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EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN GEORGIA

2019

JANUARY-MAY

(PRELIMINARY RESULTS)

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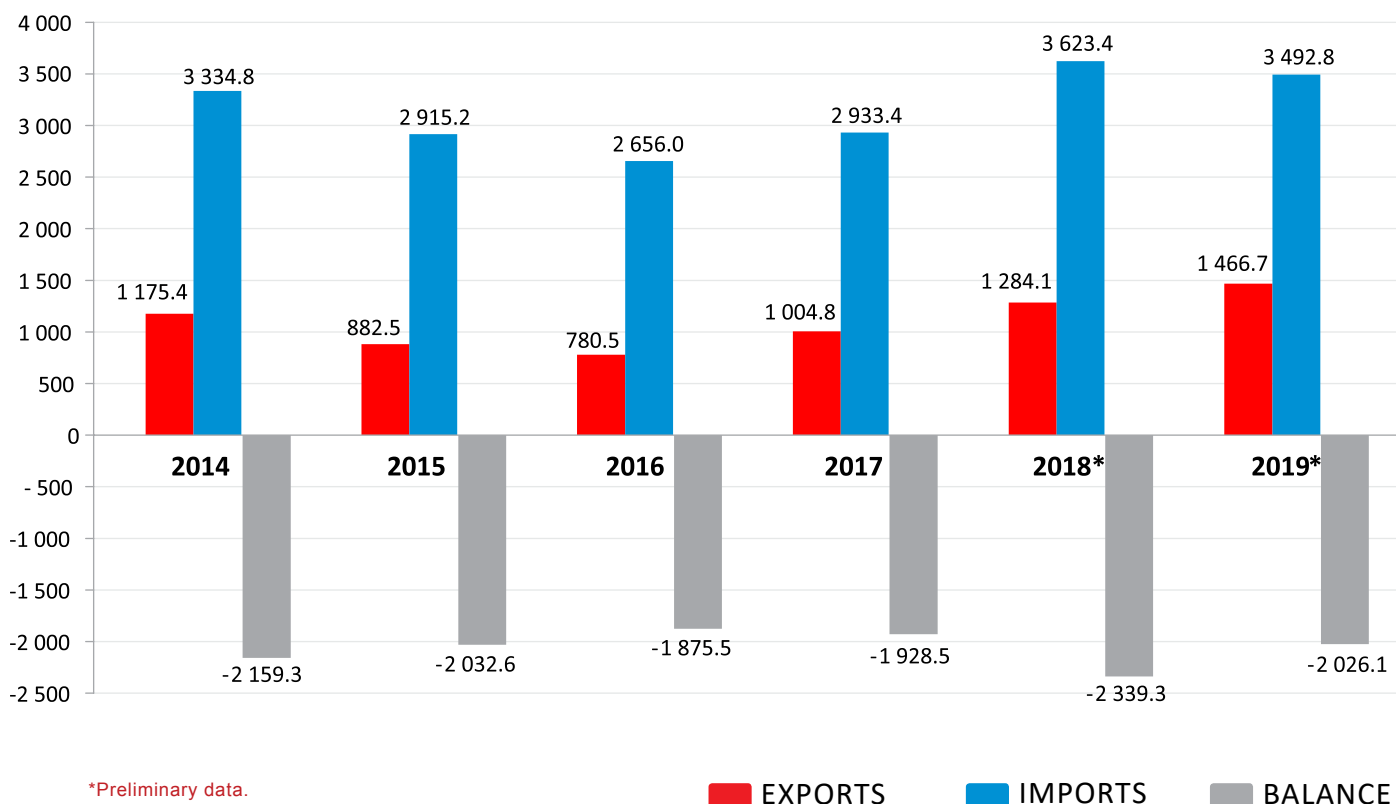
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EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE OF GEORGIA IN JANUARY-MAY 2019 (PRELIMINARY)

In January-May 2019 the external merchandise trade (excluding non-declared trade) of Georgia amounted to USD 4 959.4 million, 1.1 percent higher year-on-year. The exports equaled USD 1 466.7 million (14.2 percent higher), while the imports stood at USD 3 492.8 million (3.6 percent lower). The negative trade balance was USD 2 026.1 million in January-May 2019 and its share in external trade turnover constituted 40.9 percent. The exports excluding re-exports amounted to USD 938.6 million, 4.7 percent higher year-on-year.

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

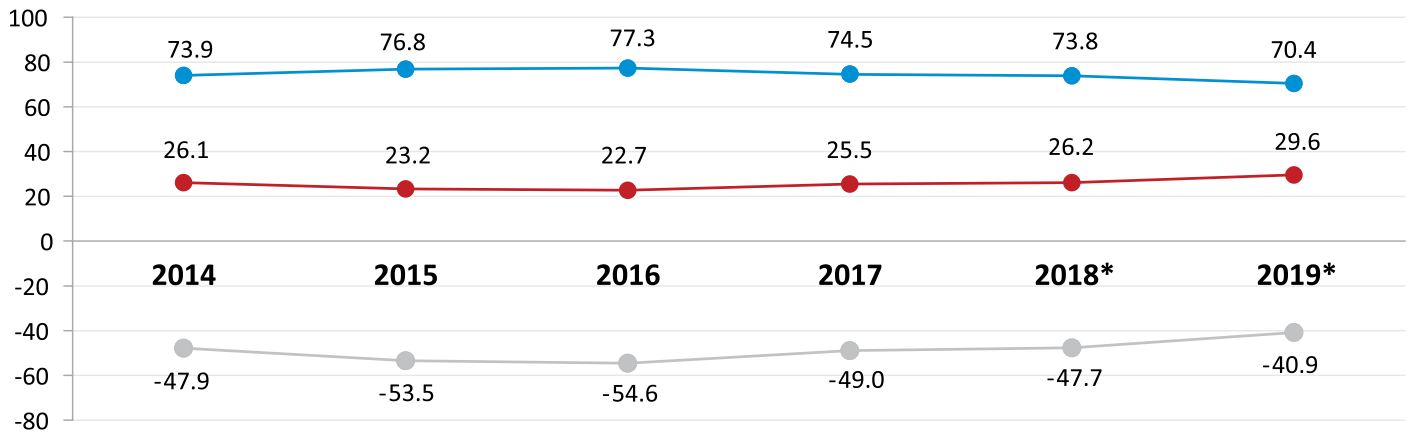
GENERAL DATA ON EXTERNAL TRADE OF GEORGIA IN JANUARY-MAY 2014-2019 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



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SHARE OF EXTERNAL TRADE INDICATORS IN TURNOVER JANUARY-MAY 2014-2019 (%)



*Preliminary data.

● EXPORTS ● IMPORTS ● BALANCE

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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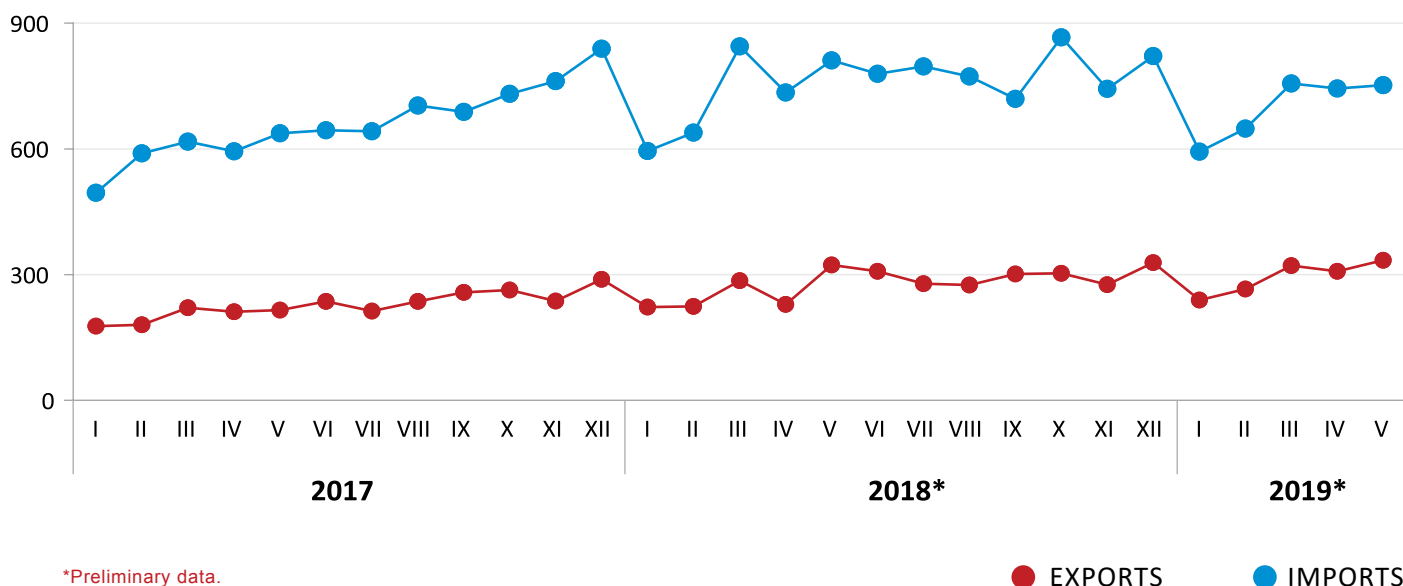
EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF GEORGIA

		EXPORTS		IMPORTS	
		THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES m-o-m (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES m-o-m (%)
2017	January	176 873.6	44.8	495 112.0	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	734 267.5	23.6
	May	322 904.7	50.0	810 912.2	27.3
	June	307 811.0	30.6	779 279.0	21.0
	July	278 313.3	30.9	796 833.1	24.1
	August	275 365.9	16.5	772 788.2	9.8
	September	301 139.4	16.9	719 451.7	4.5
	October	302 961.4	15.0	866 223.0	18.5
	November	276 187.0	16.6	742 967.8	-2.4
	December	328 574.1	14.0	821 150.5	-2.1
2019*	January	238 767.5	7.2	593 532.1	-0.2
	February	265 315.7	18.6	648 176.7	1.4
	March	320 977.2	12.3	755 516.7	-10.6
	April	307 403.4	34.2	743 580.0	1.3
	May	334 221.1	3.5	751 947.4	-7.3

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



In January-May 2019 the exports from Georgia to the EU countries amounted to USD 360.9 million (22.1 percent higher compared to January-May 2018) and constituted 24.6 percent of total exports, while the imports amounted to USD 885.8 million (11.5 percent lower) with 25.4 percent in total imports. The external trade turnover of Georgia with the EU countries amounted to USD 1 246.7 million, showing a 3.9 percent decrease compared to the corresponding indicator of the previous year. The EU countries accounted for 25.9 percent of the trade deficit.

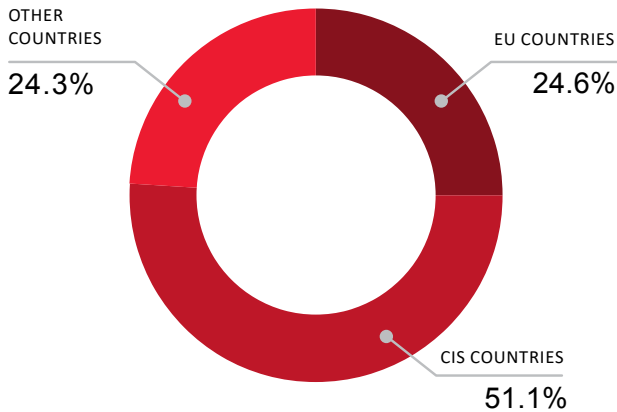
In January-May 2019 the exports to the CIS countries stood at USD 748.7 million (28.3 percent higher compared to January-May 2018) and reached 51.1 percent of total exports, while the imports equaled USD 951.3 million (13.2 percent lower) with 27.2 percent in total import. The trade turnover with the CIS countries totaled USD 1 700.0 million (1.3 percent higher). The CIS countries accounted for 10.0 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.

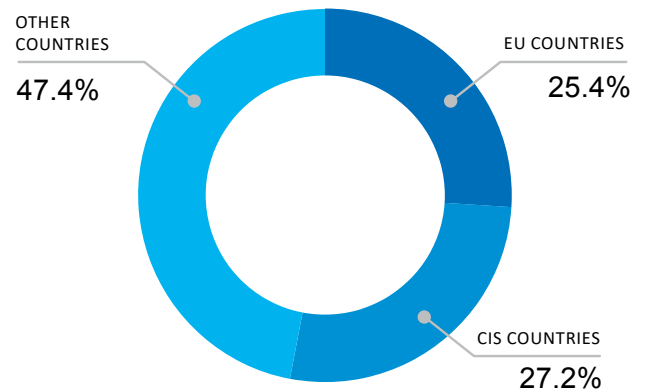
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GEORGIAN EXPORT BY COUNTRY GROUPS IN JANUARY-MAY 2019*



GEORGIAN IMPORT BY COUNTRY GROUPS IN JANUARY-MAY 2019*



*Preliminary data.

In January-May 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 218.7 million), Azerbaijan (USD 168.8 million) and Bulgaria (USD 119.1 million).

TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-MAY 2019

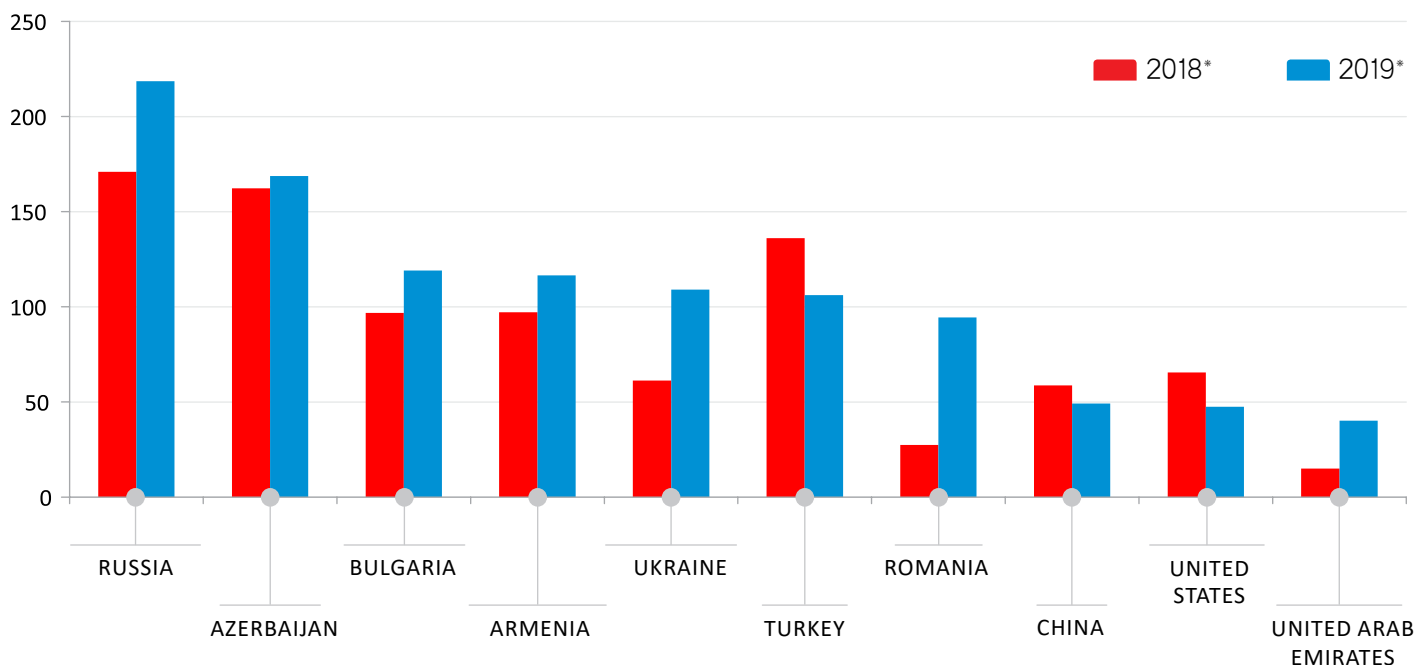
	JANUARY-MAY 2018*		JANUARY-MAY 2019*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL EXPORTS	1 284 138.2	100.0	1 466 684.9	100.0	14.2
Of which:					
Russia	171 005.9	13.3	218 657.0	14.9	27.9
Azerbaijan	162 265.1	12.6	168 790.7	11.5	4.0
Bulgaria	96 741.6	7.5	119 132.4	8.1	23.1
Armenia	97 217.7	7.6	116 604.4	8.0	19.9
Ukraine	61 316.9	4.8	109 142.3	7.4	78.0
Turkey	136 021.2	10.6	106 174.9	7.2	-21.9
Romania	27 375.0	2.1	94 480.3	6.4	245.1
China	58 813.5	4.6	49 250.6	3.4	-16.3
United States	65 490.0	5.1	47 553.6	3.2	-27.4
United Arab Emirates	15 059.8	1.2	40 144.7	2.7	166.6
Other countries	392 831.3	30.6	396 754.0	27.1	1.0

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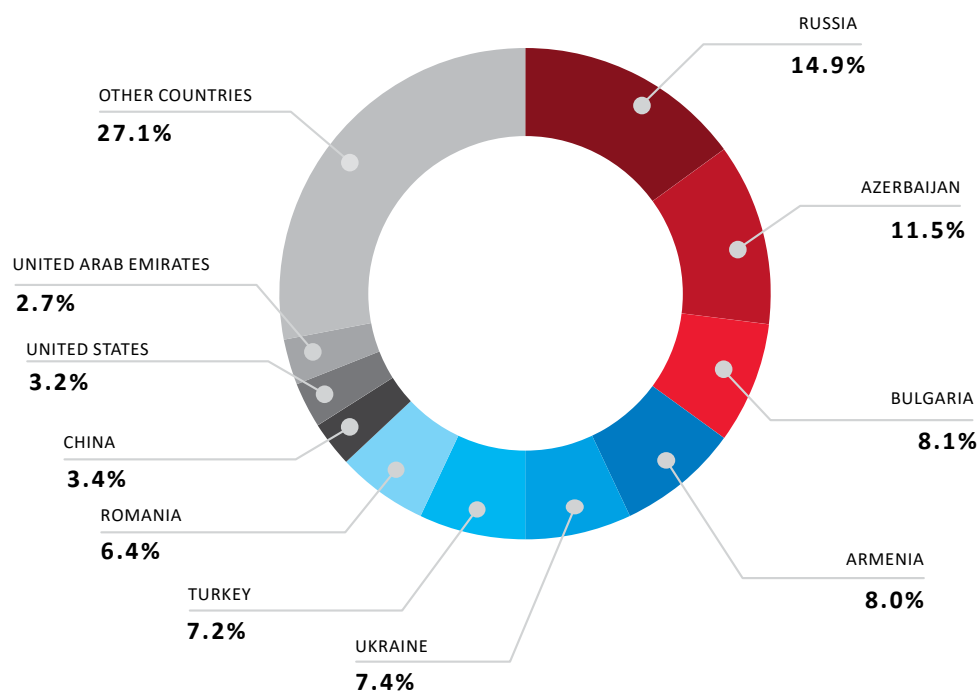
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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-MAY 2018-2019 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



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



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In January-May 2019 the share of the top ten trading partners by imports in the total imports of Georgia amounted to 66.2 percent. The top partners were Turkey (USD 595.7 million), Russia (USD 349.6 million) and China (USD 347.9 million).

TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-MAY 2019

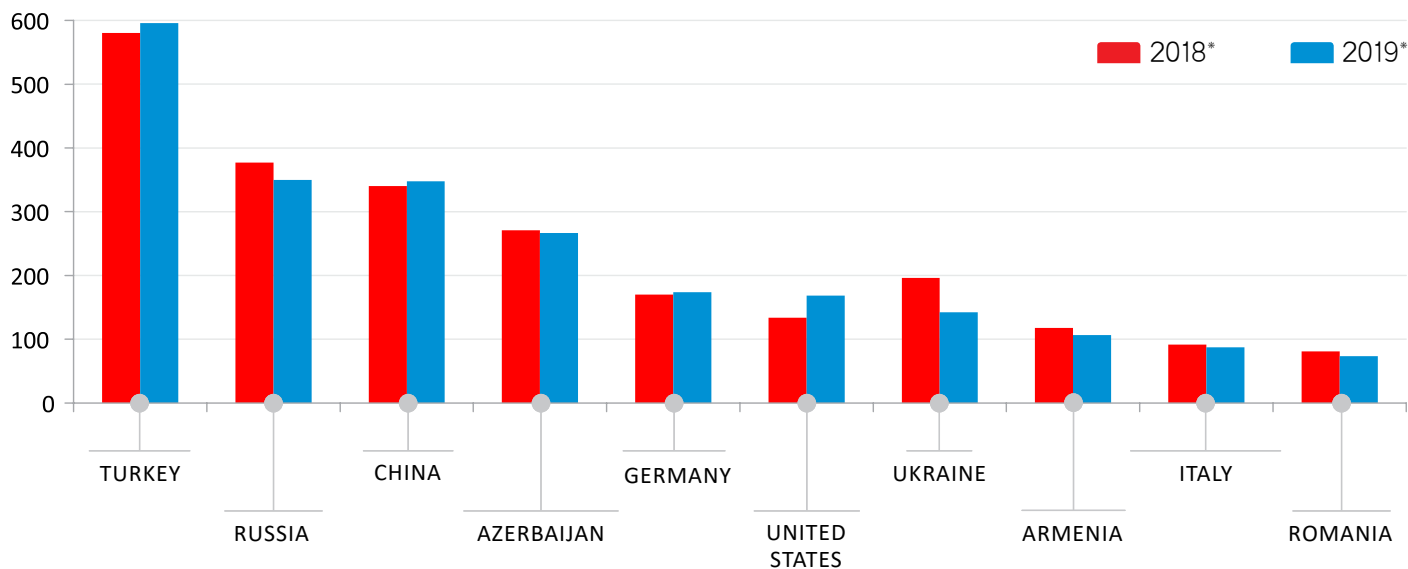
	JANUARY-MAY 2018*		JANUARY-MAY 2019*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL IMPORTS	3 623 391.1	100.0	3 492 752.9	100.0	-3.6
Of which:					
Turkey	580 508.6	16.0	595 666.6	17.1	2.6
Russia	377 236.4	10.4	349 579.7	10.0	-7.3
China	340 053.3	9.4	347 888.0	10.0	2.3
Azerbaijan	270 776.3	7.5	266 806.1	7.6	-1.5
Germany	170 160.9	4.7	173 982.6	5.0	2.2
United States	133 908.4	3.7	168 315.7	4.8	25.7
Ukraine	195 986.5	5.4	142 295.0	4.1	-27.4
Armenia	117 977.9	3.3	106 458.8	3.0	-9.8
Italy	91 773.1	2.5	87 503.8	2.5	-4.7
Romania	81 120.2	2.2	73 720.8	2.1	-9.1
Other countries	1 263 889.4	34.9	1 180 535.7	33.8	-6.6

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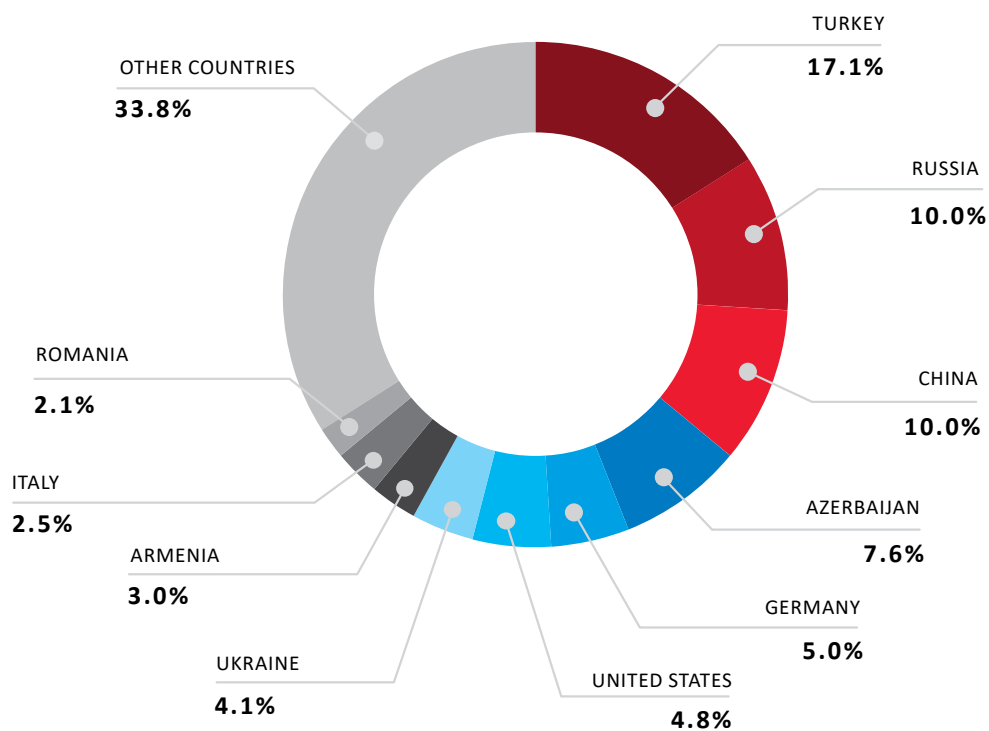
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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-MAY 2018-2019 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



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



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In January-May 2019 the share of the top ten trading partners in the total external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 67.1 percent. The top trading partners were Turkey (USD 701.8 million), Russia (USD 568.2 million) and Azerbaijan (USD 435.6 million).

TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER IN JANUARY-MAY 2019*

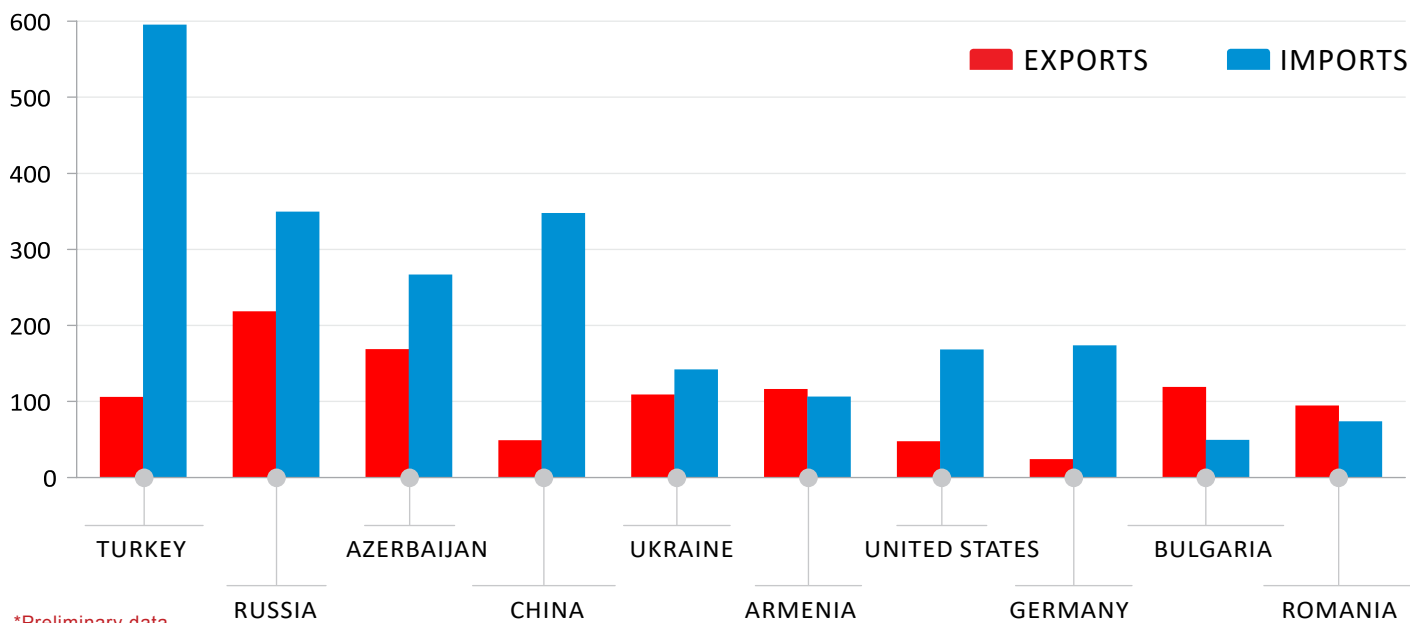
	EXPORTS		IMPORTS		TURNOVER	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)
TOTAL	1 466 684.9	100.0	3 492 752.9	100.0	4 959 437.8	100.0
Of which:						
Turkey	106 174.9	7.2	595 666.6	17.1	701 841.5	14.2
Russia	218 657.0	14.9	349 579.7	10.0	568 236.7	11.5
Azerbaijan	168 790.7	11.5	266 806.1	7.6	435 596.9	8.8
China	49 250.6	3.4	347 888.0	10.0	397 138.6	8.0
Ukraine	109 142.3	7.4	142 295.0	4.1	251 437.2	5.1
Armenia	116 604.4	8.0	106 458.8	3.0	223 063.2	4.5
United States	47 553.6	3.2	168 315.7	4.8	215 869.3	4.4
Germany	24 107.2	1.6	173 982.6	5.0	198 089.8	4.0
Bulgaria	119 132.4	8.1	49 639.3	1.4	168 771.7	3.4
Romania	94 480.3	6.4	73 720.8	2.1	168 201.1	3.4
Other countries	412 791.6	28.1	1 218 400.2	34.9	1 631 191.8	32.9

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



In January-May 2019 copper ores and concentrates reclaimed the first place in the list of top export items, equaling USD 261.1 million or 17.8 percent of total exports. The exports of motor cars totaled USD 207.8 million and their share in the total exports amounted to 14.2 percent. The ferro-alloys exports occupied the third place standing at USD 136.7 million and constituting 9.3 percent of the total exports.

MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY EXPORTS

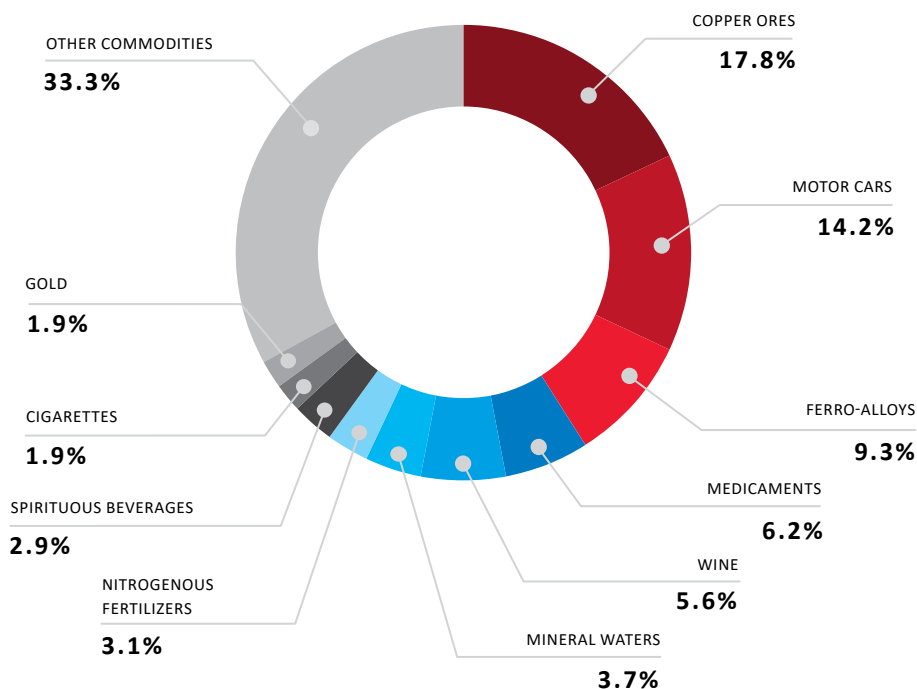
	JANUARY-MAY 2018*		JANUARY-MAY 2019*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL EXPORTS	1 284 138.2	100.0	1 466 684.9	100.0	14.2
Of which:					
Copper ores and concentrates	181 575.9	14.1	261 129.3	17.8	43.8
Motor cars	123 437.1	9.6	207 780.9	14.2	68.3
Ferro-alloys	151 787.8	11.8	136 715.0	9.3	-9.9
Medicaments put up in measured doses	51 878.1	4.0	91 271.5	6.2	75.9
Wine of fresh grapes	73 933.7	5.8	82 613.7	5.6	11.7
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	44 959.3	3.5	53 776.5	3.7	19.6
Nitrogenous fertilizers	42 153.6	3.3	45 537.3	3.1	8.0
Spirituuous beverages	51 306.5	4.0	42 625.9	2.9	-16.9
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	43 045.1	3.4	28 582.0	1.9	-33.6
Gold unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms, or in powder form	33 588.2	2.6	27 870.9	1.9	-17.0
Other commodities	486 472.9	37.9	488 781.8	33.3	0.5

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



*Preliminary data.

The top import commodities in January-May 2019 were petroleum and petroleum oils whose imports equaled USD 277.9 million (8.0 percent of the total imports). The motor cars followed in the list with USD 248.4 million, or 7.1 percent of imports. The copper ores and concentrates were third in the top import commodity list with USD 236.0 million (6.8 percent of imports).

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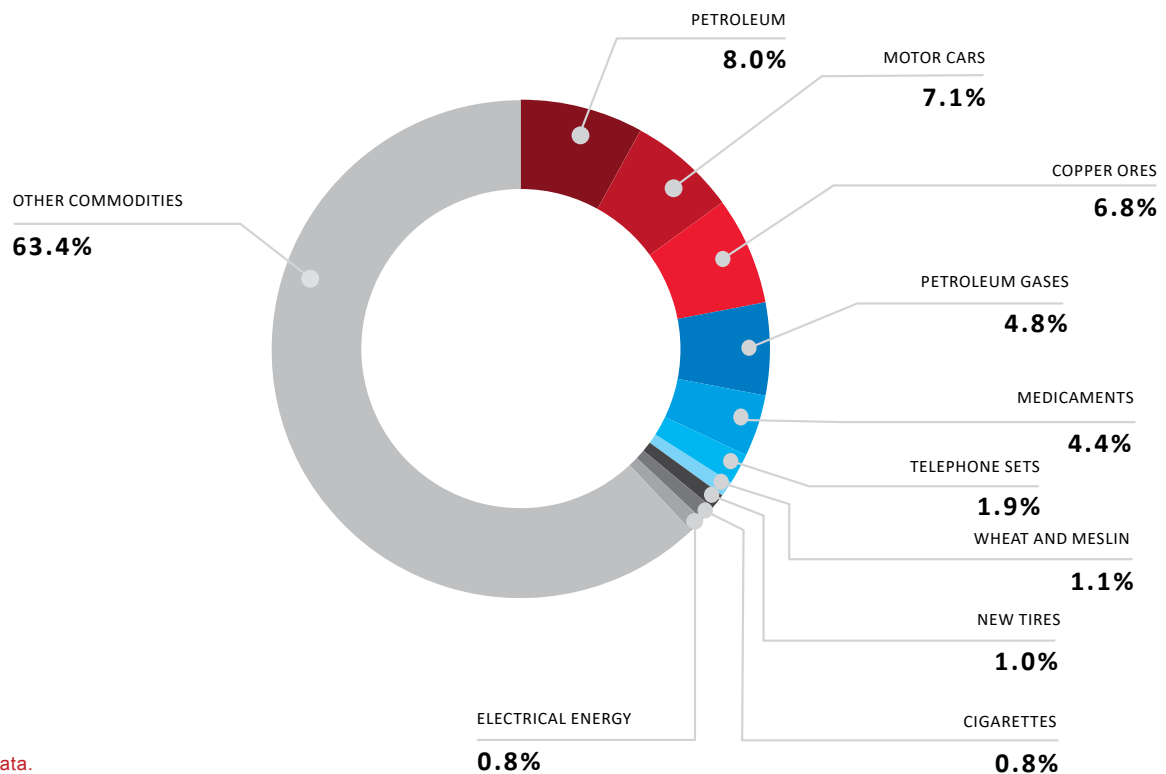
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MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY IMPORTS

	JANUARY-MAY 2018*		JANUARY-MAY 2019*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL IMPORTS	3 623 391.1	100.0	3 492 752.9	100.0	-3.6
Of which:					
Petroleum and petroleum oils	330 776.3	9.1	277 894.4	8.0	-16.0
Motor cars	224 639.1	6.2	248 378.4	7.1	10.6
Copper ores and concentrates	134 161.6	3.7	236 034.1	6.8	75.9
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	153 142.6	4.2	168 434.3	4.8	10.0
Medicaments put up in measured doses	126 384.5	3.5	152 454.4	4.4	20.6
Telephones	78 558.2	2.2	65 826.4	1.9	-16.2
Wheat and meslin	46 825.5	1.3	38 818.3	1.1	-17.1
New pneumatic tyres, of rubber	33 407.4	0.9	35 334.3	1.0	5.8
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	50 926.4	1.4	28 896.8	0.8	-43.3
Electrical energy	30 393.8	0.8	27 115.6	0.8	-10.8
Other commodities	2 414 175.8	66.6	2 213 565.8	63.4	-8.3

*Preliminary data.

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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER



TURKEY

EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO TURKEY

	JANUARY-MAY 2018*		JANUARY-MAY 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
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TOTAL EXPORTS	136 021.2		106 174.9	
Of which:				
T-shirts knitted	19 295.9	708.7	19 133.7	834.3
Semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel	13 958.0	28 606.4	17 224.4	44 851.9
Copper ores and concentrates	18 485.9	13 564.2	13 750.2	9 347.0
Ferro-alloys	17 037.9	13 857.2	9 228.3	8 527.3
Men's or boys' suits, ensembles, trousers, knitted or crocheted	4 363.2	205.8	5 802.8	272.8
Other commodities	62 880.3		41 035.4	

*Preliminary data.

IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM TURKEY

	JANUARY-MAY 2018*		JANUARY-MAY 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
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TOTAL IMPORTS	580 508.6		595 666.6	
Of which:				
Medicaments put up in measured doses	20 715.7	254.3	39 041.8	618.5
Motor cars (unit)	16 397.0	701	27 223.3	1 119
Structures of iron or steel	12 428.2	6 468.0	16 575.9	9 969.7
Insulated wire, cable and other insulated electric conductors	12 859.0	3 020.8	15 034.9	3 094.3
Other tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of iron or steel	22 253.4	27 087.0	14 026.2	18 838.9
Other commodities	495 855.4		483 764.5	

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RUSSIA

EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO RUSSIA



	JANUARY-MAY 2018*		JANUARY-MAY 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL EXPORTS	171 005.9		218 657.0	
Of which:				
Ferro-alloys	57 820.0	47 299.3	61 694.6	56 009.4
Wine of fresh grapes	45 105.4	15 558.5	51 158.3	16 648.2
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	21 138.8	30 684.7	25 751.4	38 977.5
Centrifuges; filtering or purifying machinery, for liquids or gases	4 431.4	4.7	15 718.0	36.2
Spiritous beverages	7 375.6	2 002.9	12 213.7	2 552.5
Other commodities	35 134.7		52 120.9	

*Preliminary data.

IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM RUSSIA



	JANUARY-MAY 2018*		JANUARY-MAY 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL IMPORTS	377 236.4		349 579.7	
Of which:				
Petroleum and petroleum oils	81 658.9	129 864.7	79 233.9	137 492.0
Wheat and meslin	42 367.6	217 204.3	26 167.4	117 070.3
Coke and semi-coke of coal	16 739.3	61 229.3	14 544.3	53 752.9
Coal; briquettes and similar solid fuels manufactured from coal	11 857.5	114 005.0	12 121.3	114 283.0
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	7 423.9	23 925.3	11 624.4	39 413.3
Other commodities	217 189.2		205 888.5	

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AZERBAIJAN

EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO AZERBAIJAN



	JANUARY-MAY 2018*		JANUARY-MAY 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL EXPORTS	162 265.1		168 790.7	
Of which:				
Motor cars (unit)	53 613.9	2 783	74 676.1	6 804
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	30 627.8	1 647.2	17 759.9	841.0
Medicaments put up in measured doses	13 875.5	1 036.7	14 390.5	378.1
Motor vehicles for the transport of goods (unit)	1 659.4	250	3 773.5	539
Waters, mineral and aerated waters, containing added sugar	3 780.5	5 282.0	2 701.5	4 117.0
Other commodities	58 708.2		55 489.2	

*Preliminary data.

IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM AZERBAIJAN



	JANUARY-MAY 2018*		JANUARY-MAY 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL IMPORTS	270 776.3		266 806.1	
Of which:				
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	145 684.6	827 101.8	156 689.2	925 106.9
Petroleum and petroleum oils	41 333.0	68 935.6	43 215.0	77 294.2
Electrical energy	26 511.4	...	26 274.1	...
Cement	7 028.1	138 817.6	8 733.9	155 162.4
Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel	2 763.6	5 006.3	4 882.9	10 416.1
Other commodities	47 455.6		27 011.2	

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EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE

	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE MIL. US DOLLARS
NEGATIVE TRADE BALANCE		
January-May 2018*	95	2 440.2
January-May 2019*	97	2 210.9
POSITIVE TRADE BALANCE		
January-May 2018*	34	100.9
January-May 2019*	33	184.8
TOTAL		
January-May 2018*	129	2 339.3
January-May 2019*	130	2 026.1

*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
- 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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