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EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN GEORGIA

2019

JANUARY- NOVEMBER

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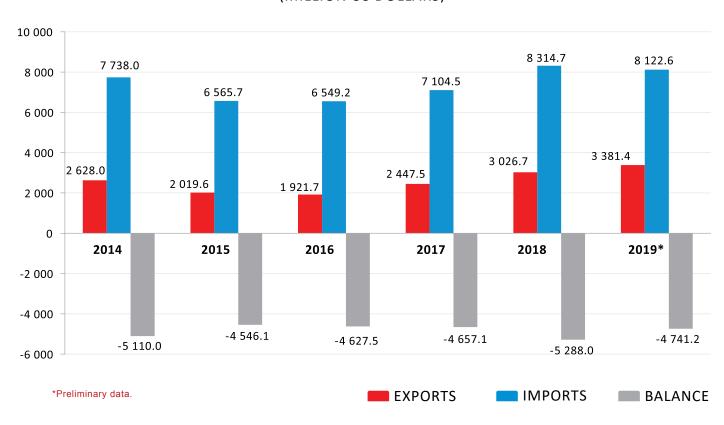
EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE OF GEORGIA IN JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2019

(PRELIMINARY)

In January-November 2019 the external merchandise trade (excluding non-declared trade) of Georgia amounted to USD 11 504.1 million, 1.4 percent higher year-on-year. The exports equaled USD 3 381.4 million (11.7 percent higher), while the imports stood at USD 8 122.6 million (2.3 percent lower). The negative trade balance was USD 4 741.2 million in January-November 2019 and its share in external trade turnover constituted 41.2 percent. The exports excluding re-exports amounted to USD 2 112.8 million, 4.4 percent higher year-on-year.

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

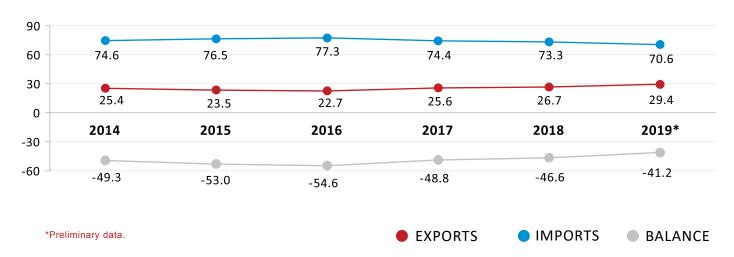
GENERAL DATA ON EXTERNAL TRADE OF GEORGIA IN JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2014-2019 (MILLION US DOLLARS)





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SHARE OF EXTERNAL TRADE INDICATORS IN TURNOVER JANUARY-NOVEMBER 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

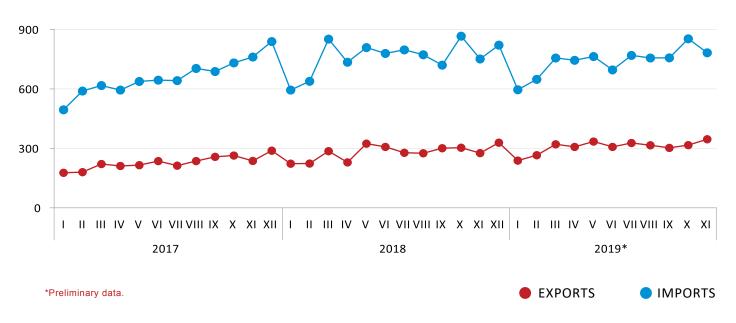
		ЕХРО	ORTS	IMPORTS		
		THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES m-o-m (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES m-o-m (%)	
	January	176 873.6	44.8	495 112.0	20.2	
	February	179 869.4	13.6	589 395.5	12.4	
	March	221 188.1	36.5	617 537.3	11.8	
	April	211 582.2	27.7	594 291.5	6.6	
	May	215 333.5	24.9	637 628.7	4.5	
	June	235 601.9	40.2	644 047.9	0.3	
2017	July	212 650.9	22.5	642 115.9	7.0	
	August	236 320.0	25.7	703 662.7	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	838 836.4	12.6	
	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	734 367.5	23.6	
	May	323 793.9	50.4	809 023.6	26.9	
<u>∞</u>	June	307 811.0	30.6	779 219.0	21.0	
2018	July	278 175.9	30.8	796 999.6	24.1	
	August	275 376.0	16.5	772 797.3	9.8	
	September	301 179.5	16.9	719 694.4	4.6	
	October	302 920.2	15.0	866 209.5	18.5	
	November	276 196.5	16.6	751 094.2	-1.3	
	December	328 964.1	14.1	821 315.6	-2.1	
	January	238 766.2	7.2	596 192.3	0.3	
	February	265 276.4	18.6	648 191.2	1.4	
	March	320 940.2	12.3	755 948.7	-11.3	
	April	307 401.7	34.1	744 736.9	1.4	
*	May	334 480.8	3.3	763 224.8	-5.7	
2019*	June	307 249.4	-0.2	696 008.9	-10.7	
7	July	326 789.5	17.5	769 085.0	-3.5	
	August	315 707.4	14.6	756 133.6	-2.2	
	September	302 616.2	0.5	757 248.7	5.2	
	October	316 257.5	4.4	853 185.2	-1.5	
	November	345 927.2	25.2	782 682.4	4.2	

^{*}Preliminary data.



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



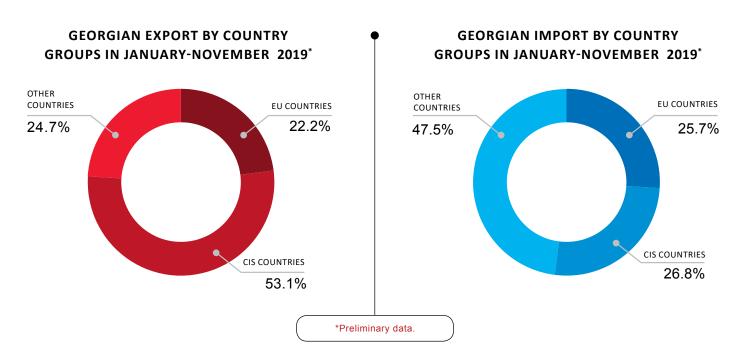
In January-November 2019 the exports from Georgia to the EU countries amounted to USD 752.3 million (14.2 percent higher compared to January-November 2018) and constituted 22.2 percent of total exports, while the imports amounted to USD 2 087.6 million (7.4 percent lower) with 25.7 percent in total imports. The external trade turnover of Georgia with the EU countries amounted to USD 2 839.9 million, showing a 2.5 percent decrease compared to the corresponding indicator of the previous year. The EU countries accounted for 28.2 percent of the trade deficit.

In January-November 2019 the exports to the CIS countries stood at USD 1 794.9 million (21.0 percent higher compared to January-November 2018) and reached 53.1 percent of total exports, while the imports equaled USD 2 173.3 million (11.3 percent lower) with 26.8 percent in total import. The trade turnover with the CIS countries totaled USD 3 968.2 million (0.9 percent higher). The CIS countries accounted for 8.0 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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In January-November 2019 the share of the top ten trading partners by exports in the total exports of Georgia amounted to 72.9 percent. The top partners were Russia (USD 454.0 million), Azerbaijan (USD 444.6 million) and Armenia (USD 353.9 million).

TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2019

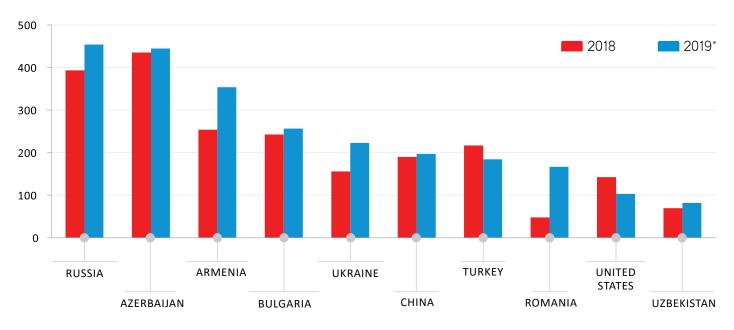
	JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2018		JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2019*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL EXPORTS	3 026 748.1	100.0	3 381 412.4	100.0	11.7
Of which:					
Russia	393 618.1	13.0	453 997.1	13.4	15.3
Azerbaijan	435 186.8	14.4	444 618.2	13.1	2.2
Armenia	253 729.8	8.4	353 866.3	10.5	39.5
Bulgaria	242 772.3	8.0	256 601.1	7.6	5.7
Ukraine	156 015.4	5.2	222 799.9	6.6	42.8
China	190 020.0	6.3	197 141.6	5.8	3.7
Turkey	216 933.7	7.2	184 491.1	5.5	-15.0
Romania	47 843.6	1.6	166 884.9	4.9	248.8
United States	142 370.7	4.7	103 335.0	3.1	-27.4
Uzbekistan	69 384.8	2.3	81 945.4	2.4	18.1
Other countries	878 872.9	29.0	915 731.7	27.1	4.2

^{*}Preliminary data.



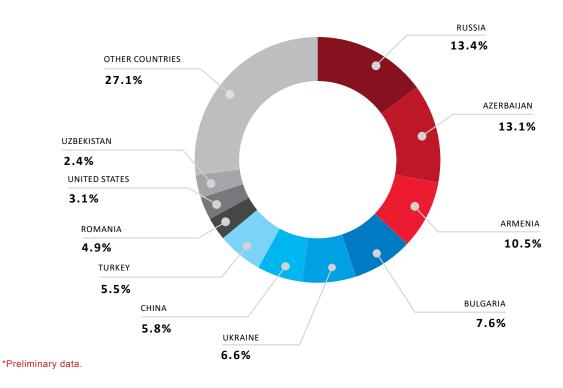
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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2018-2019 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



*Preliminary data.

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





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In January-November 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 1 448.6 million), Russia (USD 868.0 million) and China (USD 785.3 million).

TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2019

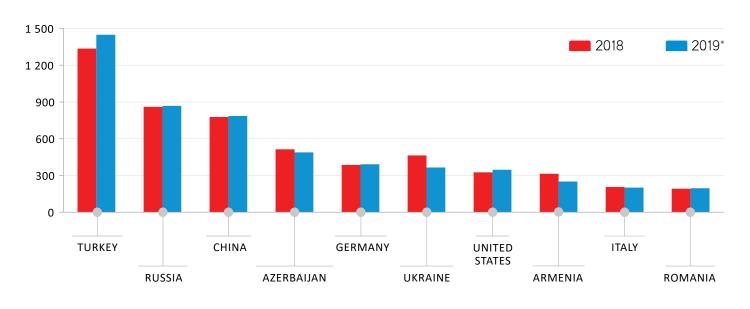
	JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2018		JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2019*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL IMPORTS	8 314 711.6	100.0	8 122 637.7	100.0	-2.3
Of which:					
Turkey	1 336 066.1	16.1	1 448 649.1	17.8	8.4
Russia	859 674.9	10.3	868 001.9	10.7	1.0
China	776 940.5	9.3	785 298.7	9.7	1.1
Azerbaijan	513 520.9	6.2	488 159.0	6.0	-4.9
Germany	386 599.8	4.6	390 798.9	4.8	1.1
Ukraine	463 537.3	5.6	365 236.3	4.5	-21.2
United States	325 693.9	3.9	347 206.0	4.3	6.6
Armenia	313 550.9	3.8	251 089.4	3.1	-19.9
Italy	206 126.1	2.5	201 163.0	2.5	-2.4
Romania	191 758.1	2.3	195 788.4	2.4	2.1
Other countries	2 941 243.2	35.4	2 781 246.9	34.2	-5.4

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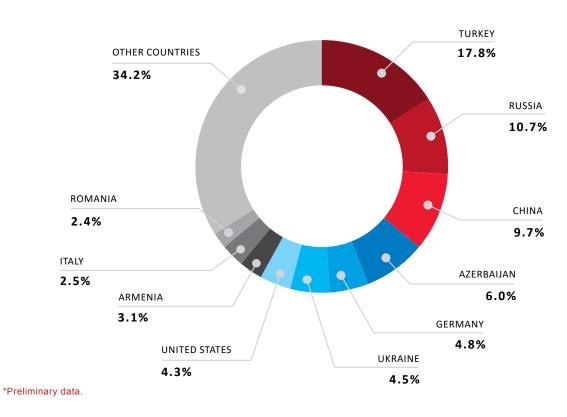
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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2018-2019 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



*Preliminary data.

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





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In January-November 2019 the share of the top ten trading partners in the total external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 66.8 percent. The top trading partners were Turkey (USD 1 633.1 million), Russia (USD 1 322.0 million) and China (USD 982.4 million).

TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER IN JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2019*

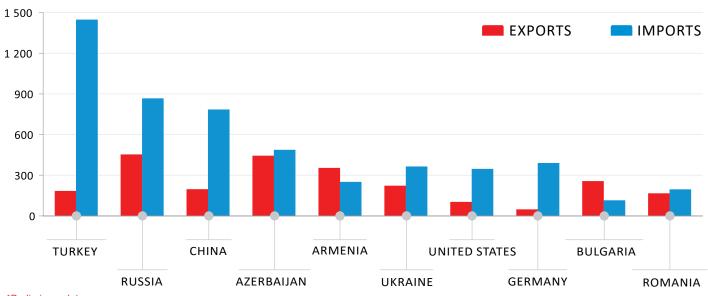
	EXPORTS		IMPORTS		TURNOVER	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)
TOTAL	3 381 412.4	100.0	8 122 637.7	100.0	11 504 050.1	100.0
Of which:						
Turkey	184 491.1	5.5	1 448 649.1	17.8	1 633 140.3	14.2
Russia	453 997.1	13.4	868 001.9	10.7	1 321 999.0	11.5
China	197 141.6	5.8	785 298.7	9.7	982 440.4	8.5
Azerbaijan	444 618.2	13.1	488 159.0	6.0	932 777.1	8.1
Armenia	353 866.3	10.5	251 089.4	3.1	604 955.8	5.3
Ukraine	222 799.9	6.6	365 236.3	4.5	588 036.2	5.1
United States	103 335.0	3.1	347 206.0	4.3	450 541.0	3.9
Germany	48 691.3	1.4	390 798.9	4.8	439 490.2	3.8
Bulgaria	256 601.1	7.6	114 731.3	1.4	371 332.4	3.2
Romania	166 884.9	4.9	195 788.4	2.4	362 673.3	3.2
Other countries	948 985.8	28.1	2 867 678.6	35.3	3 816 664.4	33.2

^{*}Preliminary data.



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



*Preliminary data.

In January-November 2019 copper ores and concentrates reclaimed the first place in the list of top export items, equaling USD 601.9 million or 17.8 percent of total exports. The exports of motor cars totaled USD 594.6 million and their share in the total exports amounted to 17.6 percent. The ferro-alloys exports occupied the third place standing at USD 261.2 million and constituting 7.7 percent of the total exports.

MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY EXPORTS

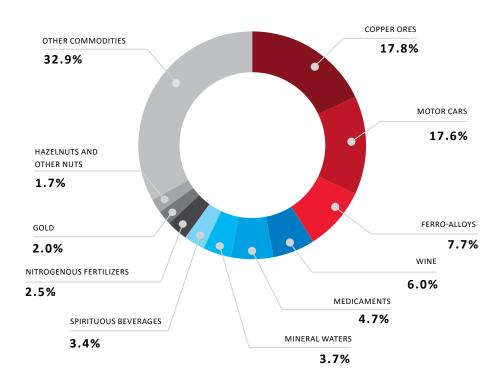
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	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL EXPORTS	3 026 748.1	100.0	3 381 412.4	100.0	11.7
Of which:					
Copper ores and concentrates	461 446.3	15.2	601 877.5	17.8	30.4
Motor cars	355 739.5	11.8	594 644.5	17.6	67.2
Ferro-alloys	318 755.9	10.5	261 195.9	7.7	-18.1
Wine of fresh grapes	178 946.2	5.9	202 747.6	6.0	13.3
Medicaments put up in measured doses	131 424.2	4.3	159 669.3	4.7	21.5
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated	100 237.0	3.3	124 335.4	3.7	24.0
Spirituous beverages	119 279.2	3.9	114 183.2	3.4	-4.3
Mineral or chemical fertilizers, nitrogenous	85 734.5	2.8	85 613.7	2.5	-0.1
Gold unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms, or in powder form	65 618.7	2.2	67 086.7	2.0	2.2
Hazelnuts and other nuts	62 453.1	2.1	58 002.1	1.7	-7.1
Other commodities	1 147 113.5	37.9	1 112 056.5	32.9	-3.1





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



*Preliminary data.

The top import commodities in January-November 2019 were petroleum and petroleum oils whose imports equaled USD 685.8 million (8.4 percent of the total imports). The motor cars followed in the list with USD 579.4 million or 7.1 percent of imports. The copper ores and concentrates were third in the top import commodity list with USD 545.1 million (6.7 percent of imports).



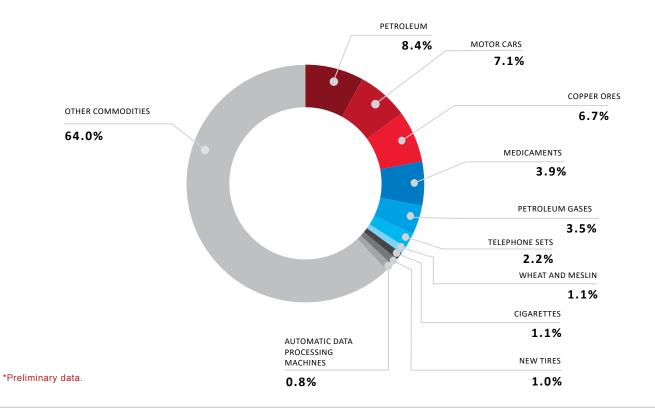
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MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY IMPORTS

	JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2018		JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2019*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL IMPORTS	8 314 711.6	100.0	8 122 637.7	100.0	-2.3
Of which:					
Petroleum and petroleum oils	794 371.4	9.6	685 815.8	8.4	-13.7
Motor cars	556 469.1	6.7	579 375.3	7.1	4.1
Copper ores and concentrates	378 656.1	4.6	545 059.6	6.7	43.9
Medicaments put up in measured doses	300 720.4	3.6	313 483.8	3.9	4.2
Petroleum gases and other gaseous	254 277.1	3.1	281 870.4	3.5	10.9
Telephones	174 643.0	2.1	182 040.2	2.2	4.2
Wheat and meslin	107 370.1	1.3	93 036.2	1.1	-13.3
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	165 618.1	2.0	91 586.3	1.1	-44.7
New pneumatic tyres of rubber	74 968.0	0.9	82 009.9	1.0	9.4
Automatic data processing machines	122 779.3	1.5	68 425.3	0.8	-44.3
Other commodities	5 384 838.9	64.8	5 199 934.8	64.0	-3.4

^{*}Preliminary data.

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





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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER

TURKEY

EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO TURKEY

	JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2018		JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2019*	
* * * * * C*	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL EXPORTS	216 933.7		184 491.1	
Of which:				
T-shirts knitted	36 509.9	1 558.4	33 877.4	1 619.2
Semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel	22 041.3	46 215.5	27 442.8	72 782.3
Ferro-alloys	30 371.2	25 276.7	16 313.9	15 283.5
Copper ores and concentrates	18 485.9	13 564.2	13 750.2	9 347.0
Men's or boys' suits, ensembles, trousers, knitted or crocheted	9 262.8	438.6	12 354.5	577.9
Other commodities	100 262.7		80 752.4	

^{*}Preliminary data.

IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM TURKEY

C* >> * * *	JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2018		JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL IMPORTS	1 336 066.1		1 448 649.1	
Of which:				
Medicaments put up in measured doses	54 301.3	754.1	76 319.2	1 190.7
Motor cars (unit)	40 593.6	1 642	59 131.1	2 421
Structures and parts of structures of iron or steel	31 910.3	17 939.3	39 098.1	24 285.0
Other tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of iron or steel	46 992.8	59 110.6	38 281.1	52 744.1
Petroleum and petroleum oils	7 405.7	3 765.0	35 915.6	46 932.6
Other commodities	1 154 862.4		1 199 904.0	

^{*}Preliminary data.



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RUSSIA

EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO RUSSIA

	JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2018		JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2019*	
* * * * *	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL EXPORTS	393 618.1		453 997.1	
Of which:				
Wine of fresh grapes	105 082.3	35 633.9	122 655.2	39 783.3
Ferro-alloys	120 119.7	103 317.1	107 346.8	100 221.6
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters, not containing added sugar	45 168.5	66 261.6	56 693.0	89 705.8
Spirituous beverages	18 987.8	4 602.3	31 709.6	6 415.3
Centrifuges; filtering or purifying machinery, for liquids or gases	13 506.9	18.3	19 066.4	44.6
Other commodities	90 752.9		116 526.1	

^{*}Preliminary data.

IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM RUSSIA

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	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL IMPORTS	859 674.9		868 001.9	
Of which:				
Petroleum and petroleum oils	187 198.1	281 798.0	180 189.0	300 519.3
Wheat and meslin	89 532.5	454 507.0	79 738.7	379 423.5
Petroleum gases and other gaseous	11 013.7	30 181.2	30 608.5	102 274.3
Sunflower-seed oil	30 160.6	33 468.0	29 625.0	35 084.4
Coke and semi-coke of coal	35 612.5	130 020.4	29 181.0	108 254.1
Other commodities	506 157.4		518 659.8	

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CHINA

EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO CHINA

	JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2018		JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2019*	
*** ** **	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL EXPORTS	190 020.0		197 141.6	
Of which:				
Copper ores	151 436.0	104 514.5	149 806.4	88 904.6
Wine of fresh grapes	17 676.1	4 412.2	17 050.2	4 685.5
Instruments and appliances used in medicine	9 918.0	55.9	11 636.5	63.7
Hazelnuts and other nuts	730.7	262.0	3 255.8	1 021.9
Ginger, saffron, turmeric, thyme and other spices	417.0	203.5	2,844.6	1,451.2
Other commodities	10 259.3		12 184.6	

^{*}Preliminary data.

IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM CHINA

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****	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL IMPORTS	776 940.5		785 298.7	
Of which:				
Flat-rolled products of non-alloy steel, of a width of more than 600mm, clad or coated	33 317.8	39 553.6	28 148.8	38 350.8
Air conditioning machines	17 322.1	2 945.3	21 680.0	3 933.5
New pneumatic tyres, of rubber	24 585.9	9 767.3	19 487.1	8 138.2
Automatic data processing machines	40 783.9	367.4	19 042.4	310.1
Television receivers	13 421.0	583.6	17 523.3	828.9
Other commodities	647 509.9		679 417.3	

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EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE

	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE MIL. US DOLLARS
NEGATIVE TRADE BALANCE		
January-November 2018	98	5 572.5
January-November 2019*	94	5 230.5
POSITIVE TRADE BALANCE		
January-November 2018	47	284.6
January-November 2019*	45	489.3
TOTAL		
January-November 2018	145	5 288.0
January-November 2019*	139	4 741.2

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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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