

NEWS

Turkey's Ministry of Trade to Utilize Blockchain Technology



Turkey's Minister of Trade Ruhsar Pekcan stated that the Ministry is working on a new system that will expedite both export and import transactions via blockchain technology.

Pekcan also highlighted that the Ministry is conducting talks with international software giants and countries such as Singapore, which is one of the leading countries in digital transformation, with

regard to blockchain technology. She specified that the 'new era' has the potential to eliminate various bureaucratic obstacles, like regulation differences, non-standard certificates and fraud issues, decelerating international commerce, via blockchain technology.

The Minister stated that they are shaping the policies of the ministry with the participation of the actors 'on the ground' and a cooperation protocol will be signed between the ministry and the 'Turkish Blockchain Platform', with the involvement of over 30 public companies and institutions.

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

The Results of Address Based Population Registration System, 2018

In 2018, the population residing in Turkey increased by 1 million 193 thousand 357 people compared to the previous year. Male population was 41 million 139 thousand 980 people and female population was 40 million 863 thousand 902 people. While 50.2% of the total population were males, 49.8% of the total population were females.

Proportion of population residing in province and district centers decreased to 92.3% in 2018 from 92.5% in 2017. Proportion of population living in towns and villages was 7.7%.

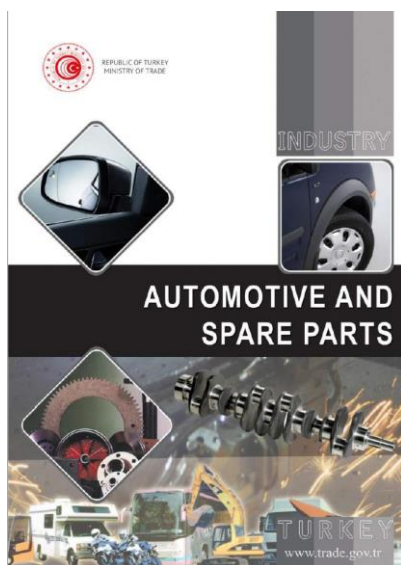


The amount of population in 15-64 working age group increased by 1.4% compared to the previous year. Accordingly, the proportion of working age group became 67.8%; the proportion of children aged 0-14 became 23.4% and the proportion of population aged 65 and over became 8.8% in 2018.

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

SECTORS

Sectoral Reports: Automotive and Spare Parts



Vehicle industry production in Turkey dates back to the mid-1950s. First vehicle assembly company was established in 1954. Truck, bus and passenger car assembly companies began operations in the early 60s. At present, Turkey is the biggest light commercial vehicle and bus manufacturer in the European Union.

The Turkish vehicle industry's total capacity is approximately 1,8 million vehicles, of which 1.663.128 (92,6%) is for light vehicles (passenger cars, minibuses and pick-ups). The total vehicle production in 2016 was 1.485.927 units (excluding tractors) which is a record for the Turkish automotive industry.

In 2017 the total export value of passenger cars, trucks, buses and tractors was US\$ 19 billion. The main export markets for the automotive industry in 2017 are Italy, France, United Kingdom, Germany and Spain.

Turkey's spare parts industry exports are increasing significantly with the focus on replacement components. The main spare parts products exported are engine parts, tyres and tubes, accessories for bodies, road wheels and parts, rubber parts for motor vehicles, transmission shafts and cranks. The number of companies in the spare parts industry is about 4000. Approximately 500 auto parts exporters operate in the country, and around 70% of their output is exported to the European Union.

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

Turkish Game Developers Exceeded \$1 Billion in Exports



exports of 1 billion 50 million dollars in 2018.

Under the leadership of Game Developers' Association of Turkey (TOGED), last year's performance of game industry was evaluated with the participation of Minister of Trade Ruhsar Pekcan and announced that Turkish game developers had realized

exports of 1 billion 50 million dollars in 2018. Mentioning that the export figures of digital games sector increased by 100% in the last two years, Minister of Trade Ruhsar Pekcan said "Our export figure which was 500 million dollars in 2016 reached to 1 billion 50 million dollars in 2018. In order to further increase this figure, our work continues uninterruptedly".

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

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
Adana Urban and Adana Construction	Adana	Feb 13-17, 2019	Construction	Feb 12: Arrival, Feb 13: B2Bs and Briefing, Feb 14: Visit to Fair, Feb 15: Departure
Horeca Fair Ege	İzmir	Feb 20-23, 2019	Food Product and Hotel Equipment	Feb 19: Arrival, Feb 20: B2Bs and Briefing, Feb 21: Visit to Fair, Feb 22: Departure
Printtek Digital	İstanbul	Feb 20-24, 2019	Stationary, Office Equipment	Feb 19: Arrival, Feb 20: B2Bs and Briefing, Feb 21: Visit to Fair, Feb 22: Departure
Motorbike İstanbul	İstanbul	Feb 22-24, 2019	Motorbike	Feb 20: Arrival, Feb 21: B2Bs and Briefing, Feb 22: Visit to Fair, Feb 23: Departure
İstanbul Toy Fair	İstanbul	Feb 26-Mar 1, 2019	Toy	Feb 25: Arrival, Feb 26: B2Bs and Briefing, Feb 27: Visit to Fair, Feb 28: Departure
16 th International Istanbul Yarn Fair	İstanbul	Feb 28-Mar 2, 2019	Textiles, Fabrics, Home Textiles, Yarns, Fibres	Feb 27: Arrival, Feb 28: B2Bs and Briefing, Mar 1: Visit to Fair, Mar 2: Departure
Tube, Wire, Coil and Sheet Metal Fair	İstanbul	Feb 28-Mar 2, 2019	Tube	Feb 27: Arrival, Feb 28: B2Bs and Briefing, Mar 1: Visit to Fair, Mar 2: Departure
Eurasia Window	İstanbul	Mar 6-9, 2019	Windows and Glassware Products	Mar 5: Arrival, Mar 6: B2Bs and Briefing, Mar 7: Visit to Fair, Mar 8: Departure

East Marmara Agriculture Fair and Green House, Garden And Ornamental Plants Fair	Kocaeli	Mar 6-10, 2019	Agricultural Equipment, Food and Livestock	Mar 5: Arrival, Mar 6: B2Bs and Briefing, Mar 7: Visit to Fair, Mar 8: Departure
MODEKO	İzmir	Mar 6-10, 2019	Furniture	Mar 5: Arrival, Mar 6: B2Bs and Briefing, Mar 7: Visit to Fair, Mar 8: Departure

Turkey's National Participations at Exhibitions - February 2019

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

EXHIBITION	DATE	PLACE	SECTORS
PRODEXPO 2019	Feb 11-15, 2019	Moscow – Russian Fed.	Food, Beverages and Food Raw Materials
PREMIERE VISION FABRICS	Feb 12-14, 2019	Paris - France	Fashion Industry Supplying Materials and Services
BUDMA	Feb 12-15, 2019	Poznan - Poland	Construction and Architecture
PREMIERE VISION MANUFACTURING	Feb 12-14, 2019	Paris - France	Textile and Apparel Industry
BIOFACH 2019	Feb 13-16, 2019	Nürnberg - Germany	Organic Products
HVACR INT'L EXPO & CONFERENCE 2019	Feb 13-15, 2019	Karachi - Pakistan	Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning
STYLE-KABO	Feb 16-18, 2019	Brno – Czech Rep.	Fashion
GULFOOD 2019	Feb 17-21, 2019	Dubai - UAE	Food and Beverage
MODA UK	Feb 17-19, 2019	Birmingham - UK	Fashion Trade
PROMOTE 2019	Feb 18-22, 2019	Yaounde - Cameroun	General Trade
TEXTILLEGPROM	Feb 19-22, 2019	Moscow – Russian Fed.	Textile, Garment, Home Textile, Leather, Textile Machinery, Footwear
LINEAPELLE	Feb 20-22, 2019	Milan - Italy	Leather, Accessories, Components, Fabrics, Synthetics and Models
KIDS' TIME	Feb 20-22, 2019	Kielce - Poland	Toys and Products for Mother and Child
SIMA PARIS	Feb 24-28, 2019	Paris - France	Agribusiness
DJAZAGRO 2019	Feb 25-28, 2019	Algiers - Algeria	Agri-Food Production
EUROSHOES MOSCOW 2019	Feb 25-28, 2019	Moscow – Russian Fed.	Footwear
CPM-COLLECTION PREMIERE MOSCOW	Feb 25-28, 2019	Moscow – Russian Fed.	Fashion Trade
NY WOMEN'S	Feb 25-27, 2019	New York - USA	Apparel, Footwear, Accessories, and Fashion Products
AUTOMECHANIKA JEDDAH	Feb 26-28, 2019	Jeddah – S. Arabia	Automotive

IGATEX	Feb 26-28, 2019	Karachi - Pakistan	Garment and Textile Machinery
WORLD BUILD TASHKENT	Feb 27-Mar 1, 2019	Tashkent - Uzbekistan	Building and Construction
HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL JEWELLERY SHOW	Feb 28-Mar 4, 2019	Hong Kong - China	Jewellery
BALKAN TEXTILE	Feb 28-Mar 2, 2019	Belgrade - Serbia	Textile Machinery
INTERNATIONAL HOME AND HOUSEWARES SHOW	Mar 2-5, 2019	Chicago - USA	Home and Housewares
SUDAN AGROFOOD & PACKAGING	Mar 4-6, 2019	Khartoum - Sudan	Agriculture and Packaging Machinery
AGRA MIDDLE EAST	Mar 5-7, 2019	Dubai - UAE	Agriculture
MIDDLE EAST ELECTRICITY	Mar 5-7, 2019	Dubai - UAE	Electrics, Electronics and Lighting
EXPO ANTAD & ALIMENTARIA	Mar 5-7, 2019	Guadalajara - Mexico	Food and Drinks
FOODEX JAPAN	Mar 5-8, 2019	Chiba - Japan	Food
XIAMEN STONE FAIR	Mar 6-9, 2019	Xiamen - China	Stone Machinery and Tools
LA TEXTILE	Mar 6-8, 2019	Los Angeles - USA	Textile and Fashion
IWA 2019	Mar 8-11, 2019	Nürnberg - Germany	Hunting, Shooting Sports, Equipment for Outdoor Activities and Security Applications
THE BIG 5 SHOW SAUDI ARABIA	Mar 10-13, 2019	Jeddah – S. Arabia	Construction

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