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## EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE GEORGIA

# 2019

JANUARY-APRIL

(PRELIMINARY RESULTS)

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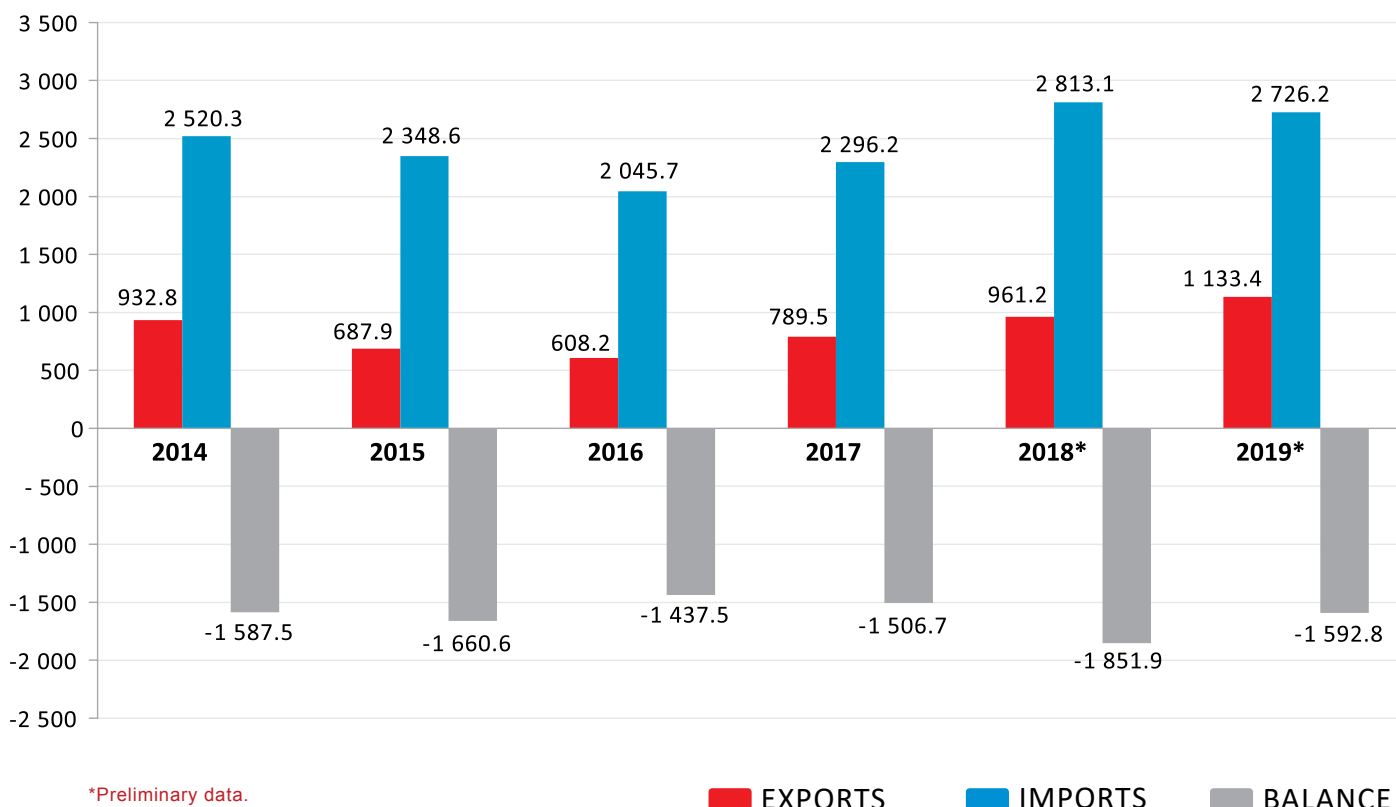
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### EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE OF GEORGIA IN JANUARY-APRIL 2019 (PRELIMINARY)

In January-April 2019 the external merchandise trade (excluding non-declared trade) of Georgia amounted to USD 3 859.6 million, 2.3 percent higher year-on-year. The exports equaled USD 1 133.4 million (17.9 percent higher), while the imports stood at USD 2 726.2 million (3.1 percent lower). The negative trade balance was USD 1 592.8 million in January-April 2019 and its share in external trade turnover constituted 41.3 percent. The exports excluding re-exports amounted to USD 739.9 million, 8.4 percent higher year-on-year.

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

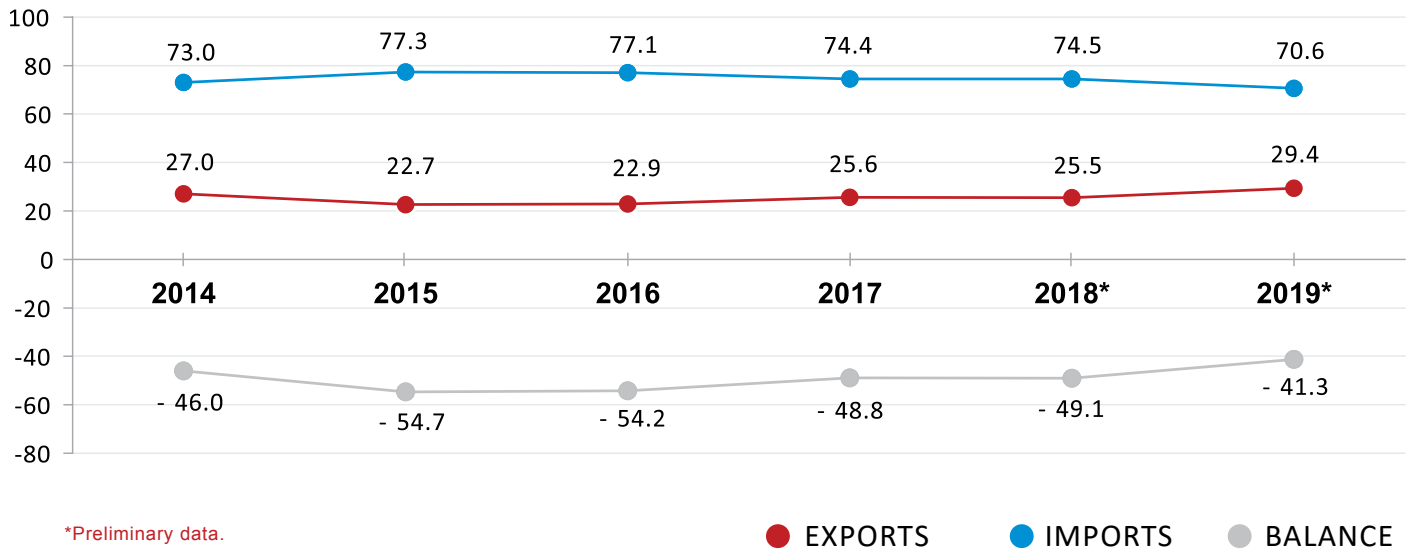
### GENERAL DATA ON EXTERNAL TRADE OF GEORGIA IN JANUARY-APRIL 2014-2019 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



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



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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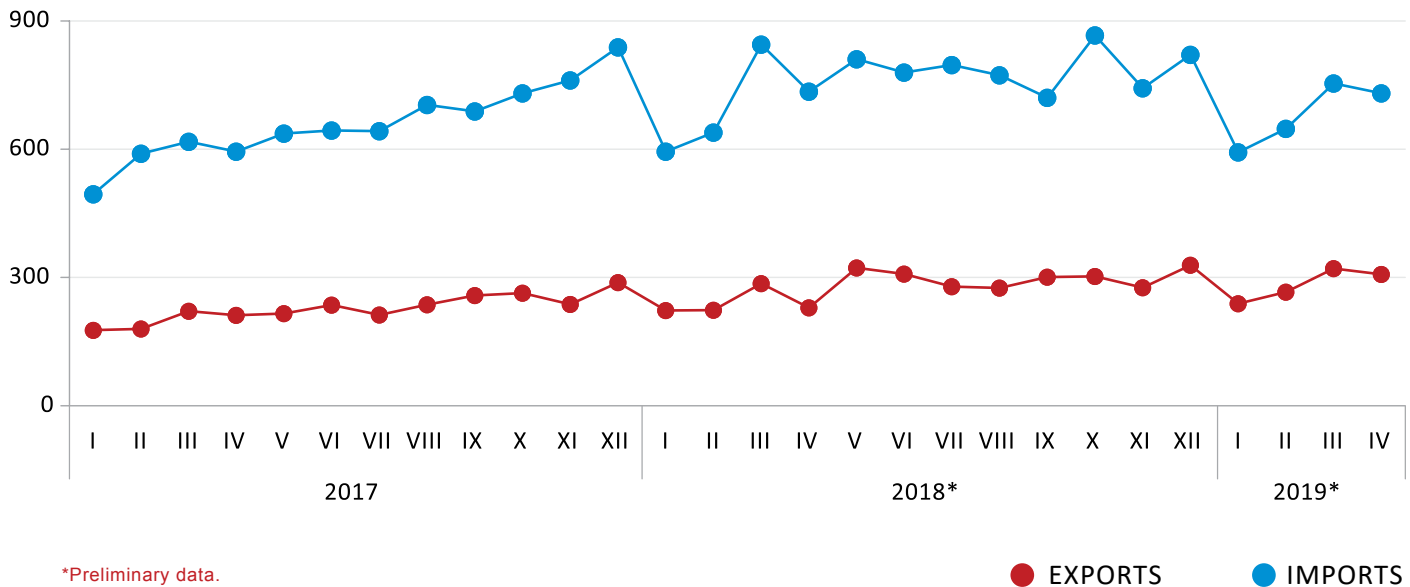
## EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF GEORGIA

		EXPORTS		IMPORTS	
		THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES m-o-m (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES m-o-m (%)
2017	January	176 873.6	44.8	495 089.3	20.2
	February	179 869.4	13.6	589 395.5	12.4
	March	221 168.1	36.5	617 466.7	11.8
	April	211 582.2	27.7	594 283.4	6.7
	May	215 311.5	25.0	637 096.5	4.4
	June	235 601.9	40.2	644 049.4	0.3
	July	212 640.9	22.5	642 115.9	7.0
	August	236 310.0	25.7	703 617.7	1.7
	September	257 603.2	27.3	688 268.7	6.1
	October	263 336.1	38.5	731 206.9	10.4
	November	236 877.5	8.2	761 266.9	17.5
	December	288 312.0	50.7	838 804.4	12.6
2018*	January	222 639.9	25.9	594 542.6	20.1
	February	223 647.0	24.3	638 927.6	8.4
	March	285 803.4	29.2	844 741.2	36.8
	April	229 143.3	8.3	734 898.2	23.7
	May	322 904.7	50.0	810 847.0	27.3
	June	307 811.0	30.6	779 279.0	21.0
	July	278 313.3	30.9	796 831.5	24.1
	August	275 365.9	16.5	772 788.2	9.8
	September	301 139.4	16.9	720 222.2	4.6
	October	302 961.4	15.0	866 156.7	18.5
	November	276 187.0	16.6	742 956.2	-2.4
	December	328 582.5	14.0	820 914.1	-2.1
2019*	January	238 767.5	7.2	593 221.5	-0.2
	February	266 261.5	19.1	648 101.0	1.4
	March	320 977.2	12.3	754 370.0	-10.7
	April	307 403.4	34.2	730 547.7	-0.6

\*Preliminary data.

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



In January-April 2019 the exports from Georgia to the EU countries amounted to USD 276.2 million (14.3 percent higher compared to January-April 2018) and constituted 24.4 percent of total exports, while the imports amounted to USD 709.7 million (14.7 percent lower) with 26.0 percent in total imports. The external trade turnover of Georgia with the EU countries amounted to USD 985.9 million, showing a 8.2 percent decrease compared to the corresponding indicator of the previous year. The EU countries accounted for 27.2 percent of the trade deficit.

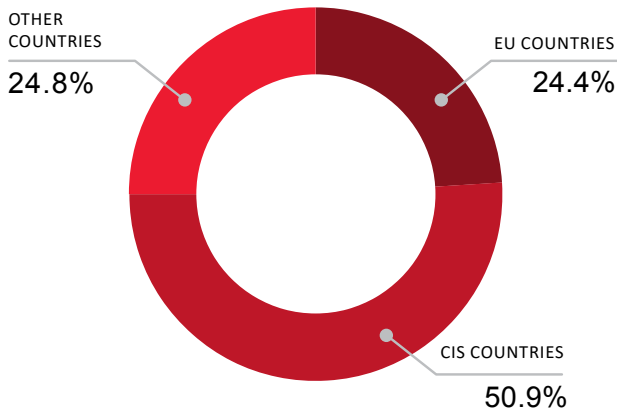
In January-April 2019 the exports to the CIS countries stood at USD 576.5 million (34.1 percent higher compared to January-April 2018) and reached 50.9 percent of total exports, while the imports equaled USD 773.4 million (11.8 percent lower) with 28.4 percent in total import. The trade turnover with the CIS countries totaled USD 1 350.0 million (3.3 percent higher). The CIS countries accounted for 12.4 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.

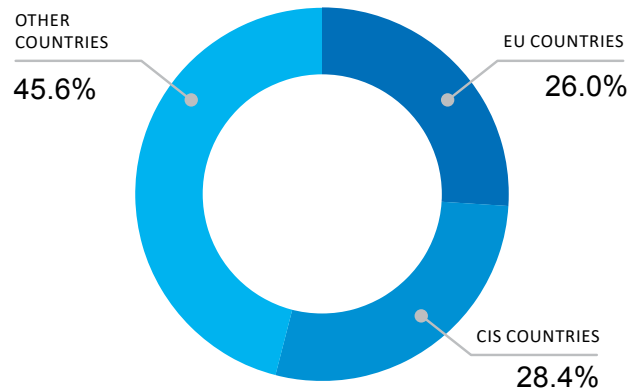
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**GEORGIAN EXPORT BY COUNTRY GROUPS IN JANUARY-APRIL 2019\***



**GEORGIAN IMPORT BY COUNTRY GROUPS IN JANUARY-APRIL 2019\***



\*Preliminary data.

In January-April 2019 the share of the top ten trading partners by exports in the total exports of Georgia amounted to 74.1 percent. The top partners were Russia (USD 177.5 million), Azerbaijan (USD 126.3 million) and Bulgaria (USD 109.0 million).

### TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-APRIL 2019

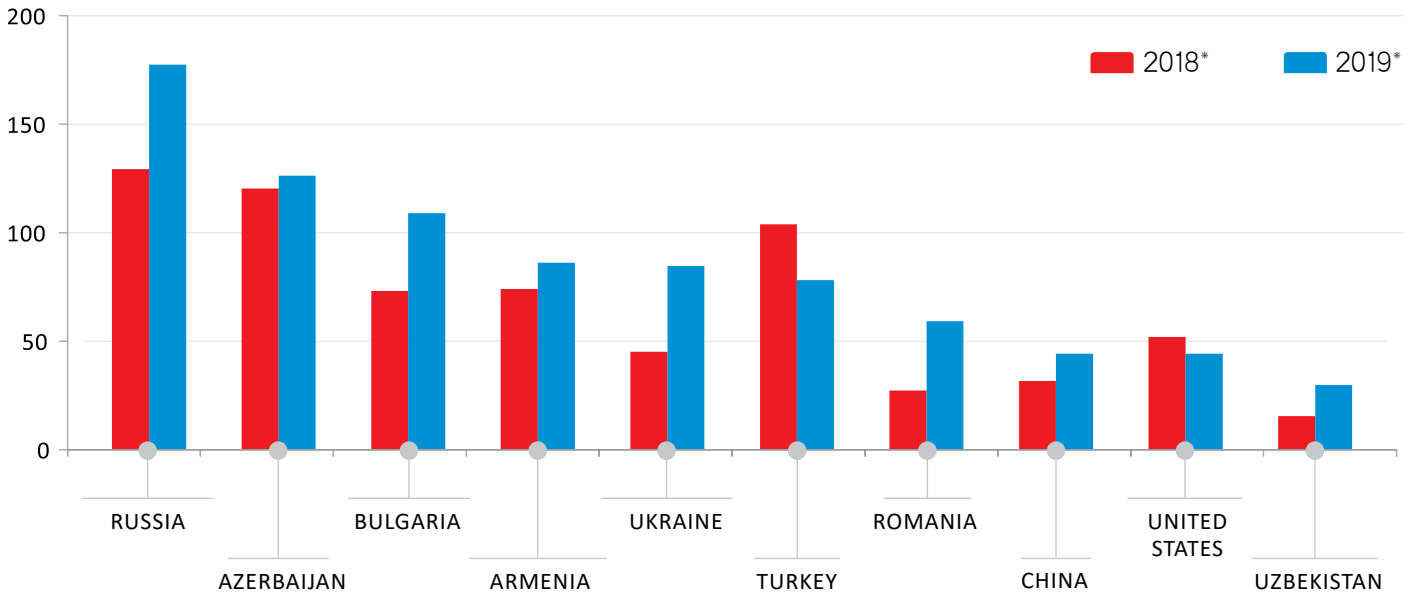
	JANUARY-APRIL 2018*		JANUARY-APRIL 2019*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
<b>TOTAL EXPORTS</b>	961 233.5	100.0	1 133 409.6	100.0	17.9
Of which:					
Russia	129 269.2	13.4	177 509.1	15.7	37.3
Azerbaijan	120 334.2	12.5	126 337.8	11.1	5.0
Bulgaria	73 110.2	7.6	108 975.0	9.6	49.1
Armenia	73 997.6	7.7	86 236.5	7.6	16.5
Ukraine	45 121.3	4.7	84 629.4	7.5	87.6
Turkey	103 826.6	10.8	78 126.1	6.9	-24.8
Romania	27 371.1	2.8	59 312.1	5.2	116.7
China	31 736.4	3.3	44 318.8	3.9	39.6
United States	52 028.7	5.4	44 205.6	3.9	-15.0
Uzbekistan	15 540.3	1.6	29 870.6	2.6	92.2
Other countries	288 898.0	30.1	293 888.5	25.9	1.7

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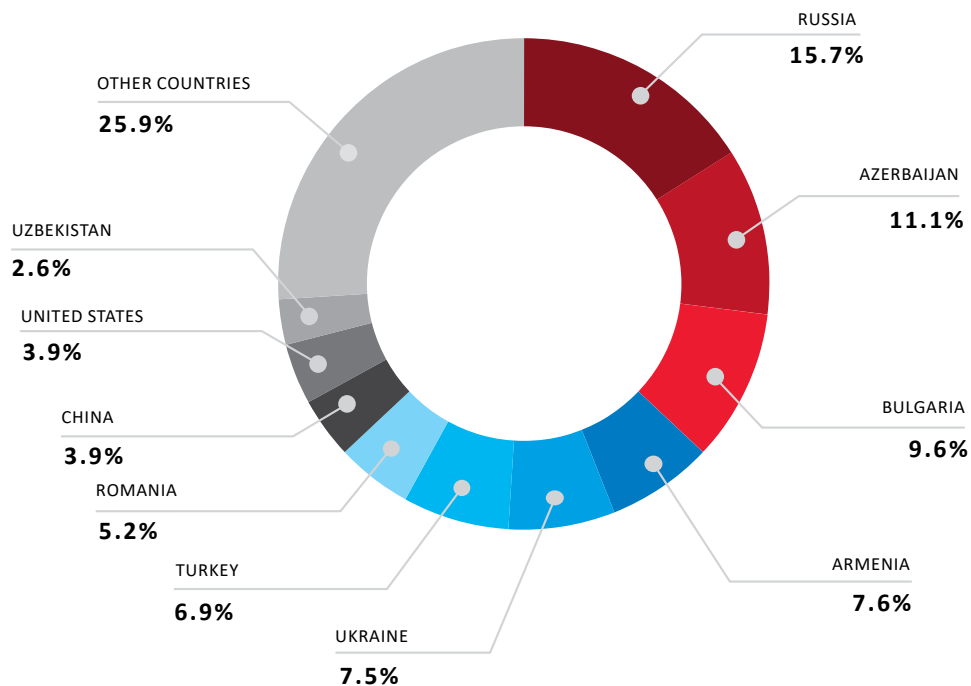
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### TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-APRIL 2018-2019 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



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### SHARE OF THE TOP TRADING PARTNERS IN TOTAL EXPORTS IN JANUARY-APRIL 2019\*



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In January-April 2019 the share of the top ten trading partners by imports in the total imports of Georgia amounted to 66.5 percent. The top partners were Turkey (USD 447.0 million), China (USD 273.5 million) and Russia (USD 269.1 million).

### TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-APRIL 2019

	JANUARY-APRIL 2018*		JANUARY-APRIL 2019*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	2 813 109.6	100.0	2 726 240.2	100.0	-3.1
Of which:					
Turkey	444 646.3	15.8	446 959.3	16.4	0.5
China	229 251.2	8.1	273 476.7	10.0	19.3
Russia	292 205.1	10.4	269 080.6	9.9	-7.9
Azerbaijan	229 764.2	8.2	235 802.2	8.6	2.6
Germany	134 222.3	4.8	137 591.4	5.0	2.5
United States	101 786.1	3.6	120 827.1	4.4	18.7
Ukraine	150 045.9	5.3	109 406.8	4.0	-27.1
Armenia	102 927.3	3.7	90 312.8	3.3	-12.3
Italy	73 534.7	2.6	69 194.7	2.5	-5.9
Romania	58 732.7	2.1	60 063.4	2.2	2.3
Other countries	995 993.8	35.4	913 525.3	33.5	-8.3

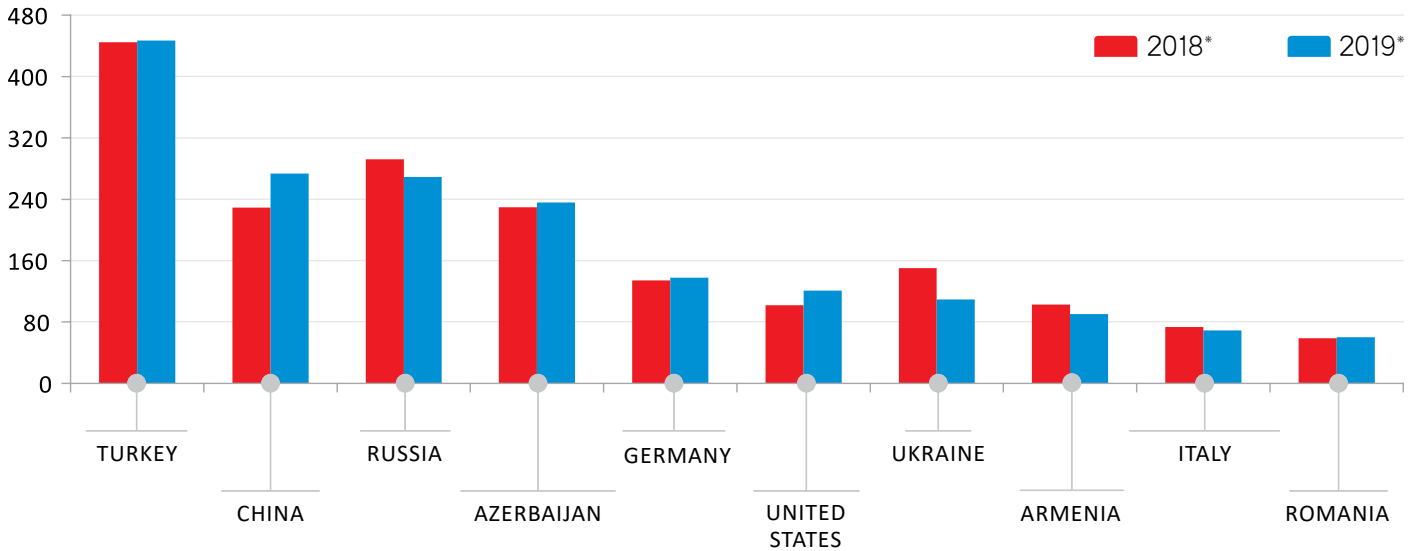
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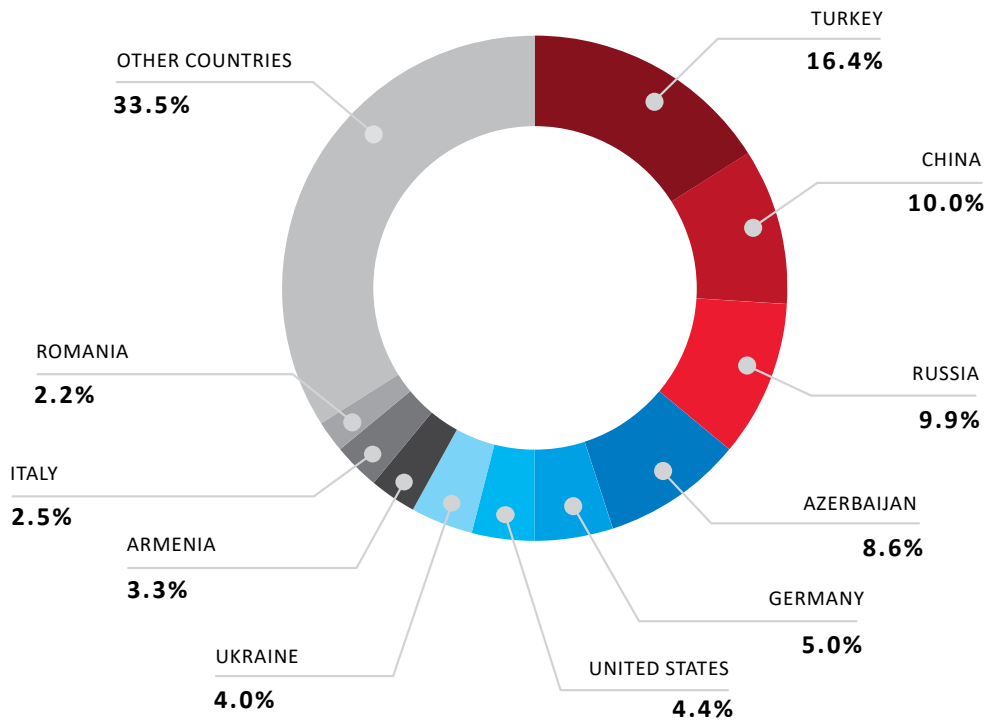
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### TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-APRIL 2018-2019 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



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### SHARE OF THE TOP TRADING PARTNERS IN TOTAL IMPORTS IN JANUARY-APRIL 2019\*



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In January-April 2019 the share of the top ten trading partners in the total external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 67.7 percent. The top trading partners were Turkey (USD 525.1 million), Russia (USD 446.6 million) and Azerbaijan (USD 362.1 million).

### TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER IN JANUARY-APRIL 2019\*

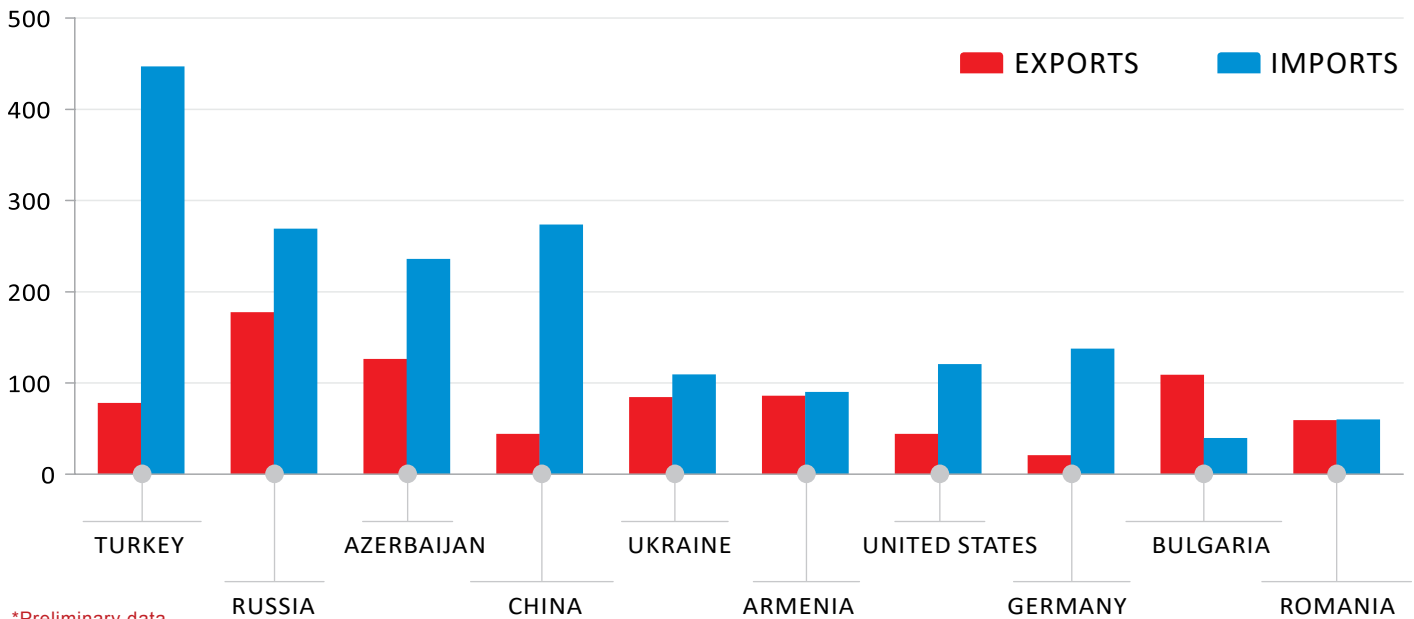
	EXPORTS		IMPORTS		TURNOVER	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	1 133 409.6	100.0	2 726 240.2	100.0	3 859 649.8	100.0
Of which:						
Turkey	78 126.1	6.9	446 959.3	16.4	525 085.4	13.6
Russia	177 509.1	15.7	269 080.6	9.9	446 589.6	11.6
Azerbaijan	126 337.8	11.1	235 802.2	8.6	362 140.0	9.4
China	44 318.8	3.9	273 476.7	10.0	317 795.4	8.2
Ukraine	84 629.4	7.5	109 406.8	4.0	194 036.2	5.0
Armenia	86 236.5	7.6	90 312.8	3.3	176 549.3	4.6
United States	44 205.6	3.9	120 827.1	4.4	165 032.7	4.3
Germany	20 871.5	1.8	137 591.4	5.0	158 462.9	4.1
Bulgaria	108 975.0	9.6	39 840.2	1.5	148 815.2	3.9
Romania	59 312.1	5.2	60 063.4	2.2	119 375.6	3.1
Other countries	302 887.6	26.7	942 879.8	34.6	1 245 767.4	32.3

\*Preliminary data.

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### TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER IN JANUARY-APRIL 2019\* (MILLION US DOLLARS)



\*Preliminary data.

In January-April 2019 copper ores and concentrates reclaimed the first place in the list of top export items, equaling USD 195.3 million or 17.2 percent of total exports. The exports of motor cars totaled USD 149.3 million and their share in the total exports amounted to 13.2 percent. The ferro-alloys exports occupied the third place standing at USD 117.3 million and constituting 10.3 percent of the total exports.

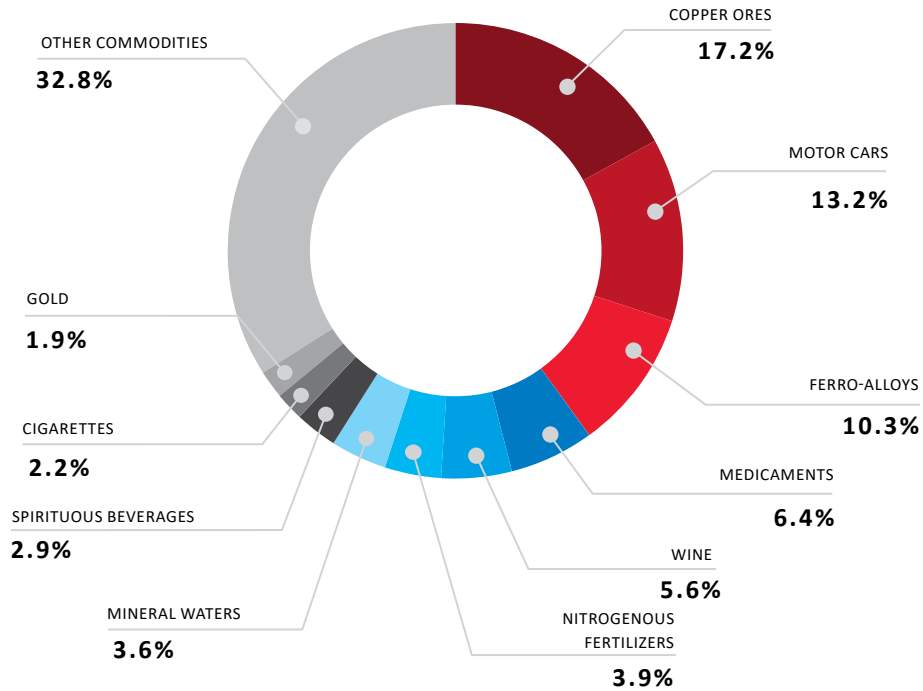
### MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY EXPORTS

	JANUARY-APRIL 2018*		JANUARY-APRIL 2019*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
<b>TOTAL EXPORTS</b>	961 233.5	100.0	1 133 409.6	100.0	17.9
Of which:					
Copper ores and concentrates	135 013.1	14.0	195 344.0	17.2	44.7
Motor cars	90 106.2	9.4	149 325.7	13.2	65.7
Ferro-alloys	114 763.4	11.9	117 251.6	10.3	2.2
Medicaments put up in measured doses	36 734.9	3.8	72 790.9	6.4	98.2
Wine of fresh grapes	56 463.9	5.9	63 484.2	5.6	12.4
Nitrogenous fertilizers	34 584.2	3.6	43 666.5	3.9	26.3
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	33 304.2	3.5	40 866.4	3.6	22.7
Spirituos beverages	37 984.7	4.0	32 354.5	2.9	-14.8
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	30 122.7	3.1	25 432.3	2.2	-15.6
Gold unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms, or in powder form	26 753.8	2.8	21 320.5	1.9	-20.3
Other commodities	365 402.5	38.0	371 573.0	32.8	1.7

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



\*Preliminary data.

The top import commodities in January-April 2019 were petroleum and petroleum oils whose imports equaled USD 211.4 million (7.8 percent of the total imports). The Copper ores and concentrates followed in the list with USD 194.5 million, or 7.1 percent of imports. The motor cars were third in the top import commodity list with USD 180.2 million (6.6 percent of imports).

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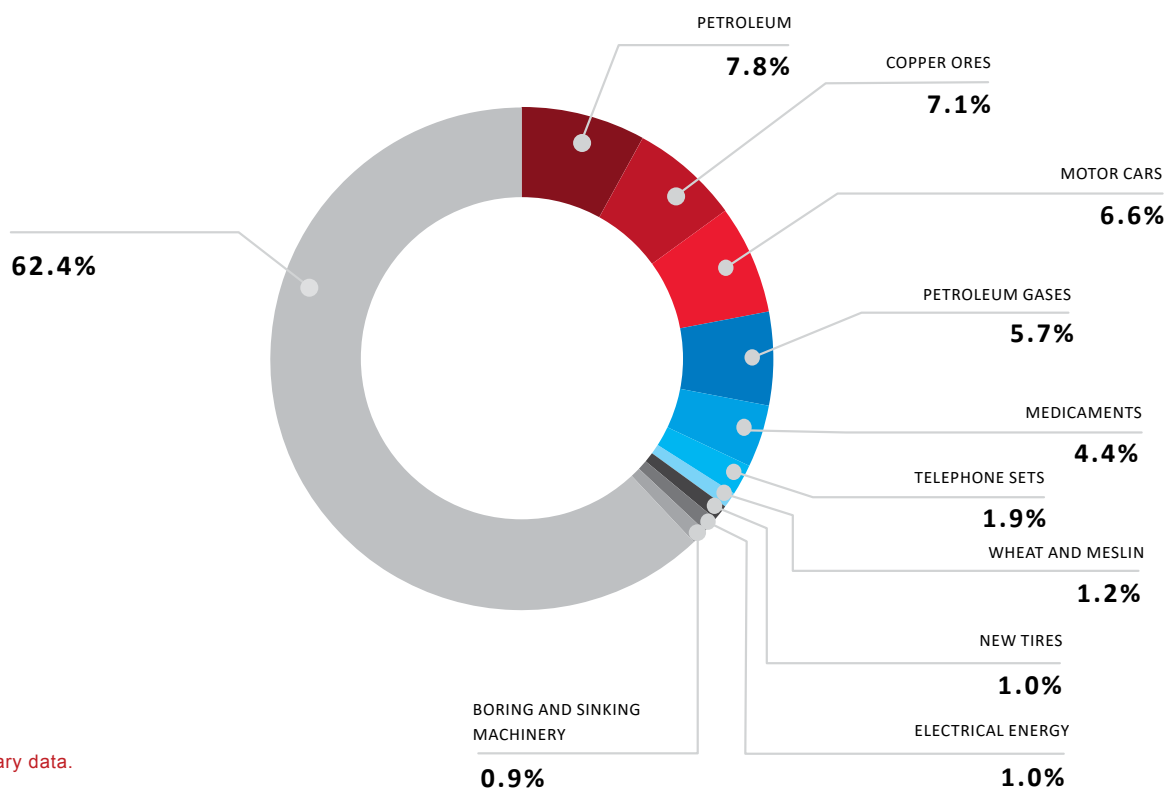
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### MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY IMPORTS

	JANUARY-APRIL 2018*		JANUARY-APRIL 2019*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	2 813 109.6	100.0	2 726 240.2	100.0	-3.1
Of which:					
Petroleum and petroleum oils	251 477.6	8.9	211 356.4	7.8	-16.0
Copper ores and concentrates	121 568.9	4.3	194 464.6	7.1	60.0
Motor cars	167 525.4	6.0	180 179.8	6.6	7.6
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	138 100.1	4.9	156 214.0	5.7	13.1
Medicaments put up in measured doses	97 109.8	3.5	120 321.3	4.4	23.9
Telephones	62 330.7	2.2	51 322.1	1.9	-17.7
Wheat and meslin	37 955.7	1.3	32 579.2	1.2	-14.2
New pneumatic tyres, of rubber	24 194.6	0.9	27 319.4	1.0	12.9
Electrical energy	27 857.3	1.0	27 103.2	1.0	-2.7
Boring and sinking machinery	2 078.3	0.1	24 791.8	0.9	1 092.9
Other commodities	1 882 911.2	66.9	1 700 588.4	62.4	-9.7

\*Preliminary data.

### SHARE OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-APRIL 2019\*





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## TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER



### TURKEY

#### EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO TURKEY

	JANUARY-APRIL 2018*		JANUARY-APRIL 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
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<b>TOTAL EXPORTS</b>	103 826.6		78 126.1	
Of which:				
T-shirts knitted	14 912.3	520.2	14 519.7	629.2
Semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel	10 688.7	21 795.3	14 052.0	36 535.6
Ferro-alloys	11 843.2	9 757.0	7 693.3	7 081.3
Copper ores and concentrates	18 485.9	13 564.2	7 119.7	4 608.8
Men's or boys' suits, ensembles, trousers, knitted or crocheted	3 247.2	157.5	4 482.7	210.2
Other commodities	44 649.3		30 258.7	

\*Preliminary data.

#### IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM TURKEY

	JANUARY-APRIL 2018*		JANUARY-APRIL 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
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<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	444 646.3		446 959.3	
Of which:				
Medicaments put up in measured doses	14 834.9	178.8	29 068.9	458.3
Motor cars (unit)	13 140.2	537	16 332.1	698
Structures of iron or steel	9 815.1	5 065.9	12 977.5	7 738.5
Made up articles from textiles, excluding clothes	13 110.4	659.6	11 648.0	713.1
Insulated wire, cable and other insulated electric conductors	10 251.8	2 393.3	10 686.9	2 197.8
Other commodities	383 493.9		366 245.9	



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### RUSSIA

#### EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO RUSSIA

	JANUARY-APRIL 2018*		JANUARY-APRIL 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
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<b>TOTAL EXPORTS</b>	129 269.2		177 509.1	
Of which:				
Ferro-alloys	43 145.6	35 820.8	51 047.8	46 166.1
Wine of fresh grapes	34 612.3	11 866.2	40 265.9	13 088.8
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	16 082.4	22 943.6	19 873.2	29 284.2
Centrifuges; filtering or purifying machinery, for liquids or gases	2 676.7	2.8	13 244.0	33.9
Medicaments put up in measured doses	2 042.5	10.6	9 920.4	23.7
Other commodities	30 709.7		43 157.8	

\*Preliminary data.

#### IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM RUSSIA

	JANUARY-APRIL 2018*		JANUARY-APRIL 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
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<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	292 205.1		269 080.6	
Of which:				
Petroleum and petroleum oils	63 517.3	103 335.0	56 351.0	101 757.1
Wheat and meslin	34 723.3	179 093.3	21 895.7	97 517.9
Coke and semi-coke of coal	11 034.0	40 043.9	10 153.2	37 740.7
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	6 966.4	23 020.0	9 603.5	32 906.4
Coal; briquettes and similar solid fuels manufactured from coal	10 074.1	98 485.9	9 424.0	87 809.3
Other commodities	165 890.1		161 653.2	

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### AZERBAIJAN

#### EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO AZERBAIJAN



	JANUARY-APRIL 2018*		JANUARY-APRIL 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
<b>TOTAL EXPORTS</b>	120 334.2		126 337.8	
Of which:				
Motor cars (unit)	36 770.6	1 994	54 015.2	5 034
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	22 259.9	1 204.3	15 095.7	735.6
Medicaments put up in measured doses	10 252.8	678.0	10 794.6	290.7
Motor vehicles for the transport of goods (unit)	1 265.4	194	2 874.5	394
Nitrogenous fertilizers	735.7	3 943.1	2 567.0	13 453.9
Other commodities	49 049.8		40 990.9	

\*Preliminary data.

#### IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM AZERBAIJAN



	JANUARY-APRIL 2018*		JANUARY-APRIL 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	229 764.2		235 802.2	
Of which:				
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	131 101.8	741 118.6	146 523.6	857 259.5
Petroleum and petroleum oils	30 925.5	52 936.6	34 210.1	62 102.2
Electrical energy	24 865.5	...	26 261.8	...
Cement	4 711.8	92 000.4	6 455.1	113 887.6
Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel	2 328.2	4 245.5	3 458.2	7 324.4
Other commodities	35 831.4		18 893.5	

\*Preliminary data.








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EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE

	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE MIL. US DOLLARS
NEGATIVE TRADE BALANCE		
January-April 2018*	96	1 919.7
January-April 2019*	98	1 725.3
POSITIVE TRADE BALANCE		
January-April 2018*	30	67.8
January-April 2019*	30	132.5
TOTAL		
January-April 2018*	126	1 851.9
January-April 2019*	128	1 592.8

\*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;
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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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