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## EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN GEORGIA

# 2018

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(PRELIMINARY RESULTS)

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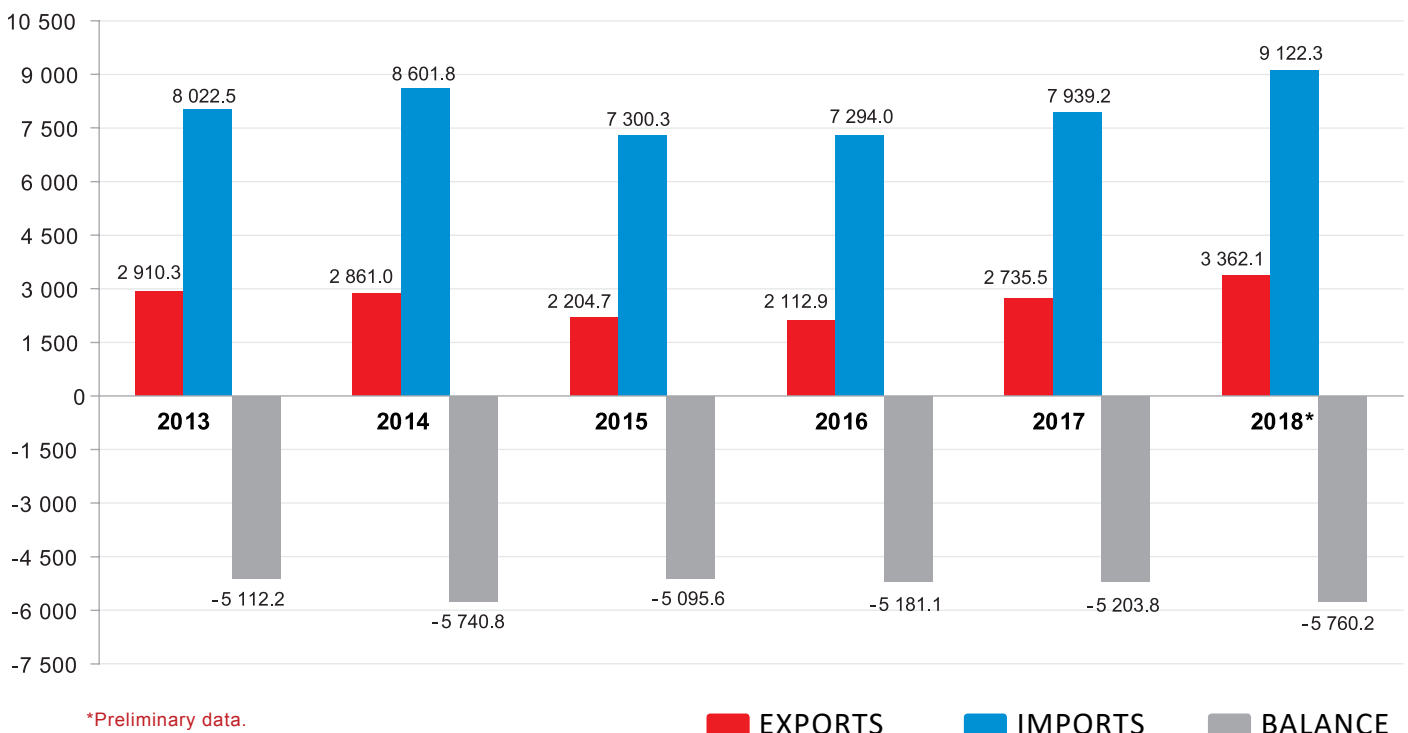
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**EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE OF GEORGIA IN 2018**  
(PRELIMINARY)

In 2018 the external merchandise trade (excluding non-declared trade) of Georgia amounted to USD 12 484.4 million, 17.0 percent higher year-on-year. The exports equaled USD 3 362.1 million (22.9 percent higher), while the imports stood at USD 9 122.3 million (14.9 percent higher). The negative trade balance was USD 5 760.2 million in 2018 and its share in external trade turnover constituted 46.1 percent. The exports excluding re-exports amounted to USD 2 297.1 million, 11.0 percent higher year-on-year.

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

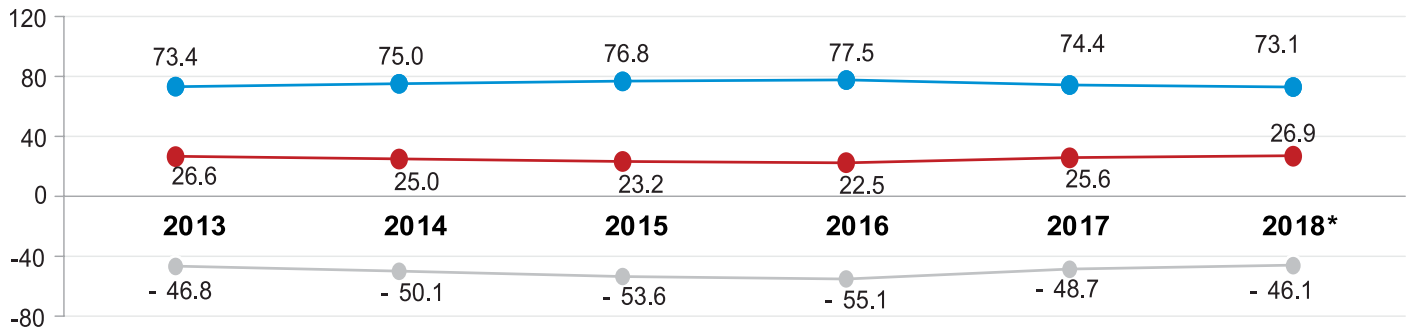
**GENERAL DATA ON EXTERNAL TRADE OF GEORGIA IN 2013-2018**  
(MILLION US DOLLARS)



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### SHARE OF EXTERNAL TRADE INDICATORS IN TURNOVER 2013-2018 (%)



\*Preliminary data.

● EXPORTS    ● IMPORTS    ● BALANCE

The table below shows monthly data for 2016-2018 exports and imports in absolute values and their changes (in percentage) compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

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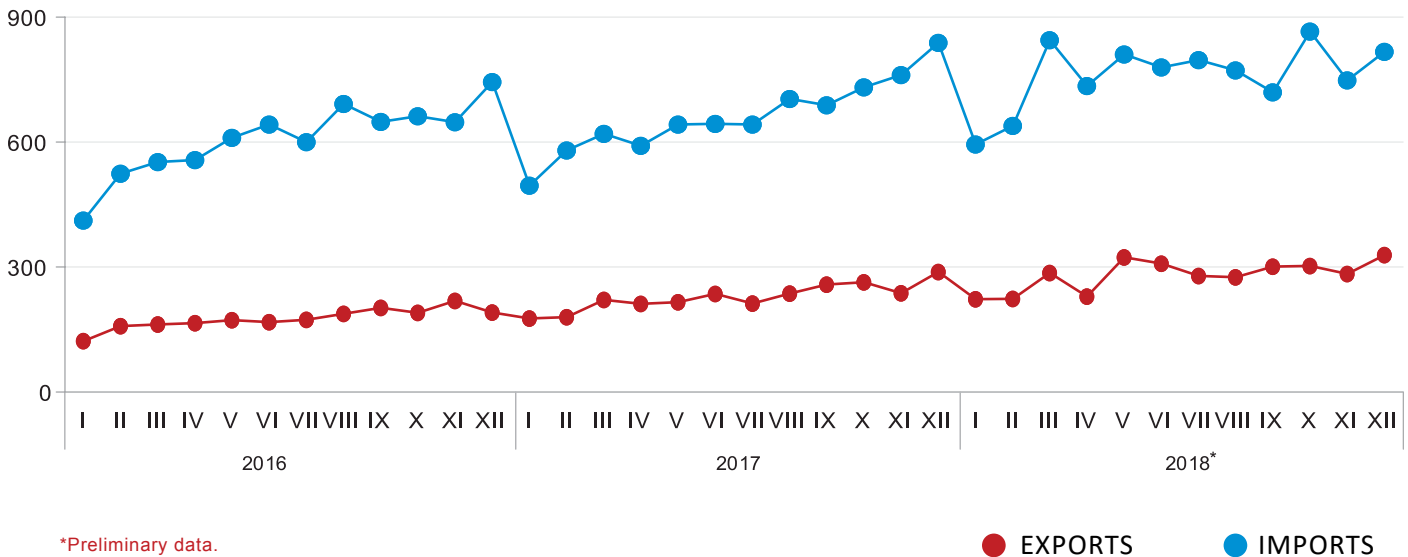
### EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF GEORGIA

		EXPORTS		IMPORTS	
		THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES m-o-m (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES m-o-m (%)
2016	January	122 188.8	-21.2	411 902.8	-23.6
	February	158 391.8	-5.3	524 278.0	-9.6
	March	161 991.0	-9.5	552 375.9	-18.5
	April	165 647.1	-11.2	557 215.7	0.9
	May	172 313.7	-11.5	610 332.9	7.7
	June	168 021.6	-15.4	642 419.7	5.7
	July	173 579.4	-7.2	600 157.3	3.1
	August	187 944.1	-1.3	691 649.7	10.8
	September	202 393.8	8.6	648 847.6	0.6
	October	190 107.3	1.2	662 093.8	7.5
	November	219 027.5	16.9	648 018.4	12.5
	December	191 319.2	3.6	744 734.2	1.4
2017	January	176 873.6	44.8	495 550.6	20.3
	February	179 869.4	13.6	580 380.7	10.7
	March	221 168.1	36.5	620 187.8	12.3
	April	211 582.2	27.7	591 564.4	6.2
	May	215 311.5	25.0	642 014.1	5.2
	June	235 601.9	40.2	643 952.1	0.2
	July	212 640.9	22.5	641 982.7	7.0
	August	236 310.0	25.7	703 665.3	1.7
	September	257 603.2	27.3	688 351.3	6.1
	October	263 336.1	38.5	731 398.7	10.5
	November	236 877.5	8.2	761 314.7	17.5
	December	288 312.0	50.7	838 875.9	12.6
2018*	January	222 639.9	25.9	594 607.2	20.0
	February	223 647.0	24.3	638 927.6	10.1
	March	285 803.4	29.2	844 716.7	36.2
	April	229 143.3	8.3	734 881.2	24.2
	May	323 339.6	50.2	810 773.3	26.3
	June	307 811.0	30.6	779 236.4	21.0
	July	278 313.3	30.9	796 689.3	24.1
	August	275 365.9	16.5	772 434.6	9.8
	September	301 139.4	16.9	719 477.1	4.5
	October	302 961.4	15.0	865 451.1	18.3
	November	283 335.9	19.6	748 476.4	-1.7
	December	328 582.5	14.0	816 643.4	-2.7

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EXPORTS AND IMPORTS DYNAMICS BY MONTHS, 2016-2018  
(MILLION US DOLLARS)



In 2018 the exports from Georgia to the EU countries amounted to USD 730.3 million (11.5 percent higher compared to the 2017) and constituted 21.7 percent in total exports, while the imports amounted to USD 2 629.1 million (19.5 percent higher) with 28.8 percent in total imports. The external trade turnover of Georgia with the EU countries amounted to USD 3 359.4 million, grew by 17.7 percent compared to the corresponding indicator of the previous year. 33.0 percent of the trade deficit came to the EU countries.

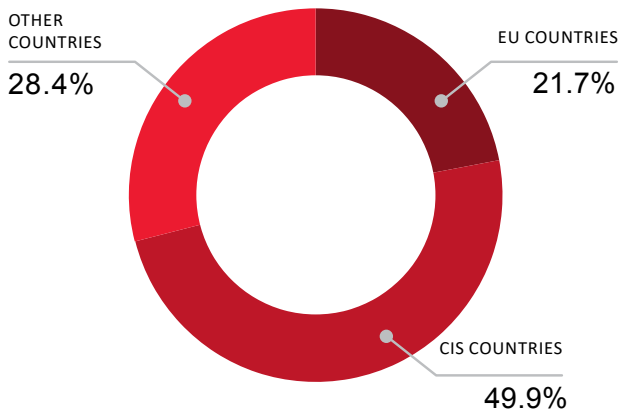
In 2018 the exports to the CIS countries stood at USD 1 677.1 million (41.6 percent higher compared to the 2017) and reached 49.9 percent of total exports, while the imports equaled USD 2 697.1 million (16.5 percent higher) with 29.6 percent in total import. The trade turnover with the CIS countries totaled USD 4 374.1 million (higher by 25.0 percent). The CIS countries accounted for 17.7 percent of the overall trade deficit in the corresponding period.

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

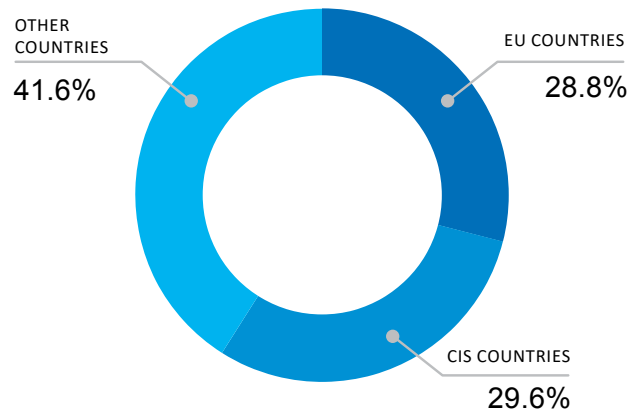
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**GEORGIAN EXPORT BY COUNTRY GROUPS IN 2018\***



**GEORGIAN IMPORT BY COUNTRY GROUPS IN 2018\***



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In 2018 the share of the top ten trading partners by exports in the total exports of Georgia amounted to 72.0 percent. The top partners were Azerbaijan (USD 502.7 million), Russia (USD 437.3 million) and Armenia (USD 284.9 million).

**TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN 2018\***

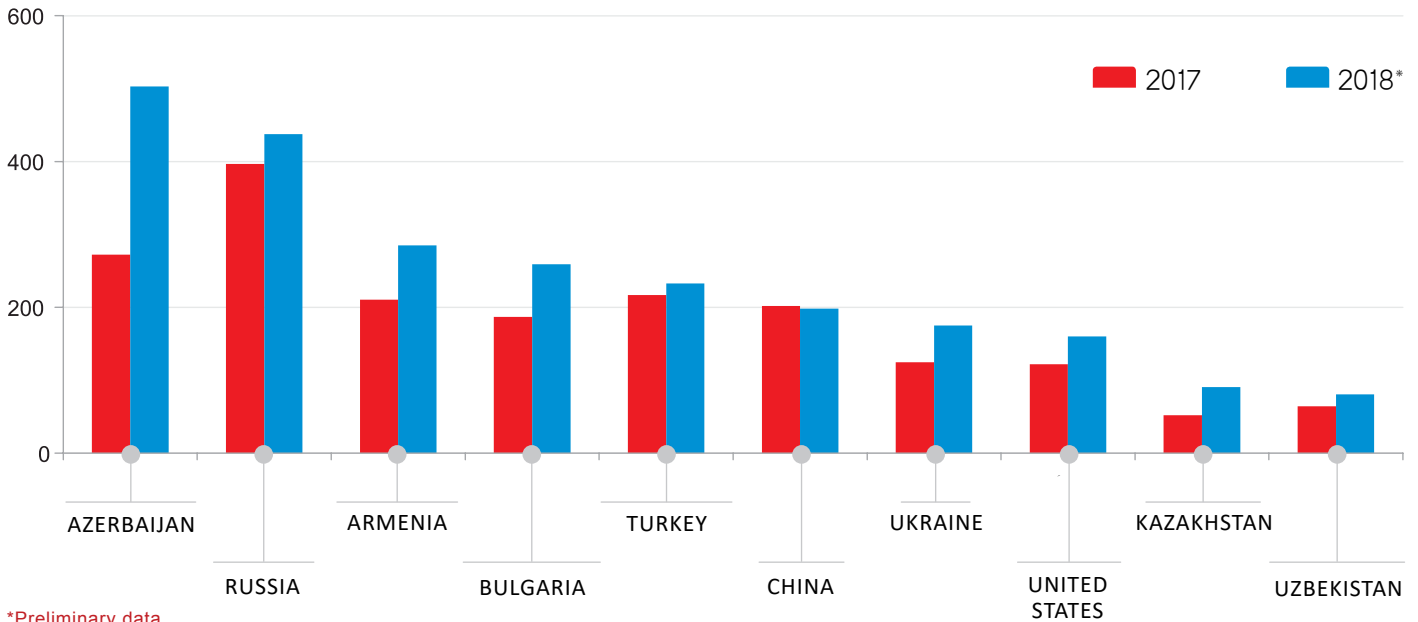
	2017		2018*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
<b>TOTAL EXPORTS</b>	2 735 486.5	100.0	3 362 082.3	100.0	22.9
Of which:					
Azerbaijan	272 149.9	9.9	502 726.7	15.0	84.7
Russia	396 672.0	14.5	437 303.5	13.0	10.2
Armenia	210 276.6	7.7	284 949.5	8.5	35.5
Bulgaria	186 852.2	6.8	258 870.4	7.7	38.5
Turkey	216 673.6	7.9	232 714.3	6.9	7.4
China	201 701.7	7.4	198 034.3	5.9	-1.8
Ukraine	124 536.2	4.6	175 043.1	5.2	40.6
United States	121 794.2	4.5	159 961.4	4.8	31.3
Kazakhstan	51 775.2	1.9	90 802.7	2.7	75.4
Uzbekistan	64 154.5	2.3	80 487.7	2.4	25.5
Other countries	888 900.3	32.5	941 188.6	28.0	5.9

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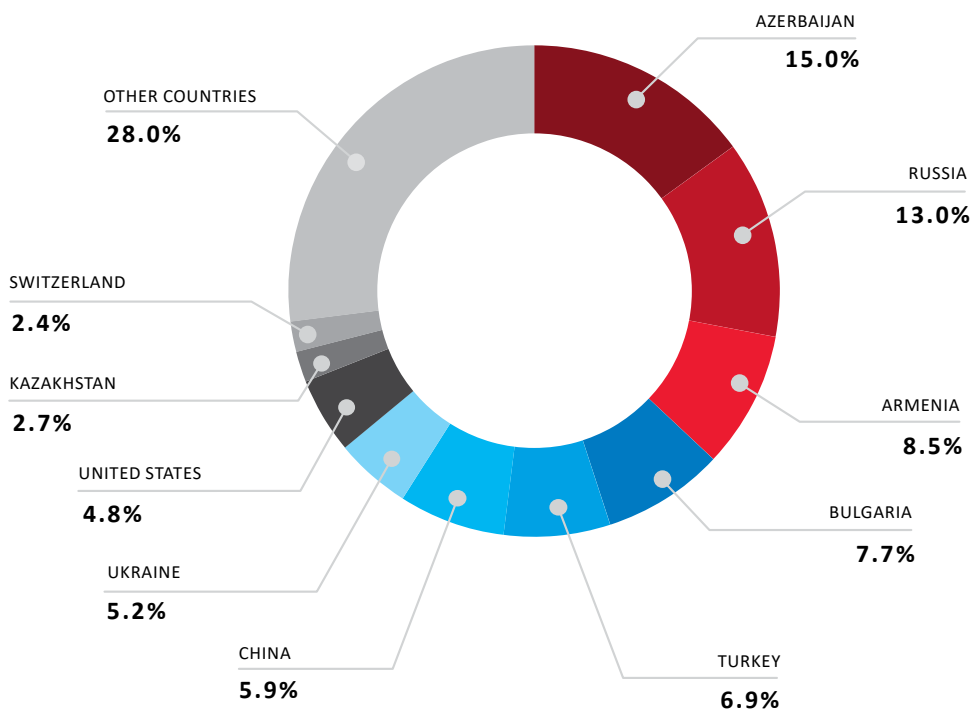
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### TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN 2017-2018 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



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### SHARE OF THE TOP TRADING PARTNERS IN TOTAL EXPORTS IN 2018\*



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In 2018 the share of the top ten trading partners by imports in the total imports of Georgia amounted to 65.4 percent. The top partners were Turkey (USD 1 470.1 million), Russia (USD 935.7 million) and China (USD 833.6 million).

### TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN 2018\*

	2017		2018*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	7 939 238.2	100.0	9 122 314.5	100.0	14.9
Of which:					
Turkey	1 373 738.9	17.3	1 470 066.0	16.1	7.0
Russia	796 654.0	10.0	935 679.6	10.3	17.5
China	732 946.3	9.2	833 609.3	9.1	13.7
Azerbaijan	553 685.5	7.0	586 063.8	6.4	5.8
Ukraine	446 035.6	5.6	515 600.4	5.7	15.6
Germany	433 532.1	5.5	430 833.6	4.7	-0.6
United States	268 235.8	3.4	359 624.7	3.9	34.1
Armenia	281 322.0	3.5	342 420.6	3.8	21.7
France	134 822.4	1.7	262 791.6	2.9	94.9
Italy	217 992.5	2.7	231 429.9	2.5	6.2
Other countries	2 700 273.2	34.0	3 154 194.9	34.6	16.8

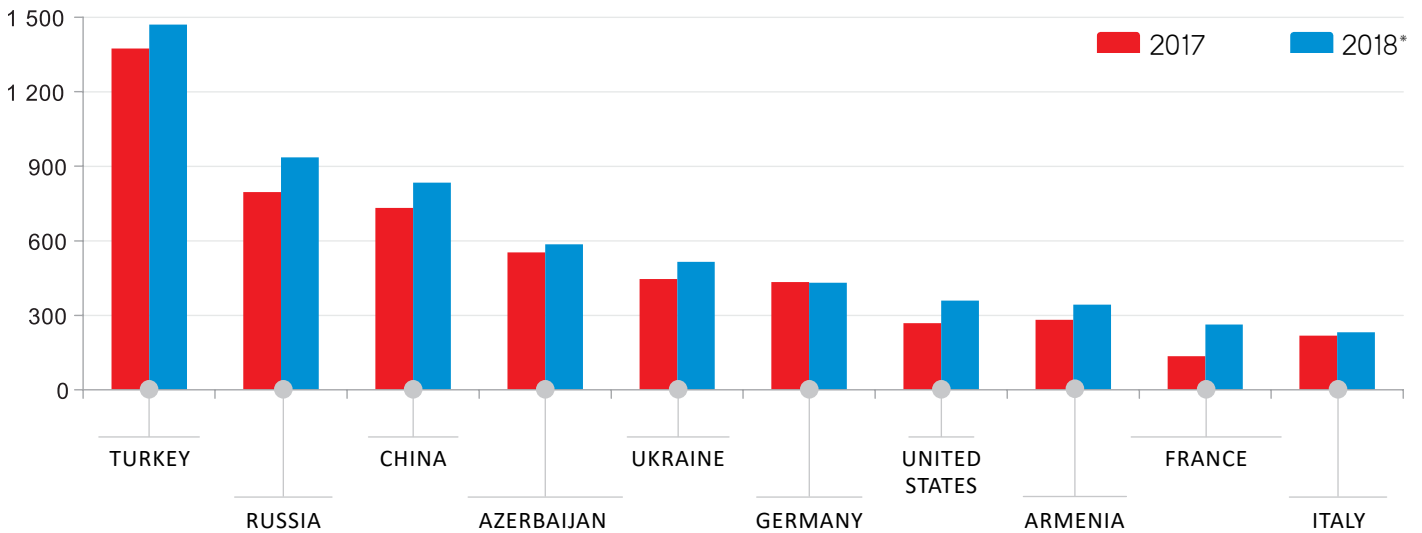
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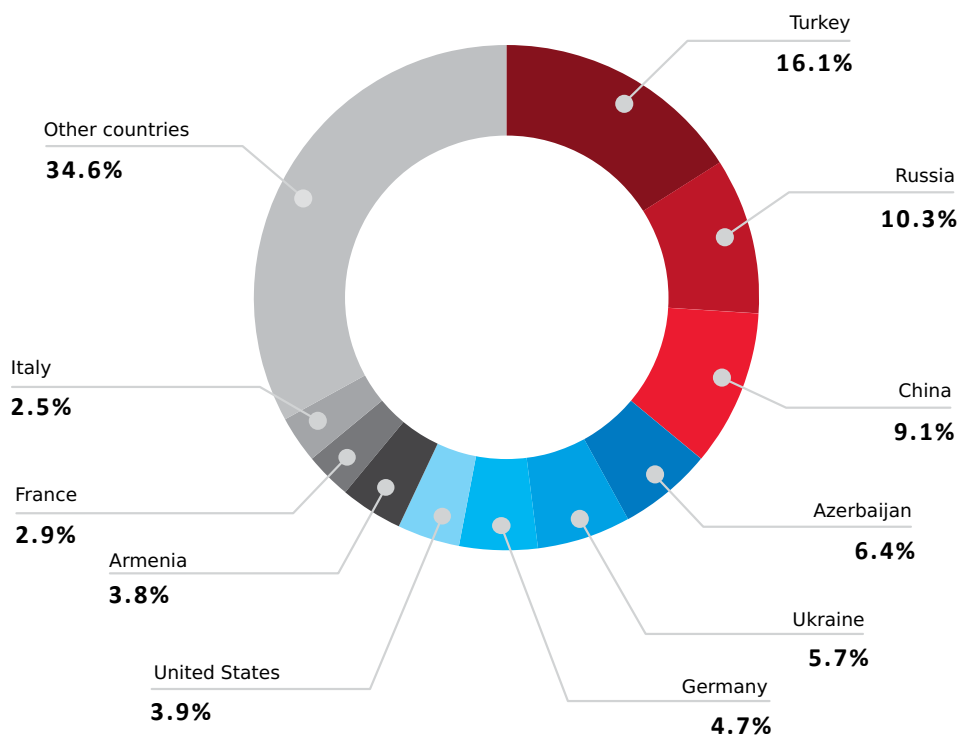
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### TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN 2017-2018 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



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### SHARE OF THE TOP TRADING PARTNERS IN TOTAL IMPORTS IN 2018\*



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In 2018 the share of the top ten trading partners in the total external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 66.2 percent. The top trading partners were Turkey (USD 1 702.8 million), Russia (USD 1 373.0 million) and Azerbaijan (USD 1 088.8 million).

### TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER IN 2018\*

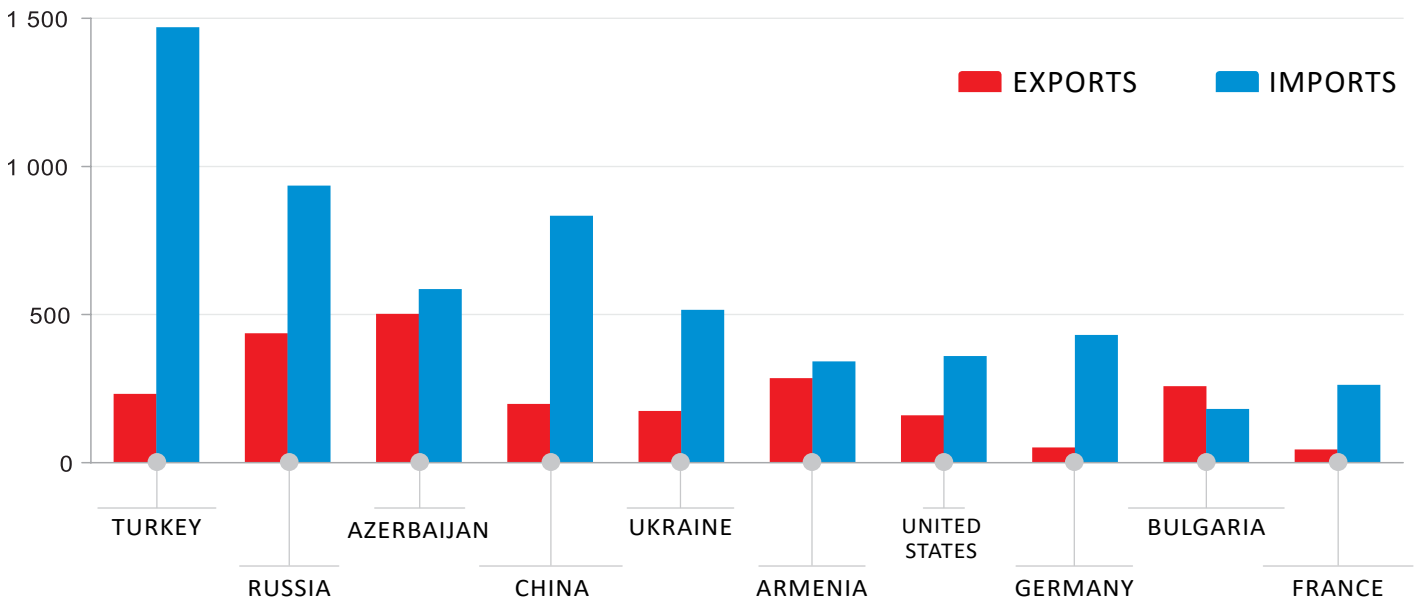
	EXPORTS		IMPORTS		TURNOVER	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	3 362 082.3	100.0	9 122 314.5	100.0	12 484 396.8	100.0
Of which:						
Turkey	232 714.3	6.9	1 470 066.0	16.1	1 702 780.3	13.6
Russia	437 303.5	13.0	935 679.6	10.3	1 372 983.2	11.0
Azerbaijan	502 726.7	15.0	586 063.8	6.4	1 088 790.5	8.7
China	198 034.3	5.9	833 609.3	9.1	1 031 643.7	8.3
Ukraine	175 043.1	5.2	515 600.4	5.7	690 643.5	5.5
Armenia	284 949.5	8.5	342 420.6	3.8	627 370.1	5.0
United States	159 961.4	4.8	359 624.7	3.9	519 586.1	4.2
Germany	51 425.1	1.5	430 833.6	4.7	482 258.8	3.9
Bulgaria	258 870.4	7.7	181 481.0	2.0	440 351.4	3.5
France	44 747.2	1.3	262 791.6	2.9	307 538.8	2.5
Other countries	1 016 306.6	30.2	3 204 143.8	35.1	4 220 450.4	33.8

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### TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER IN 2018\* (MILLION US DOLLARS)



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In 2018 copper ores and concentrates reclaimed the first place in the list of top export items, equaling USD 504.1 million, or 15.0 percent of total exports. The exports of motor cars totaled USD 408.9 million and their share in the total exports amounted to 12.2 percent. The ferroalloys exports occupied the third place standing at USD 352.6 million and constituting 10.5 percent of the total exports.

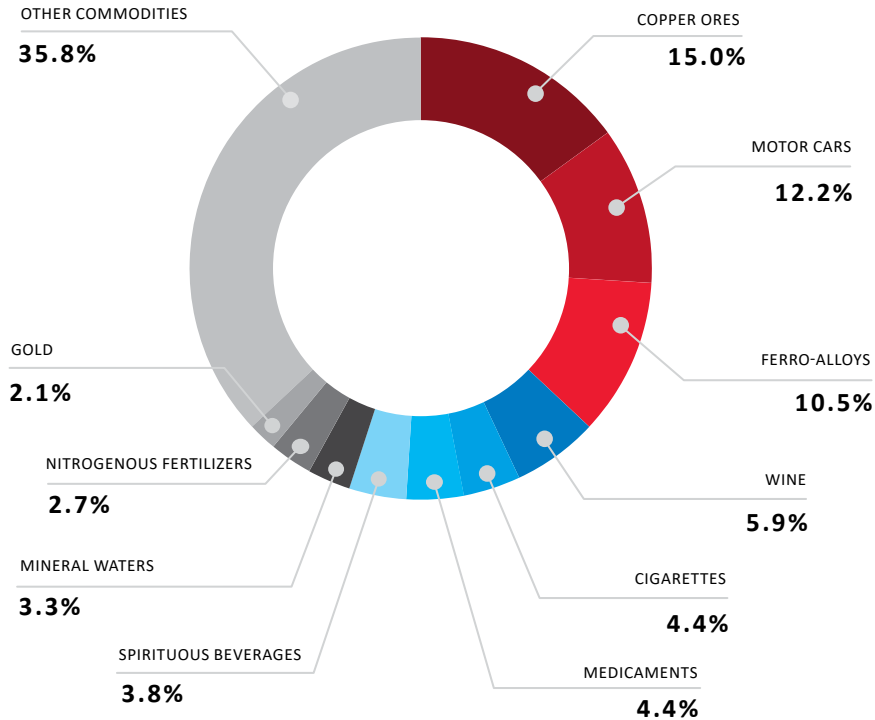
### MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY EXPORTS

	2017		2018*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
<b>TOTAL EXPORTS</b>	2 735 486.5	100.0	3 362 082.3	100.0	22.9
Of which:					
Copper ores and concentrates	422 488.9	15.4	504 147.5	15.0	19.3
Motor cars	234 810.4	8.6	408 936.2	12.2	74.2
Ferro-alloys	306 369.2	11.2	352 591.0	10.5	15.1
Wine of fresh grapes	171 357.3	6.3	196 945.5	5.9	14.9
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	42 328.8	1.5	148 763.1	4.4	251.4
Medicaments put up in measured doses	140 564.0	5.1	147 163.7	4.4	4.7
Spirituos beverages	126 662.0	4.6	129 075.2	3.8	1.9
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	95 776.0	3.5	110 167.5	3.3	15.0
Nitrogenous fertilizers	76 447.3	2.8	92 033.9	2.7	20.4
Gold unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms, or in powder form	70 771.2	2.6	69 809.6	2.1	-1.4
Other commodities	1 047 911.4	38.3	1 202 449.1	35.8	14.7

\*Preliminary data.

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## SHARE OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY EXPORTS IN 2018\*



\*Preliminary data.

The top import commodities in 2018 were petroleum and petroleum oils whose imports equaled USD 863.9 million (9.5 percent of the total imports). The motor cars followed in the list with USD 598.2 million, or 6.6 percent of imports. The copper ores and concentrates were third in the top import commodity list with USD 396.7 million (4.3 percent of imports).

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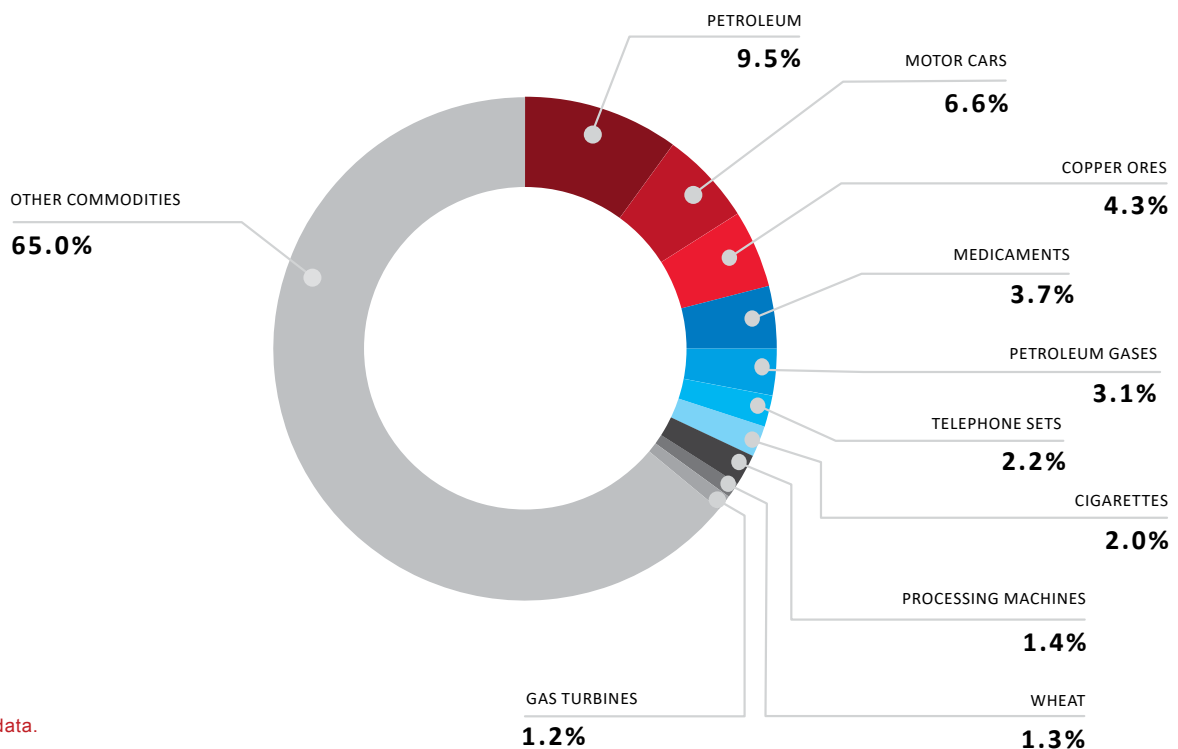
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### MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY IMPORTS

	2017		2018*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	7 939 238.2	100.0	9 122 314.5	100.0	14.9
Of which:					
Petroleum and petroleum oils	697 171.5	8.8	863 898.1	9.5	23.9
Motor cars	476 559.3	6.0	598 189.9	6.6	25.5
Copper ores and concentrates	338 386.6	4.3	396 699.9	4.3	17.2
Medicaments put up in measured doses	344 758.4	4.3	338 589.5	3.7	-1.8
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	303 112.8	3.8	283 899.6	3.1	-6.3
Telephone sets	204 847.6	2.6	197 965.5	2.2	-3.4
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	102 564.2	1.3	186 840.3	2.0	82.2
Automatic data processing machines and units thereof	97 689.4	1.2	126 644.2	1.4	29.6
Wheat and meslin	98 175.0	1.2	114 911.9	1.3	17.0
Gas turbines	11 229.6	0.1	83 791.3	0.9	646.2
Other commodities	5 264 743.7	66.3	5 930 884.0	65.0	12.7

\*Preliminary data.

### SHARE OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY IMPORTS IN 2018\*



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### TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER



#### TURKEY

#### EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO TURKEY

	2017		2018*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
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<b>TOTAL EXPORTS</b>	216 673.6		232 714.3	
Of which:				
T-shirts knitted	42 955.7	1 585.4	40 528.2	1 752.5
Ferro-alloys	24 522.9	21 813.8	32 519.1	27 238.2
Semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel	26 653.6	65 477.3	22 573.8	47 534.2
Copper ores and concentrates	-	-	18 485.9	13 564.2
Electrical energy	11 986.0	...	13 782.7	...
Other commodities	110 555.4		104 824.5	

\*Preliminary data.

#### IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM TURKEY

	2017		2018*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
 >> 				
<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	1 373 738.9		1 470 066.0	
Of which:				
Medicaments put up in measured doses	66 702.7	817.8	60 344.1	849.1
Other tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of iron or steel	46 373.9	65 790.1	49 082.0	62 083.9
Motor cars (unit)	31 857.6	1 361	44 009.1	1 751
Structures of iron or steel	37 606.9	19 904.1	36 952.3	20 920.9
Insulated wire, cable and other insulated electric conductors	27 068.9	6 280.2	31 193.9	7 530.6
Other commodities	1 164 128.9		1 248 484.6	



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### RUSSIA

#### EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO RUSSIA

	2017		2018*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
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<b>TOTAL EXPORTS</b>	396 672.0		437 303.5	
Of which:				
Ferro-alloys	128 416.4	109 204.5	128 440.5	111 219.1
Wine of fresh grapes	98 926.9	35 986.3	114 541.4	38 759.6
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	45 597.9	67 357.3	50 191.5	73 643.1
Spirituous beverages	22 699.3	6 535.7	21 316.7	5 071.9
Centrifuges	2 886.9	9.9	15 866.9	20.7
Other commodities	98 144.6		106 946.5	

\*Preliminary data.

#### IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM RUSSIA

	2017		2018*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
 >> 				
<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	796 654.0		935 679.6	
Of which:				
Petroleum and petroleum oils	134 682.1	237 526.7	198 655.9	301 538.7
Wheat and meslin	97 723.2	513 002.1	95 776.0	482 395.2
Coke and semi-coke of coal	15 178.5	58 953.1	38 900.8	142 492.0
Sunflower-seed oil	29 007.1	32 316.7	33 542.6	37 345.1
Telephones	37 350.2	76.0	30 085.4	30.9
Other commodities	482 712.8		538 719.0	

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### AZERBAIJAN

#### EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO AZERBAIJAN



	2017		2018*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
<b>TOTAL EXPORTS</b>	272 149.9		502 726.7	
Of which:				
Motor cars (unit)	88 118.9	4 548	190 284.2	13 047
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	24 486.5	1 162.0	98 879.4	5 386.4
Medicaments put up in measured doses	22 310.3	2 196.8	32 817.9	2 171.2
Live bovine animals	9 815.8	6 105.5	15 231.5	8 371.8
Waters, mineral and aerated waters, containing added sugar	6 058.2	8 515.7	11 465.1	16 755.4
Other commodities	121 360.1		154 048.6	

\*Preliminary data.

#### IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM AZERBAIJAN



	2017		2018*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	553 685.5		586 063.8	
Of which:				
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	261 868.7	1 511 098.4	266 687.8	1 643 328.5
Petroleum and petroleum oils	112 524.5	230 846.3	109 971.4	181 024.9
Electrical energy	47 115.3	...	63 446.5	...
Cement	15 292.3	318 905.5	18 471.2	347 341.0
Copper ores and concentrates	20 730.6	9 628.6	12 729.4	5 753.4
Other commodities	96 154.0		114 757.5	

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### EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE

	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE MIL. US DOLLARS
<b>NEGATIVE TRADE BALANCE</b>		
2017	98	5 441.4
2018*	100	6 069.5
<b>POSITIVE TRADE BALANCE</b>		
2017	42	237.6
2018*	47	309.3
<b>TOTAL</b>		
2017	140	5 203.8
2018*	147	5 760.2

\*Preliminary data.

- Sources:**
-  LEPL Revenue Service of Ministry of Finance of Georgia;
  -  LEPL Service Agency of Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia;
  -  Georgian State Electric System, JSC;
  -  Electricity System Commercial Operator, JSC;
  -  Georgian Gas Transportation Company, LTD.

**Explanation of symbols:**

- Not applicable;
- \* Data are preliminary and subject to revisions;
- ... Data are confidential
- 0.0 Negligible magnitude

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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. Data for 2011-2014 are updated by the data of Special Customs Declarations;
3. Information does not cover the data of Simplified Customs Declarations (Form №4);
4. Information does not cover non-organized trade, also occupied territories of Abkhazian Autonomous Republic and Tskhinvali region;
5. 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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