

External Migration

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3. Statistical presentation	
3.1. Data description	
<p>External migration statistics includes the data of immigrants and emigrants during the year.</p> <p>Immigrants – a person recorded when crossing the National border i) who entered the country and has cumulated a minimum of 183 days of residence in the country during the twelve following months; and ii) who was not usual resident of the country when entering the country which means that he spent at least a cumulate duration of 183 days of residence outside the country during the twelve months before entering the country.</p> <p>Emigrants – a person recorded when crossing the National border and i) who crossed the border and left the country and has cumulated a minimum of 183 days of residence outside the country during the twelve following months; and ii) who was usual resident of the country when leaving the country which means that he spent at least a cumulate duration of 183 days of residence inside the country during the twelve months before leaving the country.</p>	
3.2. Classification system	
Country classification and National classification of administrative-territorial units of Georgia.	
3.3. Sector coverage	
The number of emigrants and immigrants covers all migrants during the year.	
3.4. Statistical concepts and definitions	
<p>External migration – the process of migration to and from the country.</p> <p>Net migration – a difference between the number of immigrants and the number of emigrants during the year.</p> <p>Net migration rate – a difference between the number of immigrants and the number of emigrants during the year per 1,000 population.</p>	
3.5. Statistical unit	
A migrant.	
3.6. Statistical population	
The number of migrants.	
3.7. Reference area	
Covers the whole country except the occupied territories.	
3.8. Time coverage	
<p>From 1960 – net migration.</p> <p>From 2002 – the number of immigrants and emigrants by sex and age.</p> <p>From 2012 – the number of immigrants and emigrants by sex, age and citizenship.</p>	
3.9. Base period	
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4. Unit of measure	
Number, Per-mille (‰).	

5. Reference period	
A calendar year.	

6. Institutional mandate
6.1. Legal acts and other agreements
The Law of Georgia on Official Statistics; https://www.geostat.ge/media/20817/latest-Law-of-Georgia_2018.pdf Statistical Work Programme (annual); https://www.geostat.ge/en/modules/categories/307/statistical-work-programme Charter of the National Statistics Office of Georgia. https://www.geostat.ge/media/20845/10%2Csaqstatis-konsolidirebuli-debuleba.pdf
6.2. Data sharing
Memorandum of Cooperation between the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia and the National Statistics Office of Georgia.

7. Confidentiality
7.1. Confidentiality – policy
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Law of Georgia on Official Statistics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> According to the article 4 of the law individual data collected by statistical agencies for statistical compilation, whether they refer to natural or legal persons, are to be strictly confidential and used exclusively for statistical purposes. According to the article 28 (Observing Confidentiality of Statistical Data) of the law 1. The data collected for the purpose of producing official statistics shall be confidential if it allows for identification of observation unit or it is possible to identify such data through it. 2. The confidential statistical data shall not be issued or disseminated or used for a non-statistical purpose but for the exceptions envisaged by the Georgian legislation. 3. When producing the official statistics, it is obligatory to destroy or store separately the identity data including the questionnaires containing such data and used for statistical surveys according to the rules defined in the Georgian legislation. According to the article 29 (The Obligations and Responsibilities of the Employees of the Geostat) of the law the confidential statistical data collected and processed for the purpose of statistical survey shall not be used or disseminated by the employees of the units of the Geostat. https://www.geostat.ge/media/20817/latest-Law-of-Georgia_2018.pdf Data Confidentiality Policy at Geostat https://www.geostat.ge/media/20860/Data-Confidentiality-Policy-at-Geostat_En.pdf Public Use Microdata Dissemination Policy at Geostat https://www.geostat.ge/media/20862/Microdata-Dissemination-Policy_Eng.pdf The Law of Georgia on Personal Data Protection https://matsne.gov.ge/en/document/view/1561437?publication=9
7.2. Confidentiality – data treatment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confidentiality guidelines. Written undertakings by an employee of Geostat on ensuring confidentiality of gained/collected data as a result of official duties.

8. Release policy
8.1. Release calendar
Data dissemination dates are defined according to the Advance release calendar, which is available on the website of Geostat and publicly accessible.
8.2. Release calendar access
https://www.geostat.ge/en/calendar
8.3. User access
All users have the equal access to the statistical data simultaneously.

9. Frequency of dissemination
Annual (final) data are published once a year.

10. Accessibility and clarity
10.1. News release
The press release is the official publication on migration data, which is published electronically once a year in Georgian

and English: https://www.geostat.ge/en/news?year=&month=04&category=9
10.2. Publications
Statistical publication „Demographic Situation in Georgia“ is published electronically once a year in Georgian and English: https://www.geostat.ge/en/single-categories/114/population
10.3. On-line database
The data is published on the Geostat website in the PC-Axis database: http://pc-axis.geostat.ge/PXWeb/pxweb/en/Database/
10.4. Micro-data access
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10.5. Other
Demographic Portal: http://database.geostat.ge/pyramid/index.php?lang=en
10.6. Documentation on methodology
The methodology documentation is available on the Geostat website: https://www.geostat.ge/en/modules/categories/124/methodologia-population-census-and-demography
10.7. Quality documentation
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11. Quality management
11.1. Quality assurance
To ensure the quality of the statistical processes and products Geostat follows Article 4 – Basic principles of official statistics – of the Law of Georgia on Official Statistics, as well as the European Statistics Code of Practice, the UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and Quality Assurance Framework of the European Statistical System (QAF).
11.2. Quality assessment
Methodology and Quality Management Division of Geostat, along with the sectoral departments, is responsible for the quality of the produced statistical products and processes. The Division carries out quality audit of statistical processes and assesses the risks associated with production of statistical data. Geostat has developed policy documents, guidelines and standard routine descriptions. These documents ensure the standardization of statistical processes and products and the establishment of a unified quality assurance system.

12. Relevance
12.1. User needs
Main users are: State bodies, Local and international experts and researchers, Students, International Organizations (IOM, UN, EUROSTAT, WHO, etc.), NGO's, Media, citizens. Mainly used for: Analysing demographic situation of the country to prepare documents, issues, presentations and more.
12.2. User satisfaction
In October 2019, user satisfaction survey was conducted, the target of the survey was to analyze the assessment of quality of statistical data by users and explore ways to improve user services. The survey report is available on the website of Geostat (in Georgian): https://www.geostat.ge/ka/single-news/1746/statistikuri-informatsiis-momkhmarebelta-kmaqofilebis-gamokvleva-2019-tseli
12.3. Completeness
The following data are available by age, sex, and citizenship.

13. Accuracy and reliability
13.1. Overall accuracy
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13.2. Sampling error
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13.3. Non-sampling error
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14. Timeliness and punctuality

14.1. Timeliness
The data is disseminated 4 months after the reference year.
14.2. Punctuality
The data is published according to the date specified in the statistical work program. There has not been any violation of publication dates.
15. Coherence and comparability
15.1. Comparability – geographical
Data are collected and processed using the same methodology and definitions for regions and self-governing units (self-governing cities and municipalities).
15.2. Comparability – over time
Data are collected and processed using the same methodology and definitions throughout the period of consideration.
15.3. Coherence – cross domain
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15.4. Coherence – internal
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16. Cost and burden
Migration data is provided by the administrative source and does not require additional costs.
17. Data revision
17.1. Data revision – policy
Statistical data revision policy is available on the website of Geostat: https://www.geostat.ge/media/20863/Revision-policy_Geostat_Eng.pdf
17.2. Data revision – practice
Population in the inter census period is calculated based on the census results and the demographic data of the respective years. The 2014 General Population Census results revealed the necessity of re-estimation of basic demographic data of previous years. In 2018, the Retro-projected results of the main demographic indicators for the period 1994-2014 became available. The detailed information is available on the Geostat website: https://www.geostat.ge/en/single-archive/3199
18. Statistical processing
18.1. Source data
Geostat receives information on immigrants and emigrants from the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia.
18.2. Frequency of data collection
Annually.
18.3. Data collection
Demographic events are fully collected throughout the year.
18.4. Data validation
Logical control of the data is carried out before publication.
18.5. Data compilation
After processing and specifying external migration data, migration statistics is generated.
18.6. Adjustment
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19. Comment
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