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EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN GEORGIA

2019

JANUARY-AUGUST

(PRELIMINARY RESULTS)

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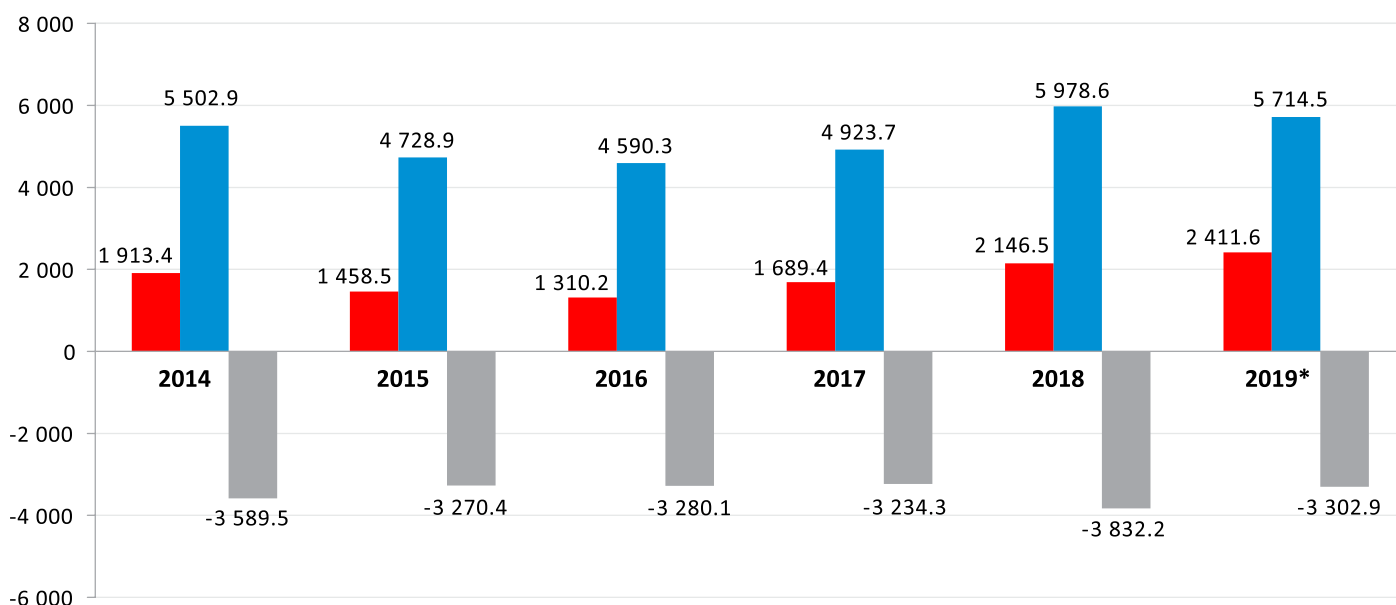
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EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE OF GEORGIA IN JANUARY-AUGUST 2019 (PRELIMINARY)

In January-August 2019 the external merchandise trade (excluding non-declared trade) of Georgia amounted to USD 8 126.1 million, 0.01 percent higher year-on-year. The exports equaled USD 2 411.6 million (12.4 percent higher), while the imports stood at USD 5 714.5 million (4.4 percent lower). The negative trade balance was USD 3 302.9 million in January-August 2019 and its share in external trade turnover constituted 40.6 percent. The exports excluding re-exports amounted to USD 1 495.1 million, 2.4 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-AUGUST 2014-2019 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



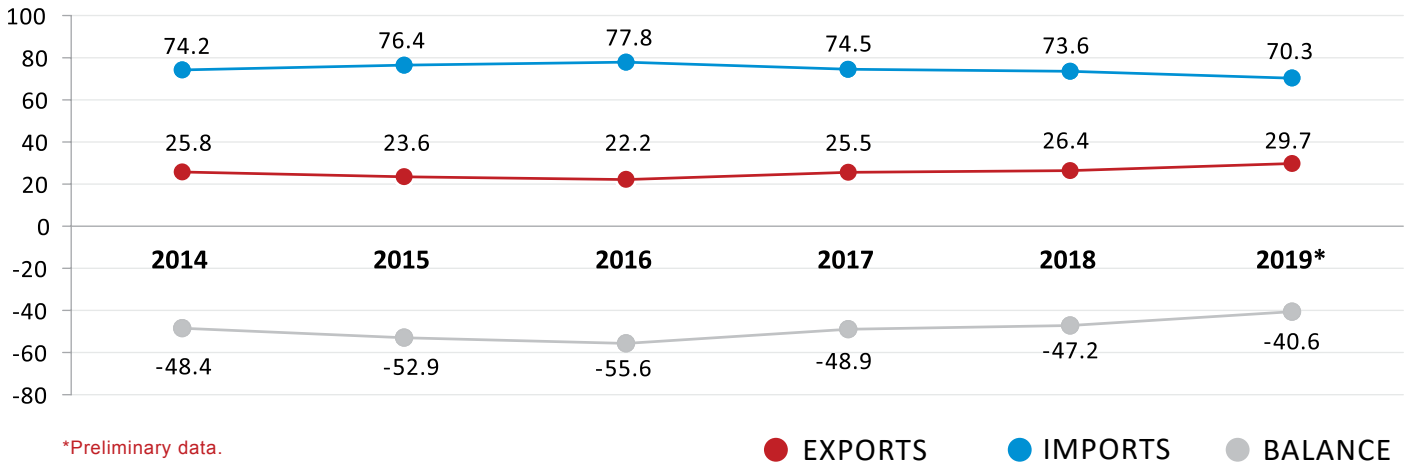
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SHARE OF EXTERNAL TRADE INDICATORS IN TURNOVER JANUARY-AUGUST 2014-2019 (%)



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

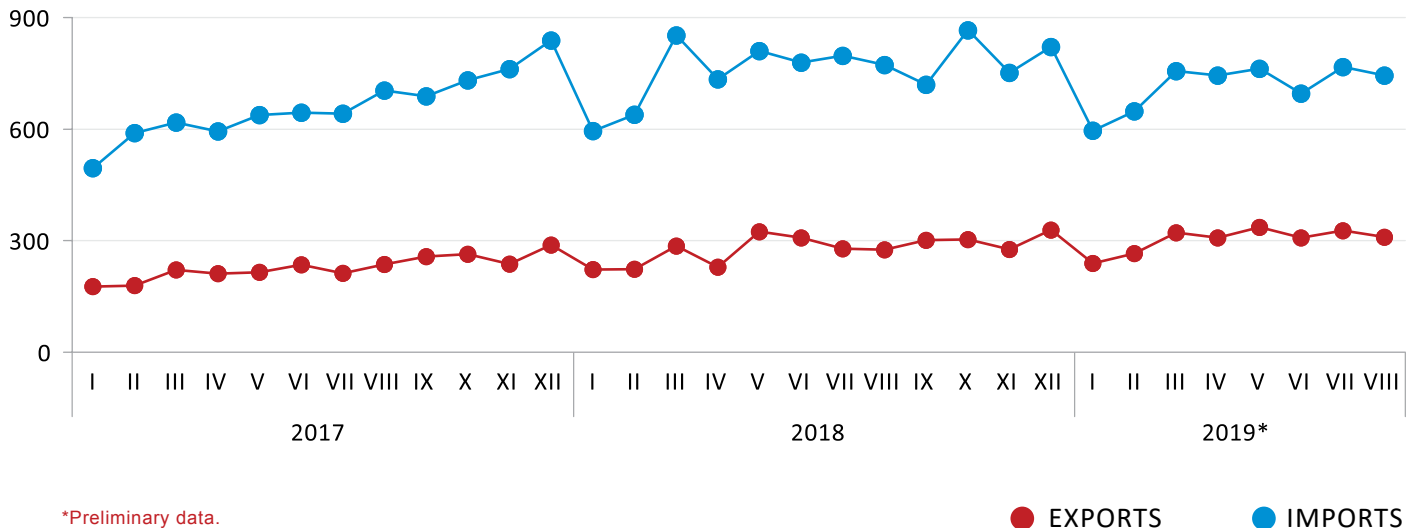
		EXPORTS		IMPORTS	
		THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES m-o-m (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES m-o-m (%)
2017	January	176 873.6	44.8	495 112.0	20.2
	February	179 869.4	13.6	589 395.5	12.4
	March	221 188.1	36.5	617 537.3	11.8
	April	211 582.2	27.7	594 283.4	6.6
	May	215 333.5	24.9	637 602.4	4.5
	June	235 601.9	40.2	644 047.9	0.3
	July	212 650.9	22.5	642 115.9	7.0
	August	236 320.0	25.7	703 617.7	1.7
	September	257 645.2	27.3	688 270.1	6.1
	October	263 507.1	38.6	731 209.0	10.4
	November	236 881.5	8.2	761 274.8	17.5
	December	288 325.0	50.7	838 836.3	12.6
2018	January	222 649.9	25.9	594 554.6	20.1
	February	223 657.0	24.3	638 927.6	8.4
	March	285 811.5	29.2	851 767.1	37.9
	April	229 176.7	8.3	734 320.0	23.6
	May	323 793.9	50.4	810 139.8	27.1
	June	307 811.0	30.6	779 222.5	21.0
	July	278 175.9	30.8	796 926.2	24.1
	August	275 376.0	16.5	772 791.0	9.8
	September	301 179.5	16.9	719 778.1	4.6
	October	302 920.2	15.0	866 204.9	18.5
	November	276 196.5	16.6	751 093.7	-1.3
	December	328 964.1	14.1	821 013.6	-2.1
2019*	January	238 766.2	7.2	596 202.3	0.3
	February	265 276.4	18.6	648 153.5	1.4
	March	320 940.2	12.3	755 921.3	-11.3
	April	307 401.7	34.1	744 466.2	1.4
	May	335 784.8	3.7	762 672.4	-5.9
	June	307 249.4	-0.2	695 475.4	-10.7
	July	326 789.5	17.5	767 135.0	-3.7
	August	309 355.2	12.3	744 471.4	-3.7

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



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● EXPORTS ● IMPORTS

In January-August 2019 the exports from Georgia to the EU countries amounted to USD 571.1 million (25.3 percent higher compared to January-August 2018) and constituted 23.7 percent of total exports, while the imports amounted to USD 1 479.1 million (11.6 percent lower) with 25.9 percent in total imports. The external trade turnover of Georgia with the EU countries amounted to USD 2 050.2 million, showing a 3.7 percent decrease compared to the corresponding indicator of the previous year. The EU countries accounted for 27.5 percent of the trade deficit.

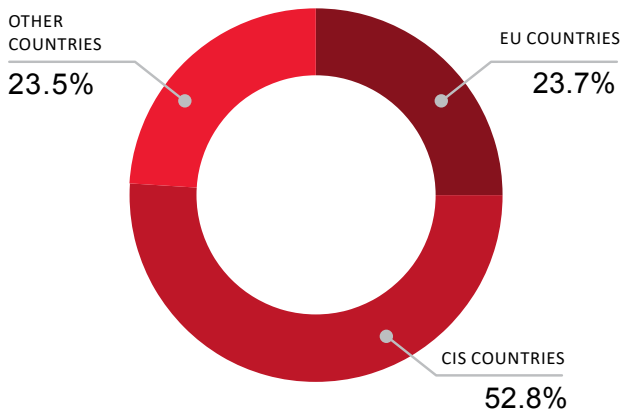
In January-August 2019 the exports to the CIS countries stood at USD 1 274.0 million (24.2 percent higher compared to January-August 2018) and reached 52.8 percent of total exports, while the imports equaled USD 1 494.2 million (14.7 percent lower) with 26.1 percent in total import. The trade turnover with the CIS countries totaled USD 2 768.1 million (0.3 percent lower). The CIS countries accounted for 6.7 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.

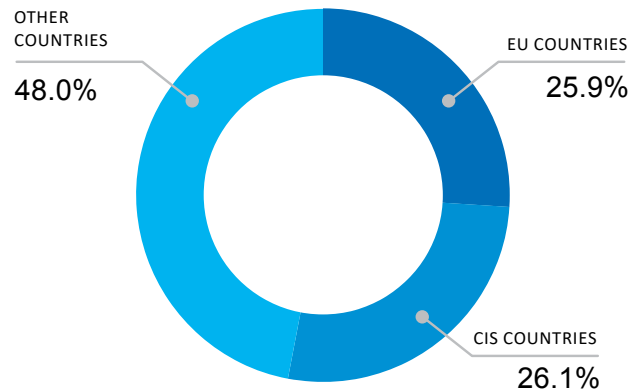
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GEORGIAN EXPORT BY COUNTRY GROUPS IN JANUARY-AUGUST 2019*



GEORGIAN IMPORT BY COUNTRY GROUPS IN JANUARY-AUGUST 2019*



*Preliminary data.

In January-August 2019 the share of the top ten trading partners by exports in the total exports of Georgia amounted to 72.7 percent. The top partners were Russia (USD 338.7 million), Azerbaijan (USD 315.0 million) and Armenia (USD 217.4 million).

TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-AUGUST 2019

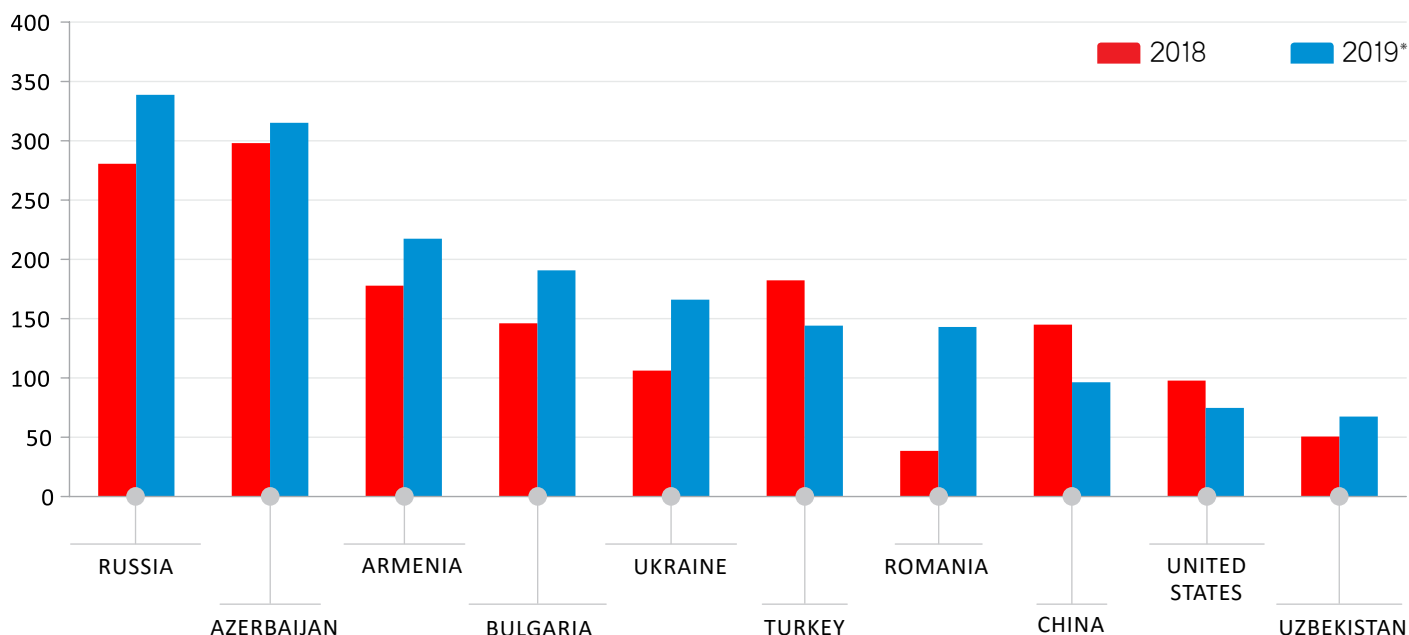
	JANUARY-AUGUST 2018		JANUARY-AUGUST 2019*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL EXPORTS	2 146 451.8	100.0	2 411 563.4	100.0	12.4
Of which:					
Russia	280 599.3	13.1	338 665.3	14.0	20.7
Azerbaijan	298 063.0	13.9	314 951.6	13.1	5.7
Armenia	177 896.7	8.3	217 415.2	9.0	22.2
Bulgaria	146 000.6	6.8	190 816.8	7.9	30.7
Ukraine	106 195.6	4.9	166 026.0	6.9	56.3
Turkey	182 393.6	8.5	144 127.3	6.0	-21.0
Romania	38 433.0	1.8	142 912.1	5.9	271.8
China	144 835.4	6.7	96 273.5	4.0	-33.5
United States	97 640.5	4.5	74 828.7	3.1	-23.4
Uzbekistan	50 460.0	2.4	67 423.5	2.8	33.6
Other countries	623 934.1	29.1	658 123.3	27.3	5.5

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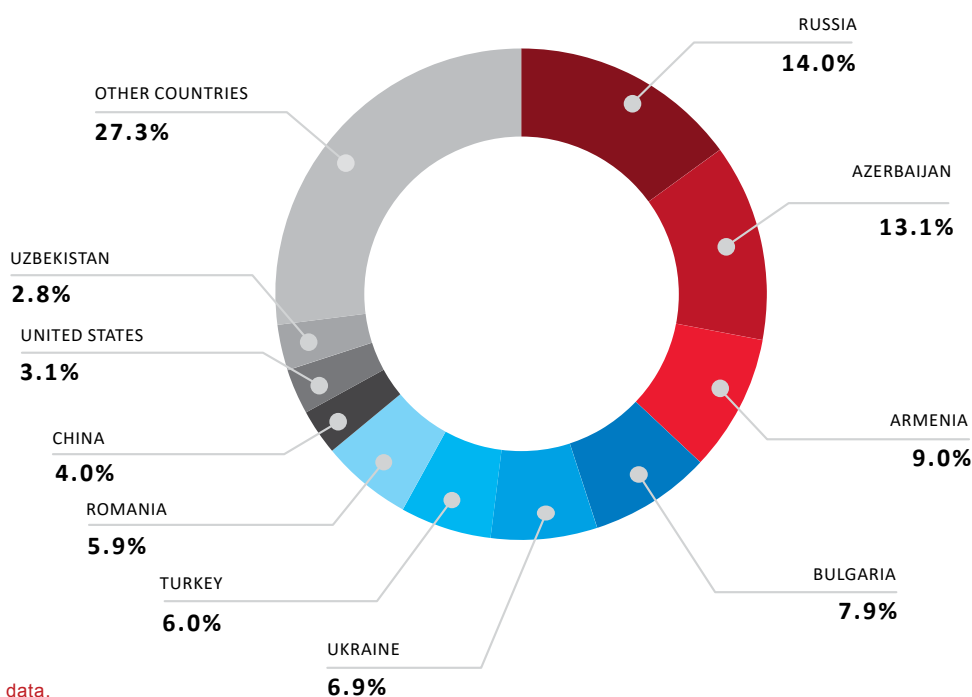
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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-AUGUST 2018-2019 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



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



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In January-August 2019 the share of the top ten trading partners by imports in the total imports of Georgia amounted to 65.8 percent. The top partners were Turkey (USD 993.8 million), China (USD 574.2 million) and Russia (USD 565.2 million).

TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-AUGUST 2019

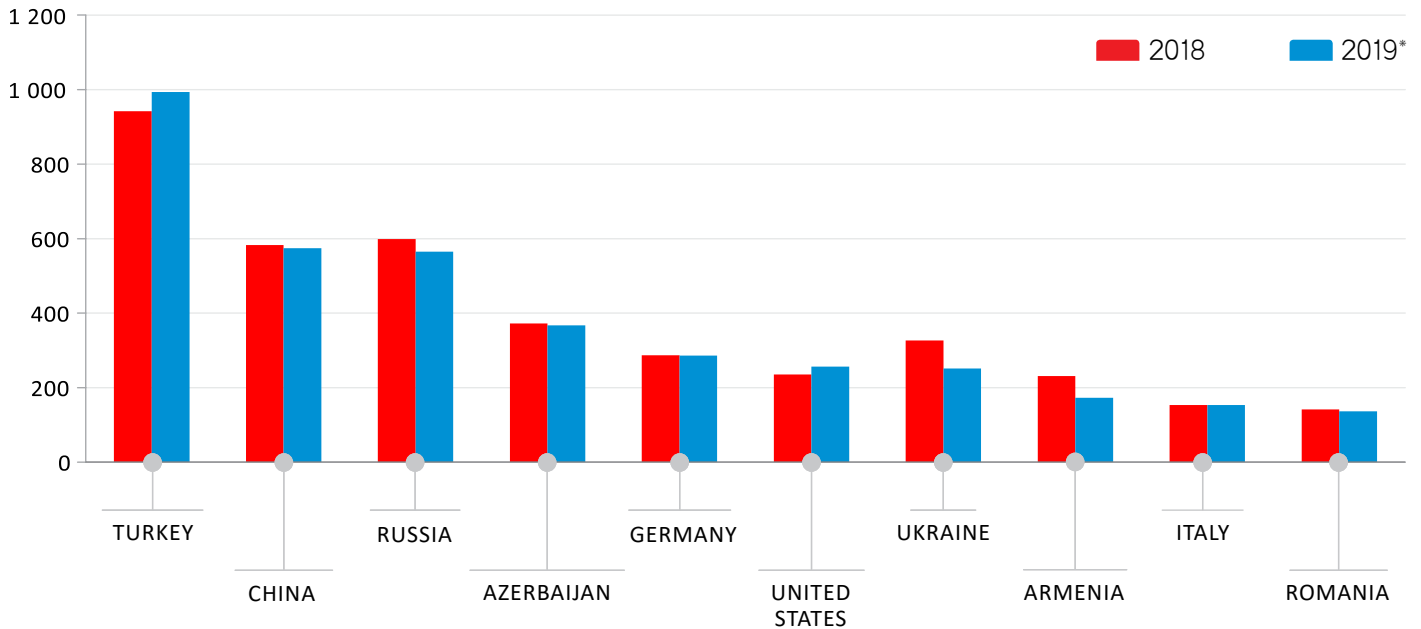
	JANUARY-AUGUST 2018		JANUARY-AUGUST 2019*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL IMPORTS	5 978 648.9	100.0	5 714 497.5	100.0	-4.4
Of which:					
Turkey	941 851.0	15.8	993 797.5	17.4	5.5
China	582 500.6	9.7	574 215.9	10.0	-1.4
Russia	598 660.4	10.0	565 216.0	9.9	-5.6
Azerbaijan	372 273.6	6.2	367 571.2	6.4	-1.3
Germany	286 898.8	4.8	286 138.4	5.0	-0.3
United States	235 614.7	3.9	256 467.1	4.5	8.9
Ukraine	327 061.7	5.5	251 260.8	4.4	-23.2
Armenia	230 957.0	3.9	172 954.7	3.0	-25.1
Italy	153 476.5	2.6	153 547.8	2.7	0.0
Romania	141 348.2	2.4	136 148.8	2.4	-3.7
Other countries	2 108 006.5	35.3	1 957 179.3	34.2	-7.2

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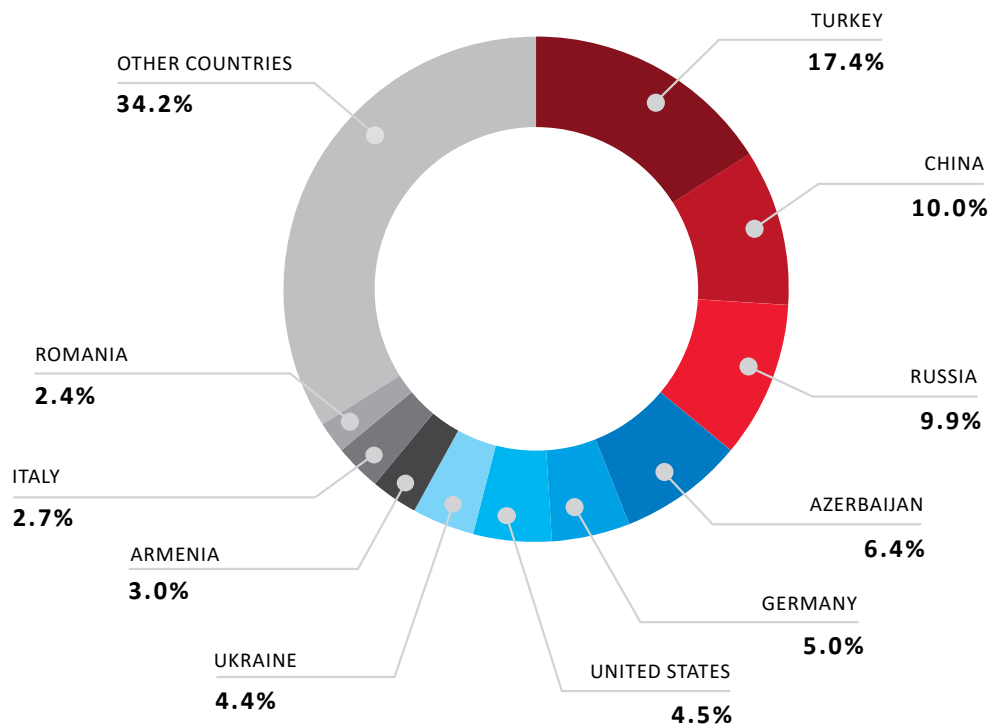
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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-AUGUST 2018-2019 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



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



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In January-August 2019 the share of the top ten trading partners in the total external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 66.5 percent. The top trading partners were Turkey (USD 1.137.9 million), Russia (USD 903.9 million) and Azerbaijan (USD 682.5 million).

TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER IN JANUARY-AUGUST 2019*

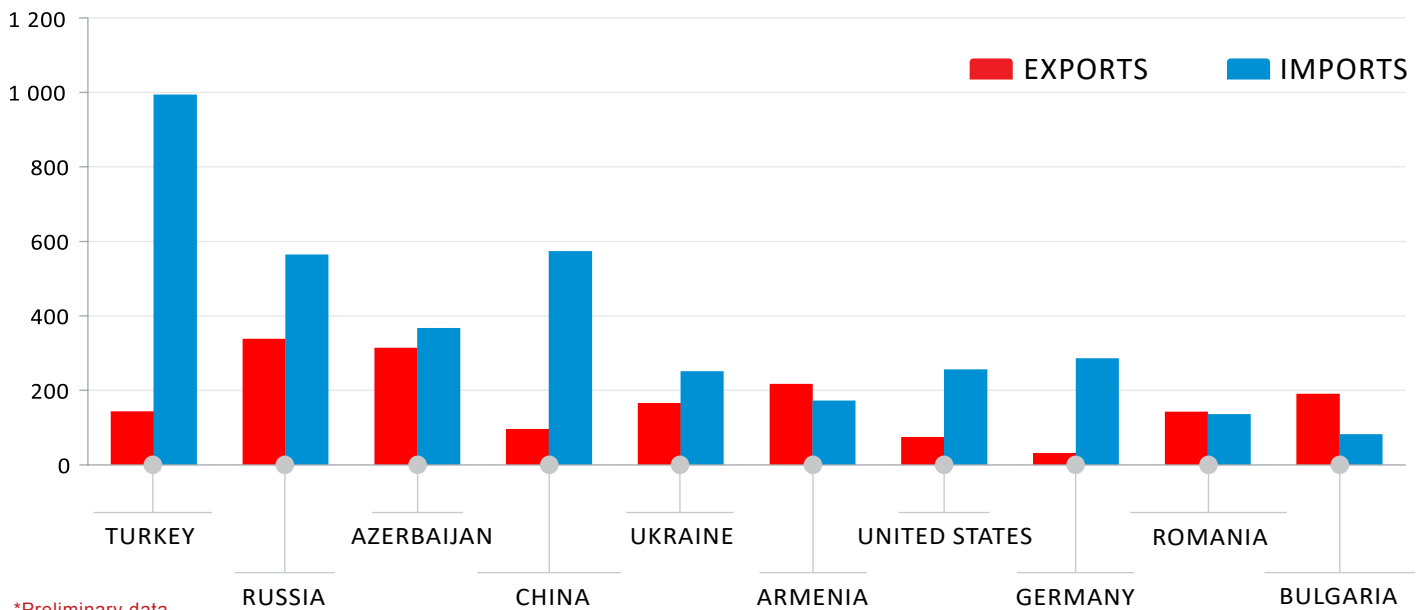
	EXPORTS		IMPORTS		TURNOVER	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)
TOTAL	2 411 563.4	100.0	5 714 497.5	100.0	8 126 060.9	100.0
Of which:						
Turkey	144 127.3	6.0	993 797.5	17.4	1 137 924.8	14.0
Russia	338 665.3	14.0	565 216.0	9.9	903 881.3	11.1
Azerbaijan	314 951.6	13.1	367 571.2	6.4	682 522.7	8.4
China	96 273.5	4.0	574 215.9	10.0	670 489.4	8.3
Ukraine	166 026.0	6.9	251 260.8	4.4	417 286.8	5.1
Armenia	217 415.2	9.0	172 954.7	3.0	390 369.9	4.8
United States	74 828.7	3.1	256 467.1	4.5	331 295.7	4.1
Germany	31 848.1	1.3	286 138.4	5.0	317 986.5	3.9
Romania	142 912.1	5.9	136 148.8	2.4	279 061.0	3.4
Bulgaria	190 816.8	7.9	82 358.0	1.4	273 174.8	3.4
Other countries	693 698.8	28.8	2 028 369.1	35.5	2 722 067.9	33.5

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



In January-August 2019 copper ores and concentrates reclaimed the first place in the list of top export items, equaling USD 430.6 million or 17.9 percent of total exports. The exports of motor cars totaled USD 381.5 million and their share in the total exports amounted to 15.8 percent. The ferro-alloys exports occupied the third place standing at USD 207.1 million and constituting 8.6 percent of the total exports.

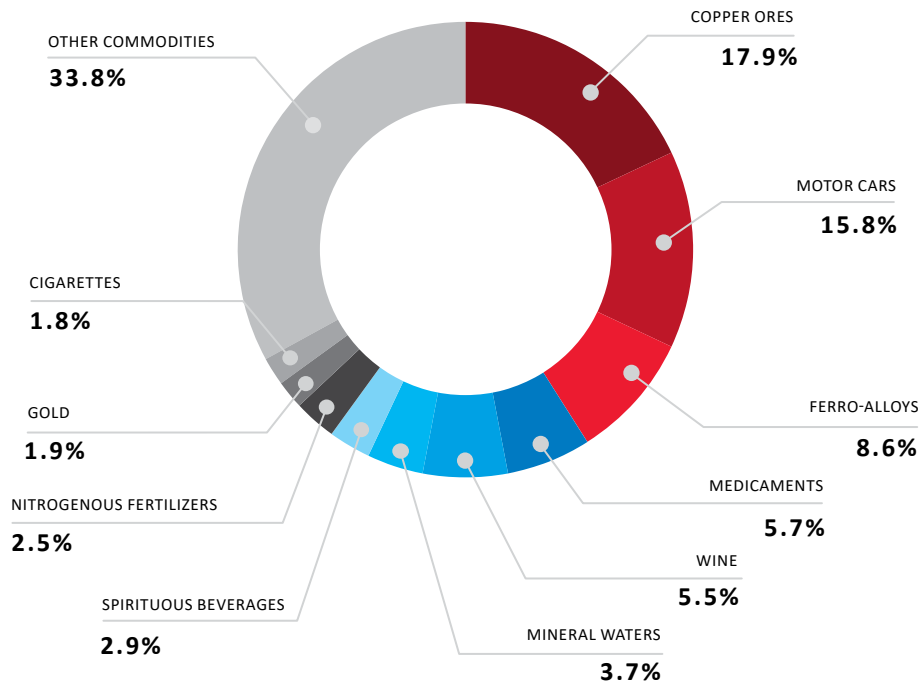
MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY EXPORTS

	JANUARY-AUGUST 2018		JANUARY-AUGUST 2019*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL EXPORTS	2 146 451.8	100.0	2 411 563.4	100.0	12.4
Of which:					
Copper ores and concentrates	319 140.9	14.9	430 629.6	17.9	34.9
Motor cars	242 244.4	11.3	381 521.5	15.8	57.5
Ferro-alloys	230 404.2	10.7	207 111.6	8.6	-10.1
Medicaments put up in measured doses	91 695.0	4.3	136 474.8	5.7	48.8
Wine of fresh grapes	122 748.7	5.7	133 464.0	5.5	8.7
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	71 327.6	3.3	88 497.7	3.7	24.1
Spiritous beverages	85 702.7	4.0	70 253.6	2.9	-18.0
Nitrogenous fertilizers	62 205.1	2.9	59 879.9	2.5	-3.7
Gold unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms or in powder form	51 188.5	2.4	45 595.1	1.9	-10.9
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	82 065.4	3.8	43 325.2	1.8	-47.2
Other commodities	787 729.3	36.7	814 810.3	33.8	3.4

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



*Preliminary data.

The top import commodities in January-August 2019 were petroleum and petroleum oils whose imports equaled USD 474.0 million (8.3 percent of the total imports). The motor cars followed in the list with USD 423.8 million, or 7.4 percent of imports. The copper ores and concentrates were third in the top import commodity list with USD 375.4 million (6.6 percent of imports).

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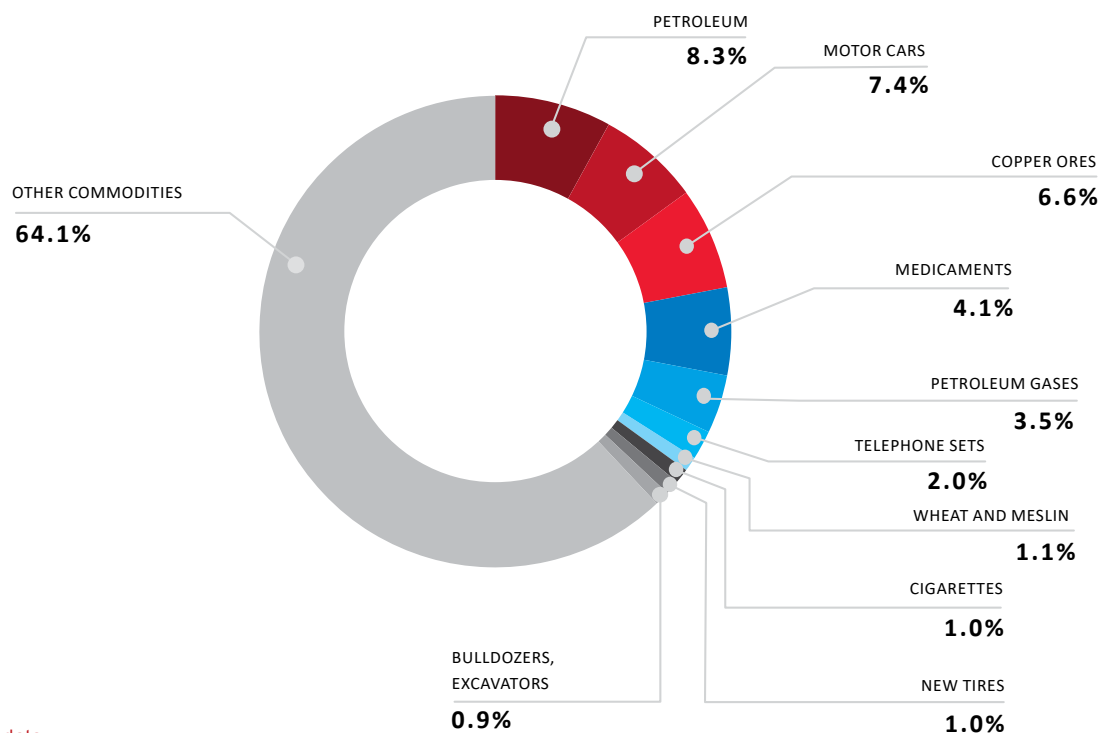
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MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY IMPORTS

	JANUARY-AUGUST 2018		JANUARY-AUGUST 2019*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL IMPORTS	5 978 648.9	100.0	5 714 497.5	100.0	-4.4
Of which:					
Petroleum and petroleum oils	576 937.2	9.6	473 973.8	8.3	-17.8
Motor cars	406 621.4	6.8	423 840.7	7.4	4.2
Copper ores and concentrates	259 754.6	4.3	375 374.9	6.6	44.5
Medicaments put up in measured doses	218 455.9	3.7	234 909.7	4.1	7.5
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	191 539.1	3.2	202 307.7	3.5	5.6
Telephones	123 472.3	2.1	116 080.8	2.0	-6.0
Wheat and meslin	71 518.1	1.2	60 671.6	1.1	-15.2
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	109 492.9	1.8	57 561.4	1.0	-47.4
New pneumatic tyres, of rubber	53 677.4	0.9	57 556.0	1.0	7.2
Bulldozers, excavators and tamping machines	40 454.2	0.7	49 460.0	0.9	22.3
Other commodities	3 926 725.9	65.7	3 662 760.9	64.1	-6.7

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



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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER



TURKEY

EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO TURKEY

	JANUARY-AUGUST 2018		JANUARY-AUGUST 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
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TOTAL EXPORTS	182 393.6		144 127.3	
Of which:				
T-shirts knitted	28 649.8	1 143.8	25 491.6	1 200.0
Semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel	17 396.7	35 787.5	22 046.5	57 364.3
Copper ores and concentrates	18 485.9	13 564.2	13 750.2	9 347.0
Ferro-alloys	23 772.2	19 399.0	11 857.2	10 965.0
Men's suits, ensembles knitted	6 374.8	298.9	8 825.0	415.2
Other commodities	87 714.2		62 156.9	

*Preliminary data.

IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM TURKEY

	JANUARY-AUGUST 2018		JANUARY-AUGUST 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
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TOTAL IMPORTS	941 851.0		993 797.5	
Of which:				
Medicaments put up in measured doses	37 912.0	507.4	58 709.1	925.0
Motor cars (unit)	23 973.7	1 093	43 524.1	1 808
Structures and parts of structures of iron or steel	20 327.6	11 132.4	28 416.4	17 712.2
Insulated wire, cable and other insulated electric conductors	20 675.4	4 973.7	24 257.9	5 152.9
Tubes and pipes of iron or steel	36 991.7	45 964.2	24 069.4	32 811.8
Other commodities	801 970.5		814 820.6	



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RUSSIA

EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO RUSSIA

	JANUARY-AUGUST 2018		JANUARY-AUGUST 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
 >> 				
TOTAL EXPORTS	280 599.3		338 665.3	
Of which:				
Ferro-alloys	92 156.7	77 136.1	91 133.2	83 832.6
Wine of fresh grapes	73 450.3	24 999.4	80 213.7	26 195.9
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	31 866.4	46 657.2	40 815.1	62 042.9
Centrifuges; filtering or purifying machinery, for liquids or gases	9 604.0	14.3	19 063.1	44.2
Spirituous beverages	12 492.6	3 141.8	18 928.6	3 877.4
Other commodities	61 029.3		88 511.6	

*Preliminary data.

IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM RUSSIA

	JANUARY-AUGUST 2018		JANUARY-AUGUST 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
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TOTAL IMPORTS	598 660.4		565 216.0	
Of which:				
Petroleum and petroleum oils	128 070.3	195 415.5	118 270.5	199 610.6
Wheat and meslin	65 395.8	336 286.5	47 975.1	223 514.3
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	9 372.3	27 430.4	19 341.1	64 486.4
Coke and semi-coke of coal	23 994.3	87 566.7	19 140.2	70 537.7
Sunflower oil	21 694.0	23 862.2	19 124.5	22 840.6
Other commodities	350 133.7		341 364.7	

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AZERBAIJAN

EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO AZERBAIJAN



	JANUARY-AUGUST 2018		JANUARY-AUGUST 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL EXPORTS	298 063.0		314 951.6	
Of which:				
Motor cars (unit)	101 752.5	5 880	139 594.5	12 801
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	57 171.3	3 165.0	26 433.7	1 191.2
Medicaments put up in measured doses	23 010.7	825.0	20 864.6	521.9
Other manufactured tobacco	-	-	6 665.5	528.0
Motor vehicles for the transport of goods (unit)	3 136.6	442	6 522.4	963
Other commodities	112 992.0		114 871.0	

*Preliminary data.

IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM AZERBAIJAN



	JANUARY-AUGUST 2018		JANUARY-AUGUST 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL IMPORTS	372 273.6		367 571.2	
Of which:				
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	178 906.2	1 042 714.6	182 765.2	1 117 315.4
Petroleum and petroleum oils	66 888.2	108 856.0	67 670.2	122 763.5
Electrical energy	30 338.1	...	37 772.6	...
Cement	10 802.5	213 298.1	15 109.8	275 209.8
Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel	6 196.2	11 208.5	10 649.9	22 913.5
Other commodities	79 142.4		53 603.5	






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EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE

	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE MIL. US DOLLARS
NEGATIVE TRADE BALANCE		
January-August 2018	98	4 001.0
January-August 2019*	95	3 623.2
POSITIVE TRADE BALANCE		
January-August 2018	42	168.8
January-August 2019*	40	320.3
TOTAL		
January-August 2018	140	3 832.2
January-August 2019*	135	3 302.9

*Preliminary data.

- Sources:**
-  LEPL Revenue Service of Ministry of Finance of Georgia;
 -  LEPL Service Agency of Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia;
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 -  Electricity System Commercial Operator, JSC;
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Explanation of symbols:

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