



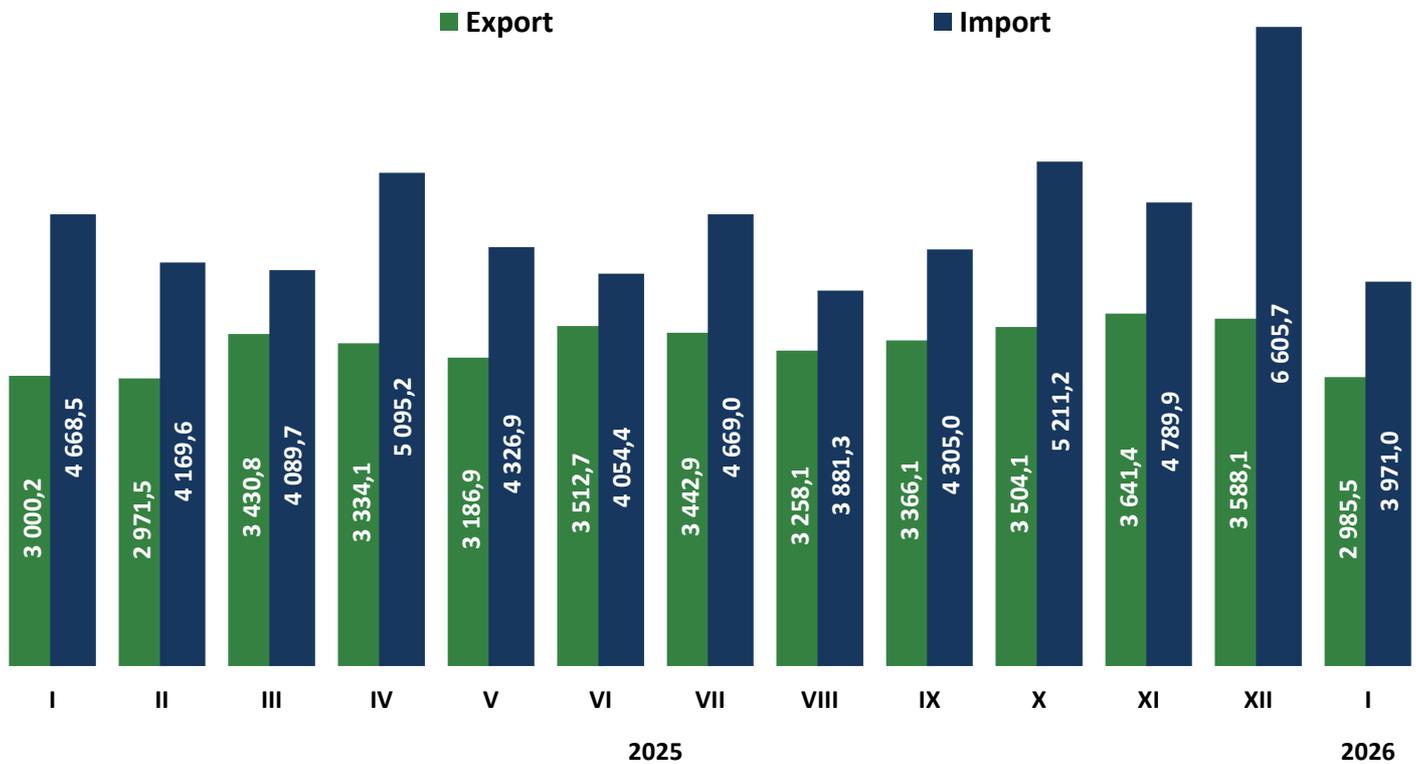
South Caucasus Trade Review



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 **Summary**

South Caucasus's monthly trade flows (million dollars)



The South Caucasus countries - Armenia, Georgia, and Azerbaijan - are small, open economies with high levels of integration into global markets. This economic openness means that international trade plays a vital role in their development. External trade is making an outstanding contribution to the region's economic growth (see [Monthly Review of the Caucasus Economy](#)).

According to our estimates, the South Caucasus region's trade turnover for 2025 totaled \$94,895.9 million, comprising exports valued at \$40,411.4 million and imports at \$54,484.6 million. In the same period of the previous year, external trade turnover amounted to \$101,002.9 million. Consequently, the region's external trade contracted by 6% during the January-December period. In January of this year, trade turnover was \$6,956.5 million.

In the last year, Azerbaijan's share in trade turnover was 50.3%, while Georgia's and Armenia's percentages were 27.1% and 22.6%, respectively.

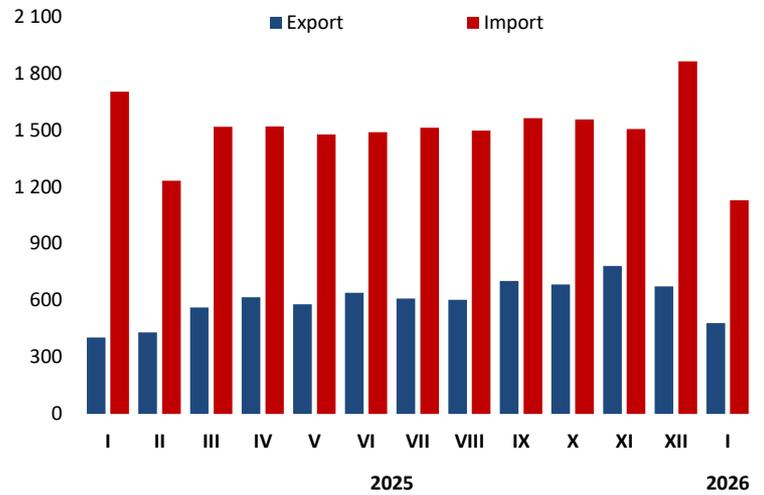
In January of this year, trade turnover decreased by 9.3% year-over-year compared to the same month in the previous year. Monthly exports and imports were valued at \$2,985.5 million and \$3,971.0 million, respectively.

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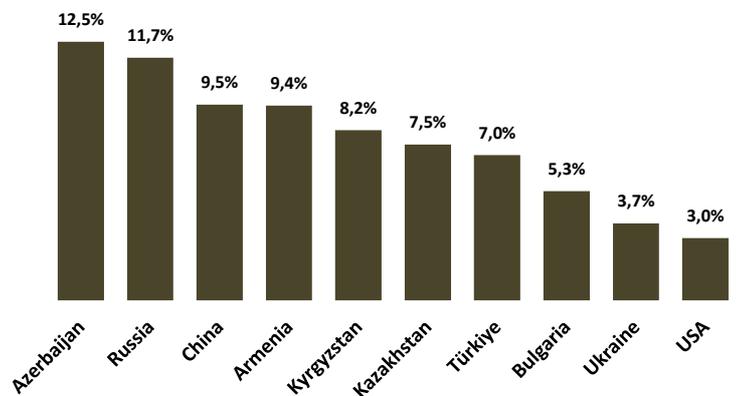
During 2025, Georgia experienced expanding external trade flows. Compared to the same period of the previous year, trade turnover grew by 7.4%. Export flows drove the expansion. In 2025, exports and imports increased by 11.2% and 8.9%, respectively. Total exports for January-December reached \$7,291.3 million, while imports stood at \$18,390.0 million. This positive trend was observed throughout the preceding months of this year.

In January of this year, Georgia's exports were valued at \$480.4 million, and imports accounted for \$1,129.5 million. In January, exports increased by 19.0% year-over-year, and imports declined by 33.7%.

Georgia's monthly trade flows (million dollars)

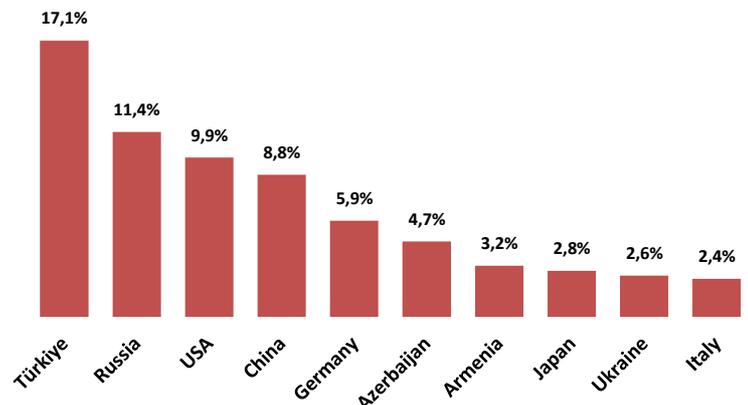


Georgia's export composition by country, 2020-24



Georgia's main trading partners are neighboring countries, including Azerbaijan, Russia, and Türkiye. Türkiye serves as the primary import partner, with Georgian imports from Türkiye accounting for 17.1% of total imports. Russia is the second-largest import partner, representing 11.4% of total imports. For exports, Azerbaijan is Georgia's largest destination, contributing 12.5% of the total export value. The Russian market stands out as the second-largest export destination, particularly for agricultural products, accounting for 11.7% of total exports. China's share of Georgia's total exports reaches 9.5%.

Georgia's import composition by country, 2020-24



Georgia's top exports include motor cars, copper ore, ferro-alloys, and wine. Motor vehicle trade represents a significant portion of Georgia's commerce, contributing 24.5% of total exports and 15.9% of total imports, underscoring the importance of this product category in trade flows. Other major export goods include copper ores and ferro-alloys, which contribute 12.4% and 6.5% of total exports, respectively. Natural wine accounts for 4.8% of total exports. Georgia's second-largest import category is refined petroleum, representing 8% of total imports.

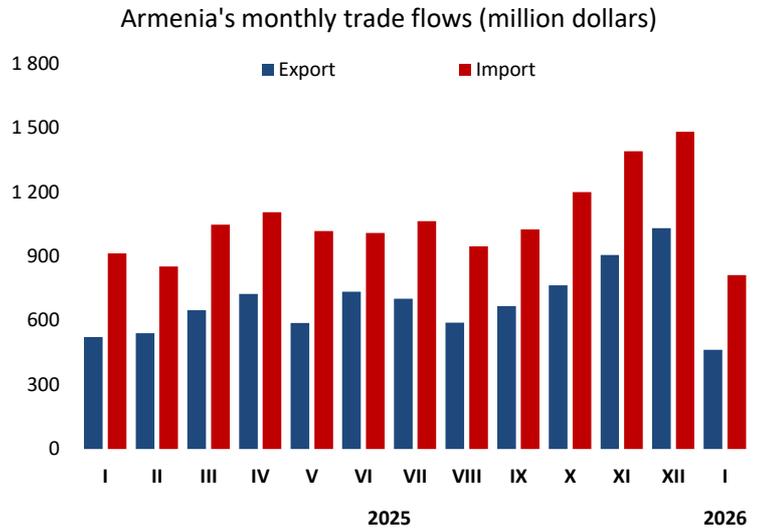
Armenia

In 2025, Armenia's external trade turnover totaled \$21,475.9 million, shrinking by 28.8% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year. Decreased export values drove the declining trade turnover. During last year, the country's exports fell by 35.7%, while imports contracted by 23.5%. For the January-December period, total exports accounted for \$8,419.5 million and imports were valued at \$13,056.4 million.

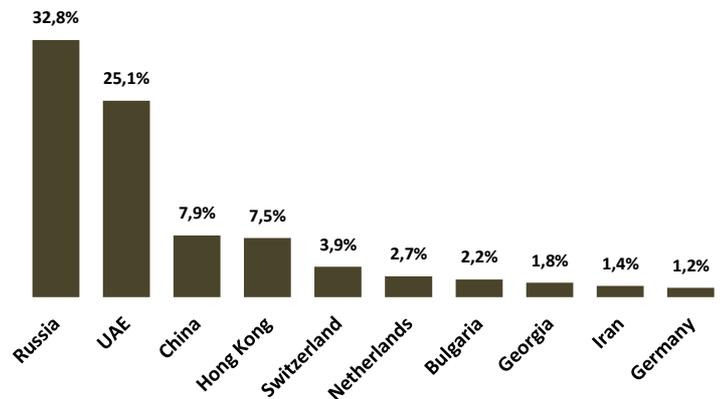
In January of this year, Armenia's export value was \$463.9 million, and imports accounted for \$811.8 million. Year-over-year declines of 11.2% and 11.1% were observed, respectively.

Historically, Russia has been Armenia's leading trading partner. Russia's contribution to Armenian goods exports accounts for 32.8%, while its share of imports is 40.2%. It is noteworthy that Armenia is a member state of the Eurasian Economic Union alongside Russia. Other notable destinations for Armenian goods are the United Arab Emirates and China. Their contributions to total exports are 25.1% and 7.9%, respectively. China accounts for 13% of Armenia's total imports, while the Islamic Republic of Iran's share stands at 5.3%. Additionally, Hong Kong and Vietnam are Armenia's close trading partners.

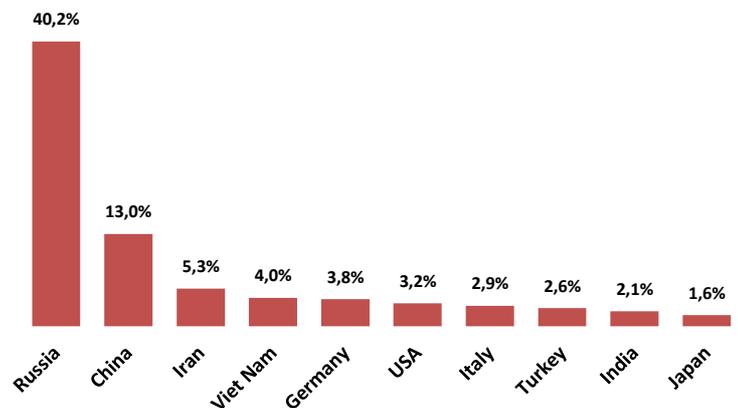
Armenia's top export goods are precious stones, metals, and pearls. This group represents a 39.7% share of total exports. Specifically, the main export good is gold, accounting for 20.1% of the total. The second-largest group is ore and slag, contributing 13.2% of total exports. Armenia's largest import group is also precious stones, metals, and pearls (23.1%). Hence, some precious stones, metals, and pearls are re-exported. Following precious materials, the main imported goods are mineral fuels, which contribute 10.2% of total imports.



Armenia's export composition by country, 2020-24



Armenia's import composition by country, 2020-24



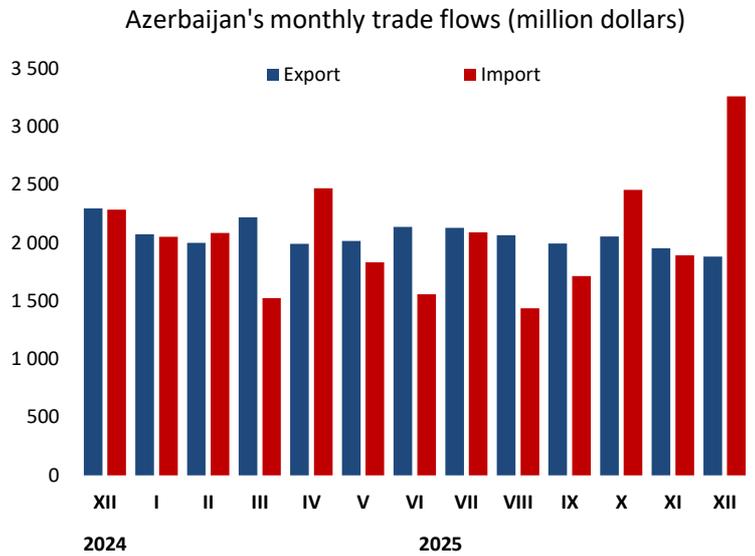
Azerbaijan

In 2025, Azerbaijan's external trade expanded. Compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, trade turnover grew by 3.2%. High growth rates were observed in imports, whereas exports declined. During January-October, Azerbaijan's imports grew by 15.8%, reaching \$24,379.7 million. In this period, exports totaled \$24,526.1 million, shrinking by 6.9%.

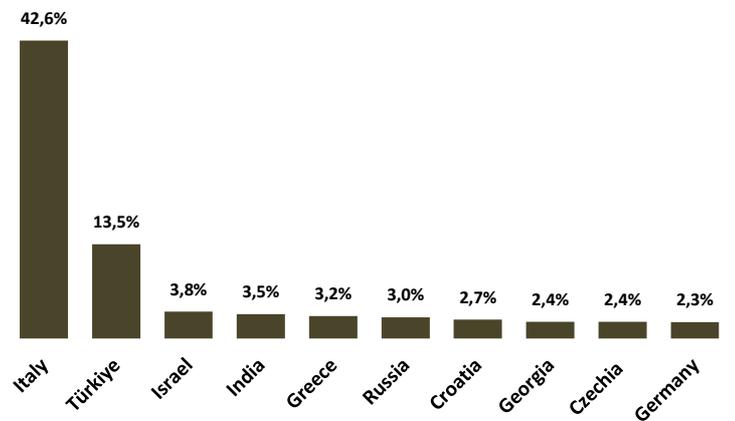
In December of last year, Azerbaijan's export value was \$1,883.9 million, and imports were valued at \$3,261.4 million. Year-over-year decline of 18.0% were observed in export and growth of 42.6% in import.

Azerbaijan's top export destinations are Italy and Türkiye - the former due to high demand for Azerbaijan's primary export product, and the latter due to geographic proximity. Italy is Azerbaijan's most important trading partner, accounting for 42.6% of total exports. Türkiye is the second-largest export destination, contributing 13.5% of Azerbaijan's total exports. Israel's share of Azerbaijan's total exports accounts for 3.8%. Regarding imports, China is Azerbaijan's biggest import partner, contributing 15.8% of total imports. Imports from Russia account for 14.5% of Azerbaijan's total imports, while Türkiye's contribution stands at 13.7%.

As an oil-rich country, Azerbaijan's economic structure is heavily based on the oil industry. Consequently, Azerbaijan's main export product is crude oil, with mineral fuels accounting for 90.2% of the total export value. Edible fruits and vegetables contribute 2.5% of Azerbaijan's total exports. Azerbaijan's top import products are mechanical appliances, which contribute 12.2% of total imports. The second largest import category consists of vehicles and their parts, accounting for 10.1% of the import value. Electronic machinery accounts for 8.4% of total imports.



Azerbaijan's export composition by country, 2020-24



Azerbaijan's import composition by country, 2020-24

