

# EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN GEORGIA

JANUARY 2023 (PRELIMINARY RESULTS)





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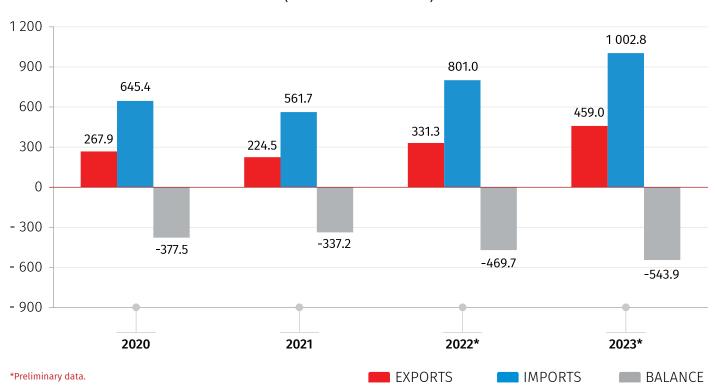
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In January 2023 the external merchandise trade (excluding non-declared trade) of Georgia amounted to USD 1 461.8 million, 29.1 percent higher to the same period of 2022. The exports equaled USD 459.0 million (38.5 percent higher), while the imports stood at USD 1 002.8 million (25.2 percent higher). The negative trade balance was USD 543.9 million in January 2023 and its share in external trade turnover constituted 37.2 percent.

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

# GENERAL DATA ON EXTERNAL TRADE OF GEORGIA IN JANUARY 2020-2023

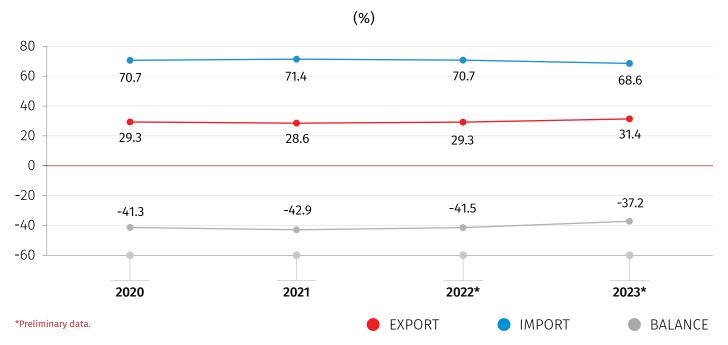
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#### SHARE OF EXTERNAL TRADE INDICATORS IN TURNOVER JANUARY 2020-2023



The table below shows monthly data for 2021-2023 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		IMPO	ORTS
		THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES M-O-M (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES M-O-M (%)
	January	224 500.2	-16.2	561 743.9	-13.0
	February	267 673.7	1.9	648 802.4	-7.9
	March	326 088.9	30.7	775 024.6	15.5
	April	377 689.5	69.8	756 338.5	58.1
	May	340 007.5	45.0	770 216.8	45.5
2024	June	350 654.8	30.6	863 800.4	41.8
2021	July	386 363.3	40.7	882 330.5	21.3
	August	335 161.7	14.2	868 600.6	30.6
	September	373 710.6	12.8	952 455.7	26.9
	October	410 873.5	31.3	936 211.8	28.4
	November	430 386.2	42.9	1 033 391.1	43.1
	December	419 543.1	28.8	1 050 839.6	27.8



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		EXPORTS		IMPORTS		
		THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES M-O-M (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES M-O-M (%)	
	January	331 346.1	47.6	801 006.3	42.6	
	February	429 024.1	60.3	1 019 189.9	57.1	
	March	411 408.3	26.2	926 108.6	19.5	
	April	415 734.6	10.1	992 795.6	31.3	
	May	522 625.0	53.7	1 181 010.1	53.3	
20224	June	448 450.6	27.9	1 109 174.7	28.4	
2022*	July	542 134.2	40.3	1 173 695.7	33.0	
	August	473 303.2	41.2	1 265 464.2	45.7	
	September	523 169.9	40.0	1 137 328.3	19.4	
	October	448 736.3	9.2	1 203 766.6	28.6	
	November	491 076.6	14.1	1 310 033.4	26.8	
	December	555 756.0	32.5	1 397 291.4	33.0	
2023*	January	458 975.3	38.5	1 002 835.4	25.2	

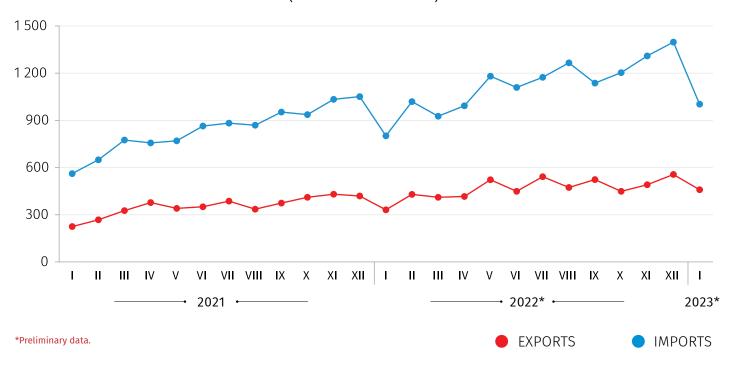
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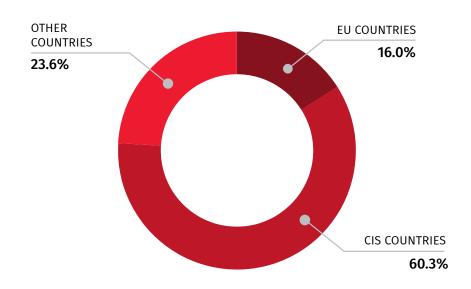
#### **EXPORTS AND IMPORTS DYNAMICS BY MONTHS, 2021-2023**

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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 2023\*



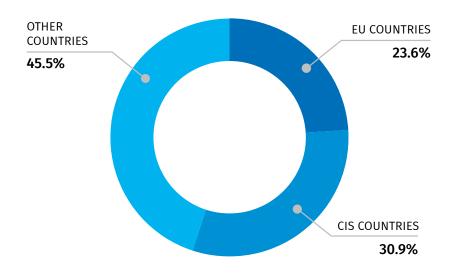
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# GEORGIAN IMPORT BY COUNTRY GROUPS IN JANUARY 2023\*



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In January 2023 the share of the top ten trading partners by exports in the total exports of Georgia amounted to 83.6 percent. The top partners were Russia (USD 87.8 million), Armenia (USD 69.8 million) and Azerbaijan (USD 51.9 million).



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# TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY 2023

	JANUARY 2022*		JANU 202	CHANGE (%)	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL EXPORTS	331 346.1	100.0	458 975.3	100.0	38.5
Of which:					
Russia	42 684.0	12.9	87 785.8	19.1	105.7
Armenia	20 809.5	6.3	69 844.6	15.2	235.6
Azerbaijan	46 789.3	14.1	51 937.4	11.3	11.0
Kazakhstan	6 152.4	1.9	32 820.8	7.2	433.5
China	27 806.4	8.4	31 704.9	6.9	14.0
Turkey	27 588.8	8.3	31 379.5	6.8	13.7
Bulgaria	49 634.7	15.0	25 682.1	5.6	-48.3
Spain	788.4	0.2	19 175.7	4.2	2 332.1
Peru	69.3	0.0	17 010.0	3.7	24 461.0
Kyrgyzstan	1 457.1	0.4	16 490.9	3.6	1 031.8
Other countries	107 566.2	32.5	75 143.6	16.4	-30.1

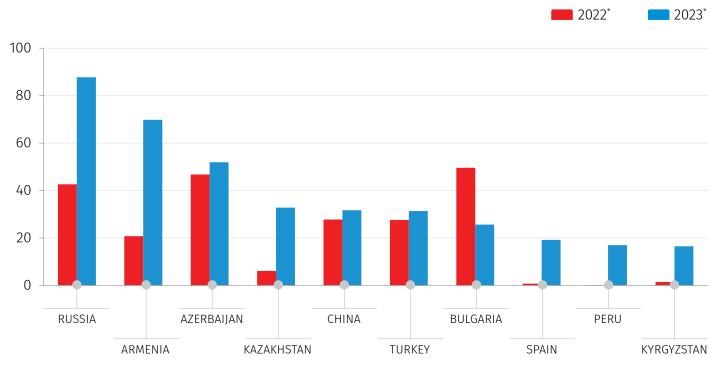
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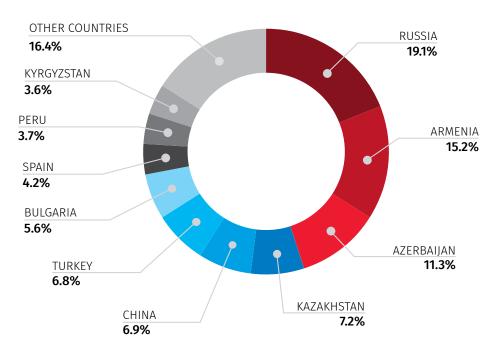
## **TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY 2022-2023**

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# SHARE OF THE TOP TRADING PARTNERS IN TOTAL EXPORTS IN JANUARY 2023\*



\*Preliminary data.



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In January 2023 the share of the top ten trading partners by imports in the total imports of Georgia amounted to 68.8 percent. The top partners were Russia (USD 175.8 million), Turkey (USD 164.7 million) and Azerbaijan (USD 68.5 million).

# TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY 2023

	·	JANUARY 2022*		JANUARY 2023*		
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)		
TOTAL IMPORTS	801 006.3	100.0	1 002 835.4	100.0	25.2	
Of which:						
Russia	85 948.1	10.7	175 793.2	17.5	104.5	
Turkey	144 160.1	18.0	164 706.7	16.4	14.3	
Azerbaijan	76 992.1	9.6	68 498.4	6.8	-11.0	
China	62 806.8	7.8	65 213.4	6.5	3.8	
Germany	32 712.4	4.1	63 365.9	6.3	93.7	
United States	42 811.1	5.3	50 595.6	5.0	18.2	
Armenia	11 796.6	1.5	29 923.4	3.0	153.7	
Indonesia	649.4	0.1	27 182.9	2.7	4 085.6	
United Arab Emirates	16 500.8	2.1	22 672.6	2.3	37.4	
France	10 641.6	1.3	21 842.8	2.2	105.3	
Other countries	315 987.4	39.4	313 040.5	31.2	-0.9	

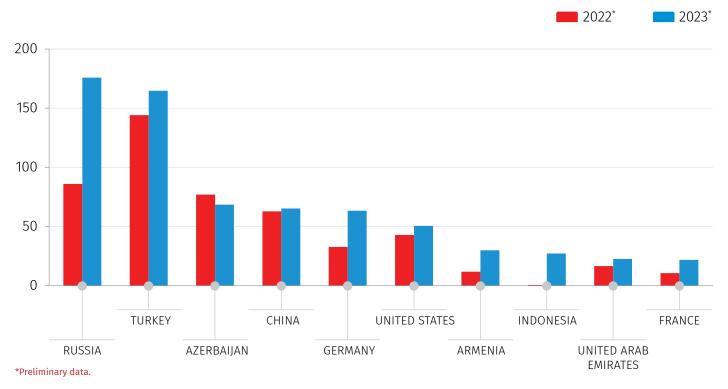
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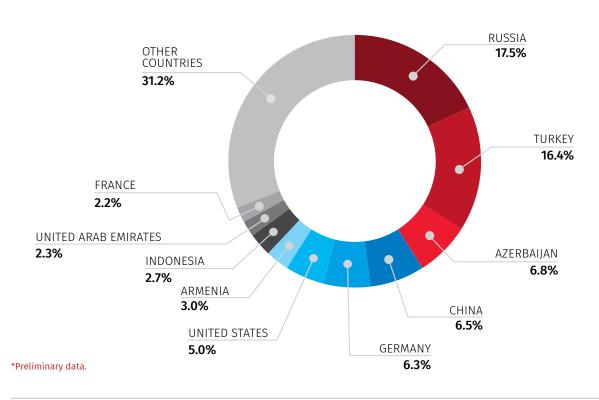
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#### **TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY 2022-2023**

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# SHARE OF THE TOP TRADING PARTNERS IN TOTAL IMPORTS IN JANUARY 2023\*





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In January 2023 the share of the top ten trading partners in the total external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 68.4 percent. The top trading partners were Russia (USD 263.6 million), Turkey (USD 196.1 million) and Azerbaijan (USD 120.4 million).

## **TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER IN JANUARY 2023\***

	ЕХР	ORTS	IMPORTS		TURNOVER	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)
TOTAL	458 975.3	100.0	1 002 835.4	100.0	1 461 810.6	100.0
Of which:						
Russia	87 785.8	19.1	175 793.2	17.5	263 579.0	18.0
Turkey	31 379.5	6.8	164 706.7	16.4	196 086.3	13.4
Azerbaijan	51 937.4	11.3	68 498.4	6.8	120 435.7	8.2
Armenia	69 844.6	15.2	29 923.4	3.0	99 767.9	6.8
China	31 704.9	6.9	65 213.4	6.5	96 918.2	6.6
Germany	7 830.6	1.7	63 365.9	6.3	71 196.5	4.9
United States	2 333.8	0.5	50 595.6	5.0	52 929.5	3.6
Kazakhstan	32 820.8	7.2	1 633.1	0.2	34 453.8	2.4
Spain	19 175.7	4.2	13 870.1	1.4	33 045.8	2.3
Bulgaria	25 682.1	5.6	5 990.0	0.6	31 672.2	2.2
Other countries	98 480.1	21.5	363 245.6	36.2	461 725.7	31.6

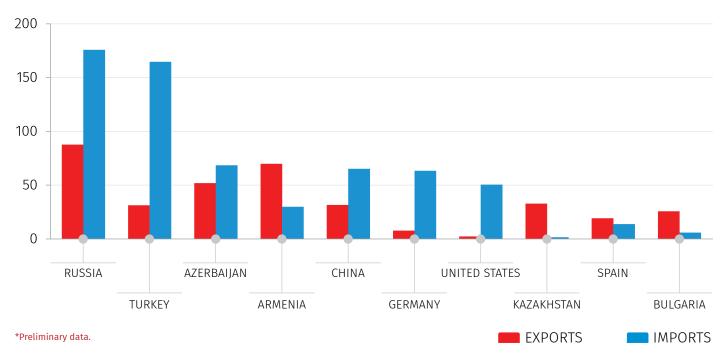
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#### **TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER IN JANUARY 2023\***

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In January 2023 motor cars reclaimed the first place in the list of top export items, equaling USD 104.3 million with 22.7 percent of total exports. The exports of copper ores and concentrates totaled USD 68.1 million and their share in the total exports amounted to 14.8 percent. The exports ferro-alloys occupied the third place standing at USD 50.8 million and constituting 11.1 percent of the total exports.

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## MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY EXPORTS

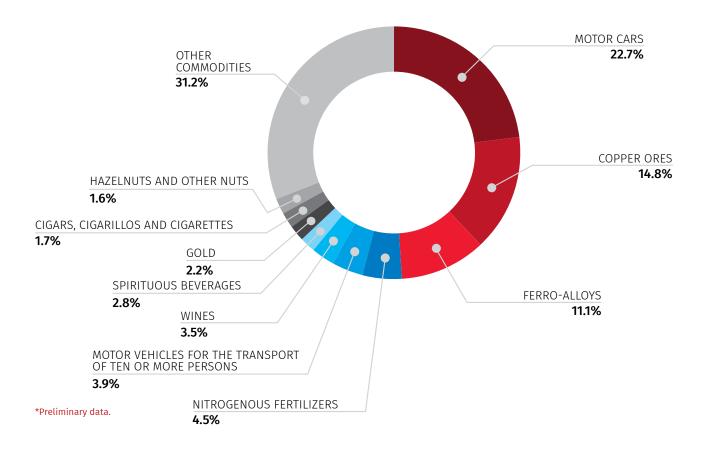
	JANUARY JANUARY 2022* 2023*		JANUARY 2023*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL EXPORTS	331 346.1	100.0	458 975.3	100.0	38.5
Of which:					
Motor cars	36 386.1	11.0	104 279.5	22.7	186.6
Copper ores and concentrates	66 336.3	20.0	68 103.8	14.8	2.7
Ferro-alloys	31 403.7	9.5	50 814.8	11.1	61.8
Nitrogenous fertilizers	17 613.9	5.3	20 794.3	4.5	18.1
Motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons	-	-	17 870.1	3.9	-
Wine of fresh grapes	14 682.8	4.4	15 866.6	3.5	8.1
Spirituous beverages	8 851.9	2.7	12 723.4	2.8	43.7
Gold	6 673.5	2.0	9 973.3	2.2	49.4
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	3 037.3	0.9	7 733.8	1.7	154.6
Hazelnuts and other nuts	7 650.0	2.3	7 514.1	1.6	-1.8
Other commodities	138 710.6	41.9	143 301.6	31.2	3.3

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# SHARE OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY 2023\*





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The top import commodities in January 2023 were petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons, whose imports equaled USD 92.1 million (9.2 percent of the total imports). The motor cars followed in the list with USD 86.4 million (8.6 percent of imports). The petroleum and petroleum oils were third in the top import commodity list with USD 82.3 million (8.2 percent of imports).

## **MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY IMPORTS**

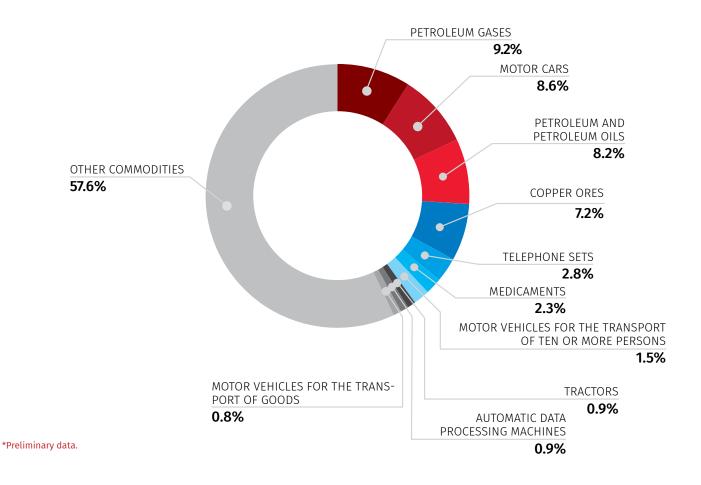
	JANUARY JANUARY 2022* 2023*				CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL IMPORTS	801 006.3	100.0	1 002 835.4	100.0	25.2
Of which:					
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	65 622.6	8.2	92 065.3	9.2	40.3
Motor cars	97 031.2	12.1	86 355.2	8.6	-11.0
Petroleum and petroleum oils	72 730.3	9.1	82 328.0	8.2	13.2
Copper ores and concentrates	2 458.6	0.3	71 712.0	7.2	2 816.8
Telephone sets	24 374.4	3.0	28 365.3	2.8	16.4
Medicaments put up in measured doses	24 318.8	3.0	23 208.4	2.3	-4.6
Motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons	42.5	0.0	15 182.6	1.5	35 645.2
Tractors	5 893.5	0.7	9 162.8	0.9	55.5
Automatic data processing machines and units thereof	18 762.7	2.3	9 068.8	0.9	-51.7
Motor vehicles for the transport of goods	5 436.0	0.7	7 744.4	0.8	42.5
Other commodities	484 335.8	60.5	577 642.6	57.6	19.3

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# SHARE OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY 2023\*





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#### **TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER**

#### **RUSSIA**

## **EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO RUSSIA**

	JANUARY 2022*		JANUARY 2023*	
* * * * *	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL EXPORTS	42 684.0		87 785.8	
Of which:				
Ferro-alloys	13 243.4	7 071.5	45 327.6	36 204.1
Wine of fresh grapes	8 720.0	3 156.9	11 235.4	3 989.4
Motor cars (Unit)	837.5	95	7 087.3	507
Spirituous beverages	1 592.4	401.4	5 931.6	1 265.7
Natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	4 777.7	8 515.5	4 470.7	8 484.6
Other commodities	13 513.0		13 733.2	

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#### IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM RUSSIA

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» ÷ ÷	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL IMPORTS	85 948.1		175 793.2	
Of which:				
Petroleum and petroleum oils	8 545.4	11 865.2	56 671.8	75 079.9
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	12 538.0	49 664.1	34 751.3	133 686.6
Wheat or meslin flour	2 956.9	8 889.1	5 870.4	17 928.7
Wheat and meslin	3 593.1	11 396.5	5 318.2	16 704.5
Coal; briquettes and similar solid fuels manufactured from coal	55.8	344.3	4 801.2	27 624.4
Other commodities	58 258.9		68 380.3	

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#### **TURKEY**

## **EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO TURKEY**

	JANUARY 2022*		JANUARY 2023*	
+ + * » C*	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL EXPORTS	27 588.8		31 379.5	
Of which:				
Ferro-alloys	4 635.9	2 501.5	4 003.0	3 417.6
Fats and oils and their fractions, of fish or marine mammals	17.1	9.2	3 237.3	850.7
Gold	-	-	2 868.9	0.1
T-shirts knitted	6 139.9	197.0	2 684.4	92.1
Petroleum and petroleum oils	-	-	2 162.1	2 404.0
Other commodities	16 796.0		16 423.8	

<sup>\*</sup>Preliminary data.

## IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM TURKEY

	JANUARY 2022*		JANUARY 2023*	
C* >> + + +	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL IMPORTS	144 160.1		164 706.7	
Of which:				
Other made up articles, including dress patterns	3 536.5	181.2	5 594.1	211.7
Medicaments put up in measured doses	3 972.7	39.4	5 353.7	127.4
Particle board and similar board of wood	3 652.4	9 398.9	4 097.0	9 754.8
Tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of iron or steel	3 290.8	2 828.2	3 837.3	4 301.7
Structures and parts of structures of iron or steel	4 580.5	2 314.7	3 634.5	1 627.3
Other commodities	125 127.1		142 190.2	

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#### **AZERBAIJAN**

# **EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO AZERBAIJAN**

	JANUARY 2022*		JANUARY 2023*	
* * * * * *	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL EXPORTS	46 789.3		51 937.4	
Of which:				
Motor cars (unit)	21 804.4	2 390	29 291.5	2 436
Other manufactured tobacco and tobacco substitutes; tobacco extracts and essences	3 034.9	179.5	2 023.8	137.8
Cartons and other packing containers, of paper, paperboard or cellulose	1 476.7	72.5	1 893.2	63.0
Motor vehicles for the transport of goods	1 273.7	-	1 493.2	-
Medicaments put up in measured doses	1 776.5	58.2	1 051.9	14.6
Other commodities	17 423.0		16 183.7	

<sup>\*</sup>Preliminary data.

# IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM AZERBAIJAN

	JANUARY 2022*		JANUARY 2023*	
· · ·	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL IMPORTS	76 992.1		68 498.4	
Of which:				
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	53 080.5	272 256.2	57 313.5	258 903.4
Cement	1 603.8	31 974.8	2 258.9	37 376.5
Petroleum and petroleum oils	11 707.1	16 931.8	1 412.9	1 279.5
Articles of plaster or of compositions based on plaster	349.8	2 488.3	1 311.5	7 119.3
Onion	-	-	601.3	1 598.5
Other commodities	10 251.0		5 600.4	

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#### **EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE**

	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE MIL. US DOLLARS
NEGATIVE TRADE BALANCE		
January 2022*	84	535.7
January 2023*	84	688.0
POSITIVE TRADE BALANCE		
January 2022*	31	66.1
January 2023*	30	144.2
TOTAL		
January 2022*	115	-469.7
January 2023*	114	-543.9

<sup>\*</sup>Preliminary data.





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 Nº4);
- 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 differences 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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