



# STATISTICS OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES 2025

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Exports



604.8

Total Trade

2,617.2

Trade Balance

-1,407.6

Imports



2,012.4

## Major Service Components

Exports



**Transport**  
308.6  
(51.0%)



**Travel**  
210.6  
(34.8%)



**Other Business Services**  
24.2  
(4.0%)

Imports



**Travel**  
732.3  
(36.4%)



**Other Business Services**  
568.9  
(28.3%)



**Transport**  
320.3  
(15.9%)

## Major Trading Partners

Exports

Malaysia



23.5

Switzerland



13.2

Germany



11.0

Imports

Singapore



275.4

Malaysia



163.8

United States of America



114.0



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## Highlights

In 2025, the total trade in services was valued at BND2,617.2 million, reflecting a 9.1 per cent decrease compared to the 8.1 per cent growth recorded in 2024. This accounted for 13.3 per cent of Brunei Darussalam's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at current prices.

Exports (receipts) of trade in services experienced an increase by 10.5 per cent. While, imports (payments) of trade in services experienced a decline, decreasing by 13.7 per cent. The expansion in service exports was primarily driven by increases in Transport services, Travel services and Other Business Services. (Chart 1 and Table 1)



**Table 1: Exports and Imports of Trade in Services**

	BND Million			Change (%)	
	2023	2024	2025	$\frac{2024}{2023}$	$\frac{2025}{2024}$
Exports of Services	456.7	547.2	604.8	19.8	10.5
Imports of Services	2,205.9	2,331.6	2,012.4	5.7	-13.7
Trade Balance (Net Services)	-1,749.3	-1,784.4	-1,407.6	2.0	-21.1
Total Trade	2,662.6	2,878.8	2,617.2	8.1	-9.1

Notes: Net Services = Exports of Services - Imports of Services

Total Trade = Exports of Services + Imports of Services

## Exports of Services by Major Components

The main component contributing to exports of services at 10.5 per cent in 2025 was mainly driven by the increase in Transport services valued at BND308.6 million or 51.0 per cent. This was followed by Travel services (BND210.6 million or 34.8 per cent) and Other Business services (BND24.2 million or 4.0 per cent).



**Transport**  
BND308.6  
million



**Travel**  
BND210.6  
million



**Other Business  
Services**  
BND24.2  
million

The increase in Transport services from BND294.1 million in 2024 to BND308.6 million in 2025 was mainly due to an increase in sea and air freight activities in Brunei Darussalam.

This was followed by higher in Travel services mainly driven by the increase in foreigner travellers spending activities in Brunei Darussalam, as well as Other Business services due to technical activities related to services to oil and gas extraction owned by non-residents in Brunei Darussalam. (Table 2)

**Table 2: Exports in Services by Major Components**

Major Components	BND (Million)			Change (%)		Contribution (%)
	2023	2024	2025	$\frac{2024}{2023}$	$\frac{2025}{2024}$	2025
1. Manufacturing services on physical inputs owned by others	-	-	-	-	-	-
2. Maintenance and repair services not included elsewhere (n.i.e.)	0.4	1.2	1.5	178.0	27.2	0.2
3. Transport	246.3	294.1	308.6	19.4	4.9	51.0
4. Travel	95.4	170.4	210.6	78.7	23.6	34.8
5. Construction	22.0	6.3	3.0	-71.5	-51.4	0.5
6. Insurance services	0.3	0.4	10.8	12.4	2,768.5	1.8
7. Financial services	0.6	0.9	0.7	60.7	-30.2	0.1
8. Charges for the use of intellectual property not included elsewhere (n.i.e.)	-	-	-	-	-	-
9. Telecommunications, computer and information services	46.1	19.7	19.8	-57.2	0.3	3.3
10. Other business services	20.1	28.7	24.2	42.8	-15.5	4.0
11. Personal, cultural and recreational services	0.0	0.0	0.0	-26.9	-3.5	0.002
12. Government goods and services not included elsewhere (n.i.e.).	25.5	25.5	25.5	-	-	4.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>456.7</b>	<b>547.2</b>	<b>604.8</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Notes: '-' - Nil      Figure may not tally due to rounding

## Imports of Services by Major Components

The imports of services in 2025 decreased by 13.7 per cent to BND2,012.4 million from BND2,331.6 million in the previous year. The decrease in imports of services was contributed by Travel services (BND732.3 million). This was followed by a decrease in Other Business services, and Transport services valued at BND568.9 million and BND320.3 million, respectively.

The decrease in imports of services in Travel mainly due to a decrease in Brunei's travellers spending abroad followed by Other Business services (BND568.9 million) was led by lower in the import of acquiring services under scientific and other technical, and professional and management consulting services. Additionally, the decrease in Transport services was mainly due to lower sea and air freight activities (Table 3).



**Travel**  
BND732.3  
million



**Other Business  
Services**  
BND568.9  
million



**Transport**  
BND320.3  
million

**Table 3: Imports in Services by Major Components**

Major Components	BND (Million)			Change (%)		Contribution (%) 2025
	2023	2024	2025	2024 2023	2025 2024	
1. Manufacturing services on physical inputs owned by others	-	-	-	-	-	-
2. Maintenance and repair services not included elsewhere (n.i.e.)	190.9	177.1	91.7	-7.2	-48.2	4.6
3. Transport	391.8	396.4	320.3	1.2	-19.2	15.9
4. Travel	548.9	738.3	732.3	34.5	-0.8	36.4
5. Construction	235.9	107.2	87.5	-54.6	-18.4	4.3
6. Insurance services	73.3	60.0	45.0	-18.1	-25.0	2.2
7. Financial services	1.1	1.5	1.0	37.5	-33.3	0.05
8. Charges for the use of intellectual property not included elsewhere (n.i.e.)	8.1	26.1	29.0	221.1	10.8	1.4
9. Telecommunications, computer and information services	78.6	89.9	93.1	14.3	3.6	4.6
10. Other business services	633.4	691.5	568.9	9.2	-17.7	28.3
11. Personal, cultural and recreational services	3.9	3.7	3.7	-5.9	0.1	0.2
12. Government goods and services not included elsewhere (n.i.e.)	40.0	40.0	40.0	-	-	2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,205.9</b>	<b>2,331.6</b>	<b>2,012.4</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>-13.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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While the main contributor to lower imports of services was Travel services (BND732.3 million or 36.4 per cent) due to lower Brunei’s travellers spending abroad. This was followed by Other Business services (BND568.9 million or 28.3 per cent) contributed by the sub-component services of scientific and other technical, and Transport services (BND320.3 million or 15.9 per cent) contributed by lower sea and air freight activities. The decrease has collectively contributing about 80.6 per cent of total imports of services.

### Exports and Imports of Services by Trading Partners

In 2025, the main exports of services went to Malaysia valued at BND23.5 million. This was followed by Switzerland (BN13.2 million) and Germany (BND11.0 million).



Meanwhile, the main imports of services was from Singapore which recorded a decrease by 26.6 per cent from BND375.3 million in 2024 to BND275.4 million in 2025. This was followed by imports of services from Malaysia and the United States of America valued at BND163.8 million and BND114.0 million respectively.



## Technical Notes

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### 1. Introduction

Statistics on International Trade in Services (SITS) are generally compiled in accordance with the United Nations' recommendations, as outlined in the Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services 2010 (MSITS 2010) and the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the IMF Balance of Payments Manual (BPM6).

### 2. Data Sources

The main sources of SITS data are based on

- **Survey on International Trade in Services**

The survey on International Trade in Services is the primary source of data for exports and imports of services and encompasses enterprises involved in international trade in services between Brunei Darussalam residents and non-residents.

The survey is conducted under the authority of the Statistics Act, Chapter 81 of the Laws of Brunei Darussalam. All information provided will be treated as confidential and used solely for statistical purposes. Partner country data is also used to estimate service transactions and for comparison purposes.

- **Administrative Sources**

Administrative data is collected from government agencies and private agencies for the compilation of international trade in services under government transactions, travel, transport, and communication.

### 3. Concept of Resident and Non-Resident

A resident is defined as any individual, enterprise or other organization ordinarily domiciled in Brunei Darussalam. Brunei Darussalam branches and subsidiaries of non-resident companies are considered residents of Brunei Darussalam.

On the other hand, a non-resident is any individual, enterprise or other organization ordinarily domiciled in a country other than Brunei Darussalam. Similarly, foreign branches and subsidiaries of Brunei Darussalam companies who are residing temporarily in Brunei Darussalam are considered as non-residents.

There are exceptions to these definitions. Individuals and members of their immediate families who reside outside Brunei Darussalam but work with the Brunei Government, such as diplomats, consular officials, and members of the armed forces, are considered Brunei residents. Brunei students studying at foreign educational institutions are also considered as Brunei residents, regardless of the duration of their study abroad.

Conversely, individuals and members of their immediate families working in Brunei Darussalam for foreign embassies, consulates or other missions as well as foreign students enrolled at Brunei Darussalam's educational institutions are not considered as Brunei Darussalam residents, regardless of their length of stay.

#### **4. Classifications**

The international trade in services are compiled in accordance to the MSITS and BPM6 standard services major components, which consist of 12 headings, as follows:

##### **1. Manufacturing services on physical inputs owned by others**

Manufacturing services on physical inputs owned by others include activities such as processing, assembly, labelling and packing that are undertaken by enterprises that do not own the goods. Examples include oil refining, liquefaction of natural gas and assembly of clothing and electronics. Exclusions from this category are the assembly of prefabricated construction (included in construction) and labelling and packing incidental to transport (included in transport services).

The manufacturing is undertaken by an entity that does not own the goods and is paid a fee by the owner. The ownership of the goods does not change, so no general merchandise transaction is recorded between the processor and the owner. Only the fee charged by the processor is included under this item, although such a fee may include the cost of materials purchased by the processor.

##### **2. Maintenance and repair services not included elsewhere (n.i.e.)**

Maintenance and repair services n.i.e. include maintenance and repair work by residents on goods owned by non-residents (and vice versa). The repairs may be performed at the site of the repairer or elsewhere. Maintenance and repairs on ships, aircraft and other transport equipment are included in this item. Cleaning of transport equipment is included in transport services. Construction repairs and maintenance are included under construction. Maintenance and repairs of computers are included under computer services.

The value recorded for maintenance and repairs is the value of the repair work done, not the gross value of the goods before and after repairs. The value of maintenance and repairs encompasses any parts or materials supplied by the repairer and included in the price (parts and materials charged separately are excluded from services and included in general merchandise). Both minor repairs that maintain the item in working order and major repairs that extend the efficiency or capacity of the good or extend its life are included. No distinction is made between those repairs included by the customer in intermediate consumption and those included in capital formation.

### **3. Transport**

Transport covers the carriage of people and objects from one location to another, along with related supporting and auxiliary services, as well as rentals (charters) of carriers with crew. Postal and courier services are also included. Transport can be classified based on the mode of transport and the items carried (passengers or freight).

### **4. Travel**

Travel includes goods and services acquired by individuals undertaking study or medical care outside the territory of residence. It also includes acquisitions of goods and services by seasonal, border and other short-term workers in the economy of employment.

Travel excludes the acquisition of goods and services by diplomats, consular staff, military personnel, etc., and their dependents in the territory in which they are posted (these are included in Government goods and services n.i.e.).

### **5. Construction**

Construction covers the creation, management, renovation, repair or extension of fixed assets in the form of buildings, land improvements of an engineering nature and other constructions such as roads, bridges and dams. It also includes related installation and assembly work, site preparation and general construction as well as specialised services such as painting, plumbing and demolition.

### **6. Insurance services**

Insurance services cover the provision to non-residents of various types of insurance by resident insurance enterprises, and vice versa. Insurance and pension services be disaggregated into direct insurance; reinsurance and auxiliary insurance.

Direct insurance is further broken down into life insurance, freight insurance and other forms of direct insurance. Insurance provides financial protection to individual units (such as governments, enterprises and households) exposed to certain risks, covering the consequences of the occurrence of specified events. In addition, insurers frequently act as financial intermediaries, investing funds collected from these units in financial or other assets in order to meet future claims.

### **7. Financial services**

Financial services cover financial intermediation and auxiliary services, excluding those provided by insurance enterprises and pension schemes. These services include those usually offered by banks and other financial intermediaries and auxiliaries. Included are services related to transactions in financial instruments, as well as other services associated with financial activity. These services include, inter alia, deposit taking and lending, letters of credit, credit card services, commissions and charges related to

financial leasing, factoring, underwriting and clearing of payments. Also included are financial advisory services, custody of financial assets or bullion, financial asset management, monitoring services, convenience services, liquidity provision services, risk assumption services other than insurance, merger and acquisition services, credit rating services, stock exchange services and trust services.

#### **8. Charges for the use of intellectual property not included elsewhere (n.i.e.)**

Charges for the use of intellectual property n.i.e. include:

- Charges for the use of proprietary rights, such as patents, trademarks, copyrights, industrial processes and designs, trade secrets, and franchises, where rights arise from research and development, as well as from marketing.
- Charges for licences to reproduce and/or distribute intellectual property embodied in produced originals or prototypes, such as copyrights on books and manuscripts, computer software, cinematographic works and sound recordings, and related rights, such as for the recording of live performances and for television, cable or satellite broadcast.

#### **9. Telecommunications, computer and information services**

Telecommunications services covers the broadcast or transmission of sound, images, data, or other information via telephone, telex, telegram, radio and television cable transmission, radio and television satellite, electronic mail, facsimile, etc. This category includes business network services, teleconferencing and support services. It excludes the value of the information transported. Also included are mobile telecommunications services, Internet backbone services and online access services, including the provision of access to the Internet. Exclusions from this category are installation services for telephone network equipment (included in construction), and database services (included in information services).

Computer services consist of hardware and software related services and data processing services. These include sales of customized and non-customized software, installation and consultancy services.

Information services include news agencies services, database services (database conception, storage, and dissemination), and direct non-bulk subscriptions to newspapers and periodicals, whether by mail, electronic transmission or other means.

## **10. Other business services**

Other business services comprised of three sub-components: research and development services, professional and management consulting services and technical, trade-related and other business services.

- Research and development services covers those services associated with basic research, applied research and experimental development of new products and processes. This includes activities in the physical sciences, the social sciences and the humanities.
- Professional and management consulting services are divided into two parts:
  - legal, accounting, management consulting, and public relations services and advertising, market research and public opinion polling.
- Technical, trade-related and other business services is broken down into five sub-components: architectural, engineering, scientific and other technical services; waste treatment and de-pollution, agricultural and mining services; operating leasing services; trade-related services; and other business services n.i.e. Architectural, engineering, scientific and other technical services is broken down into three components:
  - Architectural services, which includes transactions related to the design of buildings;
  - Engineering services, which includes the design, development and utilization of machines, materials, instruments, structures, processes and systems. Services of this type involve the provision of designs, plans and studies related to engineering projects. Mining engineering is excluded and included instead in services incidental to mining, and oil and gas extraction; and
  - Scientific and other technical services, which include surveying; cartography; product testing and certification; and technical inspection services.

## **11. Personal, cultural and recreational services**

Personal, cultural, and recreational services comprise of two sub-components: audio-visual and related services and other personal, cultural, and recreational services.

## **12. Government goods and services not included elsewhere (n.i.e.)**

Government goods and services n.i.e. cover:

- Goods and services supplied by and to enclaves, such as embassies and military bases.
- Goods and services acquired from the host economy by diplomats, consular staff and military personnel located abroad and their dependants.
- Services supplied by and to Governments and not included in other categories of service.

## **5. International Trade in Services by Trading Partner**

The international trade in services by partner country are collected via surveys conducted by the Department of Statistics of the Department of Economic Planning and Statistics, Ministry of Finance and Economy. The record is based on the country of residence of the non-resident transactor and the value of the transactions vis-à-vis each country. The compilation of trading partners data does not include transport, travel and government services.

### Annex 1: Exports in Services by Major Components

Major Components	BND (Million)				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
1. Manufacturing services on physical inputs owned by others	-	-	-	-	-
2. Maintenance and repair services not included elsewhere (n.i.e.)	0.9	0.1	0.4	1.2	1.5
3. Transport	133.1	271.8	246.3	294.1	308.6
4. Travel	2.8	19.0	95.4	170.4	210.6
5. Construction	86.1	41.2	22.0	6.3	3.0
6. Insurance services	0.6	1.9	0.3	0.4	10.8
7. Financial services	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.7
8. Charges for the use of intellectual property not included elsewhere (n.i.e.)	-	-	-	-	-
9. Telecommunications, computer and information services	10.3	8.0	46.1	19.7	19.8
10. Other business services	9.6	20.1	20.1	28.7	24.2
11. Personal, cultural and recreational services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
12. Government goods and services not included elsewhere (n.i.e.).	25.5	25.5	25.5	25.5	25.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>269.3</b>	<b>388.2</b>	<b>456.7</b>	<b>547.2</b>	<b>604.8</b>

Notes: '-' - Nil

Figure may not tally due to rounding

## Annex 2: Imports in Services by Major Components

Major Components	BND (Million)				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
1. Manufacturing services on physical inputs owned by others	-	-	-	-	-
2. Maintenance and repair services not included elsewhere (n.i.e.)	83.1	124.1	190.9	177.1	91.7
3. Transport	312.5	330.8	391.8	396.4	320.3
4. Travel	17.9	165.8	548.9	738.3	732.3
5. Construction	135.3	289.8	235.9	107.2	87.5
6. Insurance services	73.5	101.3	73.3	60.0	45.0
7. Financial services	5.4	2.1	1.1	1.5	1.0
8. Charges for the use of intellectual property not included elsewhere (n.i.e.)	18.3	8.5	8.1	26.1	29.0
9. Telecommunications, computer and information services	104.0	54.8	78.6	89.9	93.1
10. Other business services	412.8	436.1	633.4	691.5	568.9
11. Personal, cultural and recreational services	2.6	4.4	3.9	3.7	3.7
12. Government goods and services not included elsewhere (n.i.e.).	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,205.2</b>	<b>1,557.7</b>	<b>2,205.9</b>	<b>2,331.6</b>	<b>2,012.4</b>

Notes: '-' – Nil

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### Annex 3: Exports in Services by Trading Partners

Trading Partners	BND Million					Percentage Share (%)				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Total</b>	<b>107.9</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>89.6</b>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>74.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
ASEAN	4.5	8.4	28.7	18.2	33.1	4.2	11.6	32.1	53.1	44.6
Malaysia	3.8	5.5	17.3	15.5	23.5	3.5	7.6	19.4	45.2	31.7
Phillipines	0.1	1.2	0.7	0.3	1.2	0.1	1.7	0.8	1.0	1.6
Singapore	0.3	0.9	9.4	1.7	7.4	0.2	1.3	10.5	5.1	10.0
Viet Nam	0.2	0.2	-	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.3	-	0.2	0.7
Others	0.3	0.6	1.3	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.8	1.4	1.6	0.7
Other Countries	<b>103.3</b>	<b>63.6</b>	<b>60.9</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>95.8</b>	<b>88.4</b>	<b>68.0</b>	<b>46.9</b>	<b>55.4</b>
Australia	-	0.1	0.3	1.3	1.5	-	0.1	0.4	3.8	2.1
Germany	-	33.2	15.6	4.0	11.0	-	46.2	17.5	11.7	14.8
Hong Kong SAR	0.8	0.3	28.6	0.3	1.0	0.8	0.5	32.0	1.0	1.4
Japan	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.5	1.3	0.7
Qatar	0.1	0.1	0.4	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4	3.0	0.2
Switzerland	0.1	-	2.0	6.8	13.2	0.1	-	2.3	19.9	17.8
United Kingdom	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.8	0.2
USA	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.3	1.5	0.0	0.1	1.5	0.8	2.0
Others	101.4	29.3	11.9	1.6	12.0	94.0	40.7	13.3	4.7	16.2

Notes: '-' - Nil

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Excluding components under transport, travel and government services

#### Annex 4: Imports in Services by Trading Partners

Trading Partners	BND Million					Percentage Share (%)				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Total</b>	<b>834.8</b>	<b>1,021.1</b>	<b>1,225.2</b>	<b>1,232.1</b>	<b>975.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
ASEAN	341.9	459.9	582.2	661.2	506.2	41.0	45.0	47.5	53.7	51.9
Malaysia	160.3	149.6	243.6	177.4	163.8	19.2	14.6	19.9	14.4	16.8
Philippines	-	0.5	0.2	55.3	13.6	-	0.1	0.0	4.5	1.4
Singapore	142.7	257.8	279.9	375.3	275.4	17.1	25.2	22.8	30.5	28.2
Viet Nam	26.9	50.1	55.0	47.7	50.5	3.2	4.9	4.5	3.9	5.2
Others	12.0	2.0	3.4	5.4	2.9	1.4	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3
Other Countries	<b>492.9</b>	<b>561.1</b>	<b>643.0</b>	<b>570.9</b>	<b>469.6</b>	<b>59.0</b>	<b>55.0</b>	<b>52.5</b>	<b>46.3</b>	<b>48.1</b>
Australia	16.2	11.5	106.1	80.6	11.7	1.9	1.1	8.7	6.5	1.2
France	39.4	33.0	37.3	34.3	9.6	4.7	3.2	3.0	2.8	1.0
Germany	7.0	3.8	2.1	25.5	11.5	0.8	0.4	0.2	2.1	1.2
India	26.8	2.6	3.7	14.9	5.6	3.2	0.3	0.3	1.2	0.6
Netherlands	53.9	36.4	51.5	63.6	49.6	6.5	3.6	4.2	5.2	5.1
People's Republic of China	41.0	41.2	160.8	35.0	78.9	4.9	4.0	13.1	2.8	8.1
Saudi Arabia	0.0	0.0	0.4	16.9	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0
United Arab Emirates	8.2	5.0	4.1	27.5	7.0	1.0	0.5	0.3	2.2	0.7
United Kingdom	36.7	52.1	63.1	78.7	92.7	4.4	5.1	5.1	6.4	9.5
USA	49.6	31.5	66.1	112.3	114.0	5.9	3.1	5.4	9.1	11.7
Others	214.1	344.0	148.0	81.6	89.0	25.7	33.7	12.1	6.6	9.1

Notes: '-' - Nil

Figure may not tally due to rounding

Excluding components under transport, travel and government services