

## GEORGIA

**Region:** Europe and Central Asia

**Income group:** Lower-middle income

**Summary:** Georgia has reported 4 metadata sources, which collect information on international labour migration statistics. There are two survey based sources such as *2014 General Population Census of Georgia* and *Integrated Household Survey*, which are carried out by the National Statistical Office of Georgia. In addition, there are two administrative records, such as *Border/Admission Statistics* data on the flows of visitors across the state border of Georgia held by the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia and a *continuous population register*, which is carried out by the Civil Service Development Agency for Public Service Development, Ministry of Justice.

Geographically all of the sources cover whole country excluding some parts, however different population groups, such as:

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country* (covered by the *2014 General Population Census of Georgia* and the *continuous population register*),
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country* (covered by the *2014 General Population Census of Georgia* and the *continuous population register*),
- *Nationals (citizens) living abroad* (covered by the *2014 General Population Census of Georgia* and the *continuous population register*),
- *Nationals (citizens) living and working abroad* (covered by the *2014 General Population Census of Georgia*),
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country* (covered by the *2014 General Population Census of Georgia* and the *continuous population register*),
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country* (covered by the *2014 General Population Census of Georgia* and the *continuous population register*),
- *Refugees* (covered by the *2014 General Population Census of Georgia*, the *Integrated Household Survey*, and the *continuous population register*),
- *Asylum seekers* (covered by the *2014 General Population Census of Georgia*),
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) entering country for temporary purposes* (covered by the *Border/Admission Statistics*), and
- *Transit migrants* (covered by the *Border/Admission Statistics*).

Periodicity of data collection varies depending on the type of source. The *2014 General Population Census of Georgia* was last processed in 2014; the *Integrated Household Survey* is carried out every quarter starting from 1996. The *Border/Admission Statistics* collects the data every month starting from 2009. The surveys cover persons aged 15 years and older, whereas the administrative record collect information on persons of all ages.

The five essential demographic characteristics covered by the surveys are age, gender, marital status, educational attainment, and household size. In the administrative records the information on age and sex is compiled. Migration related characteristics are accessible in the sources, question on country of citizenship is asked in all of them. For the survey the following information is available: country of birth, second country of citizenship, country of previous residence for foreigners, and country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned. In the *Border/Admission Statistics* the question on year of arrival is raised, whereas in the *continuous population register* the questions on the country of birth and time period allowed to stay are asked. Labour related characteristics, such as employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, hours usually worked, disability, individual earnings, and household income are available in the *Integrated Household Survey*.

Definitions of “*employment*”, and “*nationals living abroad*” are applied in the sources. The classifications used for occupation, industry, status in employment, and education in the surveys are internationally adapted

classifications. Micro data files from the *Integrated Household Survey* are available for free and accessible for all users.

**Metadata sources:**

Type of source	Name of the source	Agency Responsible	Periodicity of data collection	Year the source started	Year of the last source
Q1. Population Census	2014 General Population Census of Georgia	National Statistical Office of Georgia	-	-	2014
Q2. Household Survey	Integrated Household Survey	National Statistical Office of Georgia	Every quarter	1996	-
Q3. Border/Admission Statistics	Statistical data on the flows of visitors across the state border of Georgia	Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia	Every month	2009	-
Q6. Administrative Sources	Civil Service Development Agency for Public Service Development, Ministry of Justice	Civil Service Development Agency for Public Service Development, Ministry of Justice	-	-	-

**Findings:**

The latest *2014 General Population Census of Georgia* was carried out by the National Statistical Office of Georgia covering the country’s entire population excluding occupied territories (Abkhazia A.R. and former South Ossetia). There are eight population groups examined in the *2014 General Population Census of Georgia* such as:

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) living abroad,*
- *Nationals (citizens) living and working abroad,*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, even if arrived recently,*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country,*
- *Refugees, and*
- *Asylum seekers.*

The *2014 General Population Census of Georgia* obtains detailed data on demographic characteristics of these population groups. The question raised in the assessment on the topic of international migration related characteristics, comprise of country of birth, country of citizenship, second country of citizenship, country of previous residence for foreigners, and country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned. Information on the household members who left the country after 2002 for more than a year and during the reference time of the census lived abroad is collected. The following characteristics of these persons are covered:

- Name,
- Month/year of departure,
- Sex,

- Main reason for leaving,
- Age at present,
- Marital status at present,
- Education at present, and
- Occupation at present.

In addition to demographic characteristics, the **2014 General Population Census of Georgia** covers labour related characteristic such as employment status of all current household members aged 15 years and older.

The **2014 General Population Census of Georgia** obtains information on remittances received and sent from/to household members living abroad.

The **2014 General Population Census of Georgia** contains questions, which help to collect information on immigrants and return migrants such as: ‘*Have you ever lived outside this country?*’ and ‘*When did you arrive to this country?*’

“**Nationals living abroad**” are defined as person who emigrated from the country more than 1 year and for the time of census had lived abroad. “**Employed**” persons comprise all persons aged 15 years and older, who during the one week performed some work for pay or profit, in cash or in kind.

To classify occupation, industry, and education in the census, internationally adapted classifications are applied. For example:

- ISCO - 88 (where four digits are used to release the data);
- NACE, NAICS (where two digits are used to release the data); and
- ISCED – 1997.

The **Integrated Household Survey** is held every quarter by the National Statistical Office starting from 1996. A completed sample size of the examination is 3,384 households. It geographically measures the whole country and amasses information on the **refugees** aged 15 years and older.

The **Integrated Household Survey** retrieves the data on demographic characteristics, of each person in a household. Questions on international migration characteristics raised in the survey include country of birth, nationality, country of citizenship, second country of citizenship, country of previous residence for foreigners, and country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned. For the population groups assessed in the survey, the data on labour related characteristics is available, particularly for:

- Employment status,
- Occupation,
- Industry/economic sector,
- Status in employment,
- Hours usually worked,
- Individual earnings per month,
- Household income, and
- Disability.

The **Integrated Household Survey** contains questions on remittances receive and sent from/to household members living abroad and the total amount of remittances in the previous 12 months.

The data on marital status, occupation, disability, remittances sent, and remittances received is not published/disseminated due to estimation and data precision issues.

“**National living abroad**” are defined as person who has left country a year ago or earlier or intends to stay abroad at least one year. “**Employed**” are defined as persons aged 15 years and older were in one of the followings during the reference week; has worked at least for one hour with the aim of obtaining income (wage, income in kind, profit etc.); has worked without remuneration in a family enterprise/farm; did not work for some reason though formally engaged for working.

To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education in the *Integrated Household Survey*, nationally and internationally adapted classifications are applied. For example:

- National adaptation of ISCO;
- NACE, NAICS (where one digit is used to release the data);
- ICSE-1993; and
- ISCED-1997.

Micro data is free and accessible for all users.

**Border/Admission Statistics** provide statistical data on the flows of visitors across the state border of Georgia obtained from the Ministry of Internal Affairs. The data collection is carried out every month since 2009. There are two population groups of all ages.

- *Foreigners (non-citizens) entering country for temporary purposes, and*
- *Transit migrants.*

The statistics cover demographic characteristics such as: age and sex. The migration related topics covered include country of citizenship and year of arrival.

The Civil Service Department Agency for Public Service Development, Ministry of Justice holds the **continuous population register**. This geographically calculates the parts of the country. The information in the register is collected on the following six population groups of all ages:

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) living abroad,*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, even if arrived recently,*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country, and*
- *Refugees.*

Demographic characteristics such as age and sex are accessible through the register. Data is available on the migration related characteristics such as country of citizenship, country of birth, and time period allowed to stay.

## Q1. Population Census

### *SOURCE*

**Title of source:** 2014 General Population Census of Georgia

**Year of last census:** 2014

**Agency responsible:** National Statistical Office of Georgia

### *COVERAGE*

**Geographical coverage:** Whole country excluding occupied territories (Abkhazia A.R. and former South Ossetia).

**Population groups covered:** Nationals (*citizens*) in the country, nationals (*citizens*) employed in the country, nationals (*citizens*) living abroad, nationals (*citizens*) living and working abroad, foreigners (*non-citizens*) living in the country, foreigners (*non-citizens*) living and working in the country, refugees, asylum seekers.

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** No

## *TOPICS COVERED*

**Demographic characteristics:** Age, marital status, household size, sex, educational attainment.

**International migration related characteristics:** Country of birth, country of citizenship, second country of citizenship, country of previous residence for foreigners, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned.

- **Coverage for international migration related characteristics:**
  - All persons - country of birth, country of citizenship, country of previous residence for foreigners, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned;
  - Not for all - second country of citizenship.
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:** Second country of citizenship – only citizens of Georgia.

**Information about household members left to live abroad:** Persons who left country after 2002 more than 1 year and for the reference time of census lived abroad.

- **Information refers to the last time the person left:** Yes
- **Limited to certain age and work status:** No
- **Limited to those who left the household abroad within the last X years and have not returned:** No
- **Characteristics of persons who left to live abroad:** Name, month/year of departure, sex, main reason for leaving, age at present, marital status at present, education at present, occupation at present.

**Labour related characteristics of all current household members:** Employment status.

- **Age coverage:** 15+

**Remittances related characteristics:** Remittances sent/received.

**Information on immigrants and return migrants:** Persons who ever lived outside the country, period of arrival to that country.

- **Information on the situation of the person prior to leaving the household last time is obtained:** N.A.

**Data collected and not published/disseminated:** No

## *CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS*

**Definition of international migrant workers:** No

**Definition of national (citizen) living abroad:** It refers to person who emigrated from the country more than 1 year and for the time of census had lived abroad.

**Definition of employment:** Employed persons comprise all persons 15+, who during the one week performed some work for pay or profit, in cash or in kind.

## *CLASSIFICATION*

**Classification used for occupation:** ISCO - 88

- **Number of digits used to release occupation data:** 4

**Classification used for industry:** NACE, NAICS

- **Number of digits used to release industry data:** 2

**Classification used for status in employment:** N.A.

**Classification used for status in education:** ISCED - 1997

#### *DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION*

**Data collection method:** Face-to-face interview by census enumerator using paper questionnaire (PAPI).

**Compulsory participation of households:** Yes

**Official estimate of under-coverage rate:** No

**Dissemination of results:** Expected in second half of 2016

**Metadata has been prepared and disseminated:** No

**Micro-data is available outside NSO/responsible agency:** No

## Q2. Household Survey

#### *SOURCE*

**Title of survey:** Integrated Household Survey

**Agency responsible:** National Statistical Office of Georgia

#### *PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE*

**Periodicity of data collection:** Every quarter

**Year the survey first started:** 1996

**Geographical coverage:** Whole country

**Population groups covered:** Refugees

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** Refugees

**Age coverage:** 15+

#### *TOPICS COVERED*

**Demographic characteristics:** Age, marital status, household size, sex, educational attainment.

**International migration related characteristics:** Country of birth, country of citizenship, second country of citizenship, country of previous residence for foreigners, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned, nationality.

- **Coverage for international migration related characteristics:** Not for all persons
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:** The household survey does not cover this topic.

**Information about household members left to live abroad:** No

**Labour related characteristics of all current household members:** Employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, individual earnings, household income, hours usually worked, disability.

**Benefits received from the employer:** N.A.

**Remittances related characteristics:** Remittances sent/received and total amount in the last 12 months.

**Information on immigrants and return migrants:** No

- **Information on the situation of the person prior to leaving the country of residence is obtained:** N.A.

**Data collected and not published/disseminated:** C1. Marital status; C3. Occupation; C3. Whether person has had disability; C4.1 Remittances sent; C4.2 Remittances received - due to estimation and data precision issues.

**Information on persons who left to live or work abroad (*recruitment, communication, assistance etc.*):** No

### *CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS*

**Definition of international migrant workers:** No

**Definition of national (citizen) living abroad:** It refers to person who has left the country a year ago or earlier or intends to stay abroad at least one year.

**Definition of employment:** Employed are defined as persons aged 15 years and older were in one of the followings during the reference week; has worked at least for one hour with the aim of obtaining income (wage, income in kind, profit etc.); has worked without remuneration in a family enterprise/farm; did not work for some reason though formally engaged for working.

### *CLASSIFICATION*

**Classification used for occupation:** National adaptation of ISCO-88

- **Number of digits used to release occupation data:** N.A.

**Classification used for industry:** NACE, NAICS

- **Number of digits used to release industry data:** 1

**Classification used for status in employment:** ICSE - 1993

**Classification used for status in education:** ISCED - 1997

### *DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION*

**Data collection method:** Face-to-face interview by census enumerator using paper questionnaire (PAPI).

**Compulsory participation of households:** No

**Dissemination of results:** Printed publications - Statistical yearbook; Web site - The tables are in excel and Pc-axis format.

**Metadata has been prepared and disseminated:** Yes

**Micro-data is available outside NSO/responsible agency:** Yes

- **Limitations:** N.A.
- **Cost of obtaining micro-data:** It is free and accessible for all users.

### *SAMPLE DESIGN*

**Sample frame used:** Population census

**Completed sample size:** 3,384 households.

**Evaluation of the overall response rate or refusal rate:** Yes

### Q3. Border/Admission Statistics

#### *SOURCE*

**Title of source:** Statistical data on the flows of visitors across the state border of Georgia

**Agency responsible:** National Statistical Office of Georgia

#### *PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE*

**Periodicity of data collection:** Every month

**Year the statistics first started:** 2009

**Population coverage:** Foreigners (*non-citizens*) entering country for temporary purposes, transit migrants.

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** Foreigners (*non-citizens*) entering country for temporary purposes, transit migrants.

**Age coverage:** All ages

#### *CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS COVERED*

**Demographic characteristics:** Age, sex.

**Migration related characteristics:** Country of citizenship, year of arrival.

**Labour related characteristics:** N.A.

**Data collected and not published/disseminated:** N.A.

#### *CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS*

**Definition of overseas visitor:** N.A.

**Definition of country of residence:** N.A.

**Definition of international migrant workers:** N.A.

#### *CLASSIFICATION*

**Classification used for occupation:** N.A.

- **Number of digits used to release occupation data:** N.A.

**Classification used for industry:** N.A.

- **Number of digits used to release industry data:** N.A.

**Classification used for status in employment:** N.A.

**Classification used for status in education:** N.A.

#### *DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION*

**Data collection method:** N.A.

**Dissemination of results:** Web site – [www.police.ge](http://www.police.ge)

**Metadata has been prepared and disseminated:** No

**Micro-data is available outside NSO/responsible agency:** N.A.



## Q6. Administrative Sources

### *SOURCE*

**Title of source:** Civil Service Development Agency for Public Service Development, Ministry of Justice

**Agency responsible:** Civil Service Development Agency for Public Service Development, Ministry of Justice

**Kind of source:** Continuous population register

### *PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE*

**Periodicity of data release:** N.A.

**Year the source first started:** N.A.

**Geographical coverage:** Parts of a country

**Population coverage:** Nationals (*citizens*) in the country, nationals (*citizens*) employed in the country, nationals (*citizens*) living abroad, foreigners (*non-citizens*) living in the country, foreigners (*non-citizens*) living and working in the country, refugees.

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** N.A.

**Age coverage:** All ages

### *DATA COLLECTED ON PERSONS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SOURCE*

**Demographic characteristics:** Age, sex.

**Migration related characteristics:** Country of citizenship, time period allowed to stay, country of birth.

**Labour related characteristics:** N.A.

**Data collected and not published/disseminated:** N.A.

### *CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS*

**Definition of international migrant workers:** N.A.

**Definition of short-term migrant worker:** N.A.

**Definition of a national (citizen) living abroad:** N.A.

**Definition of employment:** N.A.

**Definition of individual earnings:** N.A.

### *CLASSIFICATION*

**Classification used for occupation:** N.A.

- **Number of digits used to release occupation data:** N.A.

**Classification used for industry:** N.A.

- **Number of digits used to release industry data:** N.A.

**Classification used for status in employment:** N.A.

**Classification used for status in education:** N.A.

### *DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION*

**Compulsory registration for the population groups covered:** Yes

**Official estimate of coverage rate:**

- Total population – 99%;
- Foreign migrants living in the country – 50%;
- Foreign migrant workers living in the country – 20%.

**Dissemination of results:** None to date

**Metadata has been prepared and disseminated:** No

**Micro-data is available outside NSO/responsible agency:** N.A