

Population

0. Prerequisites

0.1 Legal environment

[0.1.1 Responsibility for collecting, processing, and disseminating statistics](#)

National Statistics Office of Georgia

According to article 7 of the "Georgian Law on Official Statistics" (*Law*), the National Statistics Office of Georgia (NSO) is responsible for the collection, processing and dissemination of statistical data.

According to the Law, other state and local self-governed bodies legal entities of public law and other administrative bodies may perform activities in the field of official statistics in accordance with international standards and methodologies.

The NSO ensures the coordination of works in the field of official statistics, issues recommendations on statistical standards and methodologies, performs the exchange of statistical information between administrative bodies and supports the implementation of approved standards and methodologies.

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Legal relations pertaining to population census activities are governed on the basis of the Law of Georgia on Official Statistics, adopted on December 11, 2009.

[0.1.2 Data sharing and coordination among data producing agencies](#)

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Starting from 2017, live birth and death statistics are compiled on the basis of the administrative records of the Public Service Development Agency and the National Center for Disease Control and Public Health (NCDC);

International migration statistics are based on state border crossing statistics received from the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

[0.1.3 Confidentiality of individual reporters' data](#)

National Statistics Office of Georgia

According to the *Law*, article 28 "Statistical Data Confidentiality":

Data acquired for statistical purposes are confidential, if they enable to identify respondent.

The dissemination of confidential statistical data or their use for non-statistical purposes is prohibited unless the cases stated by the Georgian legislation.

[0.1.4 Ensuring statistical reporting](#)

National Statistics Office of Georgia

According to the *Law*, article 25 "Obligation to Provide Statistical and Other Information":

With the view of fulfilling its functions the Geostat shall be authorized to request and receive from administrative bodies, physical and legal persons all kinds of statistical data and other information, including confidential information and/or information containing personal data, in line with the "Law on Personal Data Protection".

Administrative bodies shall be obliged to provide available information on physical persons and legal entities of private law to Geostat, including confidential information and/or information containing personal data in line with the "Law on Personal Data Protection".

In case of failure to provide information to Geostat required under the statistical activities program approved by the Government of Georgia, legal entities registered in the Register of entrepreneurial and non-commercial legal entities shall be liable to proceedings stipulated in the Code of Administrative Offices of Georgia.

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The Public Service Development Agency and the National Center for Disease Control and Public Health (NCDC) (live births, deaths) and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia (migration balance) shall provide complete and accurate data, within the laid down deadlines.

0.2 Resources

[0.2.1 Staff, facilities, computing resources, and financing](#)

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6 full staff and 2 on contractual basis.

[0.2.2 Ensuring efficient use of resources](#)

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In order to ensure the efficient use of resources the following measures are undertaken:

The thorough planning of statistical works (on multi-annual, annual and quarterly basis) that ensure the production and dissemination of reliable and relevant statistical information;

The permanent monitoring of the appropriate use of resources according their destination.

Special attention is granted to the improvement of the staff performances, especially its qualification and abilities.

0.3 Relevance

[0.3.1 Monitoring user requirements](#)

National Statistics Office of Georgia

In order to assure the production and dissemination of relevant statistics in the process of elaboration of draft annual program of statistical works, the interested public and other institutions are consulted.

0.4.1 Quality policy

National Statistics Office of Georgia

Quality awareness is evidenced by references to quality in the *Law* according to which the production of statistical information is based on the principles of impartiality, statistical deontology.

0.4.2 Quality monitoring

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A range of measures to ensure the high quality of works at each stage of information flow are undertaken.

The primary and processed data are carefully checked for their internal, temporal consistency, as well as cross-checked with available data from other statistical and administrative sources of information.

In order to ensure the high quality of primary data, meetings with data providers are frequently held.

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1. Integrity

1.1 Professionalism

1.1.1 Impartiality of statistics

National Statistics Office of Georgia

According to the *Law*, article 4 production and dissemination of statistics shall be based on the fundamental principles of official statistics.

The NSO is concerned to honor its independence and objectivity by the *Law* and regulation pursuing the objectivity of tools used, such as survey methods, statistical classifications, definitions of indicators, etc., as well as the objectivity of releasing and providing statistical data and information.

1.1.2 Selection of sources, methodology, and modes of dissemination

National Statistics Office of Georgia

Bodies of the NSO and other statistical establishments shall obtain statistical information by means of statistical observations (current statistical reports and specially arranged statistical observations).

Objects of statistical observations shall be resident as well as non-resident enterprises operating on the territory of Georgia within the observation program limits.

A type of the statistical observation, a circle of the observation objects, the regularity, the form and term of data presentation are defined in accordance with the observation objectives and shall, together with appropriate methodological institutions, be approved by the NSO.

Producing the statistics and disseminating the information derived as a result of producing the statistics shall be in compliance with the international standards and practice.

1.1.3 Commenting on erroneous interpretation and misuse of statistics

National Statistics Office of Georgia

The NSO has full authority to comment on erroneous interpretation and misuse of statistics. This rarely occurs due to the provision of press briefings/conferences where NSO staff can provide information on methodologies, interpretation of statistics and respond to general questions.

1.2 Transparency

1.2.1 Disclosure of terms and conditions for statistical collection, processing, and dissemination

National Statistics Office of Georgia

Disclosure of terms and conditions for statistical collection, processing and dissemination is guaranteed by the state statistical program each year adopted by the president of Georgia. In state statistical program each data produced by the NSO has its short description, periodicity and timelines.

The law on statistics is publicly available on NSO's website www.geostat.ge (in English on web page http://geostat.ge/cms/site_images/latest%20Law%20of%20Georgia_2018.pdf), also on the web of the Legislative Herald of Georgia: <https://matsne.gov.ge/en/document/view/90946?publication=1>

1.2.2 Internal governmental access to statistics prior to release

National Statistics Office of Georgia

There are no privileges for access to statistical data in Georgia. Statistical data are equally available to all users from the web: www.geostat.ge, also from

publications of the NSO.

[1.2.3 Attribution of statistical products](#)

National Statistics Office of Georgia

There is no ministerial comment on the occasion of statistical releases.

[1.2.4 Advance notice of major changes in methodology, source data, and statistical techniques.](#)

National Statistics Office of Georgia

Methodology (for data collection, processing and analysis) and questionnaires of the NSO are adopted by the Statistical Board of the NSO which consists of 8 members (including its Chairman – an Executive Director of the NSO).

For any changes in methodology, data source or questionnaire content or its design there is a need of changes in the resolution of the Statistical Board.

1.3 Ethical standards

[1.3.1 Guidelines for staff behavior](#)

National Statistics Office of Georgia

The internal regulations of the NSO define the staff behavior.

2. Methodology

2.1 Concepts and definitions

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Analytical framework – the methodology of population, fertility, mortality and migration statistics in Georgia follows the respective UN recommendations.

In statistics of birth, deaths and migration, used for the population data, time reference is the date on which the event occurred and place of registration is permanent residence of specified person.

Population data are calculated for 1st January.

2.2 Scope

[2.2.1 Scope](#)

Scope of the data

Geographical coverage: Data cover all territory of Georgia (see also exceptions to coverage 2.2.1.2).

Exceptions to coverage

Geographical coverage: Data do not cover the territories of Abkhazian Autonomous Republic and Tskhinvali Region (former South Ossetian

Autonomous Region) – a part of Georgian territory not controlled by the central authorities.

2.3
Classification/sectorization

[2.3.1 Classification/sectorization](#)

Classifications: Classification of administrative-territorial units of Georgia, and ICD-10.

3. Accuracy and reliability

3.1 Source data

[3.1.1 Source data collection programs](#)

The Public Service Development Agency, which is under the Ministry of Justice of Georgia, covers all persons who are registered by their present residence or notify that the respective agency of changes of residence as well as vital events (births, deaths, marriages, divorces). The Ministry of Internal Affairs is responsible for statistics on state border crossing. Population Census: The most recent census was carried out in November 2014.

[3.1.2 Source data definitions, scope, classifications, valuation, and time of recording](#)

Generally, existing data sources are consistent with the definitions, time of recording required for the elaboration of qualitative population statistics. But, there are difficulties regarding the estimation of international migration, especially abroad.

3.2 Assessment of source data

[3.2.1 Source data assessment](#)

Source data are assessed for their accuracy on a routine basis.

3.3 Statistical techniques

[3.3.1 Source data statistical techniques](#)

Total population figure is computed annually, starting from the last available census results, each year adding births, subtracting deaths data and using the migration balance.

3.4 Data validation

[3.4.1 Validation of intermediate results](#)

The data are compared and analyzed on internal, temporal consistency and with other data sources.

[3.4.3 Assessment of discrepancies and other problems in statistical outputs](#)

When the results of the census of population are available the current population statistics data are carefully analyzed with the census data.

3.5 Revision studies

[3.5.1 Revision studies and analyses](#)

When a census is completed, data on the number of population and its structure are revised till the previous census.

4. Serviceability

4.1 Periodicity and timeliness

4.1.1 Periodicity

Annual.

4.1.2 Timeliness

4 months after the end of the reporting year.

4.2 Consistency

4.2.1 Internal consistency

More detailed data by gender, age and other breakdowns are available on the website.

4.2.2 Temporal consistency

Information for the whole country is presented in long time series, and for the administrative-territorial units it is also available in long time series on the website.

4.3 Revision

4.3.1 Revision schedule

Data are preliminary when first released.

Revisions are made after the next census final results are available.

4.3.2 Identification of preliminary and/or revised data

Revisions are identified in footnotes.

5. Accessibility

5.1 Data

5.1.1 Statistical presentation

Number of population is calculated annually, starting from the last available census results, each year adding births, subtracting deaths data and using the migration balance. Population data are calculated for 1st January.

5.1.2 Dissemination media and format

Hard copy - Other

Statistical Yearbook

Electronic - On-line bulletin or data

Demographic Abstract:

http://geostat.ge/index.php?action=wnews_archive1&qy=1&qy1=17&lang=eng

Quarterly Bulletin:

http://geostat.ge/index.php?action=wnews_archive1&qy=&qy1=1&lang=

eng

Data:

http://geostat.ge/index.php?action=page&p_id=152&lang=eng

5.1.3 Advance release calendar

An advance release calendar showing approximate release dates for the coming four months is disseminated on the NSO website with following

link: http://geostat.ge/index.php?action=page&p_id=23&lang=eng

5.1.4 Simultaneous release

Statistical data are simultaneously released to users of statistical information through the release of the NSO publications and through posting statistical data on the NSO website www.geostat.ge.

5.1.5 Dissemination on request

Special requests on hard copy and electronic form may be obtained from the NSO.

5.2 Metadata

5.2.1 Dissemination of documentation on concepts, scope, classifications, basis of recording, data sources, and statistical techniques

Methodology on population is provided in the *Statistical Yearbook of Georgia* produced by the NSO. Available at: www.geostat.ge

5.2.2 Disseminated level of detail

The publications include tables with detailed information (by age groups, urban/rural area).