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EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN GEORGIA

2019

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JANUARY-SEPTEMBER

(PRELIMINARY RESULTS)

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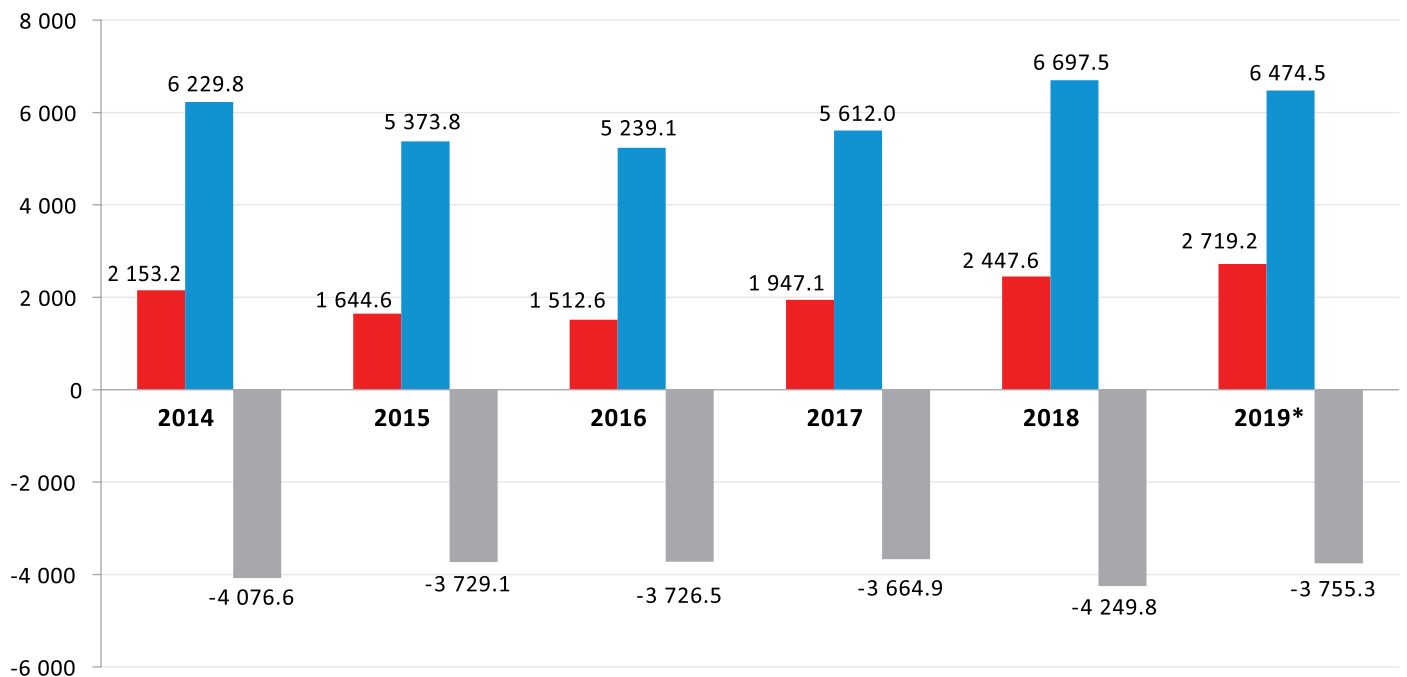
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EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE OF GEORGIA IN JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2019 (PRELIMINARY)

In January-September 2019 the external merchandise trade (excluding non-declared trade) of Georgia amounted to USD 9 193.7 million, 0.5 percent higher year-on-year. The exports equaled USD 2 719.2 million (11.1 percent higher), while the imports stood at USD 6 474.5 million (3.3 percent lower). The negative trade balance was USD 3 755.3 million in January-September 2019 and its share in external trade turnover constituted 40.8 percent. The exports excluding re-exports amounted to USD 1 690.5 million, 1.6 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-SEPTEMBER 2014-2019 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



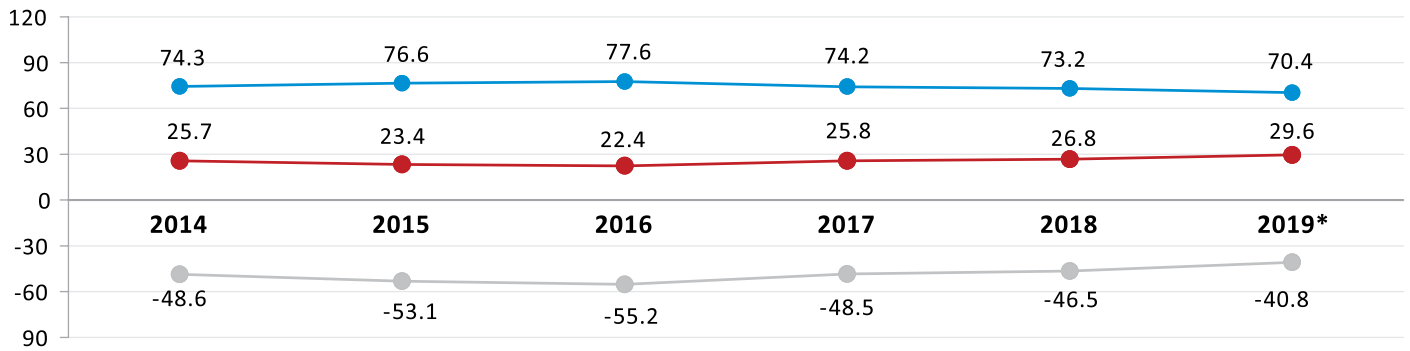
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SHARE OF EXTERNAL TRADE INDICATORS IN TURNOVER JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2014-2019 (%)



*Preliminary data.

● EXPORTS ● IMPORTS ● BALANCE

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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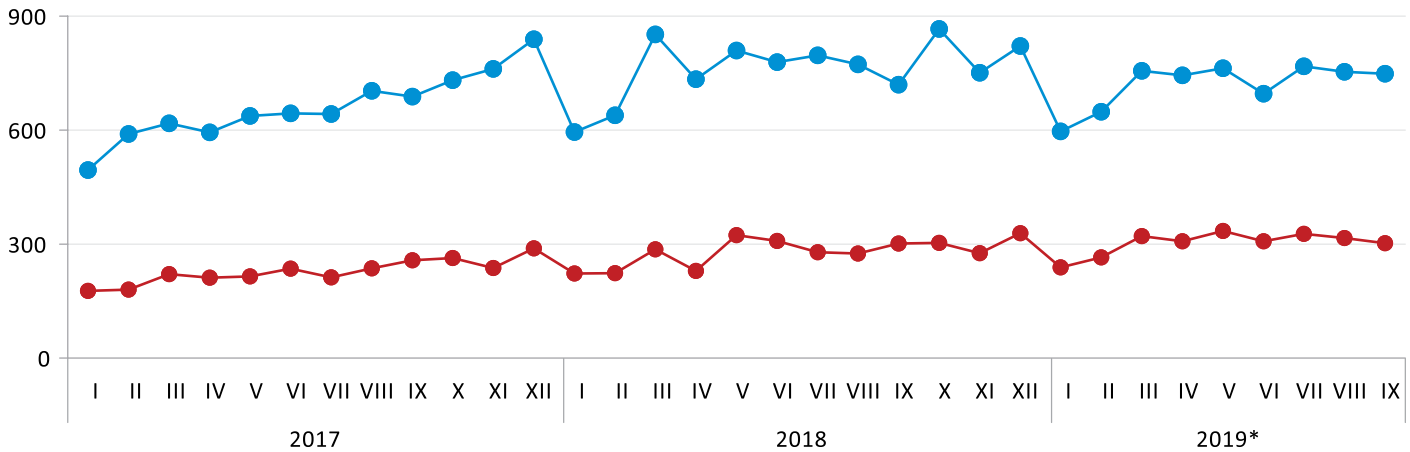
EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF GEORGIA

		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	594 291.5	6.6
	May	215 333.5	24.9	637 628.7	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	703 615.5	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	838 836.4	12.6
2018	January	222 649.9	25.9	594 574.0	20.1
	February	223 657.0	24.3	638 930.8	8.4
	March	285 811.5	29.2	851 801.8	37.9
	April	229 176.7	8.3	734 301.3	23.6
	May	323 793.9	50.4	809 149.1	27.1
	June	307 811.0	30.6	779 219.0	21.0
	July	278 175.9	30.8	797 011.7	24.1
	August	275 376.0	16.5	772 797.3	9.8
	September	301 179.5	16.9	719 693.9	4.6
	October	302 920.2	15.0	866 209.4	18.5
	November	276 196.5	16.6	751 094.2	-1.3
	December	328 964.1	14.1	821 315.6	-2.1
2019*	January	238 766.2	7.2	596 199.3	0.3
	February	265 276.4	18.6	648 134.7	1.4
	March	320 940.2	12.3	755 919.2	-11.3
	April	307 401.7	34.1	744 460.2	1.4
	May	334 480.8	3.3	763 183.9	-5.7
	June	307 249.4	-0.2	695 771.7	-10.7
	July	326 789.5	17.5	768 335.2	-3.6
	August	315 707.4	14.6	753 866.9	-2.4
	September	302 616.2	0.5	748 636.9	4.0

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



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● EXPORTS ● IMPORTS

In January-September 2019 the exports from Georgia to the EU countries amounted to USD 620.1 million (16.3 percent higher compared to January- September 2018) and constituted 22.8 percent of total exports, while the imports amounted to USD 1 667.5 million (10.6 percent lower) with 25.8 percent in total imports. The external trade turnover of Georgia with the EU countries amounted to USD 2 287.6 million, showing a 4.6 percent decrease compared to the corresponding indicator of the previous year. The EU countries accounted for 27.9 percent of the trade deficit.

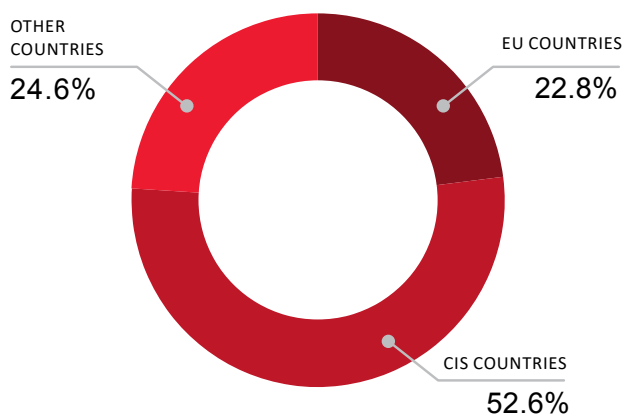
In January-September 2019 the exports to the CIS countries stood at USD 1 430.9 million (23.2 percent higher compared to January-September 2018) and reached 52.6 percent of total exports, while the imports equaled USD 1 704.7 million (12.4 percent lower) with 26.3 percent in total import. The trade turnover with the CIS countries totaled USD 3 135.6 million (0.9 percent higher). The CIS countries accounted for 7.3 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.

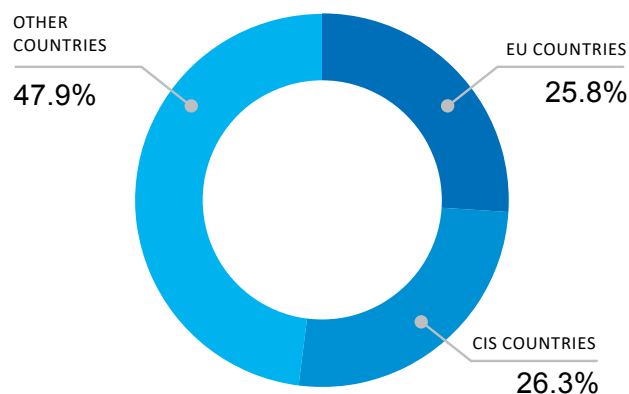
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GEORGIAN EXPORT BY COUNTRY GROUPS IN JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2019*



GEORGIAN IMPORT BY COUNTRY GROUPS IN JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2019*



*Preliminary data.

In January-September 2019 the share of the top ten trading partners by exports in the total exports of Georgia amounted to 72.6 percent. The top partners were Russia (USD 371.1 million), Azerbaijan (USD 355.1 million) and Armenia (USD 261.3 million).

TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2019

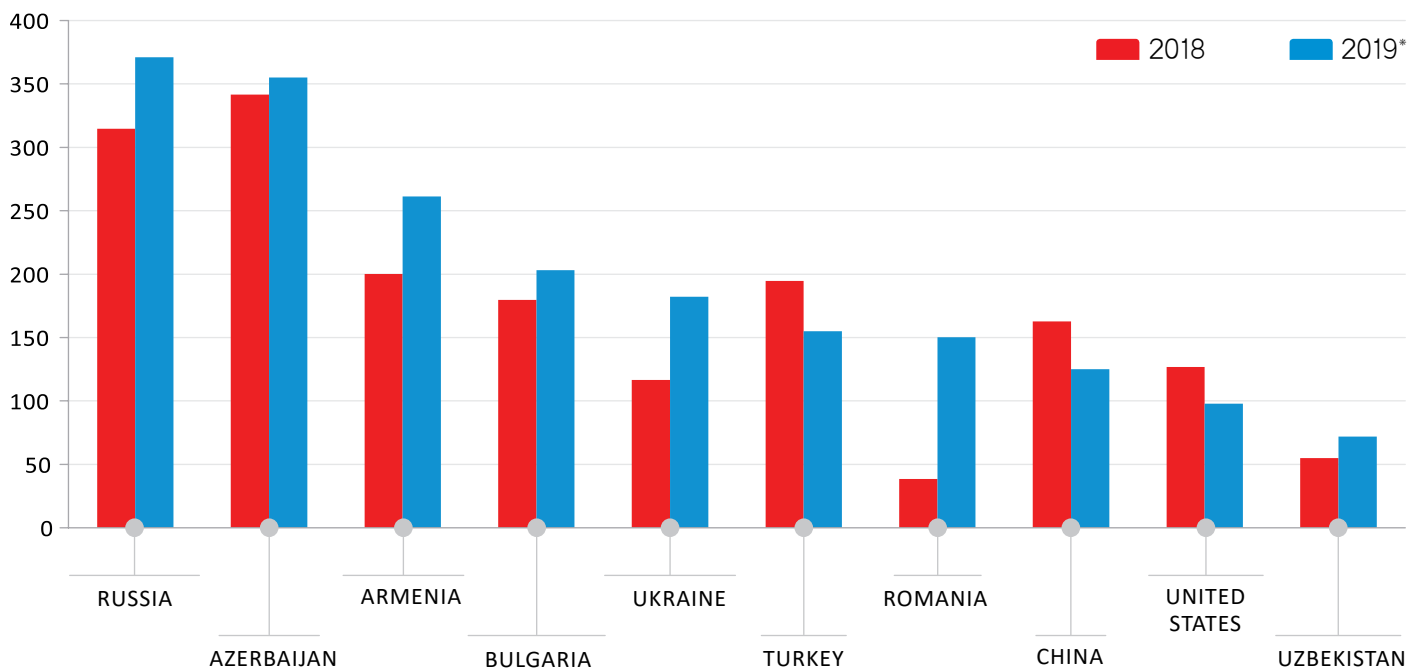
	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2018		JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2019*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL EXPORTS	2 447 631.3	100.0	2 719 227.7	100.0	11.1
Of which:					
Russia	314 716.0	12.9	371 136.3	13.6	17.9
Azerbaijan	341 598.7	14.0	355 113.0	13.1	4.0
Armenia	200 126.5	8.2	261 294.3	9.6	30.6
Bulgaria	179 687.8	7.3	203 251.7	7.5	13.1
Ukraine	116 560.4	4.8	182 168.7	6.7	56.3
Turkey	194 615.3	8.0	155 034.8	5.7	-20.3
Romania	38 499.6	1.6	150 173.3	5.5	290.1
China	162 804.2	6.7	125 161.6	4.6	-23.1
United States	126 869.9	5.2	97 846.3	3.6	-22.9
Uzbekistan	54 871.9	2.2	71 890.6	2.6	31.0
Other countries	717 281.0	29.3	746 157.0	27.4	4.0

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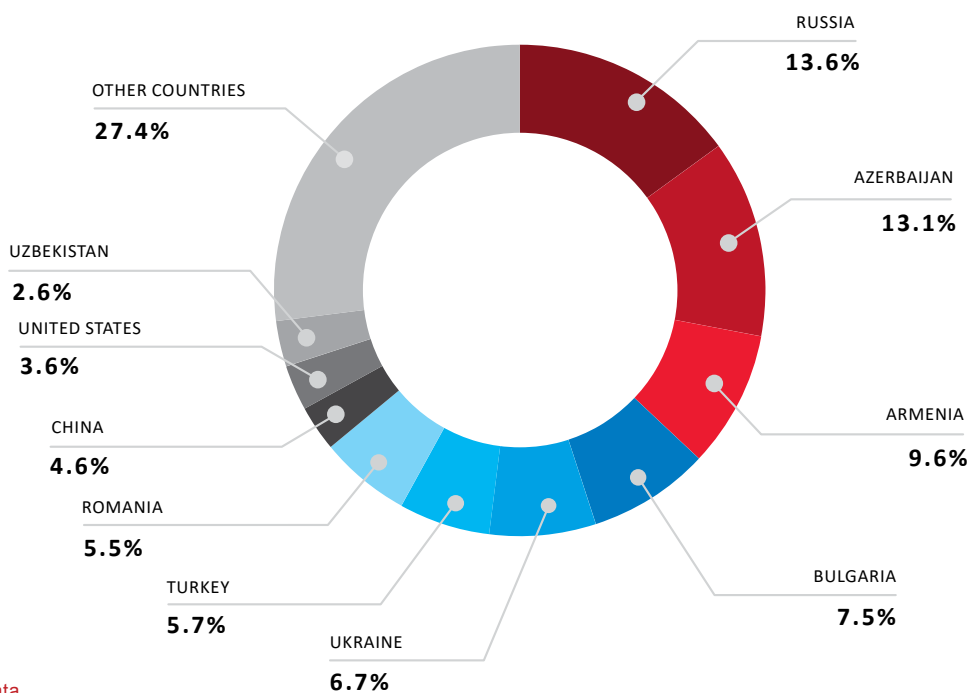
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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2018-2019 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



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



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In January-September 2019 the share of the top ten trading partners by imports in the total imports of Georgia amounted to 65.9 percent. The top partners were Turkey (USD 1 138.8 million), Russia (USD 661.4 million) and China (USD 647.2 million).

TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2019

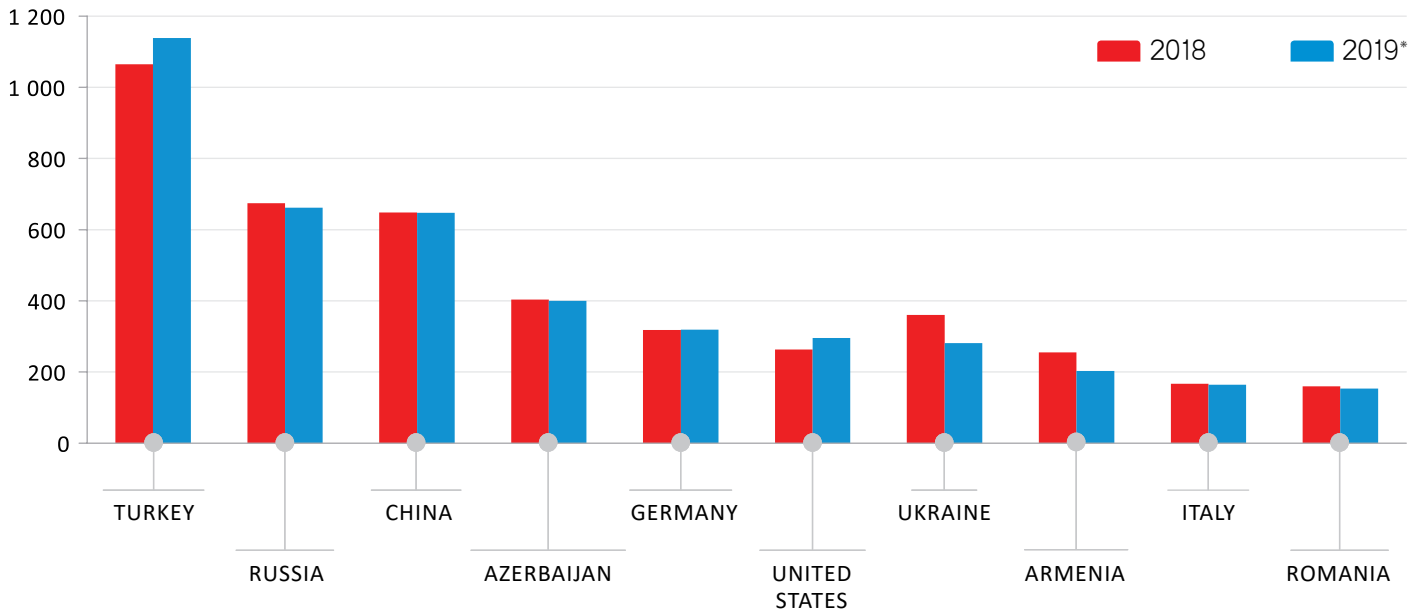
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	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL IMPORTS	6 697 478.9	100.0	6 474 508.1	100.0	-3.3
Of which:					
Turkey	1 064 533.3	15.9	1 138 800.0	17.6	7.0
Russia	674 107.9	10.1	661 366.2	10.2	-1.9
China	647 907.9	9.7	647 216.7	10.0	-0.1
Azerbaijan	403 574.8	6.0	399 742.5	6.2	-0.9
Germany	318 591.2	4.8	318 969.5	4.9	0.1
United States	263 315.3	3.9	295 752.2	4.6	12.3
Ukraine	360 177.5	5.4	281 013.6	4.3	-22.0
Armenia	254 741.1	3.8	202 842.9	3.1	-20.4
Italy	166 930.2	2.5	164 742.2	2.5	-1.3
Romania	160 006.7	2.4	153 298.3	2.4	-4.2
Other countries	2 383 593.0	35.6	2 210 763.9	34.1	-7.3

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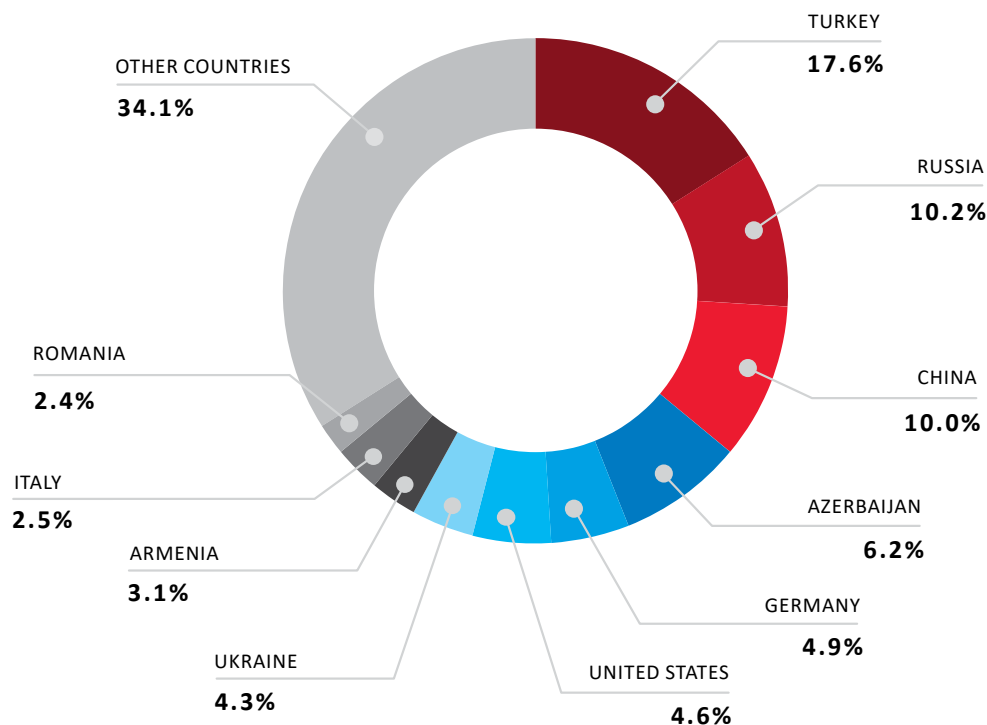
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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2018-2019 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



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



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In January-September 2019 the share of the top ten trading partners in the total external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 66.7 percent. The top trading partners were Turkey (USD 1 296.8 million), Russia (USD 1 032.5 million) and China (USD 772.4 million).

TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER IN JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2019*

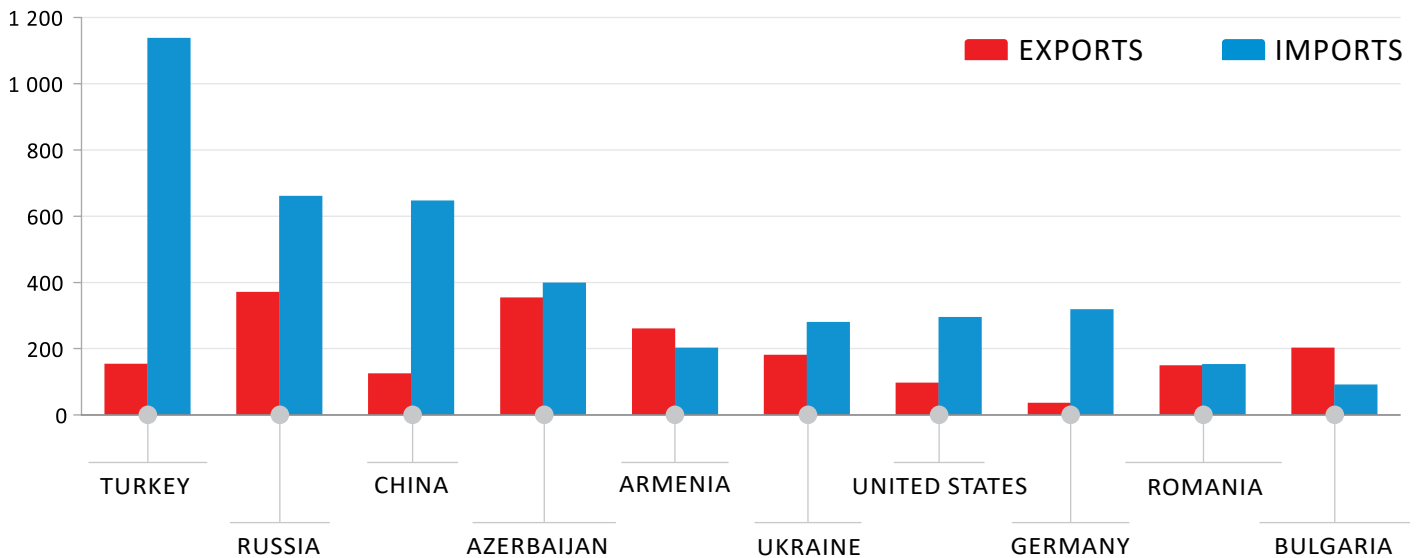
	EXPORTS		IMPORTS		TURNOVER	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)
TOTAL	2 719 227.7	100.0	6 474 508.1	100.0	9 193 735.8	100.0
Of which:						
Turkey	155 034.8	5.7	1 138 800.0	17.6	1 293 834.7	14.1
Russia	371 136.3	13.6	661 366.2	10.2	1 032 502.6	11.2
China	125 161.6	4.6	647 216.7	10.0	772 378.4	8.4
Azerbaijan	355 113.0	13.1	399 742.5	6.2	754 855.6	8.2
Armenia	261 294.3	9.6	202 842.9	3.1	464 137.2	5.0
Ukraine	182 168.7	6.7	281 013.6	4.3	463 182.3	5.0
United States	97 846.3	3.6	295 752.2	4.6	393 598.5	4.3
Germany	37 071.2	1.4	318 969.5	4.9	356 040.7	3.9
Romania	150 173.3	5.5	153 298.3	2.4	303 471.6	3.3
Bulgaria	203 251.7	7.5	91 704.9	1.4	294 956.6	3.2
Other countries	780 976.5	28.7	2 283 801.3	35.3	3 064 777.7	33.3

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



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In January-September 2019 copper ores and concentrates reclaimed the first place in the list of top export items, equaling USD 476.4 million or 17.5 percent of total exports. The exports of motor cars totaled USD 454.3 million and their share in the total exports amounted to 16.7 percent. The ferro-alloys exports occupied the third place standing at USD 240.0 million and constituting 8.8 percent of the total exports.

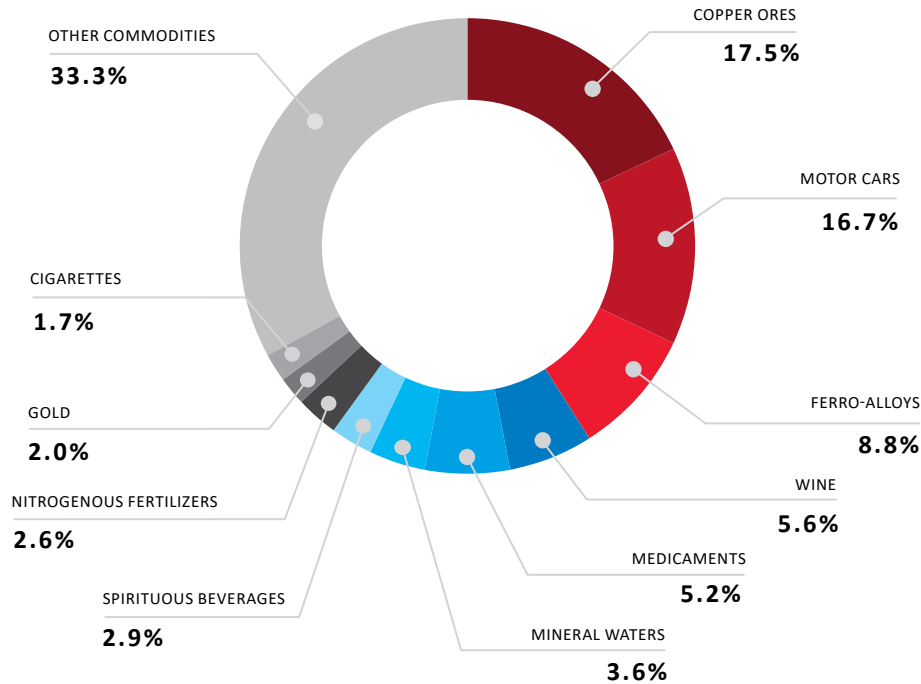
MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY EXPORTS

	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2018		JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2019*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL EXPORTS	2 447 631.3	100.0	2 719 227.7	100.0	11.1
Of which:					
Copper ores and concentrates	375 289.5	15.3	476 398.3	17.5	26.9
Motor cars	278 816.1	11.4	454 295.9	16.7	62.9
Ferro-alloys	271 882.7	11.1	239 998.6	8.8	-11.7
Wine of fresh grapes	138 794.3	5.7	152 148.2	5.6	9.6
Medicaments put up in measured doses	101 352.2	4.1	141 927.7	5.2	40.0
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated	79 588.7	3.3	97 830.7	3.6	22.9
Spiritous beverages	95 944.1	3.9	79 685.4	2.9	-16.9
Nitrogenous fertilizers	72 465.7	3.0	71 330.6	2.6	-1.6
Gold unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms, or in powder form	56 100.3	2.3	53 084.9	2.0	-5.4
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	100 461.6	4.1	47 445.2	1.7	-52.8
Other commodities	876 936.0	35.8	905 082.4	33.3	3.2

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



*Preliminary data.

The top import commodities in January-September 2019 were petroleum and petroleum oils whose imports equaled USD 543.2 million (8.4 percent of the total imports). The motor cars followed in the list with USD 483.2 million or 7.5 percent of imports. The copper ores and concentrates were third in the top import commodity list with USD 412.4 million (6.4 percent of imports).

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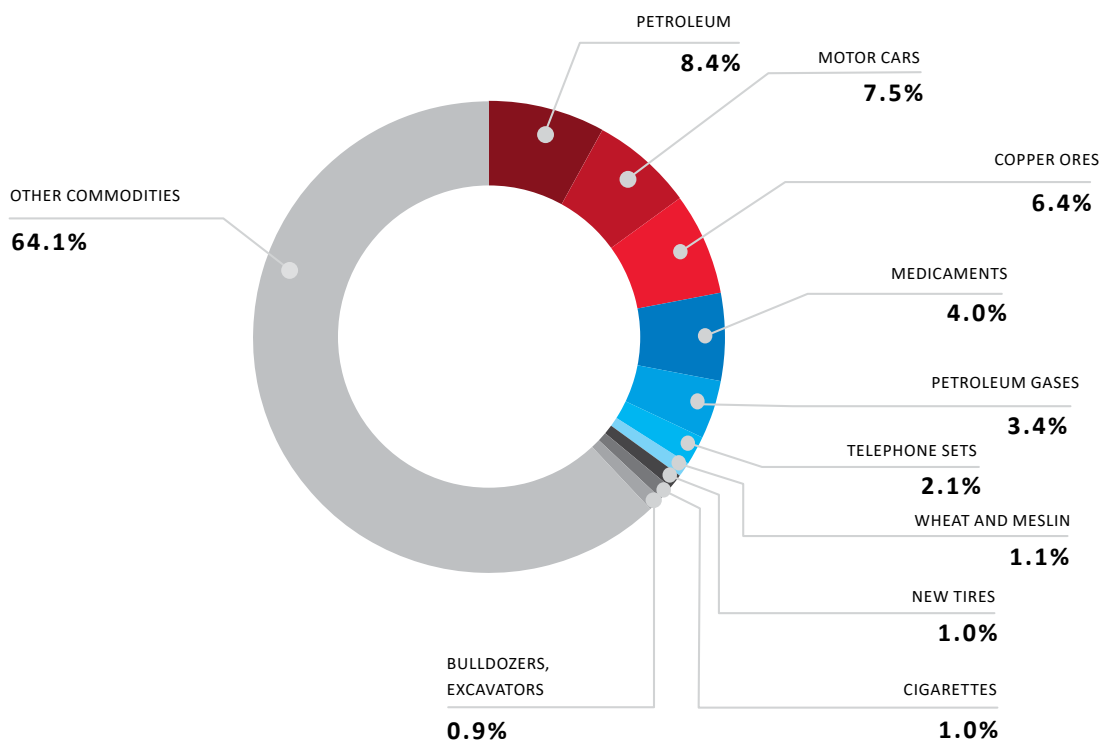
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	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2018		JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2019*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL IMPORTS	6 697 478.9	100.0	6 474 508.1	100.0	-3.3
Of which:					
Petroleum and petroleum oils	644 448.4	9.6	543 234.6	8.4	-15.7
Motor cars	451 964.3	6.7	483 228.3	7.5	6.9
Copper ores and concentrates	296 026.2	4.4	412 353.0	6.4	39.3
Medicaments put up in measured doses	240 566.9	3.6	261 979.8	4.0	8.9
Petroleum gases and other gaseous	205 075.3	3.1	223 155.2	3.4	8.8
Telephones	143 021.0	2.1	136 242.7	2.1	-4.7
Wheat and meslin	86 604.5	1.3	74 275.2	1.1	-14.2
New pneumatic tyres of rubber	61 306.0	0.9	66 839.5	1.0	9.0
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	123 688.3	1.8	65 514.3	1.0	-47.0
Bulldozers, excavators and tamping machines	44 642.2	0.7	56 423.1	0.9	26.4
Other commodities	4 400 135.6	65.7	4 151 262.4	64.1	-5.7

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



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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER



TURKEY

EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO TURKEY

	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2018		JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
 >> 				
TOTAL EXPORTS	194 615.3		155 034.8	
Of which:				
T-shirts knitted	31 290.6	1 279.6	27 345.2	1 293.5
Semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel	21 079.8	43 994.4	23 449.2	61 372.2
Copper ores and concentrates	18 485.9	13 564.2	13 750.2	9 347.0
Ferro-alloys	25 184.7	20 643.2	13 197.0	12 225.0
Men's or boys' suits ensembles trousers knitted or crocheted	7 151.3	341.3	9 541.4	450.0
Other commodities	91 423.0		67 751.6	

*Preliminary data.

IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM TURKEY

	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2018		JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
 >> 				
TOTAL IMPORTS	1 064 533.3		1 138 800.0	
Of which:				
Medicaments put up in measured doses	41 776.5	559.7	64 416.7	1 025.8
Motor cars (unit)	31 274.2	1 336	49 207.2	2 031
Structures and parts of structures of iron or steel	23 499.9	13 020.2	31 585.4	19 669.8
Other tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of iron or steel	41 324.8	51 620.1	28 742.6	39 099.5
Insulated wire, cable and other insulated electric conductors	23 538.1	5 719.2	28 269.2	6 081.8
Other commodities	903 119.7		936 578.9	



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RUSSIA

EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO RUSSIA

	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2018		JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
 >> 				
TOTAL EXPORTS	314 716.0		371 136.3	
Of which:				
Ferro-alloys	100 194.3	84 447.3	98 172.4	90 829.1
Wine of fresh grapes	82 459.4	28 040.7	92 267.4	30 119.0
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters, not containing added sugar	35 310.6	51 483.8	43 908.7	67 100.1
Spirituous beverages	14 278.9	3 536.1	22 371.9	4 564.1
Centrifuges; filtering or purifying machinery, for liquids or gases	9 604.0	14.3	19 065.3	44.5
Other commodities	72 868.9		95 350.6	

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IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM RUSSIA

	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2018		JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
 >> 				
TOTAL IMPORTS	674 107.9		661 366.2	
Of which:				
Petroleum and petroleum oils	142 240.7	216 002.1	139 360.6	234 172.5
Wheat and meslin	73 559.6	377 512.0	61 059.5	287 275.3
Coke and semi-coke of coal	26 108.4	95 428.5	23 825.7	87 994.4
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	10 009.4	28 511.9	22 066.2	73 356.1
Sunflower-seed oil	23 742.7	26 198.6	21 410.0	25 522.8
Other commodities	398 447.1		393 644.4	

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CHINA

EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO CHINA



	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2018		JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL EXPORTS	162 804.2		125 161.6	
Of which:				
Copper ores	133 648.1	92 054.4	91 099.4	54 865.0
Wine of fresh grapes	13 667.0	3 391.5	13 599.0	3 790.0
Instruments and appliances used in medicine	7 770.8	48.0	9 878.8	50.8
Composite diagnostic or laboratory reagents	-	-	1 980.2	5.5
Ginger, saffron, turmeric, thyme, bay leaves, curry and other spices	65.3	35.3	1 751.2	946.5
Other commodities	7 653.1		6 853.1	

*Preliminary data.

IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM CHINA



	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2018		JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL IMPORTS	647 907.9		647 216.7	
Of which:				
Flat-rolled products of non-alloy steel, of a width of more than 600mm, clad or coated	27 199.0	32 596.0	23 302.6	31 665.4
Air conditioning machines	16 045.3	2 773.3	20 651.4	3 780.1
Automatic data processing machines and units thereof	38 713.8	340.4	17 082.4	276.3
New pneumatic tyres, of rubber	20 115.7	8 021.9	15 683.5	6 568.3
Polyacetals and epoxide resins, and other polyesters in primary forms	14 043.5	10 436.6	15 579.2	13 079.1
Other commodities	531 790.6		554 917.5	






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EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE

	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE MIL. US DOLLARS
NEGATIVE TRADE BALANCE		
January-September 2018	97	4 459.5
January-September 2019*	94	4 114.0
POSITIVE TRADE BALANCE		
January-September 2018	44	209.7
January-September 2019*	44	358.7
TOTAL		
January-September 2018	141	4 249.8
January-September 2019*	138	3 755.3

*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;
- ... Data are confidential
- 0.0 Negligible magnitude

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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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