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## EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN GEORGIA

# 2020

JANUARY-SEPTEMBER

(PRELIMINARY RESULTS)

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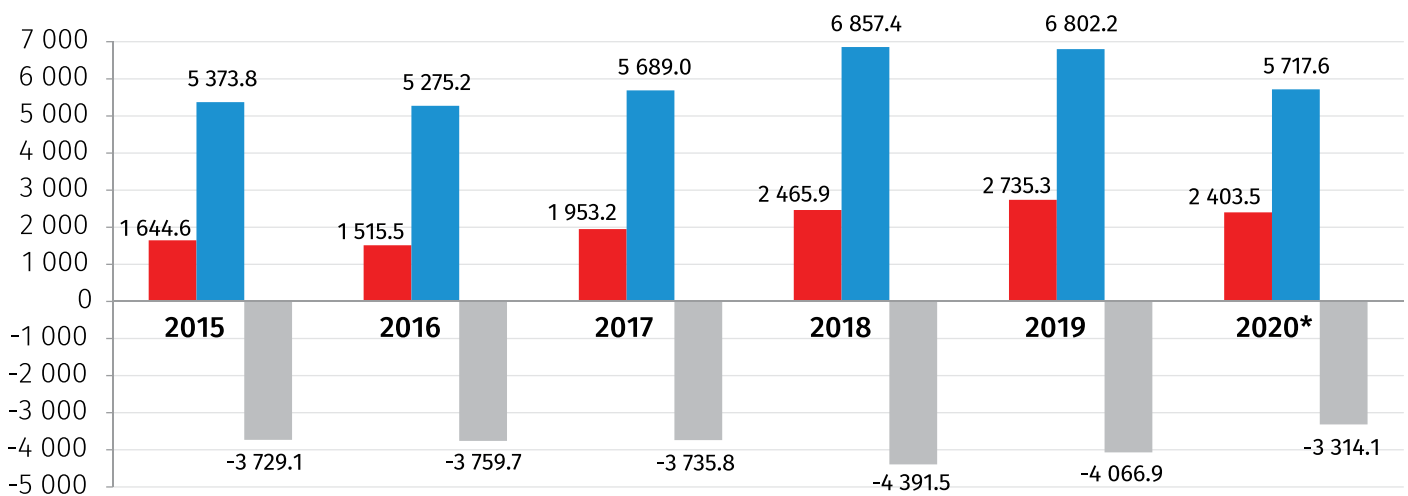
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**EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE OF GEORGIA  
IN JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2020  
(PRELIMINARY)**

In January-September 2020 the external merchandise trade (excluding non-declared trade) of Georgia amounted to USD 8 121.0 million, 14.9 percent lower to the same period of 2019. The exports equaled USD 2 403.5 million (12.1 percent lower), while the imports stood at USD 5 717.6 million (15.9 percent lower). The negative trade balance was USD 3 314.1 million in January-September 2020 and its share in external trade turnover constituted 40.8 percent.

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

**GENERAL DATA ON EXTERNAL TRADE OF GEORGIA IN JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2015-2020  
(MILLION US DOLLARS)**



\*Preliminary data.

EXPORTS

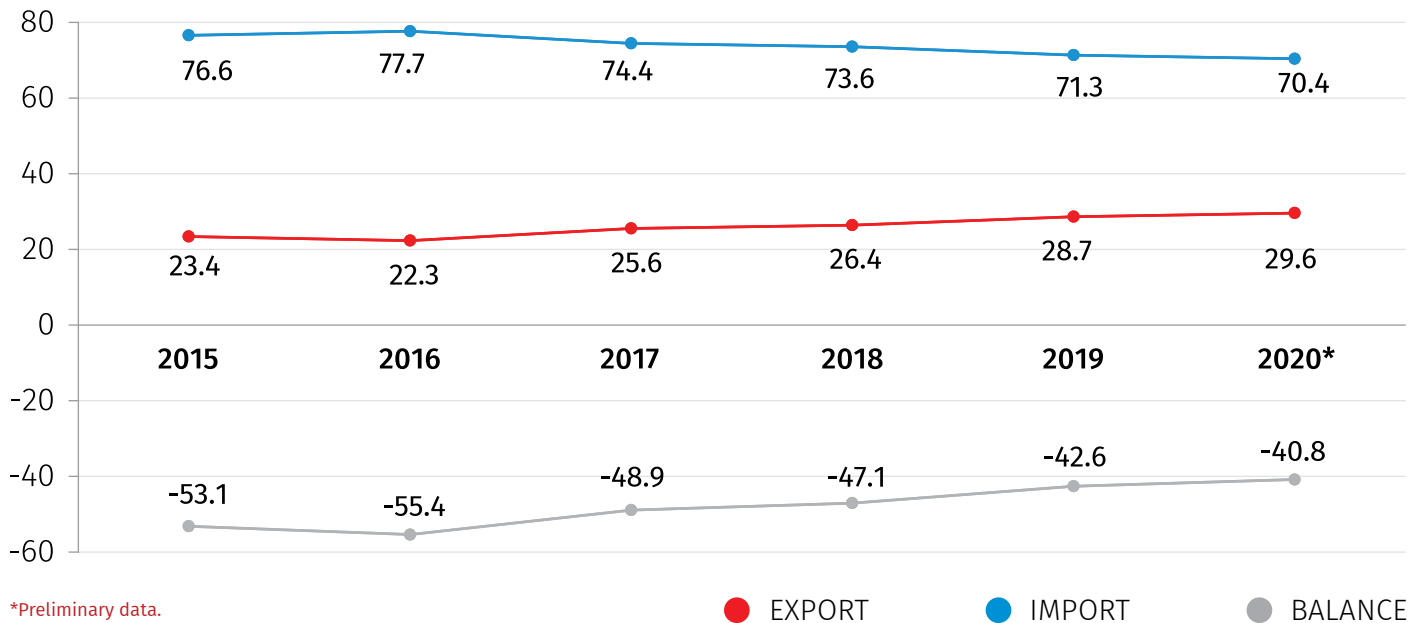
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### SHARE OF EXTERNAL TRADE INDICATORS IN TURNOVER JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2015-2020 (%)



The table below shows monthly data for 2018-2020 exports and imports in absolute values 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 (%)
2018	January	222 754.0	25.7	608 770.3	21.7
	February	224 119.6	24.4	651 470.4	9.5
	March	292 915.7	32.1	867 196.2	38.8
	April	230 140.5	8.4	755 701.5	25.7
	May	325 114.2	50.5	830 797.7	28.6
	June	309 882.3	31.1	799 091.3	22.3
	July	280 468.6	31.4	816 047.2	24.8
	August	277 873.2	17.1	789 277.2	10.4
	September	302 624.4	16.9	739 010.8	5.7
	October	304 558.4	15.1	894 354.4	19.4
	November	277 635.5	16.7	767 993.2	-0.2
	December	331 646.1	14.4	841 847.7	-0.9

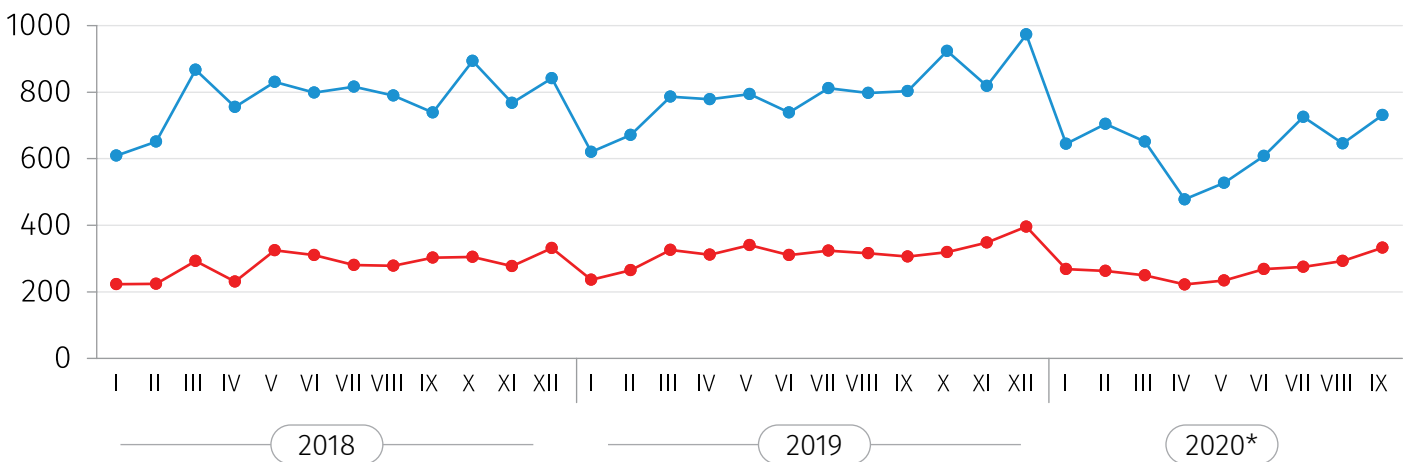
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		EXPORTS		IMPORTS	
		THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES M-O-M (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES M-O-M (%)
2019	January	236 526.3	6.2	620 552.1	1.9
	February	264 967.1	18.2	670 920.6	3.0
	March	325 866.7	11.2	786 720.1	-9.3
	April	310 993.4	35.1	778 912.0	3.1
	May	340 724.3	4.8	793 752.9	-4.5
	June	310 358.4	0.2	738 579.3	-7.6
	July	323 977.4	15.5	811 981.7	-0.5
	August	316 102.4	13.8	797 145.5	1.0
	September	305 812.0	1.1	803 614.2	8.7
	October	319 610.6	4.9	923 371.8	3.2
	November	347 557.7	25.2	818 318.1	6.6
	December	395 953.2	19.4	973 042.9	15.6
2020*	January	267 909.3	13.3	645 008.6	3.9
	February	262 639.7	-0.9	704 036.5	4.9
	March	249 475.0	-23.4	651 513.2	-17.2
	April	222 332.3	-28.5	478 096.9	-38.6
	May	234 167.3	-31.3	527 762.9	-33.5
	June	267 887.3	-13.7	608 161.1	-17.7
	July	274 562.6	-15.3	725 542.4	-10.6
	August	292 442.1	-7.5	646 155.2	-18.9
	September	332 049.2	8.6	731 303.1	-9.0

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EXPORTS AND IMPORTS DYNAMICS BY MONTHS, 2018-2020  
(MILLION US DOLLARS)



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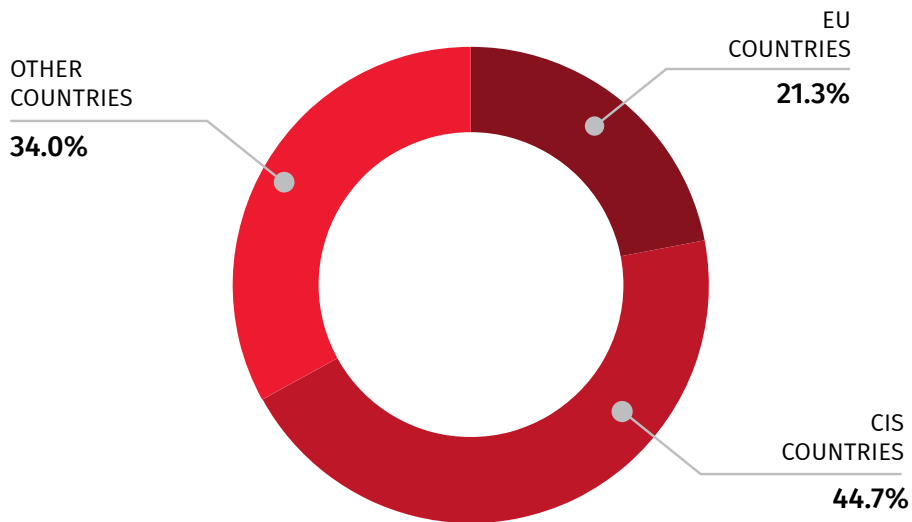
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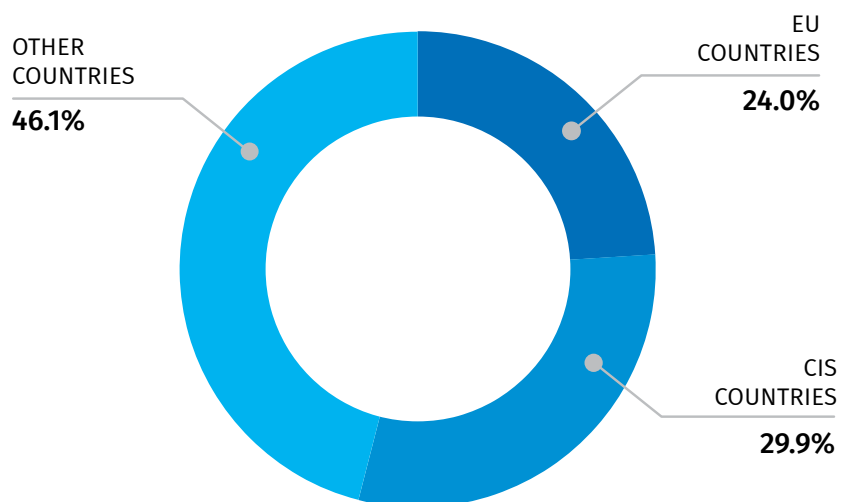
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The diagrams below show the share of the exports and imports of Georgia by country groups.

**GEORGIAN EXPORT BY COUNTRY GROUPS IN  
JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2020\***



**GEORGIAN IMPORT BY COUNTRY GROUPS IN  
JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2020\***



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In January-September 2020 the share of the top ten trading partners by exports in the total exports of Georgia amounted to 76.9 percent. The top partners were China (USD 355.3 million), Azerbaijan (USD 327.9 million) and Russia (USD 308.6 million).

### TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2020

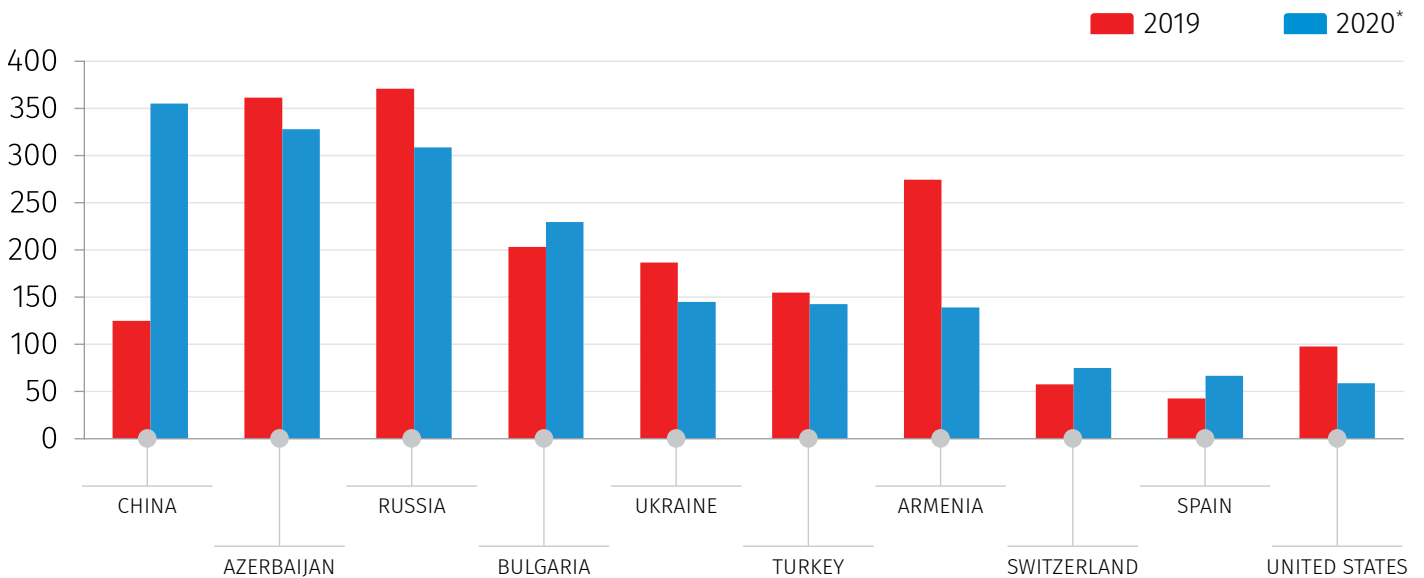
	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2019		JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2020*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
<b>TOTAL EXPORTS</b>	<b>2 735 328.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2 403 464.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-12.1</b>
Of which:					
China	124 960.2	4.6	355 339.0	14.8	184.4
Azerbaijan	361 398.7	13.2	327 863.9	13.6	-9.3
Russia	370 752.2	13.6	308 605.4	12.8	-16.8
Bulgaria	203 094.3	7.4	229 685.9	9.6	13.1
Ukraine	186 925.3	6.8	145 159.6	6.0	-22.3
Turkey	154 998.2	5.7	142 823.9	5.9	-7.9
Armenia	274 323.1	10.0	139 141.7	5.8	-49.3
Switzerland	57 795.5	2.1	74 833.6	3.1	29.5
Spain	42 605.2	1.6	66 695.4	2.8	56.5
United States	97 846.3	3.6	59 020.3	2.5	-39.7
Other countries	860 629.0	31.5	554 296.2	23.1	-35.6

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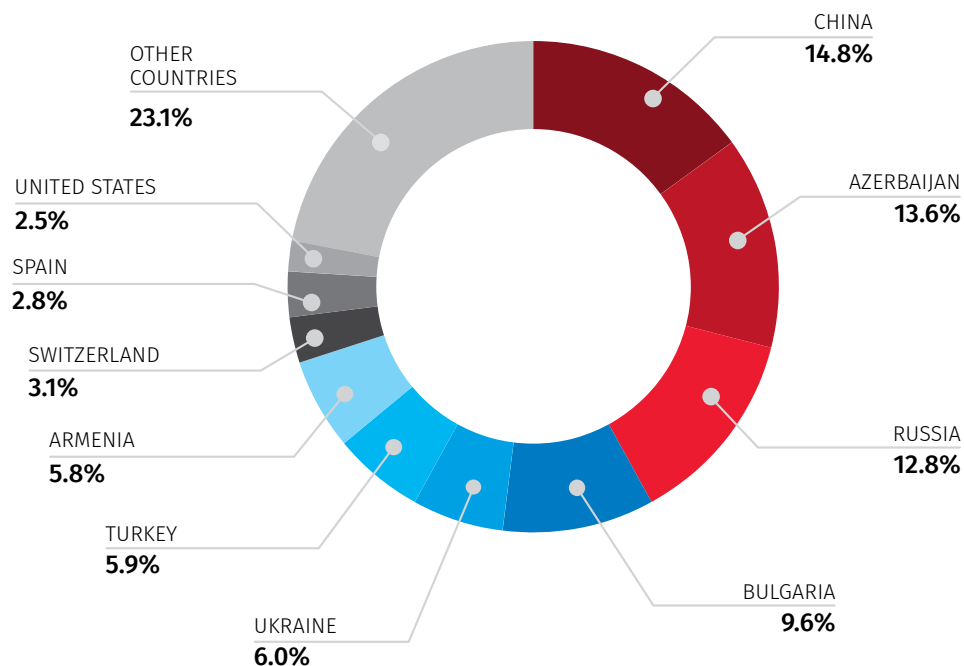
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### TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2019-2020 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



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### SHARE OF THE TOP TRADING PARTNERS IN TOTAL EXPORTS IN JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2020\*



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In January-September 2020 the share of the top ten trading partners by imports in the total imports of Georgia amounted to 69.8 percent. The top partners were Turkey (USD 981.6 million), Russia (USD 626.0 million) and China (USD 509.6 million).

### TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2020

	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2019		JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2020*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	<b>6 802 178.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5 717 580.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-15.9</b>
Of which:					
Turkey	1 144 146.6	16.8	981 566.8	17.2	-14.2
Russia	659 929.6	9.7	626 022.6	10.9	-5.1
China	647 138.2	9.5	509 568.1	8.9	-21.3
United States	500 480.7	7.4	401 453.1	7.0	-19.8
Azerbaijan	399 157.6	5.9	342 184.5	6.0	-14.3
Armenia	203 022.7	3.0	326 388.7	5.7	60.8
Germany	362 932.1	5.3	277 628.9	4.9	-23.5
Ukraine	281 075.5	4.1	272 218.1	4.8	-3.2
Italy	165 986.4	2.4	130 811.6	2.3	-21.2
Japan	191 984.2	2.8	121 192.0	2.1	-36.9
Other countries	2 246 324.8	33.0	1 728 545.5	30.2	-23.1

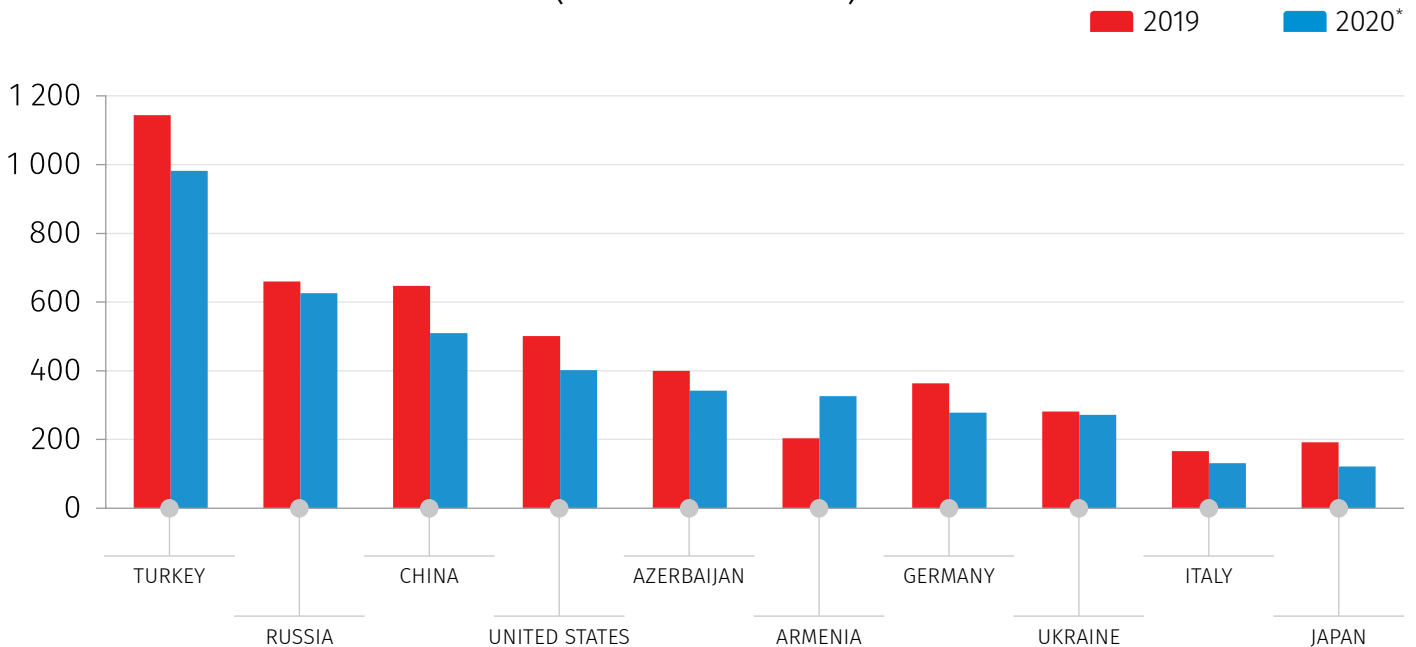
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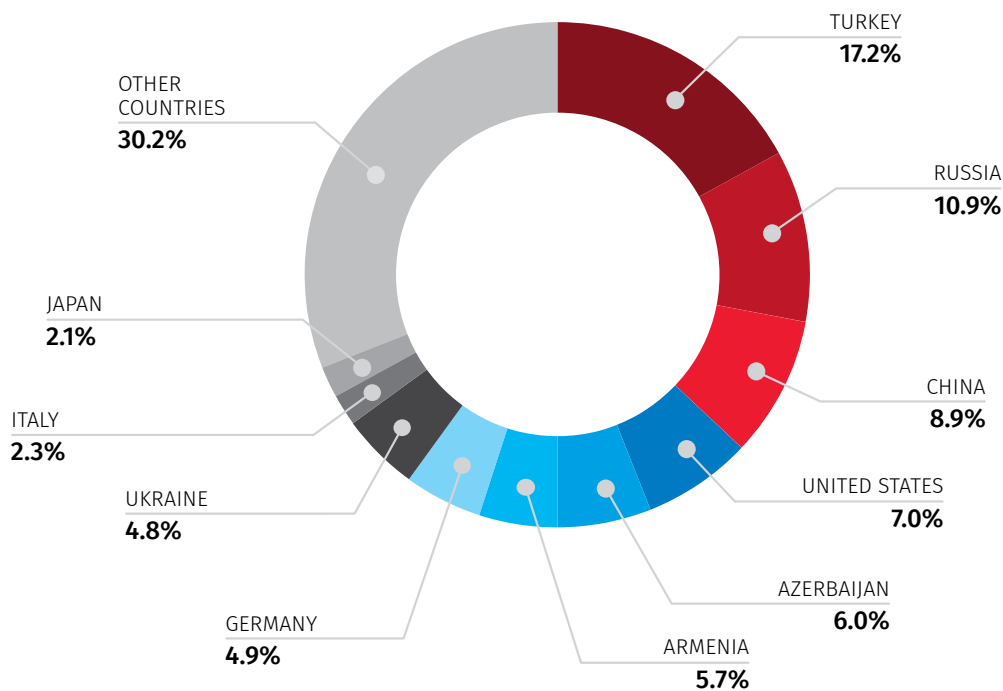
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### TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2019-2020 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



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### SHARE OF THE TOP TRADING PARTNERS IN TOTAL IMPORTS IN JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2020\*



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In January-September 2020 the share of the top ten trading partners in the total external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 70.4 percent. The top trading partners were Turkey (USD 1 124.4 million), Russia (USD 934.6 million) and China (USD 864.9 million).

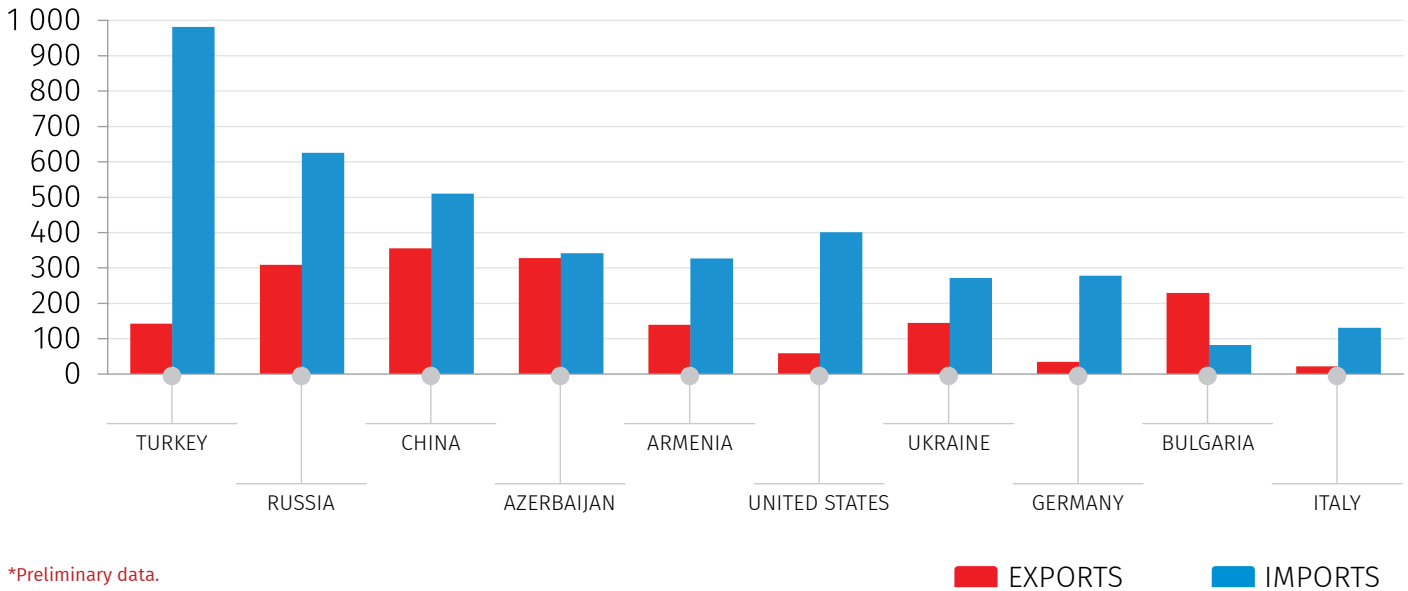
### TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER IN JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2020\*

	EXPORTS		IMPORTS		TURNOVER	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2 403 464.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5 717 580.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8 121 044.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Of which:						
Turkey	142 823.9	5.9	981 566.8	17.2	1 124 390.6	13.8
Russia	308 605.4	12.8	626 022.6	10.9	934 628.0	11.5
China	355 339.0	14.8	509 568.1	8.9	864 907.2	10.7
Azerbaijan	327 863.9	13.6	342 184.5	6.0	670 048.4	8.3
Armenia	139 141.7	5.8	326 388.7	5.7	465 530.4	5.7
United States	59 020.3	2.5	401 453.1	7.0	460 473.3	5.7
Ukraine	145 159.6	6.0	272 218.1	4.8	417 377.7	5.1
Germany	34 957.5	1.5	277 628.9	4.9	312 586.3	3.8
Bulgaria	229 685.9	9.6	82 182.6	1.4	311 868.5	3.8
Italy	21 873.0	0.9	130 811.6	2.3	152 684.6	1.9
Other countries	638 994.7	26.6	1 767 555.0	30.9	2 406 549.6	29.6

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**TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER  
IN JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2020\*  
(MILLION US DOLLARS)**



In January-September 2020 copper ores and concentrates reclaimed the first place in the list of top export items, equaling USD 541.7 million or 22.5 percent of total exports. The exports of motor cars totaled USD 304.2 million and their share in the total exports amounted to 12.7 percent. The Ferro-alloys exports occupied the third place standing at USD 180.3 million and constituting 7.5 percent of the total exports.

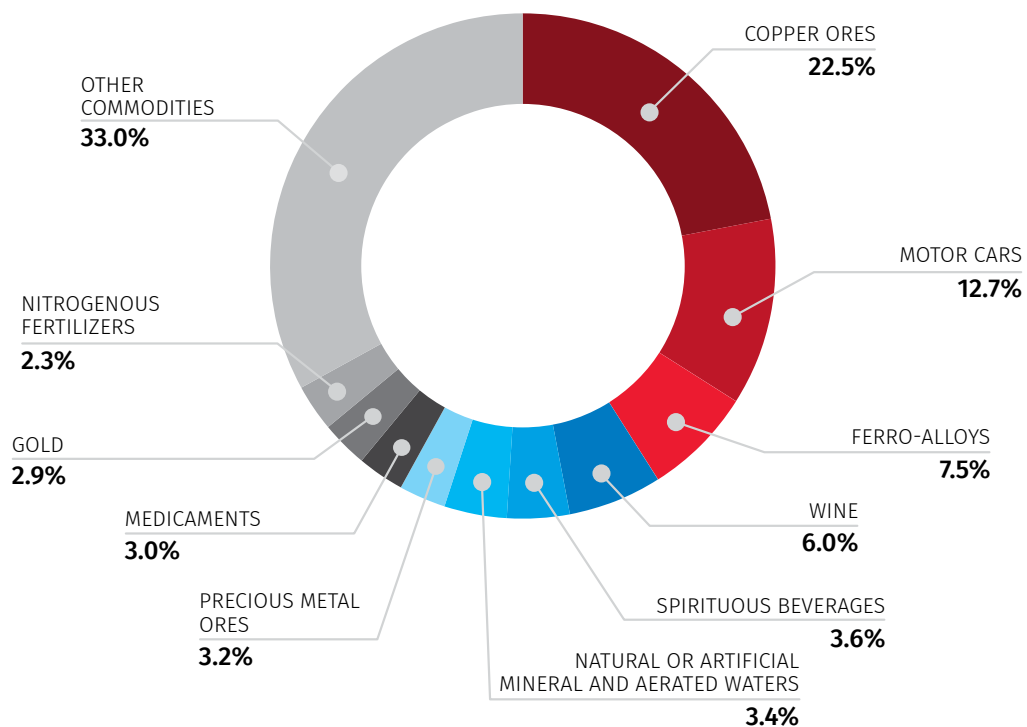
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## MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY EXPORTS

	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2019		JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2020*		CHANGE (%)
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Of which:					
Copper ores and concentrates	474 824.9	17.4	541 657.8	22.5	14.1
Motor cars	485 267.2	17.7	304 176.6	12.7	-37.3
Ferro-alloys	240 005.0	8.8	180 304.7	7.5	-24.9
Wine of fresh grapes	152 119.7	5.6	143 274.8	6.0	-5.8
Spirituuous beverages	77 839.3	2.8	86 274.3	3.6	10.8
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	97 834.3	3.6	81 288.6	3.4	-16.9
Precious metal ores and concentrates	-	-	77 311.6	3.2	-
Medicaments put up in measured doses	141 871.5	5.2	71 518.8	3.0	-49.6
Gold	53 084.9	1.9	68 763.1	2.9	29.5
Mineral or chemical fertilizers, nitrogenous	71 335.5	2.6	56 320.7	2.3	-21.0
Other commodities	941 145.8	34.4	792 573.8	33.0	-15.8

\*Preliminary data.

## SHARE OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2020\*



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The top import commodities in January-September 2020 were motor cars whose imports equaled USD 560.2 million (9.8 percent of the total imports). The Copper ores and concentrates followed in the list with USD 415.6 million or 7.3 percent of imports. The petroleum and petroleum oils were third in the top import commodity list with USD 366.6 million (6.4 percent of imports).

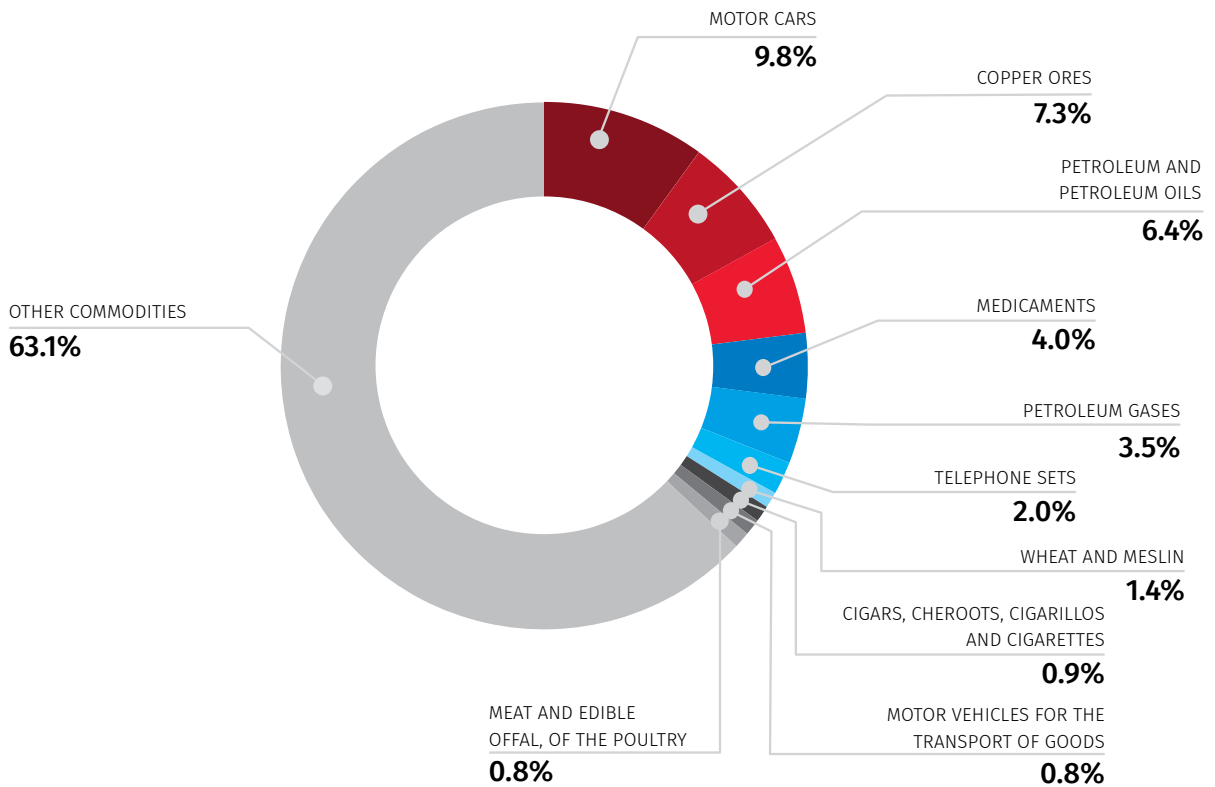
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Of which:					
Motor cars	817 775.2	12.0	560 215.7	9.8	-31.5
Copper ores and concentrates	412 353.0	6.1	415 622.8	7.3	0.8
Petroleum and petroleum oils	543 425.1	8.0	366 577.6	6.4	-32.5
Medicaments put up in measured doses	261 804.2	3.8	230 298.7	4.0	-12.0
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	222 449.2	3.3	197 284.6	3.5	-11.3
Telephone sets	136 242.7	2.0	114 536.5	2.0	-15.9
Wheat and meslin	74 278.0	1.1	80 358.0	1.4	8.2
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	66 610.0	1.0	51 254.2	0.9	-23.1
Motor vehicles for the transport of goods	53 069.8	0.8	48 446.1	0.8	-8.7
Meat and edible offal, of the poultry	46 829.5	0.7	47 071.3	0.8	0.5
Other commodities	4 167 341.9	61.3	3 605 914.5	63.1	-13.5

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## SHARE OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2020\*



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### TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER

#### TURKEY

#### EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO TURKEY



	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2019		JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2020*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
<b>TOTAL EXPORTS</b>	<b>154 998.2</b>		<b>142 823.9</b>	
Of which:				
T-shirts knitted	27 345.2	1 293.5	28 485.6	940.5
Ferro-alloys	13 197.0	12 315.0	26 495.4	27 750.7
Men's or boys' suits, ensembles, trousers,	9 541.4	450.0	11 345.5	450.6
Fats and oils and their fractions, of fish or marine mammals	2 889.2	1 694.4	9 354.3	5 604.3
Flours, meals and pellets, unfit for human consumption; greaves	4 501.1	3 243.1	9 080.6	6 977.2
Other commodities	97 524.3		58 062.6	

\*Preliminary data.

#### IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM TURKEY



	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2019		JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2020*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	<b>1 144 146.6</b>		<b>981 566.8</b>	
Of which:				
Other tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of iron or steel	28 741.7	39 099.5	32 835.6	53 146.2
Medicaments put up in measured doses	64 416.7	1 025.8	32 744.8	383.0
Structures and parts of structures of iron or steel	31 587.1	19 669.8	25 816.3	17 075.9
Other made up articles, including dress patterns	20 855.0	1 399.5	23 086.8	1 068.8
Angles, shapes and sections of iron or non-alloy steel	8 208.0	11 344.9	16 744.4	26 559.2
Other commodities	990 338.0		850 339.0	

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### RUSSIA

#### EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO RUSSIA



	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2019		JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2020*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
<b>TOTAL EXPORTS</b>	<b>370 752.2</b>		<b>308 605.4</b>	
Of which:				
Wine of fresh grapes	92 241.8	30 106.8	82 513.3	28 216.9
Ferro-alloys	98 172.4	90 829.1	79 299.3	79 462.8
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters, not containing added sugar	43 908.7	67 100.1	29 711.9	53 111.5
Spirituuous beverages	22 382.1	4 564.1	21 864.8	4 600.8
Apricots, cherries, peaches, plums and sloes, fresh	11 731.8	11 136.8	19 331.5	19 086.4
Other commodities	102 315.4		75 884.7	

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#### IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM RUSSIA



	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2019		JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2020*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	<b>659 929.6</b>		<b>626 022.6</b>	
Of which:				
Petroleum and petroleum oils	139 445.8	234 172.0	93 062.5	255 665.0
Wheat and meslin	61 062.3	287 275.3	80 289.7	368 653.5
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	22 083.0	73 356.1	26 336.6	89 046.3
Sunflower-seed, safflower or cotton-seed oil and fractions thereof	21 409.7	25 522.8	22 786.6	26 549.7
Telephone sets	21 279.3	19.5	20 923.6	18.8
Other commodities	394 649.6		382 623.6	

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### CHINA

#### EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO CHINA



	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2019		JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2020*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
<b>TOTAL EXPORTS</b>	<b>124 960.2</b>		<b>355 339.0</b>	
Of which:				
Copper ores and concentrates	91 237.1	54 996.2	298 271.7	203 095.5
Precious metal ores and concentrates	-	-	26 214.2	10 190.9
Wine of fresh grapes	13 599.0	3 790.0	9 561.9	2 548.9
Instruments and appliances used in medicine	9 878.8	50.8	6 346.4	20.8
Unwrought aluminium	-	-	2 812.0	2 048.3
Other commodities	10 245.4		12 132.8	

\*Preliminary data.

#### IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM CHINA



	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2019		JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2020*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	<b>647 138.2</b>		<b>509 568.1</b>	
Of which:				
Flat-rolled products of non-alloy steel, of a width of more than 600mm, clad or coated	23 302.6	31 665.4	19 056.7	27 283.8
Automatic data processing machines and units thereof	17 082.4	276.3	15 350.4	242.5
New pneumatic tyres, of rubber	15 685.6	6 568.3	13 450.3	5 837.3
Air conditioning machines	20 651.4	3 780.1	8 965.8	1 549.6
Other made up articles, including dress patterns	1 792.2	335.7	8 638.5	404.5
Other commodities	568 623.9		444 106.5	

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EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE

	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE MIL. US DOLLARS
<b>NEGATIVE TRADE BALANCE</b>		
January-September 2019	95	4 436.5
January-September 2020*	92	3 614.9
<b>POSITIVE TRADE BALANCE</b>		
January-September 2019	44	369.7
January-September 2020*	48	300.8
<b>TOTAL</b>		
January-September 2019	139	4 066.9
January-September 2020*	140	3 314.1

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**SOURCES:**

-  LEPL Revenue Service of Ministry of Finance of Georgia;
-  Georgian State Electrosystem, JSC;
-  Electricity System Commercial Operator, JSC;
-  Georgian Gas Transportation Company, LTD.

**EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS:**

- Not applicable;
- 0.0 Negligible magnitude;
- \* 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. Information does not cover the data of Simplified Customs Declarations (Form №4);
3. Information does not cover non-organized trade also occupied territories of Abkhazian Autonomous Republic and Tskhinvali region;
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)  
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