Balance of Payments
April 2026
(preliminary)

June 2026

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Bank of Korea

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1 For April 2026, the Korean current account registered a surplus of 28.29 billion dollars.

— The goods account recorded a 33.88 billion dollar surplus as exports increased by 54.5% to 90.59 billion dollars and as imports increased by 16.1% to 56.70 billion dollars, both compared to one year earlier.

— The services account posted a 2.42 billion dollar deficit owing to deficits in the other business services and the manufacturing services accounts.

— The primary income account recorded a 2.53 billion dollar deficit due to a decrease in the income on equity.

— The secondary income account recorded a 0.64 billion dollar deficit.

Monthly Current Account

(USD billion)

	2025p		2026p		
	Apr	Jan-Apr	Mar r	**Apr**	Jan-Apr
Ⅰ. Current Account	4.51	24.00	37.93	**28.29**	102.67
1. Goods	9.78	31.80	35.68	**33.88**	108.10
1.1 Exports[1)]	58.61	223.34	94.90	**90.59**	321.37
1.2 Imports (FOB)[1)]	48.84	191.54	59.22	**56.70**	213.27
2. Services	-2.70	-10.94	-1.31	**-2.42**	-9.39
2.1 Manufacturing Services	-0.56	-2.36	-0.46	**-0.53**	-2.17
2.2 Transport	-0.05	0.96	-0.13	**-0.02**	-0.15
2.3 Travel	-0.53	-4.55	0.14	**-0.03**	-2.90
2.4 Construction Services	0.41	1.15	0.23	**0.28**	0.96
2.5 Use of Intellectual Property	-0.70	-1.59	-0.33	**-0.46**	-1.76
2.6 Other Business Services	-1.43	-4.46	-1.36	**-1.58**	-4.07
3. Primary Income	-1.96	5.74	3.59	**-2.53**	6.26
3.1 Compensation of Employees	-0.24	-0.81	-0.12	**-0.15**	-0.56
3.2 Investment Income	-1.72	6.54	3.71	**-2.38**	6.82
(Income on Equity)	-2.43	3.08	2.71	**-3.02**	3.98
(Interest Income)	0.71	3.46	1.00	**0.64**	2.84
4. Secondary Income	-0.61	-2.60	-0.03	**-0.64**	-2.30

Note: 1) The export and import figures in the goods account can differ from those compiled on a customs clearance basis.

2 Regarding the financial account, net assets increased by 25.46 billion dollars during April.

— Direct investment assets increased by 6.24 billion dollars and direct investment liabilities decreased by 1.36 billion dollars, resulting in a net increase of 7.60 billion dollars.

— There was a 8.22 billion dollar increase in portfolio investment assets and a 3.51 billion dollar increase in portfolio investment liabilities, leading to a net increase of 4.71 billion dollars.

— Financial derivatives posted a net decrease of 1.51 billion dollars.

— In terms of other investments, there was a net increase of 13.65 billion dollars as a result of an increase of 8.87 billion dollars in assets and a decrease of 4.78 billion dollars in liabilities.

— Reserve assets increased by 1.02 billion dollars.

Monthly Financial & Capital Account

(USD billion)

	2025p		2026p		
	Apr	Jan-Apr	Mar r	**Apr**	Jan-Apr
II. Financial Account[1)]	5.17	17.50	36.99	**25.46**	90.88
1. Direct Investment	2.72	8.06	5.12	**7.60**	17.29
1.1 Assets	2.33	10.46	8.89	**6.24**	25.98
1.2 Liabilities	-0.40	2.40	3.77	**-1.36**	8.69
2. Portfolio Investment	16.25	44.83	38.05	**4.71**	72.11
2.1 Assets	12.31	46.83	4.00	**8.22**	34.33
(Equity Securities)	8.84	38.57	3.94	**5.90**	33.43
(Debt Securities)	3.48	8.26	0.06	**2.32**	0.90
2.2 Liabilities	-3.94	2.00	-34.04	**3.51**	-37.78
(Equity Securities)	-9.18	-12.55	-29.33	**-1.24**	-43.62
(Debt Securities)[2)]	5.24	14.55	-4.72	**4.75**	5.84
3. Financial Derivatives	1.08	4.77	5.60	**-1.51**	6.39
4. Other Investments	-5.11	-20.72	-9.93	**13.65**	-0.60
4.1 Assets	2.94	-11.87	-1.56	**8.87**	11.59
(Loans)	-2.28	-5.99	4.73	**-3.13**	1.23
(Currency and Deposits)	-0.53	-2.96	-9.29	**12.69**	0.79
(Other Accounts Receivable)[3)]	4.27	-1.14	-4.66	**-4.62**	-0.54
4.2 Liabilities	8.05	8.86	8.36	**-4.78**	12.19
(Loans)	7.47	8.87	11.33	**-6.43**	-0.07
(Currency and Deposits)	0.26	0.62	0.69	**1.86**	7.61
(Other Accounts Payable)[3)]	-0.19	-0.48	-5.21	**0.33**	4.45
5. Reserve Assets	-9.77	-19.44	-1.85	**1.02**	-4.31
III. Capital Account	0.04	0.04	-0.02	**-0.01**	0.02

Note: 1) Positive figures represent increases in assets/liabilities, and negative figures decreases.
2) Includes non-residents' investments in bonds issued abroad by residents.
3) Bills bought, drafts sold, etc.