

# **National Statistics Office of Georgia**

# EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN GEORGIA

# 2021 JANUARY-JINE

(PRELIMINARY RESULTS)

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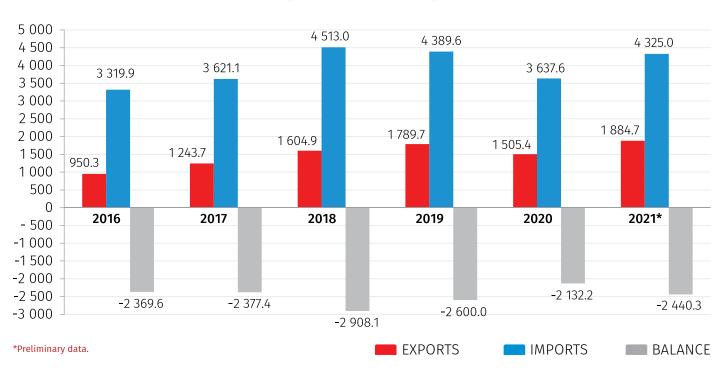
# EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE OF GEORGIA IN JANUARY-JUNE 2021

(PRELIMINARY)

In January-June 2021 the external merchandise trade (excluding non-declared trade) of Georgia amounted to USD 6 209.7 million, 20.7 percent higher to the same period of 2020. The exports equaled USD 1 884.7 million (25.2 percent higher), while the imports stood at USD 4 325.0 million (18.9 percent higher). The negative trade balance was USD 2 440.3 million in January-June 2021 and its share in external trade turnover constituted 39.3 percent.

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

# GENERAL DATA ON EXTERNAL TRADE OF GEORGIA IN JANUARY-JUNE 2016-2021 (MILLION US DOLLARS)





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# SHARE OF EXTERNAL TRADE INDICATORS IN TURNOVER JANUARY-JUNE 2016-2021



The table below shows monthly data for 2019-2021 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**

		EXPO	ORTS	IMPORTS		
		THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES M-O-M (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES M-O-M (%)	
	January	236 525.1	6.2	620 570.6	1.9	
	February	265 207.8	18.3	670 955.4	3.0	
	March	325 866.7	11.2	786 722.9	-9.3	
	April	310 993.4	35.1	778 967.4	3.1	
	May	340 724.3	4.8	793 820.4	-4.5	
2010	June	310 352.9	0.2	738 598.7	-7.6	
2019	July	323 977.4	15.5	812 032.5	-0.5	
	August	316 102.4	13.8	797 253.4	1.0	
	September	305 522.8	1.0	804 250.6	8.8	
	October	319 610.6	4.9	924 362.0	3.4	
	November	347 557.7	25.2	818 442.0	6.6	
	December	395 953.2	19.4	973 190.6	15.6	



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		EXPORTS		IMPORTS		
		THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES M-O-M (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES M-O-M (%)	
	January	267 908.8	13.3	645 375.6	4.0	
	February	262 649.1	-1.0	704 514.0	5.0	
	March	249 477.5	-23.4	670 900.2	-14.7	
	April	222 463.7	-28.5	478 425.4	-38.6	
	May	234 421.8	-31.2	529 418.7	-33.3	
2020	June	268 465.0	-13.5	608 961.1	-17.6	
2020	July	274 559.4	-15.3	727 588.7	-10.4	
	August	292 452.9	-7.5	664 896.0	-16.6	
	September	331 328.8	8.4	750 204.5	-6.7	
	October	312 916.9	-2.1	729 287.5	-21.1	
	November	301 148.1	-13.4	721 334.4	-11.9	
	December	325 650.9	-17.8	821 976.2	-15.5	
	January	224 491.9	-16.2	562 110.5	-12.9	
	February	267 676.1	1.9	647 541.2	-8.1	
20244	March	325 682.9	30.5	774 700.5	15.5	
2021*	April	378 109.5	70.0	755 953.8	58.0	
	May	339 447.4	44.8	747 488.2	41.2	
	June	349 293.8	30.1	837 243.3	37.5	

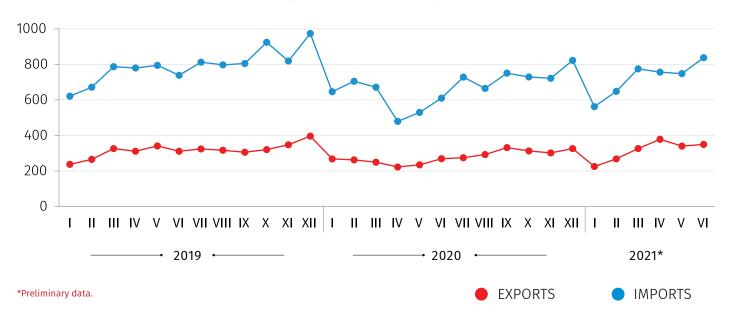
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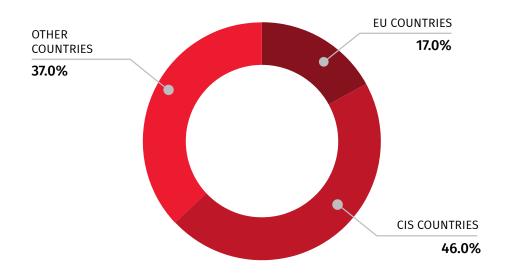
#### **EXPORTS AND IMPORTS DYNAMICS BY MONTHS, 2019-2021**

(MILLION US DOLLARS)



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

# GEORGIAN EXPORT BY COUNTRY GROUPS IN JANUARY-JUNE 2021\*



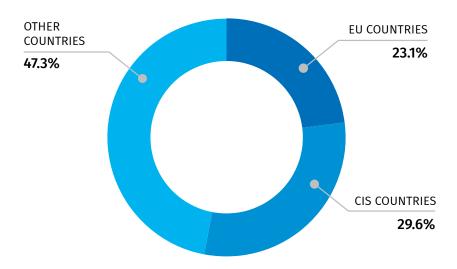
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## **GEORGIAN IMPORT BY COUNTRY GROUPS IN JANUARY-JUNE 2021\***



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Note: EU contains 27 countries.

In January-June 2021 the share of the top ten trading partners by exports in the total exports of Georgia amounted to 77.9 percent. The top partners were China (USD 289.9 million), Russia (USD 263.7 million) and Azerbaijan (USD 244.4 million).

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# **TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-JUNE 2021**

	JANUARY-JUNE 2020		JANUAF 20:	CHANGE (%)	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL EXPORTS	1 505 385.9	100.0	1 884 701.6	100.0	25.2
Of which:					
China	206 064.2	13.7	289 873.1	15.4	40.7
Russia	188 072.1	12.5	263 744.9	14.0	40.2
Azerbaijan	203 521.2	13.5	244 375.7	13.0	20.1
Turkey	102 124.8	6.8	164 472.7	8.7	61.1
Ukraine	83 420.6	5.5	137 863.8	7.3	65.3
Bulgaria	162 690.8	10.8	123 734.0	6.6	-23.9
Armenia	84 734.2	5.6	101 099.0	5.4	19.3
United States	36 685.6	2.4	65 721.8	3.5	79.1
Spain	50 042.9	3.3	41 174.8	2.2	-17.7
Switzerland	48 526.1	3.2	35 698.4	1.9	-26.4
Other countries	339 503.4	22.6	416 943.4	22.1	22.8

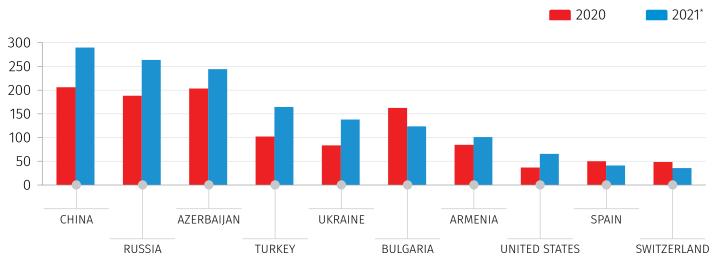
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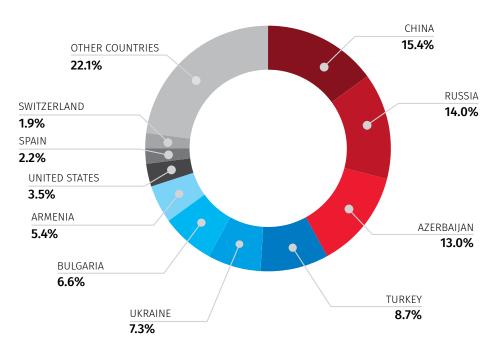
# TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-JUNE 2020-2021

(MILLION US DOLLARS)



\*Preliminary data.

# SHARE OF THE TOP TRADING PARTNERS IN TOTAL EXPORTS IN JANUARY-JUNE 2021\*



\*Preliminary data.



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In January-June 2021 the share of the top ten trading partners by imports in the total imports of Georgia amounted to 68.5 percent. The top partners were Turkey (USD 779.6 million), Russia (USD 466.1 million) and China (USD 362.8 million).

# **TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-JUNE 2021**

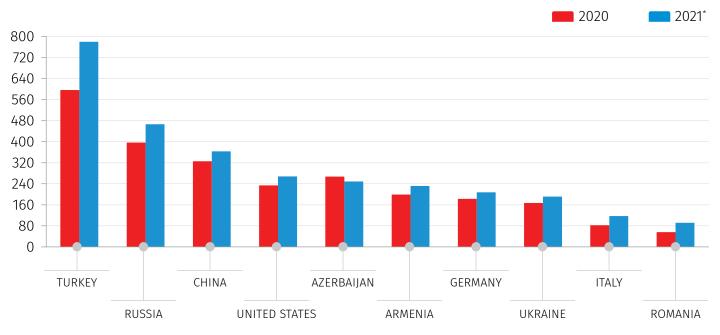
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	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL IMPORTS	3 637 594.8	100.0	4 325 037.5	100.0	18.9
Of which:					
Turkey	596 129.0	16.4	779 602.6	18.0	30.8
Russia	396 808.0	10.9	466 056.2	10.8	17.5
China	325 689.1	9.0	362 775.0	8.4	11.4
United States	233 877.0	6.4	267 903.6	6.2	14.5
Azerbaijan	266 872.2	7.3	248 872.0	5.8	-6.7
Armenia	198 721.8	5.5	231 304.9	5.3	16.4
Germany	182 607.4	5.0	207 215.2	4.8	13.5
Ukraine	166 916.2	4.6	191 406.9	4.4	14.7
Italy	82 035.0	2.3	117 370.1	2.7	43.1
Romania	56 346.7	1.5	91 882.3	2.1	63.1
Other countries	1 131 592.4	31.1	1 360 648.6	31.5	20.2

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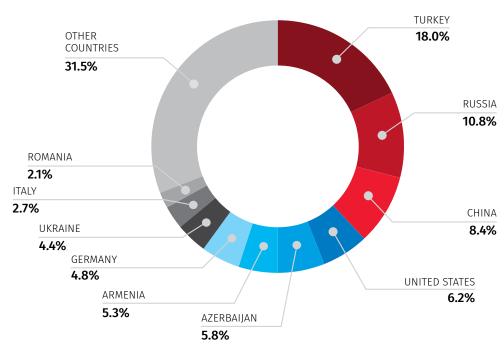
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# TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-JUNE 2020-2021 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



\*Preliminary data.

# SHARE OF THE TOP TRADING PARTNERS IN TOTAL IMPORTS IN JANUARY-JUNE 2021\*



\*Preliminary data.



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In January-June 2021 the share of the top ten trading partners in the total external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 70.4 percent. The top trading partners were Turkey (USD 944.1 million), Russia (USD 729.8 million) and China (USD 652.6 million).

# TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER **IN JANUARY-JUNE 2021\***

	EXPORTS		IMP	ORTS	TURNOVER	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)
TOTAL	1 884 701.6	100.0	4 325 037.5	100.0	6 209 739.1	100.0
Of which:						
Turkey	164 472.7	8.7	779 602.6	18.0	944 075.4	15.2
Russia	263 744.9	14.0	466 056.2	10.8	729 801.0	11.8
China	289 873.1	15.4	362 775.0	8.4	652 648.1	10.5
Azerbaijan	244 375.7	13.0	248 872.0	5.8	493 247.8	7.9
United States	65 721.8	3.5	267 903.6	6.2	333 625.4	5.4
Armenia	101 099.0	5.4	231 304.9	5.3	332 403.9	5.4
Ukraine	137 863.8	7.3	191 406.9	4.4	329 270.7	5.3
Germany	25 246.8	1.3	207 215.2	4.8	232 462.0	3.7
Bulgaria	123 734.0	6.6	65 375.4	1.5	189 109.5	3.0
Italy	15 878.2	0.8	117 370.1	2.7	133 248.3	2.1
Other countries	452 691.6	24.0	1 387 155.5	32.1	1 839 847.1	29.6

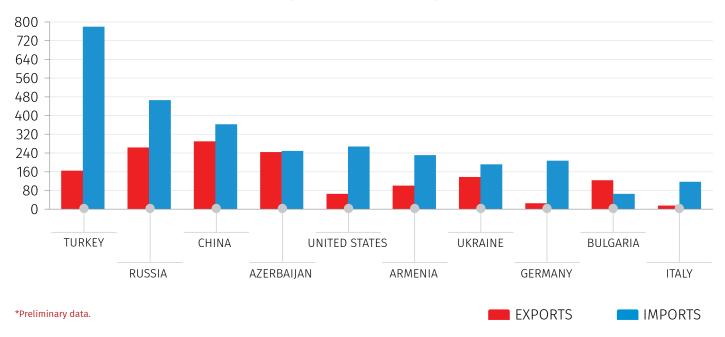
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#### **TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER IN JANUARY-JUNE 2021\***

(MILLION US DOLLARS)



In January-June 2021 copper ores and concentrates reclaimed the first place in the list of top export items, equaling USD 391.0 million or 20.7 percent of total exports. The exports of Motor cars totaled USD 205.4 million and their share in the total exports amounted to 10.9 percent. The Ferroalloys exports occupied the third place standing at USD 186.3 million and constituting 9.9 percent of the total exports.

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#### MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY EXPORTS

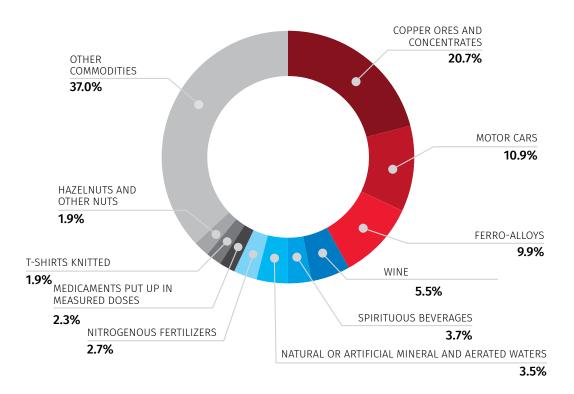
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	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL EXPORTS	1 505 385.8	100.0	1 884 701.6	100.0	25.2
Of which:					
Copper ores and concentrates	381 551.3	25.3	390 981.9	20.7	2.5
Motor cars	184 057.9	12.2	205 361.6	10.9	11.6
Ferro-alloys	117 637.7	7.8	186 273.6	9.9	58.3
Wine of fresh grapes	91 369.9	6.1	104 210.7	5.5	14.1
Spirituous beverages	53 544.9	3.6	69 026.4	3.7	28.9
Natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	49 433.6	3.3	66 540.9	3.5	34.6
Nitrogenous fertilizers	44 228.8	2.9	50 418.7	2.7	14.0
Medicaments put up in measured doses	45 540.4	3.0	42 907.4	2.3	-5.8
T-shirts knitted	19 944.4	1.3	36 001.9	1.9	80.5
Hazelnuts and other nuts	18 903.4	1.3	35 644.8	1.9	88.6
Other commodities	499 173.6	33.2	697 333.7	37.0	39.7

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# **SHARE OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-JUNE 2021\***



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The top import commodities in January-June 2021 were motor cars whose imports equaled USD 371.4 million (8.6 percent of the total imports). The copper ores and concentrates followed in the list with USD 335.5 million or 7.8 percent of imports. The petroleum and petroleum oils were third in the top import commodity list with USD 327.2 million (7.6 percent of imports).

#### **MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY IMPORTS**

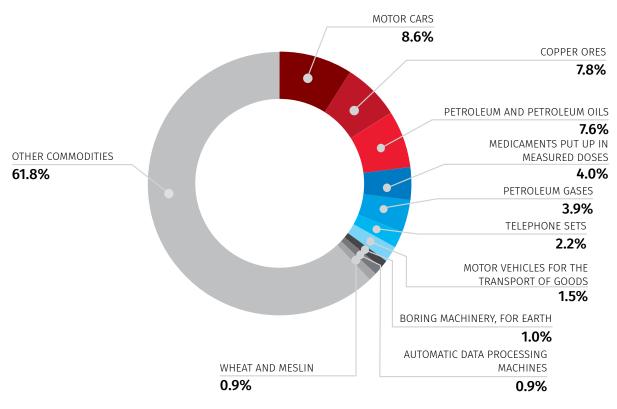
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TOTAL IMPORTS	3 637 505.7	100.0	4 325 037.5	100.0	18.9
Of which:					
Motor cars	352 146.1	9.7	371 403.6	8.6	5.5
Copper ores and concentrates	245 972.7	6.8	335 521.1	7.8	36.4
Petroleum and petroleum oils	231 637.8	6.4	327 220.3	7.6	41.3
Medicaments put up in measured doses	159 003.9	4.4	174 014.4	4.0	9.4
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	177 674.0	4.9	168 344.8	3.9	-5.3
Telephone sets	69 812.8	1.9	94 211.0	2.2	34.9
Motor vehicles for the transport of goods	30 943.9	0.9	62 985.2	1.5	103.5
Other moving, grading, extracting or boring machinery, for earth, minerals or ores	11 804.5	0.3	43 426.2	1.0	267.9
Automatic data processing machines and units thereof	27 023.7	0.7	39 589.2	0.9	46.5
Wheat and meslin	39 593.0	1.1	37 192.5	0.9	-6.1
Other commodities	2 291 893.3	63.0	2 671 129.3	61.8	16.5

<sup>\*</sup>Preliminary data.



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# SHARE OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-JUNE 2021\*



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#### **TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER**

#### **TURKEY**

#### **EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO TURKEY**

	JANUARY-JUNE 2020		JANUARY-JUNE 2021*	
* * * » C*	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL EXPORTS	102 124.8		164 472.7	
Of which:				
T-shirts knitted	19 578.5	614.1	35 581.3	1 118.3
Ferro-alloys	19 211.0	19 646.9	21 715.0	17 731.1
Ferrous waste and scrap; remelting scrap ingots of iron or steel	1 142.7	3 811.9	18 277.6	43 418.9
Men's or boys' suits, ensembles, trousers, knitted or crocheted	7 025.4	271.1	15 070.5	599.7
Semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel	6 516.5	17 880.1	11 845.0	23 840.8
Other commodities	48 650.7		61 983.3	

<sup>\*</sup>Preliminary data.

#### IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM TURKEY

	, i	RY-JUNE 20	JANUARY-JUNE 2021*	
C* >> + + +	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL IMPORTS	596 129.0		779 602.6	
Of which:				
Motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons (Unit)	940.0	51	33 067.8	306
Other made up articles, including dress patterns	15 276.1	618.6	25 047.0	1 028.3
Medicaments put up in measured doses	24 884.7	301.0	23 647.1	237.8
Other tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of iron or steel	19 263.9	30 956.3	23 128.0	24 405.3
Motor vehicles for the transport of goods (Unit)	6 754.9	185	13 498.5	213
Other commodities	529 009.4		661 214.3	

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#### **RUSSIA**

## **EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO RUSSIA**

	·	RY-JUNE 20	JANUARY-JUNE 2021*	
* * * * *	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL EXPORTS	188 072.1		263 744.9	
Of which:				
Ferro-alloys	49 422.7	49 310.0	72 931.4	54 639.8
Wine of fresh grapes	54 165.5	18 362.1	59 728.2	20 828.2
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters, not containing added sugar	19 339.5	34 117.3	30 829.6	54 272.8
Spirituous beverages	14 149.4	2 958.2	15 739.1	3 629.0
Waters, mineral and aerated waters, containing added sugar	6 320.3	10 262.8	12 943.7	18 460.5
Other commodities	44 674.7		71 572.9	

<sup>\*</sup>Preliminary data.

#### IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM RUSSIA

	JANUARY-JUNE 2020		JANUARY-JUNE 2021*	
>> + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL IMPORTS	396 808.0		466 056.2	
Of which:				
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	22 361.4	74 392.7	60 240.8	237 122.4
Petroleum and petroleum oils	64 336.9	177 296.7	59 696.8	111 844.3
Wheat and meslin	39 593.0	176 251.1	31 975.7	130 970.9
Sunflower-seed, safflower or cotton-seed oil and fractions thereof	17 366.0	20 572.3	22 559.1	15 336.9
Telephone sets	11 128.5	8.5	19 517.8	20.4
Other commodities	242 022.1		272 066.0	

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#### **CHINA**

#### **EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO CHINA**

	JANUARY-JUNE 2020		JANUARY-JUNE 2021*	
**** ****	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL EXPORTS	206 064.2		289 873.1	
Of which:				
Copper ores and concentrates	172 121.9	117 431.1	235 166.5	131 056.8
Precious metal ores and concentrates	12 647.1	4 843.6	21 439.4	5 086.9
Instruments and appliances used in medicine	3 693.8	12.0	9 657.2	37.7
Wine of fresh grapes	6 790.4	1 773.5	7 488.5	1 945.4
Unwrought aluminium	1 921.0	1 369.2	4 416.2	2 106.2
Other commodities	8 890.1		11 705.4	

<sup>\*</sup>Preliminary data.

## IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM CHINA

	JANUARY-JUNE 2020		JANUARY-JUNE 2021*	
* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL IMPORTS	325 689.1		362 775.0	
Of which:				
Moving, grading, extracting or boring machinery, for earth, minerals or ores	2 676.0	465.6	41 663.9	4 718.2
New pneumatic tyres, of rubber	7 129.1	3 013.4	14 254.8	5 657.8
Flat-rolled products of non-alloy steel, of a width of more than 600mm, clad or coated	11 412.1	16 315.7	14 153.0	16 394.8
Automatic data processing machines and units thereof	6 807.6	110.2	9 793.0	96.2
Air conditioning machines	6 950.6	1 193.1	8 379.7	1 293.8
Other commodities	290 713.6		274 530.6	

<sup>\*</sup>Preliminary data.



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#### **EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE**

	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE MIL. US DOLLARS	
NEGATIVE TRADE BALANCE			
January-June 2020	89	2 347.7	
January-June 2021*	89	2 624.6	
POSITIVE TRADE BALANCE			
January-June 2020	40	215.5	
January-June 2021*	45	184.3	
TOTAL			
January-June 2020	129	2 132.2	
January-June 2021*	134	2 440.3	

<sup>\*</sup>Preliminary data.

#### **INFORMATION NOTE**

Geostat adjusted external merchandise trade data of 2017-2020 based on revised data received from administrative sources. The revision was carried out in accordance with the Geostat's revision policy (based on the regular revision principle).

The table below shows preliminary and adjusted dynamics for 2017-2020:

THSD. US DOLLARS

	2017	2018	2019	2020			
EXPORT							
Preliminary data	2 745.7	3 379.7	3 798.4	3 342.1			
Adjusted data	2 745.7	3 379.7	3 798.4	3 343.4			
Change (%)	0.0	0.0	-0.001	0.04			
IMPORT							
Preliminary data	8 056.6	9 361.6	9 516.9	8 031.7			
Adjusted data	8 057.2	9 361.8	9 519.2	8 052.9			
Change (%)	0.01	0.003	0.02	0.3			



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**SOURCES:** 

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Georgian State Electrosystem, JSC;

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#### **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 Nº4);
- 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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