

**DATA CATEGORY:** Balance of Payments Aggregates

**National Descriptor (as applicable):**

**CORE INDICATORS:** Imports and exports of goods and services, current account balance, reserves, overall balance

**ENCOURAGED EXTENSION(S) (as applicable):**

**Country-Specific Indicator (as applicable):**

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## I. Data Characteristics

### Coverage

Data are disseminated in millions of U.S. dollars on the balance of payments which covers the entire economy of Pakistan.

Data are disseminated for the following: (1) Goods (total exports and imports), services (shipment, other transportation, travel, and other services, and income (investment income); (2) Unrequited transfers (official and private); (3) Capital account (direct investment, portfolio investment, other long-term capital, and other short-term capital); (4) Reserves (assets and liabilities); (5) Net errors and omissions; and (6) Exceptional financing.

Data are mainly derived from the exchange records as reported by the deposit money banks. Adjustments are made to some items on the basis of additional information collected from other agencies and through surveys.

The data are not seasonally adjusted.

### Periodicity

Monthly (highly provisional) and Quarterly.

### Timeliness

Separate quarterly data are presently disseminated only in the annual issues of the State Bank's *Statistical Bulletin*. Cumulative data including latest month and quarter are disseminated no later than 60 days after the reference period.

## II. Quality

### Documentation of Methodology

A summary of the methodology, explanatory notes, concepts, and definitions is published in the annual issue of *Pakistan's Balance of Payments Statistics*.

### Data to Support Cross-checks and Assurance of Reasonableness

Data on trade statistics published by the Federal Bureau of Statistics (FBS), external debt data published by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, balance sheet data of the State Bank of Pakistan and the commercial banks provide means for cross-checking of balance of payments data.

Trade data are published by the FBS in the monthly publication *Review of Foreign Trade* and in annual issues of *Foreign Trade Statistics*.

External debt data are published annually in the *Economic Survey* and *Economic Survey Statistical Supplement*.

Balance sheet data of the State Bank of Pakistan and the scheduled banks are published in the State Bank of Pakistan's monthly *Statistical Bulletin*, half-yearly issues of *Statistics on Scheduled Banks in Pakistan*, and annual issues of *Banking Statistics of Pakistan*.

## III. Plans for Improvement

### Recent Improvements

#### Short Term

See Balance of payments comprehensive framework.

#### Medium Term

#### Technical Assistance/Financing Needs/Other Prerequisites

##### Short Term

##### Medium Term

## IV. Dissemination Formats

### Hard Copy

News Release



### Publication

Weekly



Monthly



“Statistical Bulletin” (English)

Quarterly



Annual



“Pakistan's Balance of Payments” (English)

**Other**

**Electronic**

**Internet**  <http://www.sbp.org.pk>

**Other Online**

**CD-ROM**

**Diskette**

**Other (specify)**

**None**