



Current account deficit stood at 6.8 billion USD in January.

In January, the current account balance recorded a deficit of 6.8 billion USD, exceeding market expectations. During this period, as well as the expansion of trade deficit and primary income deficit, the decline in net service revenues caused the current account deficit to increase by 69.1% yoy. Thus, the 12-month cumulative current account deficit, which has been increasing since September 2025, rose to 32.9 billion USD in January.

Revision in balance of payments data...

CBRT has changed its method for calculating interest expenses on debt securities in order to improve the quality of data in its Balance of Payments Statistics. As a result of the revision, the "Portfolio Investments/Expenses" item under the Primary Income Balance increased by a total of 8.9 billion USD starting from September 2020, and the same amount of retrospective updates were made to the current account balance and net error and omission items. Following the revision, the ratio of current account deficit to GDP was 1% in 2024 and 1.9% in 2025.

Trade deficit widened by 25.6% yoy in January.

With exports declining by 6.0% yoy and imports remaining relatively flat in January, the balance of payments defined trade deficit widened by 25.6% yoy to 7.0 billion USD. During the same period, the primary income account deficit rose by 59.2% yoy to 2.2 billion USD due to the decline in investment income. On the other hand, despite the positive outlook of travel and transportation revenues in January, net services revenue declined by 13.2% yoy to 2.6 billion USD due to the decrease in net revenues of the items such as telecommunications and other business services.

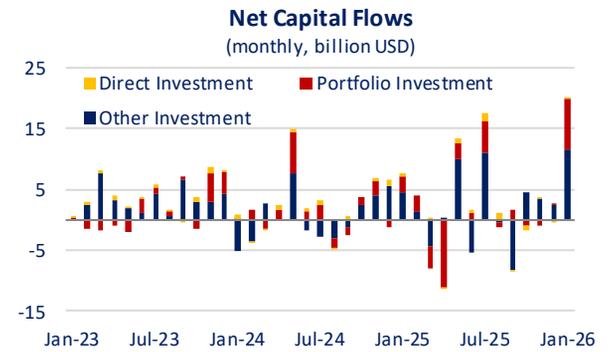
In January, non-monetary gold imports rose by 12.6% yoy to 1.7 billion USD, partly due to the rise in gold prices, while energy imports contracted by 19.6% yoy to 5.1 billion USD. The current account balance, calculated excluding net gold and energy trade, recorded a deficit of 1.2 billion USD in January.

Limited capital inflows in net direct investments...

In January, net direct investment into the country amounted to 22 million USD. During this period, domestic residents acquired 208 million USD worth of real estate abroad (January 2025: 144 million USD), while foreign residents made 163 million USD worth of real estate investments in Türkiye (January 2025: 132 million USD).

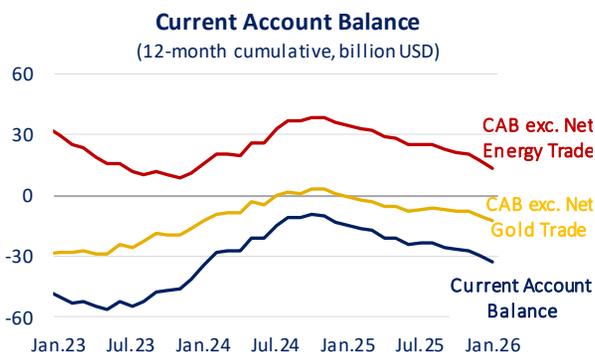
Portfolio investments recorded a net capital inflow of 8.4 billion USD...

Having recorded an outflow of 1.7 billion USD in the whole 2025, portfolio investments had a net capital inflow of 8.4 billion USD in January, the highest since April 2013. This development was driven by domestic residents' net acquisition of 1.5 billion USD in assets abroad, offset by foreign residents' net liabilities of 9.9 billion USD in Türkiye. Approximately 1.5 billion USD of these liabilities were in the stock market, and 8.5 billion USD were in the bond market. Capital inflows of 6.4 billion USD and 1.4 billion USD were recorded in the debt securities items of the general government and banks, respectively, while inflows into debt securities of the non-banking sector amounted to 552 million USD.



Other investments at their highest level since May 2020...

In January, other investments recorded the highest capital inflow since May 2020, amounting to 11.7 billion USD. During this period, foreign banks' cash and deposits with domestic correspondents reached a historic high of 5.7 billion USD. In January, a net capital inflow of 5.4 billion USD were recorded in loans as well, while banks and non-banking sectors used net loans of 1.4 billion USD and 1.7 billion USD, respectively, from abroad. According to 12-month cumulative data, the long-term debt rollover ratio was 167.2% in the banking sector and 214.4% in other sectors.



Source: Datastream, Ministry of Trade, CBRT

Balance of Payments

January 2026

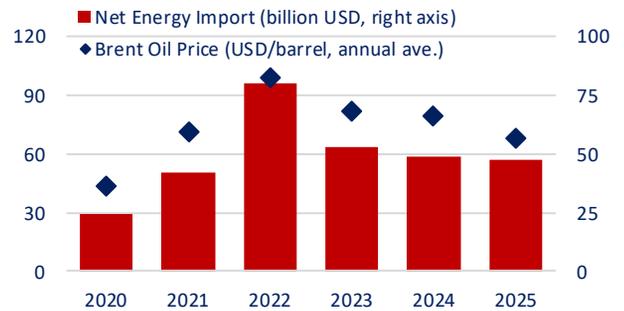
Reserves and net error and omission...

Reserve assets, which declined by 22 billion USD throughout 2025, recorded an increase of 12 billion USD in January. In net errors and omissions, the total capital outflow of 12.7 billion USD recorded in 2025 continued in the first month of 2026 with 1.2 billion USD.

Expectations...

According to preliminary data from the Ministry of Trade, the trade deficit in February increased by 18.1% yoy to 9.2 billion USD and indicated that the trend of widening current account deficit continued in February. In addition, whether the rise in energy prices due to increased geopolitical concerns at the beginning of March will be permanent, is going to be closely monitored in terms of the current account balance outlook.

Oil Prices and Net Energy Trade



Balance of Payments

(million USD)

	January		%	12-month Cumulative
	2025	2026		
Current Account Balance	-4,025	-6,807	69.1	-32,880
Foreign Trade Balance	-5,549	-6,967	25.6	-71,223
Services Balance	3,042	2,639	-13.2	63,105
Travel (net)	2,399	2,471	3.0	51,100
Primary Income	-1,364	-2,172	59.2	-24,067
Secondary Income	-154	-307	99.4	-695
Capital Account	48	-29	-	-225
Financial Account	-1,189	-8,071	578.8	-49,780
Direct Investments (net)	-570	-22	-96.1	-2,691
Portfolio Investments (net)	-2,431	-8,392	245.2	-4,222
Net Acquisition of Financial Assets	173	1,465	746.8	15,340
Net Incurrence of Liabilities	2,604	9,857	278.5	19,562
Equity Securities	12	1,463	12,091.7	3,531
Debt Securities	2,592	8,394	223.8	16,031
Other Investments (net)	-4,618	-11,653	152.3	-26,406
Currency and Deposits	642	-4,952	-	10,016
Net Acquisition of Financial Assets	-397	1,113	-	14,689
Net Incurrence of Liabilities	-1,039	6,065	-	4,673
Central Bank	-3,472	-277	-92.0	-8,613
Banks	2,433	6,342	160.7	13,286
Foreign Banks	-71	2,077	-	5,544
Foreign Exchange	2,335	3,617	54.9	7,072
Turkish Lira	169	648	283.4	670
Non-residents	2,264	5,694	151.5	12,616
Loans	-6,425	-5,399	-16.0	-36,089
Net Acquisition of Financial Assets	335	-2,318	-	70
Net Incurrence of Liabilities	6,760	3,081	-54.4	36,159
Banking Sector	5,725	1,410	-75.4	10,077
Non-bank Sectors	888	1,740	95.9	24,283
Trade Credit and Advances	1,167	-1,301	-	-304
Other Assets and Liabilities	-2	-1	-50.0	-29
Reserve Assets (net)	6,430	11,996	86.6	-16,461
Net Errors and Omissions	2,788	-1,235	-	-16,675

Source: Datastream, Ministry of Trade, CBRT

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