



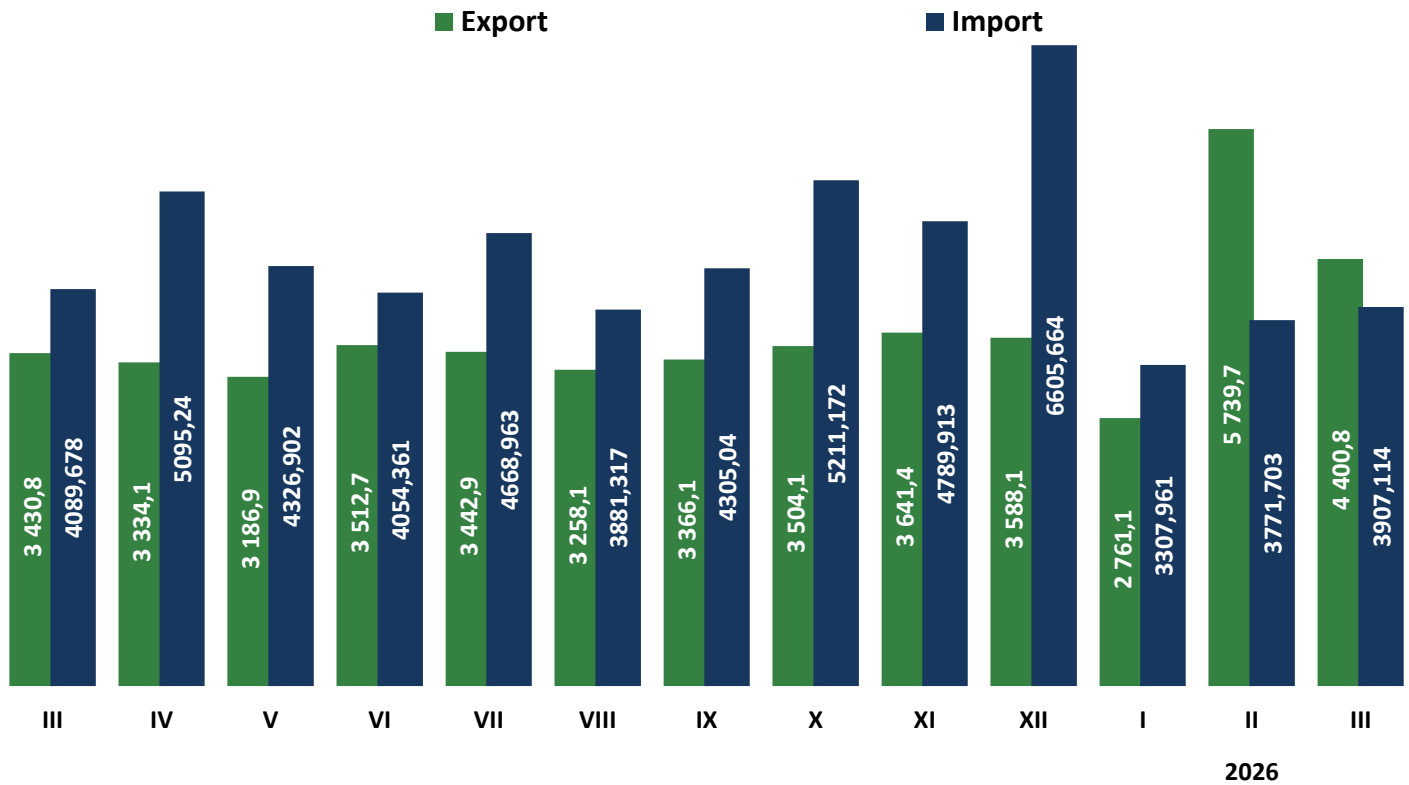
South Caucasus Trade Review



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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 first three months totaled \$23,888.5 million, comprising exports valued at \$12,901.7 million and imports at \$10,986.8 million. In the same period of the previous year, external trade turnover amounted to \$22,330.3 million. Consequently, the region's external trade expanded by 7.0% during the January-March period. In March of this year, trade turnover was \$8,308.0 million.

In first three months of this year, Azerbaijan's share in trade turnover was 55.7%, while Georgia's and Armenia's percentages were 24.6% and 19.7%, respectively.

In March of this year, trade turnover increased by 10.5% year-over-year compared to the same month in the previous year. Monthly exports and imports were valued at \$4,400.8 million and \$3,907.1 million, respectively.

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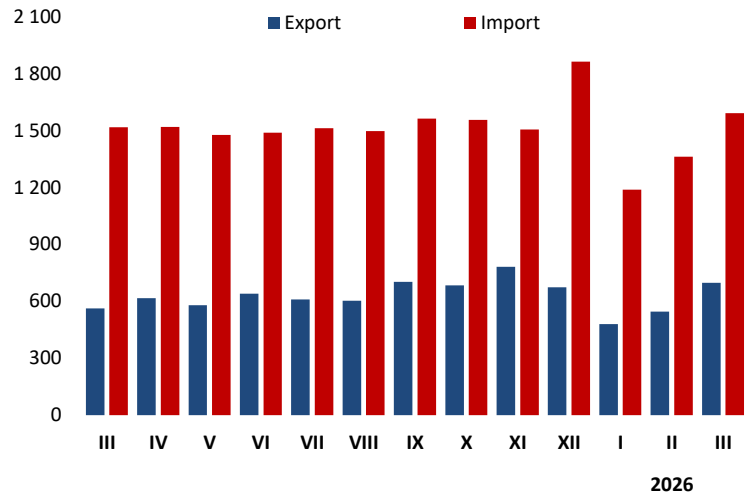
During the 2025, Georgia experienced shrinking external trade flows. Compared to the same period of the previous year, trade turnover declined by 17.7%. Export and import flows drove the reduction. In January-March, exports increased by 23.3%, while import decreased by 6.9%. Total exports for January-March reached \$1,723.7 million, while imports stood at \$4,143.2 million. Such trend was observed first two months of this year.

In March of this year, Georgia's exports were valued at \$697.0 million, and imports accounted for \$1,592.3 million. In March, exports increased by 24.0% year-over-year, and imports grew by 5.0%.

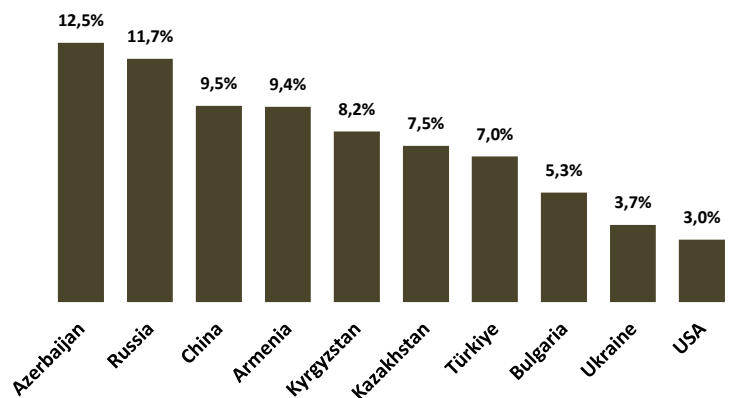
Georgia's main trading partners are neighboring countries, including Azerbaijan, Russia, and Türkiye. Türkiye serves as the primary import partner, with Georgian imports from Türkiye accounting for 17.1% of total imports. Russia is the second-largest import partner, representing 11.4% of total imports. 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 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.

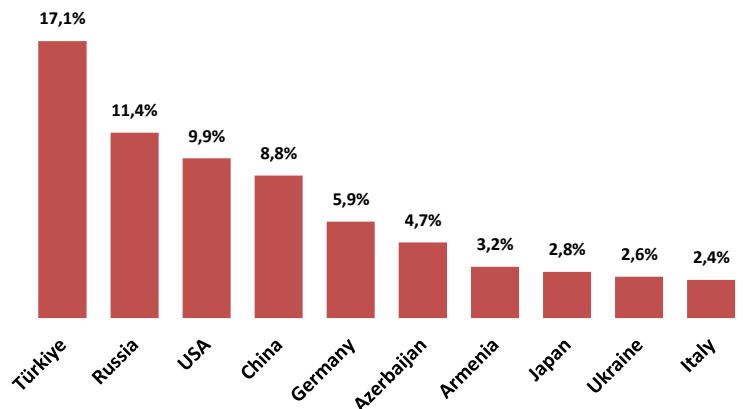
Georgia's monthly trade flows (million dollars)



Georgia's export composition by country, 2020-24



Georgia's import composition by country, 2020-24



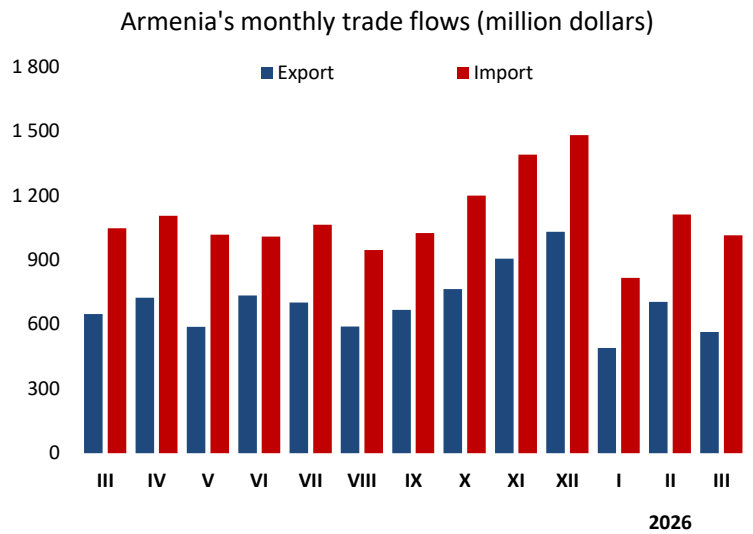
Armenia

In the first three months of this year, Armenia's external trade turnover totaled \$4,705.1 million, expanded by 4.0% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year. Increased export and import values drove the increasing trade turnover. In the first three months of this year, the country's exports grew by 2.8%, and imports increased by 4.7%. For the January-March period, total exports accounted for \$1,760.2 million and imports were valued at \$2,944.9 million.

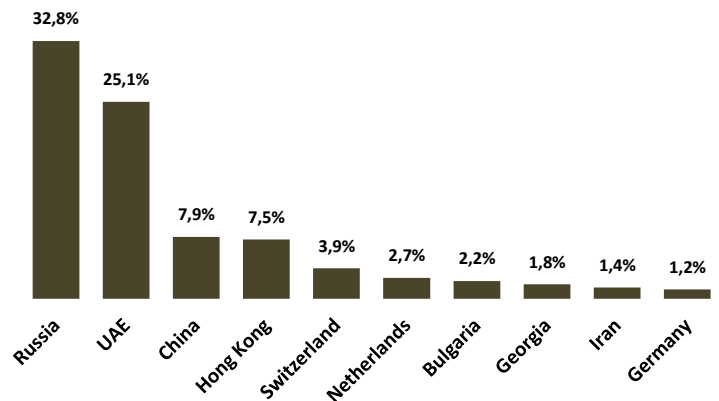
In March of this year, Armenia's export value was \$564.6 million, and imports accounted for \$1,015.3 million. Year-over-year declines of 12.9% and 3.1% were observed, respectively.

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.

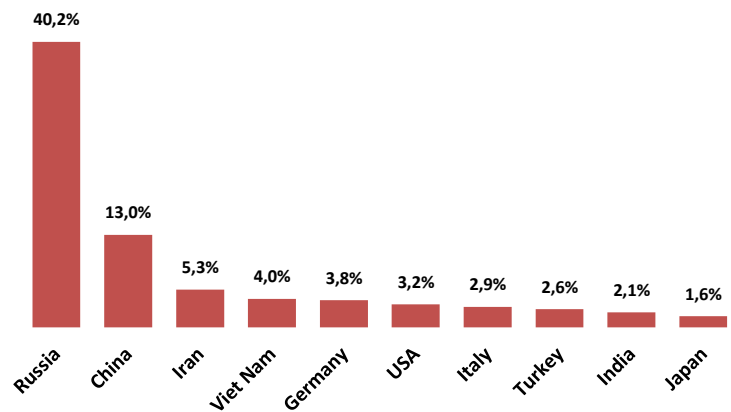
Armenia's top export goods are precious stones, metals, and pearls. This group represents a 39.7% share of total exports. Specifically, the main export good is gold, accounting for 20.1% of the total. The second-largest group is ore and slag, contributing 13.2% of total exports. Armenia's largest import 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

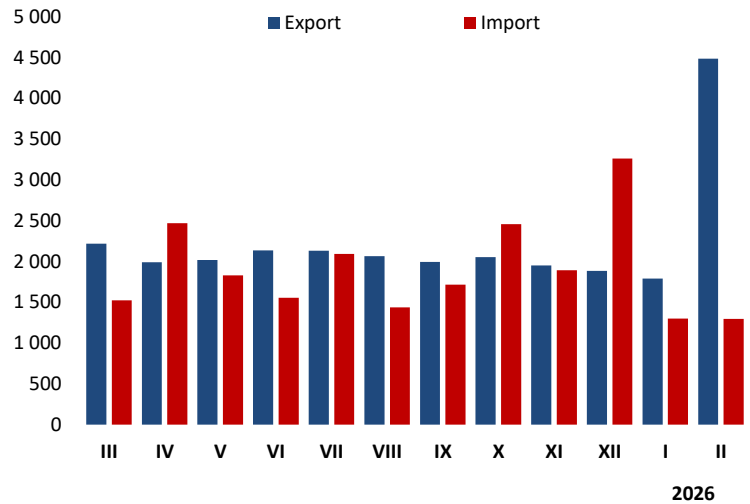
During 2025, Azerbaijan's external trade expanded. In the first two months of this year, Azerbaijan's external trade turnover totaled \$8,877.6 million, expanded by 8.1% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year. High growth rates were observed in export, whereas import declined. During January-February, Azerbaijan's imports declined by 37.2%, accounting for \$2,599.1 million. In this period, exports totaled \$6,278.5 million, expanded by 54.1%.

In February of this year, Azerbaijan's export value was \$4,488.6 million, and imports were valued at \$1,296.9 million. Year-over-year export growth of 124.5% and import decline of 37.8% were observed.

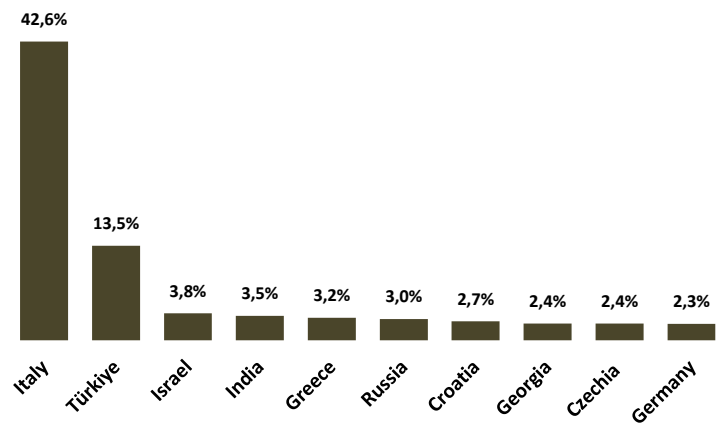
Azerbaijan's top export destinations are Italy and Türkiye - the former due to high demand for Azerbaijan's primary export product, and the latter due to geographic proximity. Italy is Azerbaijan's most important trading partner, accounting for 42.6% of total exports. Türkiye is the second-largest export 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 monthly trade flows (million dollars)



Azerbaijan's export composition by country, 2020-24



Azerbaijan's import composition by country, 2020-24

