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2019 JANUARY-JUNE (PRELIMINARY RESULTS) 19.07.2019

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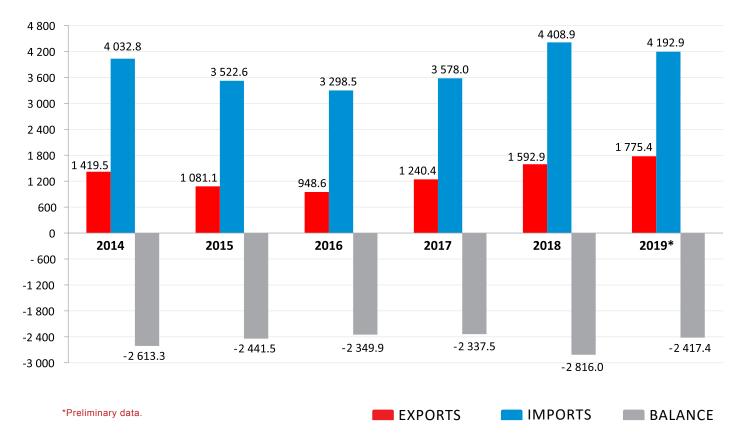


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EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE OF GEORGIA IN JANUARY-JUNE 2019 (PRELIMINARY)

In January-June 2019 the external merchandise trade (excluding non-declared trade) of Georgia amounted to USD 5 968.3 million, 0.6 percent lower year-on-year. The exports equaled USD 1 775.4 million (11.5 percent higher), while the imports stood at USD 4 192.9 million (4.9 percent lower). The negative trade balance was USD 2 417.4 million in January-June 2019 and its share in external trade turnover constituted 40.5 percent. The exports excluding re-exports amounted to USD 1 123.8 million, 0.8 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-JUNE 2014-2019 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



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

100	74.0	76.5	77.7			
75	•			74.3	73.5	70.3
50 25						
0	26.0	23.5	22.3	25.7	26.5	29.7
-25	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019*
-50	•			•		- 40.5
-75	- 47.9	- 53.0	- 55.3	- 48.5	- 46.9	- 40.5
*Pr	eliminary 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

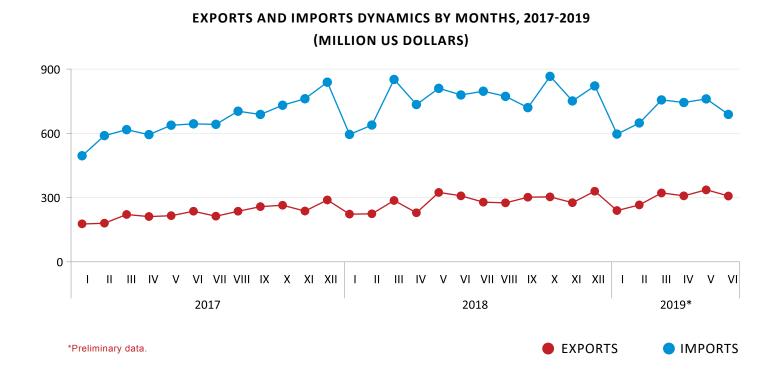
		EXPC	DRTS	IMP	ORTS
		THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES m-o-m (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES m-o-m (%)
	January	176 873.6	44.8	495 112.0	20.2
	February	179 869.4	13.6	589 395.5	12.4
	March	221 188.1	36.5	617 537.3	11.8
	April	211 582.2	27.7	594 283.4	6.6
	Мау	215 333.5	24.9	637 602.4	4.5
~	June	235 601.9	40.2	644 047.9	0.3
2017	July	212 650.9	22.5	642 115.9	7.0
	August	236 320.0	25.7	703 617.7	1.7
	September	257 645.2	27.3	688 270.1	6.1
	October	263 507.1	38.6	731 209.0	10.4
	November	236 881.5	8.2	761 274.8	17.5
	December	288 325.0	50.7	838 836.3	12.6
	January	222 649.9	25.9	594 554.6	20.1
	February	223 657.0	24.3	638 927.6	8.4
	March	285 811.5	29.2	851 767.1	37.9
	April	229 176.7	8.3	734 320.0	23.6
	Мау	323 793.9	50.4	810 139.8	27.1
8	June	307 811.0	30.6	779 222.5	21.0
2018	July	278 175.9	30.8	796 926.2	24.1
	August	275 376.0	16.5	772 791.0	9.8
	September	301 179.5	16.9	719 778.1	4.6
	October	302 920.2	15.0	866 204.9	18.5
	November	276 196.5	16.6	751 093.7	-1.3
	December	328 964.1	14.1	821 013.6	-2.1
	January	238 766.2	7.2	596 238.0	0.3
	February	265 276.4	18.6	648 146.3	1.4
2019*	March	320 940.2	12.3	755 703.9	-11.3
20	April	307 401.7	34.1	744 030.0	1.3
	Мау	335 784.8	3.7	760 754.1	-6.1
	June	307 249.4	-0.2	687 987.5	-11.7

*Preliminary data.

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In January-June 2019 the exports from Georgia to the EU countries amounted to USD 426.9 million (16.1 percent higher compared to January-June 2018) and constituted 24.0 percent of total exports, while the imports amounted to USD 1 084.9 million (10.8 percent lower) with 25.9 percent in total imports. The external trade turnover of Georgia with the EU countries amounted to USD 1 511.8 million, showing a 4.6 percent decrease compared to the corresponding indicator of the previous year. The EU countries accounted for 27.2 percent of the trade deficit.

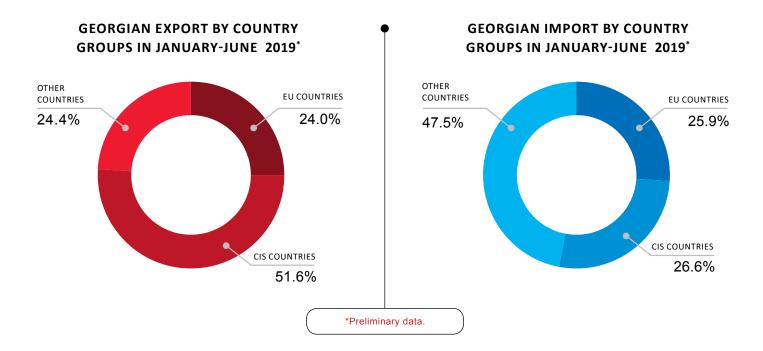
In January-June 2019 the exports to the CIS countries stood at USD 916.2 million (27.1 percent higher compared to January-June 2018) and reached 51.6 percent of total exports, while the imports equaled USD 1 116.7 million (15.6 percent lower) with 26.6 percent in total import. The trade turnover with the CIS countries totaled USD 2 032.9 million (0.5 percent lower). The CIS countries accounted for 8.3 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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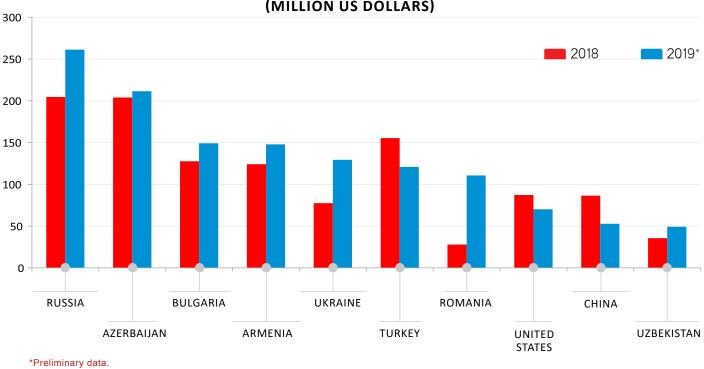
In January-June 2019 the share of the top ten trading partners by exports in the total exports of Georgia amounted to 73.4 percent. The top partners were Russia (USD 261.3 million), Azerbaijan (USD 211.3 million) and Bulgaria (USD 149.1 million).

	JANUARY-JUNE 2018		JANUARY-JUNE 2019*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL EXPORTS	1 592 899.8	100.0	1 775 418.6	100.0	11.5
Of which:					
Russia	204 455.4	12.8	261 276.6	14.7	27.8
Azerbaijan	203 847.9	12.8	211 326.8	11.9	3.7
Bulgaria	127 558.7	8.0	149 105.3	8.4	16.9
Armenia	124 005.7	7.8	147 731.4	8.3	19.1
Ukraine	77 408.5	4.9	129 368.0	7.3	67.1
Turkey	155 286.1	9.7	120 816.1	6.8	-22.2
Romania	27 843.7	1.7	110 555.0	6.2	297.1
United States	87 138.1	5.5	70 176.6	4.0	-19.5
China	86 441.8	5.4	52 823.7	3.0	-38.9
Uzbekistan	35 591.1	2.2	49 174.6	2.8	38.2
Other countries	463 322.9	29.1	473 064.3	26.6	2.1

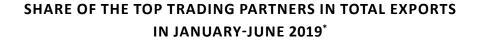
TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-JUNE 2019

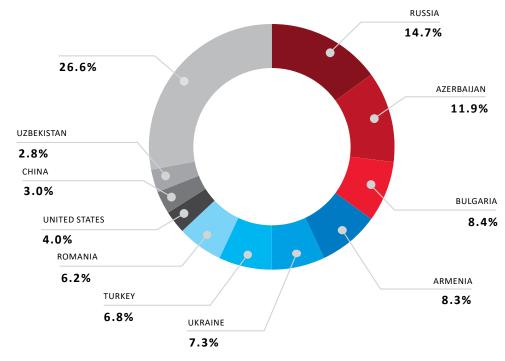


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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-JUNE 2018-2019 (MILLION US DOLLARS)







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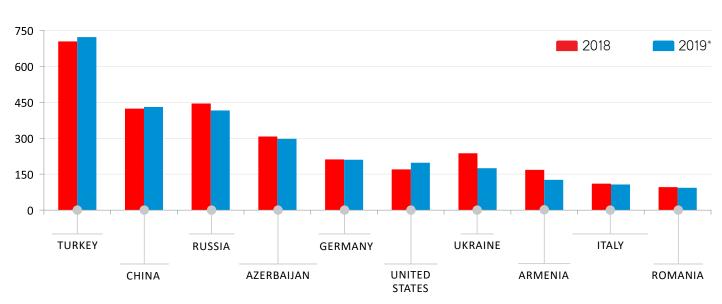
In January-June 2019 the share of the top ten trading partners by imports in the total imports of Georgia amounted to 66.3 percent. The top partners were Turkey (USD 722.1 million), China (USD 430.7 million) and Russia (USD 416.5 million).

TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-JUNE 2019

	JANUARY-JUNE 2018		JANUARY-JUNE 2019*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL IMPORTS	4 408 931.7	100.0	4 192 859.8	100.0	-4.9
Of which:					
Turkey	704 245.2	16.0	722 135.5	17.2	2.5
China	423 846.7	9.6	430 741.3	10.3	1.6
Russia	445 075.9	10.1	416 486.5	9.9	-6.4
Azerbaijan	307 325.5	7.0	297 572.3	7.1	-3.2
Germany	211 519.7	4.8	210 675.8	5.0	-0.4
United States	169 986.1	3.9	198 335.7	4.7	16.7
Ukraine	237 164.3	5.4	175 242.0	4.2	-26.1
Armenia	168 493.3	3.8	126 973.7	3.0	-24.6
Italy	110 644.2	2.5	107 187.2	2.6	-3.1
Romania	96 435.3	2.2	93 359.9	2.2	-3.2
Other countries	1 534 195.7	34.8	1 414 150.0	33.7	-7.8



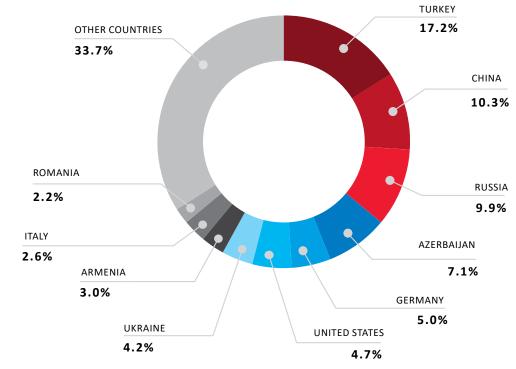
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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-JUNE 2018-2019 (MILLION US DOLLARS)

*Preliminary data.

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



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In January-June 2019 the share of the top ten trading partners in the total external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 67.2 percent. The top trading partners were Turkey (USD 843.0 million), Russia (USD 677.8 million) and Azerbaijan (USD 508.9 million).

TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER IN JANUARY-JUNE 2019^{*}

	EXPO	ORTS	IMPORTS		TURNOVE	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)
TOTAL	1 775 418.6	100.0	4 192 859.8	100.0	5 968 278.4	100.0
Of which:						
Turkey	120 816.1	6.8	722 135.5	17.2	842 951.6	14.1
Russia	261 276.6	14.7	416 486.5	9.9	677 763.1	11.4
Azerbaijan	211 326.8	11.9	297 572.3	7.1	508 899.1	8.5
China	52 823.7	3.0	430 741.3	10.3	483 565.0	8.1
Ukraine	129 368.0	7.3	175 242.0	4.2	304 610.0	5.1
Armenia	147 731.4	8.3	126 973.7	3.0	274 705.1	4.6
United States	70 176.6	4.0	198 335.7	4.7	268 512.3	4.5
Germany	26 974.4	1.5	210 675.8	5.0	237 650.3	4.0
Bulgaria	149 105.3	8.4	60 815.3	1.5	209 920.6	3.5
Romania	110 555.0	6.2	93 359.9	2.2	203 914.8	3.4
Other countries	495 264.5	27.9	1 460 521.9	34.8	1 955 786.4	32.8

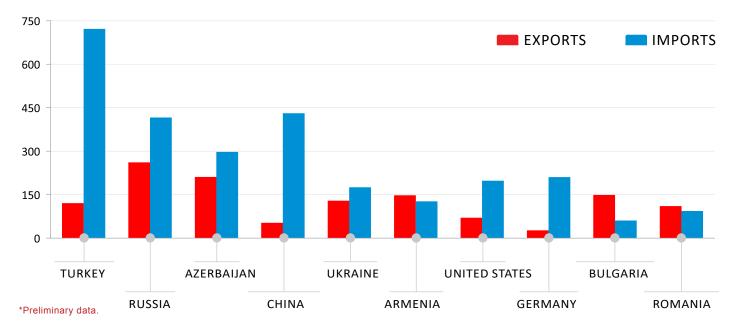
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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER IN JANUARY-JUNE 2019^{*} (MILLION US DOLLARS)



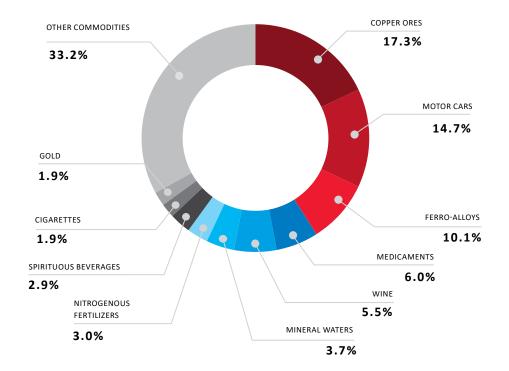
In January-June 2019 copper ores and concentrates reclaimed the first place in the list of top export items, equaling USD 306.6 million or 17.3 percent of total exports. The exports of motor cars totaled USD 260.5 million and their share in the total exports amounted to 14.7 percent. The ferro-alloys exports occupied the third place standing at USD 179.2 million and constituting 10.1 percent of the total exports.

	JANUARY-JUNE 2018		JANUARY-JUNE 2019*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL EXPORTS	1 592 899.8	100.0	1 775 418.6	100.0	11.5
Of which:					
Copper ores and concentrates	241 250.2	15.1	306 597.3	17.3	27.1
Motor cars	162 944.0	10.2	260 501.0	14.7	59.9
Ferro-alloys	185 969.2	11.7	179 171.6	10.1	-3.7
Medicaments put up in measured doses	64 088.2	4.0	105 638.8	6.0	64.8
Wine of fresh grapes	88 717.8	5.6	97 204.1	5.5	9.6
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	54 113.8	3.4	65 453.1	3.7	21.0
Nitrogenous fertilizers	52 981.7	3.3	53 855.3	3.0	1.6
Spirituous beverages	61 984.5	3.9	51 161.7	2.9	-17.5
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	53 773.5	3.4	33 895.6	1.9	-37.0
Gold unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms, or in powder form	39 996.2	2.5	32 857.5	1.9	-17.8
Other commodities	587 080.8	36.9	589 082.5	33.2	0.3

MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY EXPORTS



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

*Preliminary data.

The top import commodities in January-June 2019 were petroleum and petroleum oils whose imports equaled USD 341.2 million (8.1 percent of the total imports). The motor cars followed in the list with USD 308.8 million, or 7.4 percent of imports. The copper ores and concentrates were third in the top import commodity list with USD 266.8 million (6.4 percent of imports).



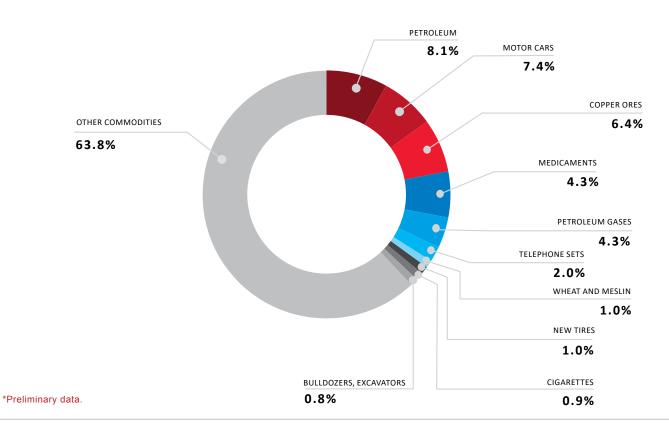
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MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY IMPORTS

	JANUARY-JUNE 2018		JANUARY-JUNE 2019 [*]		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL IMPORTS	4 408 931.7	100.0	4 192 859.8	100.0	-4.9
Of which:					
Petroleum and petroleum oils	401 958.7	9.1	341 176.8	8.1	-15.1
Motor cars	282 935.4	6.4	308 790.6	7.4	9.1
Copper ores and concentrates	181 154.4	4.1	266 839.1	6.4	47.3
Medicaments put up in measured doses	156 470.3	3.5	181 479.4	4.3	16.0
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	169 909.2	3.9	178 683.5	4.3	5.2
Telephones	92 002.2	2.1	83 254.8	2.0	-9.5
Wheat and meslin	53 256.8	1.2	43 923.1	1.0	-17.5
New pneumatic tyres, of rubber	38 945.5	0.9	42 650.8	1.0	9.5
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	63 571.4	1.4	38 195.0	0.9	-39.9
Bulldozers, excavators and tamping machines	31 974.5	0.7	32 767.1	0.8	2.5
Other commodities	2 936 753.3	66.6	2 675 099.7	63.8	-8.9

*Preliminary data.

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





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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER

TURKEY

EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO TURKEY

	JANUAF 20		JANUARY-JUNE 2019*	
+ + + + ≫ C+	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL EXPORTS	155 286.1		120 816.1	
Of which:				
T-shirts knitted	23 091.7	870.3	22 101.0	990.2
Semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel	13 958.0	28 606.4	18 796.4	48 862.3
Copper ores and concentrates	18 485.9	13 564.2	13 750.2	9 347.0
Ferro-alloys	17 876.8	14 560.2	10 044.4	9 290.5
Men's or boys' suits, ensembles, trousers, knitted or crocheted	5 237.1	246.4	7 483.7	351.4
Other commodities	76 636.5		48 640.3	

*Preliminary data.

IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM TURKEY

C* >> + + +	JANUARY-JUNE 2018		JANUARY-JUNE 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL IMPORTS	704 245.2		722 135.5	
Of which:				
Medicaments put up in measured doses	27 371.6	345.1	45 450.1	724.5
Motor cars (unit)	19 033.6	874	34 971.5	1 450
Structures of iron or steel	15 134.0	8 196.8	19 655.5	12 069.5
Insulated wire, cable and other insulated electric con- ductors	15 078.4	3 560.3	18 355.1	3 803.3
Tubes and pipes of iron or steel	28 169.3	34 625.8	16 629.8	22 510.6
Other commodities	599 458.1		587 073.4	

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RUSSIA

EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO RUSSIA

	JANUARY-JUNE 2018		JANUARY-JUNE 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL EXPORTS	204 455.4		261 276.6	
Of which:				
Ferro-alloys	68 398.2	56 142.6	77 324.5	70 881.2
Wine of fresh grapes	53 166.5	18 246.5	58 765.3	19 091.7
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	24 656.3	36 036.0	30 720.8	46 476.9
Centrifuges; filtering or purifying machinery, for liquids or gases	5 898.2	6.2	19 020.1	39.7
Spirituous beverages	8 962.9	2 320.7	13 978.9	2 896.0
Other commodities	43 373.2		61 467.1	

*Preliminary data.

IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM RUSSIA

→ + + + +	JANUARY-JUNE 2018		JANUARY-JUNE 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL IMPORTS	445 075.9		416 486.5	
Of which:				
Petroleum and petroleum oils	93 828.9	146 834.8	89 252.2	153 552.7
Wheat and meslin	47 937.7	245 088.3	31 272.1	140 205.8
Coke and semi-coke of coal	19 838.0	71 923.3	16 538.4	60 873.8
Coal; briquettes and similar solid fuels manufactured from coal	13 701.6	133 173.8	15 112.7	145 959.2
Sunflower-seed oil	15 980.5	17 586.9	13 554.0	16 183.2
Other commodities	253 789.2		250 757.1	

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AZERBAIJAN

EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO AZERBAIJAN

	JANUARY-JUNE 2018		JANUARY-JUNE 2019 [*]	
* * * * *	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL EXPORTS	203 847.9		211 326.8	
Of which:				
Motor cars (unit)	68 861.6	3 723	94 200.1	8 737
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	38 700.8	2 119.9	20 702.0	962.7
Medicaments put up in measured doses	16 776.2	1 208.2	15 363.7	401.3
Motor vehicles for the transport of goods (unit)	2 123.3	312	4 862.5	720
Nitrogenous fertilizers	735.8	3 943.4	4 112.3	21 475.4
Other commodities	76 650.1		72 086.2	

*Preliminary data.

IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM AZERBAIJAN

	JANUARY-JUNE 2018		JANUARY-JUNE 2019*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL IMPORTS	307 325.5		297 572.3	
Of which:				
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	161 707.2	915 010.9	165 026.7	985 624.0
Petroleum and petroleum oils	45 484.3	75 291.4	53 707.7	97 245.7
Electrical energy	26 865.2		26 711.4	
Cement	9 073.0	180 952.4	10 632.7	189 758.6
Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel	3 669.2	6 598.5	6 818.5	14 614.2
Other commodities	60 526.6		34 675.3	

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EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE

	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE MIL. US DOLLARS	
NEGATIVE TRADE BALANCE			
January-June 2018	95	2 952.0	
January-June 2019*	98	2 652.1	
POSITIVE TRADE BALANCE			
January-June 2018	38	136.0	
January-June 2019*	36	234.7	
TOTAL			
January-June 2018	133	2 816.0	
January-June 2019*	134	2 417.4	

*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;

GGTC 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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