International Trade in Services

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3. Statistical presentation

3.1. Data description

Statistics of International Trade in Servises are part of the Balance of Payments and are included in its current account. The Statistics includes services provided by Georgian residents to residents of other countries and vice versa (services provided by foreign residents to Georgian residents), i.e. export and import of services.
It includes: repair and other maintenance of goods, transportation, postal and courier services, travel, construction, insurance and pension services, financial services, intellectual property use, telecommunications, computer and information services, personal, cultural and recreational services and other business services.
Data is published by countries and types of services.

3.2. Classification system

- "2010 Extended Balance of Payments Services Classification (EBOPS 2010) - Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services, 2010" (UN, Eurostat, IMF, OECD, WTO)
- World Country and Territory Classification – SC 007-2016 (ISO 3166);
- Currency Classification – SC 008-2023 (ISO 4217).

3.3. Sector coverage

The statistics of international trade in services cover all areas of the Georgian economy – both private and financial fields.

3.4. Statistical concepts and definitions

International trade in services is a service traded between the residents and non-residents of the country and includes purchases and sales that are not related to the trade of physical goods.
Export of services – providing various types of services to non-residents by residents.
Import of services – receiving various types of services from non-residents by residents.
The balance of payments is a statistical report that reflects the economic transactions carried out between the country and the rest of the world in a certain period of time (quarterly). It reflects transactions between residents and non-residents.
Residents – individuals, households, enterprises and other organizations, including branches and subsidiaries of foreign enterprises and banks, who are present, own real estate, operate or intend to operate in the economic territory of Georgia for a year or more, that is, the center of their economic interests is in Georgia (irrespective of whether the shareholders of the enterprise are citizens of Georgia).
Non-residents – individuals, households, enterprises and other organizations, including branches and subsidiaries of Georgian enterprises, whose place of residence, accommodation or operation is located outside the economic territory of Georgia.

3.5. Statistical unit

The main units of statistical observation are resident enterprises, organizations, as well as non-resident entities.

3.6. Statistical population

The statistical population consists of all resident enterprises that have provided services to non-resident entities or received any kind of service from non-resident entities.

3.7. Reference area

The survey covers the entire territory of Georgia except the occupied territories (Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali Region).

3.8. Time coverage

Since 2020.

3.9. Base period

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4. Unit of measure

USD Dollar.

5. Reference period

Quarter, Year.

6. Institutional mandate

6.1. Legal acts and other agreements

The Law of Georgia on Official Statistics;
https://www.geostat.ge/media/78228/The-Law-of-Georgia-on-Official-Statistics--20.04.2026.pdf
Statistical Work Programme (annual);
https://www.geostat.ge/en/modules/categories/307/statistical-work-programme
Charter of the National Statistics Office of Georgia.
https://www.geostat.ge/media/78641/საქსტატის-დებულება.-04.05.2026---ENG.PDF

6.2. Data sharing

To the entity producing the official statistics, in particular, the National Bank of Georgia statistical data in agreed dates and formats on international trade in services is regularly sent in order to compile the balance of payments. Then, for the purpose of publication by the National Bank of Georgia shares the finalized statistics of international trade in services (which is reflected in the balance of payments with the Geostat.

7. Confidentiality

7.1. Confidentiality – policy

1. The Law of Georgia on Official Statistics:
   - According to the article 5 of the law Statistical confidentiality and exclusive use for statistical purposes – individual data collected or received by the producer of official statistics, relating to natural or legal persons, must be strictly confidential and used only for statistical purposes.
   - According to the article 34 (Observing Confidentiality of Statistical Data) of the law 1. Data collected, processed, and stored to produce official statistics are confidential if they enable the direct or indirect identification of a statistical unit. In addition, aggregated data are subject to statistical confidentiality: a) Aggregates composed of 1 to 3 units, when the unit is a natural or legal person if one of these units could be identified indirectly, thereby disclosing individual data about this unit. Aggregates composed of more than 3 units may be declared confidential by the Executive Director if required to ensure statistical confidentiality; b) Information declares as a state secret on the basis of the „Law of Georgia on State Secrets“. 2. Confidential data shall be used exclusively for the purposes of producing statistics in accordance with this law. 3. Statistical data about the administrative body cannot be considered confidential information, except for the information determined by the Law of Georgia „On State Secrets“. 4. Individual data obtained from publicly available sources, which are defined as public information in accordance with the legislation of Georgia, shall not be considered confidential information. 5. Confidential (individual) data may be published if there is written consent from the statistical unit regarding the publication of such data. 6. It is not allowed to disseminate and distribute confidential data or use it for non-statistical purposes.

- According to the article 38 (Confidentiality commitments) of the law the confidential statistical data collected and processed for statistical purposes shall not be used or disseminated either for personal, academic, research or any other activities, by the employees of the producers of Official Statistics.

https://www.geostat.ge/media/78228/The-Law-of-Georgia-on-Official-Statistics--20.04.2026.pdf

2. Data Confidentiality Policy at Geostat
   https://www.geostat.ge/media/20860/Data-Confidentiality-Policy-at-Geostat_En.pdf
3. Procedure for providing access to confidential data for research purposes
   https://www.geostat.ge/media/61533/Rule-on-Access-to-Confidential-Data-for-Scientific-and-Research-Purposes....pdf
4. The Law of Georgia on Personal Data Protection
   https://matsne.gov.ge/en/document/view/1561437?publication=9

7.2. Confidentiality – data treatment

- Confidentiality guidelines.
- Written undertakings by an employee of Geostat on ensuring confidentiality of gained/collected data as a result of official duties.

8. Release policy

8.1. Release calendar

Data dissemination dates are defined by the calendar developed on the basis of the Statistical Work Programme, which is published on the website of Geostat and is publicly available.

8.2. Release calendar access

https://www.geostat.ge/en/calendar

8.3. User access

All users have the equal access to the statistical data simultaneously.

9. Frequency of dissemination

Annual.

10. Accessibility and clarity

10.1. News release

Press release on trends in international trade with services implemented in Georgia:
https://www.geostat.ge/en/news

10.2. Publications

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10.3. On-line database

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10.4. Micro-data access

Microdata on international trade in services is not subject to dissemination.
Microdata is available in accordance with the "Rule on Access to Confidential Data for Scientific and Research Purposes":
https://www.geostat.ge/media/61533/Rule-on-Access-to-Confidential-Data-for-Scientific-and-Research-Purposes....pdf

10.5. Other

The statistical data on international trade in services is published on the website of the National Statistics Office of Georgia:
https://www.geostat.ge/en/modules/categories/766/international-trade-in-services

10.6. Documentation on methodology

The detailed methodology is available only in English:
https://www.geostat.ge/media/44458/MSITS-2010-M86-%28E%29-web.pdf

10.7. Quality documentation

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11. Quality management

11.1. Quality assurance

To ensure the quality of the statistical processes and products Geostat follows Chapter 10 – Quality of official statistics – of the Law of Georgia on Official Statistics, as well as the European Statistics Code of Practice, the UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and Quality Assurance Framework of the European Statistical System (ESS QAF).

11.2. Quality assessment

Methodology and Quality Management Division of Geostat, along with the sectoral departments, is responsible for the quality of the produced statistical products and processes. The Division carries out quality audit, self-assessment of statistical processes and assesses the risks for the quality of statistical processes and products. Geostat has developed policy documents, guidelines and standard routine descriptions. These documents ensure the standardization of statistical processes and products and the establishment of a unified quality assurance system.
Quality policy is available on the following link:
https://www.geostat.ge/media/44380/QP_Geostat_EN.pdf

12. Relevance

12.1. User needs

The National Bank of Georgia is the main customer of the statistics of international trade in services. Also, data users are government, government agencies, municipal bodies, international organizations, scientific and educational institutions, mass media.

12.2. User satisfaction

In 2023 user satisfaction survey was conducted, the target of the survey was to analyze the assessment of quality of statistical data by users and explore ways to improve user services. The survey report is available on the website of Geostat:
https://www.geostat.ge/en/page/customer-service

12.3. Completeness

The data complies with international standards.

13. Accuracy and reliability

13.1. Overall accuracy

The calculation of the statistics of international trade in services is carried out on the basis of the data of quarterly and annual surveys obtained from the relevant sources.

13.2. Sampling error

The selection of enterprises for the survey is carried out on the basis of stratified random sampling:

1. The country level does not exceed 0.5%;
2. Within the scope of economic activity – 2-3%;
3. On the regional level – 1-2%;
4. Strata level – 10%.

13.3. Non-sampling error

In order to minimize non-sampling error, data is compared with administrative sources.
In some cases, the survey questionnaire is not properly and comprehensively filled out by the respondents, so interviewers edit, process and record the correct data in the questionnaire.

14. Timeliness and punctuality

14.1. Timeliness

Only the verified data is published at the end of October of the following year of the reporting year.

14.2. Punctuality

The data is published according to the date indicated in the Statistical Work Programme. Therefore,there was no violation of the publication date.

15. Coherence and comparability

15.1. Comparability – geographical

Data is comparable in geographic terms.

15.2. Comparability – over time

Comparable – the existing dynamic rows of the statistics of international trade in services are calculated on the basis of the same methodology, which ensures their comparability in time.

15.3. Coherence – cross domain
The data is consistent.
15.4. Coherence – internal
The data is consistent.

16. Cost and burden
The budget for the survey of international trade in services in 2025 is 197.1 thsd. GEL. In order to reduce the load of respondents, online questionnaires are developed with the best possible automatic calculations and control system. There is also a question about the time spent on filling out the questionnaire.

17. Data revision
17.1. Data revision – policy
Statistical data revision policy is available on the website of Geostat: https://www.geostat.ge/media/59824/Data-Revision-Policy-and-Error_Correction-at-Geostat_Eng.pdf
17.2. Data revision – practice
When publishing annual data, it is possible to adjust the dynamic rows of the previous 5 years (based on the recommendations of the IMF).

18. Statistical processing
18.1. Source data
The main source of statistics of international trade in services is the statistical survey conducted by Geostat on international trade in services in enterprises. In addition, the data is obtained from JSC "Georgian Railway", "Georgian Post" Ltd, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, "Sakaeronaviatsia LLC", Ministry of Defence and others.
18.2. Frequency of data collection
Quarterly and annual.
18.3. Data collection
The survey of international trade in services is conducted through online questionnaires. Data from ministries and agencies is received by e-mail.
18.4. Data validation
When conducting the survey of international trade in services, the interviewer is obliged to verify the online questionnaire filled out by the enterprise. During the fieldwork, the heads of regional bureaus are obliged to monitor the quality of the completed questionnaires. After completion of fieldwork, the employees of the Foreign Investment Statistics Division control and check the database of enterprises from the survey. The process involves both arithmetic and logical control. A web application (the so-called internal questionnaire) is created to conduct base control and cleaning work. With the help of the controls provided in the software, inaccuracies and errors are discovered and corrected. The validity of large operations recorded during the reporting period is also checked by contacting accountable persons directly.
18.5. Data compilation
The calculation of the statistics of international trade in services is carried out by two agencies – Geostat and the National Bank. Geostat conducts the survey and the collection of primary data, which is than delivered to the National Bank. After receiving the data, National Bank will compile the balance of payments within the competence granted by the legislation of Georgia. In addition to the information provided by the Geostat for calculating international trade in services, the National Bank also uses data obtained from various administrative sources. Data is weighted on a quarterly. The data obtained from the survey is multiplied by the weights assigned at the enterprise level and then the data is aggregated. The calculation of indicators is carried out through the SQL Server and MS Access programs, and the compound tables of results are obtained through Crystal reports. The data will be calculated according to the international methodology, by countries and types of services.
18.6. Adjustment
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19. Comment
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