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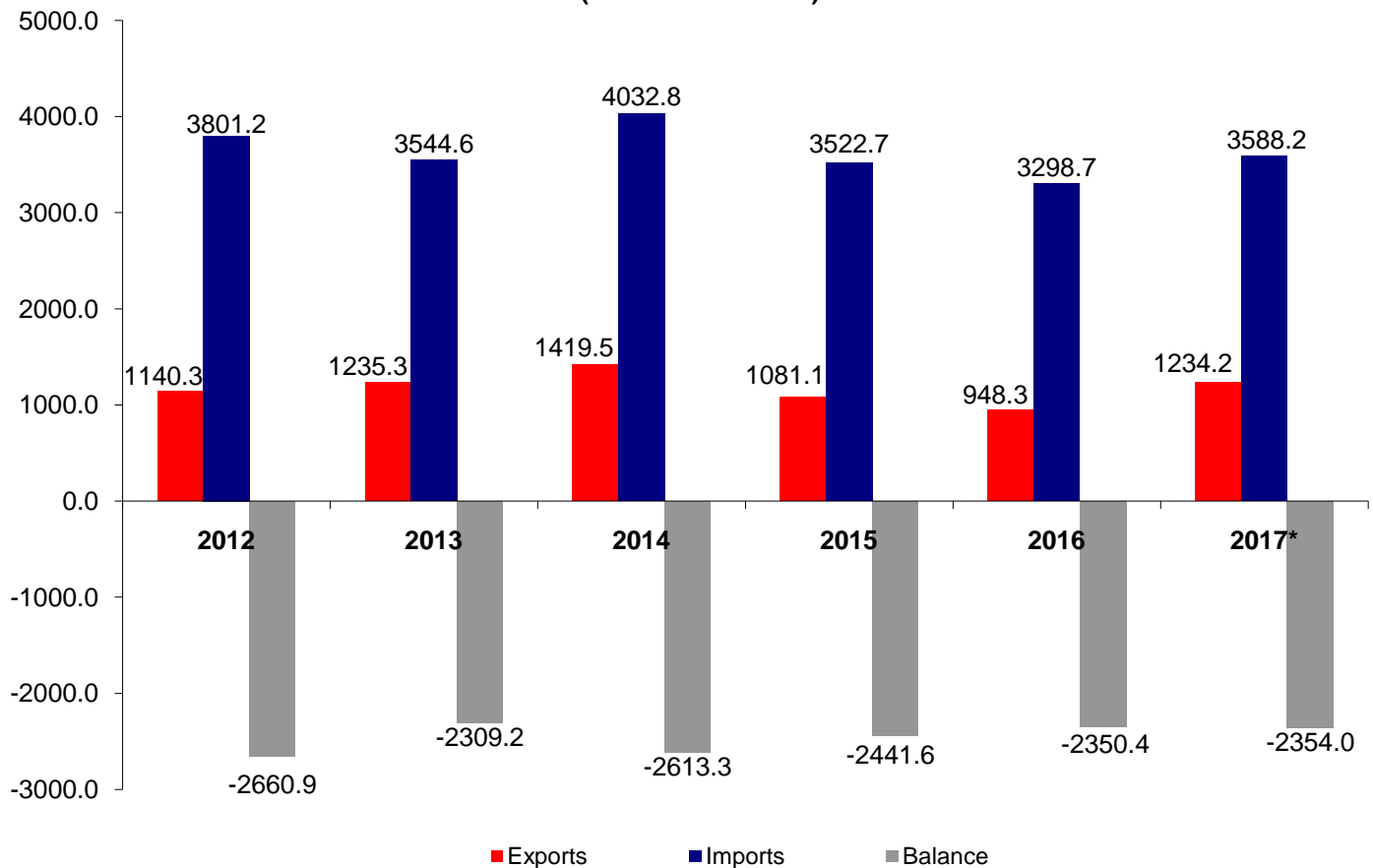
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External Trade of Georgia in January-June 2017 (Preliminary)

In January-June 2017 external merchandise trade (excluding non-declared trade) in Georgia amounted to USD 4822.4 million, 13.5 percent higher year-on-year. The exports equaled USD 1234.2 million (30.1 percent higher), while the imports stood at USD 3588.2 million (8.8 percent higher). The negative trade balance was USD 2354.0 million in January-June 2017 and its share in external trade turnover constituted 48.8 percent. Export excluding re-export amounted to USD 982.0 million, 30.0 percent higher year-on-year.

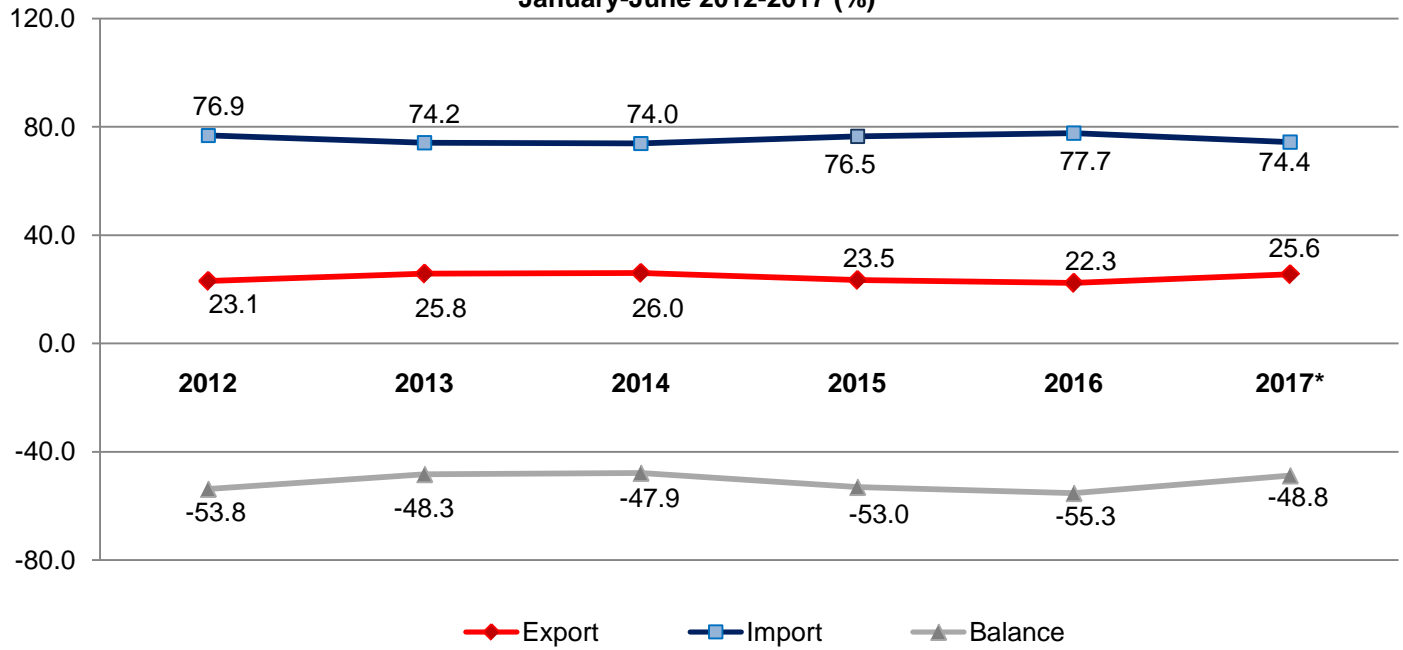
The charts below reflect basic trends of the external trade of Georgia for 2012-2017:

**General data on external trade of Georgia in
January-June 2012-2017
(Million US Dollars)**



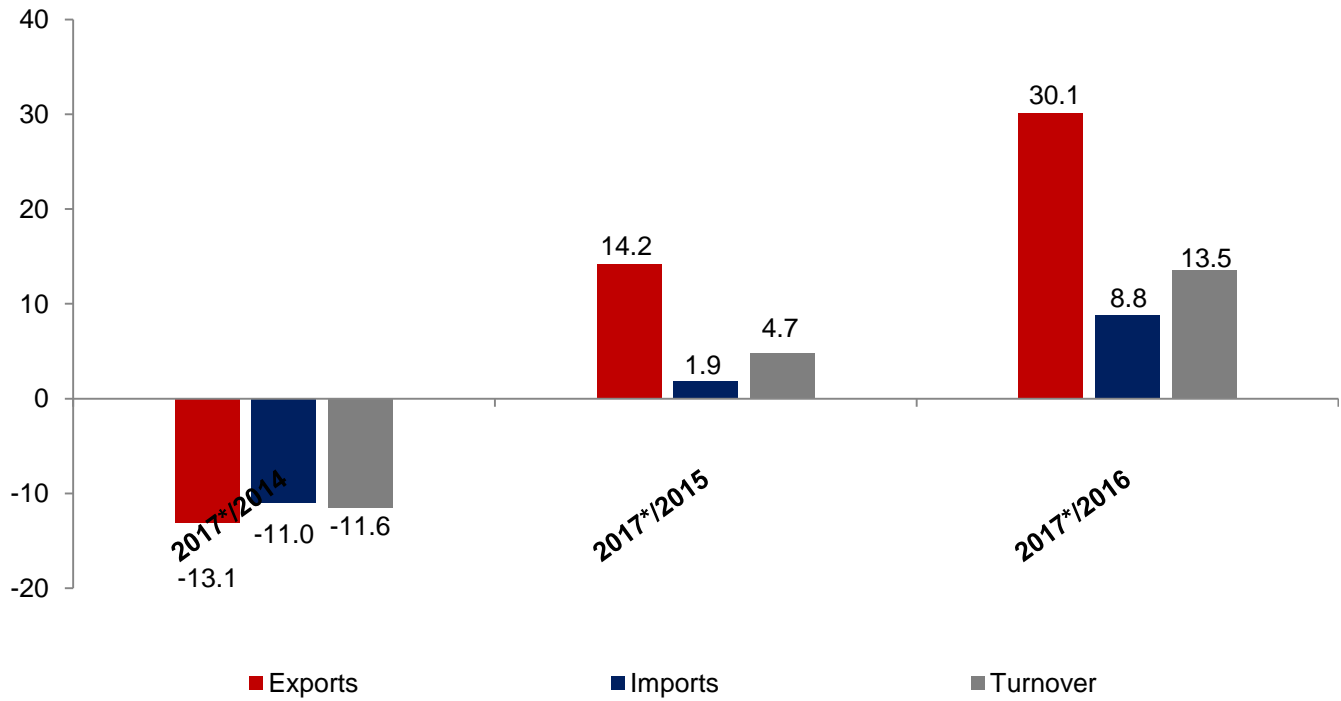
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**Share of external trade indicators in turnover
January-June 2012-2017 (%)**



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Percentage changes in January-June 2017 compared to the same period of the previous years (%)



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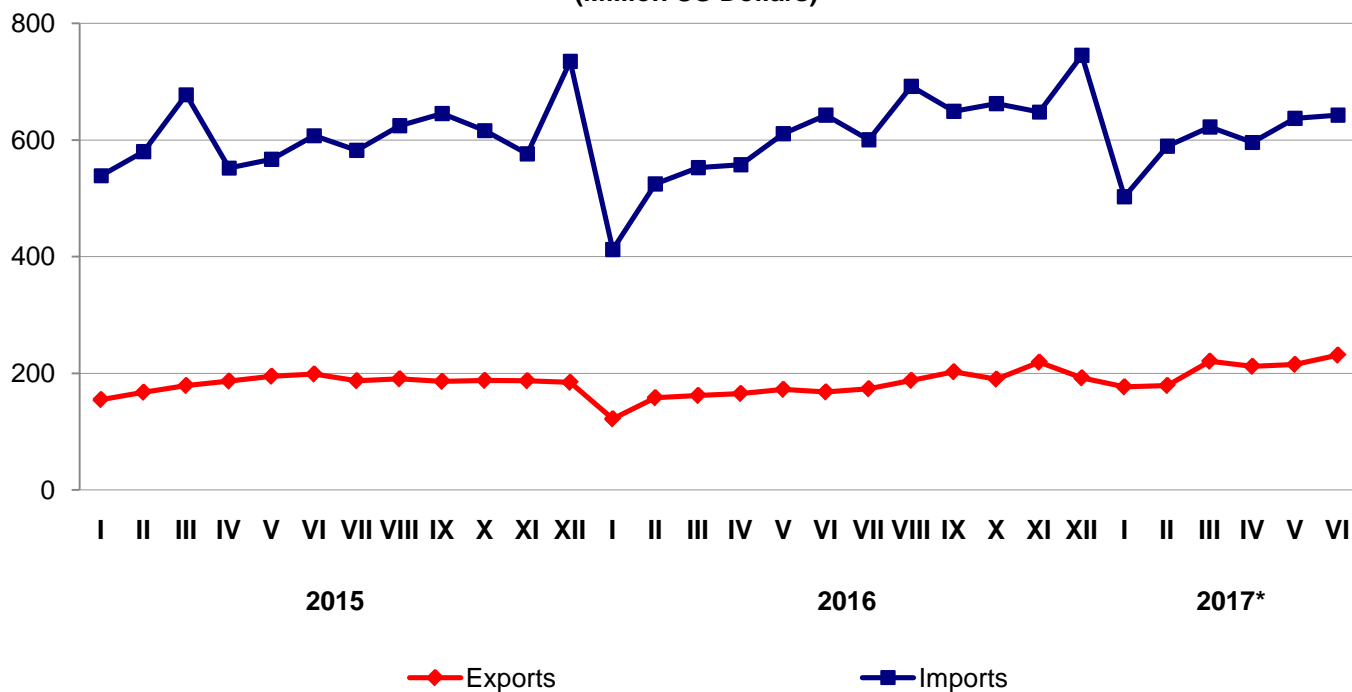
The table below shows monthly data for 2016-2017 exports and imports in absolute indicators and their change (in percentage) compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

Exports and imports of Georgia

		Exports		Imports	
		Thsd. US Dollars	Changes m-o-m (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Changes m-o-m (%)
2016	January	122 188.0	-21.2	411 902.4	-23.6
	February	158 392.0	-5.3	524 248.7	-9.6
	March	161 983.2	-9.5	552 359.4	-18.5
	April	165 488.7	-11.3	557 210.6	0.9
	May	172 267.9	-11.5	610 566.4	7.8
	June	167 996.4	-15.4	642 411.3	5.7
	July	173 586.4	-7.2	600 059.1	3.1
	August	187 931.1	-1.3	691 693.4	10.8
	September	202 368.7	8.6	648 853.4	0.6
	October	190 013.5	1.1	662 155.9	7.5
	November	218 736.2	16.8	647 978.6	12.5
	December	192 184.1	4.1	744 729.1	1.4
2017*	January	176 774.5	44.7	502 392.9	22.0
	February	178 910.1	13.0	588 951.1	12.3
	March	220 843.5	36.3	621 812.6	12.6
	April	211 605.9	27.9	595 969.0	7.0
	May	215 234.8	24.9	636 808.0	4.3
	June	230 813.3	37.4	642 241.8	-0.03

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Exports and imports dynamics by months, 2015-2017
(Million US Dollars)



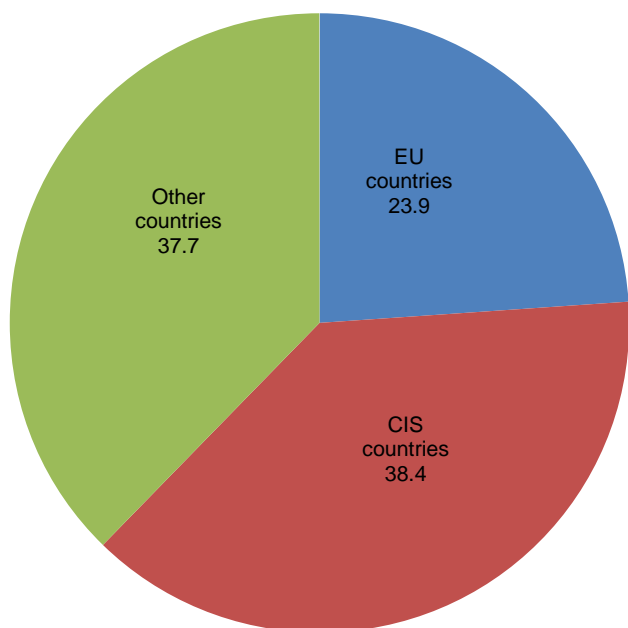
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In January-June 2017 the external trade turnover of Georgia with the EU countries amounted to USD 1303.2 million, grew by 10.9 percent compared to the corresponding indicator of the previous year. Exports amounted to USD 294.7 million (30.4 percent higher), while imports amounted to USD 1008.5 million (6.3 percent higher). The share of these countries in the external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 27.0 percent, 23.9 percent in exports and 28.1 percent in imports (in January-June 2016 27.7, 23.8 and 28.8 percent correspondingly). 30.3 percent of the trade deficit came to the EU countries (30.8 percent in January-June 2016).

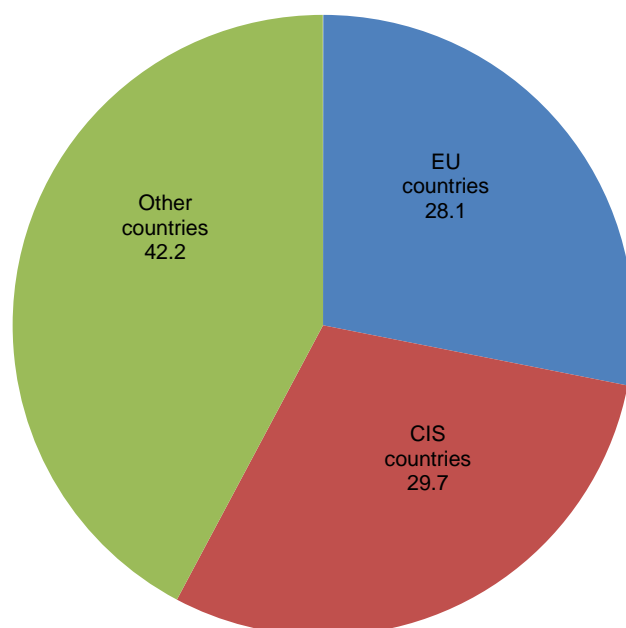
In January-June 2017 the external trade turnover of Georgia with the CIS countries totaled USD 1539.2 million (higher by 34.4 percent compared to January-June 2016). Exports stood at USD 474.1 million (61.2 percent higher), while imports equaled USD 1065.1 million (25.2 percent higher). The share of the CIS countries in the external trade turnover of Georgia constituted 31.9 percent, 38.4 percent in exports and 29.7 percent in imports (In January-June 2016 27.0, 31.0 and 25.8 percent, respectively). In January-June 2017 compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, CIS countries accounted for 25.1 percent of the overall trade deficit (23.7 percent in January-June 2016).

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

**Georgian exports by country groups
January-June 2017* (%)**



**Georgian import by country January-June
2017* (%)**



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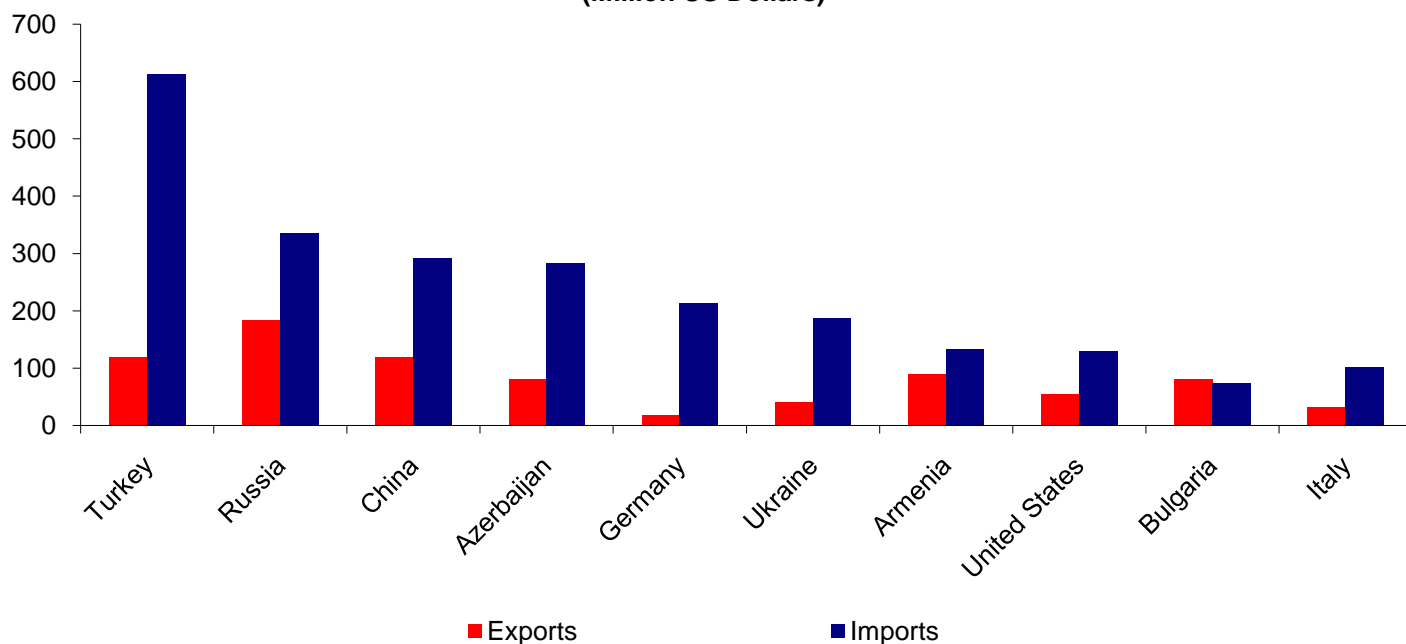
In January-June 2017 share of the top ten trading partners in the total external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 66.0 percent. The top trading partners were Turkey (USD 731.7 million), Russia (USD 518.3 million) and China (USD 412.2 million).

Top trading partners by turnover in January-June 2017*

	Exports		Imports		Turnover	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total	1 234 182.0	100.0	3 588 175.4	100.0	4 822 357.4	100.0
of which:						
Turkey	119 189.2	9.7	612 485.1	17.1	731 674.4	15.2
Russia	183 494.8	14.9	334 776.3	9.3	518 271.1	10.7
China	120 020.0	9.7	292 209.5	8.1	412 229.5	8.5
Azerbaijan	81 548.8	6.6	283 967.5	7.9	365 516.3	7.6
Germany	18 907.0	1.5	213 651.0	6.0	232 558.0	4.8
Ukraine	40 708.6	3.3	187 036.4	5.2	227 745.0	4.7
Armenia	89 511.1	7.3	133 988.4	3.7	223 499.5	4.6
United States	54 864.0	4.4	129 743.9	3.6	184 607.9	3.8
Bulgaria	79 984.6	6.5	73 946.3	2.1	153 930.8	3.2
Italy	32 576.1	2.6	101 840.3	2.8	134 416.4	2.8
Other countries	413 378.0	33.5	1 224 530.6	34.1	1 637 908.6	34.0

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Top trading partners by turnover in January-June 2017*
(Million US Dollars)



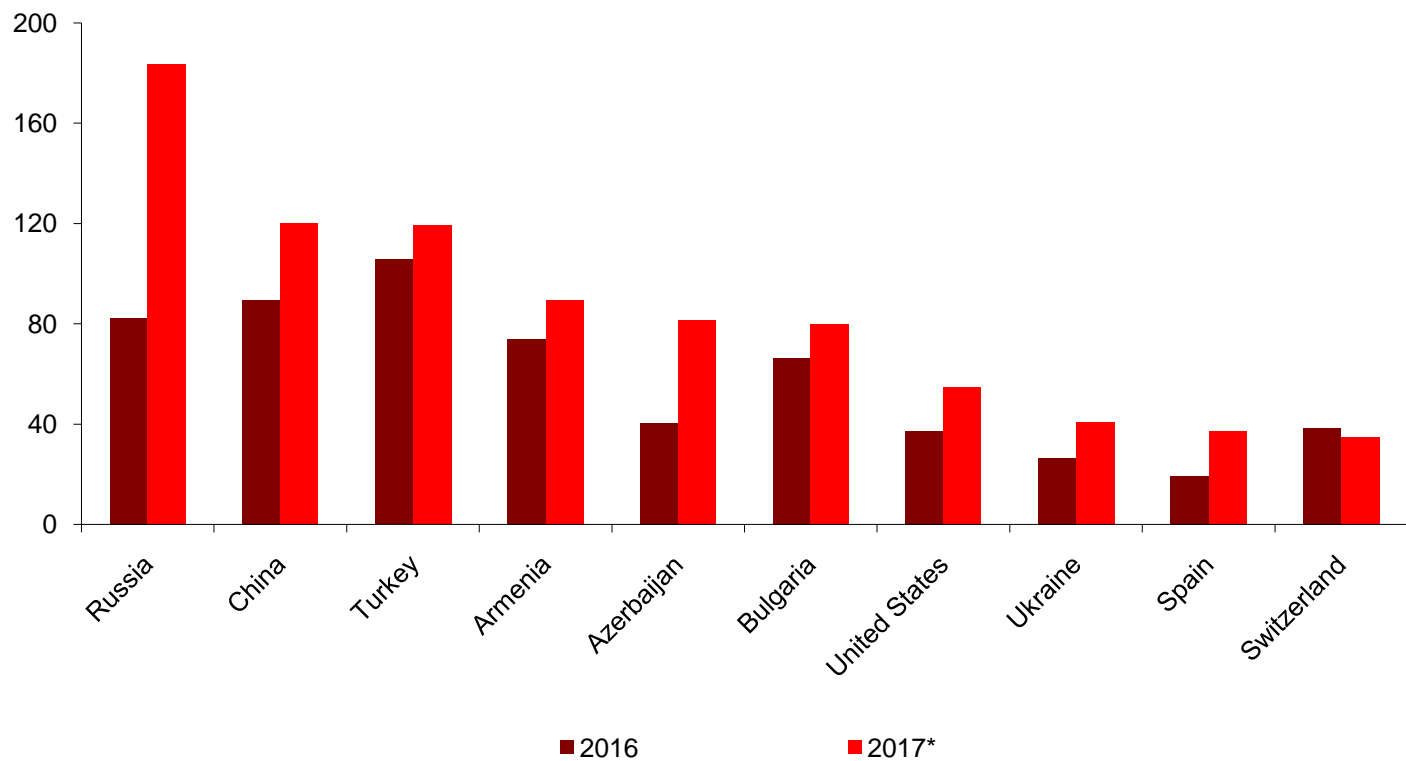
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Top trading partners by exports in January-June 2017

	January-June 2016*		January-June 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Exports	948 316.2	100.0	1 234 182.0	100.0
Of which:				
Russia	82 299.6	8.7	183 494.8	14.9
China	89 478.9	9.4	120 020.0	9.7
Turkey	105 608.8	11.1	119 189.2	9.7
Armenia	73 901.5	7.8	89 511.1	7.3
Azerbaijan	40 329.9	4.3	81 548.8	6.6
Bulgaria	66 501.5	7.0	79 984.6	6.5
United States	37 134.6	3.9	54 864.0	4.4
Ukraine	26 562.2	2.8	40 708.6	3.3
Spain	19 367.4	2.0	37 335.6	3.0
Switzerland	38 416.0	4.1	34 864.6	2.8
Other countries	368 715.5	38.9	392 660.9	31.8

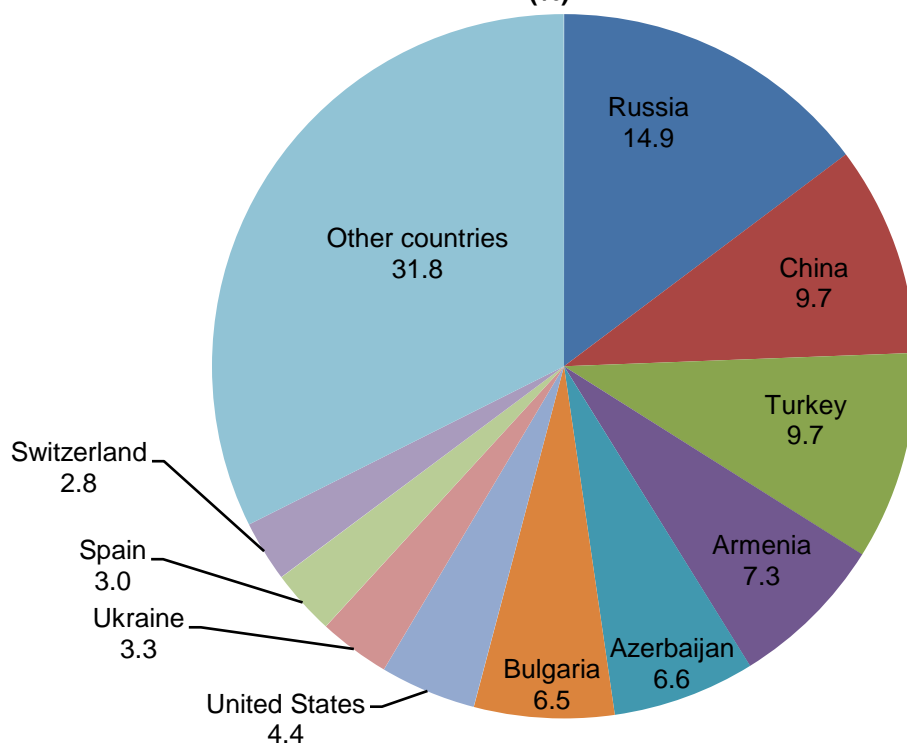
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Top trading partners by exports in January-June 2016-2017 (Million US Dollars)



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Share of the top trading partners in total exports in January-June 2017*
(%)



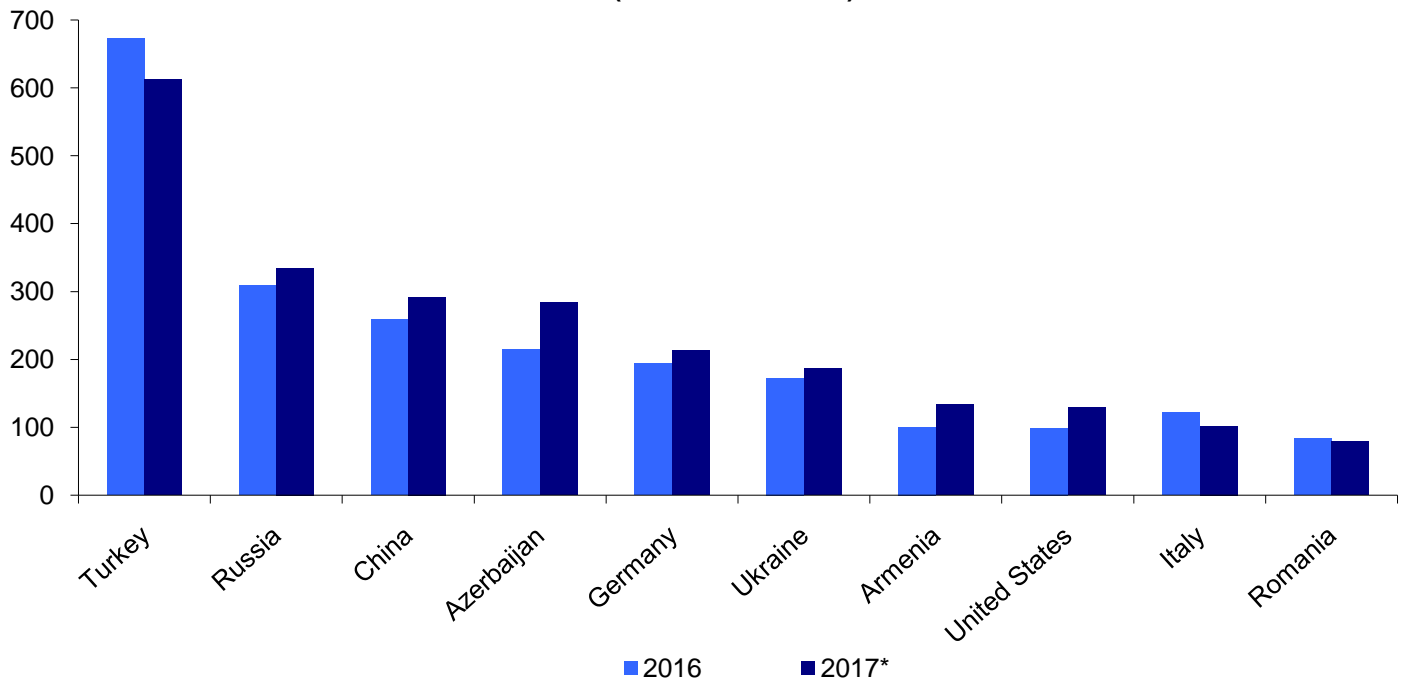
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Top trading partners by imports in January-June 2017

	January-June 2016*		January-June 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Imports	3 298 698.8	100.0	3 588 175.4	100.0
Of which:				
Turkey	673 076.8	20.4	612 485.1	17.1
Russia	309 145.9	9.4	334 776.3	9.3
China	259 218.0	7.9	292 209.5	8.1
Azerbaijan	214 891.7	6.5	283 967.5	7.9
Germany	194 195.6	5.9	213 651.0	6.0
Ukraine	172 824.5	5.2	187 036.4	5.2
Armenia	100 645.6	3.1	133 988.4	3.7
United States	99 282.2	3.0	129 743.9	3.6
Italy	121 639.1	3.7	101 840.3	2.8
Romania	84 020.3	2.5	78 821.1	2.2
Other countries	1 069 759.1	32.4	1 219 655.8	34.0

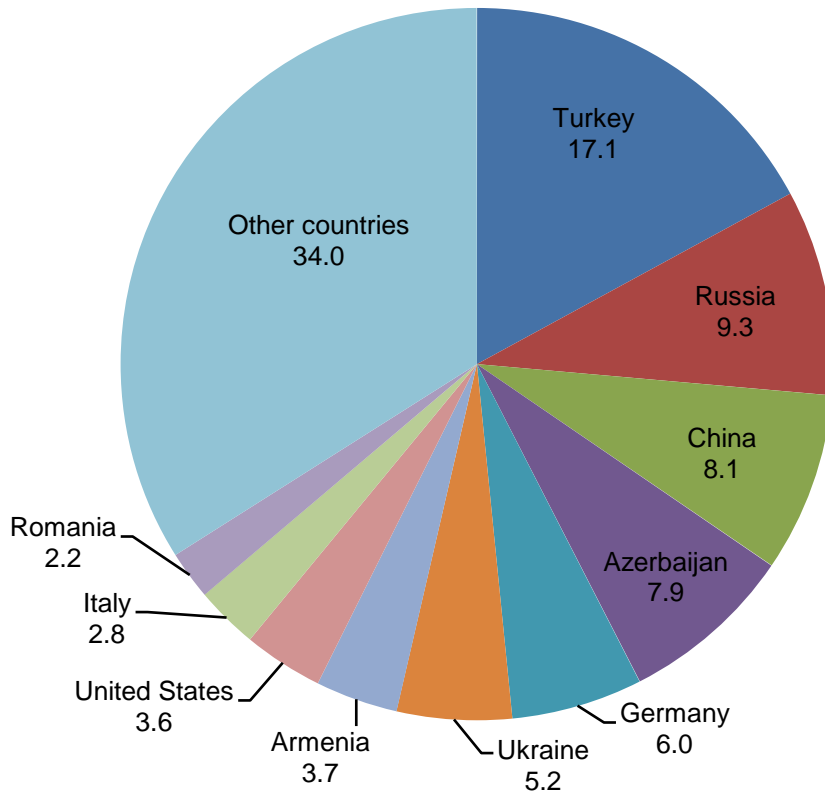
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**Top trading partners by imports in January-June 2016-2017
(Million US Dollars)**



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Share of the top trading partners in total imports in January-June 2017* (%)



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Major commodity groups by exports and imports

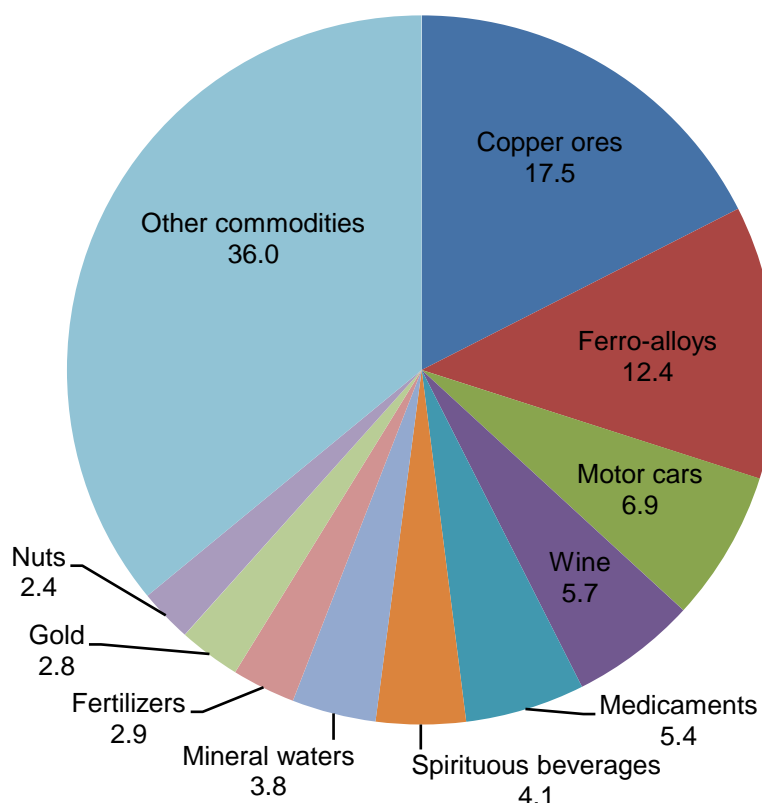
In January-June 2017 Copper ores and concentrates reclaimed the first place in the list of top export items, equaling USD 216.1 million, or 17.5 percent of total exports. Exports Ferro-alloys of totaled USD 153.5 million and its share in the total exports amounted to 12.4 percent. Motor cars occupied the third place. Exports of this commodity group stood at USD 84.8 million and 6.9 percent of the total exports.

Major commodity groups by exports

	January-June 2016		January-June 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Exports	948 316.2	100.0	1 234 182.0	100.0
Of which:				
Copper ores and concentrates	147 885.4	15.6	216 124.9	17.5
Ferro-alloys	74 482.2	7.9	153 499.2	12.4
Motor cars	75 068.1	7.9	84 832.7	6.9
Wine of fresh grapes	46 241.0	4.9	70 696.4	5.7
Medicaments	48 797.6	5.1	67 244.9	5.4
Undenatured ethyl alcohol, spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages	39 543.6	4.2	50 381.1	4.1
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	40 788.1	4.3	47 297.9	3.8
Mineral or chemical fertilizers	42 061.6	4.4	35 652.3	2.9
Gold unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms	40 092.6	4.2	34 787.6	2.8
Other nuts, fresh or dried	69 801.5	7.4	29 885.7	2.4
Other commodities	323 554.4	34.1	443 779.3	36.0

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Share of major commodity groups by exports in January-June 2017* (%)



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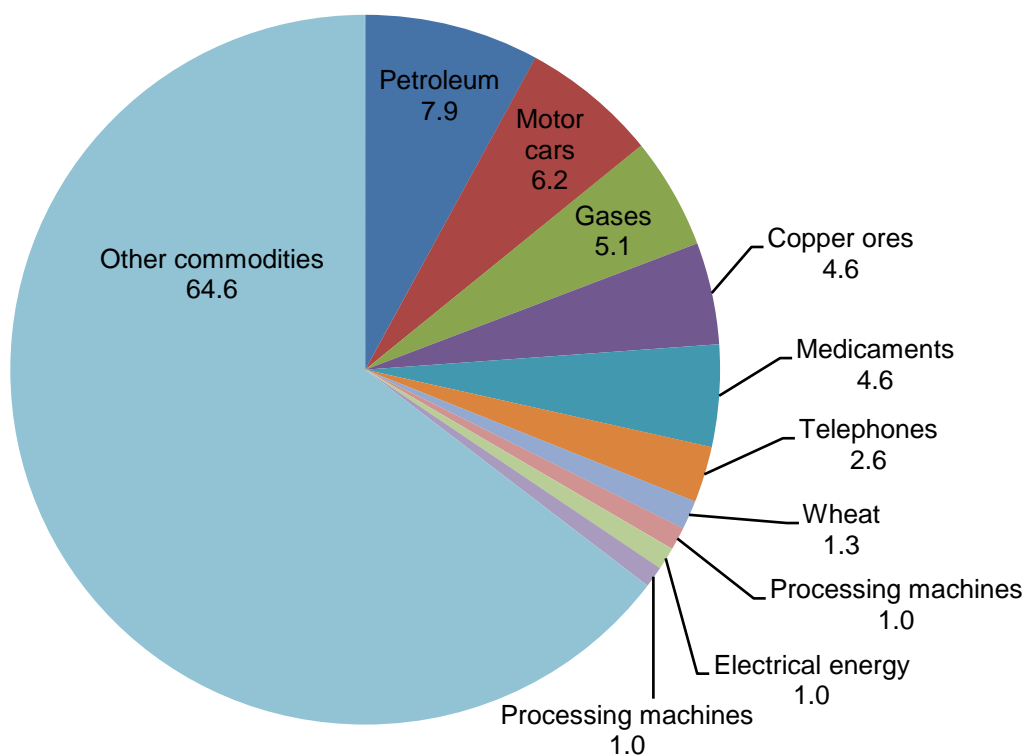
The top import commodity In January-June 2017 were, Petroleum and petroleum oils imports of which amounted to USD 285.2 million and 7.9 percent of the total imports. Motor cars commodity group followed in the list with USD 222.4 million, or 6.2 percent of imports. Petroleum gases and other gaseous came third with USD 182.2 million (5.1 percent of imports).

Major commodity groups by imports

	January-June 2016		January-June 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Imports	3 298 698.8	100.0	3 588 175.4	100.0
Of which:				
Petroleum and petroleum oils	243 663.6	7.4	285 177.5	7.9
Motor cars	220 704.4	6.7	222 364.4	6.2
Petroleum gases and other gaseous	148 966.6	4.5	182 201.4	5.1
Copper ores and concentrates	111 978.4	3.4	166 438.4	4.6
Medicaments	157 923.4	4.8	166 249.2	4.6
Telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks	64 623.5	2.0	91 504.2	2.6
Wheat	30 510.5	0.9	47 719.8	1.3
Automatic data processing machines	27 947.0	0.8	37 427.9	1.0
Electrical energy	16 276.1	0.5	36 587.7	1.0
Structures and parts of iron	47 561.7	1.4	34 526.2	1.0
Other commodities	2 228 543.7	67.6	2 317 978.6	64.6

*Preliminary data.

Share of major commodity groups by imports in January-June 2017* (%)



*Preliminary data.

Top trading partners by turnover

TURKEY

Exports of major commodity groups to Turkey

	January-June 2016		January-June 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Exports	105 608.8		119 189.2	
Of which:				
T-shirts knitted	22 543.4	822.1	27 403.9	914.9
Semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel	5 584.7	18 260.5	14 547.0	38 802.5
Ferro-alloys	4 063.5	5 915.7	12 274.4	11 367.3
Flours, meals and pellets, unfit for human consumption	13 428.2	9 322.5	6 871.7	4 898.5
Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel	7 870.2	20 291.0	6 422.5	13 276.6
Other commodities	52 118.9		51 669.7	

*Preliminary data.

Imports of major commodity groups from Turkey

	January-June 2016		January-June 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Imports	673 076.8		612 485.1	
Of which:				
Medicaments	25 307.0	425.8	27 325.0	339.6
Structures and parts of structures of iron or steel	31 399.4	16 459.4	20 565.5	10 200.9
Other made up articles, including dress patterns	14 189.3	601.7	17 975.7	715.4
Sanitary commodities	20 548.6	5 889.6	17 045.4	5 324.4
Other tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of iron or steel	20 564.8	30 930.0	16 953.4	25 533.3
Other commodities	561 067.7		512 619.9	

*Preliminary data.

RUSSIA

Exports of major commodity groups to Russia

	January-June 2016		January-June 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Exports	82 299.6		183 494.8	
Of which:				
Ferro-alloys	9 860.7	14 336.1	70 447.0	60 621.5
Wine of fresh grapes	22 231.0	7 883.2	40 586.2	14 981.5
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	17 999.9	26 585.6	22 753.2	33 852.3
Undenatured ethyl alcohol, spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages	5 479.4	1 047.0	9 264.5	2 588.6
Motor cars (units)	1 825.6	527	6 412.0	1 422
Other commodities	24 902.9		34 031.9	

*Preliminary data.

Imports of major commodity groups from Russia

	January-June 2016		January-June 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total imports	309 145.9		334 776.3	
Of which:				
Wheat	30 508.6	156 965.9	47 715.5	245 810.3
Petroleum and petroleum oils	53 225.2	125 568.8	44 067.6	81 618.3
Petroleum gases and other gaseous	13 131.1	36 303.4	23 008.0	75 883.1
Telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks	1 310.1	1.1	14 996.0	56.1
Sunflower oil	12 356.8	12 746.5	14 390.6	16 136.5
Other commodities	198 614.1		190 598.8	

*Preliminary data.

CHINA

Exports of major commodity groups to China

	January-February 2015*		January-February 2016*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Exports	89 478.9		120 020.0	
Of which:				
Copper ores and concentrates	80 320.3	65 475.2	101 769.4	83 196.7
Wine of fresh grapes	4 802.0	1 219.6	10 063.3	2 757.0
Motor cars (units)	1 217.0	43	4 274.2	63
Copper waste and scrap	2 586.0	723.3	1 381.0	374.7
Manganese ores and concentrates	-	-	950.4	3 105.8
Other commodities	553.7		1 581.8	

*Preliminary data.

Imports of major commodity groups from China

	January-February 2015*		January-February 2016*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Imports	259 218.0		292 209.5	
Of which:				
Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel	8 648.1	13 635.8	13 231.8	19 255.5
Automatic data processing machines	8 524.9	97.9	11 443.2	150.4
Air conditioning machines	11 264.0	2 156.2	10 518.1	2 003.6
Other footwear with outer soles and uppers of rubber or plastics	5 474.0	687.8	8 814.8	1 175.6
New pneumatic tyres, of rubber	7 007.3	2 986.4	7 841.6	3 303.3
Other commodities	259 218.0		292 209.5	

*Preliminary data.

External trade balance

	Number of countries	External trade balance Mil. US Dollars
Negative trade balance		
January-June 2016	85	2487,0
January-June 2017*	92	2452,4
Positive trade balance		
January-June 2016	40	136,6
January-June 2017*	37	98,4
Total		
January-June 2016	125	2350,4
January-June 2017*	129	2354,0

*Preliminary data.

Georgian external trade by countries In January-June 2017*

(Thsd. US Dollars)

	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance
External trade – Total	1 234 182.0	3 588 175.4	-2 353 993.3
Of which:			
EU countries	294 716.6	1 008 477.8	-713 761.3
Austria	2 848.7	25 339.8	-22 491.1
Belgium	7 375.9	38 278.3	-30 902.5
Bulgaria	79 984.6	73 946.3	6 038.3
Croatia	4.9	1 541.2	-1 536.3
Cyprus	979.4	3 734.6	-2 755.1
Czech Republic	4 857.1	28 828.6	-23 971.5
Denmark	211.8	7 249.1	-7 037.3
Estonia	1 307.4	3 677.4	-2 370.0
Finland	74.5	8 352.8	-8 278.2
France	12 871.8	59 816.7	-46 944.9
Germany	18 907.0	213 651.0	-194 744.1
Greece	2 854.2	37 039.2	-34 185.0
Hungary	653.7	23 951.0	-23 297.3
Ireland	144.5	26 304.6	-26 160.1
Italy	32 576.1	101 840.3	-69 264.2
Latvia	3 968.8	7 176.1	-3 207.2
Lithuania	17 664.3	22 600.1	-4 935.8
Luxembourg	2 169.5	1 621.0	548.5
Malta	203.0	1 302.2	-1 099.3
Netherlands	17 999.0	71 814.7	-53 815.7
Poland	8 853.2	54 423.5	-45 570.3
Portugal	-	4 772.8	-4 772.8
Romania	34 839.2	78 821.1	-43 981.9
Slovakia	957.9	6 067.6	-5 109.8
Slovenia	654.2	8 787.7	-8 133.5
Spain	37 335.6	48 719.9	-11 384.4
Sweden	193.0	4 609.3	-4 416.3
United Kingdom	4 227.3	44 210.9	-39 983.6

	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance
CIS countries	474 136.9	1 065 059.1	-590 922.2
Armenia	89 511.1	133 988.4	-44 477.3
Azerbaijan	81 548.8	283 967.5	-202 418.7
Belarus	12 138.4	44 092.4	-31 954.0
Kazakhstan	20 635.0	18 563.9	2 071.2
Kyrgyzstan	4 389.5	880.1	3 509.4
Moldova	1 429.8	5 554.7	-4 124.9
Russia	183 494.8	334 776.3	-151 281.6
Tajikistan	1 708.1	-	1 708.1
Turkmenistan	5 918.0	52 815.2	-46 897.2
Ukraine	40 708.6	187 036.4	-146 327.8
Uzbekistan	32 654.8	3 384.2	29 270.6
Other countries	465 328.5	1 514 638.4	-1 049 309.9
Afghanistan	107.8	1.2	106.6
Albania	5.1	48.9	-43.8
Algeria	-	3.5	-3.5
Angola	3 454.6	-	3 454.6
Argentina	-	1 618.3	-1 618.3
Australia	278.8	721.1	-442.3
Bahrain	142.0	0.5	141.5
Bangladesh	-	641.1	-641.1
Belize	-	28.5	-28.5
Bhutan	19.8	-	19.8
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3.6	211.2	-207.6
Brazil	-	34 115.7	-34 115.7
Cambodia	-	2.9	-2.9
Canada	491.9	5 984.9	-5 493.0
Chile	477.6	29 184.3	-28 706.7
China	120 020.0	292 209.5	-172 189.6
Colombia	642.6	10 143.3	-9 500.7
Costa Rica	-	175.7	-175.7
Cote d'Ivoire	1.2	-	1.2
Cuba	-	82.7	-82.7
Djibouti	-	27.0	-27.0
Dominican Republic	-	14.5	-14.5
Ecuador	-	9 375.7	-9 375.7
Egypt	5 761.6	3 278.5	2 483.1
Ethiopia	5.5	205.0	-199.4
French Polynesia	-	2.7	-2.7
Gambia	-	25.2	-25.2
Ghana	12.4	-	12.4
Gibraltar	5 449.7	-	5 449.7
Guatemala	91.8	-	91.8
Hong Kong, SAR of China	2 726.7	54 119.6	-51 392.8
Iceland	10.6	1 872.0	-1 861.4
India	4 095.6	25 952.0	-21 856.3
Indonesia	-	5 204.6	-5 204.6
Iran	31 338.3	44 517.2	-13 178.9
Iraq	18 769.4	1 100.7	17 668.7
Israel	3 936.9	5 244.6	-1 307.6

	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance
Japan	3 876.2	65 691.0	-61 814.8
Jordan	54.1	252.2	-198.0
Kenya	1 486.2	458.5	1 027.7
Korea, Republic of	7 312.0	45 288.0	-37 976.0
Kuwait	398.5	14.0	384.5
Lebanon	291.4	613.8	-322.4
Libya	212.7	21.2	191.4
Liechtenstein	-	210.4	-210.4
Macau	4.3	-	4.3
Macedonia (FYR)	107.4	294.1	-186.7
Malaysia	42.1	5 440.8	-5 398.7
Marshall Islands	-	20.5	-20.5
Martinique	57.7	-	57.7
Mauritania	-	59.0	-59.0
Mexico	1 849.2	1 058.8	790.4
Mongolia	269.5	-	269.5
Montenegro	-	11.0	-11.0
Morocco	2 012.8	1 820.5	192.3
Nepal	-	10.4	-10.4
New Zealand	-	920.9	-920.9
Niger	92.5	0.1	92.4
Nigeria	14.6	14.9	-0.3
Norway	23.4	4 435.3	-4 411.9
Oman	0.2	56.9	-56.7
Pakistan	66.4	1 410.5	-1 344.1
Panama	956.4	85.5	870.9
Peru	3 788.3	-	3 788.3
Philippines	100.0	144.2	-44.2
Qatar	104.2	349.2	-245.1
San Marino	-	51.2	-51.2
Saudi Arabia	2 689.0	1 294.7	1 394.4
Senegal	181.1	-	181.1
Serbia	0.6	3 627.6	-3 626.9
Sierra Leone	11.5	-	11.5
Singapore	6 802.2	7 744.6	-942.4
South Africa	42.6	5 643.6	-5 601.1
Sri Lanka	0.5	555.6	-555.1
Sudan	78.3	12.5	65.8
Switzerland	34 864.6	20 284.9	14 579.7
Syrian	65.0	104.7	-39.7
Taiwan, Province of China	241.4	3 148.1	-2 906.7
Tanzania,	280.7	-	280.7
Thailand	245.4	9 274.4	-9 029.1
Tunisia	1 627.3	38.5	1 588.9
Turkey	119 189.2	612 485.1	-493 295.9
Uganda	18.4	15.3	3.1
United Arab Emirates	22 667.3	61 737.3	-39 070.0
United States	54 864.0	129 743.9	-74 879.9
Uruguay	45.7	654.8	-609.1
Venezuela	0.7	-	0.7

	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance
Viet Nam	419.5	3 408.0	-2 988.5
Virgin Islands, British	-	19.6	-19.6
Zimbabwe	29.8	-	29.8

*Preliminary data.

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LEPL Service Agency of Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia;
Georgian State Electric System, LTD;
Georgian Gas Transportation Company, LTD.

Explanation of symbols:

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

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. 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.