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Turkey's Foreign Trade Deficit Shrank



Turkey's foreign trade gap in 2018 narrowed by 28.4 percent year-on-year, the Turkish Statistical Institute (Turkstat) announced.

The figure reached \$55 billion last year, down from a \$76.8 billion deficit in 2017, according to TÜİK. Turkish exports rose 7 percent on a yearly basis to hit \$168 billion, as imports dropped to \$223 billion, indicating a decrease of 4.6 percent.

In the New Economic Program, the government had forecast a foreign trade deficit of \$66 billion for 2018. It had forecast exports and imports at \$170 billion and \$236 billion, respectively.

The government expects the country's foreign trade shortfall to shrink to \$62 billion this year. Its export and import forecasts are \$182 billion and \$244 billion, respectively.

For detailed information, please see [The Turkish Perspective](#) magazine February 2019 issue.

Turkish Airlines to Transfer All Flights to Istanbul Airport on April 6

Due to relocation of its new hub, İstanbul Airport, Turkish Airlines will be ending all its scheduled flights at Atatürk Airport as of April 6th, 2019 at 20:00 (LMT).

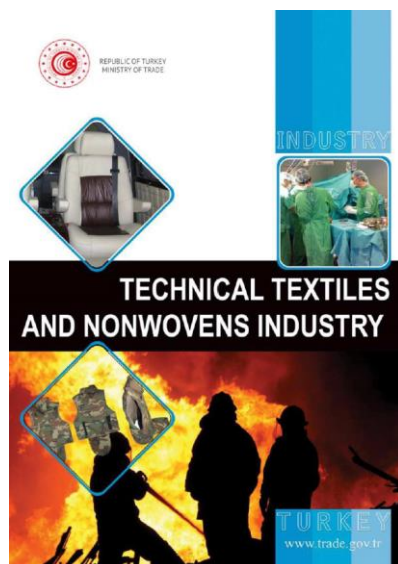
From April 6th, 2019 at 14:00 (LMT) onwards, Turkish Airlines will be conducting all its flight operations that were planned for Atatürk Airport from İstanbul Airport.



For detailed information, please visit [Turkish Airlines](#) twitter page.

SECTORS

Sectoral Reports: Technical Textiles and Nonwovens Industry



Technical textiles and nonwovens is the most developing and promising sector in the global textile industry. The production and consumption of technical textiles and nonwovens has gained great economic value in the last decade.

The demand for technical textiles and nonwovens is directly related to overall economic developments and textile technology. The increase in GDP per capita in Turkey in recent years has fueled demand for technical textile and nonwoven products such as feminine hygiene products, diapers, medical textiles and disposable products. In addition, rapid growth and the requirements in the automotive, construction, filtration, agriculture and chemical industries have stimulated demand for technical textiles and nonwovens.

The major end-user sectors for technical textiles and nonwovens in Turkey are automotive, packaging, hygiene, medical supplies, construction, clothing, military, agriculture and filtration.

For the full report, please visit the [Ministry of Trade website](#).

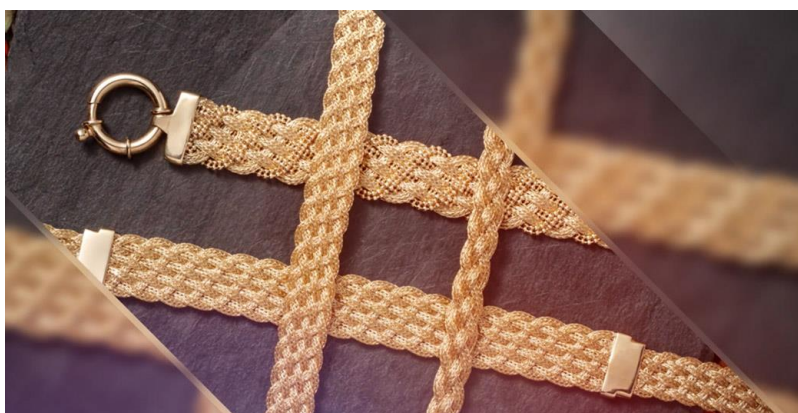
Turkish Jewelry Aims To Set New Export Record in 2019

Turkish Jewelry, with its 7000-year-long heritage, continues to increase export volumes with more than 35.000 retail brands, 6.000 producers and 1.000 service firms. Turkey is one of the leading jewelry markets in the world together with the United Kingdom, the USA, China, the UAE, and India.

Turkey has the 11th largest stock of gold in the world. In 2017, it was the 10th highest global exporter of jewelry, reaching a value of \$4.1 billion and constituting 4.5% of the world jewelry exports.

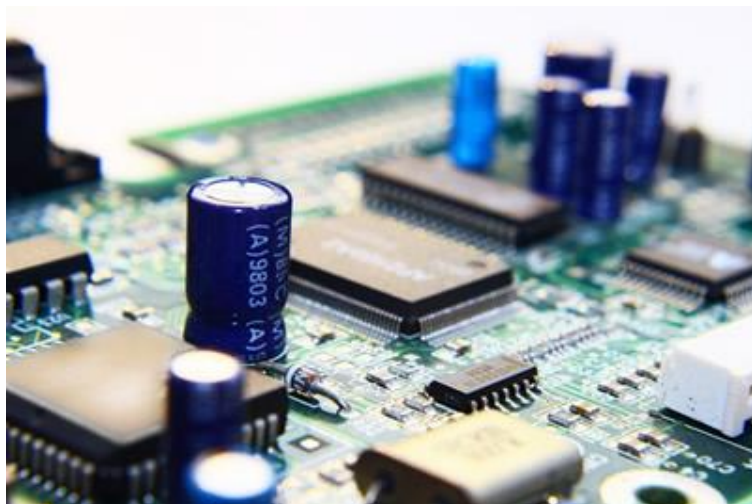
A new record was set in 2018, with total exports amounting to \$4.54 billion, a 35% increase compared to the previous year.

Boosted by this continuous increase, Turkey's Jewelry sector has set its target for 2023 to \$12 billion in exports.



For detailed information, please click [here](#).

Trade in Electronic Components Drives Growth in Technology Goods



Demand for electronic components used in Internet-of-Things (IoT) devices drove the value of trade in international imports of information and communications technology (ICT) goods in 2017 to reach \$2.1 trillion, according to new figures released by UNCTAD.

Trade in ICT goods grew slightly faster than merchandise trade and represented 13.4% of the total in 2017, down from the 16.1% high during the dot-com boom in 2000 but the highest in two years. By

comparison, in 2017 machinery and transport equipment accounted for 37% and food for 8% of merchandise imports.

For detailed information, please visit [UNCTAD website](#).

EVENTS

Take The Chance To Reach New Trade Partners - Buyers Missions

You can take the chance to reach new trade partners by participating in buyers mission programs.

Within these programs, foreign visitors participate in B2B meetings in Turkey **without any accommodation expenses**.

Buyers mission programs are organized in a wide range of sectors from food and agriculture to machinery and textiles under the coordination of the Ministry of Trade.

Choose the most suitable program for you from the table below, contact our [commercial representative](#) in your country and **let us host you in these events**.

EXHIBITON / EVENT	CITY	DATE	SECTORS	PROGRAM
Samsun Furniture Decoration 2019	Samsun	Mar 12-17, 2019	Furniture and Decoration	Mar 11: Arrival, Mar 12: B2Bs and Briefing, Mar 13: Visit to Fair, Mar 14: Departure
WIN Eurasia 2019	İstanbul	Mar 14-17, 2019	Manufacturing Industry and Metal Forming Technologies	Mar 13: Arrival, Mar 14: B2Bs and Briefing, Mar 15: Visit to Fair, Mar 16: Departure

Middle East Construction 2019	Diyarbakır	Mar 14-17, 2019	Construction and Construction Materials	Mar 13: Arrival, Mar 14: B2Bs and Briefing, Mar 15: Visit to Fair, Mar 16: Departure
3 rd İstanbul Hardware	İstanbul	Mar 14-17, 2019	Hardware	Mar 13: Arrival, Mar 14: B2Bs and Briefing, Mar 15: Visit to Fair, Mar 16: Departure
IDMA 2019	İstanbul	Mar 20-23, 2019	Milling Machinery	Mar 19: Arrival, Mar 20: B2Bs and Briefing, Mar 21: Visit to Fair, Mar 22: Departure
4 th International Elevator, Escalator Industry and Technologies	İstanbul	Mar 20-23, 2019	Elevator and Elevator Technologies	Mar 19: Arrival, Mar 20: B2Bs and Briefing, Mar 21: Visit to Fair, Mar 22: Departure
16 th International Lift Exhibition	İstanbul	Mar 21-24, 2019	Elevator and Elevator Technologies	Mar 20: Arrival, Mar 21: B2Bs and Briefing, Mar 22: Visit to Fair, Mar 23: Departure
IFAT EURASIA 2019	İstanbul	Mar 28-30, 2019	Environmental Technologies	Mar 27: Arrival, Mar 28: B2Bs and Briefing, Mar 29: Visit to Fair, Mar 30: Departure
Petroleum İstanbul	İstanbul	Mar 28-30, 2019	Petroleum, LPG, Lubricants, Equipment, Convenience Store Products and Technology	Mar 27: Arrival, Mar 28: B2Bs and Briefing, Mar 29: Visit to Fair, Mar 30: Departure
EXPOMED EURASIA 2019	İstanbul	Mar 28-30, 2019	Medical Technology	Mar 27: Arrival, Mar 28: B2Bs and Briefing, Mar 29: Visit to Fair, Mar 30: Departure
Expomaritt Exposhipping İstanbul	İstanbul	Apr 2-5, 2019	Shipping	Apr 1: Arrival, Apr 2: B2Bs and Briefing, Apr 3: Visit to Fair, Apr 4: Departure
Diyarbakır Agriculture, Stock Breeding Fair	Diyarbakır	Apr 2-6, 2019	Agricultural Equipment, Food and Livestock	Apr 1: Arrival, Apr 2: B2Bs and Briefing, Apr 3: Visit to Fair, Apr 4: Departure
Solarex İstanbul 2019	İstanbul	Apr 4-6, 2019	Solar Energy and Technologies	Apr 3: Arrival, Apr 4: B2Bs and Briefing, Apr 5: Visit to Fair, Apr 6: Departure
Automechanika İstanbul 2019	İstanbul	Apr 4-7, 2019	Automotive Industry	Apr 3: Arrival, Apr 4: B2Bs and Briefing, Apr 5: Visit to Fair, Apr 6: Departure
Samsun Construction Fair	Samsun	Apr 4-7, 2019	Construction	Apr 3: Arrival, Apr 4: B2Bs and Briefing, Apr 5: Visit to Fair, Apr 6: Departure

Turkey's National Participations at Exhibitions - March 2019

Turkish companies from various sectors will participate in exhibitions from all around the world in March 2019 as listed below:

EXHIBITION	DATE	PLACE	SECTORS
13.EQUIPAUTO ALGERIA	Mar 11-14, 2019	Algiers - Algeria	Automotive Spare Parts
IDS 2019 FAIR	Mar 12-16, 2019	Cologne - Germany	Dentistry Products
DUBAI WOOD SHOW	Mar 12-14, 2019	Dubai - UAE	Wood and Wood Processing
PROPAK AFRICA 2019	Mar 12-15, 2019	Johannesburg – S. Africa	Packaging
JEC WORLD	Mar 12-14, 2019	Paris - France	Composites
APLF Leather and Materials	Mar 13-15, 2019	Hong Kong - China	Leather and Fashion
MADEEXPO	Mar 13-16, 2019	Milan - Italy	Architecture, Design and Construction
33. WEDDING SHOW MOSCOW	Mar 14-16, 2019	Moscow – Russian Fed.	Wedding Fashion
ROMTHERM	Mar 14-17, 2019	Bucharest - Romania	Installations for Constructions and HVAC-R
EGYPT PROJECT	Mar 14-16, 2019	Cairo - Egypt	Building Materials
WINDOOREX	Mar 14-16, 2019	Cairo - Egypt	Glass, Aluminum, Windows, Doors and Facade
COSMOPROF	Mar 14-17, 2019	Bologna - Italy	Barber Shop Products
AGROTECH 2019	Mar 15-17, 2019	Kielce - Poland	Agricultural Techniques
SEAFOOD EXPO NORTH AMERICA (SENA)	Mar 17-19, 2019	Boston - USA	Seafood
IFE LONDON	Mar 17-20, 2019	London - UK	Food and Drink
23th CATEXPO	Mar 17-19, 2019	Almaty - Kazakhstan	Fashion
CIFF 2019	Mar 18-21, 2019	Guangzhou - China	Furniture
ASEAN M&E SHOW 2019	Mar 19-21, 2019	Kuala Lumpur - Malaysia	Mechanical and Electrical Engineering
SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL HOSIERY PURCHASING EXPO	Mar 20-22, 2019	Shanghai - China	Hosiery Industry
EXTILE	Mar 20-23, 2019	Amman - Jordan	Fashion
INDO BUILD TECH	Mar 20-24, 2019	Jakarta - Indonesia	Building Material and Interior
BATIMATEC 2019	Mar 24-28, 2019	Algiers - Algeria	Construction Materials
THE BIG SHOW AND INTERIOR DESIGN OMAN	Mar 25-27, 2019	Muscat - Oman	Building Materials and Construction Equipment
13. HOMEDECO HOUSEWARE	Mar 26-29, 2019	Almaty - Kazakhstan	Home Textile, Interior Design and Houseware
AUSPACK 2019	Mar 26-29, 2019	Melbourne - Australia	Packaging and Processing
BABY EXPO 2019	Mar 26-29, 2019	Kiev - Ukraine	Baby and Children's Equipment
AGROFOOD&PLASTPRINTPACK NIGERIA	Mar 26-28, 2019	Lagos - Nigeria	Food Processing, Packaging, Bakery and Confectionery

EXPOCOMER 2019	Mar 27-30, 2019	Panama - Panama	General Trade
INTERZUM GUANGZHOU 2019	Mar 28-31, 2019	Guangzhou - China	Woodworking and Upholstery Machinery, Furniture Production
HANNOVER MESSE 2019	Apr 1-5, 2019	Hannover - Germany	Industry
INTEGRATED AUTOMATION, MOTION & DRIVES 2019	Apr 1-5, 2019	Hannover - Germany	Industry 4.0
INTEGRATED ENERGY	Apr 1-5, 2019	Hannover - Germany	Integrated Energy Systems for Industry, Heating and Mobility
HORECA LEBANON 2018	Apr 2-5, 2019	Beirut - Lebanon	Food Processing, Packaging and Hotel Equipment
ROSBUILD 2019	Apr 2-5, 2019	Moscow – Russian Fed.	Building and Finishing Materials and Technologies
MOSBUILD	Apr 2-5, 2019	Moscow – Russian Fed.	Building and Interiors
INTERNATIONAL APPAREL&TEXTILE FAIR	Apr 2-4, 2019	Dubai - UAE	Apparel and Textile
UZCHARM 2019	Apr 3-5, 2019	Tashkent - Uzbekistan	Leather, Footwear, Clothing and Accessories
MEDICAL EXPO 2019	Apr 4-7, 2019	Casablanca - Morocco	Health Care
AFRICA FOOD MANUFACTURING	Apr 7-9, 2019	Cairo - Egypt	Food Manufacturing

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