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2019

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JANUARY-MARCH

(PRELIMINARY RESULTS)

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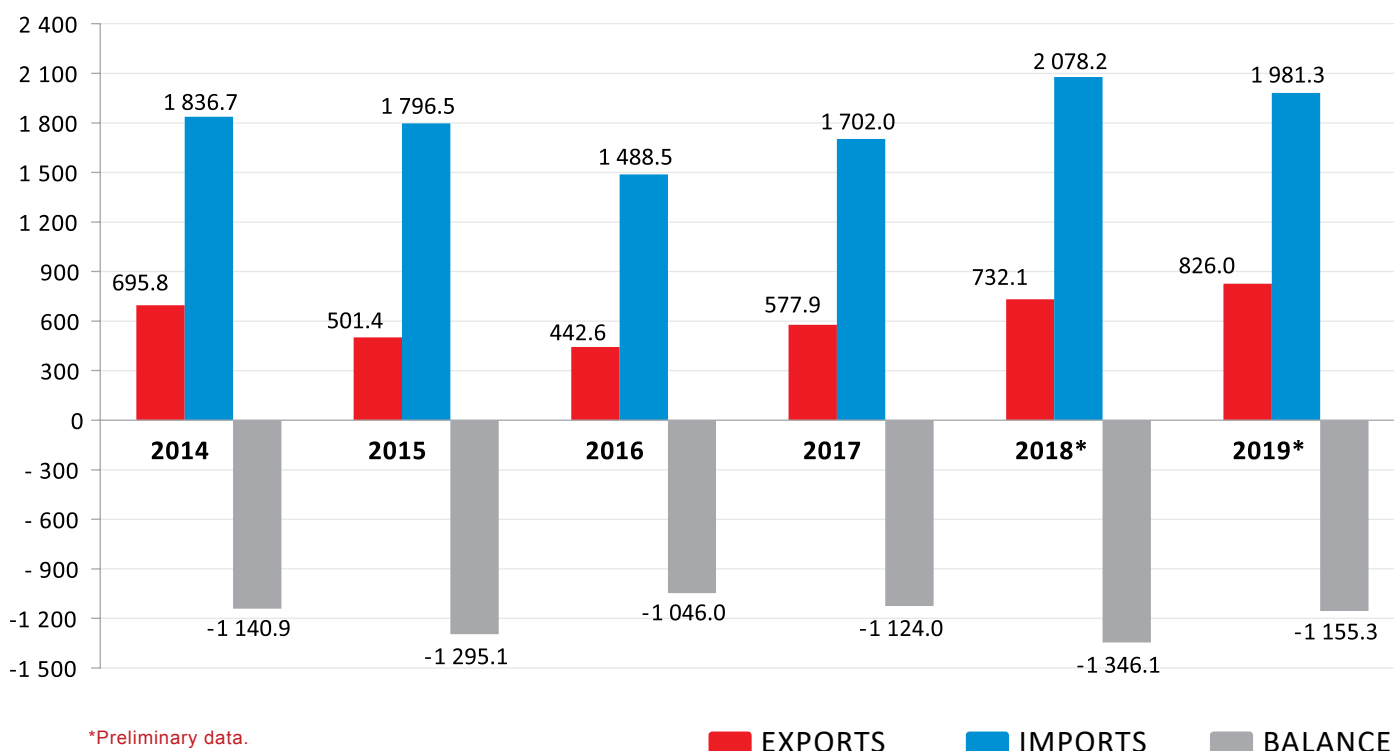
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EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE OF GEORGIA IN JANUARY-MARCH 2019 (PRELIMINARY)

In January-March 2019 the external merchandise trade (excluding non-declared trade) of Georgia amounted to USD 2 807.3 million, 0.1 percent lower year-on-year. The exports equaled USD 826.0 million (12.8 percent higher), while the imports stood at USD 1 981.3 million (4.7 percent lower). The negative trade balance was USD 1 155.3 million in January-March 2019 and its share in external trade turnover constituted 41.2 percent. The exports excluding re-exports amounted to USD 553.1 million, 4.5 percent higher year-on-year.

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

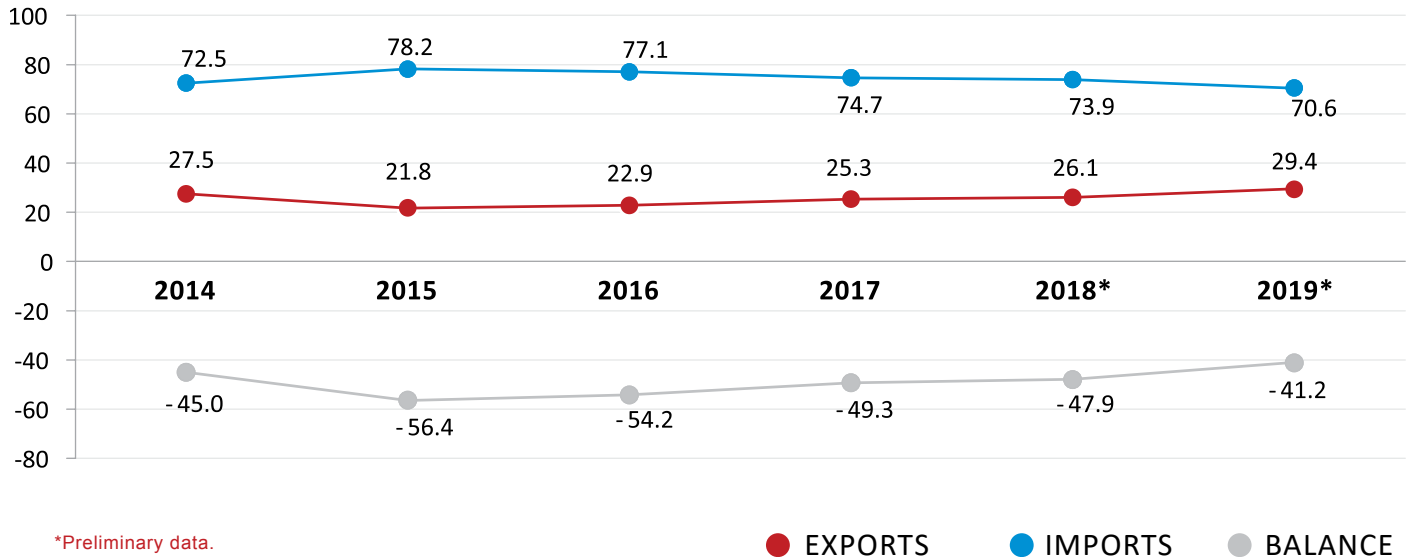
GENERAL DATA ON EXTERNAL TRADE OF GEORGIA IN JANUARY-MARCH 2014-2019 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



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SHARE OF EXTERNAL TRADE INDICATORS IN TURNOVER JANUARY-MARCH 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

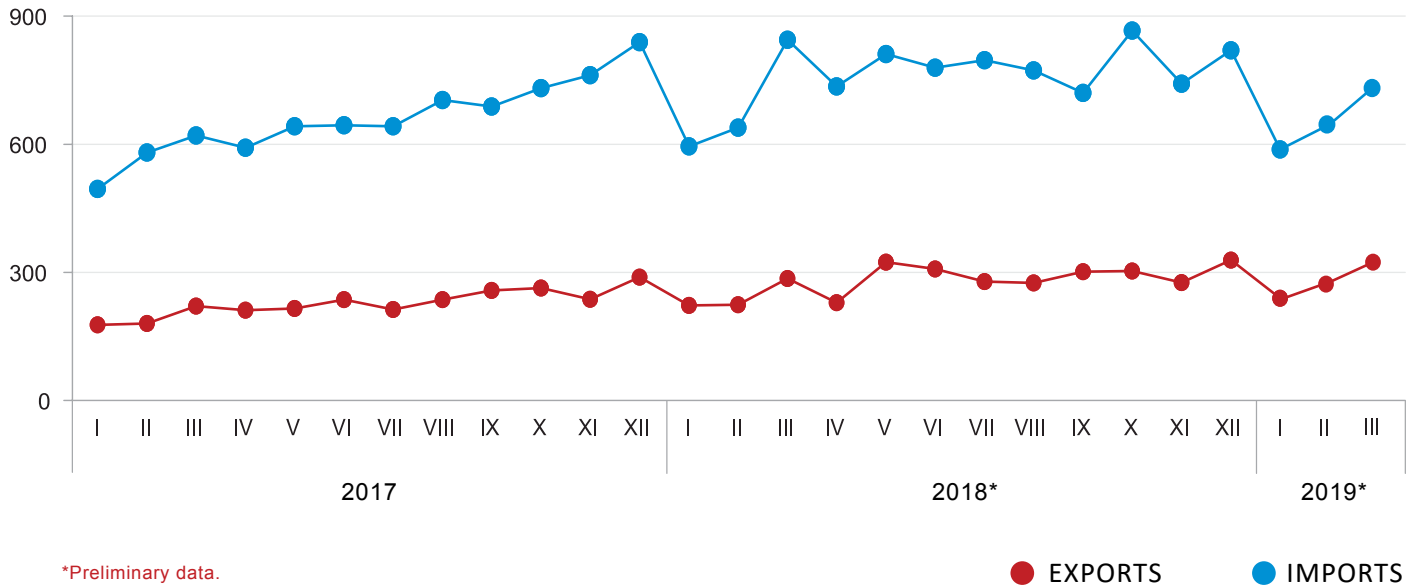
		EXPORTS		IMPORTS	
		THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES m-o-m (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES m-o-m (%)
2017	January	176 873.6	44.8	495 089.3	20.2
	February	179 869.4	13.6	589 395.5	12.4
	March	221 168.1	36.5	617 466.7	11.8
	April	211 582.2	27.7	594 283.4	6.7
	May	215 311.5	25.0	637 096.5	4.4
	June	235 601.9	40.2	644 049.4	0.3
	July	212 640.9	22.5	642 115.9	7.0
	August	236 310.0	25.7	703 617.7	1.7
	September	257 603.2	27.3	688 268.7	6.1
	October	263 336.1	38.5	731 206.9	10.4
	November	236 877.5	8.2	761 266.9	17.5
	December	288 312.0	50.7	838 804.4	12.6
2018*	January	222 639.9	25.9	594 542.6	20.1
	February	223 647.0	24.3	638 927.6	8.4
	March	285 803.4	29.2	844 741.2	36.8
	April	229 143.3	8.3	734 898.2	23.7
	May	322 904.7	50.0	810 847.0	27.3
	June	307 811.0	30.6	779 279.0	21.0
	July	278 313.3	30.9	796 809.8	24.1
	August	275 365.9	16.5	772 788.2	9.8
	September	301 139.4	16.9	720 039.0	4.6
	October	302 961.4	15.0	866 133.8	18.5
	November	276 187.0	16.6	742 698.3	-2.4
	December	328 582.5	14.0	820 897.7	-2.1
2019*	January	238 767.5	7.2	593 179.9	-0.2
	February	266 261.5	19.1	647 676.8	1.4
	March	320 977.2	12.3	740 437.6	-12.3

*Preliminary data.

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



In January-March 2019 the exports from Georgia to the EU countries amounted to USD 196.0 million (6.4 percent lower compared to January-March 2018) and constituted 23.7 percent of total exports, while the imports amounted to USD 502.2 million (17.8 percent lower) with 25.3 percent in total imports. The external trade turnover of Georgia with the EU countries amounted to USD 698.1 million, showing a 14.9 percent decrease compared to the corresponding indicator of the previous year. The EU countries accounted for 26.5 percent of the trade deficit.

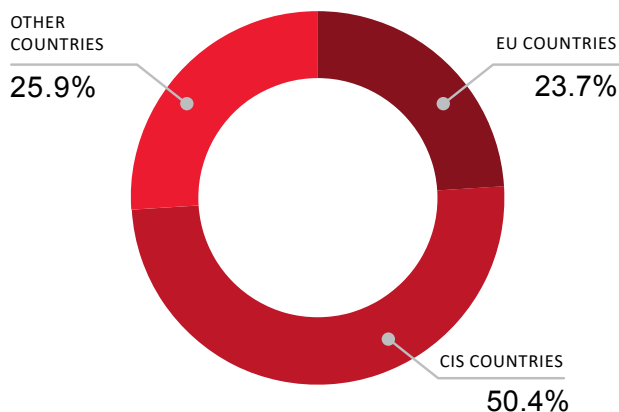
In January-March 2019 the exports to the CIS countries stood at USD 416.1 million (37.4 percent higher compared to January-March 2018) and reached 50.4 percent of total exports, while the imports equaled USD 576.1 million (13.5 percent lower) with 29.1 percent in total import. The trade turnover with the CIS countries totaled USD 992.2 million (2.4 percent higher). The CIS countries accounted for 13.8 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.

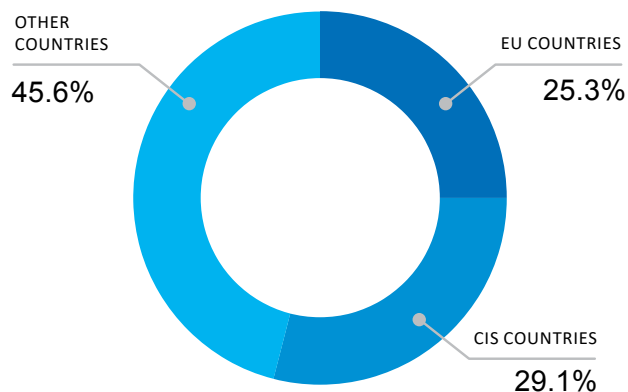
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GEORGIAN EXPORT BY COUNTRY GROUPS IN JANUARY-MARCH 2019*



GEORGIAN IMPORT BY COUNTRY GROUPS IN JANUARY-MARCH 2019*



*Preliminary data.

In January-March 2019 the share of the top ten trading partners by exports in the total exports of Georgia amounted to 74.2 percent. The top partners were Russia (USD 135.4 million), Azerbaijan (USD 84.9 million) and Bulgaria (USD 68.1 million).

TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-MARCH 2019

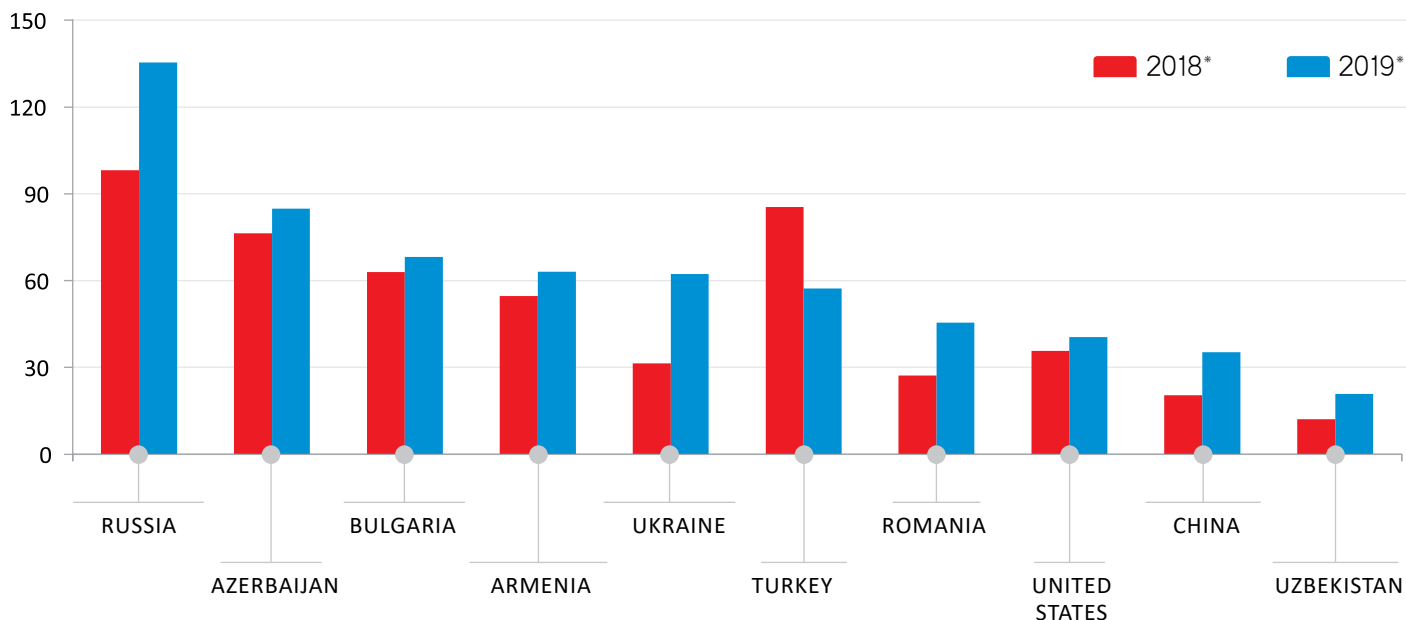
	JANUARY-MARCH 2018*		JANUARY-MARCH 2019*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL EXPORTS	732 090.2	100.0	826 006.2	100.0	12.8
Of which:					
Russia	98 207.0	13.4	135 361.3	16.4	37.8
Azerbaijan	76 408.0	10.4	84 904.8	10.3	11.1
Bulgaria	62 940.0	8.6	68 141.0	8.2	8.3
Armenia	54 639.4	7.5	63 128.1	7.6	15.5
Ukraine	31 453.5	4.3	62 330.1	7.5	98.2
Turkey	85 402.8	11.7	57 258.1	6.9	-33.0
Romania	27 215.3	3.7	45 524.0	5.5	67.3
United States	35 727.7	4.9	40 459.3	4.9	13.2
China	20 425.5	2.8	35 255.2	4.3	72.6
Uzbekistan	12 145.2	1.7	20 873.2	2.5	71.9
Other countries	227 525.8	31.1	212 771.1	25.8	-6.5

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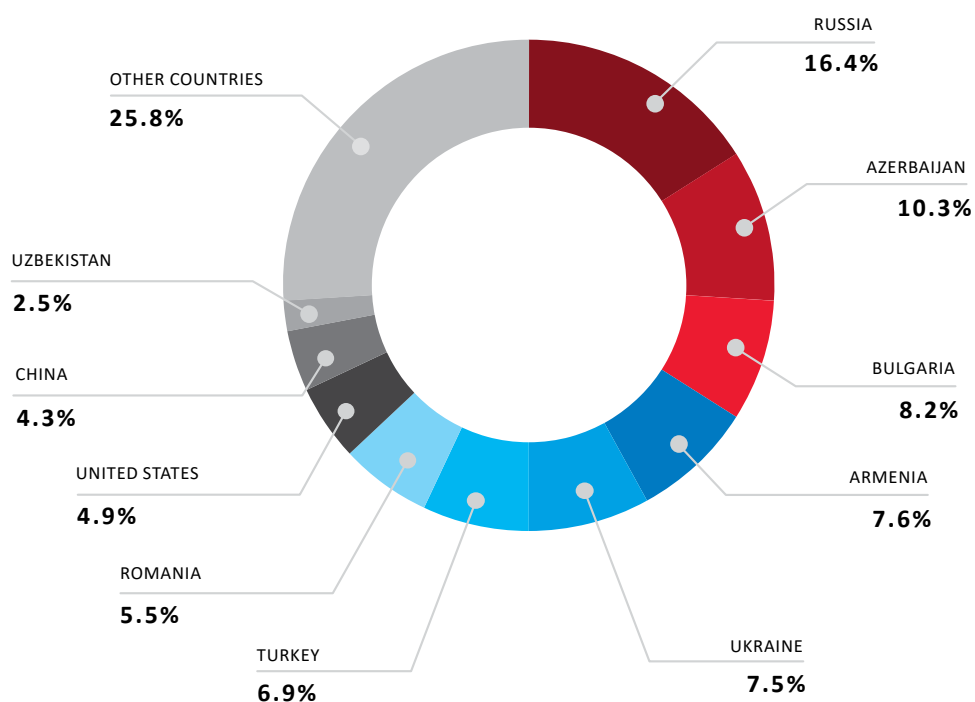
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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-MARCH 2018-2019 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



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



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In January-March 2019 the share of the top ten trading partners by imports in the total imports of Georgia amounted to 67.7 percent. The top partners were Turkey (USD 316.0 million), China (USD 221.8 million) and Russia (USD 191.7 million).

TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-MARCH 2019

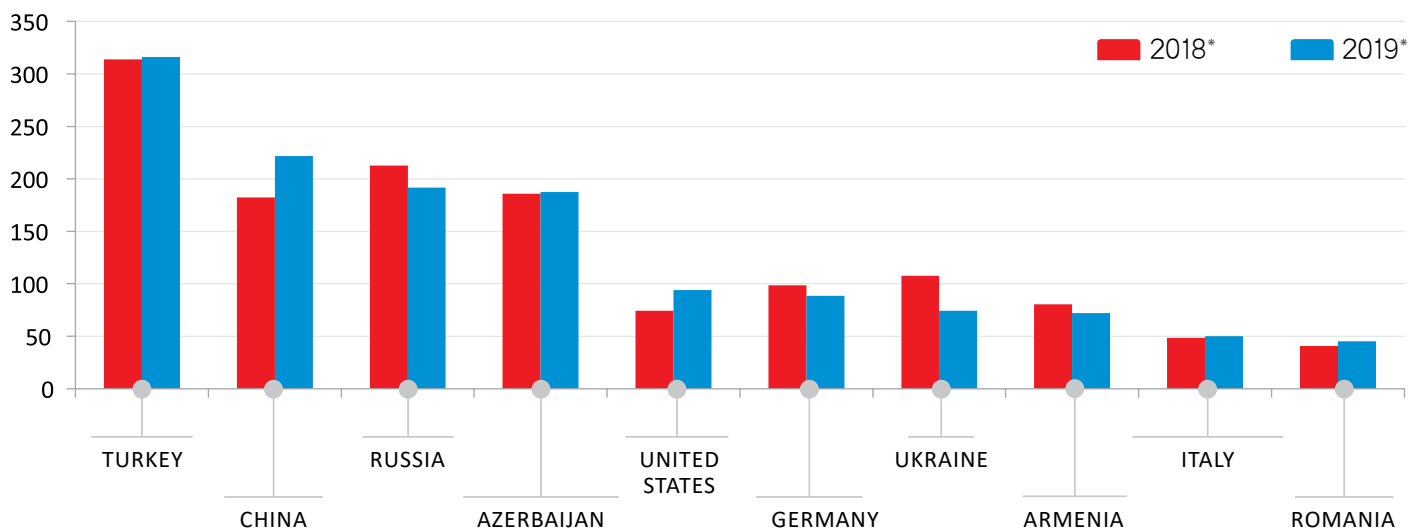
	JANUARY-MARCH 2018*		JANUARY-MARCH 2019*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL IMPORTS	2 078 211.4	100.0	1 981 294.4	100.0	-4.7
Of which:					
Turkey	313 943.8	15.1	316 046.6	16.0	0.7
China	182 370.7	8.8	221 803.1	11.2	21.6
Russia	212 613.4	10.2	191 659.1	9.7	-9.9
Azerbaijan	185 737.7	8.9	187 550.4	9.5	1.0
United States	74 345.4	3.6	93 972.9	4.7	26.4
Germany	98 631.5	4.7	88 617.7	4.5	-10.2
Ukraine	107 475.8	5.2	74 344.2	3.8	-30.8
Armenia	80 569.4	3.9	72 062.7	3.6	-10.6
Italy	48 447.0	2.3	50 166.4	2.5	3.5
Romania	40 779.5	2.0	45 281.5	2.3	11.0
Other countries	733 297.1	35.3	639 789.7	32.3	-12.8

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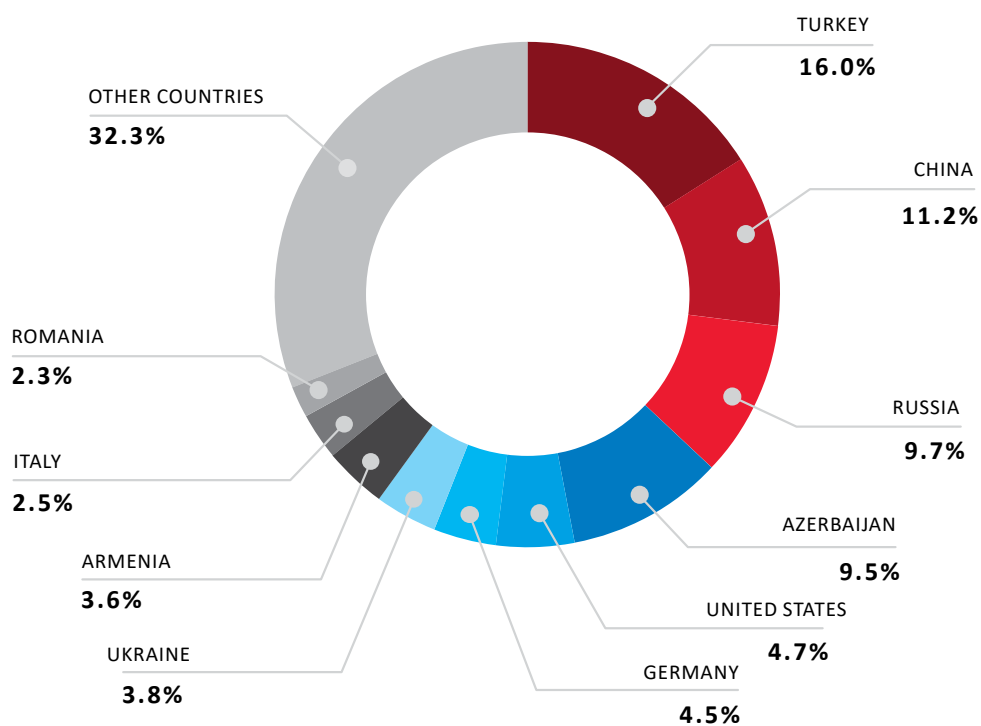
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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-MARCH 2018-2019 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



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



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In January-March 2019 the share of the top ten trading partners in the total external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 68.8 percent. The top trading partners were Turkey (USD 373.3 million), Russia (USD 327.0 million) and Azerbaijan (USD 272.5 million).

TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER IN JANUARY-MARCH 2019*

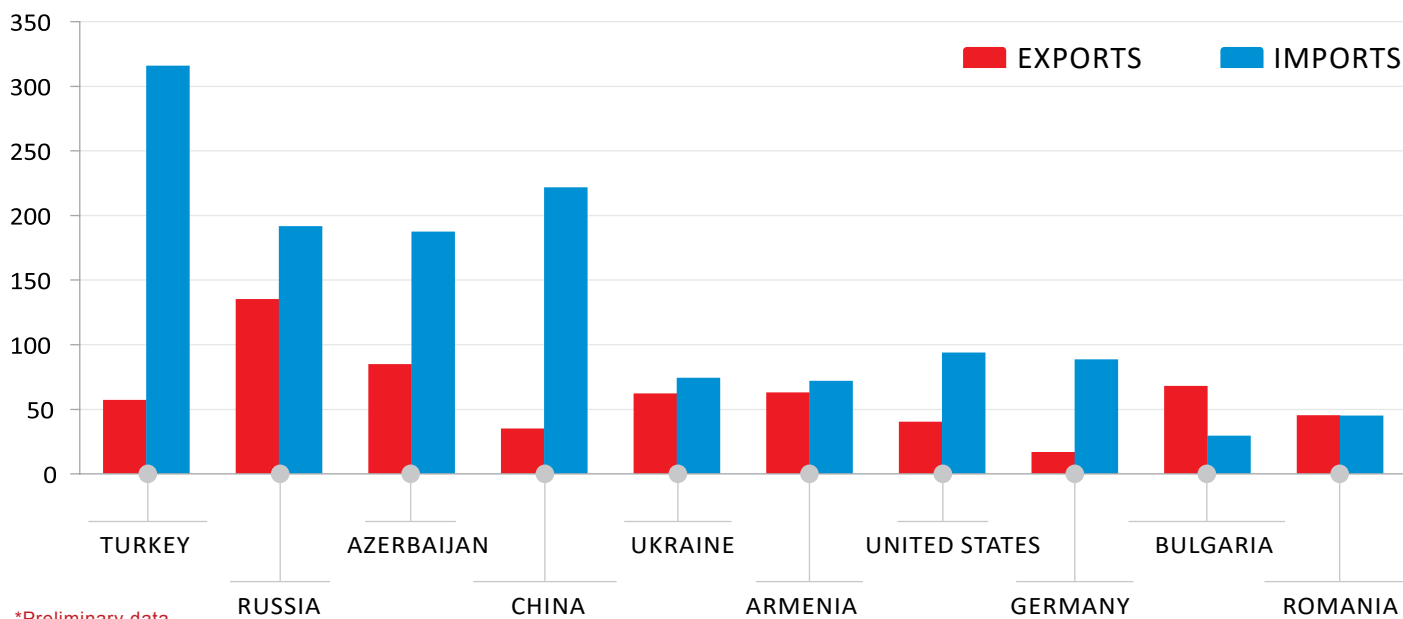
	EXPORTS		IMPORTS		TURNOVER	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)
TOTAL	826 006.2	100.0	1 981 294.4	100.0	2 807 300.5	100.0
Of which:						
Turkey	57 258.1	6.9	316 046.6	16.0	373 304.7	13.3
Russia	135 361.3	16.4	191 659.1	9.7	327 020.3	11.6
Azerbaijan	84 904.8	10.3	187 550.4	9.5	272 455.2	9.7
China	35 255.2	4.3	221 803.1	11.2	257 058.3	9.2
Ukraine	62 330.1	7.5	74 344.2	3.8	136 674.3	4.9
Armenia	63 128.1	7.6	72 062.7	3.6	135 190.9	4.8
United States	40 459.3	4.9	93 972.9	4.7	134 432.2	4.8
Germany	16 874.9	2.0	88 617.7	4.5	105 492.6	3.8
Bulgaria	68 141.0	8.2	29 580.0	1.5	97 721.0	3.5
Romania	45 524.0	5.5	45 281.5	2.3	90 805.5	3.2
Other countries	216 769.4	26.2	660 376.1	33.3	877 145.6	31.2

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



In January-March 2019 copper ores and concentrates reclaimed the first place in the list of top export items, equaling USD 135.6 million, or 16.4 percent of total exports. The exports of motor cars totaled USD 99.1 million and their share in the total exports amounted to 12.0 percent. The ferroalloys exports occupied the third place standing at USD 95.6 million and constituting 11.6 percent of the total exports.

MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY EXPORTS

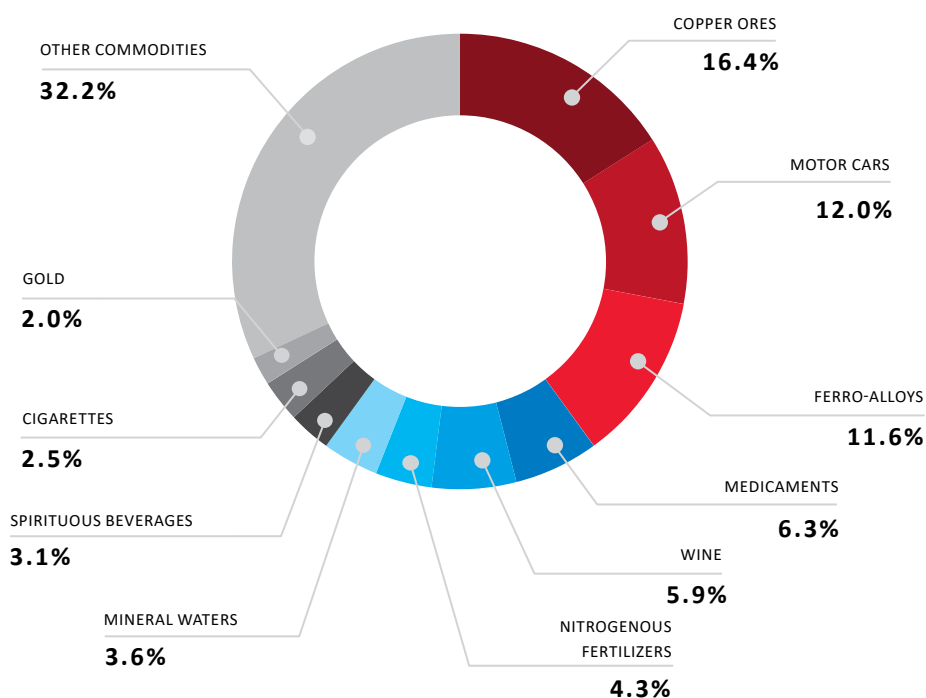
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	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL EXPORTS	732 090.2	100.0	826 006.2	100.0	12.8
Of which:					
Copper ores and concentrates	118 772.1	16.2	135 554.9	16.4	14.1
Motor cars	64 837.0	8.9	99 084.0	12.0	52.8
Ferro-alloys	85 147.4	11.6	95 611.3	11.6	12.3
Medicaments put up in measured doses	28 235.9	3.9	52 355.9	6.3	85.4
Wine of fresh grapes	41 849.0	5.7	48 978.7	5.9	17.0
Nitrogenous fertilizers	29 442.2	4.0	35 431.7	4.3	20.3
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	23 918.4	3.3	29 796.7	3.6	24.6
Spirituuous beverages	27 447.3	3.7	25 966.2	3.1	-5.4
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	20 722.6	2.8	20 309.0	2.5	-2.0
Gold unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms, or in powder form	20 015.8	2.7	16 562.0	2.0	-17.3
Other commodities	271 702.3	37.1	266 355.6	32.2	-2.0

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



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The top import commodities in January-March 2019 were petroleum and petroleum oils whose imports equaled USD 150.4 million (7.6 percent of the total imports). The petroleum gases followed in the list with USD 131.5 million, or 6.6 percent of imports. The Copper ores and concentrates were third in the top import commodity list with USD 120.2 million (6.1 percent of imports).

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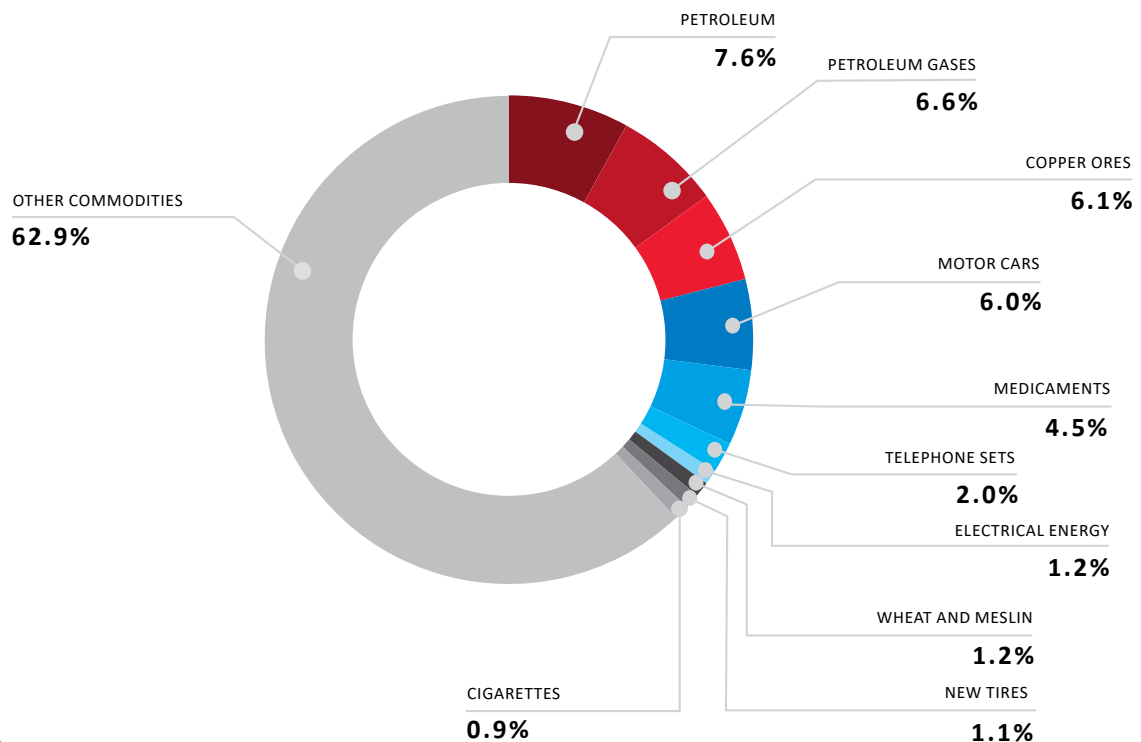
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MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY IMPORTS

	JANUARY-MARCH 2018*		JANUARY-MARCH 2019*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL IMPORTS	2 078 211.4	100.0	1 981 294.4	100.0	-4.7
Of which:					
Petroleum and petroleum oils	186 881.2	9.0	150 446.0	7.6	-19.5
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	119 048.5	5.7	131 480.0	6.6	10.4
Copper ores and concentrates	79 613.4	3.8	120 226.9	6.1	51.0
Motor cars	119 807.9	5.8	119 046.4	6.0	-0.6
Medicaments put up in measured doses	72 118.0	3.5	89 346.8	4.5	23.9
Telephones	44 669.2	2.1	39 033.1	2.0	-12.6
Electrical energy	27 217.6	1.3	23 063.3	1.2	-15.3
Wheat and meslin	28 410.1	1.4	22 809.7	1.2	-19.7
New pneumatic tyres, of rubber	18 220.7	0.9	22 442.7	1.1	23.2
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	23 790.9	1.1	16 857.2	0.9	-29.1
Other commodities	1 358 434.0	65.4	1 246 542.3	62.9	-8.2

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



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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER



TURKEY

EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO TURKEY

	JANUARY-MARCH 2018*		JANUARY-MARCH 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
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TOTAL EXPORTS	85 402.8		57 258.1	
Of which:				
Semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel	6 551.3	13 206.8	10 444.8	27 468.4
T-shirts knitted	11 048.5	399.2	9 361.3	415.6
Copper ores and concentrates	18 485.9	13 564.2	7 119.7	4 608.8
Ferro-alloys	9 904.9	8 190.1	5 639.3	5 156.8
Men's or boys' suits, ensembles, trousers, knitted or crocheted	2 138.2	104.1	2 809.0	141.4
Other commodities	37 274.0		21 884.0	

*Preliminary data.

IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM TURKEY

	JANUARY-MARCH 2018*		JANUARY-MARCH 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
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TOTAL IMPORTS	313 943.8		316 046.6	
Of which:				
Medicaments put up in measured doses	10 046.0	135.4	20 364.2	325.4
Structures of iron or steel	6 862.0	3 795.0	10 423.5	6 151.1
Made up articles from textiles, excluding clothes	9 890.8	479.8	9 723.6	582.0
Insulated wire, cable and other insulated electric conductors	7 377.3	1 703.2	8 414.0	1 611.1
Other tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of iron or steel	11 755.0	14 243.8	8 388.1	11 140.4
Other commodities	268 012.7		258 733.0	

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RUSSIA

EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO RUSSIA



	JANUARY-MARCH 2018*		JANUARY-MARCH 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL EXPORTS	98 207.0		135 361.3	
Of which:				
Ferro-alloys	34 600.4	28 889.1	38 300.8	34 875.9
Wine of fresh grapes	26 314.3	8 927.7	32 505.3	10 657.6
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	12 052.8	17 123.2	15 282.9	21 852.8
Centrifuges	1 129.5	1.4	8 902.3	12.9
Medicaments put up in measured doses	1 428.8	5.6	7 852.2	14.9
Other commodities	22 681.1		32 517.7	

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IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM RUSSIA



	JANUARY-MARCH 2018*		JANUARY-MARCH 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL IMPORTS	212 613.4		191 659.1	
Of which:				
Petroleum and petroleum oils	52 291.9	86 122.0	38 575.5	70 733.2
Wheat and meslin	25 890.0	134 294.6	15 968.6	71 569.3
Coke and semi-coke of coal	6 796.1	24 577.0	8 629.2	32 071.3
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	6 400.9	21 599.0	7 999.6	26 362.1
Sunflower-seed oil	7 411.3	8 051.2	6 502.7	7 677.1
Other commodities	113 823.2		113 983.5	

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AZERBAIJAN

EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO AZERBAIJAN



	JANUARY-MARCH 2018*		JANUARY-MARCH 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL EXPORTS	76 408.0		84 904.8	
Of which:				
Motor cars (unit)	25 293.5	1 380	33 620.8	3 589
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	14 275.8	774.8	10 700.6	542.0
Medicaments put up in measured doses	7 389.2	340.1	8 145.1	221.1
Nitrogenous fertilizers	542.5	2 862.5	2 315.9	12 041.0
Motor vehicles for the transport of goods (unit)	850.5	135	2 071.1	287
Other commodities	28 056.5		28 051.3	

*Preliminary data.

IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM AZERBAIJAN



	JANUARY-MARCH 2018*		JANUARY-MARCH 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL IMPORTS	185 737.7		187 550.4	
Of which:				
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	112 621.0	639 757	123 403.5	718 171
Electrical energy	24 780.2	...	22 221.8	...
Petroleum and petroleum oils	18 232.9	31 709.2	21 340.3	39 397.1
Cement	3 208.2	62 493.4	4 173.4	73 738.7
Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel	1 226.6	2 317.3	2 483.4	5 242.1
Other commodities	25 668.8		13 928.0	

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EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE

	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE MIL. US DOLLARS
NEGATIVE TRADE BALANCE		
January-March 2018*	95	1 415.8
January-March 2019*	88	1 241.9
POSITIVE TRADE BALANCE		
January-March 2018*	28	69.7
January-March 2019*	35	86.7
TOTAL		
January-March 2018*	123	1 346.1
January-March 2019*	123	1 155.3

*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
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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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