

*Tap into Asia's Smartest ICT
and Knowledge Services Hub*



INVEST IN SRI LANKA

IT Sector



BOARD OF INVESTMENT OF SRI LANKA

Why Sri Lanka?

Industry Growth and Workforce

- US\$ 3 - 4 Bn Export Revenue Target by 2025 (with a Long-term Goal of US\$5 Bn by 2030)
- Home to 175,000+ ICT Professionals, (with 300+ active IT/KPO Firms and ~1,000 Startups)
- English proficiency 100%

Strategic Location

- Advantageous Time Zone Overlap with Europe & APAC

Investor Advantage

- 100% Foreign Ownership
- 100% Capital Repatriation
- Fast-track Approvals
- Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (TRC) Access for Quick Telecom and IT Setup



Sri Lanka's Global Recognition

ATKearney

- Top 25 Global Outsourcing Destinations (A.T. Kearney)

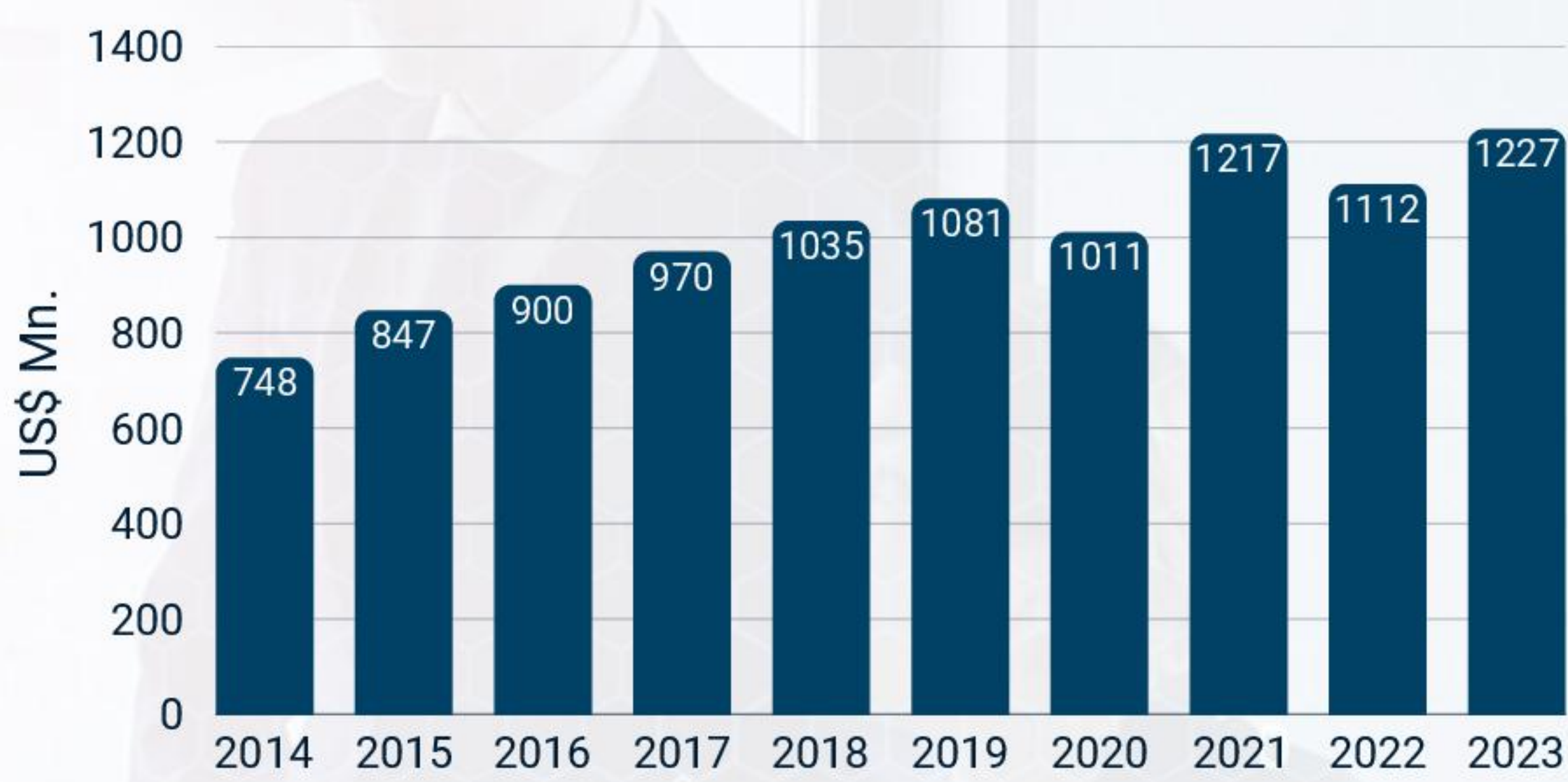
Gartner

- Gartner's Top 30 for Offshore Services

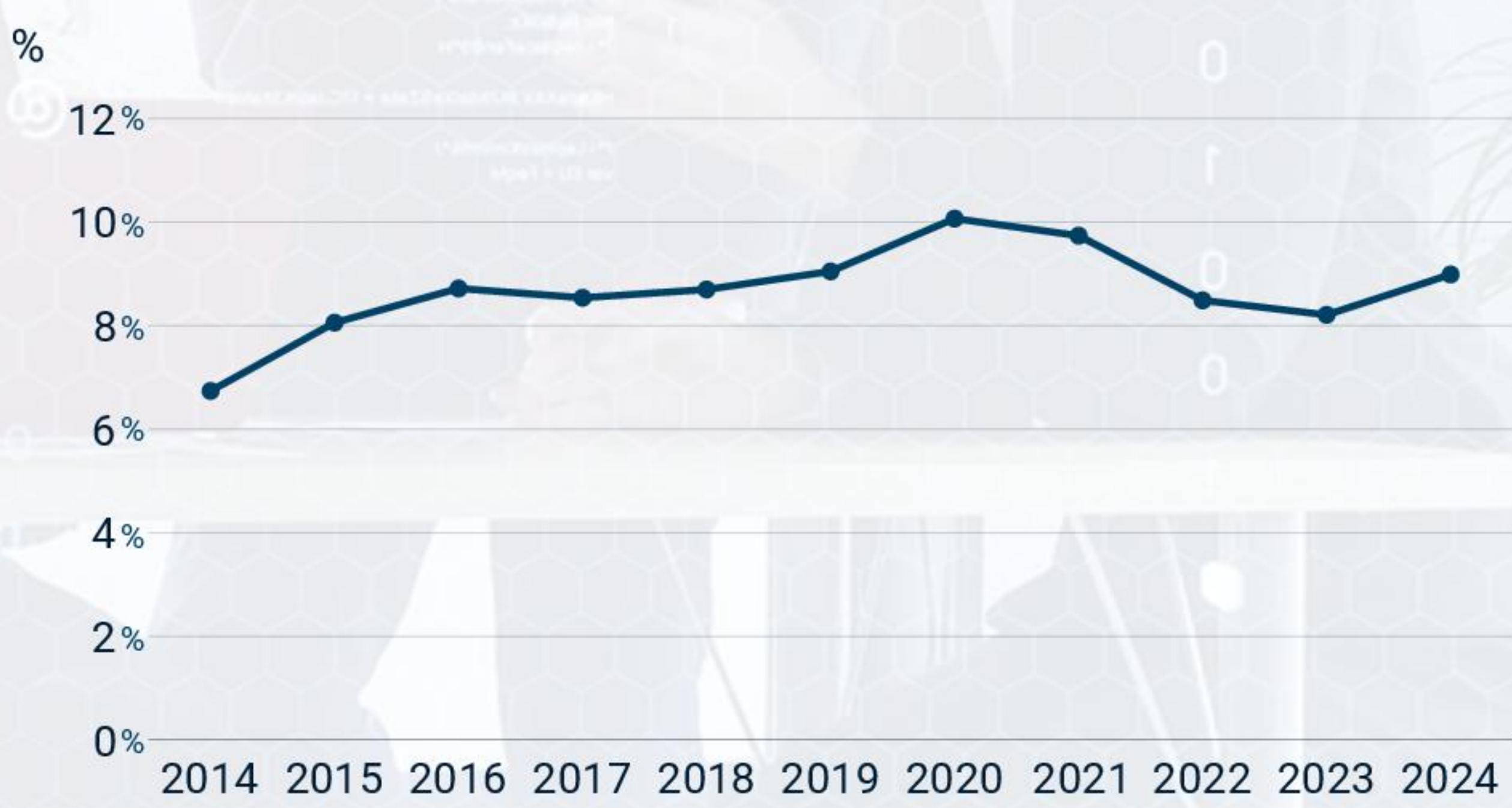


- Ranked #1 in South Asia for e-Government (UN)

Sri Lanka ICT / BPM Export Revenue 2014-2023



Contribution to the Total Export



Top Export Destinations



Investment Incentives

Enhanced Capital Allowance (ECA)

Applicable to new projects and expansion by existing BOI projects.

Total Invesment Made (US\$ Mn)	Enhanced Capital Allowance		Period for Deducting Unrelieved Losses (Years)
	Northen Province	Other than Northern Province	
> 3 and ≤ 100	200%	100%	10
> 100 and ≤ 1,000	200%	150%	10
> 1,000	200%	150%	25

Depreciable Assets:
Class 1: computers and data handling equipment together with peripheral devices.
Class 2: buses and minibuses, goods vehicles, construction and earthmoving equipment, heavy general purpose or specialised trucks, trailers and trailer-mounted containers, plant and machinery used in manufacturing.
Class 3: railroad cars, locomotives, and equipment, vessels, barges, tugs, and similar water transportation equipment, aircraft, specialised public utility plant, equipment, and machinery, office furniture, fixtures and equipment, any depreciable asset not included in another class.
Class 4: buildings, structures and similar works of a permanent nature.
Class 5: intangible assets, excluding goodwill.

Concessionary CIT Rate for Export of Services

Corporate Income Tax, 15% for Export of Services
(Standard CIT Rate – 30%)

Exemption from Import Taxes & Levies

Exemption	Export oriented					Non-Export oriented			
	Customs Duty	VAT	PAL		CESS	Customs Duty	VAT	PAL	CESS
Importation of construction related items during project implementation (PI) period	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Importation of capital items (plant, machinery, equipment)	✓ Lifetime	✓ Exempted / Deferred for Lifetime	During PI (for Inv > US\$ 50 Mn)		During PI (for Inv > US\$ 50 Mn)	✓ During PI Period	✓ During PI Period	During PI (for Inv > US\$ 50 Mn)	During PI (for Inv > US\$ 50 Mn)
Importation of raw materials and production /related consumables	✓ Lifetime	✓ Exempted / Deferred for a Lifetime	✓ Lifetime		✓ Lifetime	X	X	X	X

Visa Facilitation

Business Visas:

- BOI issues recommendation letters to Sri Lankan Embassies/High Commissions to assist investors in obtaining business visas.

Resident Visas:

- BOI facilitates resident visas (up to 5 years) for investors, with renewable visas available for qualifying employees.

Connectivity & Digital Infrastructure

- Backbone: 45,000 km National Fiber Optic Network
- Multiple submarine Cables, 95% 4G Coverage, Ongoing 5G Deployment
- GovPay Digital Payment Platform launched in Feb 2025
- LankaQR now integrates UPI for India–Sri Lanka QR Payments

High-Growth Areas

Software Development

- Web, Mobile Apps, Cloud Platforms, AI, IoT

Business Process Outsourcing (BPO)

- Call Centers, Data Entry, Document & Transaction Processing

Knowledge Process Outsourcing (KPO)

- Market Research, Analytics, Legal & Financial Research

FinTech & InsurTech

- Banking Solutions, Digital Wallets, Blockchain Services

Cybersecurity & Data Science

- Threat monitoring, Ethical Hacking, Data Protection Services

Flagship Investment Locations



Kurunegala Techno Park

- Site Area: 14 acres across two sites



Galle Techno Park

- Site Area: ~31 acres



Global Presence in Sri Lanka



HSBC



LSEG

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WSO₂

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