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EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN GEORGIA

2019

JANUARY-FEBRUARY

(PRELIMINARY RESULTS)

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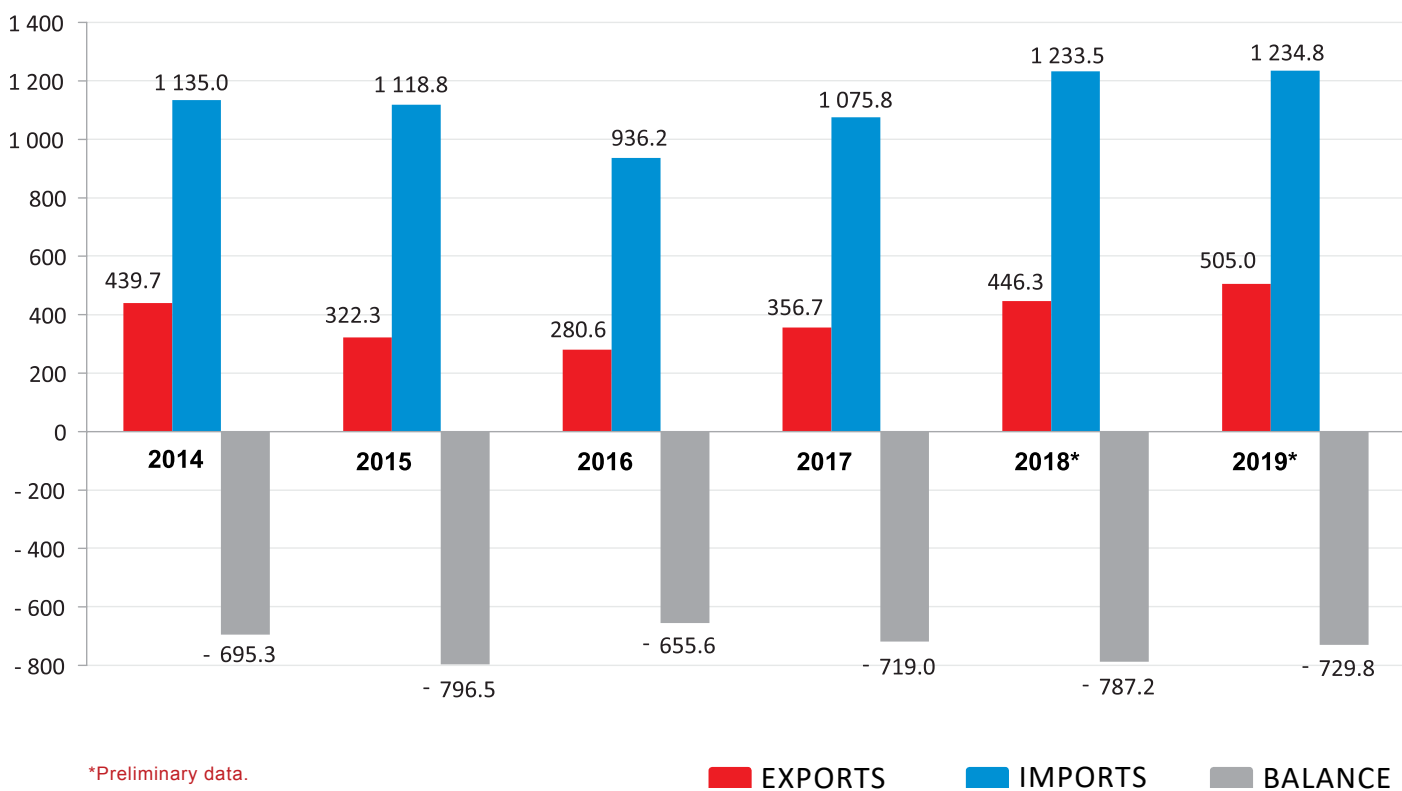
(PRELIMINARY)

In January-February 2019 the external merchandise trade (excluding non-declared trade) of Georgia amounted to USD 1 739.8 million, 3.6 percent higher year-on-year. The exports equaled USD 505.0 million (13.2 percent higher), while the imports stood at USD 1 234.8 million (0.1 percent higher). The negative trade balance was USD 729.8 million in January-February 2019 and its share in external trade turnover constituted 41.9 percent. The exports excluding re-exports amounted to USD 342.6 million, 5.2 percent higher year-on-year.

The charts below reflect basic trends of the external merchandise trade of Georgia

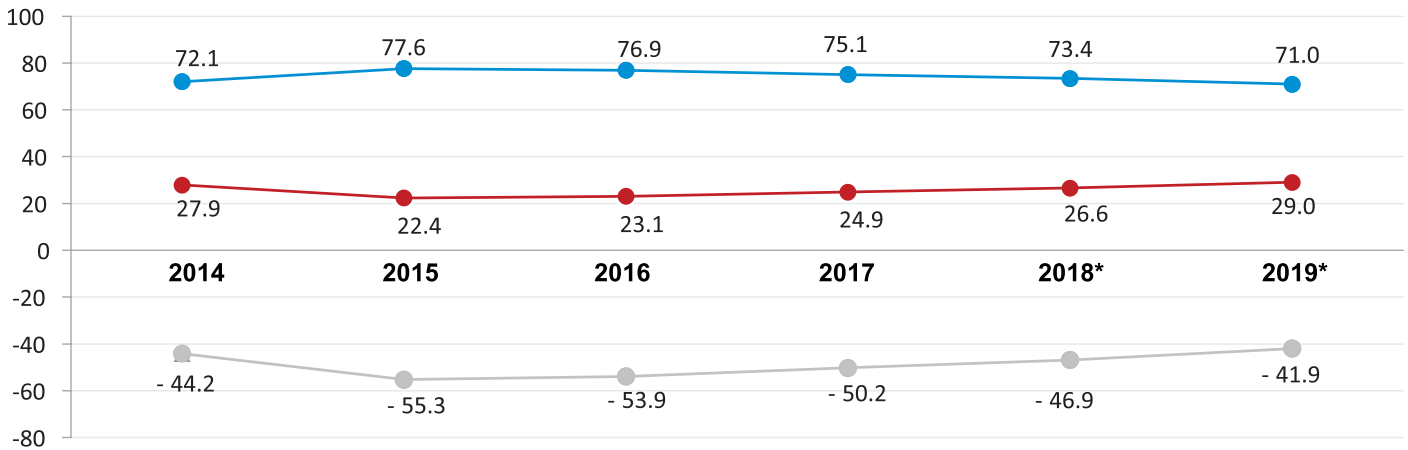
GENERAL DATA ON EXTERNAL TRADE OF GEORGIA IN JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2014-2019

(MILLION US DOLLARS)



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SHARE OF EXTERNAL TRADE INDICATORS IN TURNOVER
JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2014-2019 (%)



*Preliminary data.

● EXPORTS ● IMPORTS ● BALANCE

The table below shows monthly data for 2017-2019 exports and imports in absolute values and their changes (in percentage) compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

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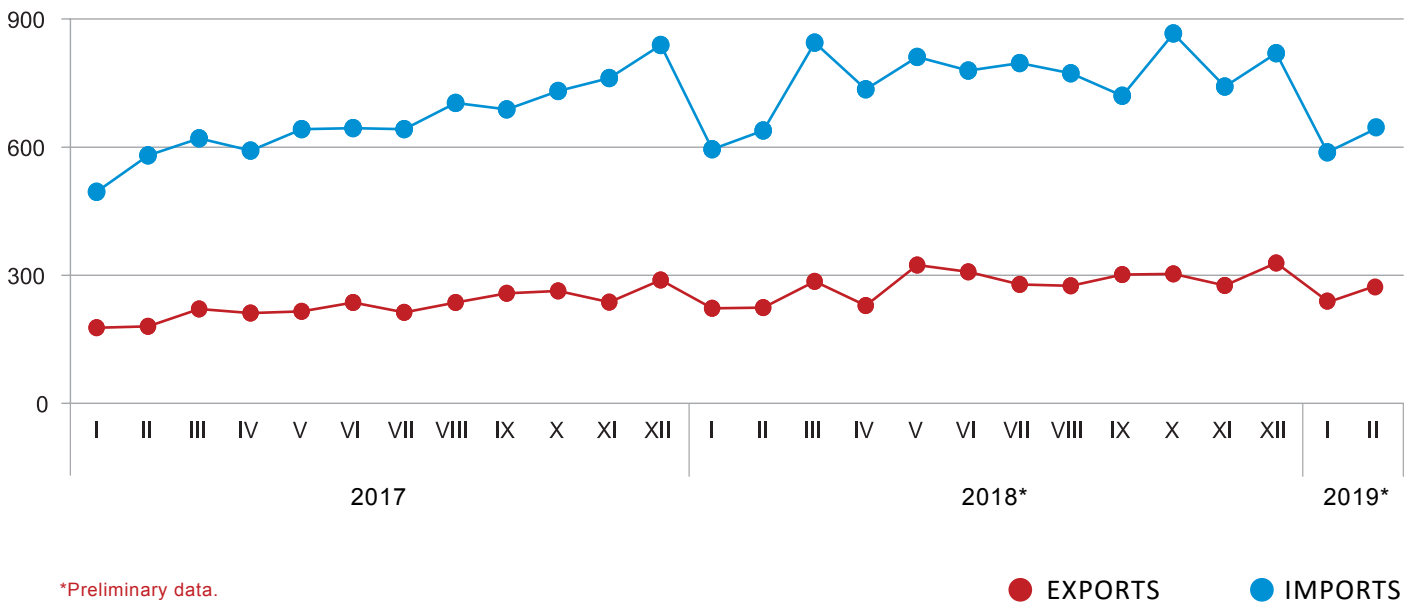
EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF GEORGIA

		EXPORTS		IMPORTS	
		THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES m-o-m (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES m-o-m (%)
2017	January	176 873.6	44.8	495 494.7	20.3
	February	179 869.4	13.6	580 271.6	10.7
	March	221 168.1	36.5	620 169.2	12.3
	April	211 582.2	27.7	591 590.1	6.2
	May	215 311.5	25.0	642 014.1	5.2
	June	235 601.9	40.2	643 952.1	0.2
	July	212 640.9	22.5	641 982.7	7.0
	August	236 310.0	25.7	703 665.3	1.7
	September	257 603.2	27.3	688 351.3	6.1
	October	263 336.1	38.5	731 398.7	10.5
	November	236 877.5	8.2	761 314.7	17.5
	December	288 312.0	50.7	838 894.2	12.6
2018*	January	222 639.9	25.9	594 542.6	20.0
	February	223 647.0	24.3	638 927.6	10.1
	March	285 803.4	29.2	844 741.2	36.2
	April	229 143.3	8.3	734 898.2	24.2
	May	323 339.6	50.2	810 881.7	26.3
	June	307 811.0	30.6	779 279.0	21.0
	July	278 313.3	30.9	796 743.0	24.1
	August	275 365.9	16.5	772 648.4	9.8
	September	301 139.4	16.9	719 831.7	4.6
	October	302 961.4	15.0	865 970.0	18.4
	November	276 187.0	16.6	742 645.1	-2.5
	December	328 582.5	14.0	820 262.7	-2.2
2019*	January	238 767.5	7.2	592 039.3	-0.4
	February	266 261.5	19.1	642 766.7	0.6

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EXPORTS AND IMPORTS DYNAMICS BY MONTHS 2017-2019 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



In January-February 2019 the exports from Georgia to the EU countries amounted to USD 118.2 million (10.7 percent lower compared to January-February 2018) and constituted 23.4 percent of total exports, while the imports amounted to USD 304.2 million (4.5 percent lower) with 24.6 percent in total imports. The external trade turnover of Georgia with the EU countries amounted to USD 422.4 million, showing a 6.3 percent decrease compared to the corresponding indicator of the previous year. The EU countries accounted for 25.5 percent of the trade deficit.

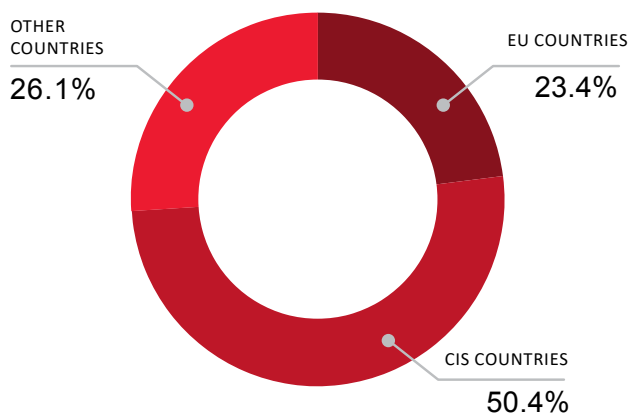
In January-February 2019 the exports to the CIS countries stood at USD 254.8 million (45.7 percent higher compared to January-February 2018) and reached 50.4 percent of total exports, while the imports equaled USD 372.9 million (14.4 percent lower) with 30.2 percent in total import. The trade turnover with the CIS countries totaled USD 627.7 million (2.8 percent higher). The CIS countries accounted for 16.2 percent of the overall trade deficit in the corresponding period.

The diagrams below show the share of the exports and imports of Georgia by country groups.

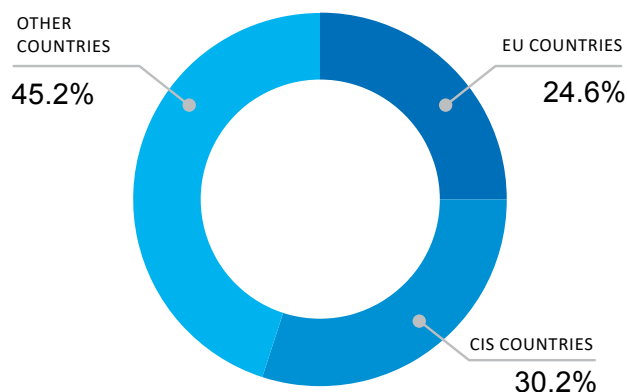
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GEORGIAN EXPORT BY COUNTRY GROUPS IN JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2019*



GEORGIAN IMPORT BY COUNTRY GROUPS IN JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2019*



*Preliminary data.

In January-February 2019 the share of the top ten trading partners by exports in the total exports of Georgia amounted to 73.7 percent. The top partners were Russia (USD 81.3 million), Azerbaijan (USD 58.4 million) and Turkey (USD 39.6 million).

TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2019

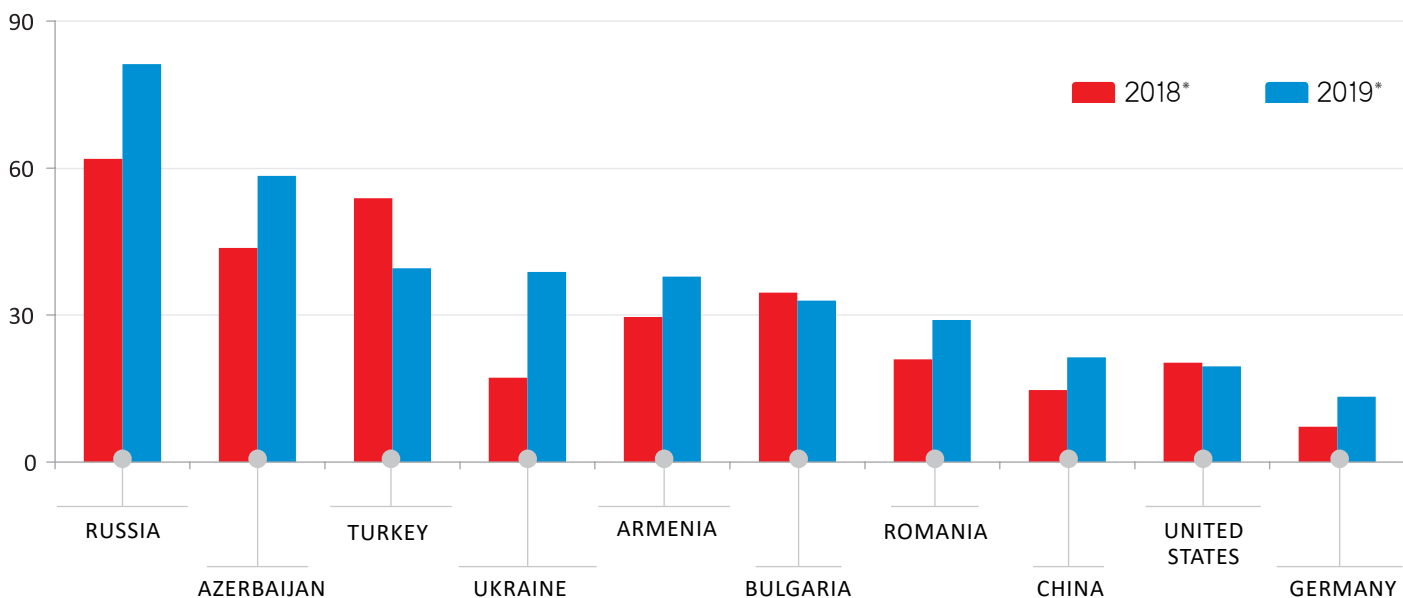
	JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2018*		JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2019*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL EXPORTS	446 286.8	100.0	505 029.0	100.0	13.2
Of which:					
Russia	61 919.1	13.9	81 258.5	16.1	31.2
Azerbaijan	43 690.4	9.8	58 411.9	11.6	33.7
Turkey	53 872.3	12.1	39 576.5	7.8	-26.5
Ukraine	17 245.6	3.9	38 795.1	7.7	125.0
Armenia	29 621.0	6.6	37 871.0	7.5	27.9
Bulgaria	34 610.2	7.8	32 918.8	6.5	-4.9
Romania	20 939.9	4.7	28 996.6	5.7	38.5
China	14 725.1	3.3	21 373.3	4.2	45.1
United States	20 302.2	4.5	19 505.5	3.9	-3.9
Germany	7 183.6	1.6	13 338.3	2.6	85.7
Other countries	142 177.4	31.9	132 983.5	26.3	-6.5

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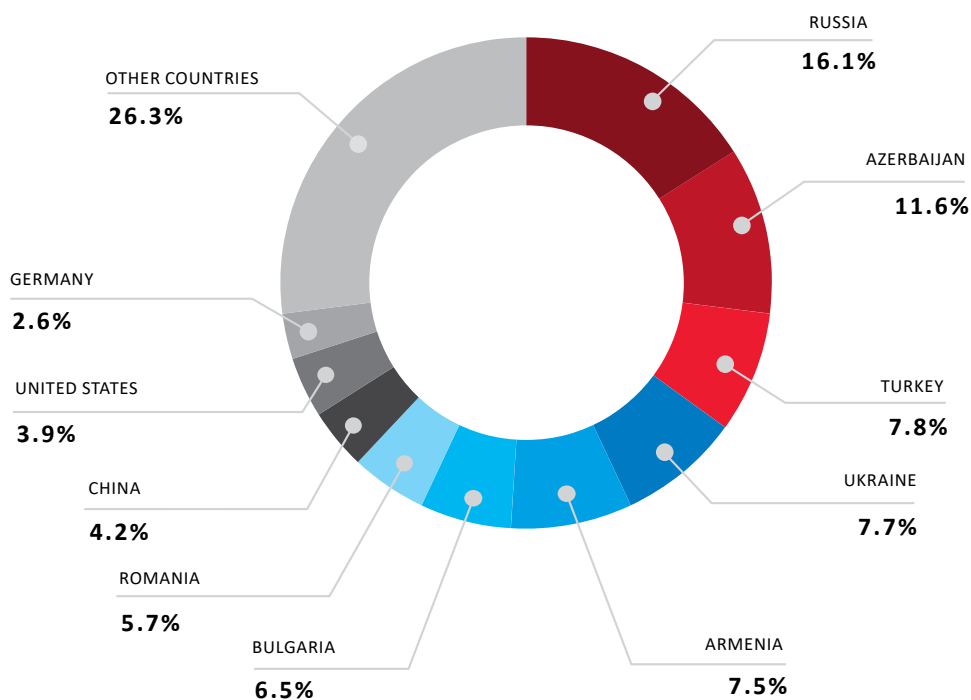
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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2018-2019 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



*Preliminary data.

SHARE OF THE TOP TRADING PARTNERS IN TOTAL EXPORTS IN JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2019*



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In January-February 2019 the share of the top ten trading partners by imports in the total imports of Georgia amounted to 69.6 percent. The top partners were Turkey (USD 194.0 million), China (USD 142.0 million) and Azerbaijan (USD 126.0 million).

TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2019

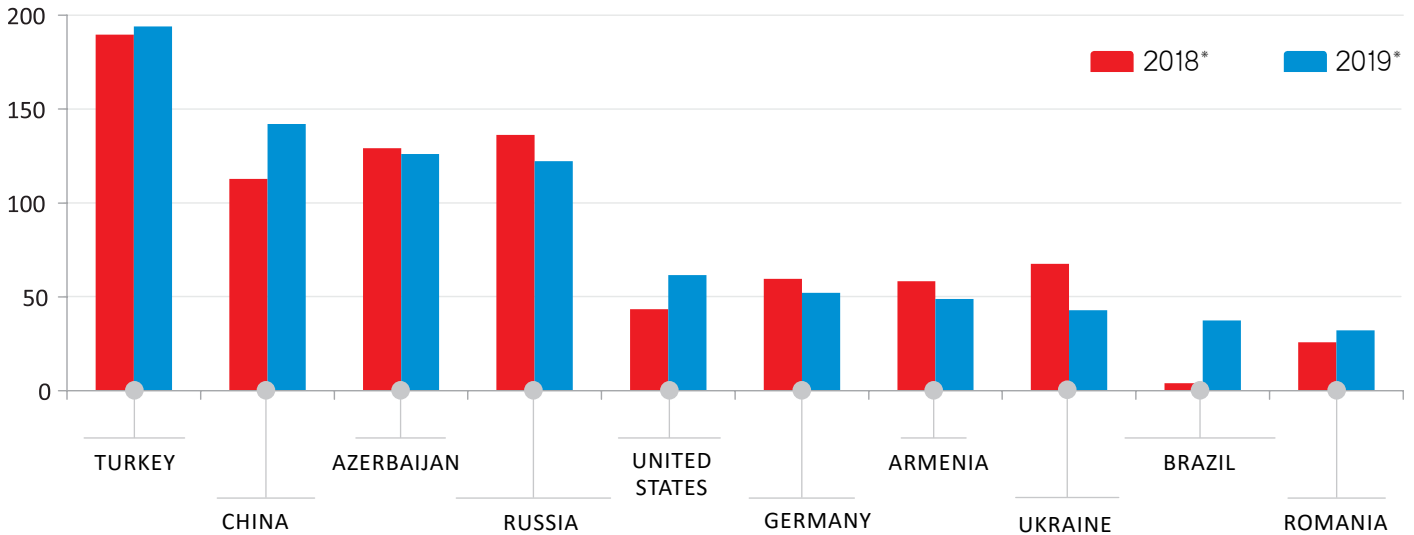
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	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL IMPORTS	1 233 470.2	100.0	1 234 806.0	100.0	0.1
Of which:					
Turkey	189 668.6	15.4	194 003.3	15.7	2.3
China	112 722.0	9.1	142 010.6	11.5	26.0
Azerbaijan	129 199.5	10.5	126 008.5	10.2	-2.5
Russia	136 319.2	11.1	122 327.6	9.9	-10.3
United States	43 393.3	3.5	61 559.1	5.0	41.9
Germany	59 574.6	4.8	52 130.7	4.2	-12.5
Armenia	58 322.1	4.7	48 802.5	4.0	-16.3
Ukraine	67 584.8	5.5	42 889.6	3.5	-36.5
Brazil	4 004.2	0.3	37 420.7	3.0	834.5
Romania	25 883.4	2.1	32 113.3	2.6	24.1
Other countries	406 798.7	33.0	375 540.0	30.4	-7.7

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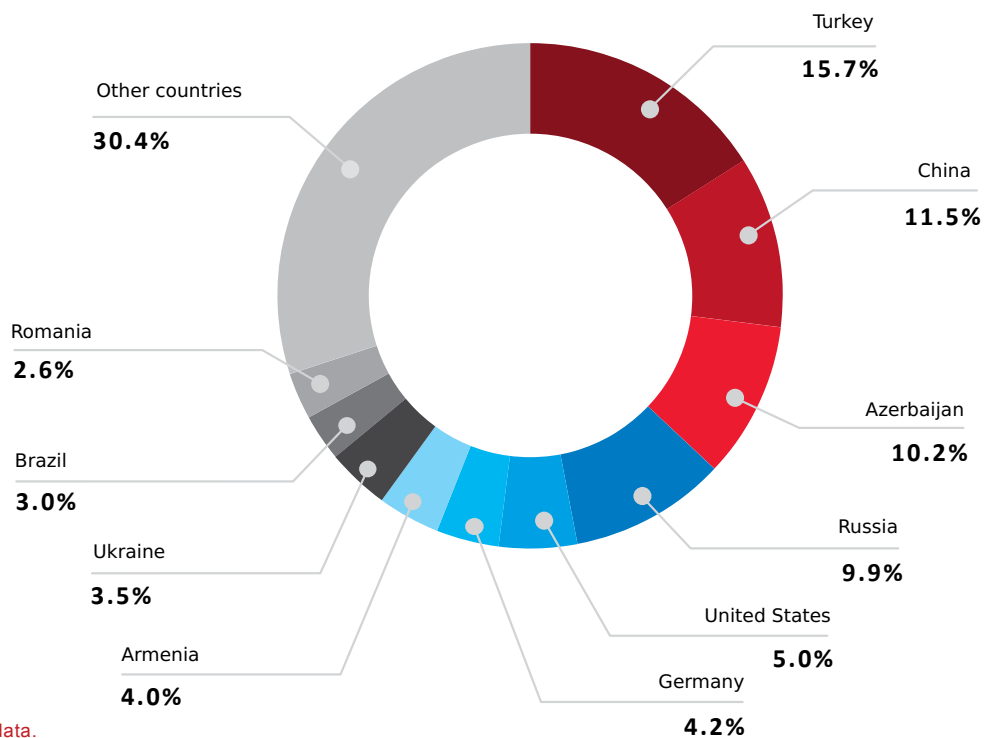
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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2018-2019 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



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SHARE OF THE TOP TRADING PARTNERS IN TOTAL IMPORTS IN JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2019*



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In January-February 2019 the share of the top ten trading partners in the total external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 69.7 percent. The top trading partners were Turkey (USD 233.6 million), Russia (USD 203.6 million) and Azerbaijan (USD 184.4 million).

TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER IN JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2019*

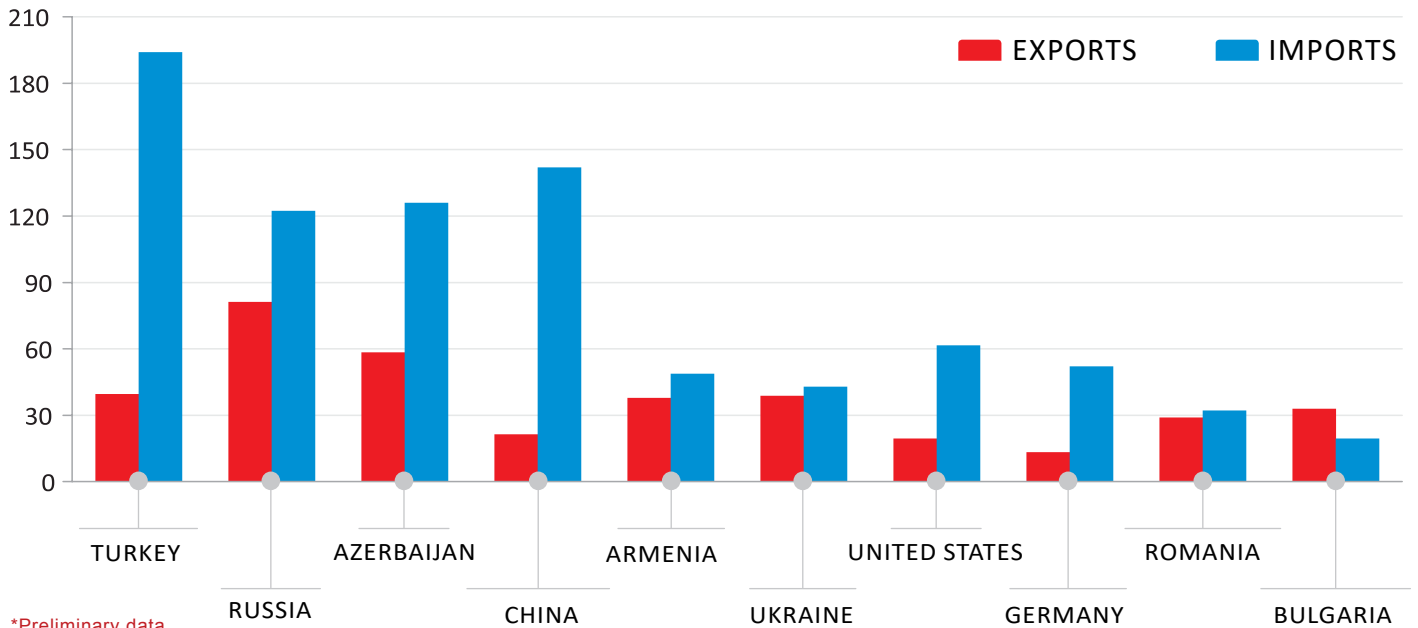
	EXPORTS		IMPORTS		TURNOVER	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)
TOTAL	505 029.0	100.0	1 234 806.0	100.0	1 739 835.0	100.0
Of which:						
Turkey	39 576.5	7.8	194 003.3	15.7	233 579.8	13.4
Russia	81 258.5	16.1	122 327.6	9.9	203 586.1	11.7
Azerbaijan	58 411.9	11.6	126 008.5	10.2	184 420.4	10.6
China	21 373.3	4.2	142 010.6	11.5	163 383.9	9.4
Armenia	37 871.0	7.5	48 802.5	4.0	86 673.5	5.0
Ukraine	38 795.1	7.7	42 889.6	3.5	81 684.7	4.7
United States	19 505.5	3.9	61 559.1	5.0	81 064.6	4.7
Germany	13 338.3	2.6	52 130.7	4.2	65 469.1	3.8
Romania	28 996.6	5.7	32 113.3	2.6	61 109.9	3.5
Bulgaria	32 918.8	6.5	19 591.8	1.6	52 510.6	3.0
Other countries	132 983.5	26.3	393 368.9	31.9	526 352.3	30.3

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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER IN JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2019* (MILLION US DOLLARS)



In January-February 2019 copper ores and concentrates reclaimed the first place in the list of top export items, equaling USD 78.3 million, or 15.5 percent of total exports. The exports of motor cars totaled USD 56.1 million and their share in the total exports amounted to 11.1 percent. The ferroalloys exports occupied the third place standing at USD 51.2 million and constituting 10.1 percent of the total exports.

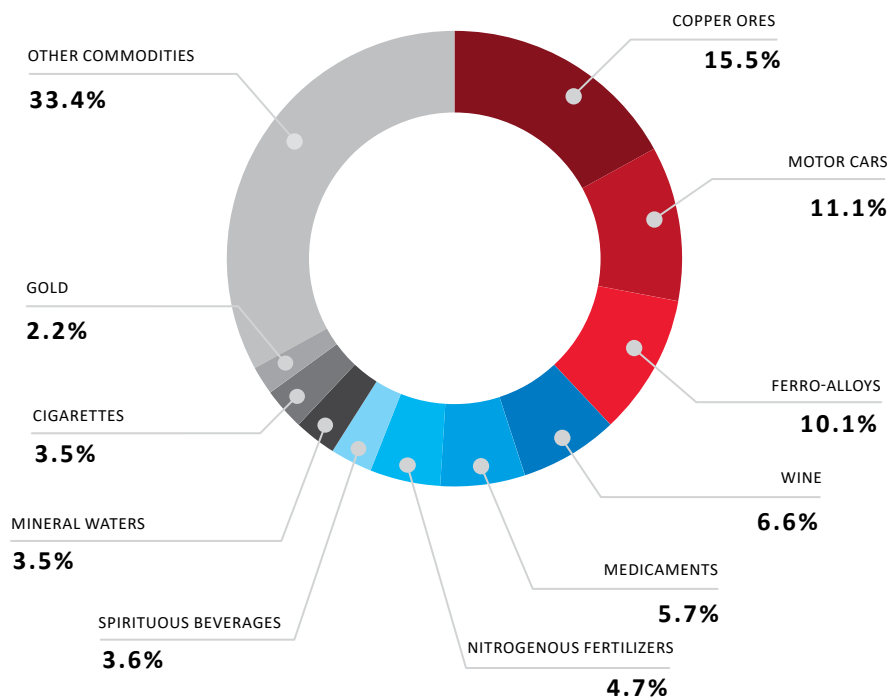
MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY EXPORTS

	JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2018*		JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2019*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL EXPORTS	446 286.8	100.0	505 029.0	100.0	13.2
Of which:					
Copper ores and concentrates	75 019.7	16.8	78 259.4	15.5	4.3
Motor cars	37 976.0	8.5	56 137.8	11.1	47.8
Ferro-alloys	48 896.9	11.0	51 191.2	10.1	4.7
Wine of fresh grapes	26 723.9	6.0	33 455.8	6.6	25.2
Medicaments put up in measured doses	17 135.0	3.8	28 542.8	5.7	66.6
Nitrogenous fertilizers	23 340.9	5.2	23 747.2	4.7	1.7
Spirituos beverages	15 651.0	3.5	18 416.4	3.6	17.7
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	13 741.6	3.1	17 851.4	3.5	29.9
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	9 946.4	2.2	17 602.4	3.5	77.0
Gold unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms, or in powder form	14 402.8	3.2	10 980.8	2.2	-23.8
Other commodities	163 452.6	36.6	168 843.7	33.4	3.3

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SHARE OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2019*



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The top import commodities in January-February 2019 were petroleum and petroleum oils whose imports equaled USD 101.2 million (8.2 percent of the total imports). The petroleum gases followed in the list with USD 88.7 million, or 7.2 percent of imports. The Copper ores and concentrates were third in the top import commodity list with USD 71.9 million (5.8 percent of imports).

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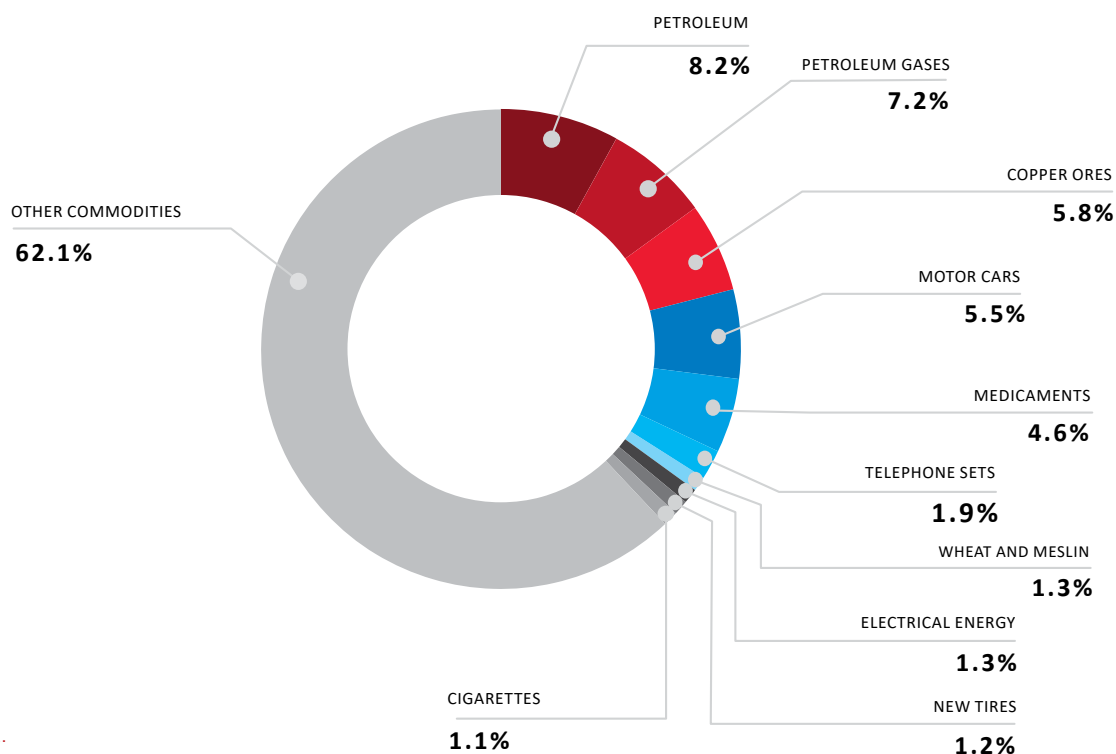
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MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY IMPORTS

	JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2018*		JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2019*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL IMPORTS	1 233 470.2	100.0	1 234 806.0	100.0	0.1
Of which:					
Petroleum and petroleum oils	108 979.5	8.8	101 247.3	8.2	-7.1
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	86 302.5	7.0	88 689.4	7.2	2.8
Copper ores and concentrates	61 652.6	5.0	71 907.0	5.8	16.6
Motor cars	71 623.1	5.8	67 526.5	5.5	-5.7
Medicaments put up in measured doses	36 932.1	3.0	56 255.0	4.6	52.3
Telephones	29 229.6	2.4	23 941.6	1.9	-18.1
Wheat and meslin	19 634.2	1.6	15 594.2	1.3	-20.6
Electrical energy	19 208.9	1.6	15 458.5	1.3	-19.5
New pneumatic tyres, of rubber	11 314.8	0.9	14 218.2	1.2	25.7
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	11 020.0	0.9	13 540.3	1.1	22.9
Other commodities	777 573.0	63.0	766 428.0	62.1	-1.4

*Preliminary data.

SHARE OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2019*



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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER



TURKEY

EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO TURKEY

	JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2018*		JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
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TOTAL EXPORTS	53 872.3		39 576.5	
Of which:				
Copper ores and concentrates	12 709.6	9 068.9	7 119.7	4 608.8
Semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel	3 619.7	7 533.9	7 022.1	18 943.4
T-shirts knitted	6 878.0	248.7	5 415.9	263.6
Ferro-alloys	5 602.5	4 656.4	2 841.5	2 548.8
Men's or boys' suits, ensembles, trousers, knitted or crocheted	1 305.9	63.3	1 939.5	93.9
Other commodities	23 756.5		15 237.7	

*Preliminary data.

IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM TURKEY

	JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2018*		JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
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TOTAL IMPORTS	189 668.6		194 003.3	
Of which:				
Medicaments put up in measured doses	5 479.9	66.5	10 194.9	183.6
Other made up articles, including dress patterns	6 550.7	316.2	6 150.1	373.1
Structures of iron or steel	3 449.1	1 832.5	6 104.4	3 681.2
Other tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of iron	7 680.3	9 260.5	5 890.0	7 716.1
New pneumatic tyres, of rubber	3 846.2	483.9	4 978.5	860.2
Other commodities	162 662.5		160 685.4	

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RUSSIA

EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO RUSSIA



	JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2018*		JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL EXPORTS	61 919.1		81 258.5	
Of which:				
Wine of fresh grapes	17 730.8	6 066.5	23 205.6	7 597.9
Ferro-alloys	21 492.6	18 114.5	21 149.6	19 422.9
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	7 648.7	10 870.0	10 164.4	14 224.4
Spirituuous beverages	2 582.5	530.0	5 473.5	1 148.6
Medicaments put up in measured doses	648.9	2.2	2 470.7	7.9
Other commodities	11 815.6		18 794.7	

*Preliminary data.

IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM RUSSIA



	JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2018*		JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL IMPORTS	136 319.2		122 327.6	
Of which:				
Petroleum and petroleum oils	34 248.5	56 095.8	25 305.1	46 866.6
Wheat and meslin	17 750.4	91 880.2	11 210.1	50 563.8
Coke and semi-coke of coal	5 897.5	20 275.6	6 477.8	24 400.9
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	5 582.7	19 248.9	4 810.3	16 048.1
Coal; briquettes and similar solid fuels manufactured from coal	3 816.7	36 584.7	4 471.6	40 717.7
Other commodities	69 023.4		70 052.7	

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AZERBAIJAN

EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO AZERBAIJAN



	JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2018*		JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL EXPORTS	43 690.4		58 411.9	
Of which:				
Motor cars (unit)	16 116.0	876	19 797.0	2 175
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	5 585.3	257.7	9 900.1	500.1
Medicaments put up in measured doses	4 499.9	211.5	5 565.2	136.6
Nitrogenous fertilizers	200.7	979.2	2 098.8	10 814.6
Insulated wire, cable and other insulated electric conductors	43.0	3.7	1 518.1	198.2
Other commodities	17 245.4		19 532.8	

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IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM AZERBAIJAN



	JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2018*		JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL IMPORTS	129 199.5		126 008.5	
Of which:				
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	80 694.1	454 240	83 871.9	486 014.0
Electrical energy	18 231.1	...	15 072.0	...
Petroleum and petroleum oils	10 728.6	18 560	13 323.2	25 161.5
Cement	1 998.7	38 930	2 003.0	35 212.3
Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel	565.9	1 080	1 738.4	3 694.5
Other commodities	16 981.2		10 000.1	






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EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE

	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE MIL. US DOLLARS
NEGATIVE TRADE BALANCE		
January-February 2018*	89	834.5
January-February 2019*	86	771.9
POSITIVE TRADE BALANCE		
January-February 2018*	26	47.4
January-February 2019*	28	42.1
TOTAL		
January-February 2018*	115	787.2
January-February 2019*	114	729.8

*Preliminary data.

- Sources:**
-  LEPL Revenue Service of Ministry of Finance of Georgia;
 -  LEPL Service Agency of Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia;
 -  Georgian State Electric System, JSC;
 -  Electricity System Commercial Operator, JSC;
 -  Georgian Gas Transportation Company, LTD.

Explanation of symbols:

- Not applicable;
- * Data are preliminary and subject to revisions;
- ... Data are confidential
- 0.0 Negligible magnitude

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Notice:

1. The discrepancy between the totals and the sum in some cases can be explained by using rounded data;
2. Data for 2011-2014 are updated by the data of Special Customs Declarations;
3. Information does not cover the data of Simplified Customs Declarations (Form №4);
4. Information does not cover non-organized trade, also occupied territories of Abkhazian Autonomous Republic and Tskhinvali region;
5. According to the international methodology, there are some difference in coverage of trade flows between external merchandise trade statistics and customs statistics. Diplomatic, temporary, transit and analogous goods are excluded from the database of external merchandise trade statistics.

The preliminary data will be revised according to the Geostat's revision policy (based on the regular revision principle) as a result of adjusting data by respondents/administrative sources.

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