5	33.6	119.7	162.7	36.0
87 Professional, scientific, and controlling instruments and apparatus n.e.s.	12.1	14.8	22.8	98.7	131.4	33.2
9. Commodities and transactions not elsewhere specified in SITC	0.6	4.3	590.7	6.8	11.7	72.4
Total imports	1,654.0	1,696.5	2.6	12,072.5	13,340.9	10.5

(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)

	Aug 2024 (USD mn)	Aug 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Aug 2024 (USD mn)	Jan-Aug 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Services	625.8	557.9	-10.9	4,621.8	4,785.4	3.5
Manufacturing services	0.7	1.1	62.0	24.1	5.6	-76.9
Maintenance and repair services	1.1	1.9	76.3	40.6	11.0	-72.9
Transport	181.6	123.8	-31.8	1,164.2	1,274.6	9.5
Sea transport	123.0	89.8	-27.0	709.9	967.2	36.2
Passenger	0.03	0.02	-55.8	1.2	0.4	-67.7
Freight	83.8	54.4	-35.1	434.4	525.9	21.1
Other	39.2	35.4	-9.8	274.3	440.9	60.7
Air transport	58.5	34.0	-41.8	453.7	306.9	-32.4
Passenger	26.2	21.7	-17.4	189.4	214.3	13.1
Freight	3.4	2.5	-24.9	34.4	24.0	-30.2
Other	28.9	9.8	-65.9	229.9	68.6	-70.1
Postal services	0.1	0.01	-87.0	0.6	0.5	-20.2
Travel	282.1	258.9	-8.2	2,167.0	2,290.0	5.7
Construction	13.5	12.1	-10.7	149.2	89.9	-39.7
Construction abroad	0.7	2.0	184.3	13.4	12.3	-8.1
Construction in the reporting economy	5.7	3.6	-37.3	68.5	28.6	-58.3
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	7.1	6.5	-8.4	67.2	49.0	-27.2
Insurance and pension services	1.5	1.2	-23.9	17.7	12.1	-32.0
Direct insurance	1.1	0.4	-64.2	15.0	9.6	-36.1
Reinsurance	0.4	0.8	88.7	2.8	2.5	-10.1
Financial services	2.4	4.4	83.5	43.2	32.1	-25.7
Charges for the use of intellectual property	0.2	1.0	492.5	5.0	8.0	60.0
Telecommunications, computer, and information services	87.4	80.1	-8.3	659.6	613.6	-7.0
Telecommunications services	7.6	8.3	9.0	89.7	62.6	-30.2
Computer & IT/BPO related services	79.8	71.8	-9.9	569.9	551.0	-3.3
Computer services	79.0	71.8	-9.2	565.5	545.9	-3.5
Information services	0.7	0.1	-89.5	4.4	5.2	18.0
Other business services	50.8	70.8	39.5	315.5	429.8	36.2
Education services	5.0	3.3	-33.7	30.7	25.6	-16.4
Professional and management consulting services	21.5	22.4	4.0	123.5	201.6	63.2
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	24.2	45.1	86.1	161.3	202.5	25.6
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.6	1.7	203.4	13.7	9.5	-30.6
Audiovisual and related services	0.3	1.1	224.0	4.7	4.4	-7.6
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.2	0.6	171.9	9.0	5.2	-42.6
Government goods and services	4.0	0.8	-79.8	21.9	9.3	-57.4

(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)

	Aug 2024 (USD mn)	Aug 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Aug 2024 (USD mn)	Jan-Aug 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Services	317.9	266.6	-16.1	2,013.5	2,118.4	5.2
Manufacturing services	16.8	8.2	-50.9	150.1	94.6	-37.0
Maintenance and repair services	2.8	5.9	110.2	10.4	46.3	345.7
Transport	96.9	63.5	-34.4	579.6	666.6	15.0
Sea transport	34.9	24.4	-30.0	231.3	292.7	26.6
Passenger	0.04	0.02	-52.4	0.5	0.1	-78.1
Freight	33.0	22.2	-32.7	219.1	270.9	23.6
Other	1.8	2.2	19.5	11.7	21.7	86.0
Air transport	61.2	39.1	-36.2	344.5	372.9	8.2
Passenger	29.8	19.6	-34.0	192.9	143.5	-25.6
Freight	26.5	15.3	-42.5	77.7	184.3	137.3
Other	4.9	4.2	-14.9	74.0	45.0	-39.2
Postal services	0.7	0.02	-97.9	3.8	1.0	-72.8
Travel	95.4	75.9	-20.4	461.3	503.0	9.0
Construction	14.3	2.5	-82.2	102.3	28.0	-72.6
Construction abroad	5.2	0.003	-100.0	26.8	2.2	-91.9
Construction in the reporting economy	1.1	0.5	-57.1	13.2	5.1	-61.4
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	8.0	2.1	-74.1	62.4	20.8	-66.7
Insurance and pension services	4.3	4.4	2.9	41.1	29.0	-29.4
Direct insurance	1.7	0.9	-47.9	8.6	7.8	-9.3
Reinsurance	2.6	3.5	36.9	32.5	21.2	-34.7
Financial services	2.4	0.7	-72.2	48.1	10.9	-77.3
Charges for the use of intellectual property	19.8	11.5	-42.1	92.1	108.3	17.7
Telecommunications, computer, and information services	18.9	27.8	46.8	155.2	188.9	21.7
Telecommunications services	5.1	1.5	-70.3	36.3	21.2	-41.5
Computer & IT/BPO related services	13.8	26.3	89.7	118.9	167.7	41.0
Computer services	12.4	26.2	111.6	100.7	163.7	62.5
Information services	1.5	0.1	-93.0	18.2	4.0	-78.1
Other business services	45.3	63.3	39.6	362.2	423.9	17.0
Education services	11.0	10.3	-6.3	67.8	68.7	1.3
Professional and management consulting services	14.6	13.3	-9.2	134.7	113.7	-15.6
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	19.7	39.7	101.4	159.6	241.6	51.3
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.6	2.4	267.7	9.1	13.6	49.5
Audiovisual and related services	0.6	2.2	282.9	8.2	12.9	58.5
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.1	0.1	127.4	0.9	0.7	-28.6
Government goods and services	0.3	0.5	58.8	2.1	5.1	144.4

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Sources: SLTDA, ITRS – CBSL

Services Account – Net (a)

	Aug 2024 (USD mn)	Aug 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)	Jan-Aug 2024 (USD mn)	Jan-Aug 2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
Services	307.9	291.2	-5.4	2,608.3	2,667.1	2.3
Manufacturing services	-16.1	-7.1	-55.9	-125.9	-89.0	-29.3
Maintenance and repair services	-1.7	-4.0	131.2	30.3	-35.3	-216.5
Transport	84.8	60.3	-28.8	584.6	608.0	4.0
Sea transport	88.2	65.4	-25.9	478.6	674.5	40.9
Passenger	-0.001	-0.002	44.3	0.6	0.3	-59.4
Freight	50.8	32.2	-36.6	215.3	255.0	18.4
Other	37.4	33.2	-11.2	262.6	419.2	59.6
Air transport	-2.8	-5.0	82.7	109.2	-66.0	-160.4
Passenger	-3.6	2.0	-156.9	-3.4	70.7	
Freight	-23.2	-12.7	-45.1	-43.3	-160.3	270.3
Other	24.0	5.7	-76.4	155.9	23.6	-84.9
Postal services	-0.6	-0.002	-99.7	-3.1	-0.5	-83.0
Travel	186.7	183.0	-2.0	1,705.7	1,787.0	4.8
Construction	-0.8	9.5		46.8	61.9	32.0
Construction abroad	-4.5	2.0	-143.9	-13.4	10.2	-176.2
Construction in the reporting economy	4.6	3.1	-32.7	55.3	23.5	-57.6
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	-0.9	4.5		4.9	28.2	477.2
Insurance and pension services	-2.7	-3.2	18.1	-23.3	-17.0	-27.4
Direct insurance	-0.6	-0.5	-15.7	6.3	1.7	-72.5
Reinsurance	-2.2	-2.7	27.1	-29.7	-18.7	-37.0
Financial services	-0.1	3.7		-5.0	21.1	
Charges for the use of intellectual property	-19.7	-10.5	-46.6	-87.1	-100.3	15.2
Telecommunications, computer, and information services	68.4	52.4	-23.5	504.5	424.7	-15.8
Telecommunications services	2.5	6.8	168.7	53.5	41.4	-22.6
Computer & IT/BPO related services	65.9	45.6	-30.8	451.0	383.3	-15.0
Computer services	66.7	45.6	-31.6	464.8	382.2	-17.8
Information services	-0.7	-0.03	-96.6	-13.8	1.2	-108.5
Other business services	5.4	7.5	38.3	-46.7	5.9	-112.5
Education services	-6.0	-7.0	16.9	-37.2	-43.1	15.9
Professional and management consulting services	6.9	9.1	32.2	-11.2	88.0	
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	4.5	5.4	19.3	1.6	-39.0	
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	-0.1	-0.6		4.6	-4.1	-187.2
Audiovisual and related services	-0.2	-1.1	371.2	-3.4	-8.6	149.1
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.2	0.5	189.0	8.1	4.5	-44.2
Government goods and services	3.6	0.3	-92.5	19.8	4.2	-78.8

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