

# **National Statistics Office of Georgia**

# EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE OF GEORGIA

# 2021 JANUARY-AUGUST

(PRELIMINARY RESULTS)

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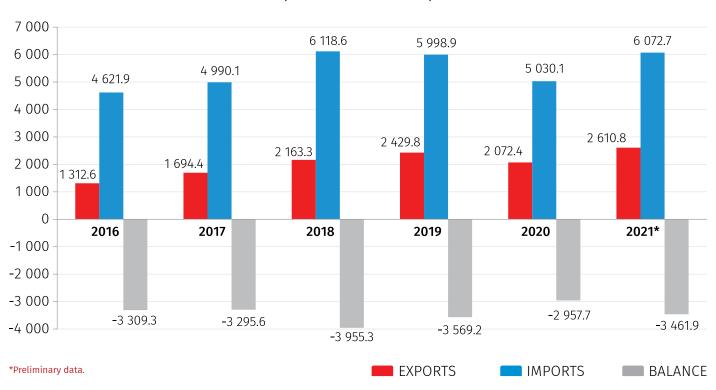
# EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE OF GEORGIA IN JANUARY-AUGUST 2021

(PRELIMINARY)

In January-August 2021 the external merchandise trade (excluding non-declared trade) of Georgia amounted to USD 8 683.5 million, 22.3 percent higher to the same period of 2020. The exports equaled USD 2 610.8 million (26.0 percent higher), while the imports stood at USD 6 072.7 million (20.7 percent higher). The negative trade balance was USD 3 461.9 million in January-August 2021 and its share in external trade turnover constituted 39.9 percent.

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

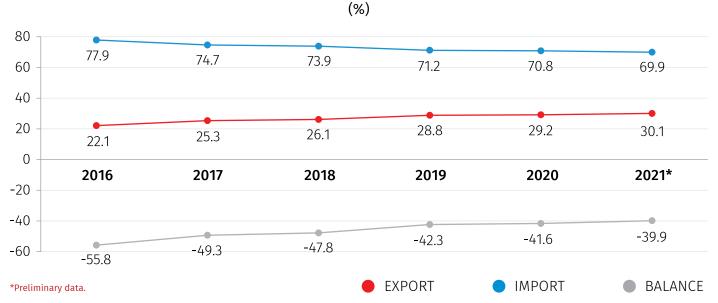
# GENERAL DATA ON EXTERNAL TRADE OF GEORGIA IN JANUARY-AUGUST 2016-2021 (MILLION US DOLLARS)





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# SHARE OF EXTERNAL TRADE INDICATORS IN TURNOVER JANUARY-AUGUST 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	DRTS	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	
2040	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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		EXPO	ORTS	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	562 121.1	-12.9	
	February	267 676.1	1.9	648 101.4	-8.0	
	March	325 682.9	30.5	774 942.7	15.5	
20244	April	377 689.5	69.8	756 042.2	58.0	
2021*	May	339 996.4	45.0	769 312.5	45.3	
	June	350 669.3	30.6	863 552.9	41.8	
	July	386 340.1	40.7	860 522.4	18.3	
	August	338 245.0	15.7	838 126.9	26.1	

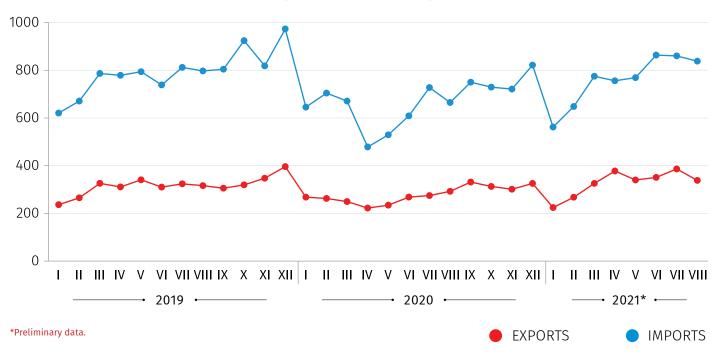
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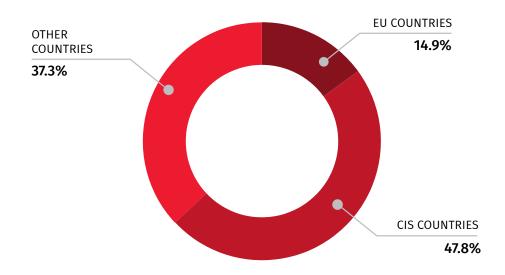
#### **EXPORTS AND IMPORTS DYNAMICS BY MONTHS, 2019-2021**

(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-AUGUST 2021\*



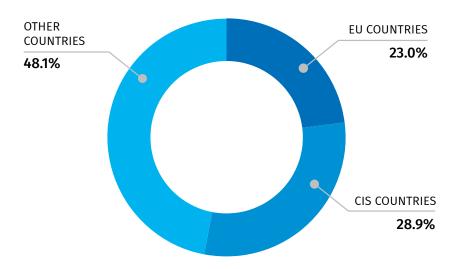
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## **GEORGIAN IMPORT BY COUNTRY GROUPS IN JANUARY-AUGUST 2021\***



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In January-August 2021 the share of the top ten trading partners by exports in the total exports of Georgia amounted to 77.7 percent. The top partners were China (USD 421.8 million), Russia (USD 377.1 million) and Azerbaijan (USD 347.0 million).



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# TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-AUGUST 2021

	JANUARY-AUGUST 2020		JANUARY 20:	CHANGE (%)	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL EXPORTS	2 072 398.2	100.0	2 610 791.2	100.0	26.0
Of which:					
China	297 476.5	14.4	421 830.8	16.2	41.8
Russia	266 044.7	12.8	377 051.4	14.4	41.7
Azerbaijan	284 282.2	13.7	346 996.7	13.3	22.1
Turkey	129 554.9	6.3	211 466.6	8.1	63.2
Ukraine	122 774.8	5.9	192 637.1	7.4	56.9
Armenia	122 415.7	5.9	151 114.9	5.8	23.4
Bulgaria	216 348.8	10.4	134 518.8	5.2	-37.8
United States	40 169.4	1.9	91 784.1	3.5	128.5
Uzbekistan	46 405.9	2.2	51 424.8	2.0	10.8
Switzerland	64 693.0	3.1	50 648.0	1.9	-21.7
Other countries	482 232.2	23.3	581 318.0	22.3	20.5

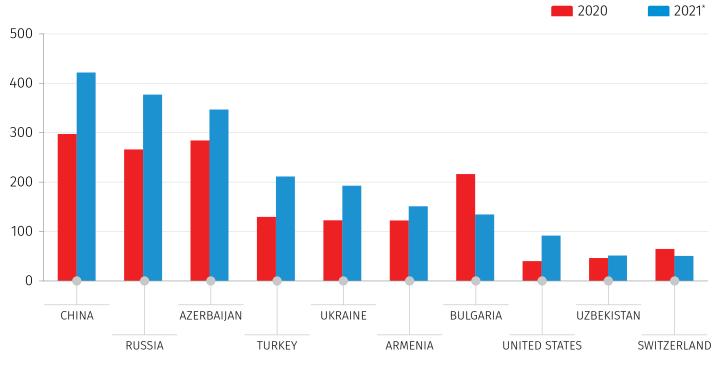
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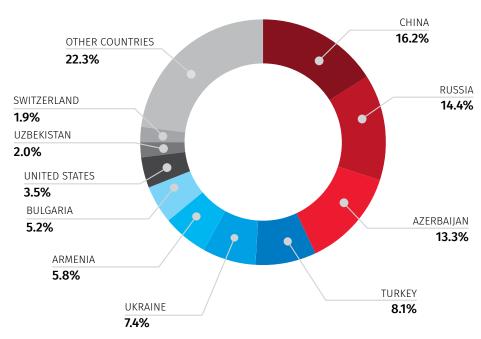
# TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-AUGUST 2020-2021

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\*Preliminary data.

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



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In January-August 2021 the share of the top ten trading partners by imports in the total imports of Georgia amounted to 67.8 percent. The top partners were Turkey (USD 1 075.4 million), Russia (USD 634.8 million) and China (USD 519.5 million).

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

	JANUARY-AUGUST 2020		JANUAR 20	CHANGE (%)	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL IMPORTS	5 030 079.6	100.0	6 072 722.1	100.0	20.7
Of which:					
Turkey	841 566.0	16.7	1 075 422.5	17.7	27.8
Russia	555 426.1	11.0	634 798.9	10.5	14.3
China	441 049.4	8.8	519 475.7	8.6	17.8
United States	381 660.8	7.6	388 156.9	6.4	1.7
Azerbaijan	328 585.1	6.5	342 397.1	5.6	4.2
Armenia	263 246.5	5.2	300 300.3	4.9	14.1
Germany	246 477.5	4.9	289 176.7	4.8	17.3
Ukraine	236 457.9	4.7	273 815.6	4.5	15.8
Italy	119 077.9	2.4	164 649.3	2.7	38.3
Turkmenistan	48 482.9	1.0	129 311.7	2.1	166.7
Other countries	1 568 049.5	31.2	1 955 217.5	32.2	24.7

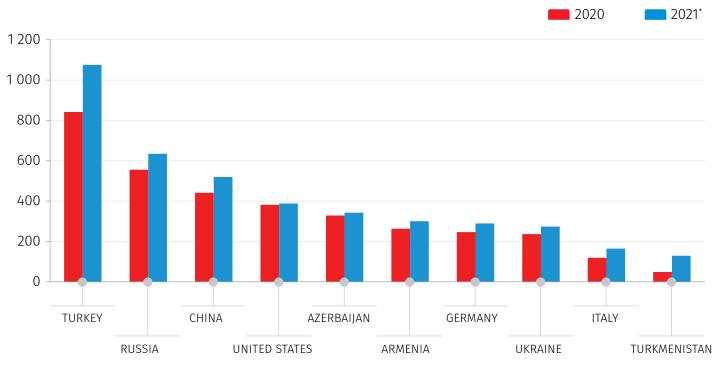
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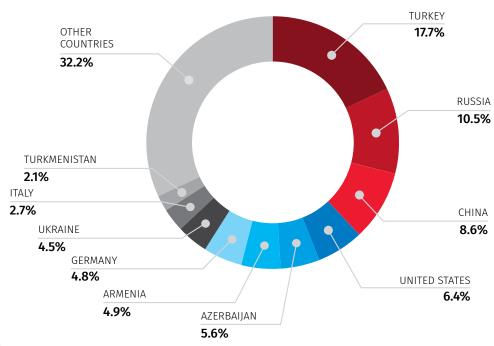
#### **TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-AUGUST 2020-2021**

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



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In January-August 2021 the share of the top ten trading partners in the total external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 70.1 percent. The top trading partners were Turkey (USD 1 286.9 million), Russia (USD 1 011.9 million) and China (USD 941.3 million).

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

	EXPORTS		IMPORTS		TURNOVER	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)
TOTAL	2 610 791.2	100.0	6 072 722.1	100.0	8 683 513.3	100.0
Of which:						
Turkey	211 466.6	8.1	1 075 422.5	17.7	1 286 889.1	14.8
Russia	377 051.4	14.4	634 798.9	10.5	1 011 850.2	11.7
China	421 830.8	16.2	519 475.7	8.6	941 306.5	10.8
Azerbaijan	346 996.7	13.3	342 397.1	5.6	689 393.7	7.9
United States	91 784.1	3.5	388 156.9	6.4	479 940.9	5.5
Ukraine	192 637.1	7.4	273 815.6	4.5	466 452.7	5.4
Armenia	151 114.9	5.8	300 300.3	4.9	451 415.2	5.2
Germany	32 995.1	1.3	289 176.7	4.8	322 171.9	3.7
Bulgaria	134 518.8	5.2	116 293.1	1.9	250 811.9	2.9
Italy	22 794.8	0.9	164 649.3	2.7	187 444.1	2.2
Other countries	627 601.0	24.0	1 968 236.1	32.4	2 595 837.0	29.9

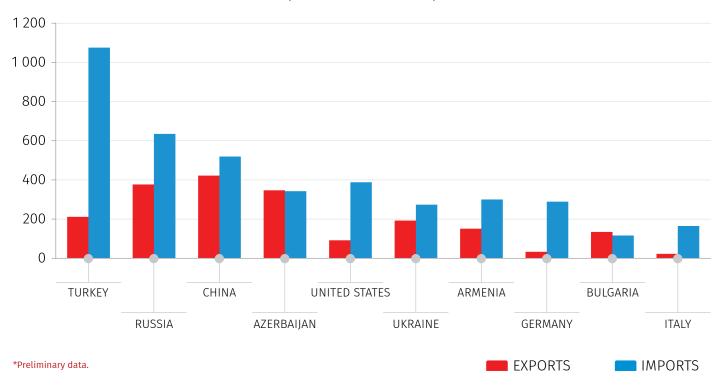
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#### **TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER IN JANUARY-AUGUST 2021\***

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In January-August 2021 copper ores and concentrates reclaimed the first place in the list of top export items, equaling USD 517.9 million with 19.8 percent of total exports. The exports of Motor cars totaled USD 293.4 million and their share in the total exports amounted to 11.2 percent. The Ferro-alloys exports occupied the third place standing at USD 265.5 million and constituting 10.2 percent of the total exports.

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## MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY EXPORTS

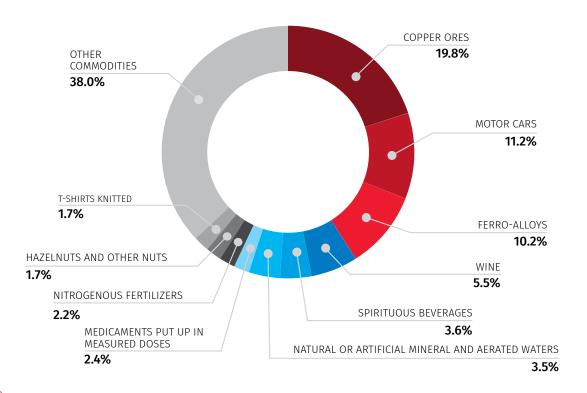
	JANUARY-AUGUST 2020		JANUAR 202	CHANGE (%)	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL EXPORTS	2 072 398.2	100.0	2 610 791.2	100.0	26.0
Of which:					
Copper ores and concentrates	511 244.5	24.7	517 923.2	19.8	1.3
Motor cars	260 073.5	12.5	293 364.0	11.2	12.8
Ferro-alloys	145 475.6	7.0	265 479.6	10.2	82.5
Wine of fresh grapes	122 014.3	5.9	144 735.0	5.5	18.6
Spirituous beverages	75 870.9	3.7	93 004.4	3.6	22.6
Natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	69 774.6	3.4	92 540.7	3.5	32.6
Medicaments put up in mea- sured doses	63 684.2	3.1	63 637.7	2.4	-0.1
Nitrogenous fertilizers	53 743.2	2.6	56 837.0	2.2	5.8
Hazelnuts and other nuts	28 745.4	1.4	45 425.8	1.7	58.0
T-shirts knitted	27 579.0	1.3	45 190.6	1.7	63.9
Other commodities	714 192.9	34.5	992 653.0	38.0	39.0

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



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The top import commodities in January-August 2021 were motor cars whose imports equaled USD 547.6 million (9.0 percent of the total imports). The petroleum and petroleum oils followed in the list with USD 492.1 million (8.1 percent of imports). The copper ores and concentrates were third in the top import commodity list with USD 445.9 million (7.3 percent of imports).

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

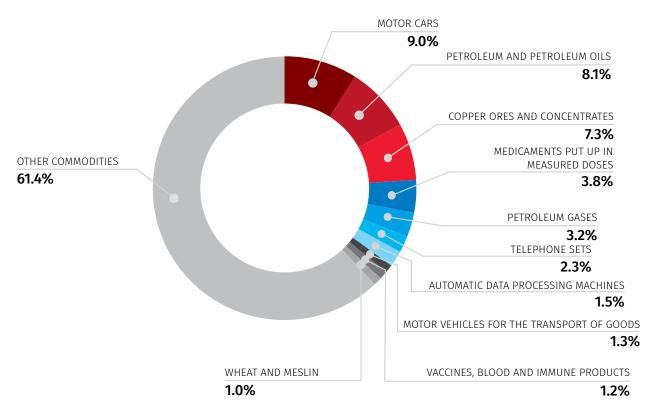
	JANUARY-AUGUST 2020		JANUAR 202	CHANGE (%)	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL IMPORTS	5 030 079.6	100.0	6 072 722.1	100.0	20.7
Of which:					
Motor cars	536 881.6	10.7	547 551.9	9.0	2.0
Petroleum and petroleum oils	325 200.5	6.5	492 050.2	8.1	51.3
Copper ores and concentrates	324 021.0	6.4	445 890.4	7.3	37.6
Medicaments put up in measured doses	205 666.0	4.1	230 267.2	3.8	12.0
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	198 093.2	3.9	192 584.8	3.2	-2.8
Telephone sets	101 832.5	2.0	137 780.0	2.3	35.3
Automatic data processing machines and units thereof	42 194.1	0.8	90 653.1	1.5	114.8
Motor vehicles for the transport of goods	44 030.3	0.9	78 779.4	1.3	78.9
Vaccines, blood and immune products	23 780.0	0.5	72 148.3	1.2	203.4
Wheat and meslin	68 890.1	1.4	58 640.0	1.0	-14.9
Other commodities	3 159 490.3	62.8	3 726 376.7	61.4	17.9

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



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

#### **TURKEY**

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

	JANUARY-AUGUST 2020		JANUARY-AUGUST 2021*	
* * * * * C*	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL EXPORTS	129 554.9		211 466.6	
Of which:				
T-shirts knitted	27 166.9	877.4	44 528.3	1 409.1
Ferro-alloys	22 011.6	22 594.2	28 417.3	21 735.8
Ferrous waste and scrap; remelting scrap ingots of iron or steel	1 142.7	3 811.9	22 949.4	53 919.6
Semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel	8 113.6	22 440.4	19 512.4	36 386.6
Men's or boys' suits, ensembles, trousers, knitted or crocheted	10 733.8	424.1	19 014.2	764.1
Other commodities	60 386.3		77 044.9	

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

#### IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM TURKEY

		-AUGUST 20	JANUARY-AUGUST 2021*	
C* >> + + +	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL IMPORTS	841 566.0		1 075 422.5	
Of which:				
Motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons (Unit)	9 904.5	106	38 250.9	522
Other tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of iron or steel	28 864.9	46 873.6	31 722.0	31 502.4
Medicaments put up in measured doses	29 900.6	353.2	30 290.9	302.7
Other made up articles, including dress patterns	19 431.7	850.3	29 043.8	1 250.4
Structures and parts of structures of iron or steel	21 679.7	14 870.4	22 449.3	12 081.1
Other commodities	731 784.8		923 665.6	

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#### **RUSSIA**

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

		Y-AUGUST 20	JANUARY-AUGUST 2021*	
* * * * *	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL EXPORTS	266 044.7		377 051.4	
Of which:				
Ferro-alloys	68 117.9	68 188.9	102 421.0	71 459.5
Wine of fresh grapes	70 162.1	23 993.7	83 101.0	29 834.9
Natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters, not containing added sugar	26 509.1	47 550.2	41 491.5	73 035.2
Apricots, cherries, peaches, plums and sloes, fresh	17 093.9	16 268.7	23 333.4	20 639.7
Spirituous beverages	19 194.0	4 036.5	21 451.1	5 073.5
Other commodities	64 967.8		105 253.4	

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

# IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM RUSSIA

	JANUARY-AUGUST 2020		JANUARY-AUGUST 2021*	
» * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL IMPORTS	555 426.1		634 798.9	
Of which:				
Petroleum and petroleum oils	86 886.1	239 675.0	83 981.7	149 807.0
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	24 784.9	82 049.1	65 383.8	248 345.0
Wheat and meslin	68 890.1	314 588.1	53 423.2	223 677.6
Sunflower-seed oil	20 833.4	24 453.1	29 475.2	20 421.5
Telephone sets	19 141.8	16.0	25 824.5	27.9
Other commodities	334 889.8		376 710.4	

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#### **CHINA**

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

		Y-AUGUST 20	JANUARY-AUGUST 2021*	
*** ***	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL EXPORTS	297 476.5		421 830.8	
Of which:				
Copper ores and concentrates				
Precious metal ores and concentrates	249 492.3	167 871.0	350 479.2	187 419.5
Instruments and appliances used in medicine	19 993.5	6 886.5	26 448.0	6 264.9
Wine of fresh grapes	5 529.6	19.0	13 635.0	57.0
Unwrought aluminium	8 628.7	2 273.6	9 253.4	2 435.0
Other commodities	2 656.4	1 944.3	6 576.7	3 074.4

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

## IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM CHINA

	JANUARY-AUGUST 2020		JANUARY-AUGUST 2021*	
* <sup>3</sup> → * + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL IMPORTS	441 049.4		519 475.7	
Of which:				
Moving, grading, extracting or boring machinery, for earth, minerals or ores	2 687.0	467.1	41 688.1	4 722.5
Flat-rolled products of non-alloy steel, of a width of more than 600mm, clad or coated	15 450.1	22 224.3	24 414.2	25 339.6
Vaccines, blood and immune products	9.0	0.1	24 229.0	7.2
New pneumatic tyres, of rubber	10 331.5	4 453.5	16 843.1	6 530.5
Automatic data processing machines and units thereof	15 120.6	237.8	12 851.6	134.1
Other commodities	397 451.3		399 449.7	

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#### **EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE**

	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE MIL. US DOLLARS
NEGATIVE TRADE BALANCE		
January-August 2020	91	3 232.3
January-August 2021*	89	3 670.9
POSITIVE TRADE BALANCE		
January-August 2020	44	274.6
January-August 2021*	49	209.0
TOTAL		
January-August 2020	135	2 957.7
January-August 2021*	138	3 461.9

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

#### SOURCES:



LEPL Revenue Service of Ministry of Finance of Georgia;



Georgian State Electrosystem, JSC;



Electricity System Commercial Operator, 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
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