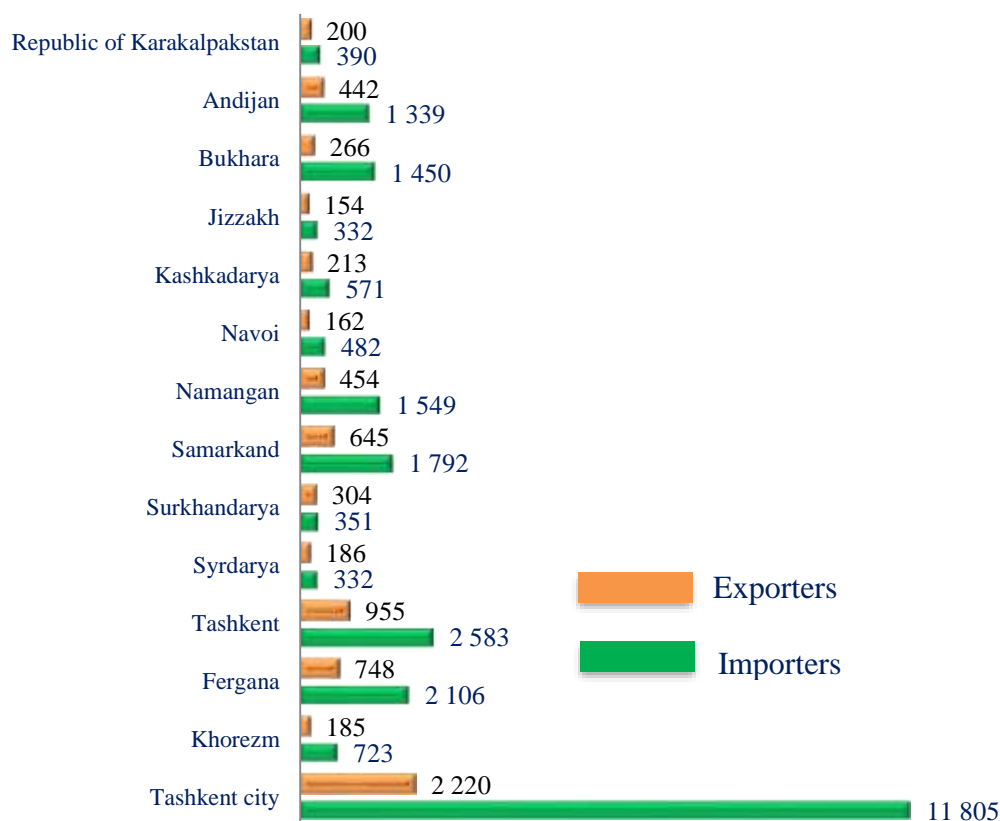


VIII. FOREIGN ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

SECTION 1. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN FOREIGN TRADE TURNOVER OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

In January-December 2023, the number of participants in the foreign trade turnover of the Republic of Uzbekistan reached 35.0 thousand (compared to the same period in 2022, it increased by 3.5 thousand units), of which the number of exporters amounted to 7.3 thousand (compared to the same period 2022, it increased by 89 units), and importers of goods and services - 27.7 thousand (compared to the same period in 2022, it increased by 3.4 thousand units).

Participants in foreign trade turnover of the Republic of Uzbekistan
(for January-December 2023, units)



In January-December 2023, the leaders in the number of exporters were Tashkent city (30.5% of the total number), Tashkent (13.1%), Fergana (10.3%), Samarkand (8.9%) and Namangan (6.2%) region. The smallest share of exporters was recorded in Jizzakh (2.1%), Navoi (2.2%) and Khorezm regions (2.5%).

During the period under review, the largest number of importers was noted in Tashkent city (42.6% of their total number), the smallest share was recorded in the Jizzakh region (1.2% of their total number).

SECTION 2. FOREIGN TRADE TURNOVER OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

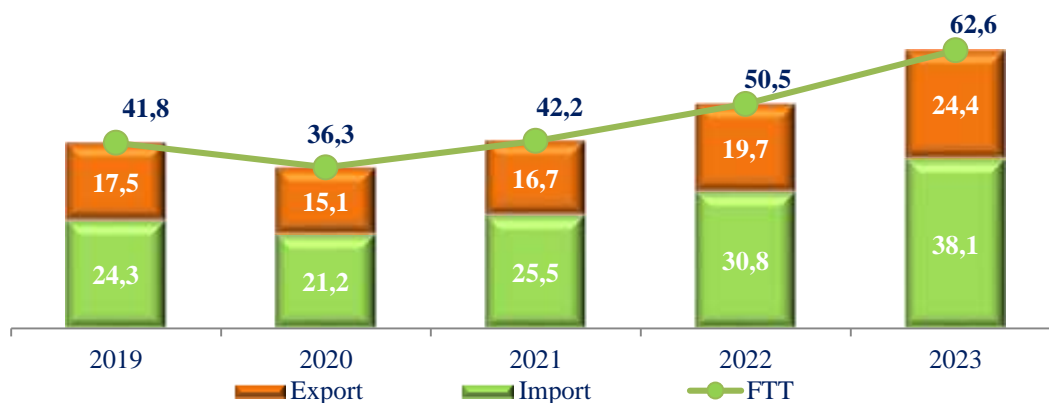
Based on the measures implemented in the country in recent years to stimulate exports, optimize imports and, in general, to ensure a balanced foreign trade, in January-December 2023 the foreign trade turnover of the republic amounted to 62.6 billion US dollars and, compared with the same period 2022, increased by 12.1 billion US dollars, or 23.9%. In the history of the country, this result was recorded as the highest figure.

Dynamics of the structure of foreign trade turnover (for January-December, million US dollars)

	2022	2023	Growth rates, in %	Specific weight, in %
Foreign trade turnover	50 500,3	62 567,4	123,9	x
Export	19 732,6	24 426,2	123,8	100,0
<i>goods</i>	11 020,3	10 989,9	99,7	45,0
<i>services</i>	4 456,7	5 179,7	116,2	21,2
<i>non-monetary gold</i>	4 255,6	8 256,6	194,0	33,8
Import	30 767,8	38 141,2	124,0	100,0
<i>goods</i>	28 220,3	35 574,8	126,1	93,3
<i>services</i>	2 547,5	2 566,4	100,7	6,7
Balance	-11 035,2	-13 715,0	x	x

Of the total volume of foreign trade turnover, exports amounted to 24 426.2 million US dollars (an increase of 23.8% was recorded by January-December 2022), and imports amounted to 38 141.2 million US dollars (an increase of 24.0% was recorded). As a result, the balance of foreign trade turnover amounted to a passive balance in the amount of 3 715.0 million US dollars.





Dynamics of foreign trade turnover of the Republic of Uzbekistan (for January-December, billion US dollars)



As is clear from the above data, at the end of January-December 2023, the foreign trade turnover of the republic amounted to 62.6 billion US dollars and in 2019-2023 it increased by 20.8 billion US dollars, or 1.5 times more than the same figure for 2019.

Foreign trade turnover is the sum of the values of a country's exports and imports over a certain period of time. Foreign trade statistics keep records of goods that are added to or subtracted from the country's material resources as a result of their entry (import) into the customs territory of Uzbekistan or export (export) outside the customs territory of the republic on the basis of a general foreign trade accounting system.

**Countries with the largest share in foreign trade
with the Republic of Uzbekistan**
(for January-December 2023, million US dollars)

<p>PRC</p> <p>FTT – 13 722,0</p> <p>Export : 2 461,8 Import : 11 260,1</p> <p> 21,9 %</p>	<p>Russia</p> <p>FTT – 9 883,8</p> <p>Export : 3 307,6 Import : 6 576,1</p> <p> 15,8 %</p>	<p>Kazakhstan</p> <p>FTT – 4 398,9</p> <p>Export : 1 372,5 Import : 3 026,4</p> <p> 7,0 %</p>	<p>Türkiye</p> <p>FTT – 3 099,7</p> <p>Export : 1 248,5 Import : 1 851,2</p> <p> 5,0 %</p>	<p>The Republic of Korea</p> <p>FTT – 2 343,2</p> <p>Export : 40,4 Import : 2 302,9</p> <p> 3,7 %</p>
<p>Turkmenistan</p> <p>FTT – 1 094,4</p> <p>Export : 171,2 Import : 923,2</p> <p> 1,7 %</p>	<p>Germany</p> <p>FTT – 1 054,2</p> <p>Export : 75,8 Import : 978,4</p> <p> 1,7 %</p>	<p>France</p> <p>FTT – 984,7</p> <p>Export : 392,1 Import : 592,6</p> <p> 1,6 %</p>	<p>Kyrgyzstan</p> <p>FTT – 953,4</p> <p>Export : 631,5 Import : 321,9</p> <p> 1,5 %</p>	<p>Afghanistan</p> <p>FTT – 867,0</p> <p>Export : 856,7 Import : 10,3</p> <p> 1,4 %</p>

Today, the Republic of Uzbekistan carries out trade relations with 198 countries of the world. The largest volume of foreign trade turnover was recorded with China (21.9%), Russia (15.8%), Kazakhstan (7.0%), Türkiye (5.0%) and the Republic of Korea (3.7%).

Much work is being done to strengthen relationships with neighboring countries, develop ties between them in the socio-economic, trade, industrial and cultural spheres.

Dynamics of foreign trade turnover of the Republic of Uzbekistan
with major partner countries
(for January-December, million US dollars)

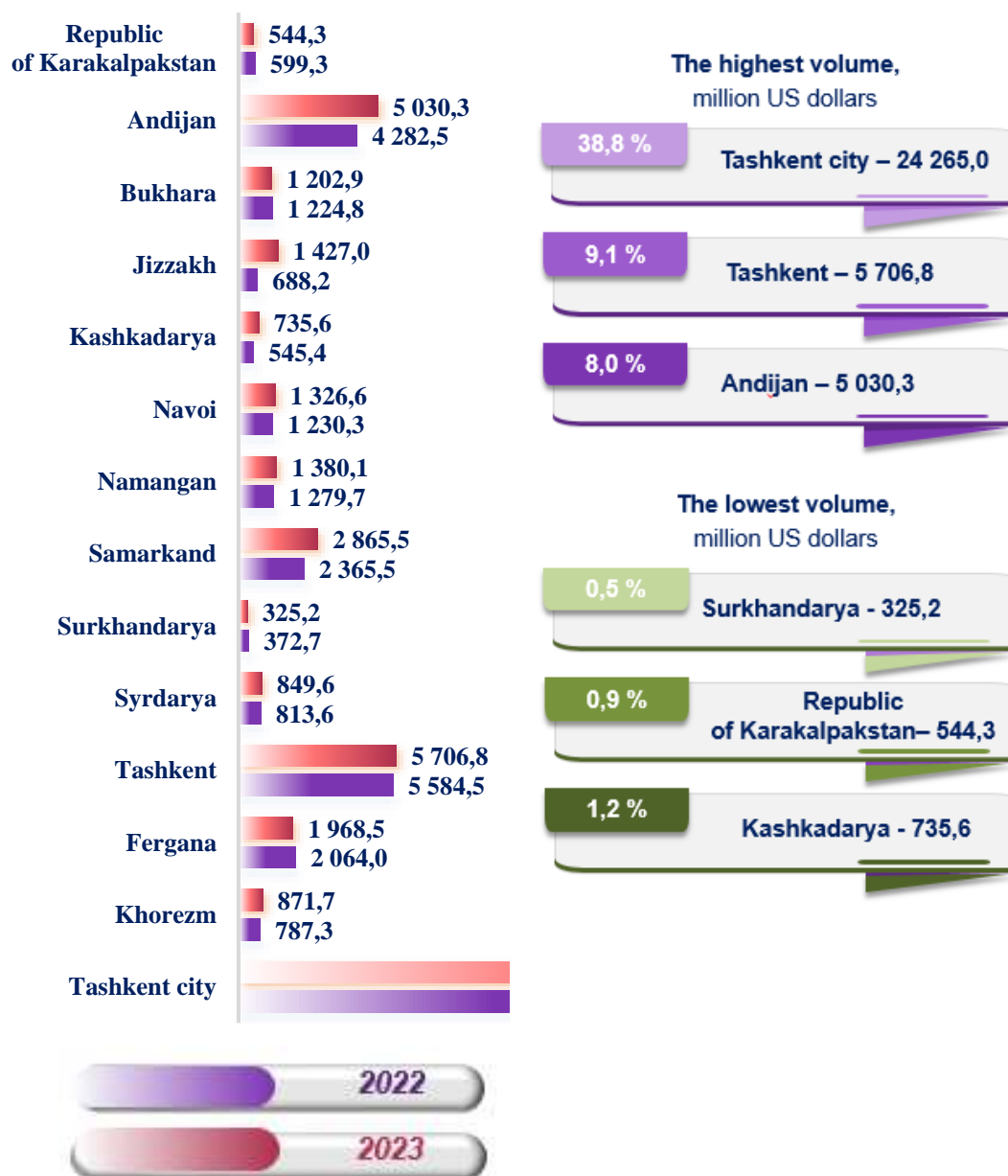
<i>Countries</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>
PRC	7 452,5	9 059,7	13 722,0
<i>Export</i>	2 529,1	2 632,0	2 461,8
<i>Import</i>	4 923,4	6 427,7	11 260,1
Russia	7 550,5	9 381,8	9 883,8
<i>Export</i>	2 088,2	3 151,1	3 307,6
<i>Import</i>	5 462,2	6 230,7	6 576,1
Kazakhstan	3 920,6	4 651,1	4 398,9
<i>Export</i>	1 178,4	1 407,5	1 372,5
<i>Import</i>	2 742,2	3 243,5	3 026,4
Türkiye	3 410,0	3 382,0	3 099,7
<i>Export</i>	1 692,4	1 643,5	1 248,5
<i>Import</i>	1 717,6	1 738,5	1 851,2
Republic of Korea	1 898,8	2 342,5	2 343,2
<i>Export</i>	57,7	42,8	40,4
<i>Import</i>	1 841,1	2 299,8	2 302,9
Turkmenistan	902,0	928,6	1 094,4
<i>Export</i>	191,9	197,0	171,2
<i>Import</i>	710,1	731,6	923,2
Germany	765,7	1 170,2	1 054,2
<i>Export</i>	72,2	99,0	75,8
<i>Import</i>	693,5	1 071,3	978,4
France	280,8	344,3	984,7
<i>Export</i>	21,3	72,6	392,1
<i>Import</i>	259,5	271,7	592,6
Kyrgyzstan	953,6	1 263,3	953,4
<i>Export</i>	792,0	982,5	631,5
<i>Import</i>	161,6	280,7	321,9
Afghanistan	673,7	765,6	867,0
<i>Export</i>	667,5	756,3	856,7
<i>Import</i>	6,2	9,3	10,3

Continuation

<i>Countries</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>
Tadjikistan	605,6	676,7	756,8
<i>Export</i>	501,9	522,1	605,0
<i>Import</i>	103,6	154,5	151,8
India	490,5	691,6	756,6
<i>Export</i>	29,9	36,5	108,0
<i>Import</i>	460,6	655,1	648,5
USA	426,3	493,2	657,3
<i>Export</i>	60,8	124,5	155,4
<i>Import</i>	365,5	368,7	501,9
Brazil	350,1	554,6	656,6
<i>Export</i>	1,9	1,2	4,4
<i>Import</i>	348,2	553,4	652,3
UAE	243,0	518,6	626,0
<i>Export</i>	55,9	122,9	261,7
<i>Import</i>	187,1	395,6	364,2
Belarus	378,8	540,4	620,1
<i>Export</i>	59,6	128,8	119,0
<i>Import</i>	319,2	411,6	501,1
Lithuania	505,4	494,7	606,2
<i>Export</i>	66,7	94,2	133,4
<i>Import</i>	438,7	400,5	472,9
Iran	431,3	435,9	503,4
<i>Export</i>	177,1	139,8	180,6
<i>Import</i>	254,2	296,1	322,8
Italy	430,3	385,4	502,5
<i>Export</i>	40,2	55,6	73,6
<i>Import</i>	390,2	329,8	428,8
Poland	249,0	351,5	400,5
<i>Export</i>	88,7	137,9	88,9
<i>Import</i>	160,3	213,6	311,6

Among the 20 largest partner countries for foreign economic activity, three of them have a positive foreign trade balance. These are, in particular, Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. A negative foreign trade balance remains with the remaining 17 countries.

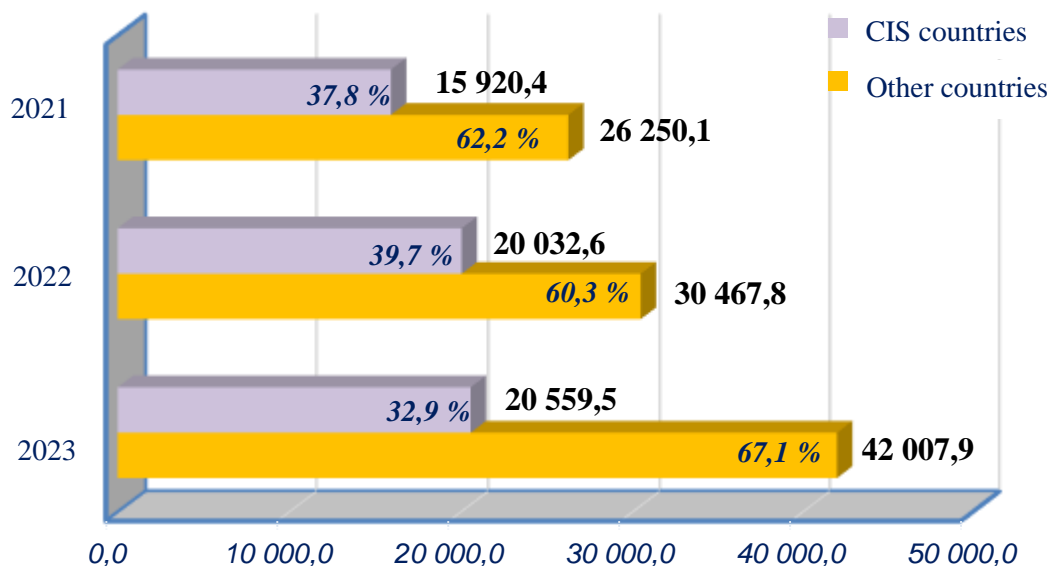
Volume and growth rate of foreign trade turnover
by region of the Republic of Uzbekistan
(for January-December 2023)



In the structure of the foreign trade turnover of the republic, a significant share is noted in Tashkent city, which is 38.8%, or 24 265.0 million US dollars and the smallest share is recorded at 0.5%, or 325.2 million US dollars, in Surkhandarya region.

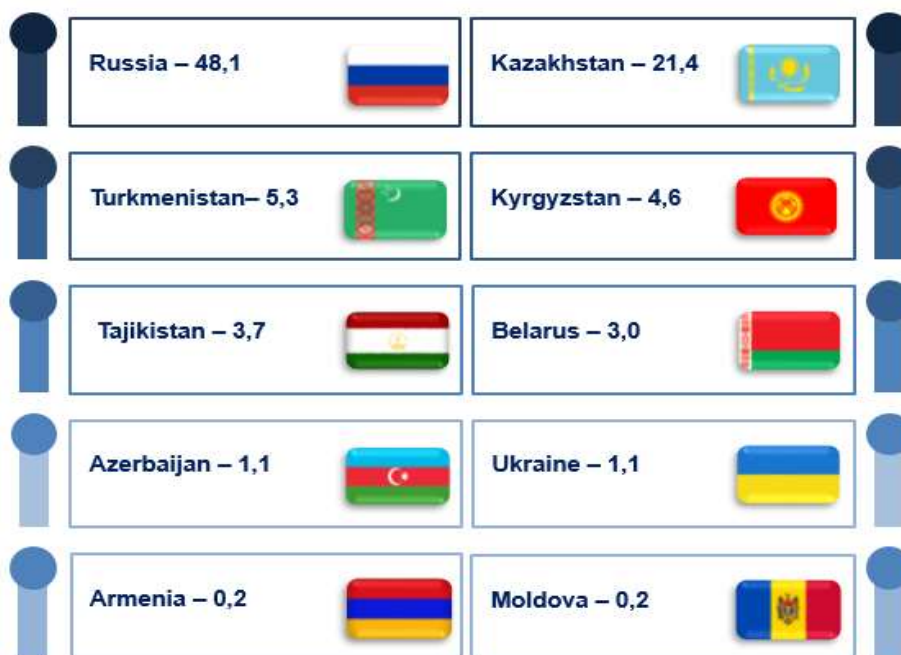
Supplies of natural gas and electricity, special exports, as well as the volume of exports of tourism services are not distributed among regions, cities and districts of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

**Dynamics of the volume of foreign trade turnover of the Republic of Uzbekistan
with the CIS countries and other foreign countries**
(for January-December, million US dollars, share, %)



As a result of the measures taken to support the foreign trade of our republic and further strengthen cooperation with the CIS countries, their share in foreign trade turnover for January-December 2023 amounted to 32.9%, and the growth rate, compared to the same period in 2022, decreased by 6,8 %.

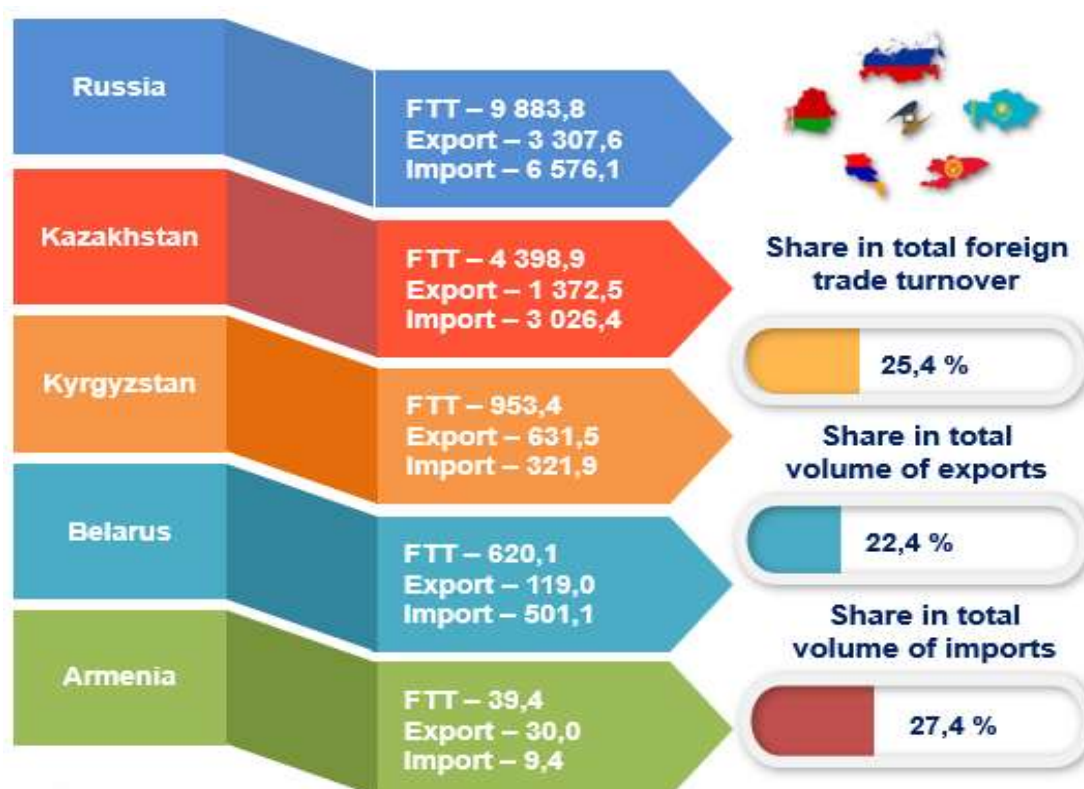
**Share of CIS countries in the total foreign trade turnover
of the Republic of Uzbekistan with CIS countries**
(for January-December 2023, share)



Uzbekistan's foreign trade turnover with the CIS countries reached 20 559.5 million US dollars, of which exports amounted to 8 092.6 million US dollars, and imports amounted to 12 466.9 million US dollars.

The largest volume of foreign trade turnover with the CIS countries was recorded with Russia (48.1%), Kazakhstan (21.4%) and Turkmenistan (5.3%).

**Foreign trade turnover of the Republic of Uzbekistan
with the countries of the EAEU**
(for January-December 2023, million US dollars)



The Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) is an international organization for regional economic integration that has international legal personality and was established by the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of May 29, 2014.

Currently, the EAEU includes the following five countries: Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and the Russian Federation.

The EAEU ensures freedom of movement of goods, services, capital and labor, as well as the implementation of a coordinated, consistent and unified policy in sectors of the economy. The Republic of Uzbekistan received observer status in it from December 11, 2020.

The foreign trade turnover of the Republic of Uzbekistan with the countries of the EAEU during the period under review amounted to 15 895.6 million US dollars, of which the volume of exports was 5 460.7 million US dollars, the volume of imports was 10 434.9 million US dollars.

SECTION 3. EXPORT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

Dynamics of export volume

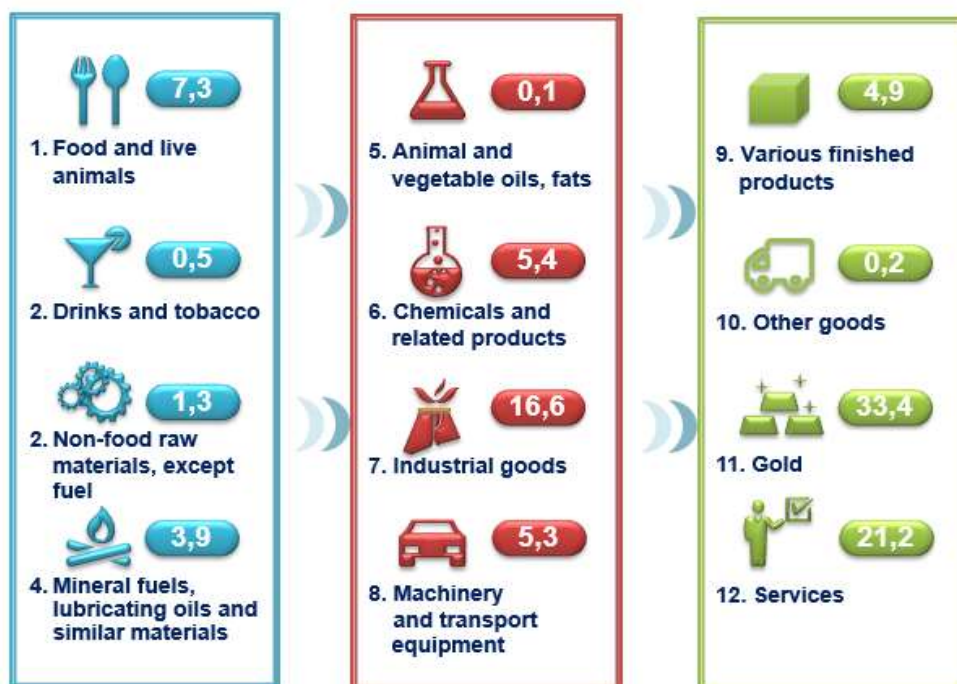
(for January-December, billion US dollars)



The development of international economic relations contributes to stable growth of exports, and this, in turn, creates the foundation for achieving certain results. Based on the reforms carried out aimed at increasing the country's export potential, supporting exporters from the state and expanding the range of export products, the number of exporters reached 7 288, and the volume of exports of goods and services amounted to 16 169.6 million US dollars (*in addition to non-monetary gold*) and, compared to the same period in 2022, increased by 4.5%.

EXPORT STRUCTURE BY SITC SECTIONS

(for January-December 2023, share, %)



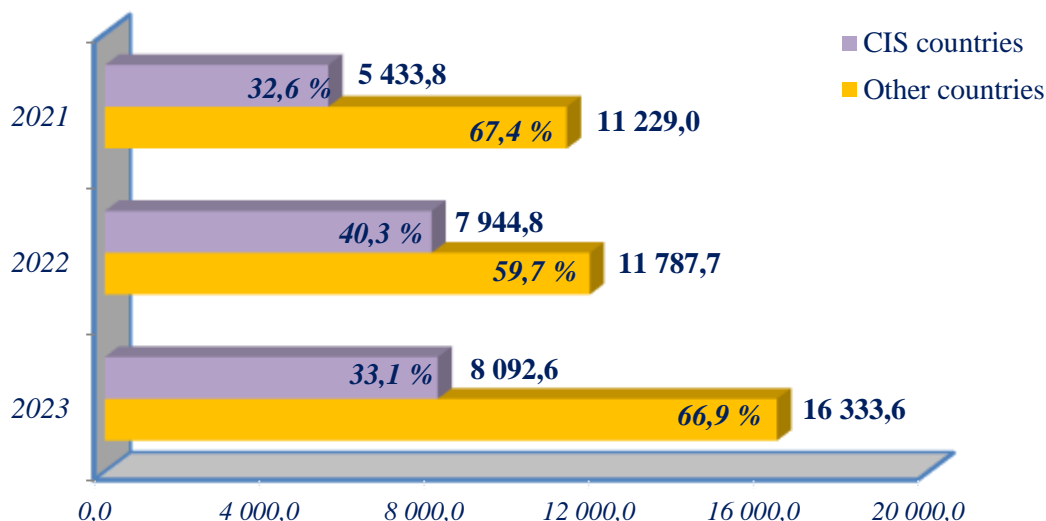
Structure of exports of the Republic of Uzbekistan by sections of SITC
(for January-December)

<i>Structure of SITC</i>	<i>Million US dollars</i>		<i>In % of the previous year</i>		<i>In % to the end</i>	
	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>
Total	19 732,6	24 426,2	118,4	123,8	100,0	100,0
<i>including:</i>						
Food products and live animals	1 631,5	1 777,6	118,9	109,0	8,3	7,3
Drinks and tobacco	111,0	123,0	3,1 t.	110,7	0,6	0,5
Non-food raw materials, except fuel	393,6	324,9	77,2	82,5	2,0	1,3
Mineral fuels, lubricating oils and similar materials	1215,2	940,5	132,8	77,4	6,2	3,9
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	21,2	14,2	13,9 t.	66,9	0,1	0,1
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	1 307,7	1314,4	115,0	100,5	6,6	5,4
Industrial goods	4 383,5	4 058,7	101,2	92,6	22,2	16,6
Machinery and transport equipment	973,7	1 305,2	140,4	134,0	4,9	5,3
Various finished products	1 106,1	1 195,6	141,7	108,1	5,6	4,9
Other products	4 132,3	8 192,6	96,0	198,3	20,9	33,5
<i>of which: non- monetary gold</i>	4 110,3	8 153,8	100,0	198,4	20,8	33,4
Services	4 456,7	5 179,7	172,6	116,2	22,6	21,2

In the structure of exports, goods occupy 78.8%, of which industrial goods – 16.6%, food products and live animals – 7.3%, machinery and transport equipment – 5.3%.

The share of gold in the export structure was 33.4%. In total exports of services, compared to the corresponding period in 2022, increased by 16.2%.

Dynamics of export volumes to the CIS countries and other foreign countries
(for January-December, million US dollars, share, %)



Our main partners in the export of goods and services in foreign trade in January-December 2023 were countries such as Russia, China, Kazakhstan, Türkiye, Afghanistan and Kyrgyzstan. Their share in total exports reached 40.4%.

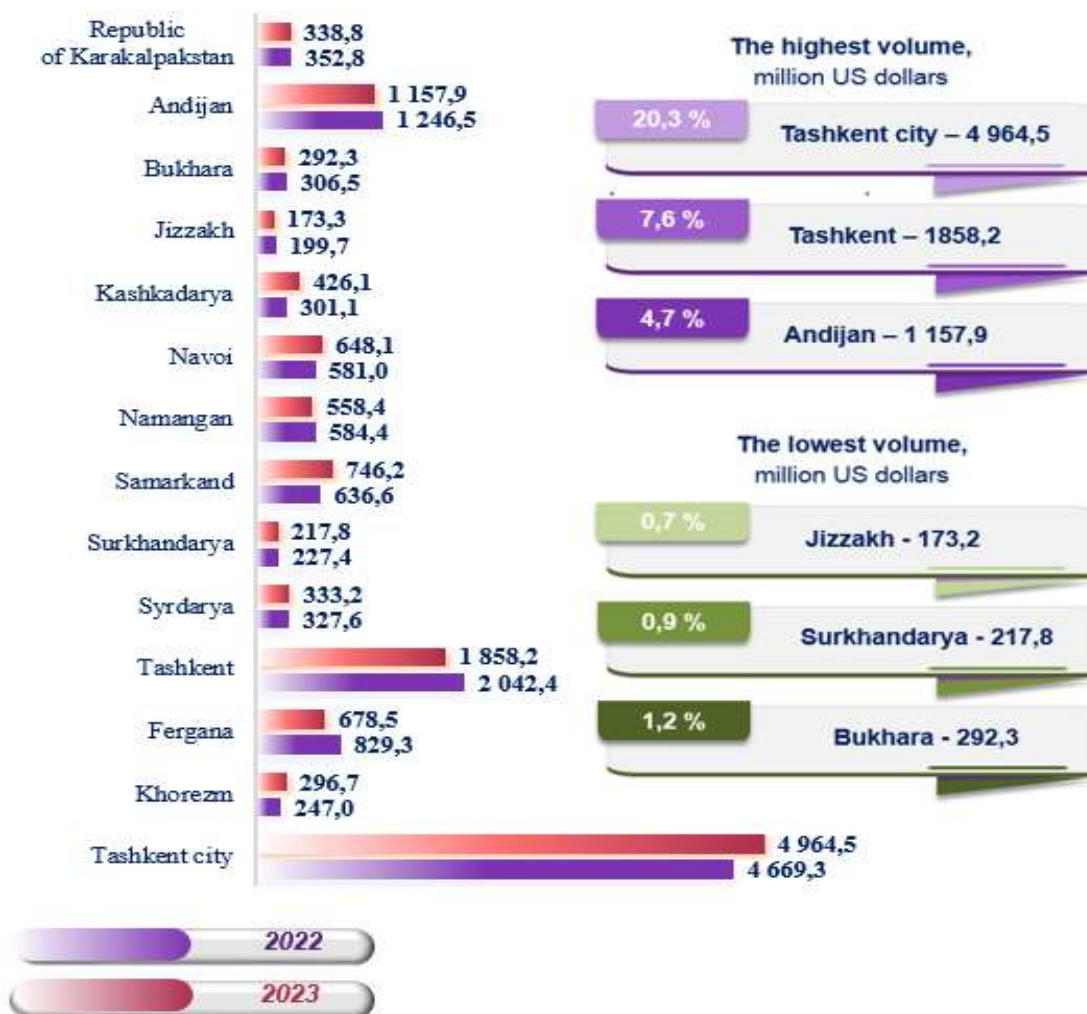
Share of seven major partner countries in exports of goods and services
(for January-December 2023, in %)



**Volume and growth rate of exports of goods and services
of twenty major partner countries
(for January-December)**

<i>Countries</i>	<i>Million US dollars</i>		<i>Growth rates, %</i>		<i>Position</i>	
	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>
Russia	3 151,1	3 307,6	150,9	105,0	1	1
PRC	2 632,0	2 461,8	104,1	93,5	2	2
Kazakhstan	1 407,5	1 372,5	119,4	97,5	4	3
Türkiye	1 643,5	1 248,5	97,1	76,0	3	4
Afghanistan	756,3	856,7	113,3	113,3	6	5
Kyrgyzstan	982,5	631,5	124,1	64,3	5	6
Tadjikistan	522,1	605,0	104,0	115,9	7	7
France	72,6	392,1	3,4 t.	5,4 t.	22	8
Pakistan	185,2	269,1	142,3	145,3	10	9
UAE	122,9	261,7	2,2 t.	2,1 t.	16	10
Iran	139,8	180,6	79,0	129,2	11	11
Turkmenistan	197,0	171,2	102,7	86,9	9	12
USA	124,5	155,4	2,1 t.	124,8	15	13
Great Britain	114,3	142,1	143,6	124,3	17	14
Lithuania	94,2	133,4	141,2	141,6	20	15
Azerbaijan	133,7	131,6	176,0	98,4	13	16
Belarus	128,8	119,0	2,2 t.	92,4	14	17
India	36,5	108,0	122,0	2,9 t.	31	18
Latvia	106,2	100,5	192,3	94,7	18	19
Poland	137,9	88,9	155,5	64,5	12	20

**Volume and growth rate of exports by regions of the Republic of Uzbekistan
(for January-December 2023)**



In the structure of the republic's exports, a significant share is noted in Tashkent city, which is 20.3%, or 4 964.5 million US dollars, and the smallest share is recorded at 0.7%, or 173.3 million US dollars in the Jizzakh region.

The highest growth rates of export volumes, compared to the same period in 2022, were noted in Kashkadarya (141.5%), Khorezm (120.1%), Samarkand (117.2%), Navoi (111.5%), Syrdarya (101.7%) regions and Tashkent city (106.3%). The lowest growth rates were recorded in the Fergana region (81.8%).

**Export of fruits and vegetables
(for January-December 2023)**

Due to the fact that the state pays great attention to the development of agriculture and horticulture, the quality and volumes of exported products are increasing from year to year. In particular, in January-December 2023, 1 757.7 thousand tons of fruits and vegetables were exported, and, compared to the same period in 2022, this figure increased by 1.1 times, or by 18.9 thousand tons.

Export of fruits and vegetables
(for January-December 2023)



The volume of exports of fruits and vegetables during the period under review amounted to 1 180.8 million US dollars (the rate of increase, compared to the same period in 2022, amounted to 3.3%). In total exports amounted to 4.8%.

The largest share in the export of fruits and vegetables is occupied by mung bean - 10.2%, grapes - 7.3%, grapes (dried) - 5.8%, peaches (including nectarines) - 5.7%, onions - 5.2%, cherries – 4.5%, tomato – 3.7%, apricot – 3.4%, melons and watermelons – 3.4%.

Based on the results of January-December 2023, the largest volume in value terms of exports of fruits and vegetables falls to Russia (37.0% of the total volume of fruits and vegetables), which exceeds the volume of exports to Pakistan by 2.2 times.

In January-December 2023, 611.4 thousand tons of agricultural products worth 437.4 million US dollars were shipped to the Russian Federation with a share of 37.0% of the total volume of fruits and vegetables exported.

The second largest consumer of agricultural products from Uzbekistan is Pakistan (16.7%), the third is China (12.3%) and the fourth is Kazakhstan (10.3%).

These four countries act as the main export markets for fruits and vegetables from Uzbekistan with a combined share of 76.3%.

Geography of fruit and vegetable exports
(for January-December 2023)

<i>Countries</i>	<i>thousand tons</i>	<i>million US dollars</i>	<i>Specific weight, %</i>
Russia	611,4	437,4	37,0
Pakistan	68,5	197,6	16,7
PRC	185,1	144,9	12,3
Kazakhstan	486,3	121,2	10,3
Kyrgyzstan	191,9	71,2	6,0
Türkiye	25,5	38,6	3,3
Afghanistan	37,8	29,5	2,5
Iran	15,9	19,9	1,7
Belarus	19,5	16,5	1,4
Azerbaijan	8,1	13,2	1,1
Iraq	14,6	10,3	0,9
UAE	6,5	8,6	0,7
Georgia	12,2	8,3	0,7
Ukraine	11,2	8,1	0,7
Latvia	13,9	7,1	0,6
Other countries	49,2	48,3	4,1

Export of textile products
(for January-December)

In recent years, the light industry has seen the development of production of products with high added value. As an economically important industry for Uzbekistan, light industry provides a high level of employment, and also contributes to the industrial potential and international reputation of our country.

The increase in textile exports can be seen as a result of reforms carried out to produce finished goods instead of raw cotton and create added value.

It should be noted that in recent years, thanks to radical changes in industry and agriculture, the structure of exports has changed significantly. In particular, the share of cotton fiber in exports has sharply decreased and, if in 2010 its share was 12.1%, then by the end of 2023 this figure was 0.03%. This means that value-added policies in the textile industry are effective and less cotton yarn is exported as raw material.

Export of textile products

(for January-December 2023, million US dollars)



Based on the results of January-December 2023, textile products were exported in the amount of 3 050.0 million US dollars, which amounted to 12.5% of its total volume and, compared to the same period in 2022, it decreased by 3.8%.

Export of services

The volume of exports of services at the end of January-December 2023 amounted to 5 179.7 million US dollars, or 21.2% of the total volume of trade exports and increased, compared to the same period in 2022, by 16.2%.

In the export of services, the lion's share is occupied by transport services (43.2%), travel (tourism) (41.4%), telecommunications, computer and information services (8.5%), other business services (3.1%), and other services (3.8%).

Export of services of the Republic of Uzbekistan

(for January-December 2023, million US dollars)

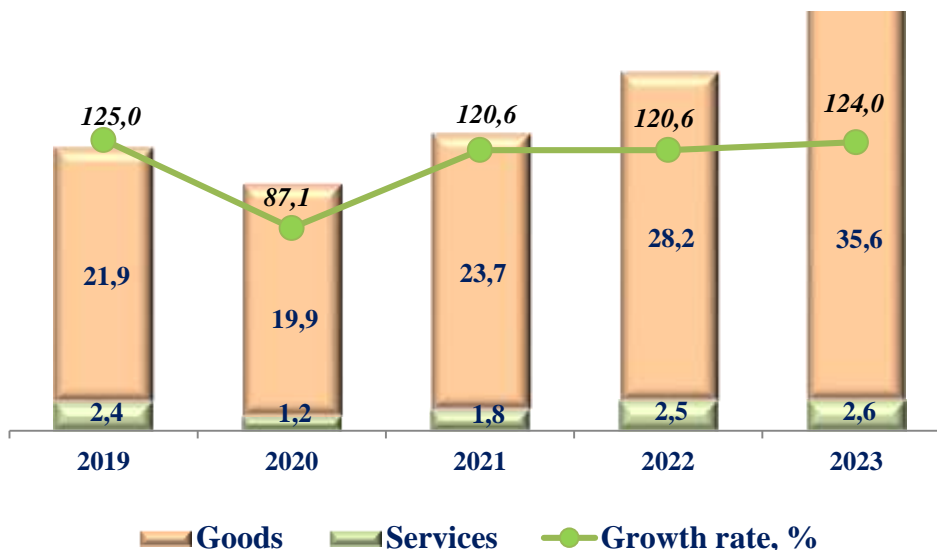


At the same time, other services (3.8%) account for the largest share, respectively, of insurance and pension services (1.6%), financial services (1.2%), government goods and services (0.5%) and etc.

SECTION 4. IMPORT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

Import volume dynamics

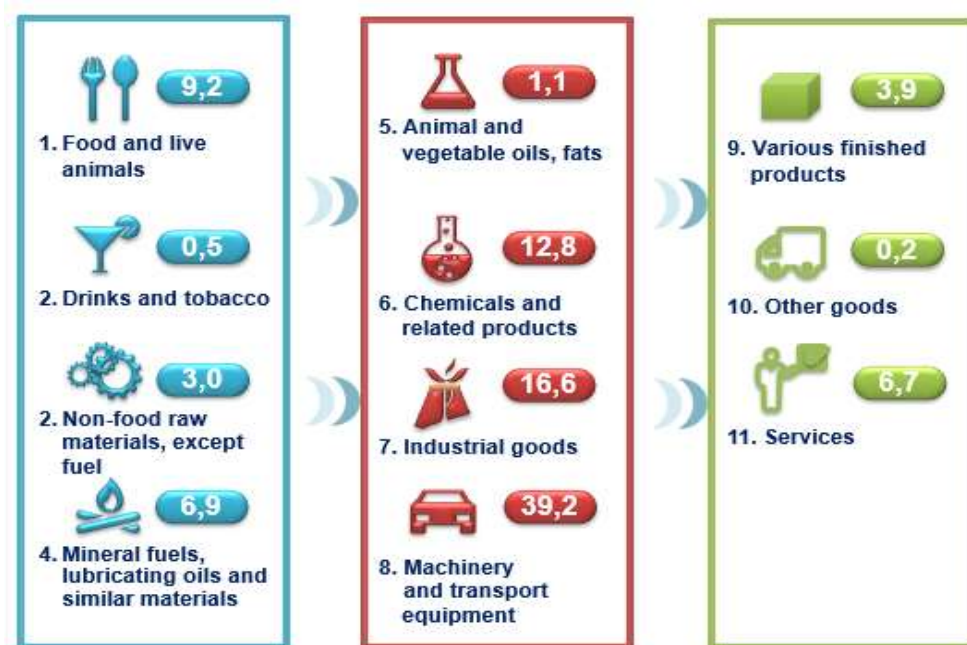
(for January-December, billion US dollars, growth rates, in %)



During the reporting period, imports amounted to 38 141.2 million US dollars (the increase in growth rates compared to January-December 2022 was 24.0%). The main share in its structure is occupied by machinery and transport equipment (39.2%), industrial goods (16.6%), as well as chemicals and similar products (12.8%).

Import structure by SITC sections

(for January-December 2023, share, %)



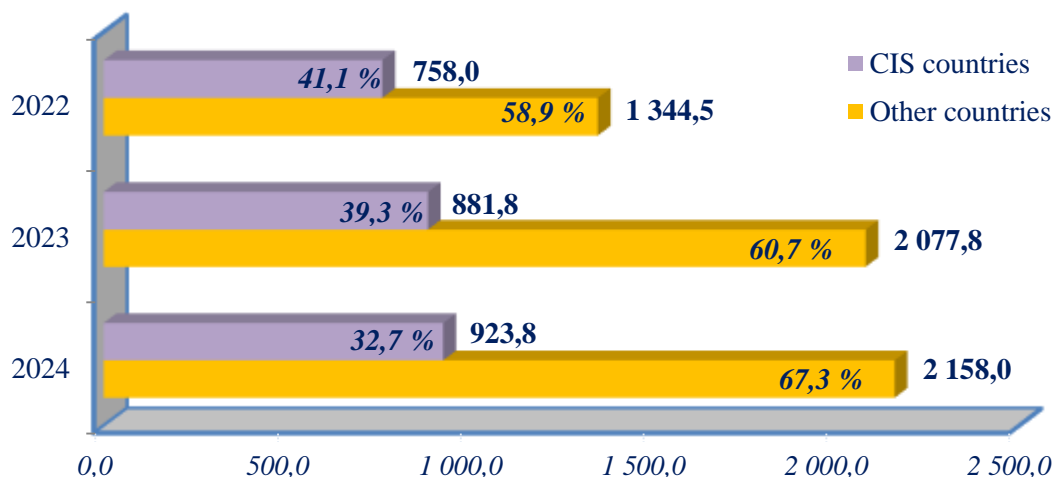
An analysis of the dynamics of imports of goods also showed that in January-December 2023, compared to the same period in 2022, the volume of imports of goods increased by 7 373.5 million US dollars and amounted to 35 574.8 million US dollars, and imports of services reached 2 566.4 million US dollars.

Structure of imports of the Republic of Uzbekistan by sections of SITC
(for January-December)

<i>Structure of SITC</i>	<i>Million US dollars</i>		<i>In % of the previous year</i>		<i>In % to the end</i>	
	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>
Total	30 767,8	38 141,2	120,6	124,0	100,0	100,0
<i>including:</i>						
Food products						
and live animals	3 392,9	3 495,7	135,2	103,0	11,0	9,2
Drinks and tobacco	139,2	191,6	154,8	137,6	0,5	0,5
Non-food raw materials, except fuel	1 283,6	1 125,3	111,2	87,7	4,2	3,0
Mineral fuels, lubricating oils and similar materials	1 795,1	2 633,6	115,3	146,7	5,8	6,9
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	400,9	425,4	97,5	106,1	1,3	1,1
Chemicals and similar products	4 372,2	4 864,5	117,1	111,3	14,2	12,8
Industrial goods	5 746,9	6 322,8	122,1	110,0	18,7	16,6
Machinery and transport equipment	9 695,7	14 935,2	117,4	154,0	31,5	39,2
Various finished products	1 330,9	1 489,8	101,9	111,9	4,3	3,9
Other products	62,9	90,9	5,4 t.	144,5	0,2	0,2
Services	2 547,5	2 566,4	144,1	100,7	8,3	6,7

The share of imports from the CIS countries, compared to the same period in 2022, decreased by 6.6% and, based on the results of January-December 2023, it amounted to 32.7%.

Dynamics of import volumes from the CIS countries and other foreign countries
(January-December, million US dollars, share, %)



In general, based on the results of January-December 2023, goods and services were imported into Uzbekistan from 179 countries. More than 2/3 of imports come from such large partner countries as China, Russia, Kazakhstan, the Republic of Korea, Türkiye, Germany and Turkmenistan.

Share of seven major partner countries in imports of goods and services
(for January-December 2023, share, %)

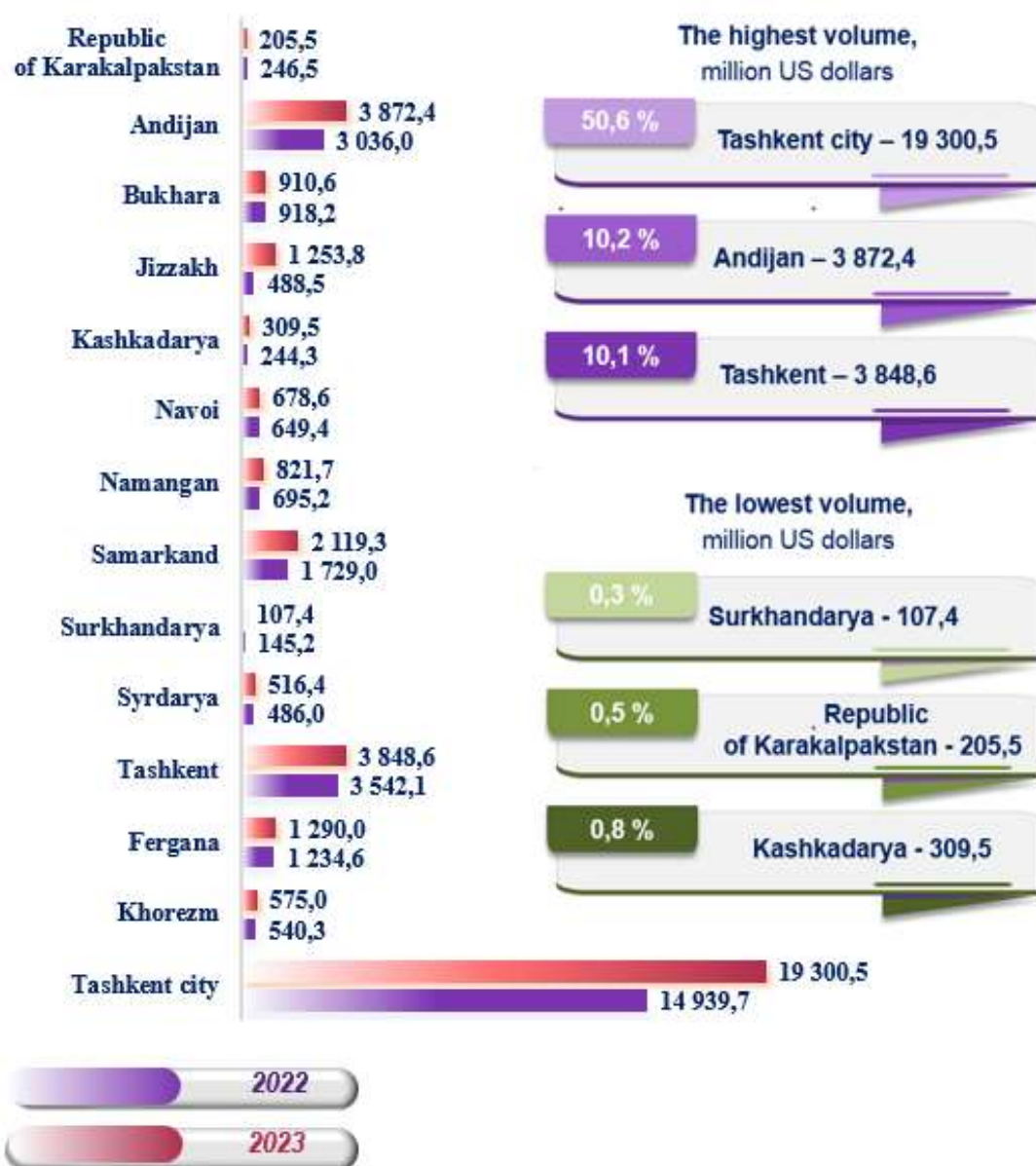


**Volume of twenty major partner countries for imports of goods and services
(for January-December)**

<i>Countries</i>	<i>Million US dollars</i>		<i>Growth rates, %</i>		<i>Position</i>	
	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>
PRC	6 427,7	11 260,1	130,6	175,2	1	1
Russia	6 230,7	6 576,1	114,1	105,5	2	2
Kazakhstan	3 243,5	3 026,4	118,3	93,3	3	3
Republic of Korea	2 299,8	2 302,9	124,9	100,1	4	4
Türkiye	1 738,5	1851,2	101,2	106,5	5	5
Germany	1 071,3	978,4	154,5	91,3	6	6
Turkmenistan	731,6	923,2	103,0	126,2	7	7
Brazil	553,4	652,3	158,9	117,9	9	8
India	655,1	648,5	142,2	99,0	8	9
France	271,7	592,6	104,7	2,2 t.	17	10
USA	368,7	501,9	100,9	136,1	13	11
Belarus	411,6	501,1	129,0	121,7	10	12
Lithuania	400,5	472,9	91,3	118,1	11	13
Italy	329,8	428,8	84,5	130,0	14	14
UAE	395,6	364,2	211,4	92,1	12	15
Iran	296,1	322,8	116,5	109,0	15	16
Kyrgyzstan	280,7	321,9	173,7	114,7	16	17
Switzerland	223,1	312,8	136,2	140,2	19	18
Poland	213,6	311,6	133,2	145,9	21	19
Czech	155,5	292,9	89,3	188,4	24	20

If we compare it with 2022, the top seven import partner countries have not changed. Thus, Poland (21st place) and the Czech Republic (24th place) entered the top twenty large import partner countries due to the accelerated growth in import volumes from the Republic of Uzbekistan (with a growth rate of 45.9%, 88.4% more when compared with the same period in 2022).

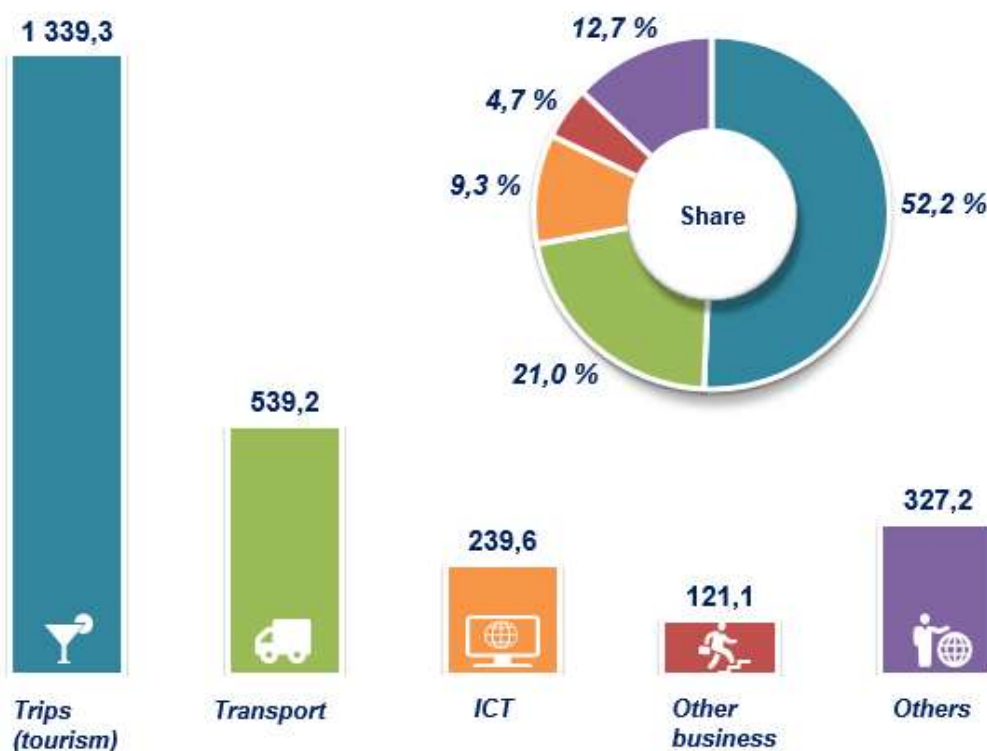
**Volume and growth rate of imports by region of the Republic of Uzbekistan
(for January-December 2023)**



In the structure of imports of the republic, a significant share is noted in Tashkent city, which is 50.6%, or 19 300.5 million US dollars, and the smallest share is recorded in Surkhandarya - 0.3%, or 107.4 million US dollars.

The highest growth rates of import volumes, compared to the same period in 2022, were noted in Jizzakh (2.6 t.), Andijan (127.5%), Kashkadarya (126.7%), Samarkand (122.6%), Namangan (118.2%), Tashkent (108.7%) regions and Tashkent city (129.2%). The lowest growth rates were recorded in the Surkhandarya region (74.0%) and the Republic of Karakalpakstan (83.4%).

Import of services of the Republic of Uzbekistan
(for January-December 2023, million US dollars)



The volume of imports of services for January-December 2023 amounted to 2,566.4 million US dollars, or 6.7% of its total volume and decreased by 1.6% compared to the same period in 2022. As part of the import of services, the main share is occupied by travel (tourism - 52.2%), transport services (21.0%), telecommunications, computer and information services (9.3%), other business services (4.7%).

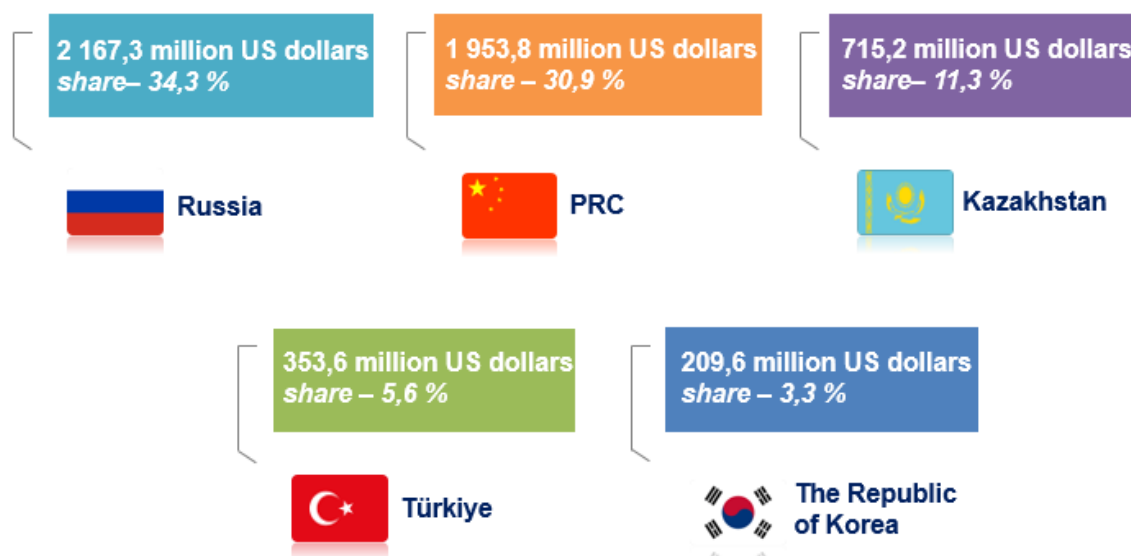
Import of industrial goods

According to the results of January-December 2023, in the structure of imports, the volume of industrial goods reached 6 322.8 million US dollars and increased, compared to the same period in 2022, by 10.0%, in general, the share in the total volume of imports amounted to 16.6 %.

Below you will find information about major partner countries that export industrial products to Uzbekistan and have a major share in the republic's imports.

Industrial goods are mainly imported from Russia (34.3% - 2,167.3 million US dollars), China (30.9% - 1 953.8 million US dollars), Kazakhstan (11.3% - 715.2 million US dollars), Türkiye (5.6% - 353.6 million US dollars) and the Republic of Korea (3.3% - 209.6 million US dollars). These countries account for 85.4% of imports of industrial goods.

**Main partner countries exporting industrial products
to the Republic of Uzbekistan**
(for January-December 2023)



The main imports of industrial goods are iron and steel (2 554.3 million US dollars), metal products (940.1 million US dollars), textile yarn, fabrics, finished products (675.4 million US dollars), rubber products (543.5 million US dollars), etc.

Thus, it becomes obvious that as a result of large-scale reforms in the foreign economic activity of the Republic of Uzbekistan and strong ties with countries around the world, the export potential of our state is growing.

Along with this, thanks to the creation of favorable conditions, the provision of a number of tax and customs benefits to manufacturers, as well as in connection with the modernization of industrial capacities and the production of competitive products, prerequisites arise for increasing the volume of exports of national products, which, in turn, allows domestic products to take a strong position in foreign markets.

Explanations of statistical indicators

Goods – any movable property, including currency and currency values, electrical, thermal and other types of energy, vehicles (except for vehicles used for the transportation of passengers and goods, including containers and other transport equipment), intellectual property objects;

Export of goods - export of goods from the customs territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan without the obligation to re-import them, unless otherwise provided by law;

Re-export is a customs regime in which foreign goods are exported from the customs territory;

Import of goods - import of goods into the customs territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan without the obligation to re-export them;

Re-import is a regime in which goods of the Republic of Uzbekistan imported from the customs territory in the export regime are imported back within the time limits established by the Customs Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan (within ten years from the date of export);

Foreign trade turnover is the sum of the values of a country's exports and imports for a certain period;

Country of origin of goods is the country in which the goods were completely produced or subjected to sufficient processing (criteria for sufficient processing of goods are determined in accordance with Article 26 of the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Customs Tariffs”);

Country of destination of goods - the country known at the time of shipment as the final country of destination of the goods;

Statistical cost of goods - the sum of the cost of goods under the contract, reduced to a single basis, regardless of the currency of the contract;

Export of services - performance of work (provision of services) by a legal entity or individual of the Republic of Uzbekistan to a legal entity or individual of a foreign state, regardless of the place of their execution (rendering);

Import of services - performance of work (provision of services) by a legal entity or individual of a foreign state to a legal entity or individual of the Republic of Uzbekistan, regardless of the place of their execution (rendering);

***For reference:** when generating statistical indicators on foreign trade in goods of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the United Nations International Standard Trade Classification (SITC) is used, which allows for analytical purposes to group exported and imported goods. Assignment of ISTC codes to goods is carried out using transition keys between the Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity and ISTC.*