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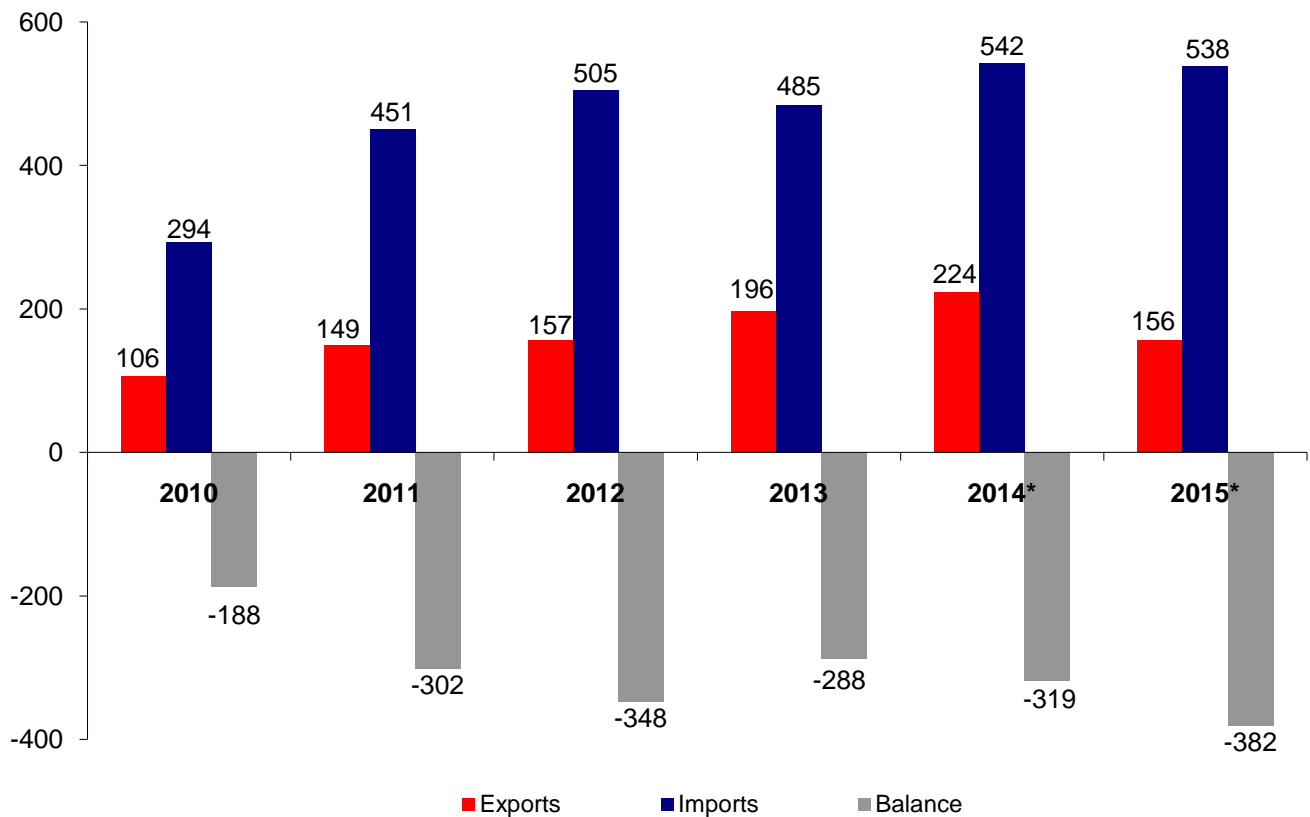
External Trade of Georgia in January 2015

(Preliminary)

In January 2015 preliminary external merchandise trade (excluding non-organized trade) in Georgia amounted to USD 694 million (preliminary data), 9 percent lower month-on-month. The exports equaled USD 156 million (30 percent lower), while the imports stood at USD 538 million (1 percent lower). The negative trade balance was USD 382 million in January 2015 and its share in external trade turnover constituted 55 percent.

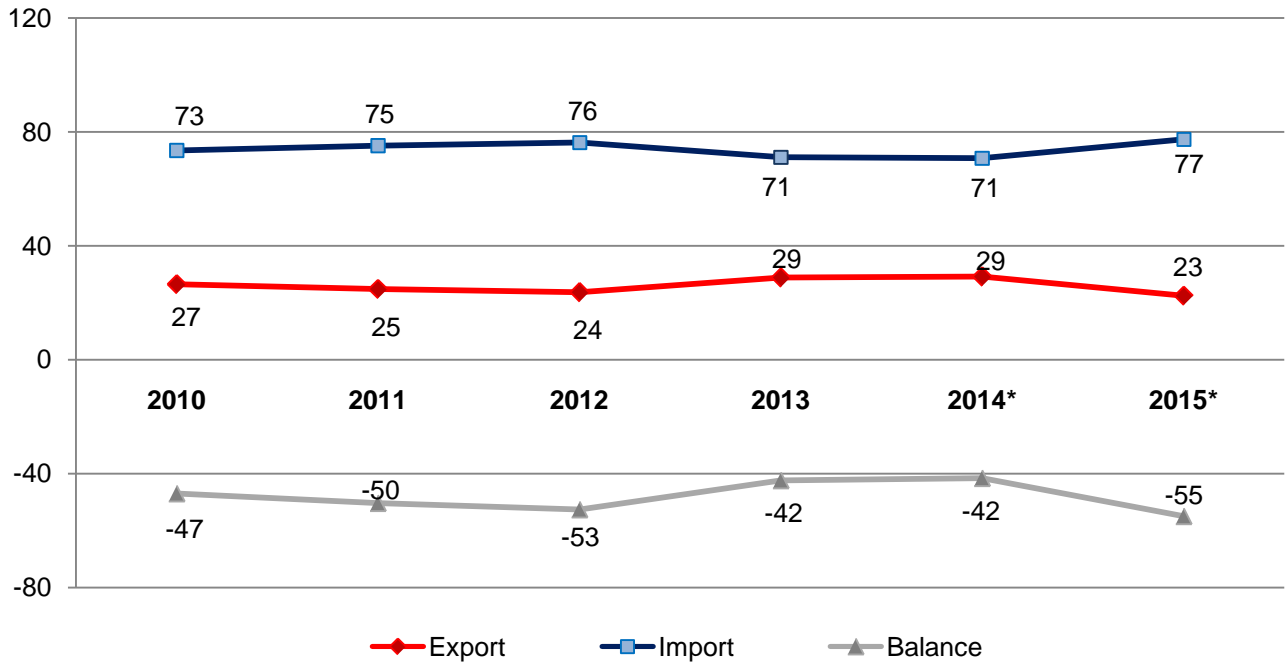
The charts below reflect basic trends of the external trade of Georgia for 2010-2015:

**General data on external trade of Georgia in
January 2010-2015
(Million US Dollars)**



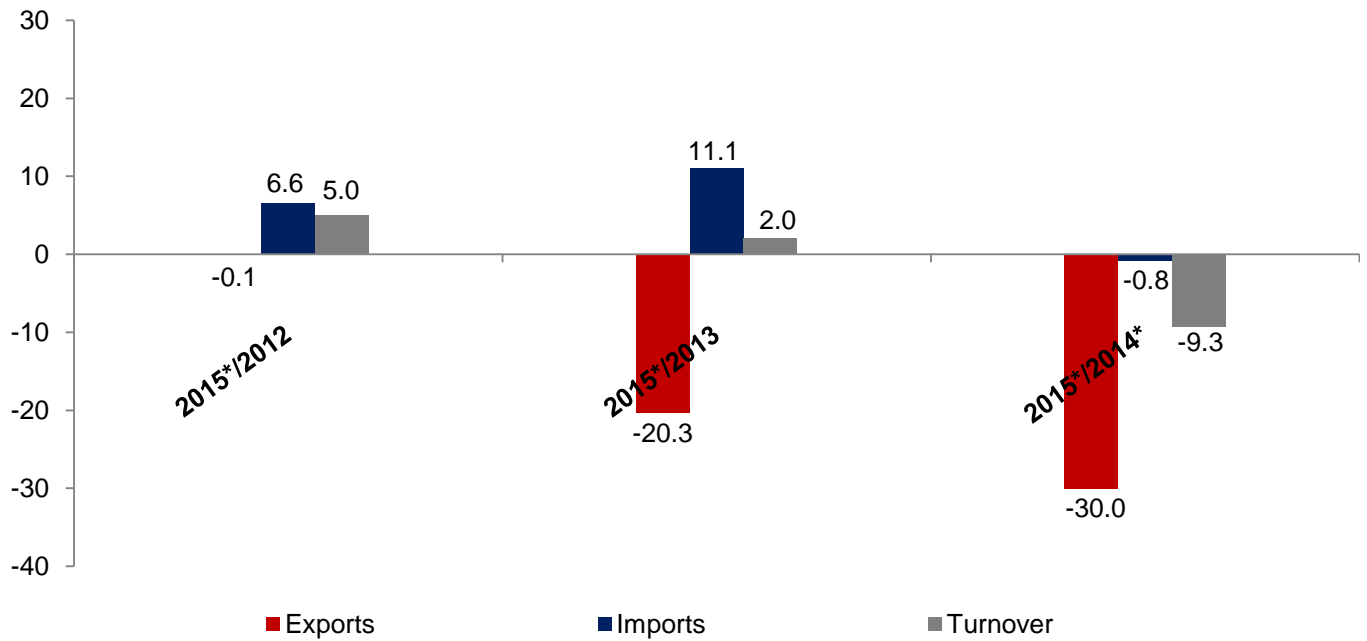
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**Share of external trade indicators in turnover
January 2010-2015 (%)**



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Percentage changes in January 2015 compared to the same period of the previous years (%)



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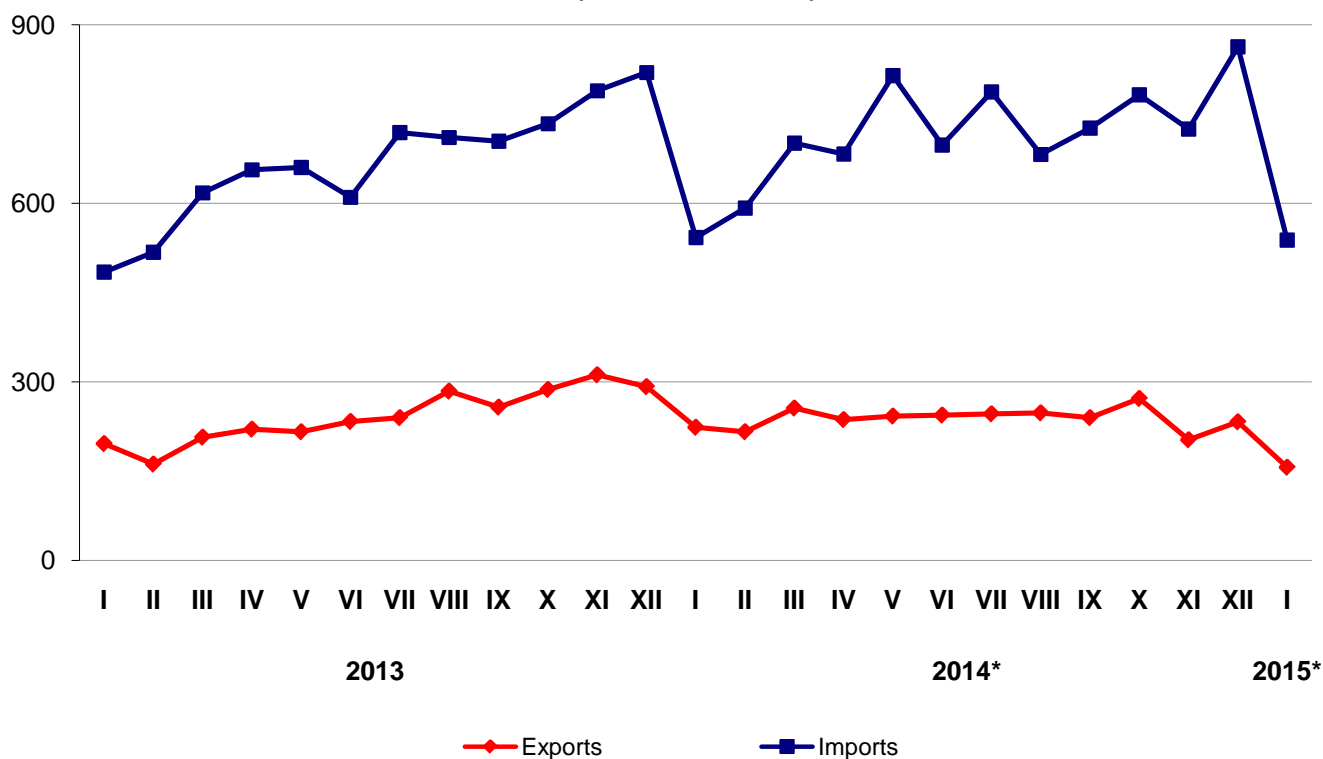
The table below shows monthly data for 2014-2015 exports and imports in absolute indicators and their change (in percentage) compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

Exports and imports of Georgia

		Exports		Imports	
		Thsd. US Dollars	Changes m-o-m (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Changes m-o-m (%)
2014*	January	223 508,3	13,9	542 427,3	12,0
	February	216 056,4	33,3	591 950,4	14,3
	March	256 202,0	23,7	701 034,2	13,4
	April	236 606,2	7,4	682 943,0	4,0
	May	242 506,1	12,3	814 368,2	23,4
	June	244 083,5	4,5	697 796,0	14,3
	July	246 465,5	2,7	787 009,1	9,5
	August	247 769,8	-12,8	682 549,9	-4,0
	September	239 731,2	-7,0	726 341,0	3,1
	October	272 322,2	-5,1	782 290,9	6,6
	November	202 926,7	-34,9	724 680,1	-8,2
	December	233 013,0	-20,3	862 896,3	5,2
2015*	January	156 417,4	-30,0	538 050,7	-0,8

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Exports and imports dynamics by months, 2013-2015
(Million US Dollars)

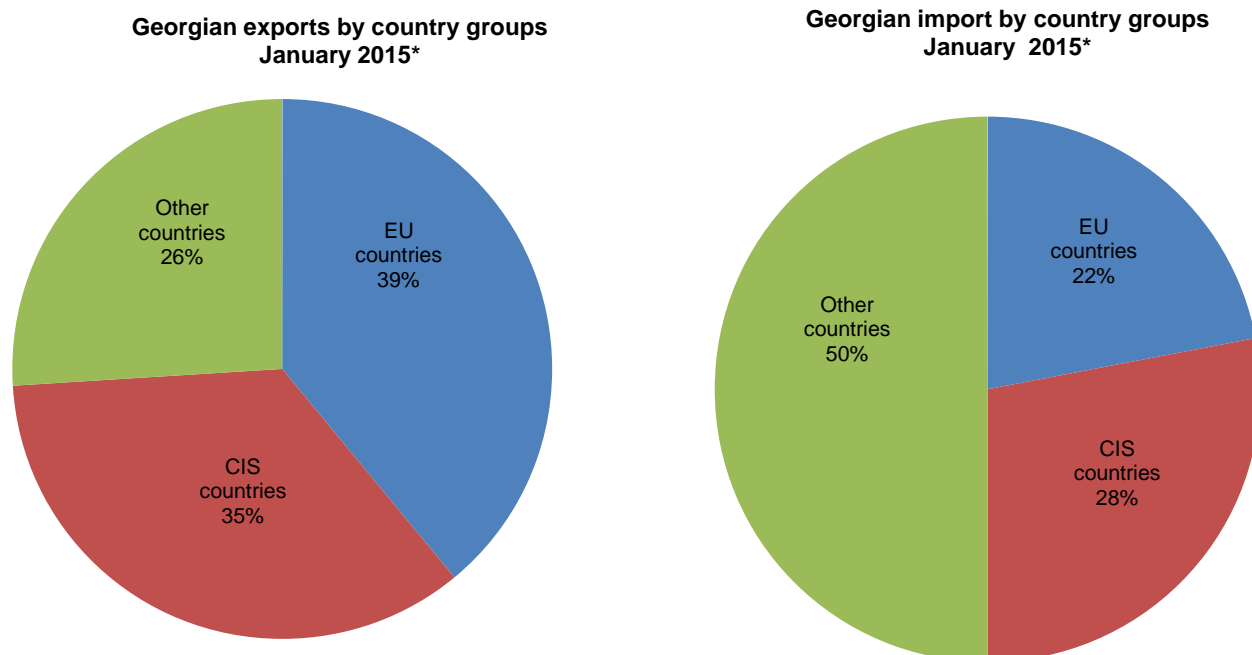


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In January 2015 the external trade of Georgia with the EU countries amounted to USD 182 million, up by 5 percent compared to the corresponding indicator of the previous year. Exports amounted to USD 61 million (35 percent higher), while import amounted to USD 120 million (5 percent lower). The share of these countries in the external trade of Georgia amounted to 26 percent, 39 percent in exports and 22 percent in imports (in January 2014 23, 20 and 23 percent correspondingly). 15 percent of the trade deficit came to the EU countries (26 percent in January 2014).

In January 2015 the external trade of Georgia with the CIS countries totaled USD 206 million (lower by 22 percent compared to January 2014). Exports stood at USD 55 million (51 percent lower), while imports equaled USD 151 million (1 percent lower). The share of the CIS countries in the external trade of Georgia constituted 30 percent, 35 percent in exports and 28 percent in imports (In January 2014 35, 51 and 28 percent, respectively). In January 2015, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, CIS countries accounted for 25 percent of the overall trade deficit (12 percent in January 2014).

The diagram below shows the share of the exports and of imports Georgia.



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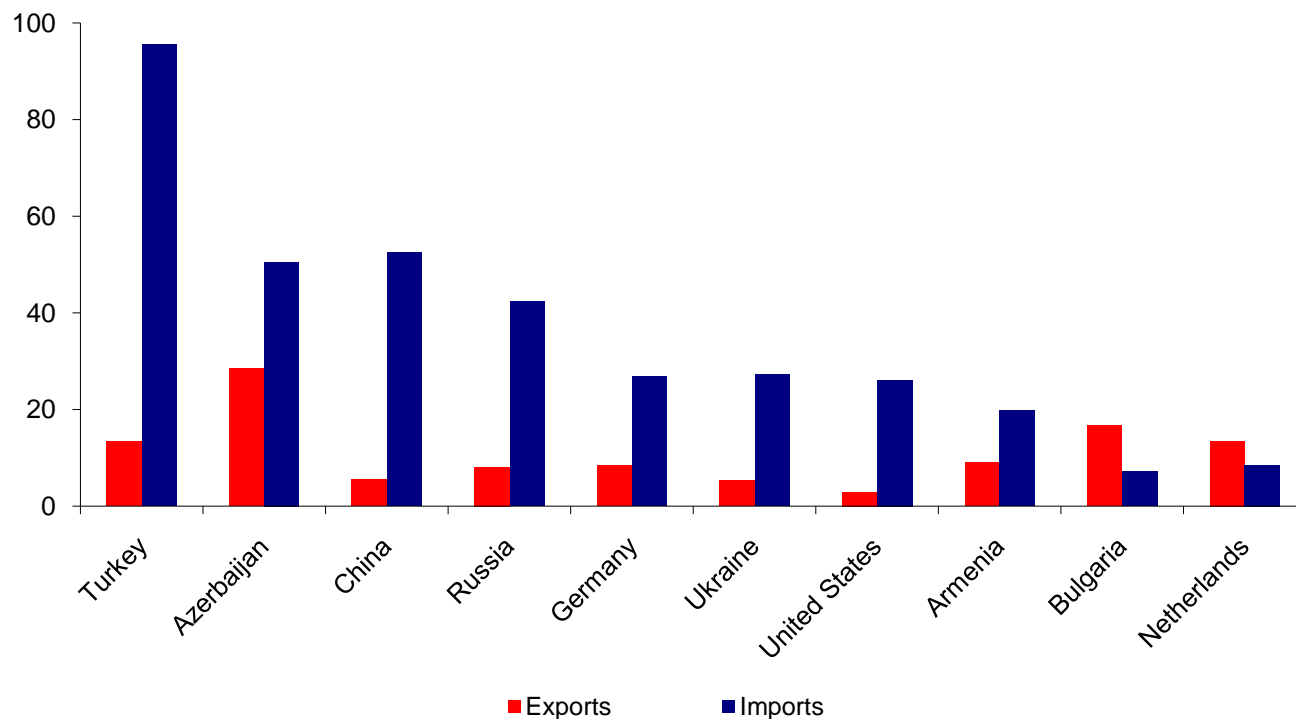
In January 2015 share of the top ten trading partners in the total external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 67 percent. The top trading partners were Turkey (USD 109 million), Azerbaijan (USD 79 million) and China (USD 58 million).

Top trading partners by turnover in January 2015*

	Exports		Imports		Turnover	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total	156 417,4	100,0	538 050,7	100,0	694 468,2	100,0
of which:						
Turkey	13 422,9	8,6	95 475,6	17,7	108 898,5	15,7
Azerbaijan	28 490,2	18,2	50 554,0	9,4	79 044,2	11,4
China	5 514,8	3,5	52 455,9	9,7	57 970,7	8,3
Russia	8 052,1	5,1	42 358,2	7,9	50 410,4	7,3
Germany	8 512,5	5,4	26 907,9	5,0	35 420,4	5,1
Ukraine	5 273,9	3,4	27 296,9	5,1	32 570,9	4,7
United States	2 907,6	1,9	26 068,3	4,8	28 975,9	4,2
Armenia	9 078,0	5,8	19 775,3	3,7	28 853,3	4,2
Bulgaria	16 717,7	10,7	7 239,8	1,3	23 957,5	3,4
Netherlands	13 503,6	8,6	8 522,7	1,6	22 026,3	3,2
Other countries	44 944,1	28,7	181 396,1	33,7	226 340,2	32,6

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Top trading partners by turnover in January 2015* (Million US Dollars)



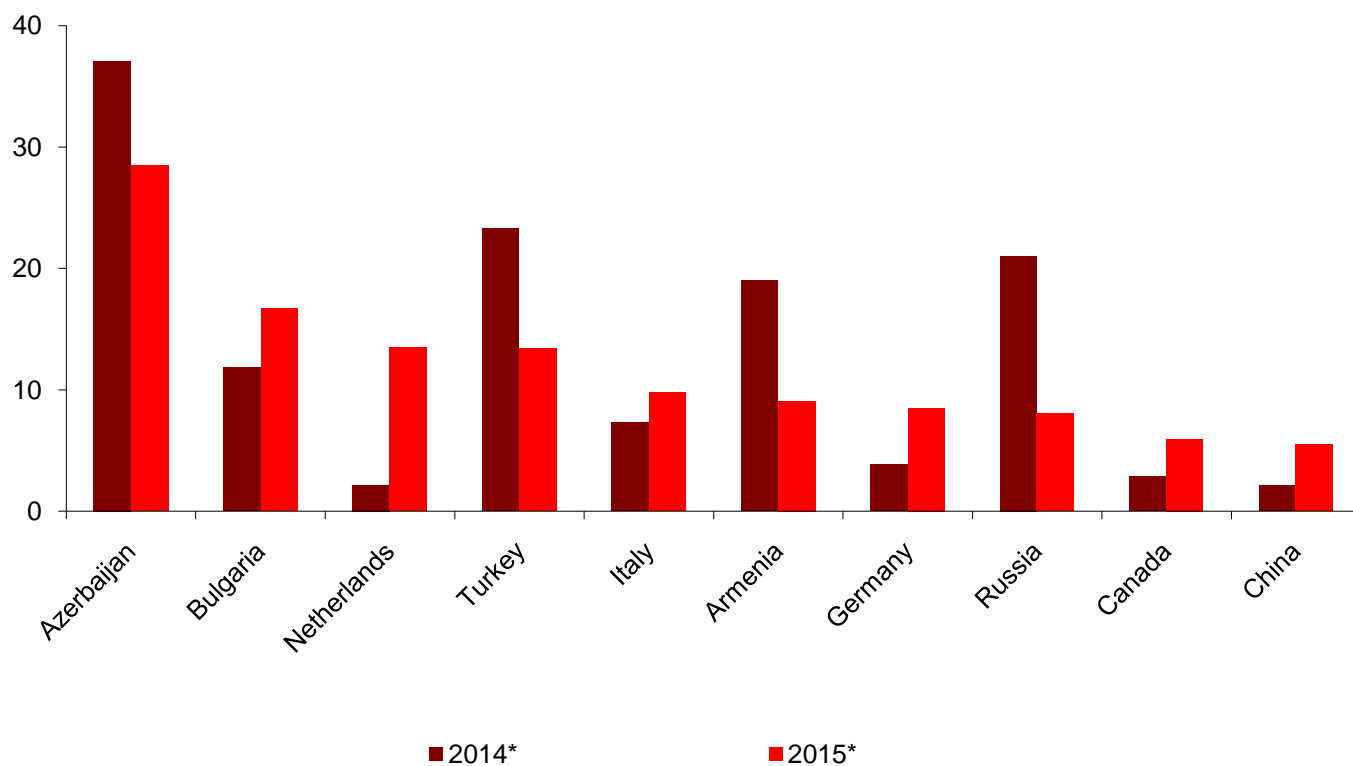
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Top trading partners by exports in January 2015

	January 2014*		January 2015*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Exports	223 508,3	100,0	156 417,4	100,0
Of which:				
Azerbaijan	37 086,7	16,6	28 490,2	18,2
Bulgaria	11 874,2	5,3	16 717,7	10,7
Netherlands	2 167,1	1,0	13 503,6	8,6
Turkey	23 275,0	10,4	13 422,9	8,6
Italy	7 317,6	3,3	9 738,6	6,2
Armenia	19 006,4	8,5	9 078,0	5,8
Germany	3 815,8	1,7	8 512,5	5,4
Russia	21 048,0	9,4	8 052,1	5,1
Canada	2 868,3	1,3	5 945,3	3,8
China	2 099,5	0,9	5 514,8	3,5
Other countries	92 949,6	41,6	37 441,7	23,9

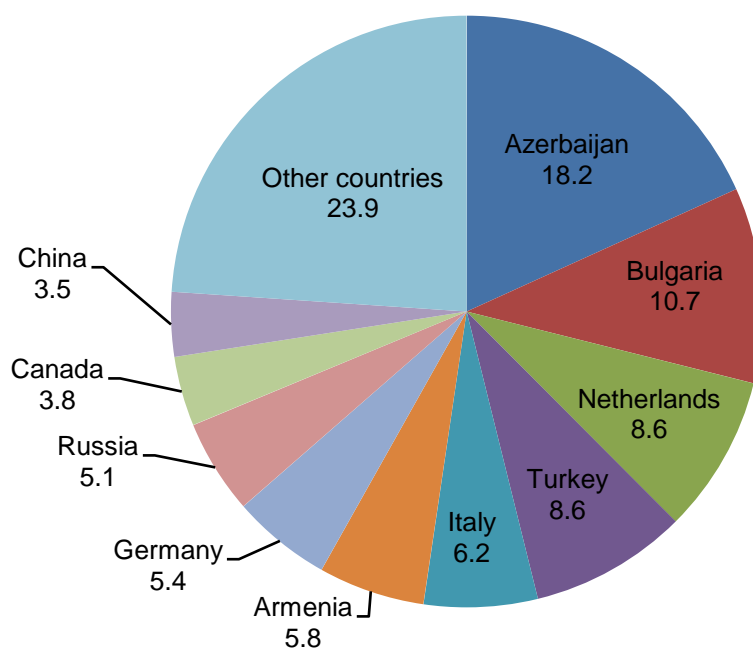
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Top trading partners by exports in January 2014-2015 (Million US Dollars)



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Share of the top trading partners in total exports in January 2015* (%)



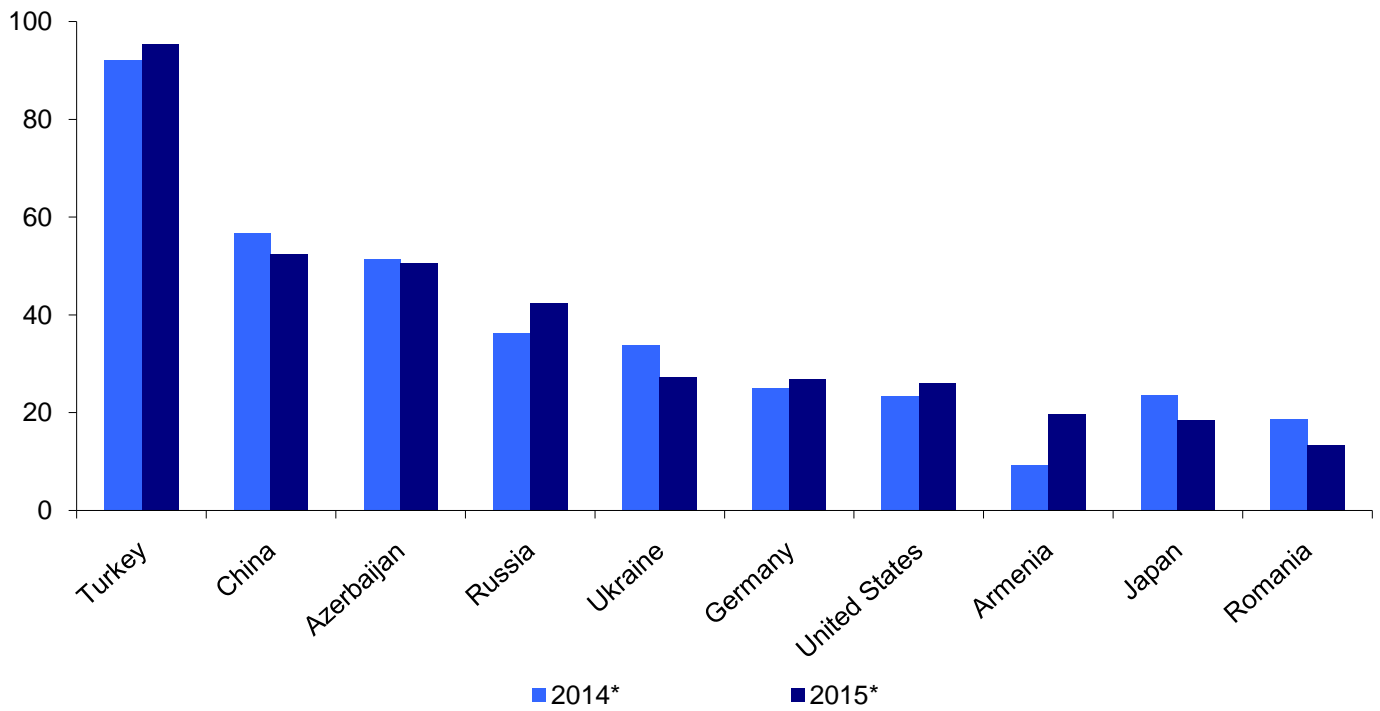
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Top trading partners by imports in January 2015

	January 2014*		January 2015*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Imports	542 427,3	100,0	538 050,7	100,0
Of which:				
Turkey	92 092,0	17,0	95 475,6	17,7
China	56 774,7	10,5	52 455,9	9,7
Azerbaijan	51 354,8	9,5	50 554,0	9,4
Russia	36 286,9	6,7	42 358,2	7,9
Ukraine	33 788,7	6,2	27 296,9	5,1
Germany	25 066,5	4,6	26 907,9	5,0
United States	23 369,4	4,3	26 068,3	4,8
Armenia	9 292,5	1,7	19 775,3	3,7
Japan	23 531,0	4,3	18 514,6	3,4
Romania	18 628,0	3,4	13 502,8	2,5
Other countries	172 242,8	31,8	165 141,2	30,7

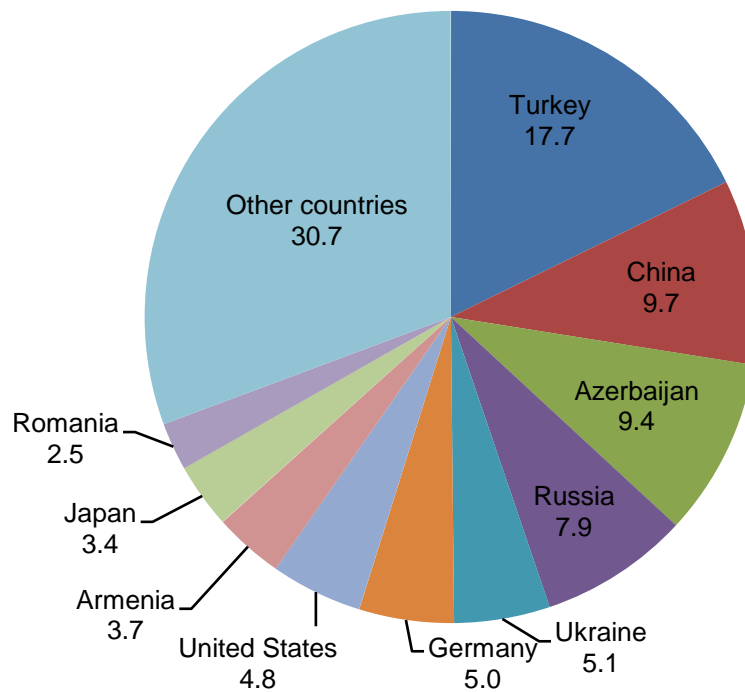
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**Top trading partners by imports in January 2014-2015
(Million US Dollars)**



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**Share of the top trading partners in total imports in January 2015*
(%)**



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Major commodity groups by exports and imports

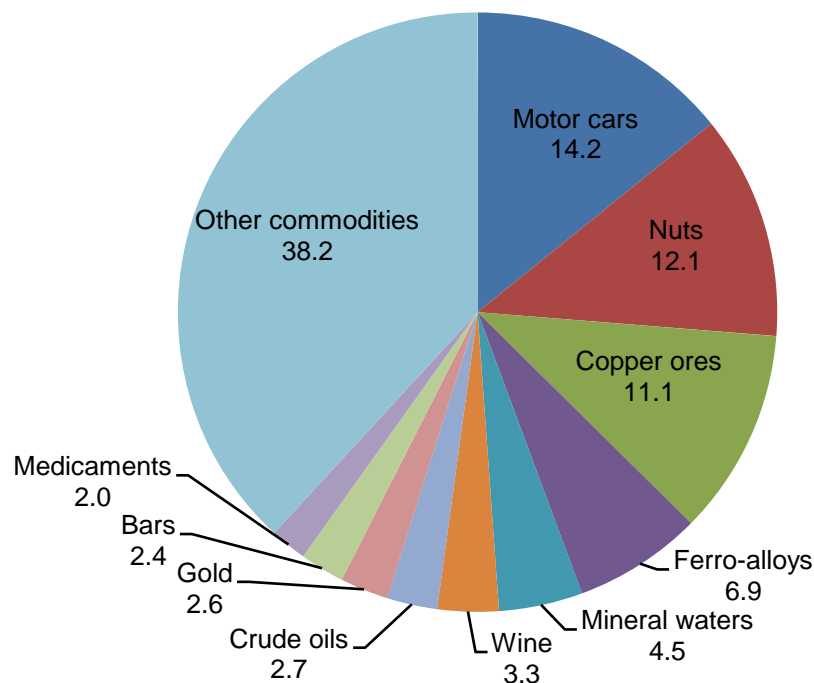
In January 2015 motor cars reclaimed the first place in the list of top export items, equaling USD 22 million, or 14 percent of total exports. Exports of other nuts, fresh or dried totaled USD 19 million, and its share in the total exports amounted to 12 percent. Copper ores and concentrates occupied the third place. Exports of this commodity group stood at USD 17 million and 11 percent of the total exports.

Major commodity groups by exports

	January 2014*		January 2015*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Exports	223 508,3	100,0	156 417,4	100,0
Of which:				
Motor cars	43 356,6	19,4	22 203,6	14,2
Other nuts, fresh or dried	9 416,4	4,2	18 903,2	12,1
Copper ores and concentrates	7 930,6	3,5	17 402,3	11,1
Ferro-alloys	31 865,8	14,3	10 831,8	6,9
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	9 672,3	4,3	7 070,7	4,5
Wine of fresh grapes	14 814,2	6,6	5 157,9	3,3
Crude petroleum and petroleum oils	3 162,2	1,4	4 264,7	2,7
Gold unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms	3 080,5	1,4	4 064,8	2,6
Bars and rods of iron	2 638,3	1,2	3 745,0	2,4
Medicaments	3 646,4	1,6	3 084,0	2,0
Other commodities	93 925,1	42,0	59 689,4	38,2

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Share of major commodity groups by exports in January 2015* (%)



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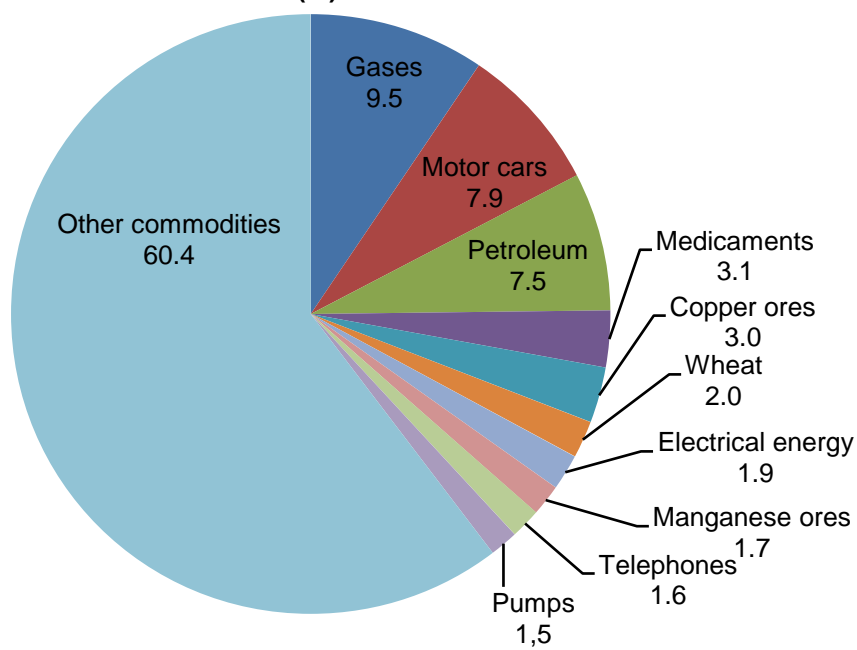
The top import commodity in January 2015 were Petroleum gases and other gaseous, imports of which amounted to USD 51 million and 10 percent of the total imports. Motor cars commodity group followed in the list with USD 42 million, or 8 percent of imports. Petroleum and petroleum oils came third with USD 40 million (8 percent of imports).

Major commodity groups by imports

	January 2014*		January 2015*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Imports	542 427,3	100,0	538 050,7	100,0
Of which:				
Petroleum gases and other gaseous	49 596,3	9,1	50 900,7	9,5
Motor cars	47 680,7	8,8	42 406,3	7,9
Petroleum and petroleum oils	42 944,7	7,9	40 105,5	7,5
Medicaments	12 425,7	2,3	16 488,9	3,1
Copper ores and concentrates	6 359,8	1,2	16 206,2	3,0
Wheat	15 798,3	2,9	10 779,8	2,0
Electrical energy	7 983,8	1,5	10 400,4	1,9
Manganese ores and concentrates	546,6	0,1	9 033,2	1,7
Telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks	11 704,4	2,2	8 793,0	1,6
Air or vacuum pumps	2 147,1	0,4	8 099,8	1,5
Other commodities	345 239,9	63,6	324 836,9	60,4

*Preliminary data.

Share of major commodity groups by imports in January 2015* (%)



*Preliminary data.

Top trading partners by turnover

TURKEY

Exports of major commodity groups to Turkey

	January 2014*		January 2015*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Exports	23 275,0		13 422,9	
Of which:				
Fish, fresh or chilled	1 003,0	2 493,3	2 695,3	7 061,5
T-shirts knitted	2 328,7	71,7	2 243,7	81,5
Semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel	3 924,6	8 124,9	1 535,2	3 743,6
Other nuts, fresh or dried	124,0	20,0	805,0	67,3
Flours, meals and pellets, unfit for human consumption	-	-	687,8	419,1
Other commodities	15 894,7		5 455,9	

*Preliminary data.

Imports of major commodity groups from Turkey

	January 2014*		January 2015*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Imports	92 092,0		95 475,6	
Of which:				
Medicaments	1 325,5	0,7	5 943,4	1,5
Tubes and pipes of iron	1 584,2	15,4	5 100,8	39,5
Sanitary goods and similar articles	3 348,6	8,6	3 436,6	9,9
Structures and parts of structures of iron or steel	2 426,1	8,1	3 289,9	11,3
Taps, cocks, valves and similar appliances for pipes	319,0	0,2	2 864,1	0,6
Other commodities	83 088,6		74 840,8	

*Preliminary data.

AZERBAIJAN

Exports of major commodity groups to Azerbaijan

	January 2014*		January 2015*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Exports	37 086,7		28 490,2	
Of which:				
Motor cars (units)	20 352,5	2381	13 681,0	671
Bars and rods of iron	2 356,7	367,3	3 745,0	486,0
Automatic data processing machines	0,8	0,0	1 555,2	4,7
Self-propelled railway or tramway coaches (units)	-	-	1 406,7	5
Live bovine animals	2 553,3	100,1	795,6	36,4
Other commodities	11 823,4		7 306,7	

*Preliminary data.

Imports of major commodity groups from Azerbaijan

	January 2014*		January 2015*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Imports	51 354,8		50 554,0	
Of which:				
Petroleum gases and other gaseous	43 166,7	24 474,3	35 680,5	56 779,5
Petroleum and petroleum oils	2 594,5	444,6	6 666,6	763,5
Electrical energy (Thsd. kilowatt-hours)	-	-	3 330,9	51 245
Boards, panels and other bases for electrical apparatus	0,1	0,0	1 743,5	7,5
Gypsum; anhydrite; plasters	992,2	835,7	906,7	731,3
Other commodities	4 601,3		2 225,8	

*Preliminary data.

Exports of major commodity groups to China

	January 2014*		January 2015*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Exports	2 099,5		5 514,8	
Of which:				
Copper ores and concentrates	-	-	3 444,3	2 583,0
Copper waste and scrap	2 009,5	21,3	1 433,9	14,5
Wine of fresh grapes	80,2	9,9	594,0	6,0
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	6,0	7,9	11,0	8,5
Waters, mineral and aerated waters, containing added sugar	3,8	4,8	9,0	22,7
Other commodities	-		22,7	

*Preliminary data.

Imports of major commodity groups from China

	January 2014*		January 2015*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total imports	56 774,7		52 455,9	
Of which:				
Automatic data processing machines	1 080,6	0,6	2 120,8	1,0
Other furniture and parts thereof	1 136,4	6,4	1 770,1	5,4
Transmission apparatus for radio-telephony, radio-telegraphy	74,8	0,1	1 657,1	1,5
Electronic integrated circuits and microassemblies	0,3	0,0	1 145,8	0,2
New pneumatic tyres, of rubber	1 088,2	9,9	1 074,9	9,9
Other commodities	53 394,4		44 687,3	

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External trade balance

	Number of countries	External trade balance Mil. US Dollars
Negative trade balance		
January 2014*	72	344,1
January 2015*	86	406,3
Positive trade balance		
January 2014*	26	25,2
January 2015*	17	24,7
Total		
January 2014*	98	318,9
January 2015*	103	381,6

*Preliminary data.

Georgian external trade by countries in January 2015* (Thsd. US Dollars)

	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance
External trade – Total	156 417,4	538 050,7	-381 633,3
Of which:			
EU countries	61 407,2	120 195,9	-58 788,6
Austria	59,1	5 433,5	-5 374,5
Belgium	2 986,4	4 110,5	-1 124,1
Bulgaria	16 717,7	7 239,8	9 477,9
Cyprus	-	923,2	-923,2
Czech Republic	228,3	2 369,6	-2 141,3
Denmark	7,6	795,6	-788,0
Estonia	332,5	278,2	54,3
Finland	180,0	1 095,8	-915,8
France	499,7	5 658,2	-5 158,5
Germany	8 512,5	26 907,9	-18 395,4
Greece	1 100,3	6 280,0	-5 179,7
Hungary	55,1	2 964,8	-2 909,7
Ireland	-	428,4	-428,4
Italy	9 738,6	8 176,8	1 561,8
Latvia	390,6	2 683,1	-2 292,5
Lithuania	1 772,2	2 339,4	-567,1
Luxembourg	-	38,2	-38,2
Netherlands	13 503,6	8 522,7	4 980,9
Poland	669,2	6 579,2	-5 910,0
Portugal	119,8	327,8	-208,0
Romania	2,9	13 502,8	-13 499,9
Slovakia	1 312,9	1 412,9	-100,0
Slovenia	-	614,8	-614,8
Spain	1 772,2	6 215,0	-4 442,8
Sweden	49,6	423,6	-374,0
United Kingdom	1 396,4	4 874,2	-3 477,7

	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance
CIS countries	55 448,6	151 008,3	-95 559,7
Armenia	9 078,0	19 775,3	-10 697,3
Azerbaijan	28 490,2	50 554,0	-22 063,8
Belarus	430,1	1 127,2	-697,1
Kazakhstan	2 152,4	2 186,9	-34,5
Kyrgyzstan	348,9	136,6	212,4
Moldova	319,5	701,7	-382,2
Russia	8 052,1	42 358,2	-34 306,1
Tajikistan	295,2	-	295,2
Turkmenistan	111,6	6 407,9	-6 296,3
Ukraine	5 273,9	27 296,9	-22 023,0
Uzbekistan	896,6	463,6	433,1
Other countries	39 561,7	266 846,6	-227 284,9
Afghanistan	23,8	-	23,8
Albania	-	13,4	-13,4
Angola	547,5	-	547,5
Argentina	-	519,4	-519,4
Australia	27,1	50,3	-23,2
Bangladesh	-	21,0	-21,0
Belize	-	8,0	-8,0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	4,0	-4,0
Brazil	1 994,4	5 679,2	-3 684,8
Cambodia	4,0	-	4,0
Canada	5 945,3	1 276,0	4 669,3
Chile	213,2	561,8	-348,6
China	5 514,8	52 455,9	-46 941,1
Colombia	95,2	136,7	-41,5
Cuba	-	21,5	-21,5
Ecuador	-	2 149,2	-2 149,2
Egypt	1,1	846,7	-845,6
Faroe Islands	-	49,5	-49,5
Gabon	-	9 033,2	-9 033,2
Gibraltar	1 768,1	-	1 768,1
Guatemala	87,3	-	87,3
Hong Kong, SAR of China	38,4	5 724,8	-5 686,3
Iceland	-	44,9	-44,9
India	427,2	6 014,8	-5 587,6
Indonesia	-	1 628,1	-1 628,1
Iran	2 399,8	7 098,7	-4 698,9
Iraq	548,3	1,9	546,4
Israel	83,9	1 582,5	-1 498,6
Japan	229,0	18 514,6	-18 285,6
Kenya	-	22,9	-22,9
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	42,4	720,0	-677,6
Korea, Republic of	132,2	2 857,1	-2 725,0
Kuwait	-	0,2	-0,2
Lebanon	-	196,1	-196,1
Liechtenstein	-	36,0	-36,0
Macedonia (FYR)	-	20,6	-20,6

	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance
Malaysia	-	1 105,1	-1 105,1
Mexico	143,3	226,6	-83,3
Mongolia	45,6	-	45,6
Morocco	-	433,4	-433,4
New Zealand	-	189,7	-189,7
Nigeria	-	0,1	-0,1
Norway	-	1 020,3	-1 020,3
Pakistan	8,4	435,6	-427,2
Panama	41,1	23,1	18,0
Paraguay	-	351,3	-351,3
Peru	427,4	6 140,4	-5 713,0
Qatar	-	2,0	-2,0
Saudi Arabia	-	156,4	-156,4
Serbia and Montenegro	-	89,8	-89,8
Sierra Leone	-	59,8	-59,8
Singapore	245,5	1 018,3	-772,8
South Africa	-	58,7	-58,7
Sri Lanka	-	416,9	-416,9
Sudan	2,1	-	2,1
Switzerland	-	2 990,3	-2 990,3
Syrian	-	100,1	-100,1
Taiwan, Province of China	171,4	917,9	-746,6
Thailand	0,4	1 387,8	-1 387,4
Tunisia	-	27,6	-27,6
Turkey	13 422,9	95 475,6	-82 052,6
United Arab Emirates	2 022,9	9 529,8	-7 506,9
United States	2 907,6	26 068,3	-23 160,7
Uruguay	-	33,4	-33,4
Viet Nam	-	1 196,2	-1 196,2
Virgin Islands, British	-	103,0	-103,0

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Sources: LEPL Revenue Service of Ministry of Finance of Georgia;
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Explanation of symbols:

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

- 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. 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.

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