

# EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN GEORGIA

## JANUARY-MAY 2023 (PRELIMINARY RESULTS)





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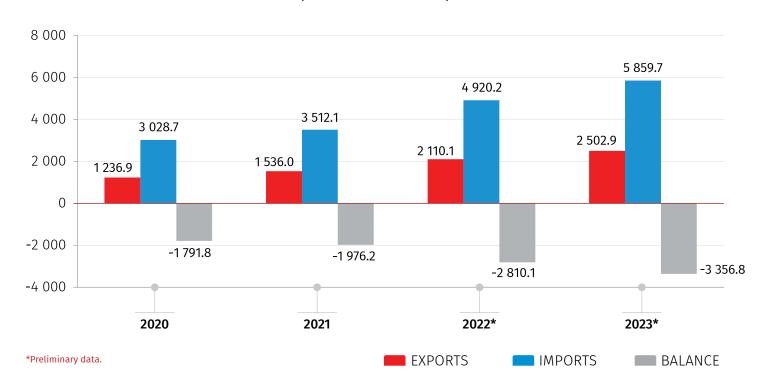
## EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE OF GEORGIA IN JANUARY-MAY 2023

(PRELIMINARY)

In January-May 2023 the external merchandise trade (excluding non-declared trade) of Georgia amounted to USD 8 362.6 million, 18.9 percent higher to the same period of 2022. The exports equaled USD 2 502.9 million (18.6 percent higher), while the imports stood at USD 5 859.7 million (19.1 percent higher). The negative trade balance was USD 3 356.8 million in January-May 2023 and its share in external trade turnover constituted 40.1 percent.

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

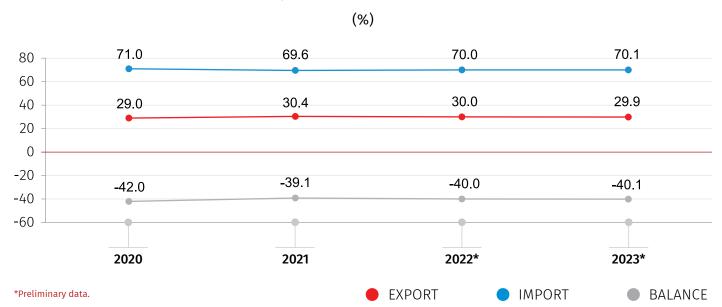
## GENERAL DATA ON EXTERNAL TRADE OF GEORGIA IN JANUARY-MAY 2020-2023 (MILLION US DOLLARS)





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#### SHARE OF EXTERNAL TRADE INDICATORS IN TURNOVER **JANUARY-MAY 2020-2023**



The table below shows monthly data for 2021-2023 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	224 500.2	-16.2	561 743.9	-13.0	
	February	267 673.7	1.9	648 802.4	-7.9	
	March	326 088.9	30.7	775 024.6	15.5	
	April	377 689.5	69.8	756 338.5	58.1	
	May	340 007.5	45.0	770 216.8	45.5	
2021	June	350 654.8	30.6	863 800.4	41.8	
2021	July	386 363.3	40.7	882 330.5	21.3	
	August	335 161.7	14.2	868 600.6	30.6	
	September	373 710.6	12.8	952 455.7	26.9	
	October	410 873.5	31.3	936 211.8	28.4	
	November	430 386.2	42.9	1 033 391.1	43.1	
	December	419 543.1	28.8	1 050 839.6	27.8	



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		EXPORTS		IMPORTS		
		THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES M-O-M (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES M-O-M (%)	
	January	331 346.1	47.6	801 013.7	42.6	
	February	429 024.1	60.3	1 019 214.1	57.1	
	March	411 408.3	26.2	926 110.1	19.5	
	April	415 734.6	10.1	992 841.3	31.3	
	May	522 625.0	53.7	1 181 026.4	53.3	
20224	June	448 450.6	27.9	1 109 289.6	28.4	
2022*	July	542 134.2	40.3	1 173 785.9	33.0	
	August	473 303.2	41.2	1 266 056.8	45.8	
	September	523 169.9	40.0	1 137 484.4	19.4	
	October	448 736.3	9.2	1 204 742.6	28.7	
	November	491 076.6	14.1	1 310 898.8	26.9	
	December	555 756.0	32.5	1 469 632.8	39.9	
	January	458 938.0	38.5	1 114 098.0	39.1	
	February	455 761.5	6.2	1 066 720.2	4.7	
2023*	March	546 651.3	32.9	1 374 827.7	48.5	
	April	500 486.4	20.4	1 106 693.7	11.5	
	May	541 035.3	3.5	1 197 367.2	1.4	

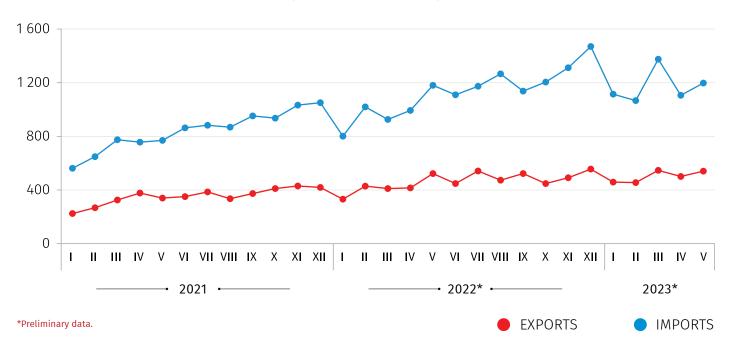
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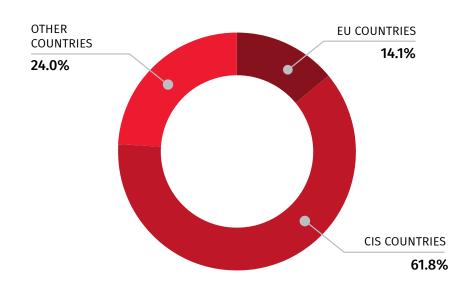
#### **EXPORTS AND IMPORTS DYNAMICS BY MONTHS, 2021-2023**

(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-MAY 2023\*



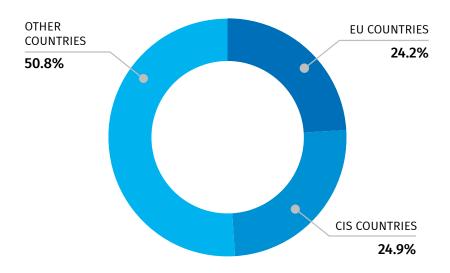
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## GEORGIAN IMPORT BY COUNTRY GROUPS IN JANUARY-MAY 2023\*



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In January-May 2023 the share of the top ten trading partners by exports in the total exports of Georgia amounted to 80.8 percent. The top partners were Armenia (USD 360.0 million), Azerbaijan (USD 336.5 million) and Russia (USD 281.3 million).

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## TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-MAY 2023

	JANUARY-MAY 2022*		JANUAI 20:	CHANGE (%)	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL EXPORTS	2 110 138.2	100.0	2 502 872.4	100.0	18.6
Of which:					
Armenia	148 892.8	7.1	360 039.2	14.4	141.8
Azerbaijan	224 118.1	10.6	336 526.0	13.4	50.2
Russia	210 266.4	10.0	281 346.0	11.2	33.8
Kazakhstan	63 868.8	3.0	241 824.7	9.7	278.6
Kyrgyzstan	13 753.6	0.7	210 696.8	8.4	1 431.9
China	362 834.2	17.2	193 340.6	7.7	-46.7
Turkey	192 678.9	9.1	172 987.1	6.9	-10.2
Bulgaria	176 042.7	8.3	133 060.4	5.3	-24.4
Spain	6 840.2	0.3	51 597.7	2.1	654.3
Ukraine	64 531.1	3.1	39 873.2	1.6	-38.2
Other countries	646 311.4	30.6	481 580.6	19.2	-25.5

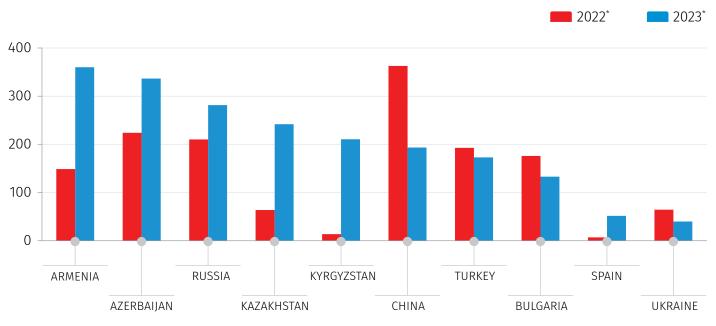
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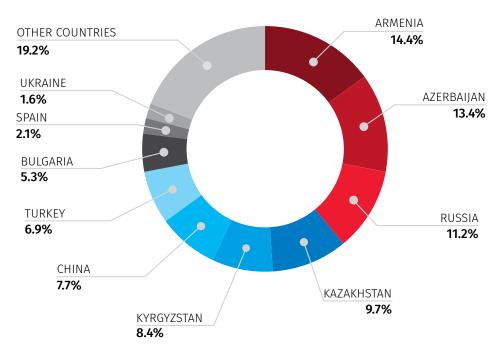
#### **TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-MAY 2022-2023**

(MILLION US DOLLARS)



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#### SHARE OF THE TOP TRADING PARTNERS IN TOTAL EXPORTS **IN JANUARY-MAY 2023\***



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In January-May 2023 the share of the top ten trading partners by imports in the total imports of Georgia amounted to 70.4 percent. The top partners were Turkey (USD 1 021.9 million), Russia (USD 778.6 million) and United States (USD 589.7 million).

## TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-MAY 2023

	JANUARY-MAY 2022*		JANUAI 20:	CHANGE (%)	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL IMPORTS	4 920 205.7	100.0	5 859 706.8	100.0	19.1
Of which:					
Turkey	839 483.4	17.1	1 021 931.8	17.4	21.7
Russia	555 448.5	11.3	778 580.9	13.3	40.2
United States	355 233.3	7.2	589 714.2	10.1	66.0
China	421 097.4	8.6	429 991.1	7.3	2.1
Germany	222 765.7	4.5	366 440.0	6.3	64.5
Azerbaijan	316 511.6	6.4	275 500.4	4.7	-13.0
Armenia	239 362.7	4.9	193 326.1	3.3	-19.2
Japan	86 741.5	1.8	182 311.9	3.1	110.2
Italy	98 837.2	2.0	147 741.5	2.5	49.5
United Arab Emirates	74 970.1	1.5	139 876.0	2.4	86.6
Other countries	1 709 754.2	34.7	1 734 293.0	29.6	1.4

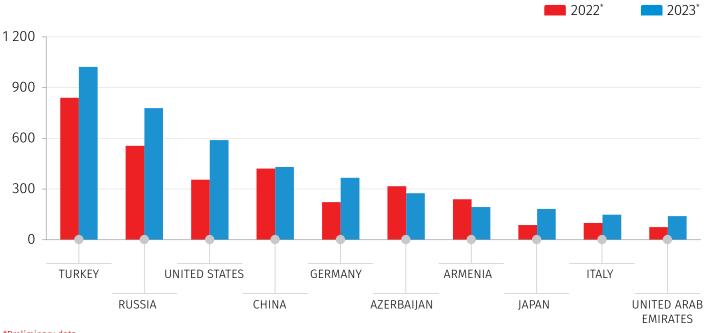
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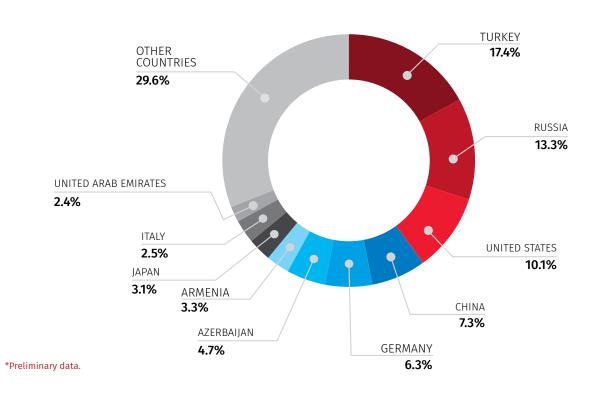
#### **TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-MAY 2022-2023**

(MILLION US DOLLARS)



\*Preliminary data.

## SHARE OF THE TOP TRADING PARTNERS IN TOTAL IMPORTS IN JANUARY-MAY 2023\*





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In January-May 2023 the share of the top ten trading partners in the total external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 68.2 percent. The top trading partners were Turkey (USD 1 194.9 million), Russia (USD 1 059.9 million) and China (USD 623.3 million).

## TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER IN JANUARY-MAY 2023\*

	EXPORTS		IMPORTS		TURNOVER	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)
TOTAL	2 502 872.4	100.0	5 859 706.8	100.0	8 362 579.2	100.0
Of which:						
Turkey	172 987.1	6.9	1 021 931.8	17.4	1 194 919.0	14.3
Russia	281 346.0	11.2	778 580.9	13.3	1 059 926.9	12.7
China	193 340.6	7.7	429 991.1	7.3	623 331.7	7.5
Azerbaijan	336 526.0	13.4	275 500.4	4.7	612 026.4	7.3
United States	20 580.1	0.8	589 714.2	10.1	610 294.4	7.3
Armenia	360 039.2	14.4	193 326.1	3.3	553 365.2	6.6
Germany	26 051.1	1.0	366 440.0	6.3	392 491.1	4.7
Kazakhstan	241 824.7	9.7	12 450.2	0.2	254 274.8	3.0
Kyrgyzstan	210 696.8	8.4	2 161.5	0.0	212 858.3	2.5
Japan	5 194.7	0.2	182 311.9	3.1	187 506.6	2.2
Other countries	654 285.9	26.1	2 007 298.8	34.3	2 661 584.8	31.8

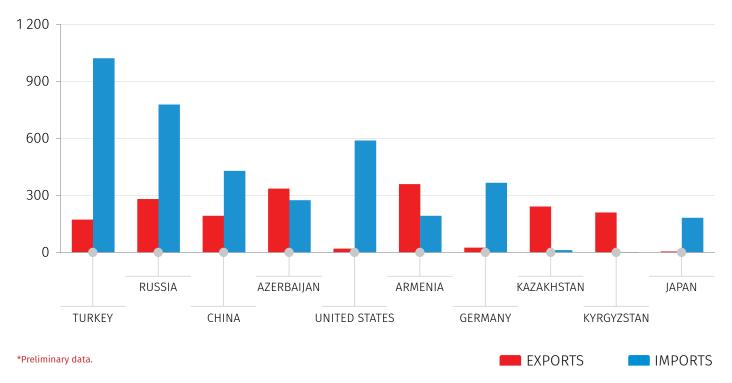
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#### **TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER IN JANUARY-MAY 2023\***

(MILLION US DOLLARS)



In January-May 2023 motor cars claimed the first place in the list of top export items, equaling USD 795.0 million with 31.8 percent of total exports. The exports of copper ores and concentrates totaled USD 315.7 million and their share in the total exports amounted to 12.6 percent. The exports of wine of fresh grapes occupied the third place standing at USD 103.5 million and constituting 4.1 percent of the total exports.

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#### MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY EXPORTS

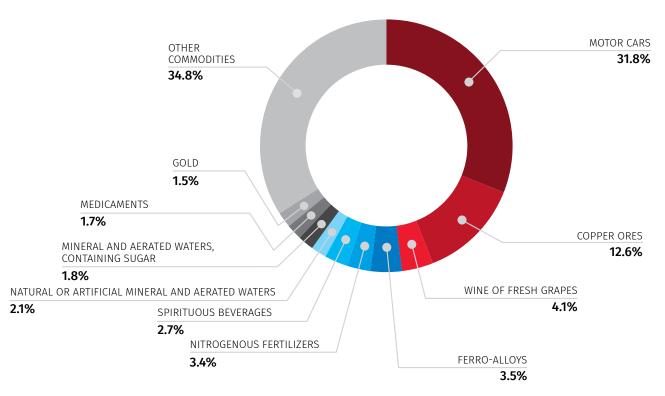
	JANUARY-MAY 2022*		JANUAF 202	CHANGE (%)	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL EXPORTS	2 110 138.2	100.0	2 502 872.4	100.0	18.6
Of which:					
Motor cars	191 001.1	9.1	795 023.4	31.8	316.2
Copper ores and concentrates	465 867.8	22.1	315 705.0	12.6	-32.2
Wine of fresh grapes	79 827.4	3.8	103 515.1	4.1	29.7
Ferro-alloys	285 721.2	13.5	86 489.4	3.5	-69.7
Nitrogenous fertilizers	152 729.6	7.2	85 555.0	3.4	-44.0
Spirituous beverages	40 079.9	1.9	68 520.9	2.7	71.0
Natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	41 125.3	1.9	52 146.5	2.1	26.8
Waters, mineral and aerated waters, containing added sugar	23 430.1	1.1	45 978.4	1.8	96.2
Medicaments put up in measured doses	43 227.1	2.0	41 481.4	1.7	-4.0
Gold	35 108.3	1.7	38 242.4	1.5	8.9
Other commodities	752 020.2	35.6	870 214.7	34.8	15.7

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## SHARE OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-MAY 2023\*



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The top import commodities in January-May 2023 were motor cars, whose imports equaled USD 1 015.0 million (17.3 percent of the total imports). The petroleum and petroleum oils followed in the list with USD 399.9 million (6.8 percent of imports). The petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons were third in the top import commodity list with USD 264.6 million (4.5 percent of imports).

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

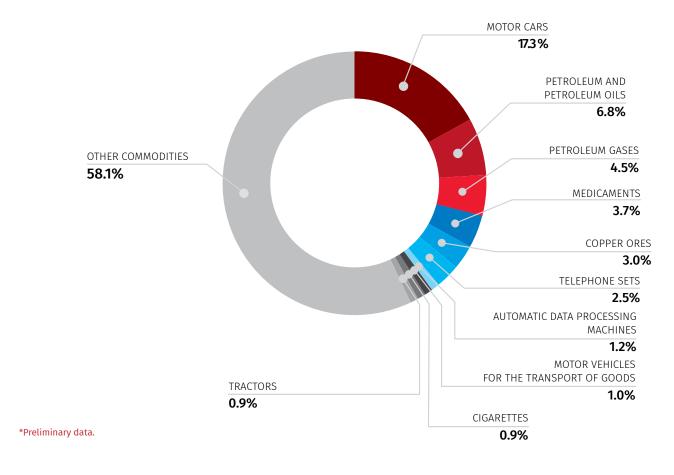
	· ·	RY-MAY 22*	JANUAF 202	CHANGE (%)	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL IMPORTS	4 920 205.7	100.0	5 859 706.8	100.0	19.1
Of which:					
Motor cars	547 359.3	11.1	1 015 039.1	17.3	85.4
Petroleum and petroleum oils	461 486.0	9.4	399 870.9	6.8	-13.4
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	221 218.3	4.5	264 581.6	4.5	19.6
Medicaments put up in measured doses	155 967.8	3.2	216 150.9	3.7	38.6
Copper ores and concentrates	345 374.0	7.0	176 013.5	3.0	-49.0
Telephone sets	102 243.2	2.1	149 119.7	2.5	45.8
Automatic data processing machines and units thereof	77 186.8	1.6	71 383.8	1.2	-7.5
Motor vehicles for the transport of goods	35 651.0	0.7	57 217.0	1.0	60.5
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	30 348.8	0.6	54 124.3	0.9	78.3
Tractors	33 854.3	0.7	53 946.5	0.9	59.3
Other commodities	2 909 516.2	59.1	3 402 259.5	58.1	16.9

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#### SHARE OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY IMPORTS **IN JANUARY-MAY 2023\***





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#### TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER

#### **TURKEY**

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

	JANUARY-MAY 2022*		JANUARY-MAY 2023*	
+ + » C·	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL EXPORTS	192 678.9		172 987.1	
Of which:				
Electrical energy	21 422.6		26 737.7	
T-shirts knitted	34 595.7	998.7	26 089.5	687.9
Ferro-alloys	35 403.4	15 423.8	19 542.4	17 138.5
Men's or boys' suits, ensembles, trousers, knitted or crocheted	19 368.6	718.5	14 060.3	483.8
Fats and oils and their fractions, of fish or marine mammals	5 119.8	2 335.5	7 202.3	1 880.5
Other commodities	76 768.8		79 354.8	

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#### IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM TURKEY

	•	RY-MAY 22*	JANUARY-MAY 2023*	
C* >> + + +	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL IMPORTS	839 483.4		1 021 931.8	
Of which:				
Medicaments put up in measured doses	25 999.1	362.8	54 782.6	857.1
Motor cars (Unit)	46 937.2	1 581	47 055.6	1 328
Structures and parts of structures of iron or steel	17 856.3	8 189.2	26 329.1	11 149.0
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	4 414.0	284.5	20 003.3	966.4
Washing and cleaning preparations	9 590.8	11 257.7	17 500.2	16 992.9
Other commodities	734 685.9		856 261.1	

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#### **RUSSIA**

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

	· ·	RY-MAY 22*	JANUARY-MAY 2023*	
**** >>	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL EXPORTS	210 266.4		281 346.0	
Of which:				
Wine of fresh grapes	46 103.5	17 070.0	69 123.8	25 253.8
Ferro-alloys	79 355.7	37 958.6	45 353.0	36 224.9
Motor cars (Unit)	7 407.3	781	41 367.0	2 943
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters, not containing added sugar	16 980.8	1 883.1	27 615.8	50 954.2
Waters, mineral and aerated waters, containing added sugar	8 808.8	13 980.0	25 565.8	33 931.0
Other commodities	51 610.3		72 320.7	

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#### IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM RUSSIA

JANUARY-M 2022*			JANUAF 202	
» * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL IMPORTS	555 448.5		778 580.9	
Of which:				
Petroleum and petroleum oils	124 448.9	138 848.6	263 561.6	376 376.0
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	38 922.3	152 964.3	82 773.6	319 550.7
Carboys, bottles, flasks and other closures, of glass	8 799.4	20 015.7	22 106.6	40 856.1
Wheat or meslin flour	22 446.0	62 321.8	21 067.6	72 127.2
Coal; briquettes and similar solid fuels manufactured from coal	2 419.4	11 947.7	17 916.0	102 884.4
Other commodities	358 412.5		371 155.5	

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#### **CHINA**

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

	JANUARY-MAY 2022*		JANUARY-MAY 2023*	
* * * * *	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL EXPORTS	362 834.2		193 340.6	
Of which:				
Copper ores and concentrates	297 028.0	115 284.3	143 743.4	77 288.3
Precious metal ores and concentrates	30 114.6	10 238.7	22 327.7	7 559.4
Instruments and appliances used in medicine	8 477.7	32.0	11 885.6	40.0
Wine of fresh grapes	5 858.8	1 721.3	5 107.3	1 479.2
Ginger, saffron, turmeric, thyme, bay leaves, curry and other spices	3 272.6	1 545.8	2 414.4	1 057.9
Other commodities	18 082.5		7 862.3	

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

#### IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM CHINA

	JANUARY-MAY 2022*		JANUARY-MAY 2023*	
* * * * *	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL IMPORTS	421 097.4		429 991.1	
Of which:				
Automatic data processing machines and units thereof	10 222.4	87.4	34 643.0	370.0
Flat-rolled products of non-alloy steel, of a width of more than 600mm, clad or coated	13 559.9	10 429.5	13 960.8	15 859.7
Air conditioning machines	13 054.7	1 716.2	13 689.3	2 054.5
New pneumatic tyres, of rubber	17 707.0	5 538.4	10 442.5	3 868.2
Polyacetals and epoxide resins, and other polyesters in primary forms	18 848.4	13 329.6	9 106.0	7 050.3
Other commodities	347 705.0		348 149.5	

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#### **EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE**

	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE MIL. US DOLLARS
NEGATIVE TRADE BALANCE		
January-May 2022*	96	3 111.7
January-May 2023*	95	4 230.8
POSITIVE TRADE BALANCE		
January-May 2022*	43	301.6
January-May 2023*	45	874.0
TOTAL		
January-May 2022*	139	-2 810.1
January-May 2023*	140	-3 356.8

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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 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 differences 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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