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## EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN GEORGIA

# 2020

JANUARY-MAY  
(PRELIMINARY RESULTS)

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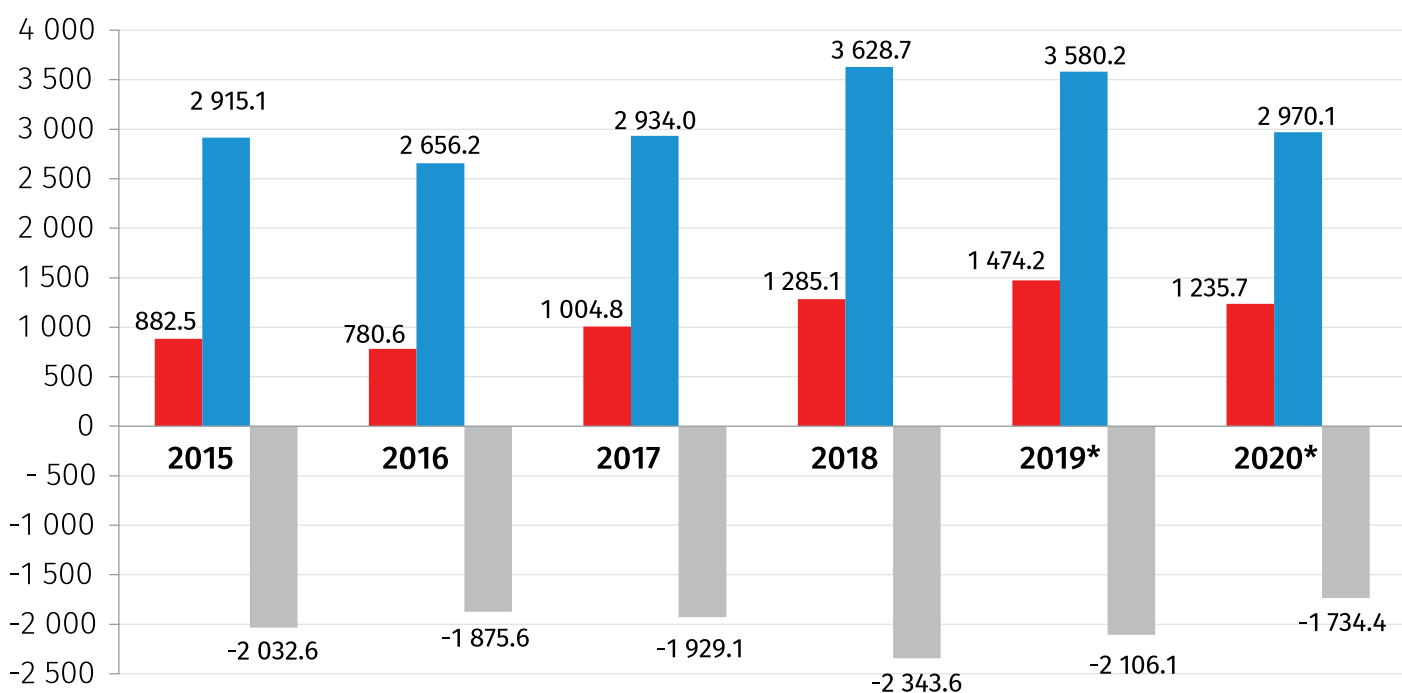
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**EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE OF GEORGIA  
IN JANUARY-MAY 2020  
(PRELIMINARY)**

In January-May 2020 the external merchandise trade (excluding non-declared trade) of Georgia amounted to USD 4 205.8 million, 16.8 percent lower to the same period of 2019. The exports equaled USD 1 235.7 million (16.2 percent lower), while the imports stood at USD 2 970.1 million (17.0 percent lower). The negative trade balance was USD 1 734.4 million in January-May 2020 and its share in external trade turnover constituted 41.2 percent.

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

**GENERAL DATA ON EXTERNAL TRADE OF GEORGIA IN JANUARY-MAY 2015-2020  
(MILLION US DOLLARS)**



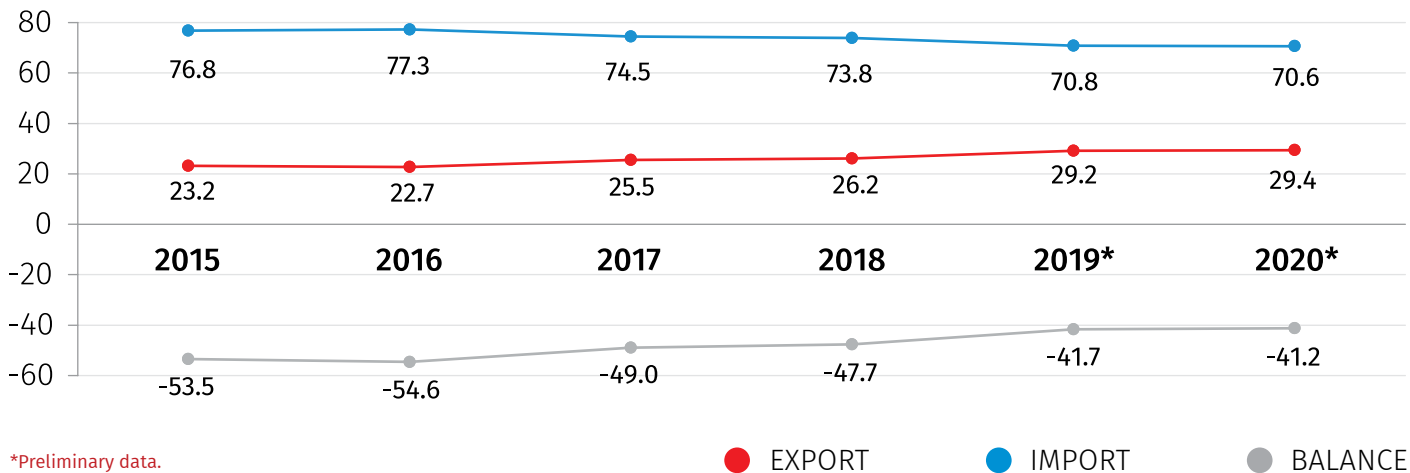
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### SHARE OF EXTERNAL TRADE INDICATORS IN TURNOVER JANUARY-MAY 2015-2020 (%)



The table below shows monthly data for 2018-2020 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		IMPORTS	
		THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES M-O-M (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES M-O-M (%)
2018	January	222 649.9	25.9	594 574.0	20.1
	February	223 657.0	24.3	638 951.0	8.4
	March	285 811.5	29.2	851 801.8	37.9
	April	229 176.7	8.3	734 348.5	23.6
	May	323 793.9	50.4	809 023.6	26.9
	June	307 811.0	30.6	779 222.0	21.0
	July	278 175.9	30.8	797 002.0	24.1
	August	275 376.0	16.5	772 797.5	9.8
	September	301 179.5	16.9	719 718.8	4.6
	October	302 920.2	15.0	866 185.7	18.5
	November	276 196.5	16.6	751 094.5	-1.3
	December	328 964.1	14.1	821 740.8	-2.0

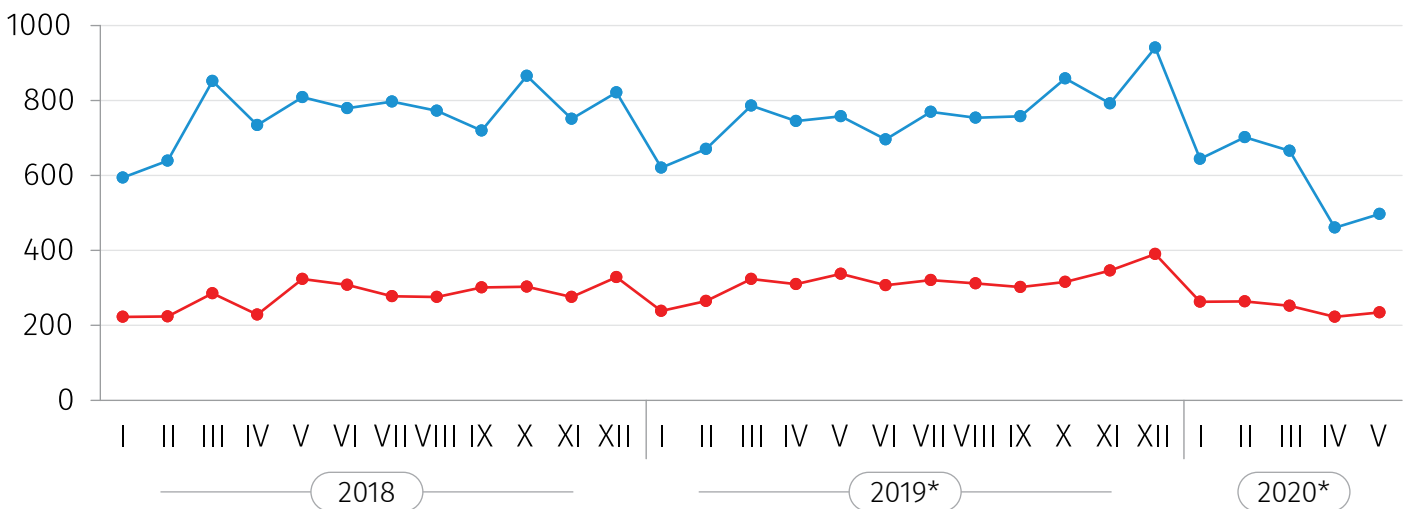
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		EXPORTS		IMPORTS	
		THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES M-O-M (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES M-O-M (%)
2019*	January	238 766.2	7.2	620 607.0	4.4
	February	264 972.7	18.5	670 866.5	5.0
	March	323 356.9	13.1	786 549.3	-7.7
	April	309 599.7	35.1	744 759.3	1.4
	May	337 466.9	4.2	757 433.4	-6.4
	June	307 249.4	-0.2	696 348.4	-10.6
	July	320 771.5	15.3	770 000.2	-3.4
	August	312 094.0	13.3	754 209.6	-2.4
	September	302 616.2	0.5	757 562.6	5.3
	October	316 257.5	4.4	859 176.5	-0.8
	November	345 928.7	25.2	792 612.5	5.5
	December	390 349.4	18.7	941 085.6	14.5
2020*	January	262 649.4	10.0	643 793.5	3.7
	February	263 616.8	-0.5	702 220.0	4.7
	March	251 896.4	-22.1	666 227.9	-15.3
	April	223 160.6	-27.9	460 562.8	-38.2
	May	234 366.2	-30.6	497 273.1	-34.3

\*Preliminary data.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS DYNAMICS BY MONTHS, 2018-2020  
(MILLION US DOLLARS)



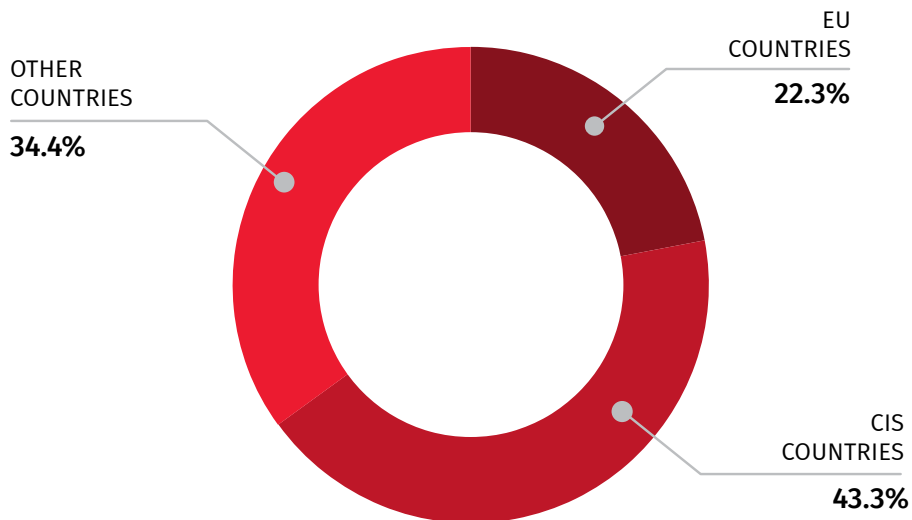
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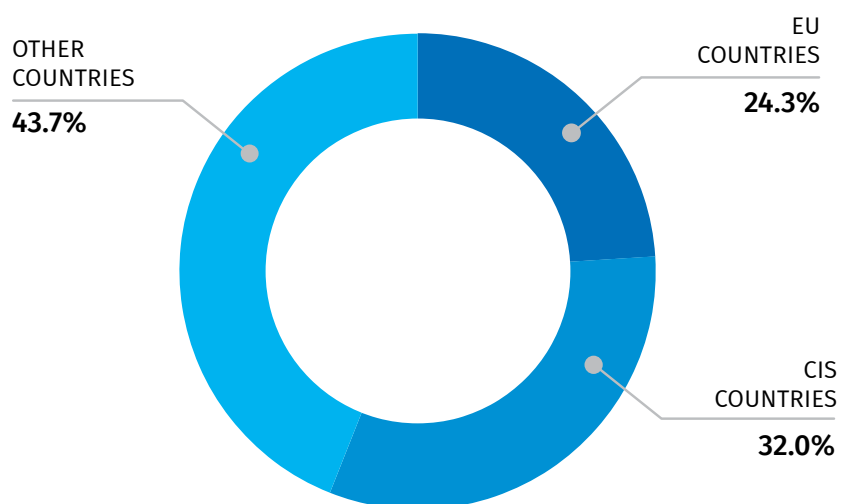
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The diagrams below show the share of the exports and imports of Georgia by country groups.

GEORGIAN EXPORT BY COUNTRY GROUPS IN  
JANUARY-MAY 2020\*



GEORGIAN IMPORT BY COUNTRY GROUPS IN  
JANUARY-MAY 2020\*



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In January-May 2020 the share of the top ten trading partners by exports in the total exports of Georgia amounted to 77.2 percent. The top partners were China (USD 168.4 million), Azerbaijan (USD 167.4 million) and Russia (USD 157.1 million).

### TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-MAY 2020

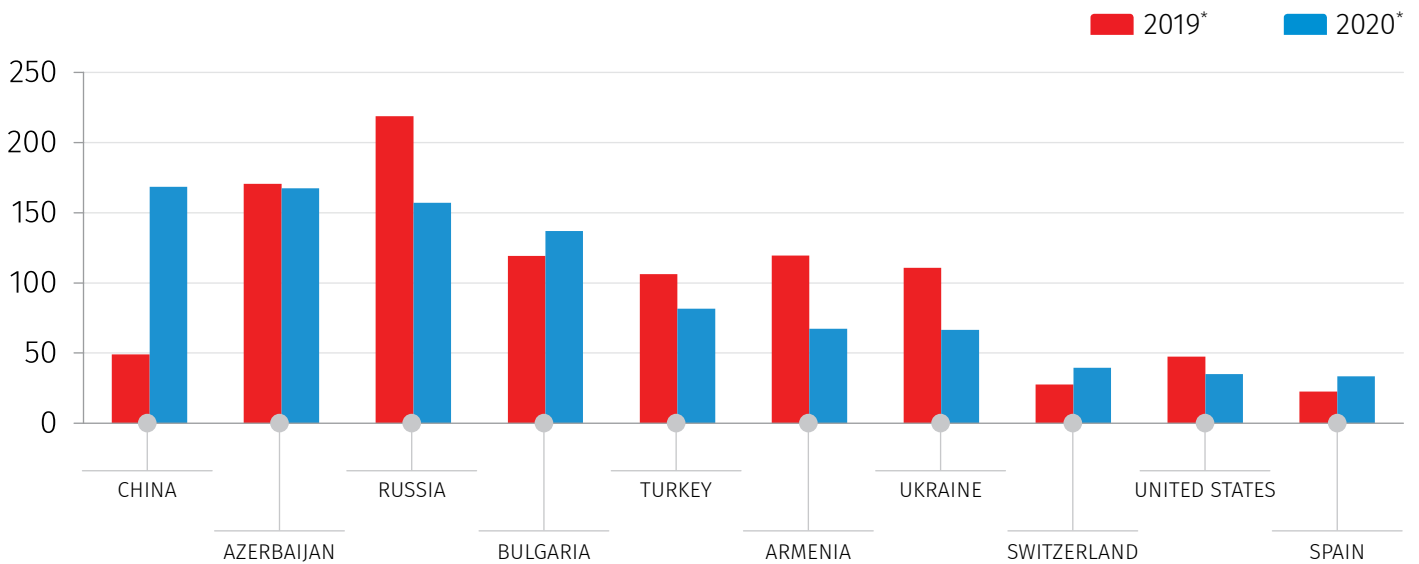
	JANUARY-MAY 2019*		JANUARY-MAY 2020*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
<b>TOTAL EXPORTS</b>	<b>1 474 162.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1 235 689.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-16.2</b>
Of which:					
China	48 948.6	3.3	168 431.0	13.6	244.1
Azerbaijan	170 555.7	11.6	167 357.6	13.5	-1.9
Russia	218 797.9	14.8	157 103.6	12.7	-28.2
Bulgaria	119 134.6	8.1	136 925.3	11.1	14.9
Turkey	106 177.6	7.2	81 729.9	6.6	-23.0
Armenia	119 513.7	8.1	67 261.2	5.4	-43.7
Ukraine	110 805.5	7.5	66 636.4	5.4	-39.9
Switzerland	27 671.2	1.9	39 647.1	3.2	43.3
United States	47 552.7	3.2	34 998.7	2.8	-26.4
Spain	22 541.5	1.5	33 352.0	2.7	48.0
Other countries	482 463.5	32.7	282 246.6	22.8	-41.5

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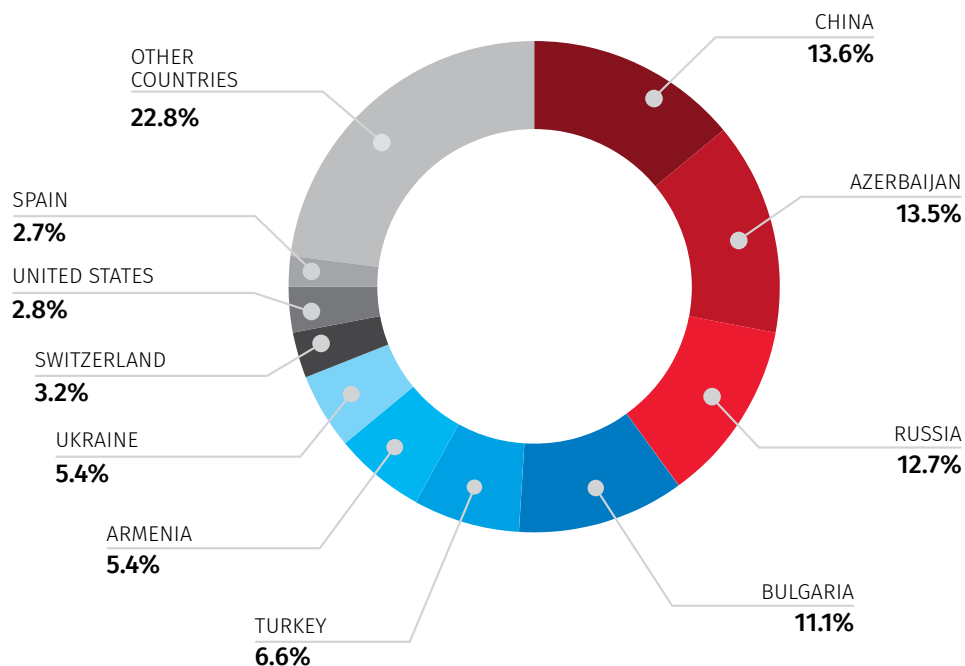
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### TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-MAY 2019-2020 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



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### SHARE OF THE TOP TRADING PARTNERS IN TOTAL EXPORTS IN JANUARY-MAY 2020\*



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In January-May 2020 the share of the top ten trading partners by imports in the total imports of Georgia amounted to 69.2 percent. The top partners were Turkey (USD 478.8 million), Russia (USD 336.9 million) and China (USD 274.7 million).

### TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-MAY 2020

	JANUARY-MAY 2019*		JANUARY-MAY 2020*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	<b>3 580 215.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2 970 077.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-17.0</b>
Of which:					
Turkey	600 313.6	16.8	478 846.3	16.1	-20.2
Russia	349 944.2	9.8	336 882.8	11.3	-3.7
China	348 355.0	9.7	274 735.4	9.3	-21.1
Azerbaijan	266 833.7	7.5	241 765.8	8.1	-9.4
Germany	184 124.1	5.1	153 215.8	5.2	-16.8
United States	220 698.4	6.2	152 684.5	5.1	-30.8
Armenia	106 580.0	3.0	149 252.2	5.0	40.0
Ukraine	142 319.3	4.0	139 106.7	4.7	-2.3
Italy	87 912.7	2.5	67 715.1	2.3	-23.0
Netherlands	64 531.5	1.8	62 513.2	2.1	-3.1
Other countries	1 208 603.2	33.8	913 359.5	30.8	-24.4

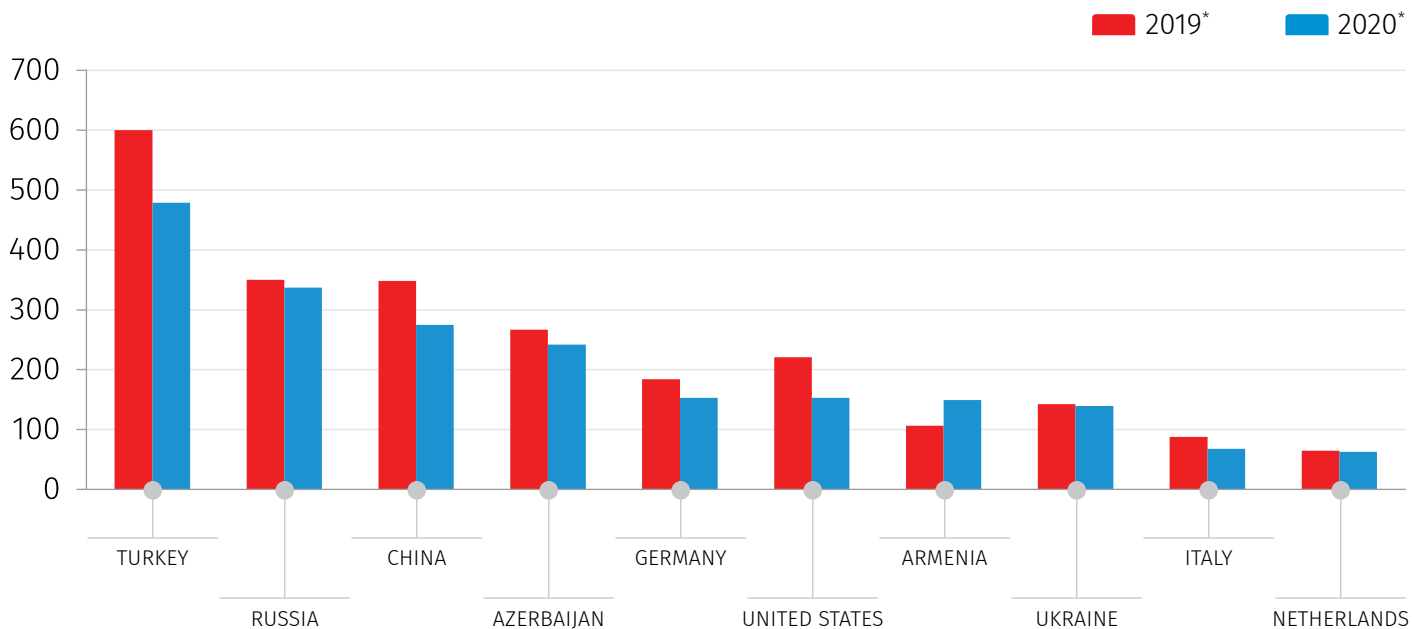
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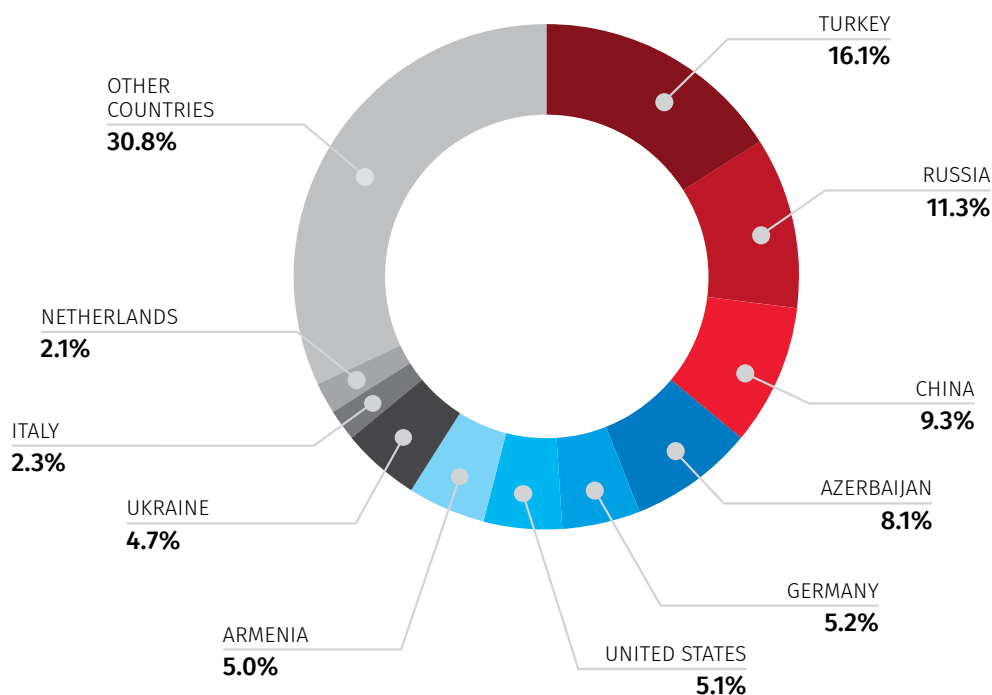
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### TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-MAY 2019-2020 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



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### SHARE OF THE TOP TRADING PARTNERS IN TOTAL IMPORTS IN JANUARY-MAY 2020\*



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In January-May 2020 the share of the top ten trading partners in the total external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 69.8 percent. The top trading partners were Turkey (USD 560.6 million), Russia (USD 494.0 million) and China (USD 443.2 million).

### TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER IN JANUARY-MAY 2020\*

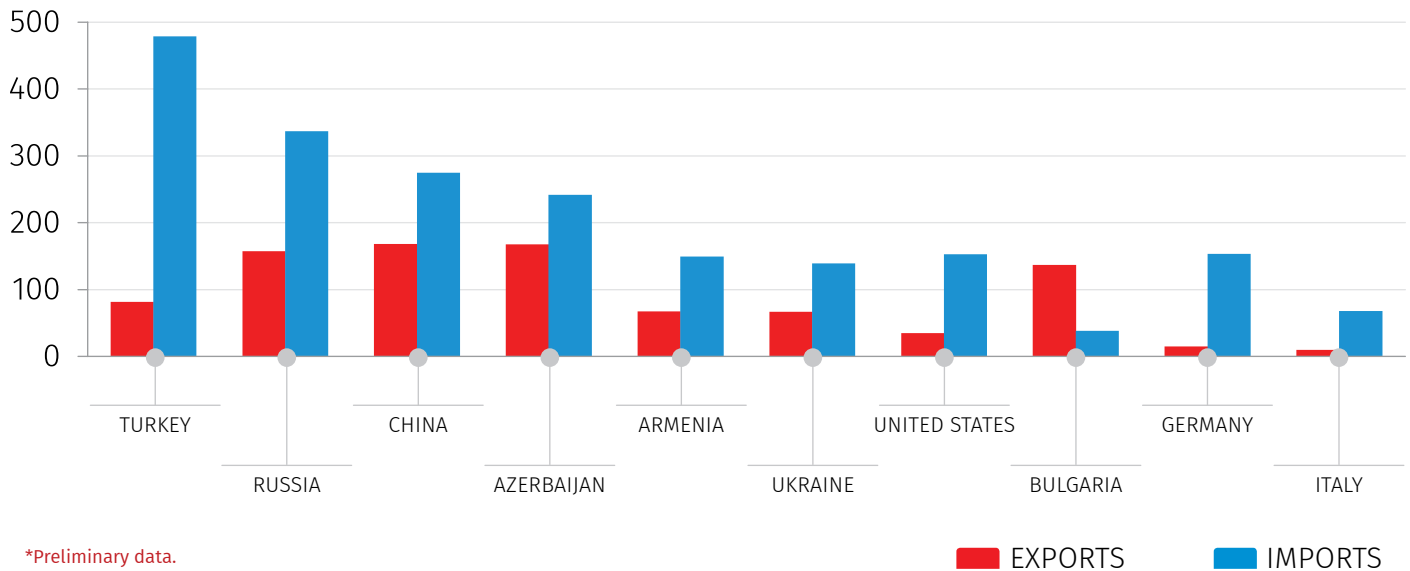
	EXPORTS		IMPORTS		TURNOVER	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1 235 689.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2 970 077.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4 205 766.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Of which:						
Turkey	81 729.9	6.6	478 846.3	16.1	560 576.2	13.3
Russia	157 103.6	12.7	336 882.8	11.3	493 986.4	11.7
China	168 431.0	13.6	274 735.4	9.3	443 166.4	10.5
Azerbaijan	167 357.6	13.5	241 765.8	8.1	409 123.5	9.7
Armenia	67 261.2	5.4	149 252.2	5.0	216 513.4	5.1
Ukraine	66 636.4	5.4	139 106.7	4.7	205 743.1	4.9
United States	34 998.7	2.8	152 684.5	5.1	187 683.2	4.5
Bulgaria	136 925.3	11.1	38 047.9	1.3	174 973.1	4.2
Germany	14 925.0	1.2	153 215.8	5.2	168 140.9	4.0
Italy	9 601.0	0.8	67 715.1	2.3	77 316.1	1.8
Other countries	330 719.7	26.8	937 824.8	31.6	1 268 544.5	30.2

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### TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER IN JANUARY-MAY 2020\* (MILLION US DOLLARS)



In January-May 2020 copper ores and concentrates reclaimed the first place in the list of top export items, equaling USD 258.1 million or 20.9 percent of total exports. The exports of motor cars totaled USD 148.9 million and their share in the total exports amounted to 12.0 percent. The Ferroalloys exports occupied the third place standing at USD 109.2 million and constituting 8.8 percent of the total exports.

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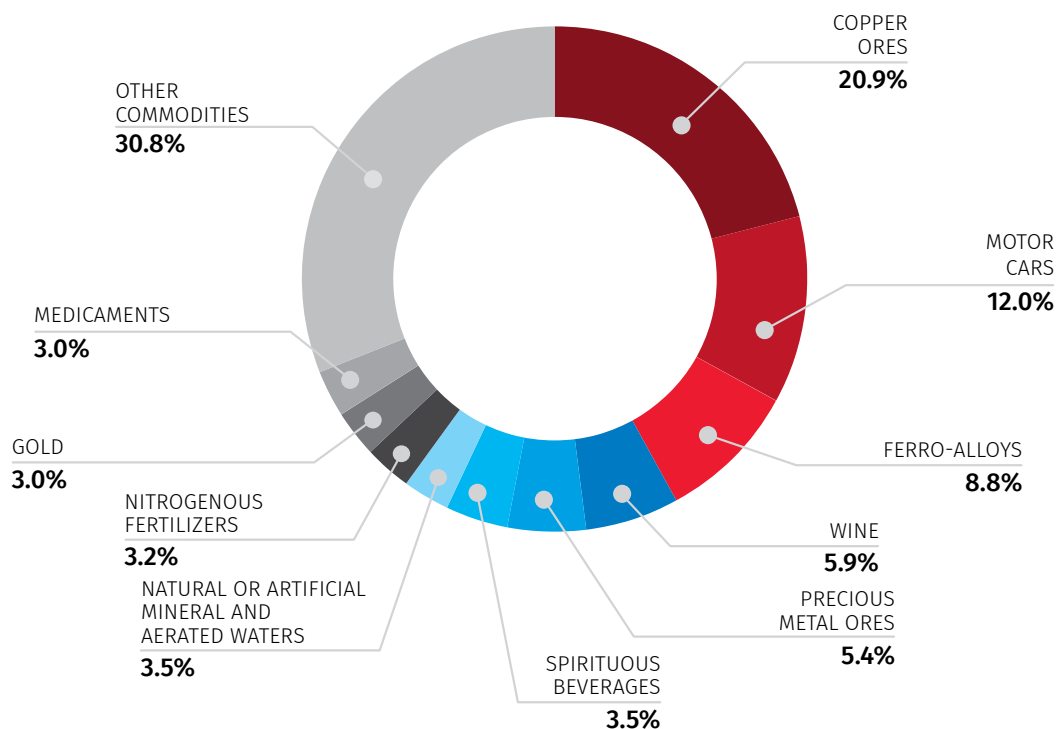
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### MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY EXPORTS

	JANUARY-MAY 2019*		JANUARY-MAY 2020*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
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Of which:					
Copper ores and concentrates	261 129.3	17.7	258 087.4	20.9	-1.2
Motor cars	215 824.0	14.6	148 852.0	12.0	-31.0
Ferro-alloys	136 714.7	9.3	109 174.9	8.8	-20.1
Wine of fresh grapes	82 613.5	5.6	73 249.8	5.9	-11.3
Precious metal ores and concentrates	-	-	66 721.3	5.4	-
Spirituos beverages	42 583.4	2.9	43 360.3	3.5	1.8
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters, not containing added sugar	53 778.0	3.6	42 842.2	3.5	-20.3
Mineral or chemical fertilizers, nitrogenous	45 537.3	3.1	39 069.7	3.2	-14.2
Gold	27 870.9	1.9	36 916.0	3.0	32.5
Medicaments put up in measured doses	91 271.8	6.2	36 674.6	3.0	-59.8
Other commodities	516 839.4	35.1	380 741.2	30.8	-26.3

\*Preliminary data.

### SHARE OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-MAY 2020\*



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The top import commodities in January-May 2020 were motor cars whose imports equaled USD 222.8 million (7.5 percent of the total imports). The Copper ores and concentrates followed in the list with USD 199.1 million or 6.7 percent of imports. The petroleum and petroleum oils were third in the top import commodity list with USD 195.6 million (6.6 percent of imports).

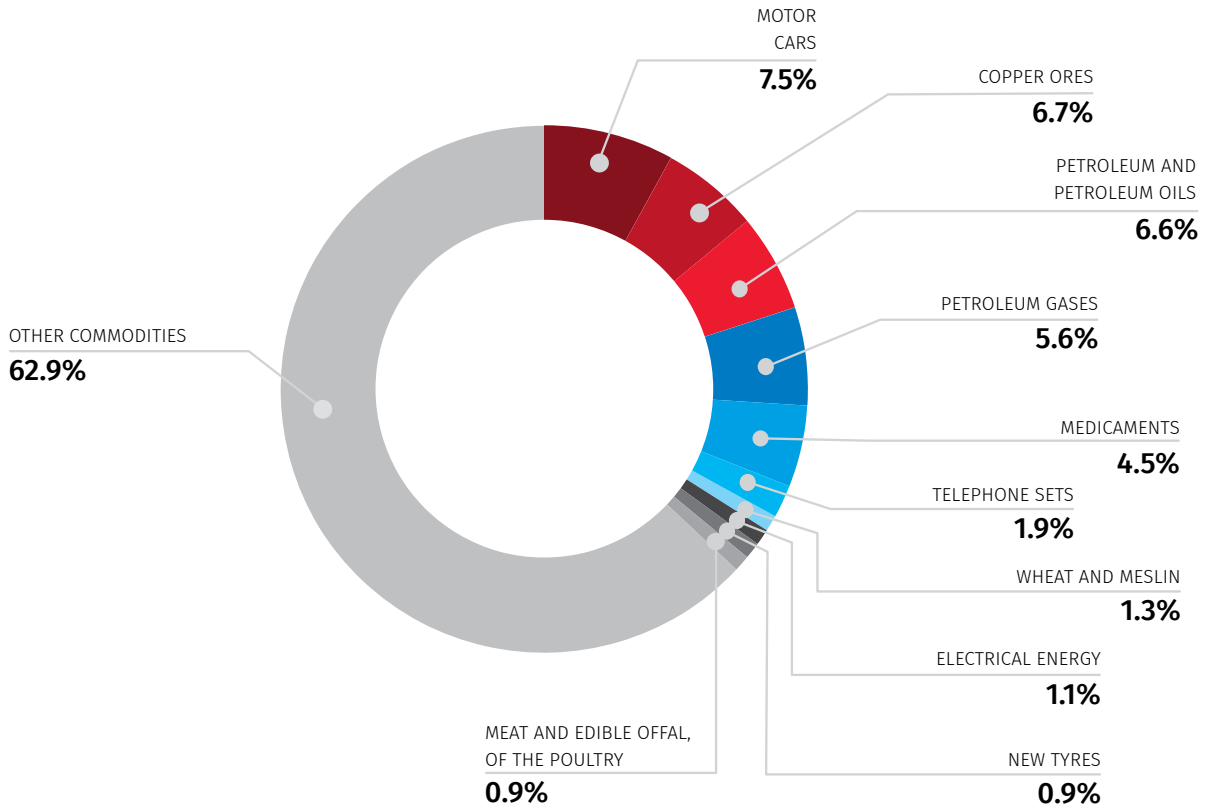
### MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY IMPORTS

	JANUARY-MAY 2019*		JANUARY-MAY 2020*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	<b>3 580 215.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2 970 077.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-17.0</b>
Of which:					
Motor cars	338 840.8	9.5	222 824.9	7.5	-34.2
Copper ores and concentrates	236 034.1	6.6	199 117.3	6.7	-15.6
Petroleum and petroleum oils	277 906.3	7.8	195 633.0	6.6	-29.6
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	168 434.2	4.7	167 382.0	5.6	-0.6
Medicaments put up in measured doses	152 588.6	4.3	133 583.0	4.5	-12.5
Telephone sets, including telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks	65 826.4	1.8	57 106.0	1.9	-13.2
Wheat and meslin	38 818.3	1.1	39 320.3	1.3	1.3
Electrical energy	27 115.6	0.8	31 868.3	1.1	17.5
New pneumatic tyres, of rubber	35 334.3	1.0	27 954.7	0.9	-20.9
Meat and edible offal, of the poultry	25 061.3	0.7	26 986.9	0.9	7.7
Other commodities	2 214 255.6	61.8	1 868 300.9	62.9	-15.6

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**SHARE OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS  
BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-MAY 2020\***



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### TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER

#### TURKEY

#### EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO TURKEY



	JANUARY-MAY 2019*		JANUARY-MAY 2020*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
<b>TOTAL EXPORTS</b>	<b>106 177.6</b>		<b>81 729.9</b>	
Of which:				
Ferro-alloys	9 228.3	8 527.3	17 790.3	18 212.6
T-shirts knitted	19 133.7	834.3	14 918.5	467.1
Flours, meals and pellets, unfit for human consumption; greaves	3 122.8	2 279.7	8 816.4	6 780.0
Men's or boys' suits, ensembles, trousers, knitted or crocheted	5 802.8	272.8	5 502.2	216.3
Semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel	17 224.4	44 851.9	5 109.8	13 860.8
Other commodities	51 665.6		29 592.7	

\*Preliminary data.

#### IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM TURKEY



	JANUARY-MAY 2019*		JANUARY-MAY 2020*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	<b>600 313.6</b>		<b>478 846.3</b>	
Of which:				
Medicaments put up in measured doses	39 041.8	618.5	19 988.0	248.7
Other tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of iron or steel	14 026.2	18 838.9	14 263.1	22 092.7
Structures and parts of structures of iron or steel	16 575.9	9 969.7	12 580.3	8 263.1
Other made up articles, including dress patterns	13 424.7	857.1	12 386.1	499.9
Sanitary towels (pads) and tampons, napkins and napkin liners for babies, and similar articles	12 132.7	3 813.1	9 359.1	3 202.4
Other commodities	505 112.2		410 269.6	



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### RUSSIA

#### EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO RUSSIA

	JANUARY-MAY 2019*		JANUARY-MAY 2020*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
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<b>TOTAL EXPORTS</b>	<b>218 797.9</b>		<b>157 103.6</b>	
Of which:				
Ferro-alloys	61 694.6	56 009.4	45 300.4	45 422.7
Wine of fresh grapes	51 155.3	16 648.2	43 418.1	14 620.8
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters, not containing added sugar	25 751.4	38 977.5	17 705.9	31 082.0
Spirituous beverages	12 213.7	2 552.5	12 204.8	2 555.5
Waters, mineral and aerated waters, containing added sugar	4 413.2	7 080.7	4 922.1	7 965.4
Other commodities	63 569.6		33 552.2	

\*Preliminary data.

#### IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM RUSSIA

	JANUARY-MAY 2019*		JANUARY-MAY 2020*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
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<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	<b>349 944.2</b>		<b>336 882.8</b>	
Of which:				
Petroleum and petroleum oils	79 224.1	137 491.0	54 186.0	137 563.8
Wheat and meslin	26 167.4	117 070.3	39 320.3	175 045.8
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	11 624.4	39 413.3	20 665.3	70 157.8
Sunflower-seed, safflower or cotton-seed oil and fractions thereof	11 475.5	13 672.7	15 486.4	18 374.1
Maize	6 575.7	34 766.1	11 424.2	65 331.9
Other commodities	214 877.2		195 800.7	

\*Preliminary data.



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### CHINA

#### EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO CHINA



	JANUARY-MAY 2019*		JANUARY-MAY 2020*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
<b>TOTAL EXPORTS</b>	<b>48 948.6</b>		<b>168 431.0</b>	
Of which:				
Copper ores and concentrates	29 346.8	18 812.6	131 118.7	88 528.1
Precious metal ores and concentrates	-	-	20 753.3	9 007.9
Wine of fresh grapes	7 521.5	2 169.0	5 014.1	1 294.9
Instruments and appliances used in medicine	6 489.3	31.3	2 717.6	8.6
Ginger, saffron, turmeric, thyme, bay leaves, curry and other spices	1 283.1	722.0	2 305.1	982.3
Other commodities	4 307.8		6 522.3	

\*Preliminary data.

#### IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM CHINA



	JANUARY-MAY 2019*		JANUARY-MAY 2020*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	<b>348 355.0</b>		<b>274 735.4</b>	
Of which:				
Flat-rolled products of non-alloy steel, of a width of more than 600mm, clad or coated	12 568.2	17 155.8	10 081.5	14 399.3
New pneumatic tyres, of rubber	8 713.7	3 626.4	6 639.5	2 834.4
Other made up articles, including dress patterns	892.0	163.0	5 416.1	181.9
Polyacetals and epoxide resins, and other polyesters in primary forms	11 189.1	9 141.1	5 355.3	5 706.7
Special purpose motor vehicles (unit)	1 099.9	15	5 279.9	52
Other commodities	313 892.0		241 963.0	

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## EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE

	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE MIL. US DOLLARS
<b>NEGATIVE TRADE BALANCE</b>		
January-May 2019*	85	2 294.3
January-May 2020*	79	1 911.8
<b>POSITIVE TRADE BALANCE</b>		
January-May 2019*	46	188.3
January-May 2020*	49	177.4
<b>TOTAL</b>		
January-May 2019*	131	2 106.1
January-May 2020*	128	1 734.4

\*Preliminary data.

**SOURCES:**

-  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 №4);
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 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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