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2018

JANUARY-MAY

(PRELIMINARY RESULTS)

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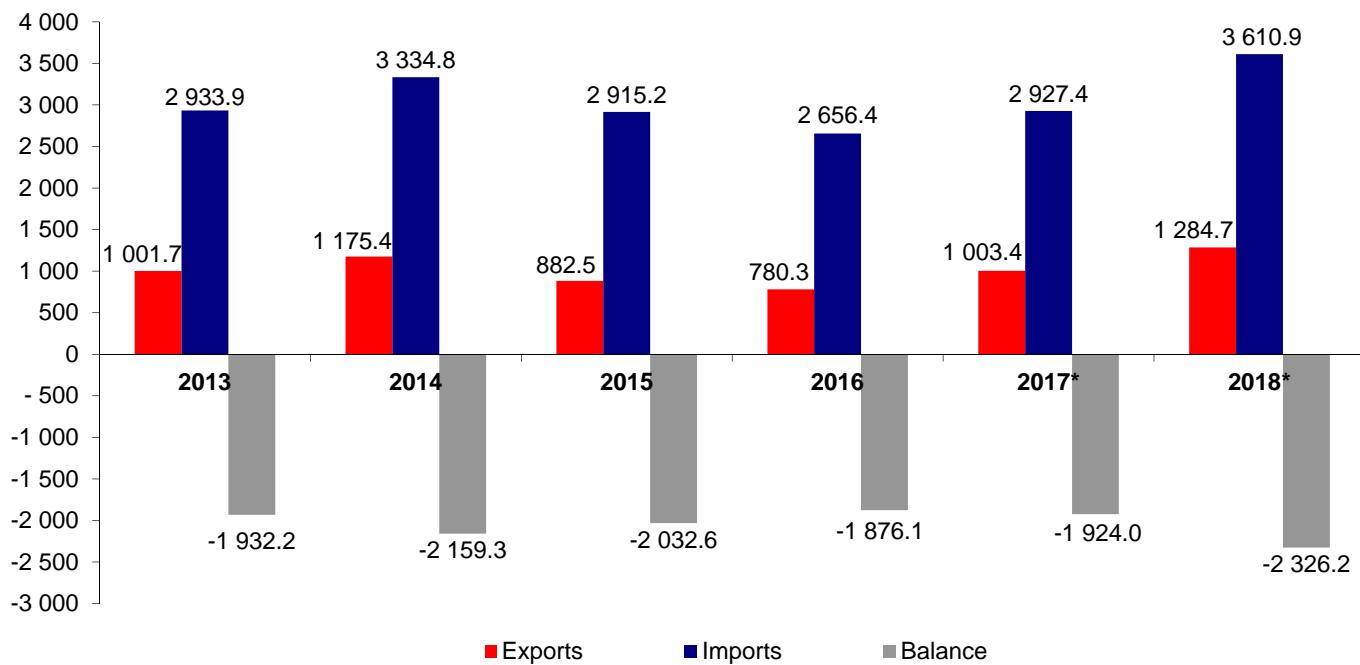
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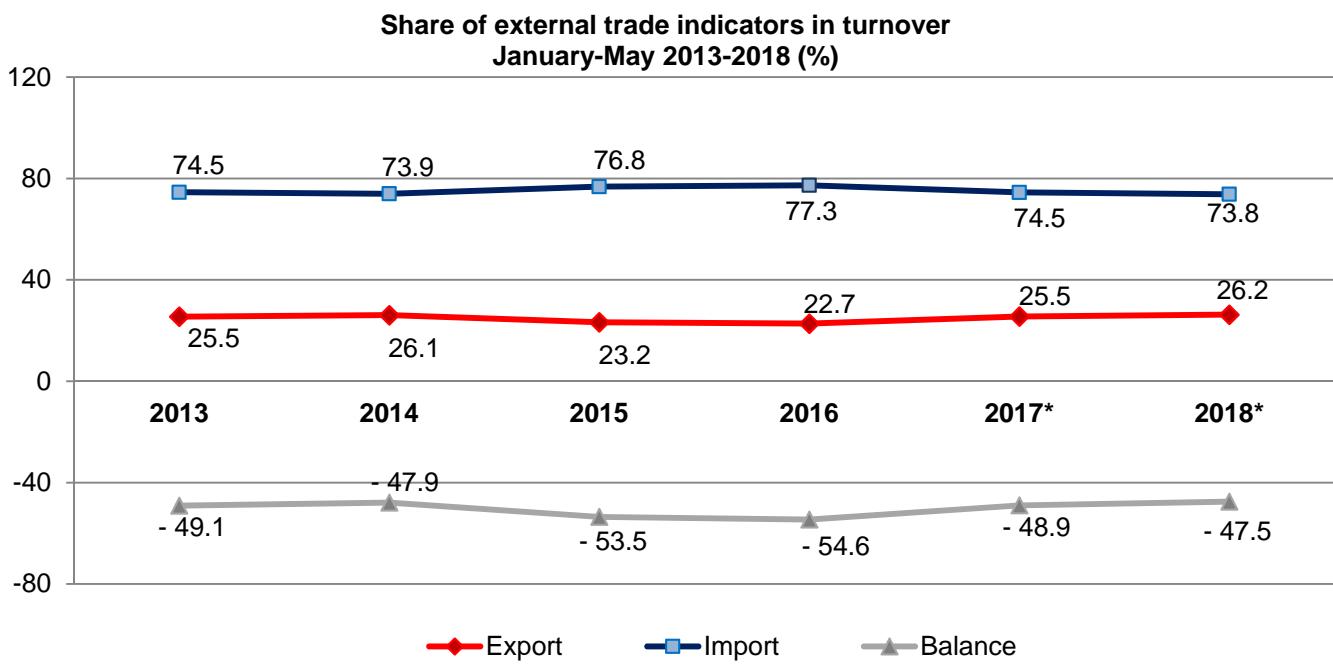
In January-May 2018 external merchandise trade (excluding non-declared trade) of Georgia amounted to USD 4 895.6 million, 24.5 percent higher year-on-year. The exports equaled USD 1 284.7 million (28.0 percent higher), while the imports stood at USD 3 610.9 million (23.4 percent higher). The negative trade balance was USD 2 326.2 million in January-May 2018 and its share in external trade turnover constituted 47.5 percent. Export excluding re-export amounted to USD 924.8 million, 15.6 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-May
2013-2018
(Million US Dollars)**

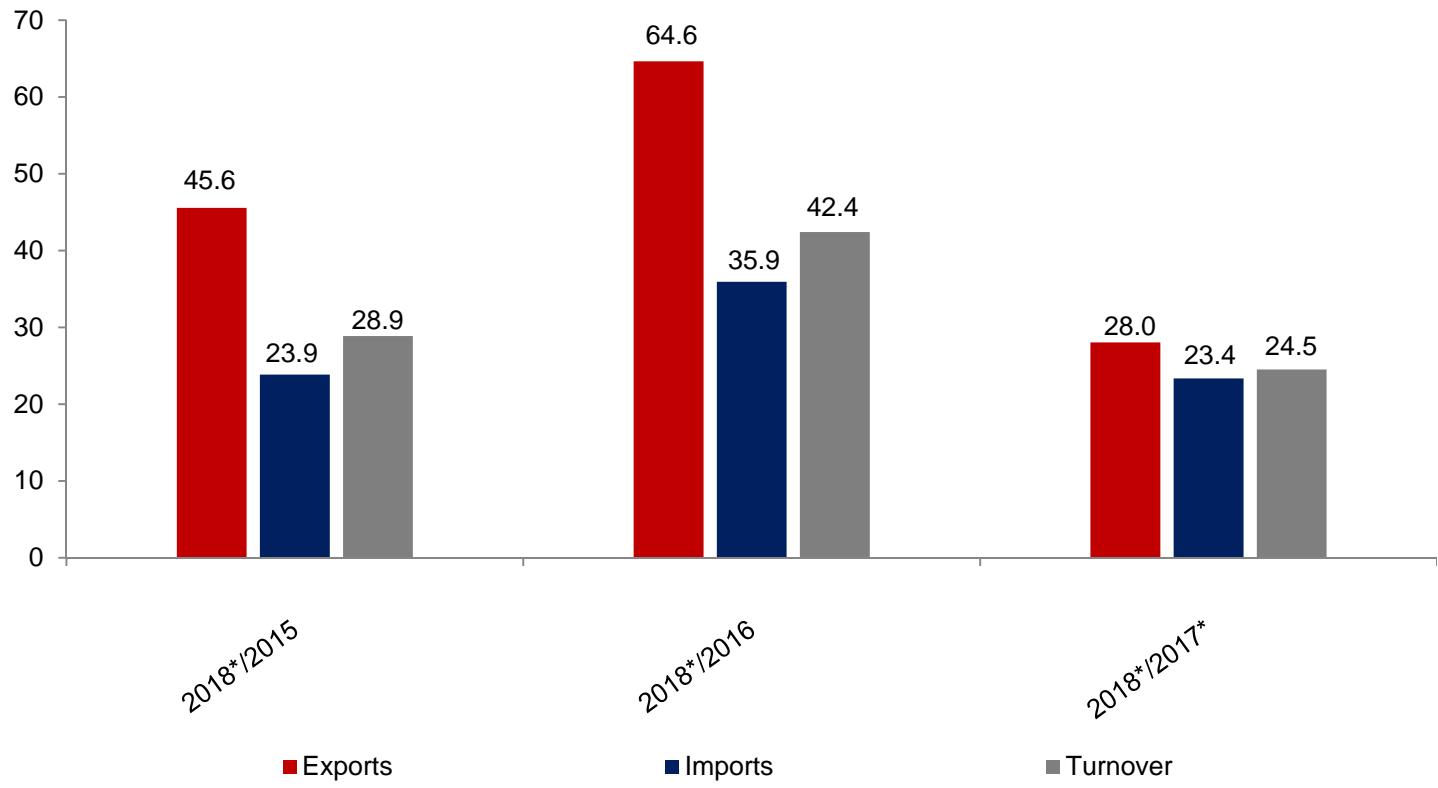


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Percentage changes January-May 2018 compared to the same period of the previous years (%)



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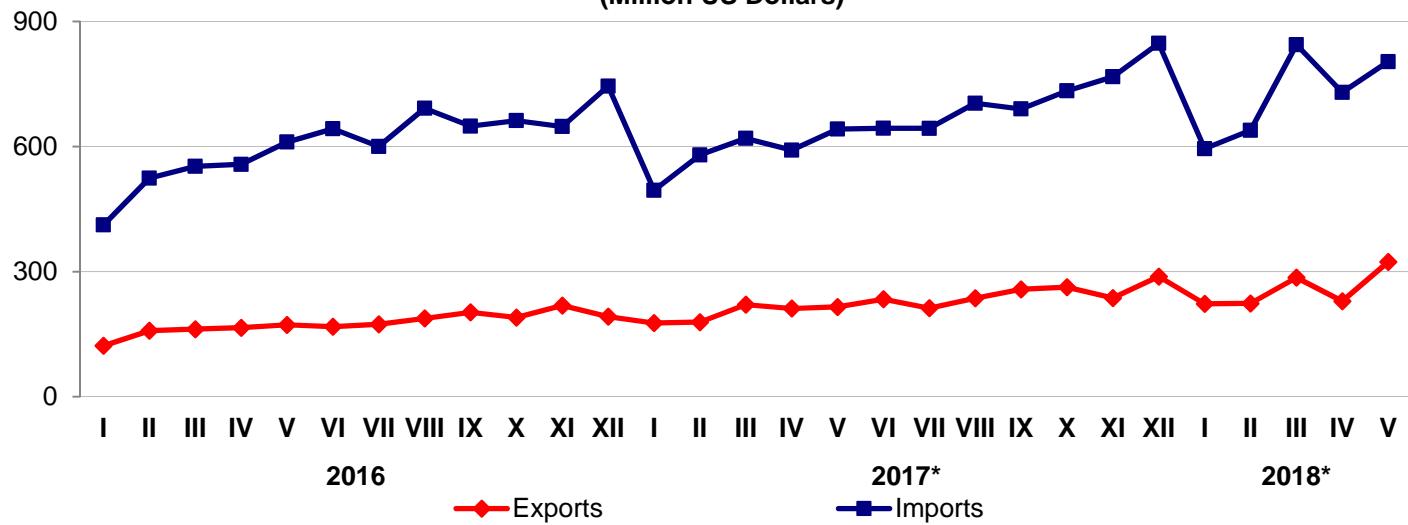
The table below shows monthly data for 2016-2018 exports and imports in absolute indicators and their changes (in percentage) compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

Exports and imports of Georgia

		Exports		Imports	
		Thsd. US Dollars	Changes m-o-m (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Changes m-o-m (%)
2016	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
	June	167 996.4	-15.4	642 542.5	5.8
	July	173 586.4	-7.2	600 172.7	3.1
	August	187 931.1	-1.3	691 719.6	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	647 979.7	12.5
	December	192 184.1	4.1	744 734.3	1.4
2017*	January	176 774.5	44.7	495 048.8	20.2
	February	178 910.1	13.0	579 709.7	10.6
	March	220 843.6	36.3	619 539.0	12.2
	April	211 605.9	27.9	591 228.6	6.1
	May	215 233.6	24.9	641 837.4	5.1
	June	234 000.3	39.3	643 764.9	0.2
	July	212 474.8	22.4	643 384.2	7.2
	August	236 122.3	25.6	703 650.9	1.7
	September	257 521.1	27.3	690 080.8	6.4
	October	262 736.8	38.3	733 384.9	10.8
	November	236 697.7	8.2	767 218.6	18.4
	December	288 236.7	50.0	847 398.9	13.8
2018*	January	222 730.2	26.0	594 737.6	20.1
	February	223 674.1	25.0	638 812.6	10.2
	March	285 793.7	29.4	844 149.0	36.3
	April	229 156.8	8.3	729 797.5	23.4
	May	323 345.4	50.2	803 426.8	25.2

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**Exports and imports dynamics by months, 2016-2018
(Million US Dollars)**

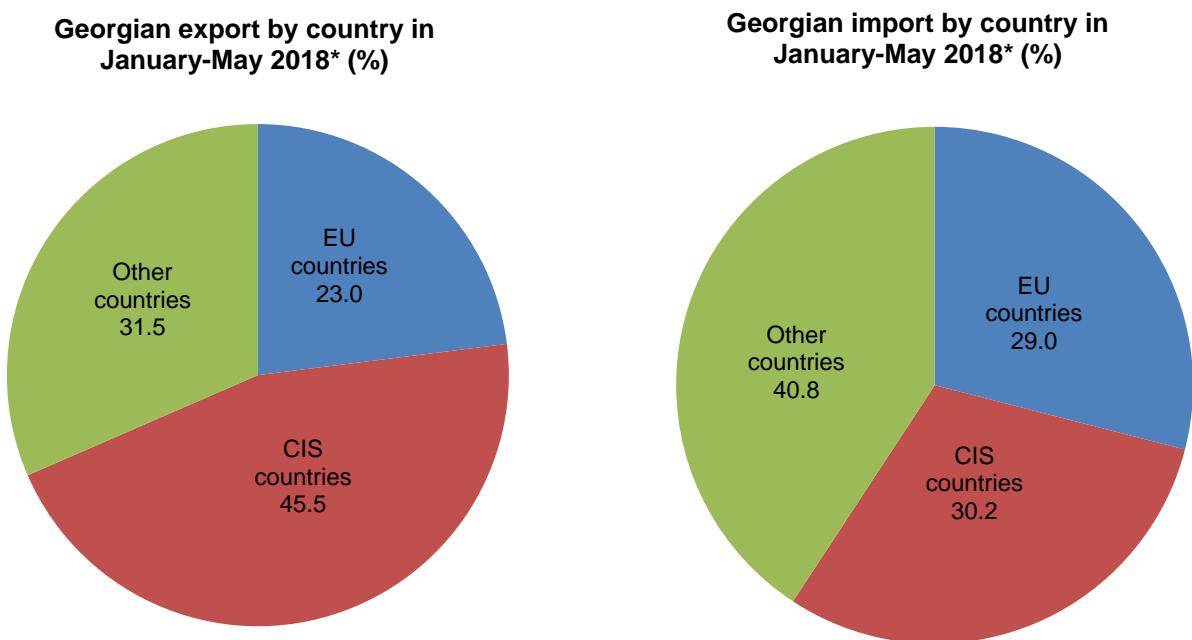


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In January-May 2018 the external trade turnover of Georgia with the EU countries amounted to USD 1 342.8 million, grew by 23.0 percent compared to the corresponding indicator of the previous year. Exports amounted to USD 295.7 million (13.7 percent higher), while imports amounted to USD 1 047.1 million (25.9 percent higher). The share of these countries in the external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 27.4 percent, 23.0 percent in exports and 29.0 percent in imports (in January-May 2017 27.8, 25.9 and 28.4 percent correspondingly). 32.3 percent of the trade deficit came to the EU countries (29.7 percent in January-May 2017).

In January-May 2018 the external trade turnover of Georgia with the CIS countries totaled USD 1 676.2 million (higher by 32.6 percent compared to the January-May 2017). Exports stood at USD 584.0 million (52.3 percent higher), while imports equaled USD 1 092.3 million (24.0 percent higher). The share of the CIS countries in the external trade turnover of Georgia constituted 34.2 percent, 45.5 percent in exports and 30.2 percent in imports (In January-May 2017 32.2, 38.2 and 30.1 percent, respectively). In January-May 2018 compared to previous year, CIS countries accounted for 21.9 percent of the overall trade deficit (25.9 percent in January-May 2017).

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



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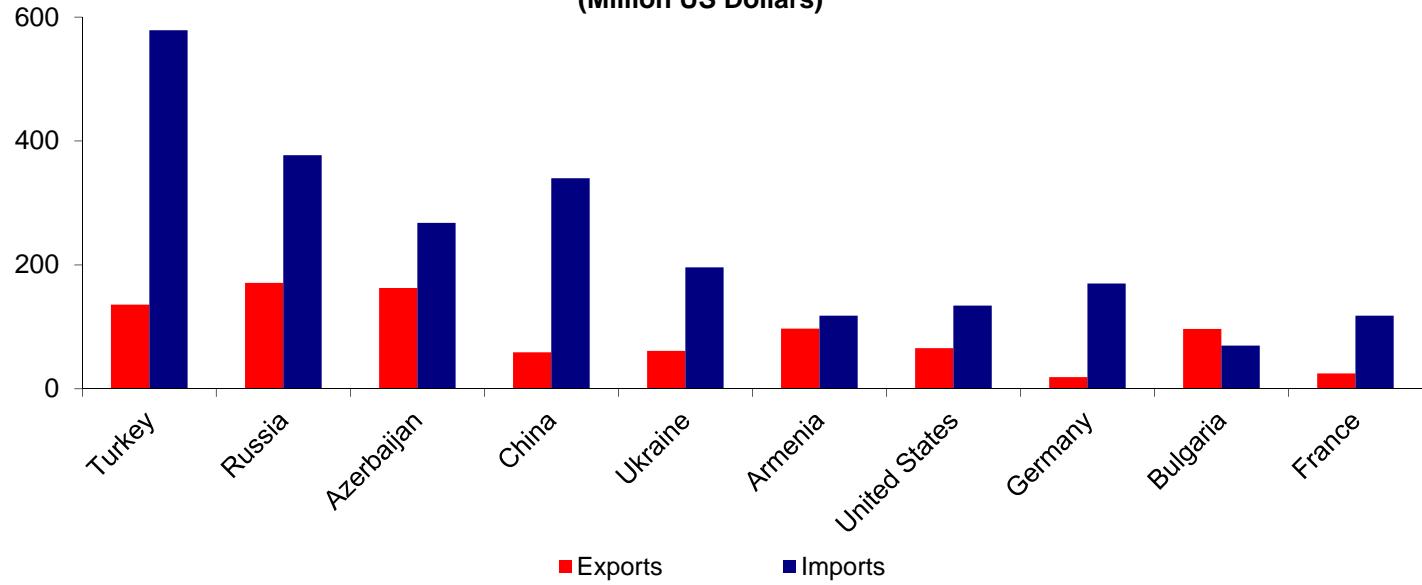
In January-May 2018 share of the top ten trading partners in the total external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 66.6 percent. The top trading partners were Turkey (USD 714.8 million), Russia (USD 548.2 million) and Azerbaijan (USD 430.5 million).

Top trading partners by turnover in January-May 2018*

	Exports		Imports		Turnover	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total	1 284 700.2	100.0	3 610 923.4	100.0	4 895 623.6	100.0
Of which:						
Turkey	135 993.1	10.6	578 833.1	16.0	714 826.2	14.6
Russia	171 005.9	13.3	377 180.9	10.4	548 186.8	11.2
Azerbaijan	162 743.6	12.7	267 773.1	7.4	430 516.8	8.8
China	58 813.5	4.6	340 040.1	9.4	398 853.6	8.1
Ukraine	61 316.9	4.8	195 986.5	5.4	257 303.5	5.3
Armenia	97 217.7	7.6	117 978.1	3.3	215 195.8	4.4
United States	65 490.0	5.1	134 298.5	3.7	199 788.5	4.1
Germany	18 800.4	1.5	170 003.0	4.7	188 803.4	3.9
Bulgaria	96 741.6	7.5	69 691.5	1.9	166 433.1	3.4
France	24 861.6	1.9	118 114.9	3.3	142 976.6	2.9
Other countries	391 715.7	30.5	1 241 023.7	34.4	1 632 739.4	33.4

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Top trading partners by turnover in January-May 2018* (Million US Dollars)



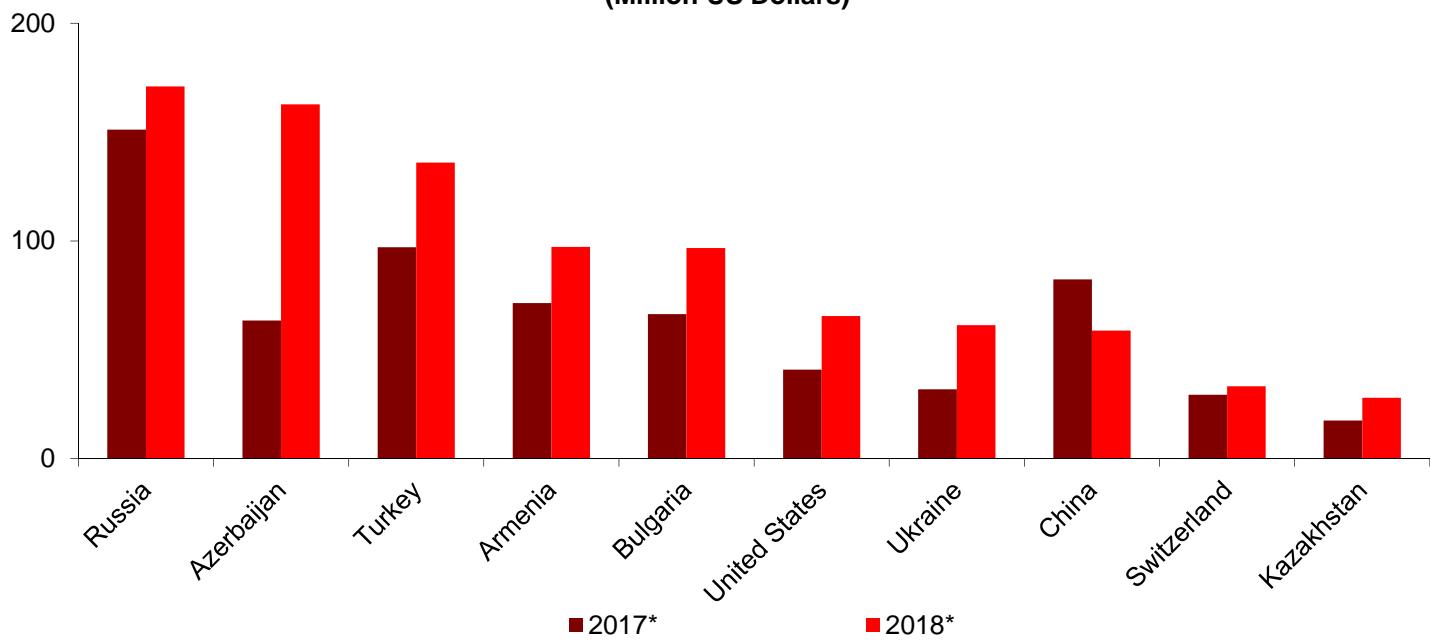
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Top trading partners by exports in January-May 2018

	January-May 2017*		January-May 2018*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Exports	1 003 367.6	100.0	1 284 700.2	100.0
Of which:				
Russia	151 092.8	15.1	171 005.9	13.3
Azerbaijan	63 450.6	6.3	162 743.6	12.7
Turkey	97 068.8	9.7	135 993.1	10.6
Armenia	71 474.7	7.1	97 217.7	7.6
Bulgaria	66 401.0	6.6	96 741.6	7.5
United States	40 867.8	4.1	65 490.0	5.1
Ukraine	31 827.2	3.2	61 316.9	4.8
China	82 314.6	8.2	58 813.5	4.6
Switzerland	29 301.0	2.9	33 254.6	2.6
Kazakhstan	17 520.2	1.7	27 954.4	2.2
Other countries	352 048.9	35.1	374 168.8	29.1

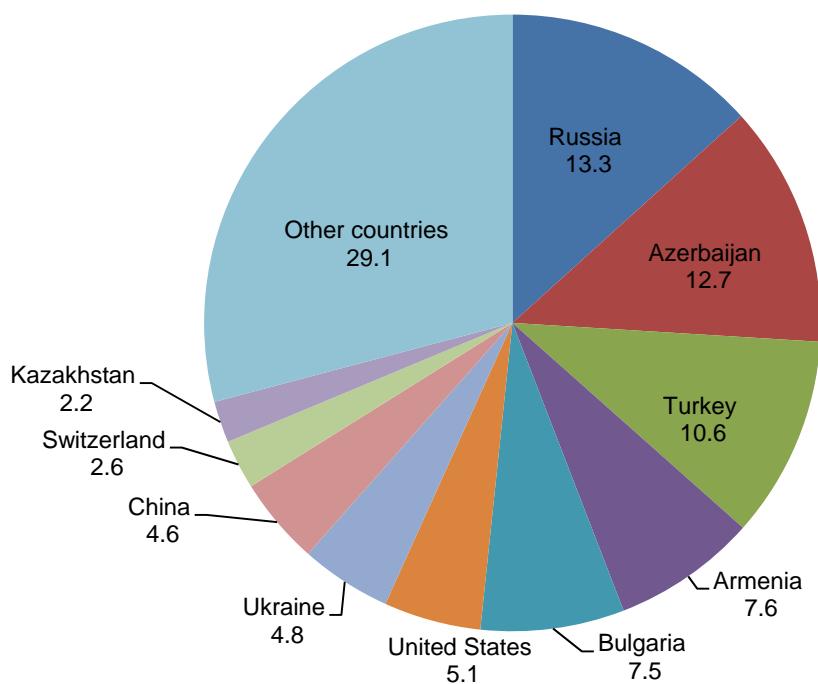
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Top trading partners by exports in January-May 2017-2018 (Million US Dollars)



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



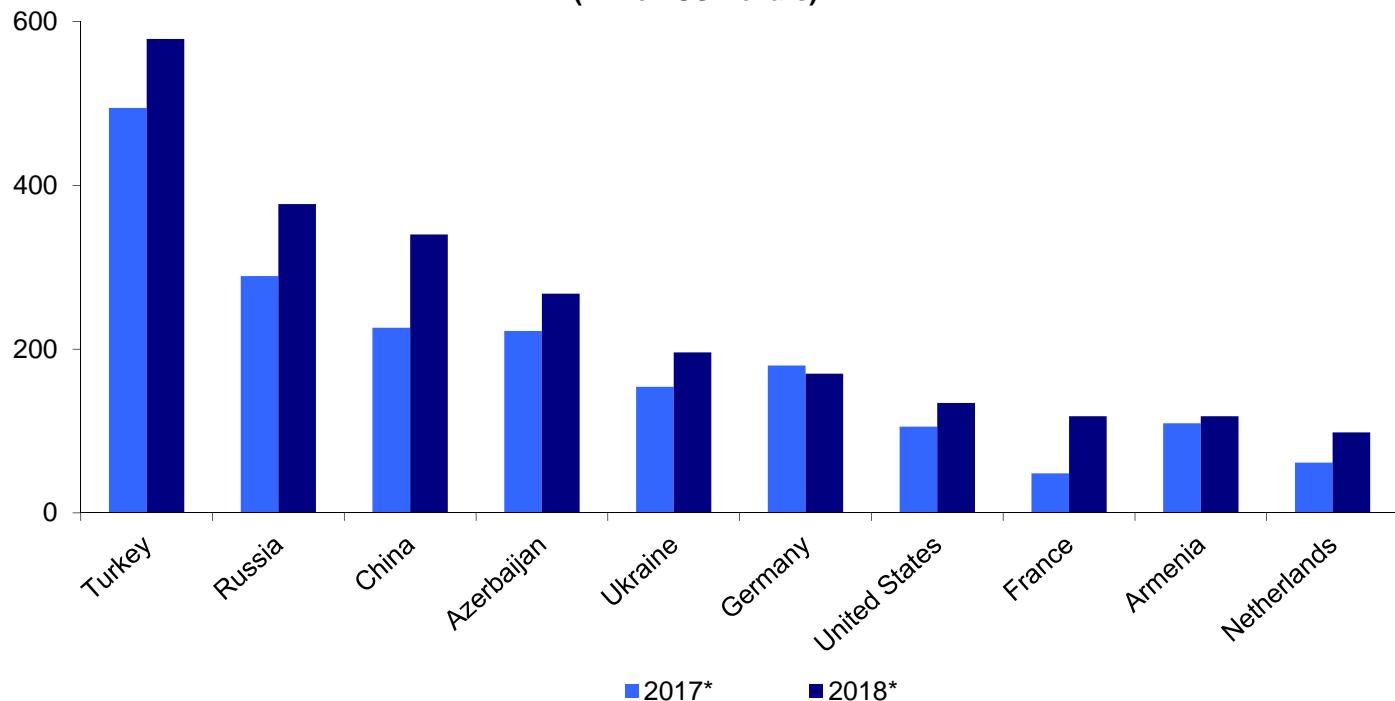
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Top trading partners by imports in January-May 2018

	January-May 2017*		January-May 2018*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Imports	2 927 363.5	100.0	3 610 923.4	100.0
Of which:				
Turkey	494 686.7	16.9	578 833.1	16.0
Russia	289 208.2	9.9	377 180.9	10.4
China	226 027.0	7.7	340 040.1	9.4
Azerbaijan	222 228.5	7.6	267 773.1	7.4
Ukraine	153 917.0	5.3	195 986.5	5.4
Germany	180 027.1	6.1	170 003.0	4.7
United States	105 364.4	3.6	134 298.5	3.7
France	48 213.7	1.6	118 114.9	3.3
Armenia	109 480.9	3.7	117 978.1	3.3
Netherlands	61 324.3	2.1	98 272.9	2.7
Other countries	1 036 885.8	35.4	1 212 442.3	33.6

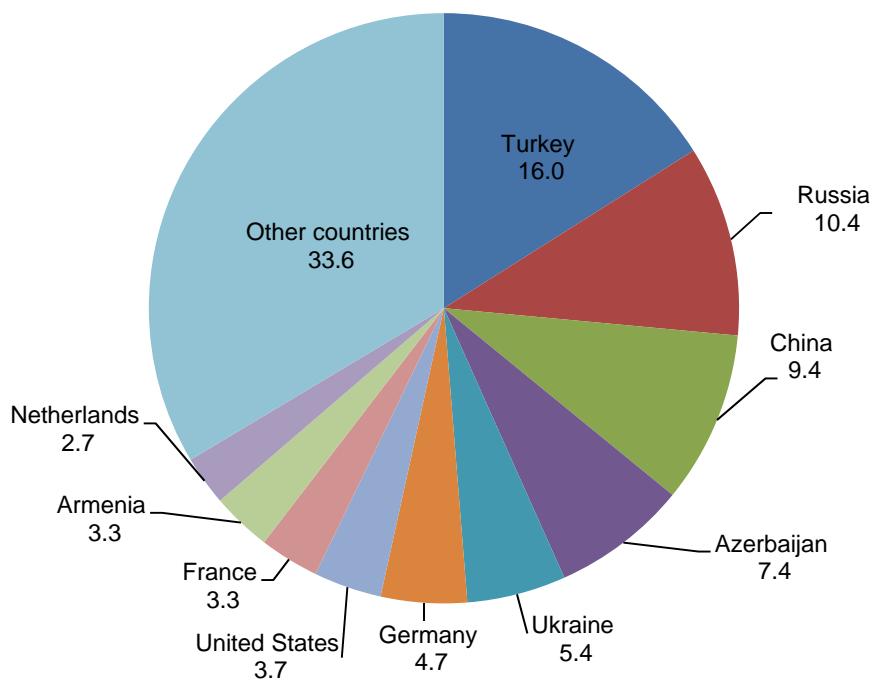
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Top trading partners by imports in January-May 2017-2018
(Million US Dollars)



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



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Major commodity groups by exports and imports

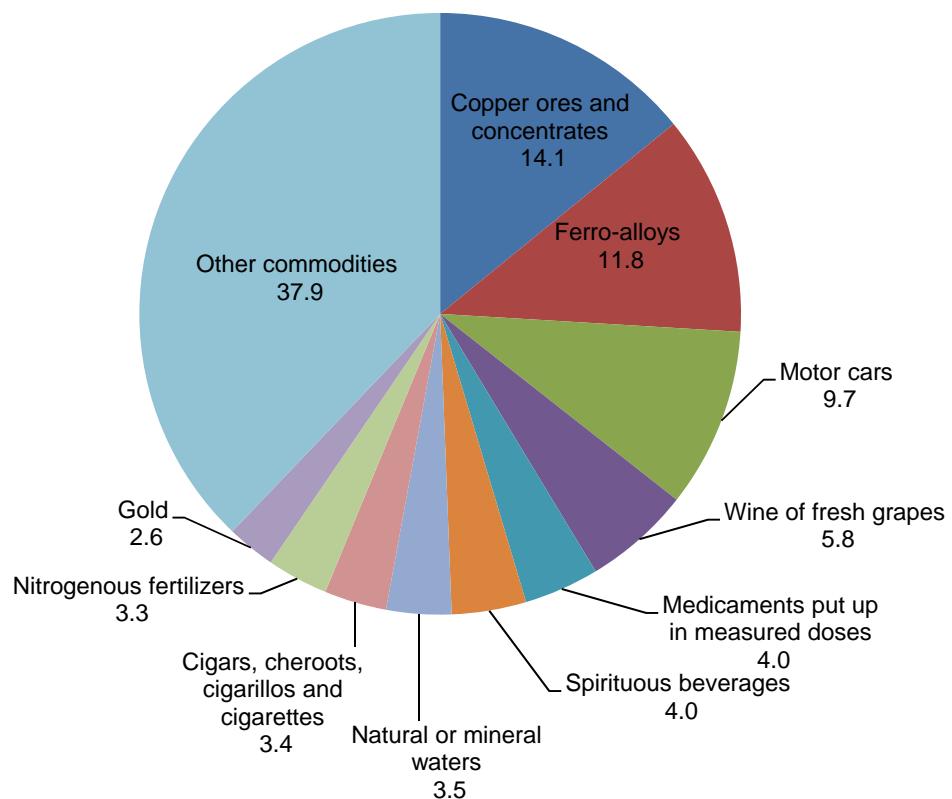
In January-May 2018 Copper ores and concentrates reclaimed the first place in the list of top export items, equaling USD 181.6 million, or 14.1 percent of total exports. Exports Ferro-alloys of totaled USD 151.8 million and its share in the total exports amounted to 11.8 percent. Motor cars occupied the third place. Exports of this commodity group stood at USD 124.0 million and 9.7 percent of the total exports.

Major commodity groups by exports

	January-May 2017*		January-May 2018*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Exports	1 003 367.6	100.0	1 284 700.2	100.0
Of which:				
Copper ores and concentrates	170 102.9	17.0	181 575.9	14.1
Ferro-alloys	123 580.9	12.3	151 787.8	11.8
Motor cars	67 733.5	6.8	123 988.3	9.7
Wine of fresh grapes	54 130.9	5.4	73 933.7	5.8
Medicaments put up in measured doses	54 619.4	5.4	51 878.1	4.0
Undenatured ethyl alcohol, spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages	41 616.2	4.1	51 306.5	4.0
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters, not containing added sugar	38 806.2	3.9	44 959.3	3.5
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	2 824.9	0.3	43 045.1	3.4
Mineral or chemical fertilizers, nitrogenous	31 625.9	3.2	42 153.6	3.3
Gold unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms, or in powder form	29 251.0	2.9	33 588.2	2.6
Other commodities	389 075.8	38.8	486 483.6	37.9

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



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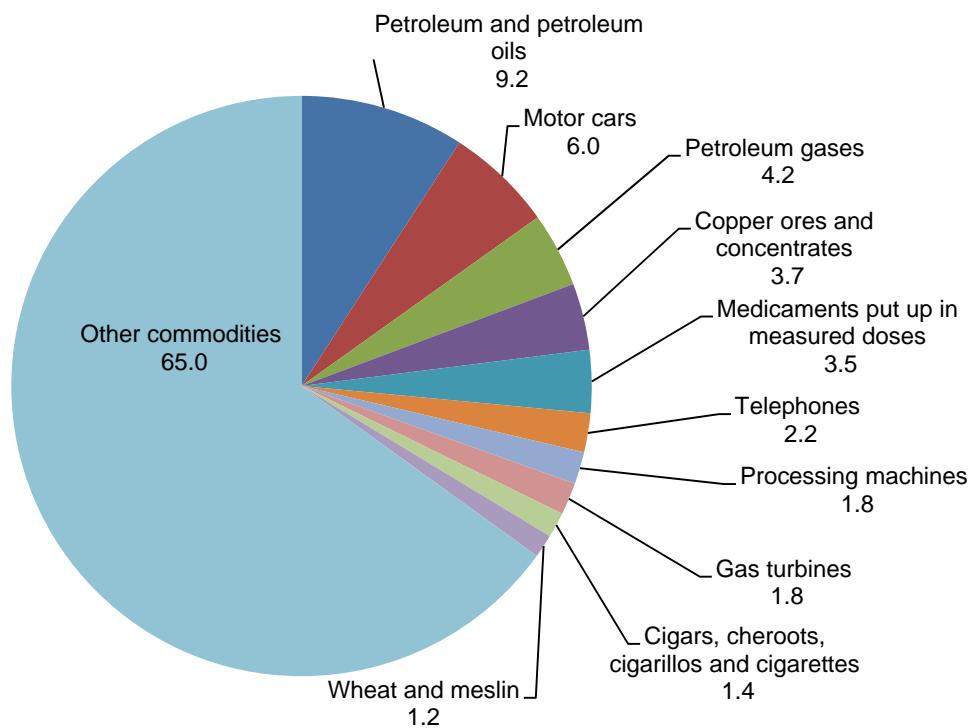
The top import commodities in January-May 2018 were Petroleum and petroleum oils imports of which amounted to USD 330.8 million and 9.2 percent of the total imports. Motor cars followed in the list with USD 215.6 million, or 6.0 percent of imports. Petroleum gases came third with USD 150.0 million (4.2 percent of imports).

Major commodity groups by imports

	January-May 2017*		January-May 2018*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Imports	2 927 363.5	100.0	3 610 923.4	100.0
Of which:				
Petroleum and petroleum oils	238 347.5	8.1	330 775.4	9.2
Motor cars	190 889.6	6.5	215 646.1	6.0
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	148 932.0	5.1	150 006.5	4.2
Copper ores and concentrates	139 600.1	4.8	134 161.6	3.7
Medicaments put up in measured doses	138 820.9	4.7	126 246.2	3.5
Telephone sets, including telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks	71 665.4	2.4	78 554.7	2.2
Automatic data processing machines and units thereof	28 866.9	1.0	64 618.1	1.8
Turbo-jets, turbo-propellers and other gas turbines	7 984.0	0.3	64 372.8	1.8
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	25 454.9	0.9	50 926.4	1.4
Wheat and meslin	37 911.9	1.3	46 825.5	1.3
Other commodities	1 898 890.3	64.9	2 348 790.1	65.0

*Preliminary data.

Share of major commodity groups by imports in January-May 2018*
(%)



*Preliminary data.

Top trading partners by turnover

TURKEY

Exports of major commodity groups to Turkey

	January-May 2017*		January-May 2018*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Exports	97 068.8		135 993.1	
Of which:				
T-shirts knitted	23 416.3	768.8	19 295.9	708.7
Copper ores and concentrates	-	-	18 485.9	13 564.2
Ferro-alloys	10 421.5	9 656.7	17 037.9	13 857.2
Semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel	10 340.8	27 754.7	13 958.0	28 606.4
Flours, meals and pellets, unfit for human consumption; greaves	6 871.7	4 898.5	9 417.0	6 262.5
Other commodities	46 018.4		57 798.4	

*Preliminary data.

Imports of major commodity groups from Turkey

	January-May 2017*		January-May 2018*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Imports	494 686.7		578 833.1	
Of which:				
Other tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of iron or steel	13 031.6	19 491.6	22 253.4	27 087.0
Medicaments put up in measured doses	22 967.3	297.4	20 715.7	254.3
Other made up articles, including dress patterns	15 912.8	598.6	15 873.4	818.7
Motor cars (unit)	6 823.4	371	14 899.8	627
Insulated wire, cable and other insulated electric conductors	12 026.6	2 787.7	12 859.0	3 020.8
Other commodities	423 924.9		492 231.9	

*Preliminary data.

Exports of major commodity groups to Russia

	January-May 2017*		January-May 2018*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Exports	151 092.8		171 005.9	
Of which:				
Ferro-alloys	60 351.2	51 746.6	57 820.0	47 299.3
Wine of fresh grapes	30 580.2	11 372.6	45 105.4	15 558.5
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters, not containing added sugar	18 870.0	28 140.4	21 138.8	30 684.7
Undenatured ethyl alcohol, spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages	7 692.7	1 892.1	7 375.6	2 002.9
Centrifuges; filtering or purifying machinery, for liquids or gases	8.4	0.3	4 431.4	4.7
Other commodities	33 590.2		35 134.7	

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Imports of major commodity groups from Russia

	January-May 2017*		January-May 2018*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total imports	289 208.2		377 180.9	
Of which:				
Petroleum and petroleum oils	38 939.1	71 397.4	81 658.9	129 864.7
Wheat and meslin	37 907.6	195 840.5	42 367.6	217 204.3
Coke and semi-coke of coal, of lignite or of peat, retort carbon	5 313.3	19 568.3	16 739.3	61 229.3
Sunflower oil	12 085.2	13 508.8	13 497.4	14 832.9
Coal; briquettes and similar solid fuels manufactured from coal	7 208.5	69 172.1	11 857.5	114 005.0
Other commodities	187 754.5		211 060.2	

*Preliminary data.

AZERBAIJAN

Exports of major commodity groups to Azerbaijan

	January-May 2017*		January-May 2018*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Exports	63 450.6		162 743.6	
Of which:				
Motor cars (unit)	14 406.5	556	54 099.0	2 786
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	-	-	30 627.8	1 647.2
Medicaments put up in measured doses	7 096.5	533.9	13 875.5	1 036.7
Live bovine animals	1 516.0	1 138.4	5 865.5	2 751.6
Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel	3 190.0	7 341.2	4 543.3	8 219.7
Other commodities	37 241.5		53 732.6	

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Imports of major commodity groups from Azerbaijan

	January-May 2017*		January-May 2018*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Imports	222 228.5		267 773.1	
Of which:				
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	116 897.8	681 533.3	142 548.5	794 155.9
Petroleum and petroleum oils	30 928.3	64 236.2	41 333.0	68 935.6
Electrical energy	28 324.6	...	26 511.4	...
Cement	3 474.8	74 269.0	7 028.1	138 817.6
Gypsum; anhydrite; plasters	5 338.4	44 194.6	5 726.0	46 871.5
Other commodities	37 264.6		44 626.1	

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External trade balance

	Number of countries	External trade balance Mil. US Dollars
Negative trade balance		
January-May 2017*	89	2 003.1
January-May 2018*	95	2 427.2
Positive trade balance		
January-May 2017*	35	79.1
January-May 2018*	34	101.0
Total		
January-May 2017*	124	1 924.1
January-May 2018*	129	2 326.2

*Preliminary data.

Georgian external trade by countries in January-May 2018*

	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance
External trade – Total	1 284 700.2	3 610 923.4	-2 326 223.2
Of which:			
EU countries	295 701.7	1 047 081.6	-751 379.9
Austria	5 347.4	26 930.5	-21 583.0
Belgium	7 451.2	81 022.6	-73 571.4
Bulgaria	96 741.6	69 691.5	27 050.2
Croatia	58.7	5 083.7	-5 025.1
Cyprus	486.5	2 123.3	-1 636.8
Czech Republic	5 677.4	34 664.3	-28 986.9
Denmark	277.9	7 876.8	-7 599.0
Estonia	1 755.8	2 008.1	-252.4
Finland	123.8	7 480.7	-7 356.9
France	24 861.6	118 114.9	-93 253.3
Germany	18 800.4	170 003.0	-151 202.6
Greece	1 195.3	31 943.5	-30 748.1
Hungary	206.7	19 363.7	-19 157.0
Ireland	349.4	3 390.4	-3 041.0
Italy	16 983.6	91 693.4	-74 709.8
Latvia	4 217.7	12 833.5	-8 615.8
Lithuania	24 506.9	19 312.1	5 194.8
Luxembourg	0.0	859.7	-859.7
Malta	12 882.6	891.9	11 990.8
Netherlands	19 499.9	98 272.9	-78 773.1
Poland	6 397.0	57 493.7	-51 096.7
Portugal	-	5 520.3	-5 520.3
Romania	27 375.0	81 093.2	-53 718.3
Slovakia	1 375.7	4 882.0	-3 506.3
Slovenia	1 673.1	8 572.4	-6 899.3

	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance
Spain	12 546.4	45 885.3	-33 338.9
Sweden	21.7	3 915.0	-3 893.3
United Kingdom	4 888.4	36 159.2	-31 270.8
CIS countries	583 951.4	1 092 261.8	-508 310.4
Armenia	97 217.7	117 978.1	-20 760.4
Azerbaijan	162 743.6	267 773.1	-105 029.5
Belarus	10 904.5	21 507.9	-10 603.4
Kazakhstan	27 954.4	34 717.2	-6 762.7
Kyrgyzstan	5 029.8	961.4	4 068.3
Moldova	1 504.5	6 396.6	-4 892.1
Russia	171 005.9	377 180.9	-206 175.0
Tajikistan	2 566.8	-	2 566.8
Turkmenistan	16 392.4	65 602.7	-49 210.3
Ukraine	61 316.9	195 986.5	-134 669.6
Uzbekistan	27 314.7	4 157.3	23 157.5
Other countries	405 047.1	1 471 580.0	-1 066 532.9
Afghanistan	76.0	8.4	67.6
Albania	179.0	49.4	129.6
Algeria	-	4.2	-4.2
Angola	2 014.1	-	2 014.1
Argentina	81.5	2 339.9	-2 258.4
Australia	419.5	567.8	-148.3
Bahrain	100.5	0.6	99.9
Bangladesh	0.6	449.7	-449.1
Belize	255.9	56.0	199.9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	43.9	-43.9
Brazil	1.8	29 942.7	-29 940.9
Canada	7 601.6	8 464.5	-863.0
Chile	2 256.1	21 173.4	-18 917.3
China	58 813.5	340 040.1	-281 226.5
Colombia	1 985.1	88.8	1 896.3
Costa Rica	-	120.3	-120.3
Cote d'Ivoire	0.4	3.3	-2.9
Cuba	-	108.8	-108.8
Dominican Republic	-	8.3	-8.3
Ecuador	-	7 866.7	-7 866.7
Egypt	1 605.6	3 357.6	-1 752.0
Ethiopia	-	189.5	-189.5
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	-	133.1	-133.1
Gabon	-	6 529.4	-6 529.4
Gambia	-	1.6	-1.6
Ghana	12.7	0.6	12.1
Gibraltar	1.2	-	1.2
Guatemala	3 061.5	-	3 061.5
Hong Kong, SAR of China	2 224.7	55 298.8	-53 074.1
Iceland	70.0	1 765.6	-1 695.6
India	1 959.4	18 444.8	-16 485.4
Indonesia	102.5	4 329.5	-4 227.0
Iran	26 920.0	48 302.7	-21 382.7

	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance
Iraq	5 810.1	194.7	5 615.4
Israel	3 153.5	13 173.0	-10 019.5
Japan	4 471.6	24 692.6	-20 221.0
Jordan	28.8	325.7	-296.8
Kenya	157.0	452.3	-295.3
Korea, Republic of	7 634.5	23 670.1	-16 035.6
Kuwait	797.9	13.8	784.1
Lebanon	629.4	433.5	195.9
Libya	144.7	317.2	-172.5
Liechtenstein	-	220.6	-220.6
Macau	9.4	-	9.4
Macedonia (FYR)	141.8	273.1	-131.3
Malawi	-	164.3	-164.3
Malaysia	86.9	4 283.3	-4 196.4
Maldives	3.1	-	3.1
Marshall Islands	-	42.7	-42.7
Martinique	28.8	-	28.8
Mexico	181.4	1 266.7	-1 085.3
Monaco	0.4	2.2	-1.8
Mongolia	559.1	8.2	551.0
Montenegro	248.5	29.6	218.9
Morocco	982.7	467.0	515.7
Nepal	-	8.8	-8.8
New Zealand	-	822.8	-822.8
Nicaragua	-	14.3	-14.3
Nigeria	62.5	0.3	62.2
Norway	344.3	2 478.4	-2 134.1
Oman	9.9	62.6	-52.7
Pakistan	154.2	1 610.4	-1 456.1
Panama	709.6	-	709.6
Peru	6 653.1	53.5	6 599.6
Philippines	66.5	311.0	-244.5
Qatar	608.8	440.3	168.5
San Marino	-	95.3	-95.3
Saudi Arabia	552.3	330.1	222.2
Serbia	7.5	2 919.8	-2 912.4
Seychelles	-	67.6	-67.6
Singapore	4 036.8	10 829.4	-6 792.6
South Africa	129.5	13 323.1	-13 193.6
Sri Lanka	21.9	917.9	-896.0
Sudan	216.2	11.0	205.2
Suriname	-	49.1	-49.1
Switzerland	33 254.6	31 415.7	1 838.9
Syrian	34.7	89.0	-54.4
Taiwan, Province of China	1 949.8	3 120.3	-1 170.5
Tanzania	609.2	3.9	605.3
Thailand	256.8	8 154.0	-7 897.2
Trinidad and Tobago	15.5	-	15.5

	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance
Tunisia	1 124.6	-	1 124.6
Turkey	135 993.1	578 833.1	-442 840.0
United Arab Emirates	15 059.8	57 537.1	-42 477.3
United States	65 490.0	134 298.5	-68 808.4
Uruguay	281.3	717.4	-436.1
Viet Nam	2 591.6	3 256.5	-664.8
Virgin Islands, British	-	73.6	-73.6
Zambia	-	13.2	-13.2
Zimbabwe	0.2	1.5	-1.3

*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 №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.