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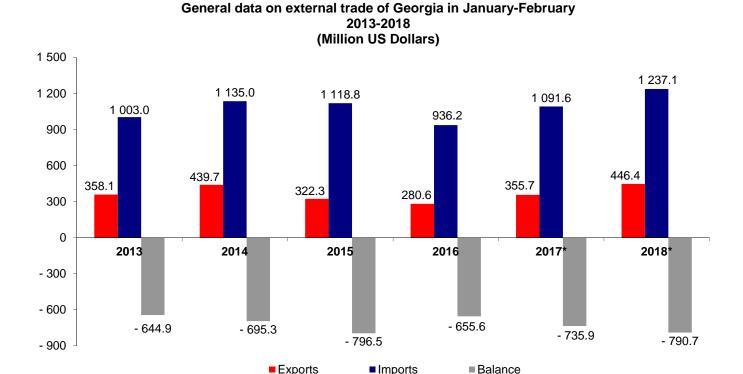
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External Trade of Georgia in January-February 2018

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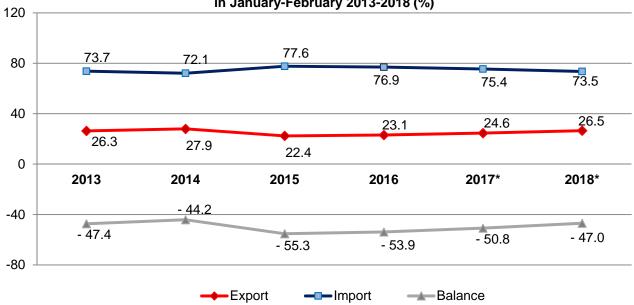
In January-February 2018 external merchandise trade (excluding non-declared trade) of Georgia amounted to USD 1 683.5 million, 16.3 percent higher year-on-year. The exports equaled USD 446.4 million (25.5 percent higher), while the imports stood at USD 1 237.1 million (13.3 percent higher). The negative trade balance was USD 790.7 million in January-February 2018 and its share in external trade turnover constituted 47.0 percent. Export excluding re-export amounted to USD 335.7 million, 16.2 percent higher year-on-year.

The charts below reflect basic trends of the external trade of Georgia for 2013-2018:



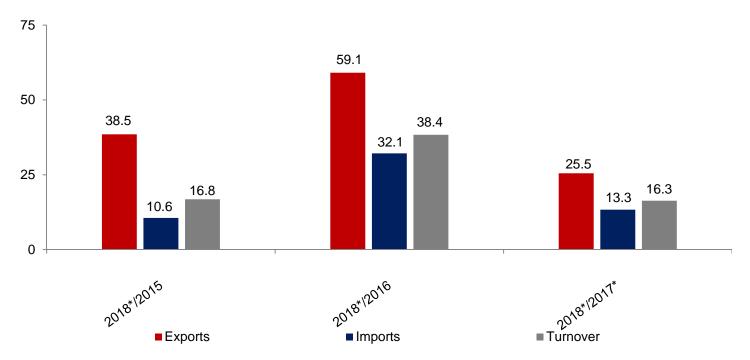
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Share of external trade indicators in turnover in January-February 2013-2018 (%)



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Percentage changes in January-February 2018 compared to the same period of the previous years (%)



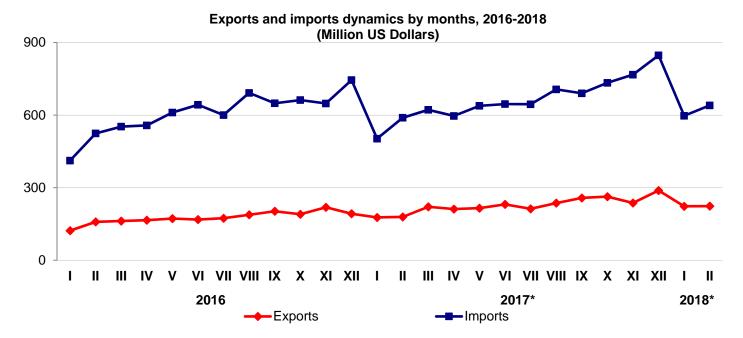
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The table below shows monthly data for 2016-2018 exports and imports in absolute indicators and their changes (in percentage) compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

Exports and imports of Georgia

		Exports		Imports		
		Thsd. US Dollars	Changes m-o-m (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Changes m-o-m (%)	
	January	122 188.0	-21.2	411 902.7	-23.6	
	February	158 392.0	-5.3	524 249.0	-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	610 704.8	7.8	
2016	June	167 996.4	-15.4	642 542.5	5.8	
20	July	173 586.4	-7.2	600 172.7	3.1	
	August	187 931.1	-1.3	691 718.7	10.8	
	September	202 368.7	8.6	648 854.5	0.6	
	October	190 013.5	1.1	662 176.8	7.5	
	November	218 736.2	16.8	647 979.4	12.5	
	December	192 184.1	4.1	744 734.1	1.4	
	January	176 774.5	44.7	502 592.7	22.0	
	February	178 910.1	13.0	588 983.8	12.3	
J.	March	220 843.5	36.3	621 832.6	12.6	
2017*	April	211 605.9	27.9	596 407.3	7.0	
Ś	May	215 234.8	24.9	638 319.0	4.5	
,,	June	230 813.3	37.4	645 499.9	0.5	
	July	212 474.8	22.4	644 811.1	7.4	
	August	236 122.3	25.6	706 255.3	2.1	
	September	257 521.1	27.3	689 985.2	6.3	
	October	262 736.8	38.3	733 390.0	10.8	
	November	236 697.7	8.2	767 109.5	18.4	
	December	288 236.7	50.0	847 197.1	13.8	
2018*	January	222 730.2	26.0	597 038.8	18.8	
2010	February	223 674.1	25.0	640 042.3	8.7	

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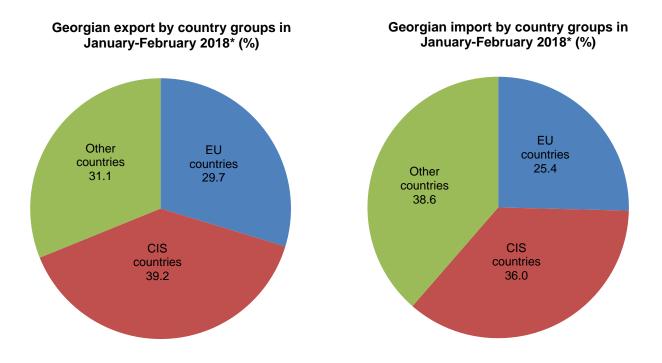


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In January-February 2018 the external trade turnover of Georgia with the EU countries amounted to USD 446.5 million, grew by 10.8 percent compared to the corresponding indicator of the previous year. Exports amounted to USD 132.5 million (30.5 percent higher), while imports amounted to USD 314.0 million (4.2 percent higher). The share of these countries in the external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 26.5 percent, 29.7 percent in exports and 25.4 percent in imports (in January-February 2017 27.8, 28.6 and 27.6 percent correspondingly). 23.0 percent of the trade deficit came to the EU countries (27.1 percent in January-February 2017).

In January-February 2018 the external trade turnover of Georgia with the CIS countries totaled USD 620.2 million (higher by 26.5 percent compared to the January-February 2017). Exports stood at USD 174.9 million (35.1 percent higher), while imports equaled USD 445.3 million (23.4 percent higher). The share of the CIS countries in the external trade turnover of Georgia constituted 36.8 percent, 39.2 percent in exports and 36.0 percent in imports (In January-February 2017 33.9, 36.4 and 33.1 percent, respectively). In January-February 2018 compared to previous year, CIS countries accounted for 34.2 percent of the overall trade deficit (31.4 percent in January-February 2017).

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



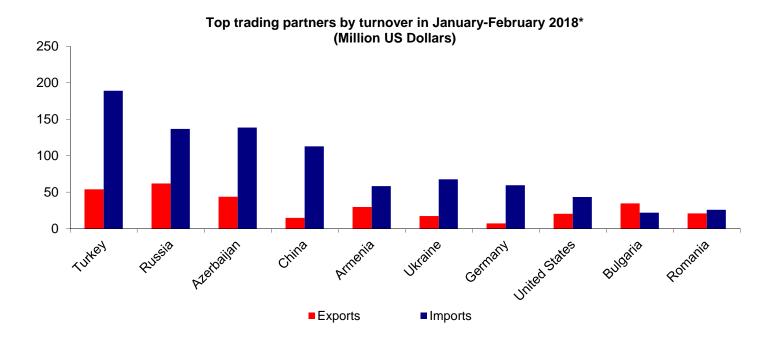
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In January-February 2018 share of the top ten trading partners in the total external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 68.8 percent. The top trading partners were Turkey (USD 242.8 million), Russia (USD 198.6 million) and Azerbaijan (USD 182.2 million).

Top trading partners by turnover in January-February 2018*

	Exp	Exports		Imports		Turnover	
	Thsd. US	Share in total	Thsd. US	Share in total	Thsd. US	Share in total	
	Dollars	(%)	Dollars	(%)	Dollars	(%)	
Total	446 404.3	100.0	1 237 081.1	100.0	1 683 485.5	100.0	
Of which:							
Turkey	53 872.3	12.1	188 894.8	15.3	242 767.1	14.4	
Russia	61 919.1	13.9	136 656.0	11.0	198 575.1	11.8	
Azerbaijan	43 717.6	9.8	138 478.4	11.2	182 195.9	10.8	
China	14 725.1	3.3	112 701.7	9.1	127 426.7	7.6	
Armenia	29 621.0	6.6	58 322.1	4.7	87 943.1	5.2	
Ukraine	17 245.6	3.9	67 582.6	5.5	84 828.2	5.0	
Germany	7 183.6	1.6	59 500.3	4.8	66 683.9	4.0	
United States	20 302.2	4.5	43 324.6	3.5	63 626.8	3.8	
Bulgaria	34 610.2	7.8	21 941.0	1.8	56 551.2	3.4	
Romania	20 939.9	4.7	25 868.1	2.1	46 807.9	2.8	
Other countries	142 267.7	31.9	383 811.8	31.0	526 079.5	31.2	

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Top trading partners by exports in January-February 2018

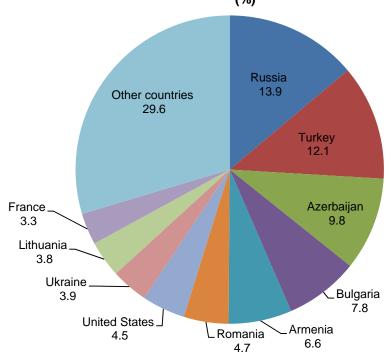
	January-Febru	January-February 2017*		ry 2018*
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Exports	355 684.6	100.0	446 404.3	100.0
Of which:				
Russia	58 891.8	16.6	61 919.1	13.9
Turkey	35 040.3	9.9	53 872.3	12.1
Azerbaijan	18 494.1	5.2	43 717.6	9.8
Bulgaria	29 446.1	8.3	34 610.2	7.8
Armenia	16 837.9	4.7	29 621.0	6.6
Romania	16 058.8	4.5	20 939.9	4.7
United States	18 789.6	5.3	20 302.2	4.5
Ukraine	11 176.9	3.1	17 245.6	3.9
Lithuania	6 613.5	1.9	17 080.1	3.8
France	4 139.4	1.2	14 804.1	3.3
Other countries	140 196.0	39.4	132 292.3	29.6

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Share of the top trading partners in total exports in January-February 2018* (%)



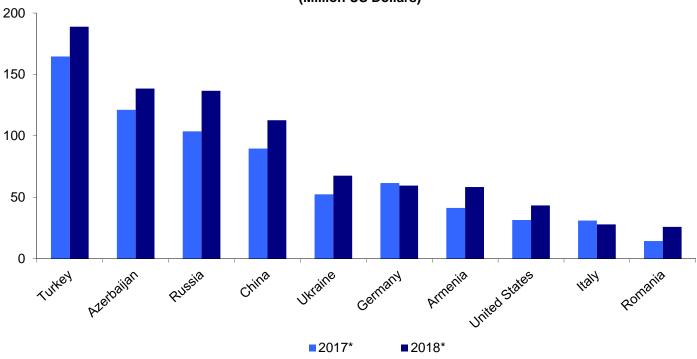
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Top trading partners by imports in January-February 2018

	January-Februar	y 2017*	January-February 2018*		
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	
Total Imports	1 091 576.5	100.0	1 237 081.1	100.0	
Of which:					
Turkey	164 646.8	15.1	188 894.8	15.3	
Azerbaijan	121 185.1	11.1	138 478.4	11.2	
Russia	103 645.8	9.5	136 656.0	11.0	
China	89 629.1	8.2	112 701.7	9.1	
Ukraine	52 390.3	4.8	67 582.6	5.5	
Germany	61 565.5	5.6	59 500.3	4.8	
Armenia	41 333.0	3.8	58 322.1	4.7	
United States	31 474.2	2.9	43 324.6	3.5	
Italy	30 994.5	2.8	27 869.1	2.3	
Romania	14 339.6	1.3	25 868.1	2.1	
Other countries	380 372.7	34.8	377 883.7	30.5	

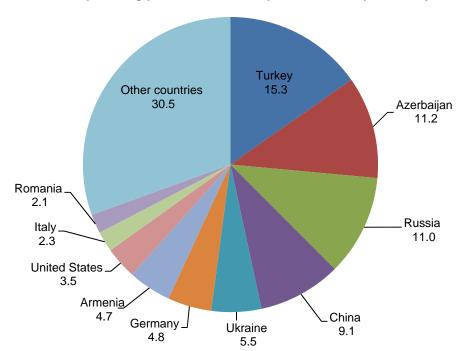
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Top trading partners by imports in January-February 2017-2018 (Million US Dollars)



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Share of the top trading partners in total imports in January-February 2018 (%)



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Major commodity groups by exports and imports

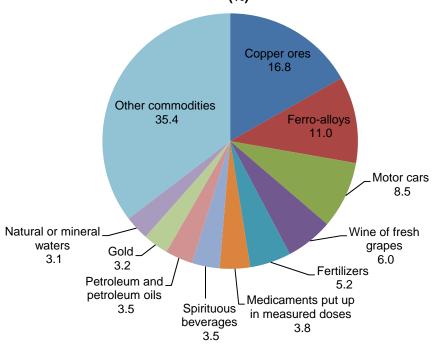
In January-February 2018 Copper ores and concentrates reclaimed the first place in the list of top export items, equaling USD 75.0 million, or 16.8 percent of total exports. Exports Ferro-alloys of totaled USD 48.9 million and its share in the total exports amounted to 11.0 percent. Motor cars occupied the third place. Exports of this commodity group stood at USD 38.0 million and 8.5 percent of the total exports.

Major commodity groups by exports

	January-February 2017*		January-February 2018*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Exports	355 684.6	100.0	446 404.3	100.0
Of which:				
Copper ores and concentrates	58 353.6	16.4	75 019.7	16.8
Ferro-alloys	52 589.1	14.8	48 896.9	11.0
Motor cars	19 319.8	5.4	37 979.5	8.5
Wine of fresh grapes	20 488.4	5.8	26 723.9	6.0
Mineral or chemical fertilizers, nitrogenous	14 182.3	4.0	23 340.9	5.2
Medicaments put up in measured doses	19 737.8	5.5	17 135.0	3.8
Undenatured ethyl alcohol, spirits, liqueurs and				
other spirituous beverages	15 054.6	4.2	15 651.0	3.5
Petroleum and petroleum oils	934.7	0.3	15 568.7	3.5
Gold unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms,	11 402.1	3.2	14 402.8	3.2
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated				
waters, not containing added sugar	15 322.1	4.3	13 741.6	3.1
Other commodities	128 300.1	36.1	157 944.3	35.4

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Share of major commodity groups by exports in January-February 2018* (%)



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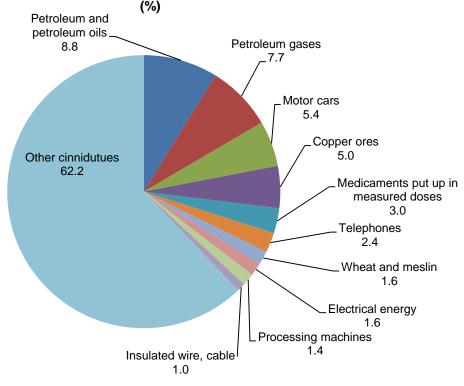
The top import commodity in January-February 2018 were Petroleum and petroleum oils imports of which amounted to USD 109.0 million and 8.8 percent of the total imports. Petroleum gases commodity group followed in the list with USD 95.8 million, or 7.7 percent of imports. Motor cars came third with USD 66.9 million (5.4 percent of imports).

Major commodity groups by imports

	January-Februa	ry 2017*	January-Februa	ary 2018*
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Imports	1 091 576.5	100.0	1 237 081.1	100.0
Of which:				
Petroleum and petroleum oils	70 334.2	6.4	108 967.3	8.8
Petroleum gases and other gaseous	102 924 7	0.4	05 920 6	7.7
hydrocarbons	102 824.7	9.4	95 830.6	7.7
Motor cars	62 849.5	5.8	66 915.9	5.4
Copper ores and concentrates	59 103.7	5.4	61 652.6	5.0
Medicaments put up in measured doses	65 532.5	6.0	36 697.6	3.0
Telephone sets, including telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks	25 716.6	2.4	29 221.1	2.4
Wheat and meslin	9 980.8	0.9	19 634.2	1.6
Electrical energy	17 540.8	1.6	19 208.9	1.6
Automatic data processing machines and units	6 527.8	0.6	17 811.5	1.4
Insulated wire, cable and other insulated electric conductors	6 000 4	0.6	12 214.4	1.0
	6 990.4			_
Other commodities	664 175.5	60.8	768 927.1	62.2

^{*}Preliminary data.

Share of major commodity groups by imports in January-February 2018*



^{*}Preliminary data.

Top trading partners by turnover

TURKEY

Exports of major commodity groups to Turkey

	January-Febru	January-February 2017*		uary 2018*
	Thsd. US	Tons	Thsd. US	Tons
	Dollars	rons	Dollars	10115
Total Exports	35 040.3		53 872.3	_
Of which:				
Copper ores and concentrates	-	-	12 709.6	9 068.9
T-shirts knitted	6 074.8	251.3	6 878.0	248.7
Ferro-alloys	5 371.7	4 797.6	5 602.5	4 656.4
Fats and oils and their fractions, of fish or				
marine mammals	1 530.6	984.5	4 167.9	2 309.7
Ferrous waste and scrap of iron or steel	-	-	3 669.6	15 373.9
Other commodities	22 063.3		20 844.7	

^{*}Preliminary data.

Imports of major commodity groups from Turkey

	January-Febru	January-February 2017*		uary 2018*
	Thsd. US	Tons	Thsd. US	Tons
	Dollars	rons	Dollars	10115
Total Imports	164 646.8		188 894.8	
Of which:				
Other tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of iron or				
steel	4 120.3	6 160.1	7 680.3	9 260.5
Other made up articles, including dress patterns	6 585.7	242.2	6 550.7	316.2
Medicaments put up in measured doses	8 905.0	113.2	5 479.9	66.5
Motor cars (unit)	3 621.7	172	5 223.6	219
Insulated wire, cable and other insulated electric	3 653.6	869.5	4 570.1	1 069.4
Other commodities	137 760.5		159 390.2	

^{*}Preliminary data.

Exports of major commodity groups to Russia

	January-February 2017*		January-Febr	uary 2018*	
	Thsd. US	Tons	Thsd. US	Tons	
	Dollars	10115	Dollars	10113	
Total Exports	58 891.8		61 919.1	_	
Of which:					
Ferro-alloys	25 395.5	20 909.3	21 492.6	18 114.5	
Wine of fresh grapes	13 196.1	4 791.5	17 730.8	6 066.5	
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and					
aerated waters, not containing added sugar	8 101.3	11 883.0	7 648.7	10 870.0	
Undenatured ethyl alcohol, spirits, liqueurs					
and other spirituous beverages	3 125.7	678.4	2 582.5	530.0	
Citrus fruit. fresh or dried	834.3	2 837.4	1 315.7	2 693.9	
Other commodities	8 239.0		11 148.8		

^{*}Preliminary data.

Imports of major commodity groups from Russia

	January-February 2017*		January-Febru	uary 2018*
·	Thsd. US	Tons	Thsd. US	Tons
	Dollars	10115	Dollars	10113
Total imports	103 645.8		136 656.0	
Of which:				
Petroleum and petroleum oils	15 377.8	27 446.5	34 248.5	56 095.8
Wheat and meslin	9 980.6	52 846.5	17 750.4	90 763.3
Petroleum gases and other gaseous	20 223.7	67 457.9	5 965.2	19 315.4
Coke and semi-coke of coal, of lignite or of				
peat, retort carbon	1 586.1	5 810.3	5 897.5	20 275.6
Sunflower oil	3 435.7	3 690.0	4 706.8	5 112.1
Other commodities	53 041.9		68 087.6	

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Exports of major commodity groups to Azerbaijan

	January-Februa	January-February 2017*		ary 2018*
	Thsd. US	Tons	Thsd. US	Tons
	Dollars		Dollars	10118
Total Exports	18 494.1		43 717.6	_
Of which:				
Motor cars (unit)	3 152.9	122	16 116.0	876
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	-	-	5 585.3	257.7
Medicaments put up in measured doses	2 096.3	229.3	4 499.9	211.5
Live bovine animals	293.8	224.6	2 324.1	1 107.9
Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel	604.3	1 405.5	2 102.8	3 987.1
Other commodities	12 346.7		13 089.4	

^{*}Preliminary data.

Imports of major commodity groups from Azerbaijan

	January-Febru	January-February 2017*		uary 2018*
	Thsd. US	Tons	Thsd. US	Tons
	Dollars	Tons	Dollars	10115
Total Imports	121 185.1		138 478.4	
Of which:				
Petroleum gases and other gaseous	82 599.3	409 811.8	89 839.7	429 748.9
Electrical energy	14 464.2		18 231.1	
Petroleum and petroleum oils	11 217.7	22 449.9	10 728.6	18 560.2
Parts suitable for use solely or principally with the				
hoisting machinery	6.2	5.0	2 991.5	408.5
Cement	590.3	12 345.9	1 998.7	38 929.8
Other commodities	12 307.3		14 688.8	

^{*}Preliminary data.

External trade balance

	Number of countries	External trade balance Mil. US Dollars	
Negative trade balance			
January-February 2017*	80	774.0	
January-February 2018*	88	838.2	
Positive trade balance			
January-February 2017*	30	38.1	
January-February 2018*	26	47.5	
Total			
January-February 2017*	110	735.9	
January-February 2018*	114	790.4	

^{*}Preliminary data.

Georgian external trade by countries in January-February 2018*

(Thsd. US Dollars)

	Exports	Imports	Balance
	(FOB)	(CIF)	
External trade – Total	446 404.3	1 237 081.1	-790 676.8
Of which: EU countries	132 524.8	314 017.3	-181 492.5
Austria	1 519.2	8 133.1	-6 613.9
Belgium	2 569.0	19 176.6	-16 607.6
Bulgaria	34 610.2	21 941.0	12 669.3
Croatia	29.7	2 037.7	-2 008.0
Cyprus	128.8	682.2	-553.3
Czech Republic	3 305.5	12 596.6	-9 291.1
Denmark	175.7	3 294.2	-3 118.5
Estonia	1 180.8	486.3	694.5
Finland	24.7	3 367.4	-3 342.7
France	14 804.1	18 342.3	-3 538.3
Germany	7 183.6	59 500.3	-52 316.6
Greece	260.5	9 696.3	-9 435.8
Hungary	81.8	5 556.5	-5 474.7
Ireland	223.9	1 332.9	-1 109.0
Italy	9 294.0	27 869.1	-18 575.1
Latvia	1 292.0	5 686.3	-4 394.4
Lithuania	17 080.1	7 072.3	10 007.7
Luxembourg	-	295.0	-295.0
Malta	2 037.7	198.8	1 838.9
Netherlands	7 143.4	24 140.2	-16 996.8
Poland	2 469.6	20 395.8	-17 926.2
Portugal	-	2 161.9	-2 161.9
Romania	20 939.9	25 868.1	-4 928.2
Slovakia	981.6	2 140.7	-1 159.1
Slovenia	602.4	1 973.4	-1 371.1
Spain	2 417.5	16 798.8	-14 381.4

	Exports	Imports	Balance
Sweden	(FOB) 1.1	(CIF) 1 205.1	-1 204.0
United Kingdom	2 168.1	12 068.4	-9 900.3
CIS countries	174 874.2	445 348.8	-270 474.6
Armenia	29 621.0	58 322.1	-28 701.0
Azerbaijan	43 717.6	138 478.4	-94 760.8
Belarus	2 454.9	8 214.2	-5 759.3
Kazakhstan	8 886.8	15 843.2	-6 956.4
Kyrgyzstan	848.6	405.7	442.8
Moldova	641.1	2 814.1	-2 173.0
Russia	61 919.1	136 656.0	-74 736.9
Tajikistan	574.1	-	574.1
Turkmenistan	1 520.7	15 945.1	-14 424.3
Ukraine	17 245.6	67 582.6	-50 337.0
Uzbekistan	7 444.7	1 087.5	6 357.2
Other countries	139 005.3	477 715.0	-338 709.7
Albania	101.2	30.3	70.9
Angola	968.0	-	968.0
Argentina	-	510.1	-510.1
Australia	235.5	311.6	-76.1
Bahrain	100.1	-	100.1
Bangladesh	0.6	34.6	-34.0
Belize	255.9	3.1	252.7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	35.5	-35.5
Brazil	1.8	4 004.2	-4 002.4
Canada	473.9	1 949.5	-1 475.6
Chile	867.3	10 431.6	-9 564.3
China	14 725.1	112 701.7	-97 976.6
Colombia	977.0	-	977.0
Costa Rica	-	31.5	-31.5
Cote d'ivoire	-	3.3	-3.3
Cuba	-	59.8	-59.8
Dominican Republic	-	8.3	-8.3
Ecuador	-	2 729.6	-2 729.6
Egypt	11.2	1 271.5	-1 260.3
Gabon	-	6 529.4	-6 529.4
Ghana	-	0.4	-0.4
Gibraltar	1.2	<u>-</u>	1.2
Hong Kong, SAR of China	412.5	17 783.4	-17 370.8
Iceland	-	1 001.1	-1 001.1
India	578.7	6 320.0	-5 741.3
Indonesia	102.5	1 643.2	-1 540.7
Iran	11 602.4	12 969.1	-1 366.7
Iraq 	426.7	27.3	399.4
Israel	1 030.3	4 469.4	-3 439.1
Japan	2 086.1	8 627.2	-6 541.1
Jordan	0.6	58.5	-57.9
Kenya	33.6	228.8	-195.2
Korea, Republic of	2 953.2	7 944.9	-4 991.7

	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance
Kuwait	200.4	1.8	198.5
Lebanon	260.2	342.2	-82.0
Libya	60.6	0.8	59.8
Liechtenstein	-	109.4	-109.4
Macedonia (FYR)	-	44.0	-44.0
Malawi	-	164.3	-164.3
Malaysia	22.0	1 197.1	-1 175.1
Marshall Islands	-	42.7	-42.7
Martinique	28.8	-	28.8
Mexico	-	715.9	-715.9
Mongolia	222.9	8.2	214.8
Montenegro	121.0	-	121.0
Morocco	89.0	215.6	-126.6
Nepal	-	0.4	-0.4
New Zealand	-	64.4	-64.4
Nigeria	5.5	-	5.5
Norway	-	829.6	-829.6
Oman	-	19.2	-19.2
Pakistan	59.2	1 106.5	-1 047.3
Peru	3 295.7	53.5	3 242.2
Philippines	-	44.2	-44.2
Qatar	184.0	351.7	-167.7
San Marino	-	34.7	-34.7
Saudi Arabia	3.5	164.3	-160.8
Serbia	3.3	622.6	-619.3
Singapore	1 757.9	2 265.7	-507.8
South Africa	47.8	2 643.3	-2 595.5
Sri Lanka	21.5	289.6	-268.1
Sudan	28.1	-	28.1
Switzerland	13 007.9	5 438.9	7 569.0
Syrian	4.1	42.2	-38.1
Taiwan, Province of China	1 413.5	1 020.4	393.1
Thailand	106.9	2 893.8	-2 786.9
Trinidad and Tobago	15.5	-	15.5
Tunisia	282.5	-	282.5
Turkey	53 872.3	188 894.8	-135 022.5
United Arab Emirates	5 164.9	21 626.3	-16 461.4
United States	20 302.2	43 324.6	-23 022.4
Uruguay	121.6	257.5	-135.9
Viet Nam	357.2	1 152.1	-794.8
Zambia	-	13.2	-13.2
Zimbabwe	-	0.5	-0.5

^{*}Preliminary data.

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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 Nº4);
- 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.