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EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN GEORGIA

**JANUARY-AUGUST 2023
(PRELIMINARY RESULTS)**



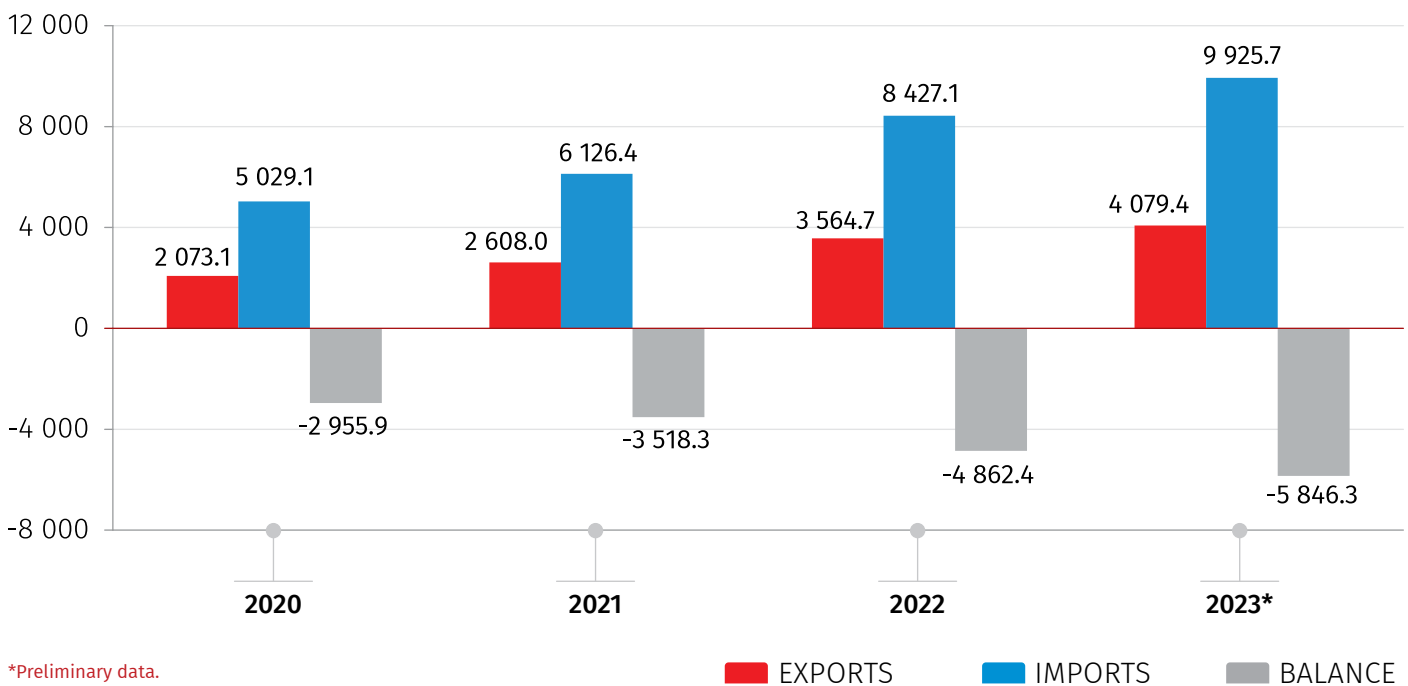
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**EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE OF GEORGIA
IN JANUARY-AUGUST 2023
(PRELIMINARY)**

In January-August 2023 the external merchandise trade (excluding non-declared trade) of Georgia amounted to USD 14 005.0 million, 16.8 percent higher to the same period of 2022. The exports equaled USD 4 079.4 million (14.4 percent higher), while the imports stood at USD 9 925.7 million (17.8 percent higher). The negative trade balance was USD 5 846.3 million in January-August 2023 and its share in external trade turnover constituted 41.7 percent.

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

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



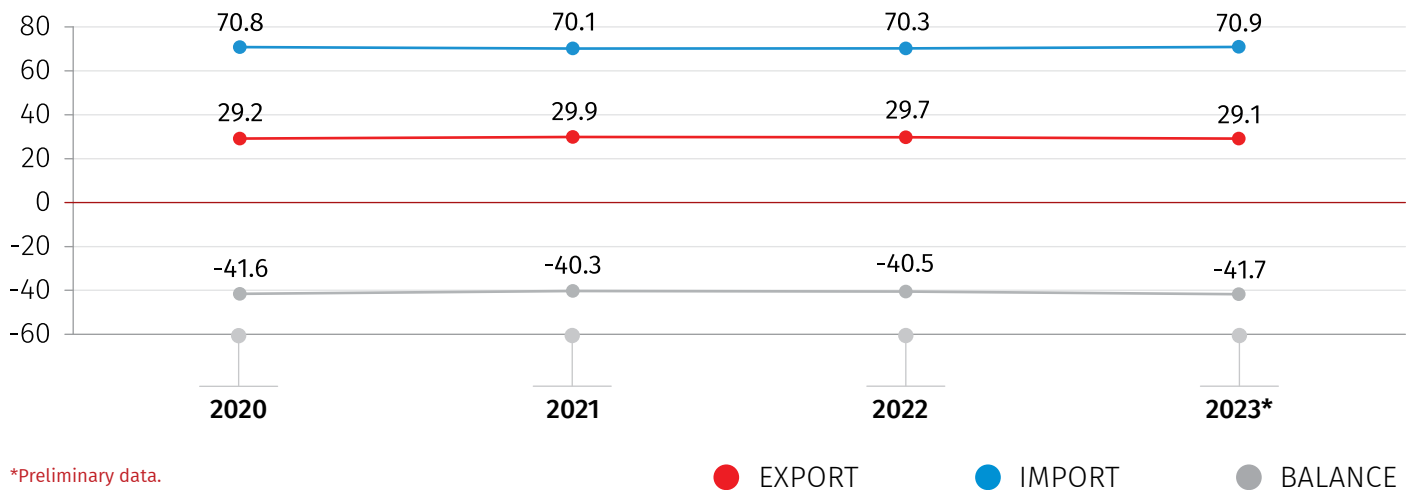
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SHARE OF EXTERNAL TRADE INDICATORS IN TURNOVER

JANUARY-AUGUST 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

		EXPORTS		IMPORTS	
		THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES M-O-M (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES M-O-M (%)
2021	January	224 490.2	-16.2	561 729.3	-12.9
	February	267 678.0	1.9	648 773.6	-7.9
	March	326 087.2	30.7	775 017.1	15.5
	April	377 687.0	69.8	756 294.1	58.1
	May	340 005.0	45.0	770 185.1	45.5
	June	350 597.3	30.6	863 672.7	41.8
	July	386 339.5	40.7	882 151.4	21.3
	August	335 159.2	14.3	868 564.8	30.6
	September	373 706.6	13.0	952 439.9	26.9
	October	410 868.5	31.3	936 197.9	28.9
	November	430 385.3	42.9	1 033 213.8	43.1
	December	419 509.1	30.0	1 050 327.3	27.9

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		EXPORTS		IMPORTS	
		THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES M-O-M (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES M-O-M (%)
2022	January	331 456.5	47.6	774 609.8	37.9
	February	429 224.9	60.4	1 019 117.9	57.1
	March	411 573.6	26.2	926 800.0	19.6
	April	415 174.1	9.9	985 977.3	30.4
	May	522 271.1	53.6	1 180 471.1	53.3
	June	448 767.1	28.0	1 105 280.3	28.0
	July	533 160.0	38.0	1 172 031.0	32.9
	August	473 098.1	41.2	1 262 812.6	45.4
	September	523 548.1	40.1	1 136 468.7	19.3
	October	448 696.7	9.2	1 203 910.3	28.6
	November	490 669.1	14.0	1 310 910.9	26.9
	December	555 786.2	32.5	1 469 301.5	39.9
2023*	January	458 994.4	38.5	1 114 848.9	43.9
	February	455 767.2	6.2	1 067 394.3	4.7
	March	546 687.4	32.8	1 377 960.7	48.7
	April	500 524.6	20.6	1 222 663.8	24.0
	May	541 372.8	3.7	1 326 780.7	12.4
	June	550 449.7	22.7	1 337 178.3	21.0
	July	529 810.9	-0.6	1 204 819.8	2.8
	August	495 761.3	4.8	1 274 020.1	0.9

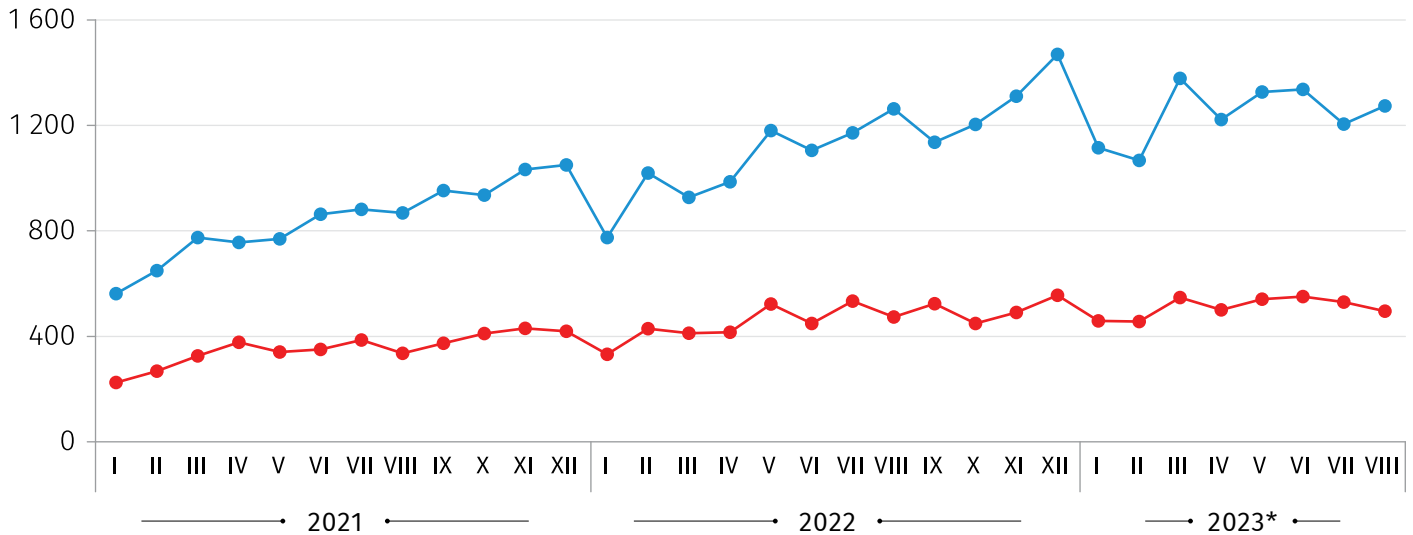
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EXPORTS AND IMPORTS DYNAMICS BY MONTHS, 2021-2023

(MILLION US DOLLARS)

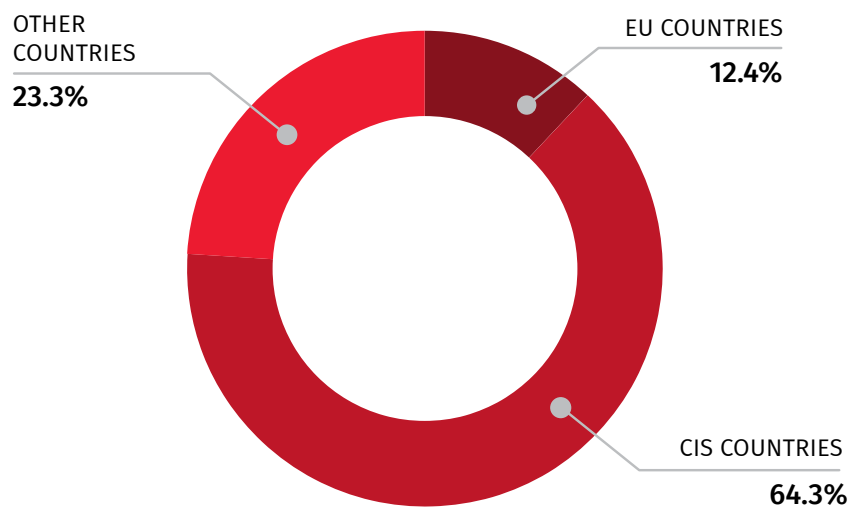


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● EXPORTS ● IMPORTS

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

GEORGIAN EXPORT BY COUNTRY GROUPS IN JANUARY-AUGUST 2023*

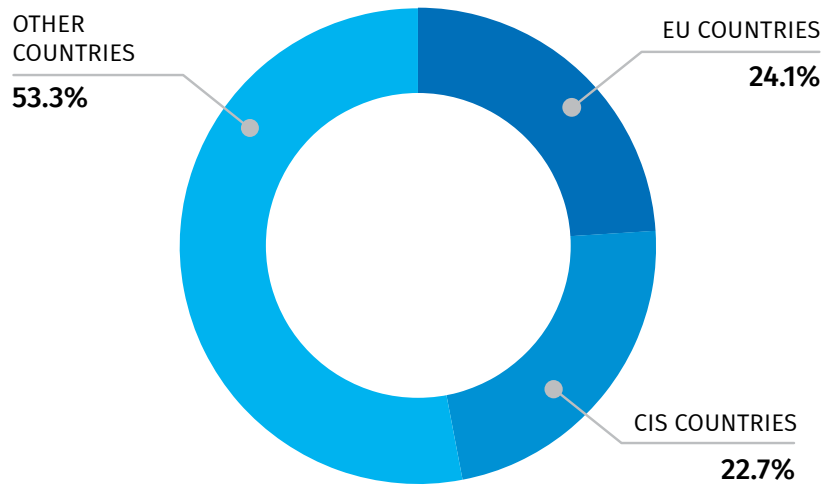


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Note: EU contains 27 countries.

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**GEORGIAN IMPORT BY COUNTRY GROUPS
IN JANUARY-AUGUST 2023***



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Note: EU contains 27 countries.

In January-August 2023 the share of the top ten trading partners by exports in the total exports of Georgia amounted to 81.0 percent. The top partners were Azerbaijan (USD 567.8 million), Armenia (USD 552.3 million) and Russia (USD 461.4 million).

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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-AUGUST 2023

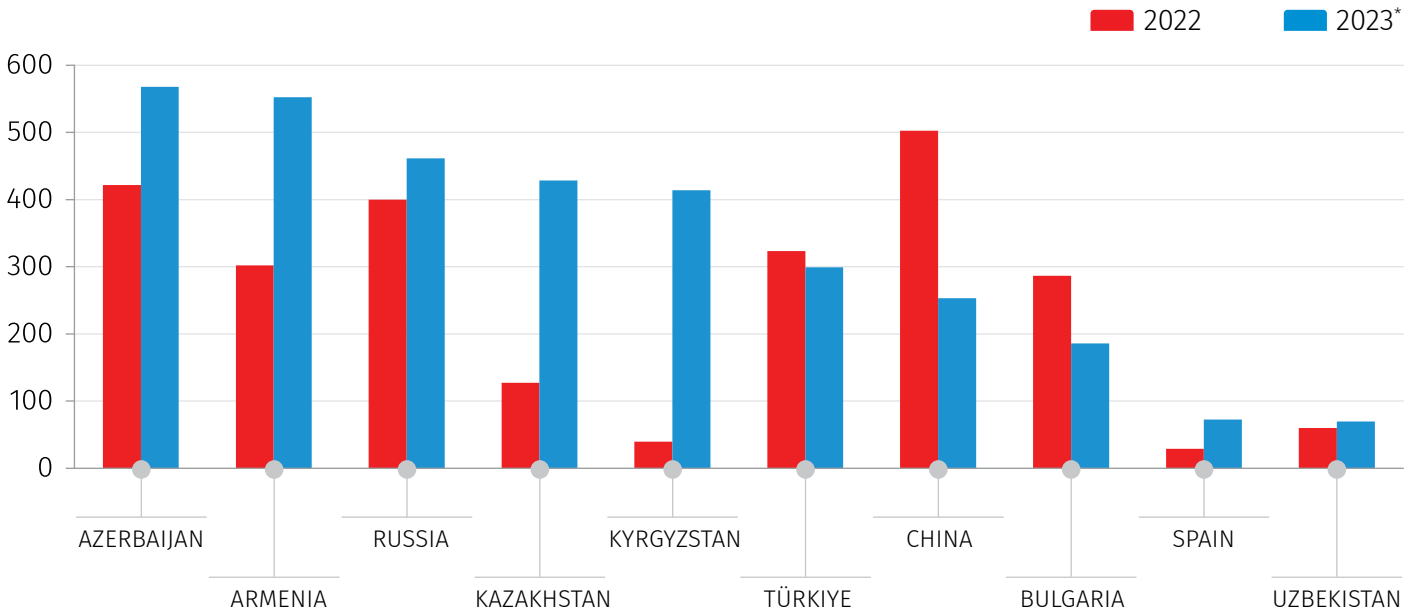
	JANUARY-AUGUST 2022		JANUARY-AUGUST 2023*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL EXPORTS	3 564 725.3	100.0	4 079 368.2	100.0	14.4
Of which:					
Azerbaijan	421 565.6	11.8	567 804.8	13.9	34.7
Armenia	302 134.8	8.5	552 267.4	13.5	82.8
Russia	400 009.5	11.2	461 385.7	11.3	15.3
Kazakhstan	127 383.4	3.6	428 280.6	10.5	236.2
Kyrgyzstan	39 445.0	1.1	413 896.3	10.1	949.3
Türkiye	323 481.2	9.1	299 325.0	7.3	-7.5
China	502 563.3	14.1	253 394.8	6.2	-49.6
Bulgaria	286 830.2	8.0	186 031.6	4.6	-35.1
Spain	28 978.4	0.8	72 337.4	1.8	149.6
Uzbekistan	60 169.1	1.7	69 461.2	1.7	15.4
Other countries	1 072 164.7	30.1	775 183.4	19.0	-27.7

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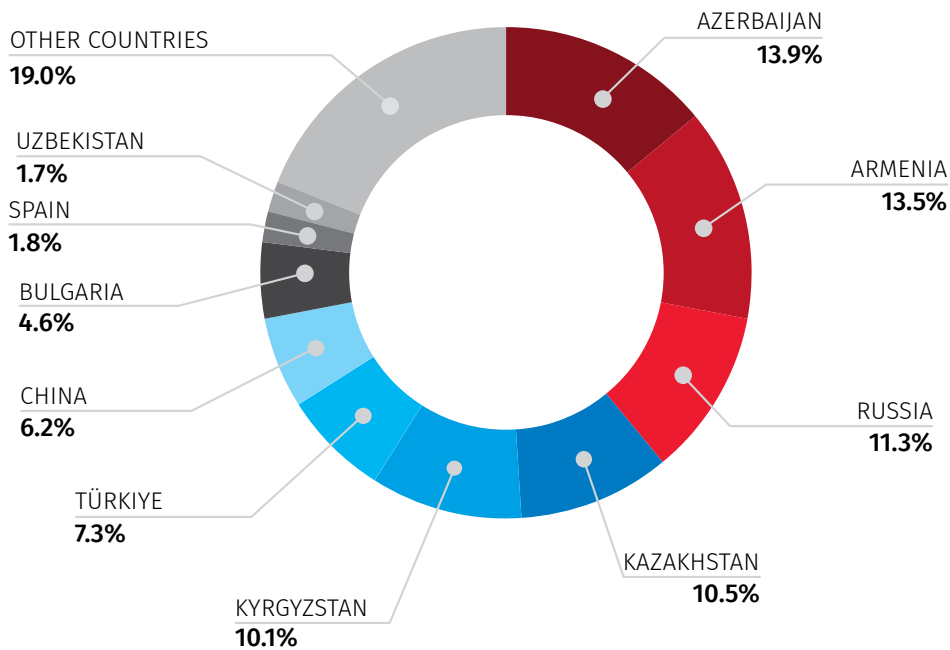
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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-AUGUST 2022-2023 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



*Preliminary data.

SHARE OF THE TOP TRADING PARTNERS IN TOTAL EXPORTS IN JANUARY-AUGUST 2023*



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In January-August 2023 the share of the top ten trading partners by imports in the total imports of Georgia amounted to 70.8 percent. The top partners were Türkiye (USD 1 644.7 million), Russia (USD 1 225.5 million) and USA (USD 1 190.1 million).

TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-AUGUST 2023

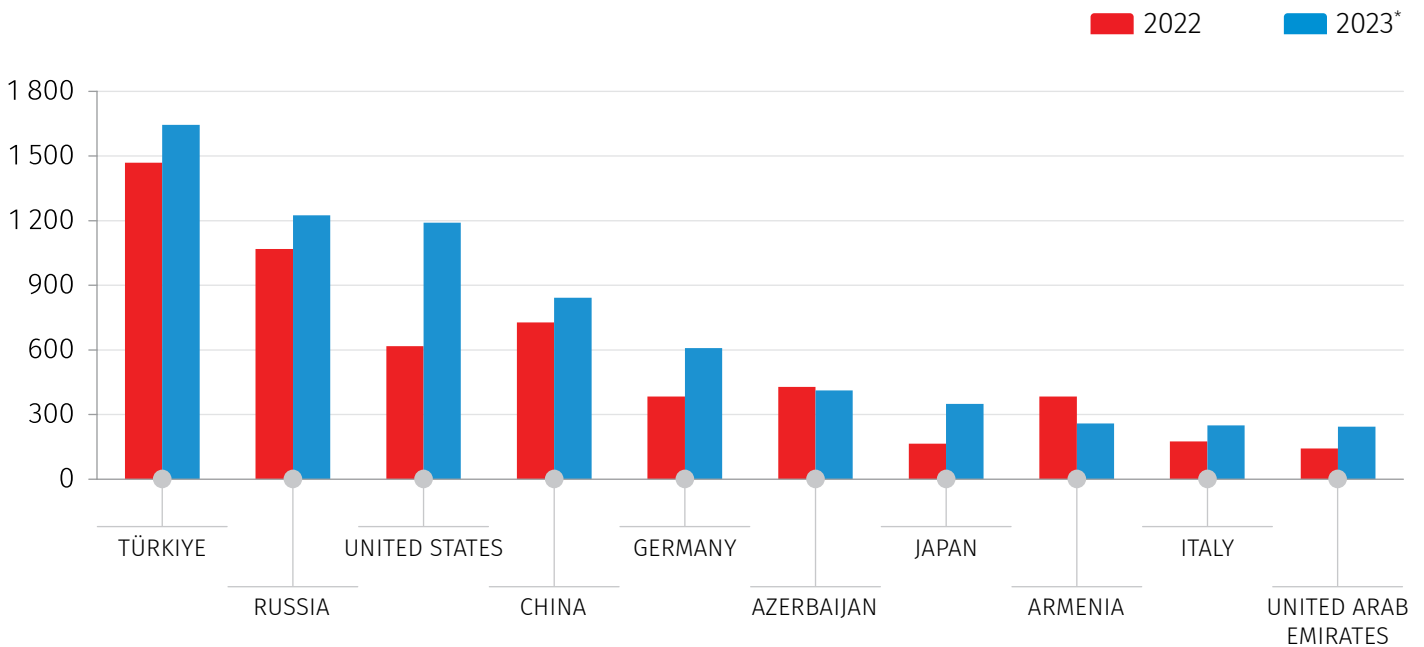
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	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL IMPORTS	8 427 100.1	100.0	9 925 666.7	100.0	17.8
Of which:					
Türkiye	1 469 386.0	17.4	1 644 671.7	16.6	11.9
Russia	1 068 752.4	12.7	1 225 512.1	12.3	14.7
United States	617 730.7	7.3	1 190 145.1	12.0	92.7
China	726 919.4	8.6	842 819.3	8.5	15.9
Germany	384 193.8	4.6	607 900.3	6.1	58.2
Azerbaijan	427 850.8	5.1	411 575.2	4.1	-3.8
Japan	165 553.9	2.0	349 395.2	3.5	111.0
Armenia	383 768.2	4.6	258 900.5	2.6	-32.5
Italy	174 843.9	2.1	249 182.5	2.5	42.5
United Arab Emirates	142 946.4	1.7	244 396.0	2.5	71.0
Other countries	2 865 154.4	34.0	2 901 168.8	29.2	1.3

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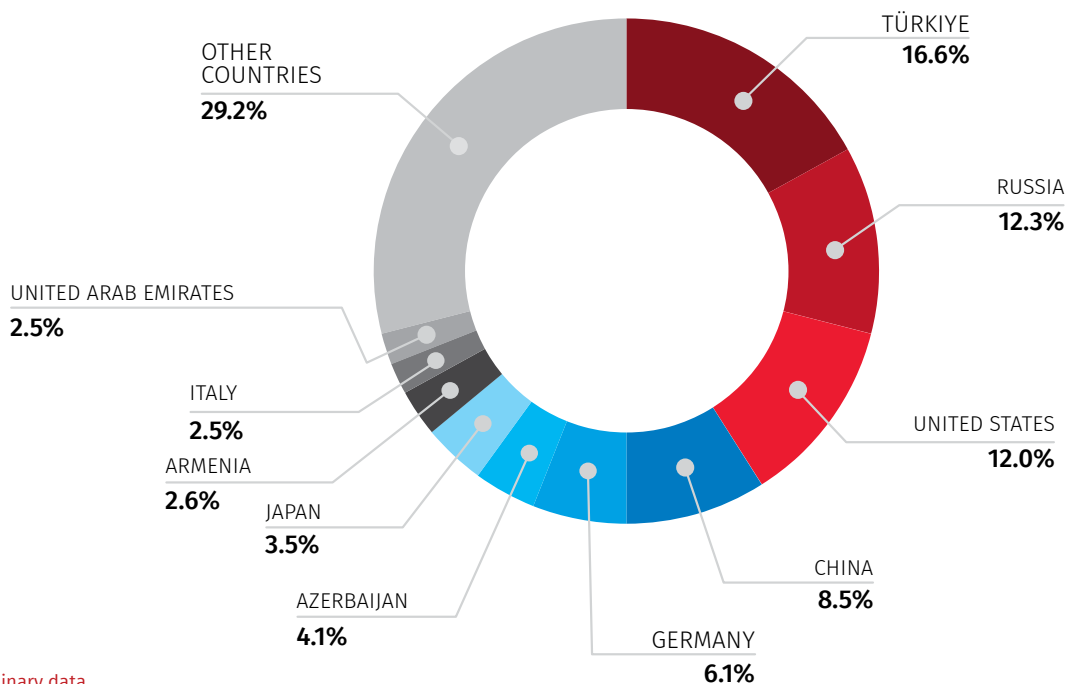
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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-AUGUST 2022-2023 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



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SHARE OF THE TOP TRADING PARTNERS IN TOTAL IMPORTS IN JANUARY-AUGUST 2023*



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In January-August 2023 the share of the top ten trading partners in the total external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 68.7 percent. The top trading partners were Türkiye (USD 1 944.0 million), Russia (USD 1 686.9 million) and USA (USD 1 240.0 million).

TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER IN JANUARY-AUGUST 2023*

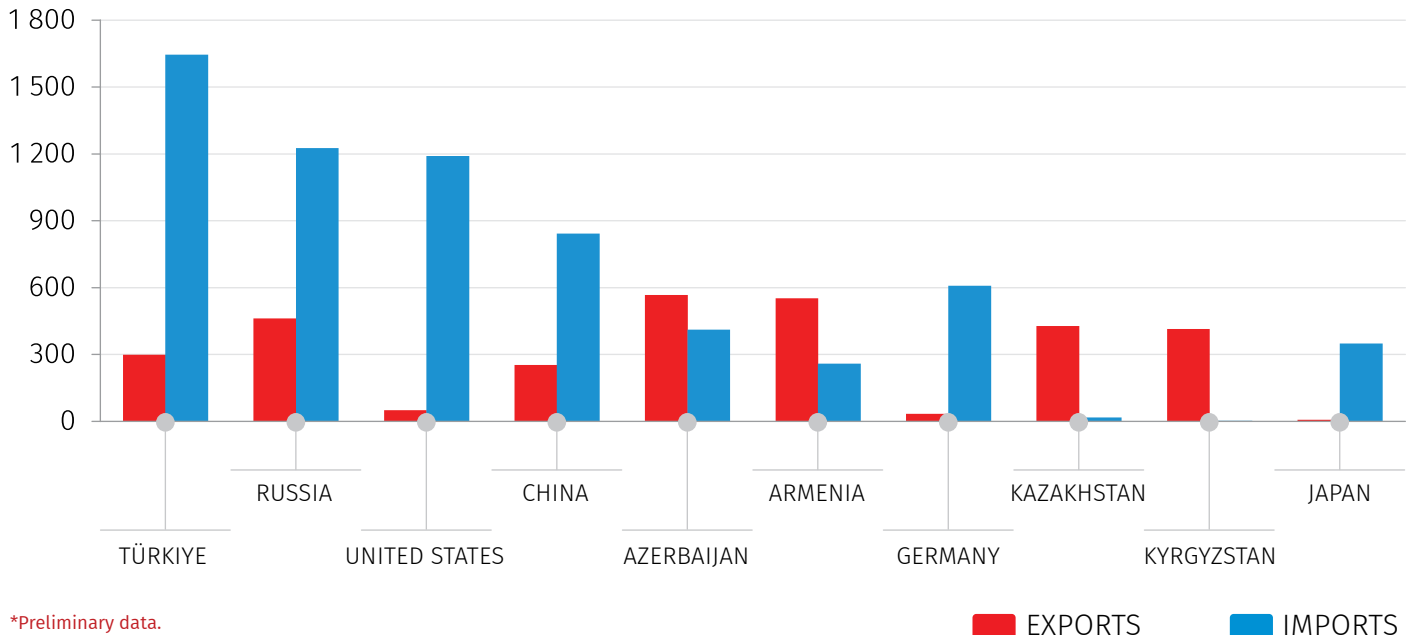
	EXPORTS		IMPORTS		TURNOVER	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)
TOTAL	4 079 368.2	100.0	9 925 666.7	100.0	14 005 034.9	100.0
Of which:						
Türkiye	299 325.0	7.3	1 644 671.7	16.6	1 943 996.7	13.9
Russia	461 385.7	11.3	1 225 512.1	12.3	1 686 897.8	12.0
United States	49 849.6	1.2	1 190 145.1	12.0	1 239 994.7	8.9
China	253 394.8	6.2	842 819.3	8.5	1 096 214.1	7.8
Azerbaijan	567 804.8	13.9	411 575.2	4.1	979 380.0	7.0
Armenia	552 267.4	13.5	258 900.5	2.6	811 168.0	5.8
Germany	33 819.7	0.8	607 900.3	6.1	641 720.0	4.6
Kazakhstan	428 280.6	10.5	18 261.5	0.2	446 542.0	3.2
Kyrgyzstan	413 896.3	10.1	3 013.7	0.0	416 910.0	3.0
Japan	6 839.4	0.2	349 395.2	3.5	356 234.6	2.5
Other countries	1 012 504.8	24.8	3 373 472.2	34.0	4 385 977.0	31.3

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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER IN JANUARY-AUGUST 2023* (MILLION US DOLLARS)



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EXPORTS

IMPORTS

In January-August 2023 motor cars claimed the first place in the list of top export items, equaling USD 1 368.4 million with 33.5 percent of total exports. The exports of copper ores and concentrates totaled USD 411.7 million and their share in the total exports amounted to 10.1 percent. The exports of wine of fresh grapes occupied the third place standing at USD 169.3 million and constituting 4.2 percent of the total exports.

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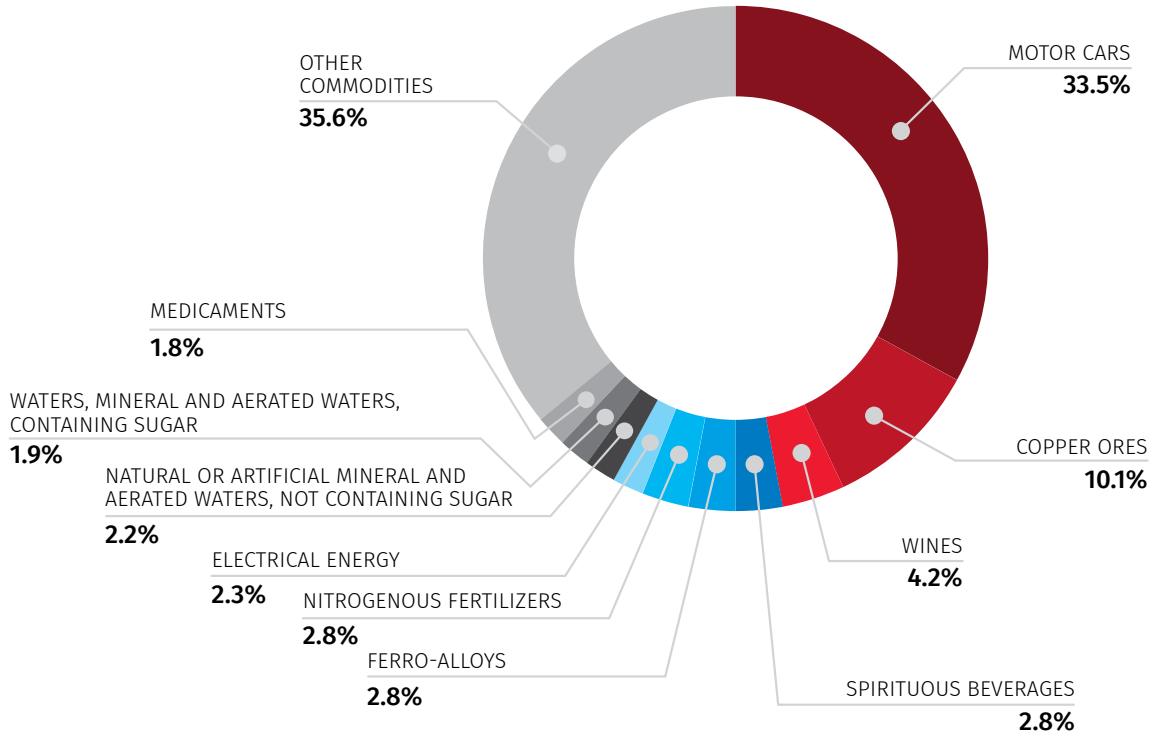
MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY EXPORTS

	JANUARY-AUGUST 2022		JANUARY-AUGUST 2023*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL EXPORTS	3 564 725.3	100.0	4 079 368.2	100.0	14.4
Of which:					
Motor cars	492 087.7	13.8	1 368 363.6	33.5	178.1
Copper ores and concentrates	683 762.0	19.2	411 699.3	10.1	-39.8
Wine of fresh grapes	146 427.7	4.1	169 331.5	4.2	15.6
Spirituos beverages	82 083.0	2.3	114 922.0	2.8	40.0
Ferro-alloys	371 601.3	10.4	114 913.8	2.8	-69.1
Nitrogenous fertilizers	192 694.1	5.4	113 257.1	2.8	-41.2
Electrical energy	76 452.2	2.1	94 052.4	2.3	23.0
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters, not containing added sugar	66 790.5	1.9	88 995.6	2.2	33.2
Waters, mineral and aerated waters, containing added sugar	50 635.1	1.4	75 618.3	1.9	49.3
Medicaments put up in measured doses	67 185.7	1.9	73 980.8	1.8	10.1
Other commodities	1 335 006.0	37.5	1 454 233.9	35.6	8.9

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**SHARE OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY EXPORTS
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The top import commodities in January-August 2023 were motor cars, whose imports equaled USD 1 957.8 million (19.7 percent of the total imports). The petroleum and petroleum oils followed in the list with USD 716.2 million (7.2 percent of imports). The medicaments put up in measured doses were third in the top import commodity list with USD 354.3 million (3.6 percent of imports).

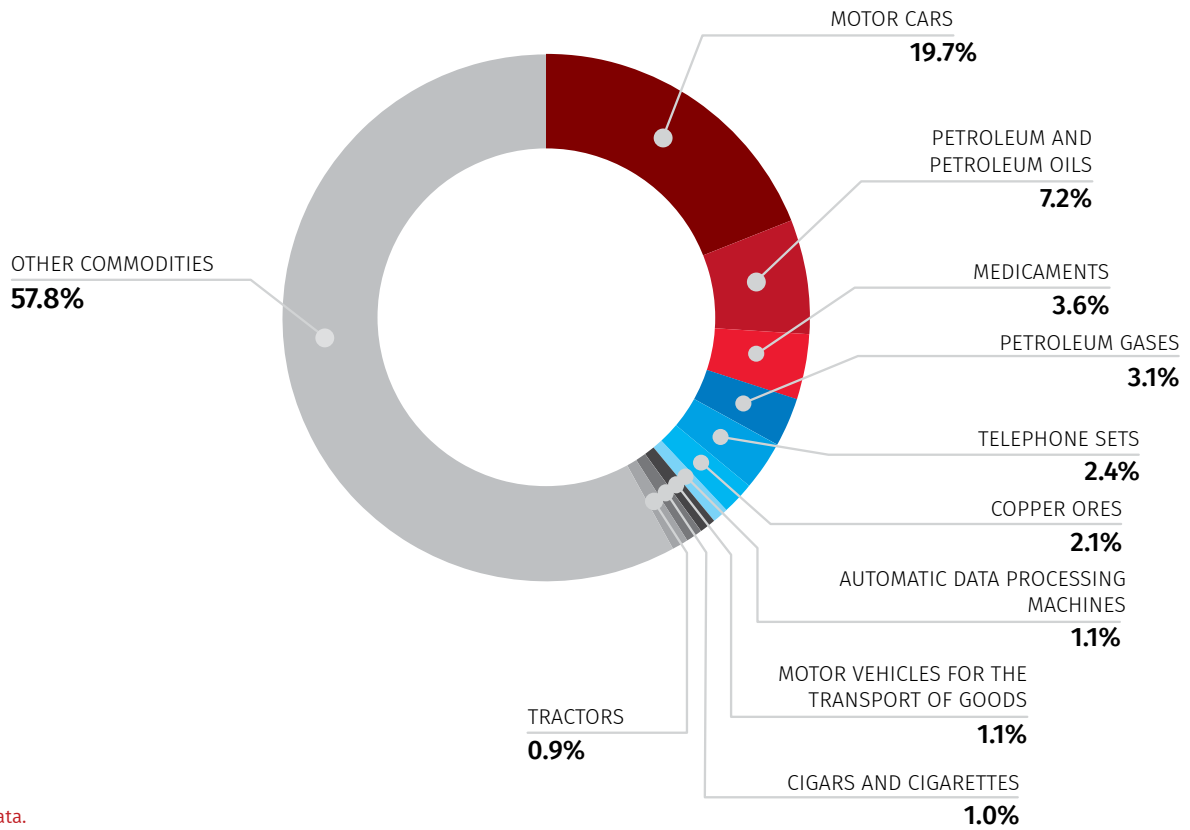
MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY IMPORTS

	JANUARY-AUGUST 2022		JANUARY-AUGUST 2023*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL IMPORTS	8 427 100.1	100.0	9 925 666.7	100.0	17.8
Of which:					
Motor cars	988 781.7	11.7	1 957 767.4	19.7	98.0
Petroleum and petroleum oils	872 012.0	10.3	716 219.5	7.2	-17.9
Medicaments put up in measured doses	268 687.2	3.2	354 297.1	3.6	31.9
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	266 837.6	3.2	305 329.3	3.1	14.4
Telephone sets and apparatus for the transmission or reception of voice, images or other data (including wired/wireless networks)	171 519.3	2.0	239 904.2	2.4	39.9
Copper ores and concentrates	531 393.2	6.3	203 842.6	2.1	-61.6
Automatic data processing machines and units thereof	127 518.0	1.5	108 362.4	1.1	-15.0
Motor vehicles for the transport of goods	62 981.0	0.7	105 282.6	1.1	67.2
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	72 408.0	0.9	101 598.3	1.0	40.3
Tractors	53 152.4	0.6	91 999.8	0.9	73.1
Other commodities	5 011 809.8	59.5	5 741 063.6	57.8	14.6

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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER



TÜRKIYE

EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO TÜRKIYE

	JANUARY-AUGUST 2022		JANUARY-AUGUST 2023*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
 >> 				
TOTAL EXPORTS	323 481.2		299 325.0	
Of which:				
Electrical energy	71 897.1	...	84 782.0	...
T-shirts knitted	53 345.3	1 568.7	42 993.9	1 097.6
Men's or boys' suits, ensembles, trousers, knitted or crocheted	29 660.7	1 107.1	24 994.1	859.0
Ferro-alloys	47 679.3	23 744.4	22 936.1	20 365.3
Aluminium waste and scrap	10 169.4	4 112.1	8 322.9	4 352.9
Other commodities	110 729.5		115 296.0	

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IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM TÜRKIYE

	JANUARY-AUGUST 2022		JANUARY-AUGUST 2023*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
 >> 				
TOTAL IMPORTS	1 469 386.0		1 644 671.7	
Of which:				
Medicaments put up in measured doses	45 373.9	660.5	92 650.7	1 737.7
Motor cars (Unit)	66 090.8	2 177	71 409.0	1 960
Structures and parts of structures of iron or steel	31 959.2	15 080.3	40 442.8	16 319.1
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	18 533.3	1 110.7	40 400.6	1 924.4
Washing and cleaning preparations	18 573.1	20 779.4	30 832.5	30 134.7
Other commodities	1 288 855.7		1 368 936.1	

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RUSSIA

EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO RUSSIA



	JANUARY-AUGUST 2022		JANUARY-AUGUST 2023*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL EXPORTS	400 009.5		461 385.7	
Of which:				
Wine of fresh grapes	90 367.1	33 693.4	112 112.4	41 357.5
Motor cars (Unit)	34 328.3	2 573	66 642.0	4 925
Ferro-alloys	101 102.5	50 874.4	45 373.4	36 244.9
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters, not containing added sugar	28 580.5	52 602.9	42 906.9	78 574.4
Waters, mineral and aerated waters, containing added sugar	21 312.2	33 294.1	41 956.0	53 911.2
Other commodities	124 318.8		152 395.0	

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IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM RUSSIA



	JANUARY-AUGUST 2022		JANUARY-AUGUST 2023*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL IMPORTS	1 068 752.4		1 225 512.1	
Of which:				
Petroleum and petroleum oils	336 630.5	340 461.3	435 049.4	622 697.6
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	44 561.2	167 772.1	96 360.4	363 830.8
Carboys, bottles, flasks and other closures, of glass	20 120.3	43 181.6	34 610.3	69 890.1
Wheat and meslin	28 751.1	78 053.3	32 045.4	117 907.1
Bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel	20 122.2	25 951.4	29 289.2	48 175.4
Other commodities	618 567.1		598 157.3	



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USA

EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO USA

	JANUARY-AUGUST 2022		JANUARY-AUGUST 2023*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
 >> 				
TOTAL EXPORTS	191 078.2		49 849.6	
Of which:				
Ferro-alloys	171 796.9	74 600.0	30 765.9	23 524.3
Wine of fresh grapes	3 575.6	569.3	3 464.6	541.0
Fruit and vegetable juices	1 606.2	1 035.7	2 043.7	1 507.7
Spirituuous beverages	526.3	205.0	1 657.2	381.6
Parts and accessories of the motor vehicles	0.0	0.0	1 366.3	101.1
Other commodities	13 573.1		10 551.9	

*Preliminary data.

IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM USA

	JANUARY-AUGUST 2022		JANUARY-AUGUST 2023*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
 >> 				
TOTAL IMPORTS	617 730.7		1 190 145.1	
Of which:				
Motor cars (Unit)	556 565.0	70 936	1 117 168.8	90 923
Worn clothing	3 308.6	251.0	4 904.1	322.0
Beauty or make-up preparations and preparations for the care of the skin	1 793.1	41.8	4 719.3	80.0
Hazelnuts and other nuts	2 073.1	813.8	3 416.6	1 280.2
Meat and edible offal, of the poultry	5 968.3	5 742.0	2 667.2	2 889.9
Other commodities	48 022.7		57 269.2	

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EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE

	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE MIL. US DOLLARS
NEGATIVE TRADE BALANCE		
January-August 2022	99	5 374.9
January-August 2023*	99	7 405.4
POSITIVE TRADE BALANCE		
January-August 2022	42	512.5
January-August 2023*	49	1 559.1
TOTAL		
January-August 2022	141	-4 862.4
January-August 2023*	148	-5 846.3

*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 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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