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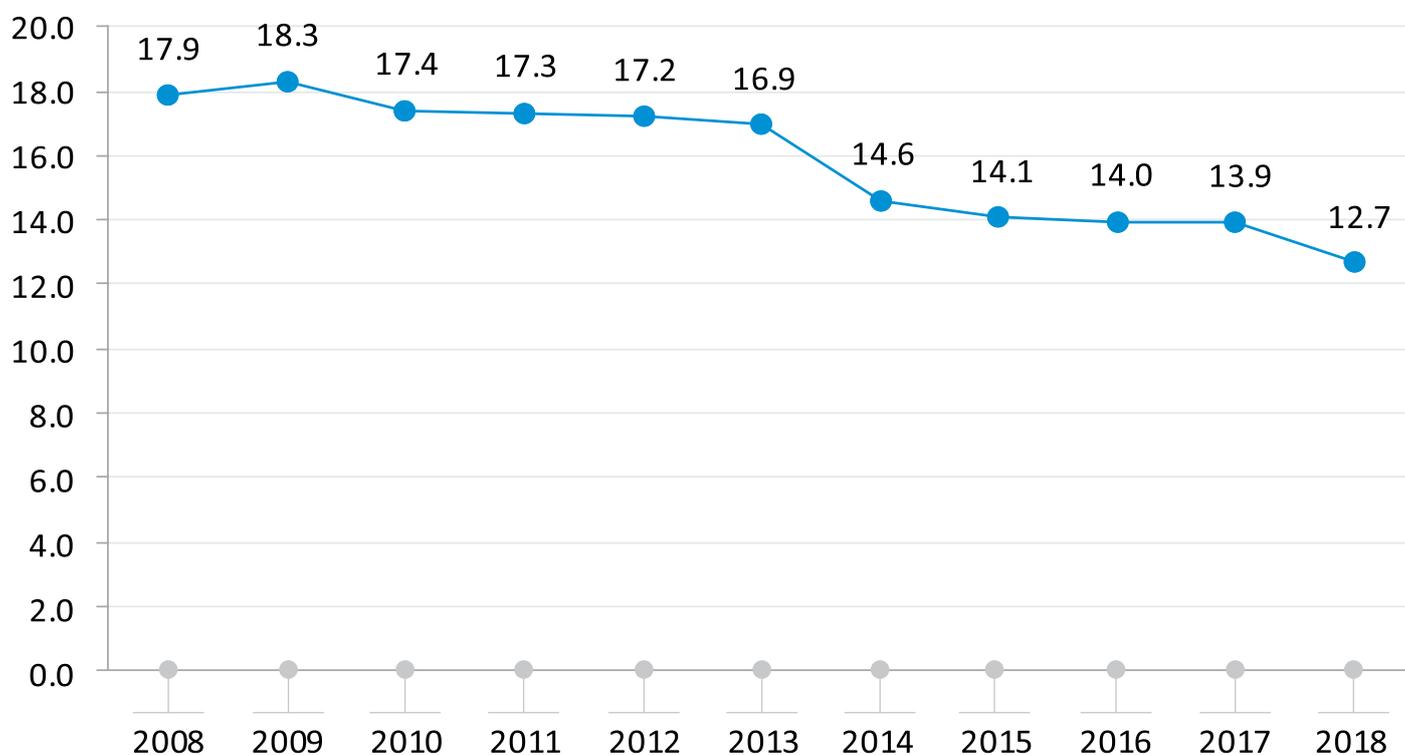
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EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

2018 (ANNUAL)

In 2018 the unemployment rate in Georgia was decreased by 1.2 percentage points compared to 2017 and amounted to 12.7 percent. It should be noted that the downtrend in the unemployment rate is maintained during the last nine years. Furthermore, in 2018, the unemployment rate reached the lowest level in the past 15 years.

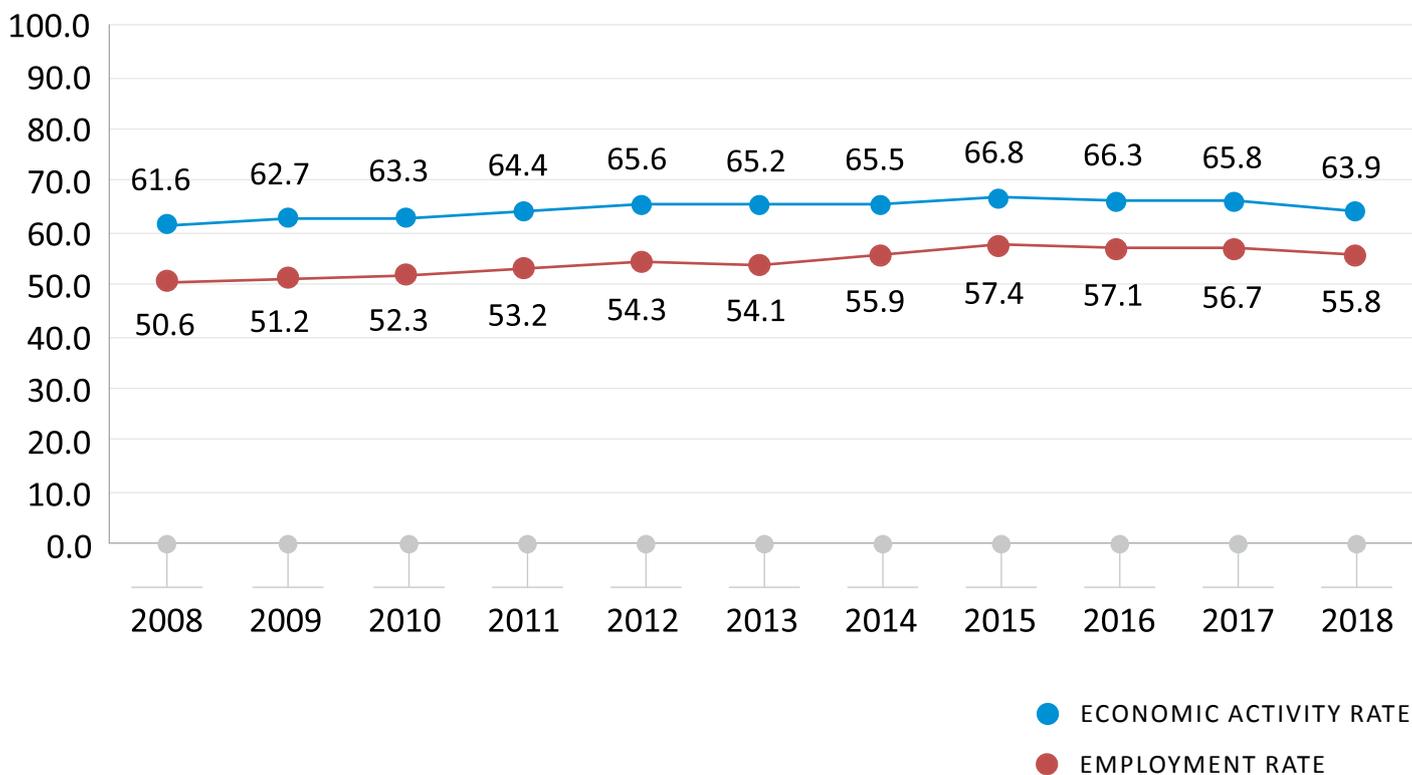
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN GEORGIA, %



In 2018, economically active population constituted 63.9 percent of the working age population (population of 15 years and older). Compared to 2017, the economic activity rate and the employment rate were decreased by 1.9 and 0.9 percentage points respectively. In urban areas the employment rate was increased by 1.2 percentage point compared to the previous year, while in rural areas it was decreased by 3.4 percentage point. In the urban areas the economic activity rate was decreased by 1.0 percentage point compared to the previous year, while in rural areas – by 3.1 percentage point.

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EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITY RATE IN GEORGIA, %

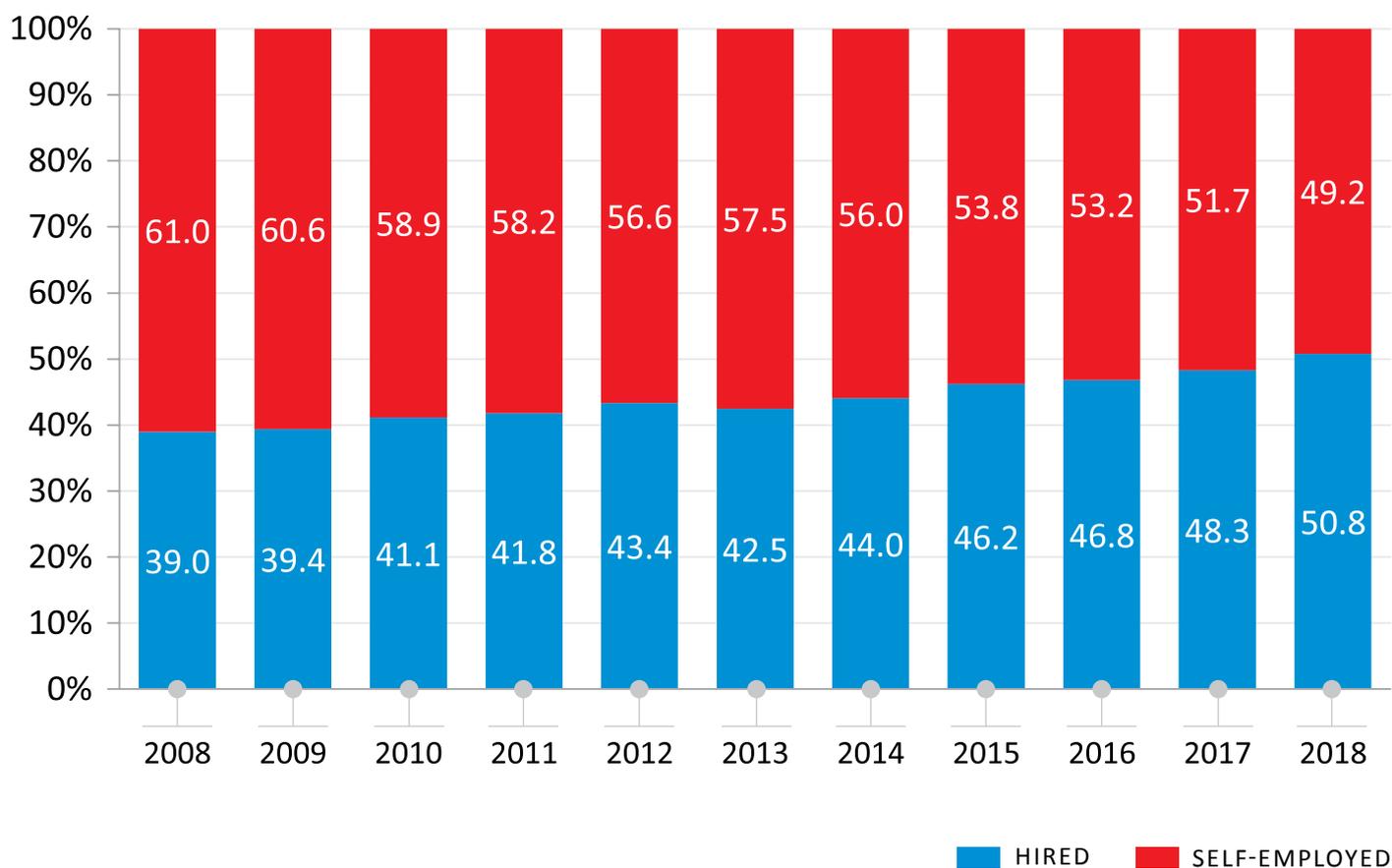


In 2018, the share of hired employees was 50.8 percent among employed persons, that is increased by 2.5 percentage point compared to the previous year. It should be noted that the down-trend in self-employment is maintained during the last five years. In 2018 number of hired employees exceeded the number of self-employed persons for the first time.

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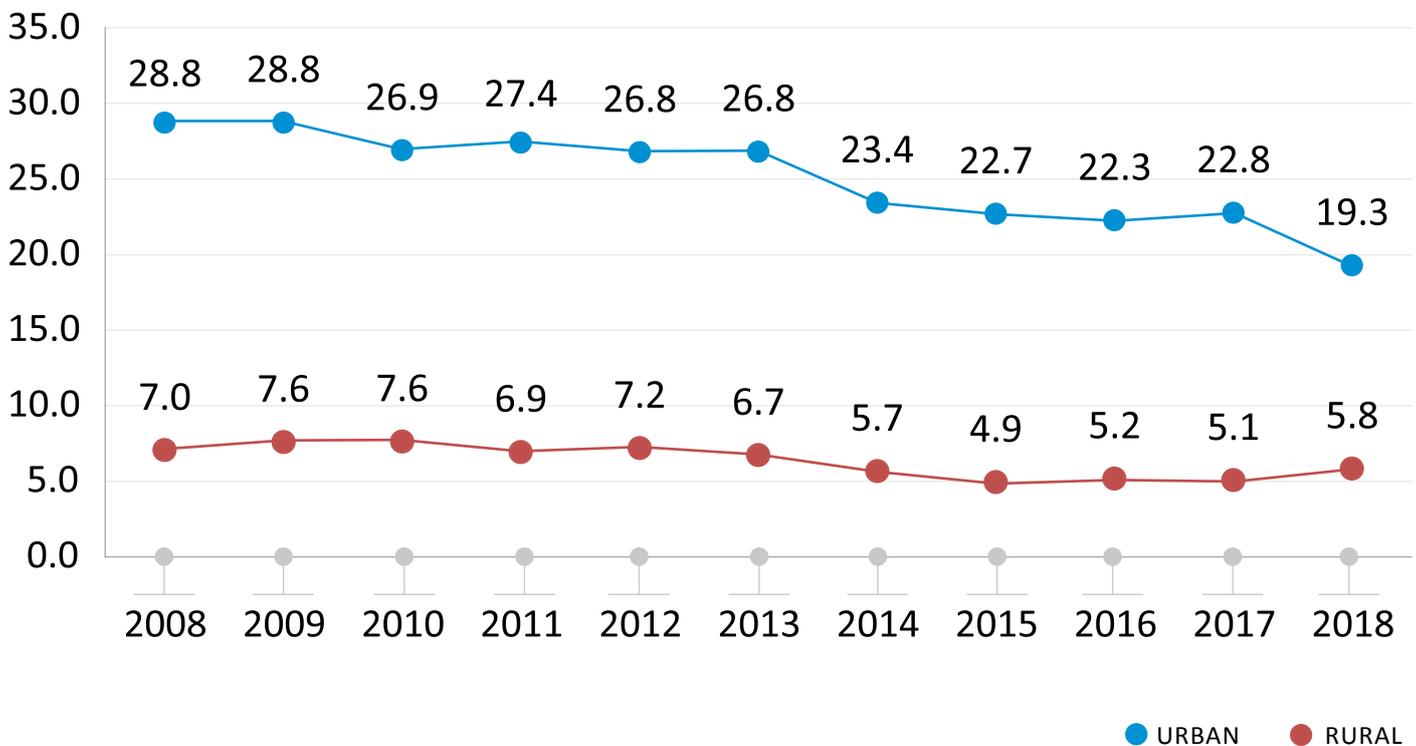
DISTRIBUTION OF EMPLOYED, %



The unemployment rate is much lower in rural than in urban settlements. In 2018, the unemployment rate in urban settlements was decreased by 3.5 percentage points compared to the previous year, while in rural settlements it was increased by 0.7 percentage points.

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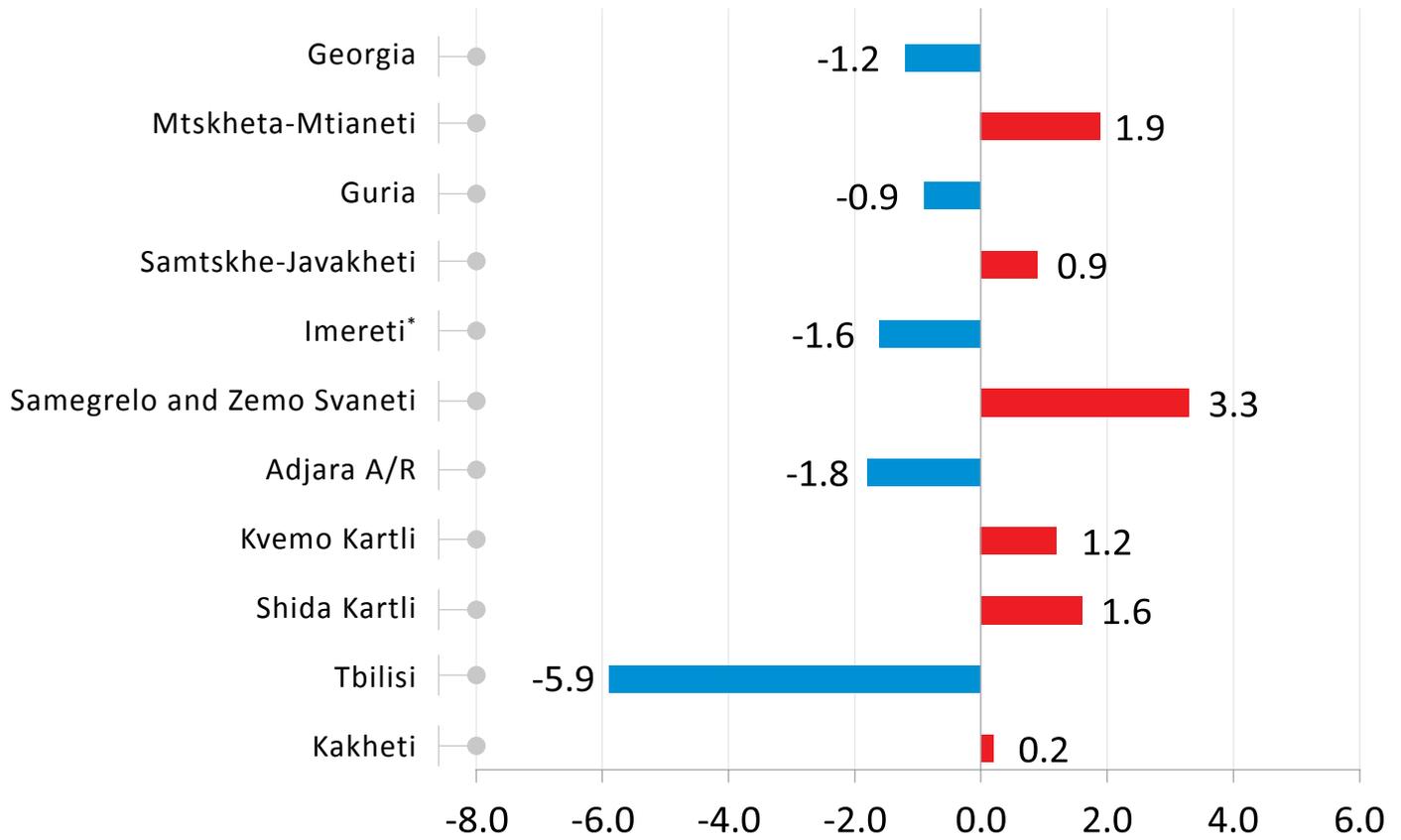
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY URBAN-RURAL, %



In 2018, the unemployment rate was increased in Tbilisi, Achara A/R, Imereti and Guria regions compared to the previous year. In Tbilisi, where the unemployment rate was the highest, this indicator was decreased by 5.9 percentage point, while in Achara A/R and Imereti region – by 1.8 and 1.6 percentage point respectively. The unemployment rate was mostly increased in Samegrelo-Zemo Svaneti and Mtskheta-Mtianeti regions by 3.3 and 1.9 percentage point respectively.

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CHANGES OF UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN REGIONS IN 2018 IN
COMPARISON WITH 2017, PERCENTAGE POINT

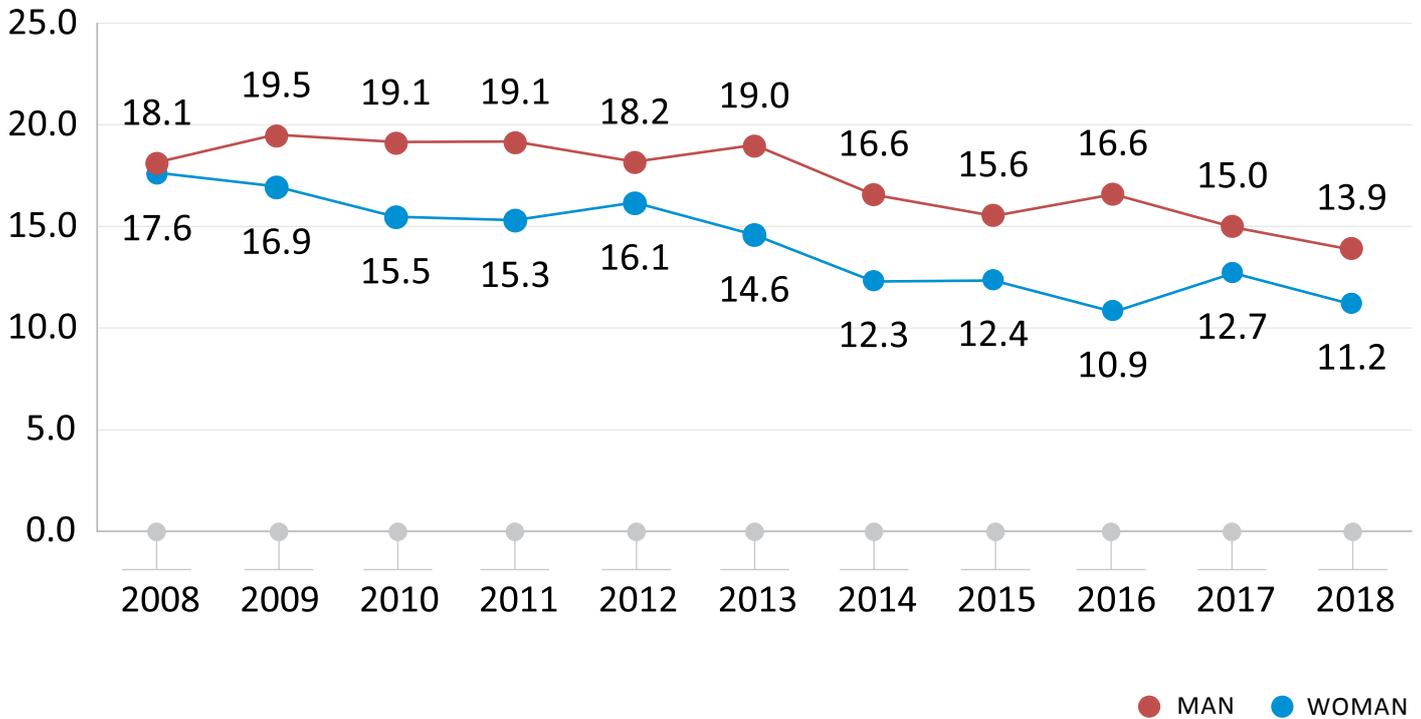


*Include Racha-Lechkhumi and Kvemo-Svaneti

Traditionally, unemployment rate is higher for men than for women. In 2018, this indicator was 2.7 percentage point higher for men compared to the corresponding indicator for women. In addition, in 2018, this indicator was decreased by 1.5 percentage point for women, and by 1.1 percentage point for men compared to 2017.

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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY GENDER, %

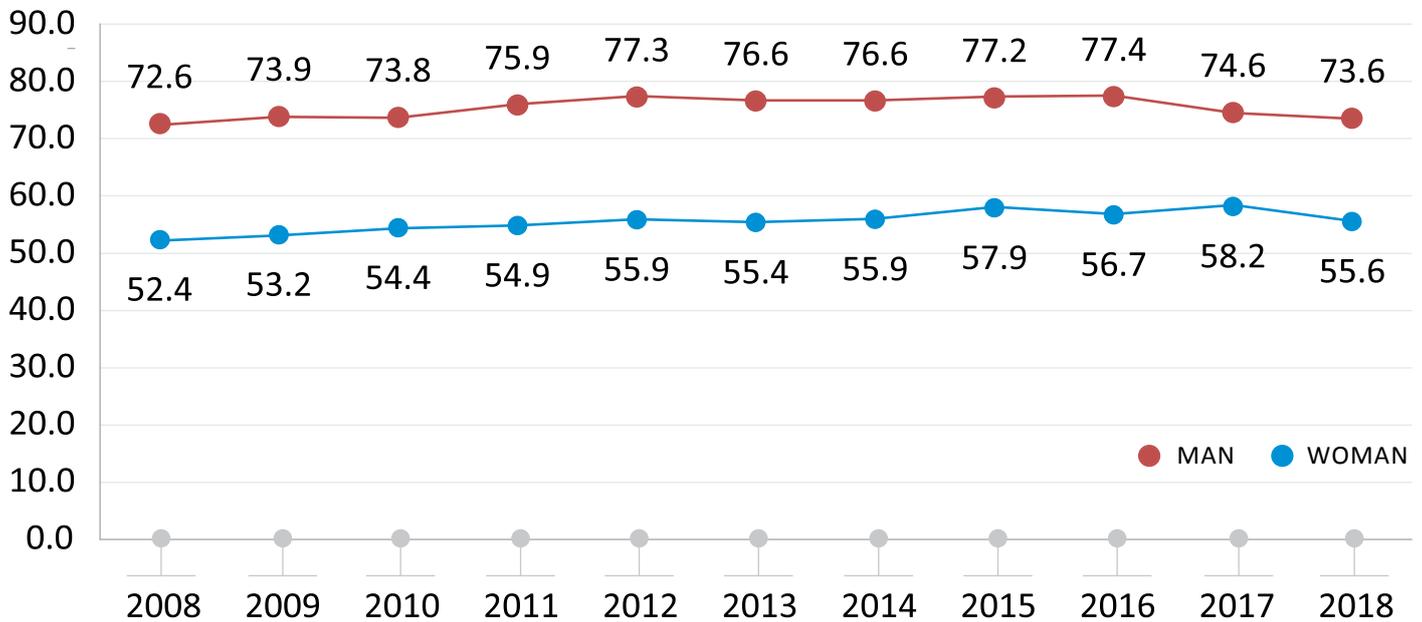


The activity rate is relatively high for men. In 2018, activity rate for women was 55.6 percent and for men - 73.6 percent. In 2018, activity rate for women was decreased by 2.6 percentage point and by 1.0 percentage point for men compared to 2017.

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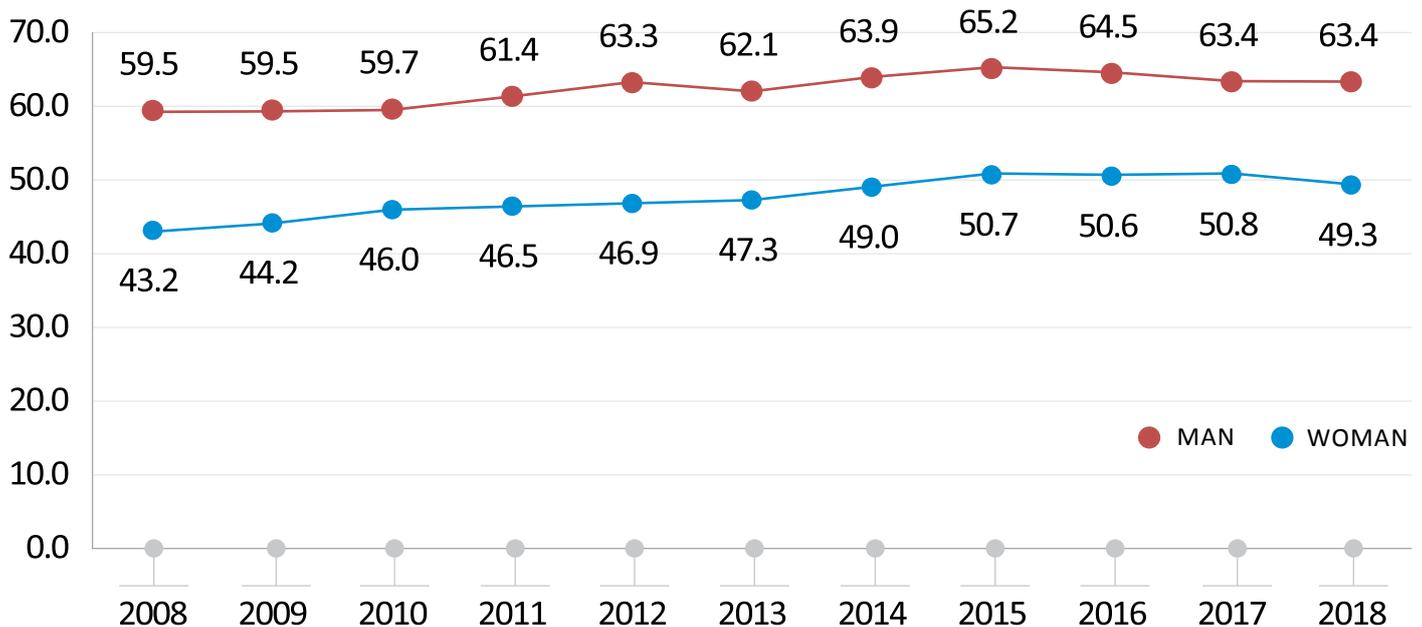
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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY RATE BY GENDER, %



In 2018, the employment rate for women was decreased by 1.5 percentage point compared to 2017, while for men it remained the same.

EMPLOYMENT RATE BY GENDER, %

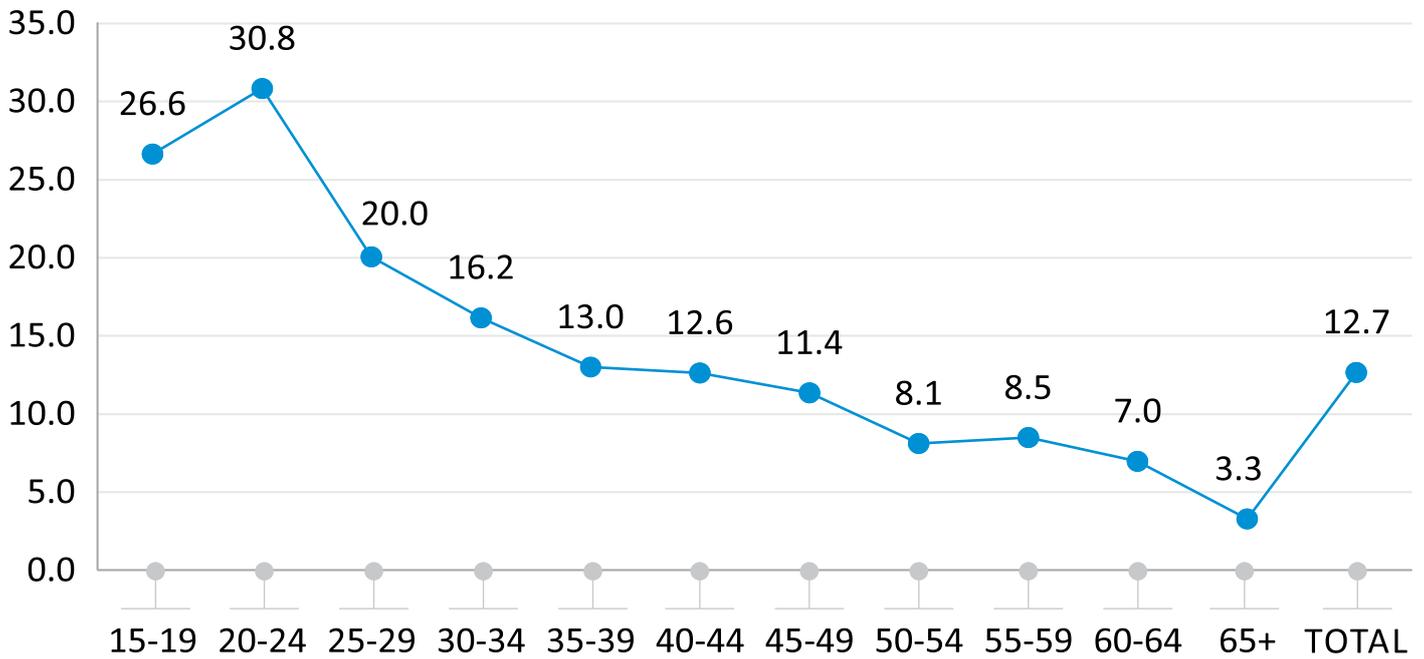


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Analysis of the results by age groups shows that in 2018 the highest rate of unemployment is still in the age group of 20-24 years (30.8 percent), while this indicator is traditionally the lowest in the 65+ age group that is mainly caused by the high rate of inactivity in this age group.

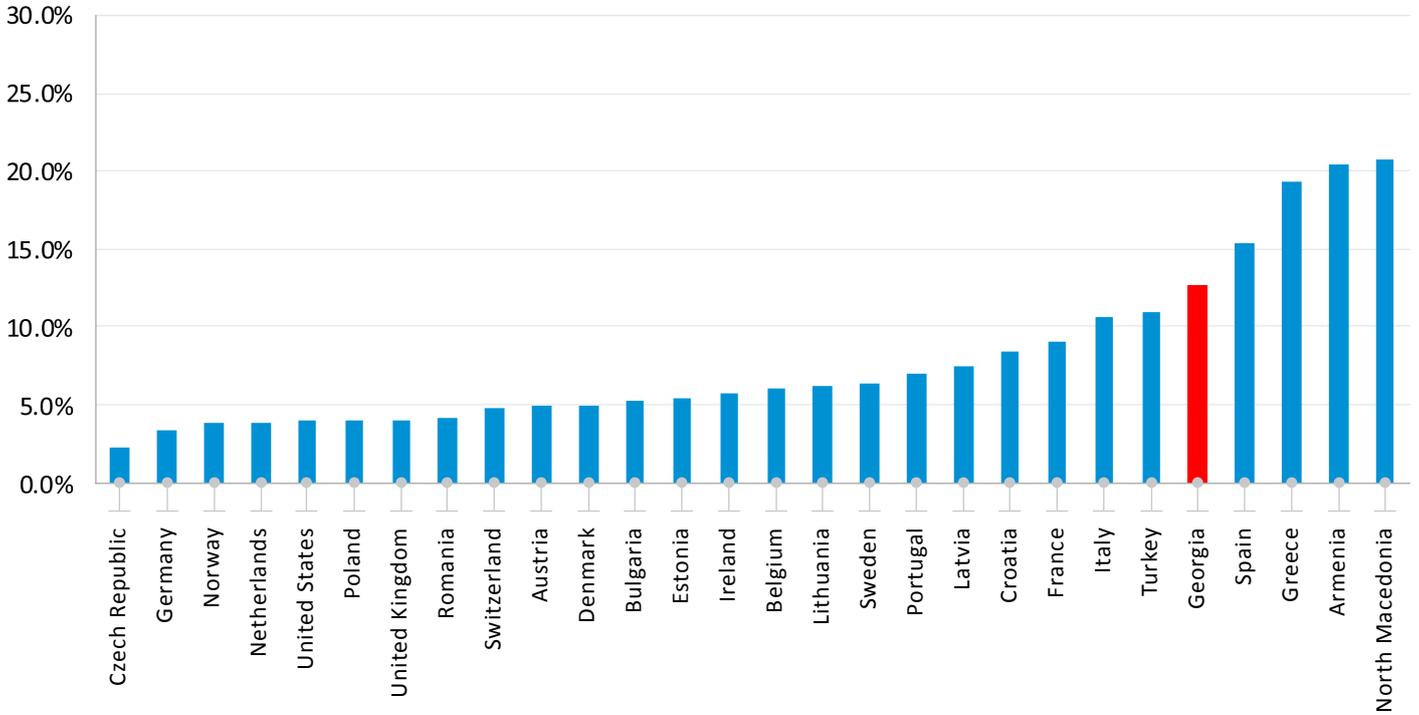
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY AGE GROUPS, %



The unemployment rates the countries are given in the diagram below.

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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY COUNTRIES, 2018



Source: International Labour Organization.

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