

# Emigration Statistics in Georgia

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## Main Sources for International Migration in Georgia

- Annual data of inflows and outflows - Ministry of Internal Affairs
- Data of stocks of international migrants currently residing in Georgia - 2014  
General population census
- Data of stocks of international migrants currently residing abroad - 2014  
General population census

# 2014 General Population Census



▶ The Census covered **82%** (57 000 km<sup>2</sup>) of the whole area of the country

▶ The Census could not be carried out in the occupied territories, total area of 13 000 km<sup>2</sup>

▶ The Census was conducted in **79 %** of the settlements (urban, community, rural) of the country and covered **71** self-governed units and **3 726** settlements

▶ The Census could not be carried out in **1 015** settlements of the occupied territories

## 2014 General Population Census - Questionnaires:

- ▶ Q1 – Questionnaire on Dwellings
- ▶ Q2 – Personal Questionnaire
- ▶ Q3 – Questionnaire on Emigrants
- ▶ Q4 – Questionnaire on Agricultural Activity

## 2014 General Population Census: **Definitions**

**Usually resident population** - residing in the country for 12 or more months, as well as the population residing for less than that, but planning to stay for 12 or more months.

**Immigrant** - a usual resident of Georgia, who has ever lived outside the country for more than 12 months.

**Emigrant** - a usual resident of Georgia, who has left Georgia and moved to another country and whose absence in Georgia exceeds 12 months. 2014 General Population Census covered only emigrants who left the country since 2002.

# Data of stocks of International Migrants currently residing in country

## ➤ Main source

- 2014 General population census

## ➤ Variables:

- Demographic and social characteristics
- Status of Economic Activity
- Employment Status
- Occupation
- Sources of Livelihood

## ➤ Questions

### 9. IMMIGRATION

9.1 Have you ever lived outside the country for more than 12 months?

Yes  No



9.2 Previous country of residence

(Country)



9.3 In which year did you move for permanent residence in Georgia from the country indicated in question 9.2?

(Year)

# Data of stocks of international migrants currently residing or working abroad

## ➤ Main source

- 2014 General population census

## ➤ Variables:

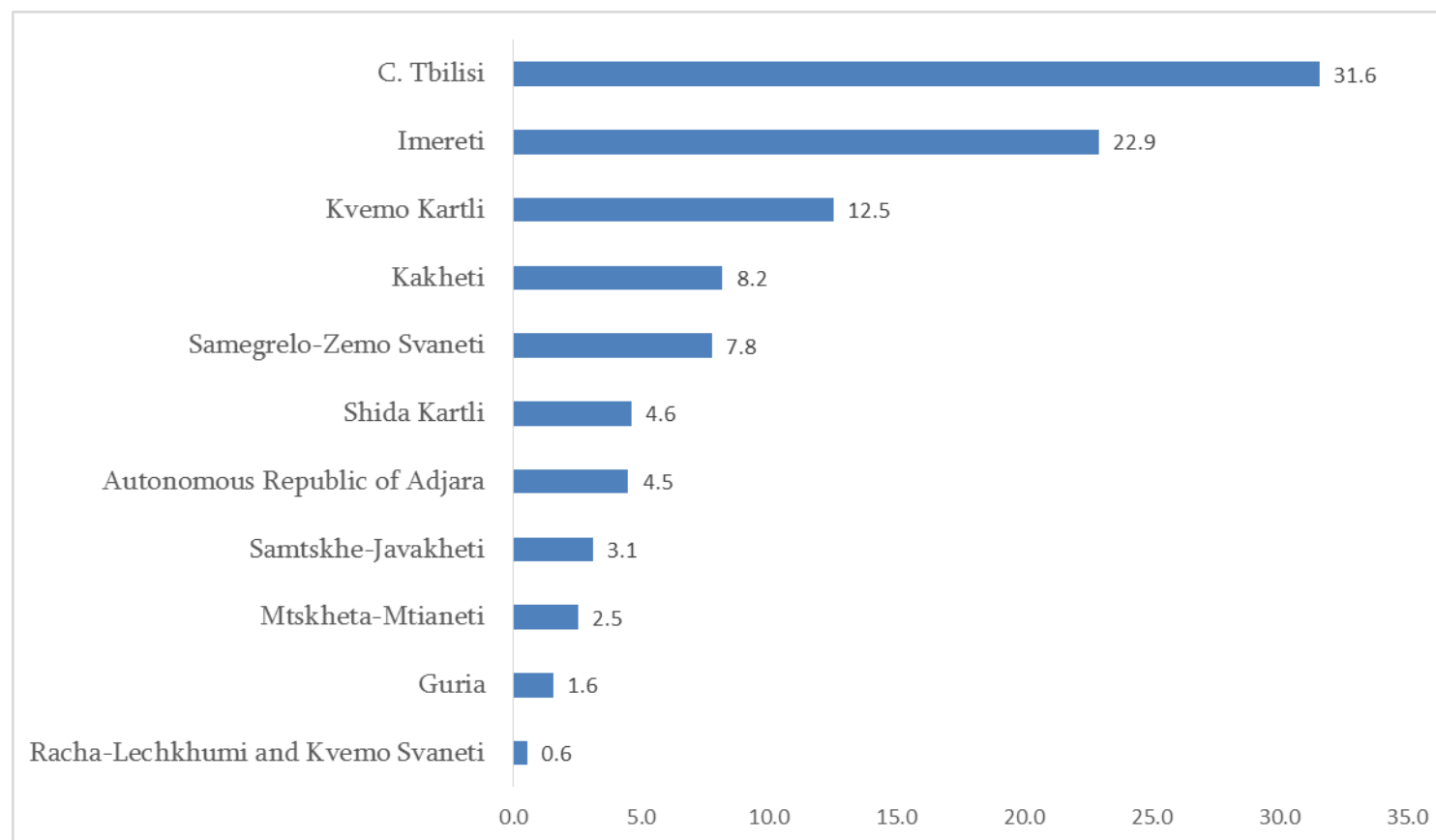
- Demographic data
- Education
- Country of current residence
- Reason for leaving Georgia
- Current activities of the migrant?
- Remittances

1. SEX <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
2. DATE OF BIRTH (DD) (MM) (YYYY)	3. PLACE OF BIRTH (PLACE OF USUAL RESIDENCE OF THE MOTHER AT THE TIME OF BIRTH) (Municipality, self-governing city) (Country, if place of birth was another country)
4. CITIZENSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Georgia <input type="checkbox"/> Other country → (Country) <input type="checkbox"/> Stateless	
5. ETHNICITY <input type="checkbox"/> Georgian <input type="checkbox"/> Ossetian <input type="checkbox"/> Russian <input type="checkbox"/> Other → (Indicate ethnicity) <input type="checkbox"/> Abkhazian <input type="checkbox"/> Azerbaijani <input type="checkbox"/> Armenian <input type="checkbox"/> Refused to answer	
6. IDP STATUS 6.1 Before leaving Georgia did the emigrant have an IDP status? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 6.2 Where is the IDP from? → (Municipality, self-governing city)	
7. HIGHEST LEVEL OF COMPLETED EDUCATION (FOR PERSONS AGED 10 YEARS AND OVER) Indicate the relevant code of Highest level of completed education from the cover	
8. MARITAL STATUS (FOR PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, OTHER THAN EXCEPTIONAL CASES) <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced	
9. DATE OF EXIT FROM THE COUNTRY (Month) (Year)	
10. COUNTRY OF CURRENT RESIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> USA <input type="checkbox"/> Russia <input type="checkbox"/> Spain <input type="checkbox"/> Germany <input type="checkbox"/> Greece <input type="checkbox"/> Italy <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey <input type="checkbox"/> Ukraine <input type="checkbox"/> Other → (Indicate the country)	
11. CAUSE OF LEAVING GEORGIA <input type="checkbox"/> To work <input type="checkbox"/> To study <input type="checkbox"/> To return to own family or to marry <input type="checkbox"/> To receive the status of a refugee <input type="checkbox"/> For medical treatment <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
12. WHAT IS HE/SHE DOING NOW? <input type="checkbox"/> Working <input type="checkbox"/> Being treated <input type="checkbox"/> Benefits from social assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Studying <input type="checkbox"/> Looking for a job <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
13. Remittances <input type="checkbox"/> To household from him/her <input type="checkbox"/> From household to him/her <input type="checkbox"/> None	

## ➤ Data limitation:

- Information is only about emigrants who left the country since 2002
- The Census could cover only household member emigrants

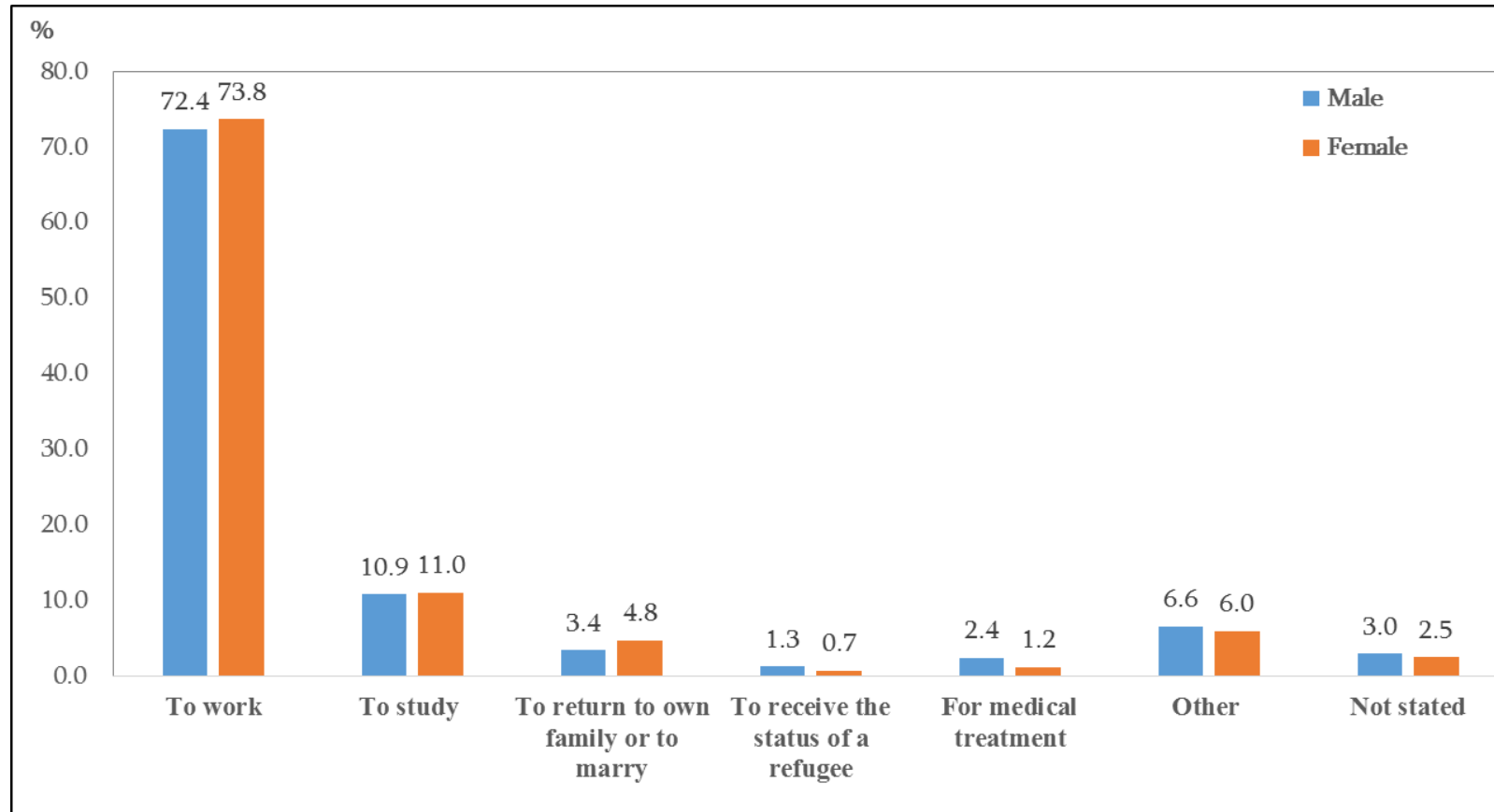
## Emigrants by previous place of residence in Georgia (%)



Source: 2014 General Population Census

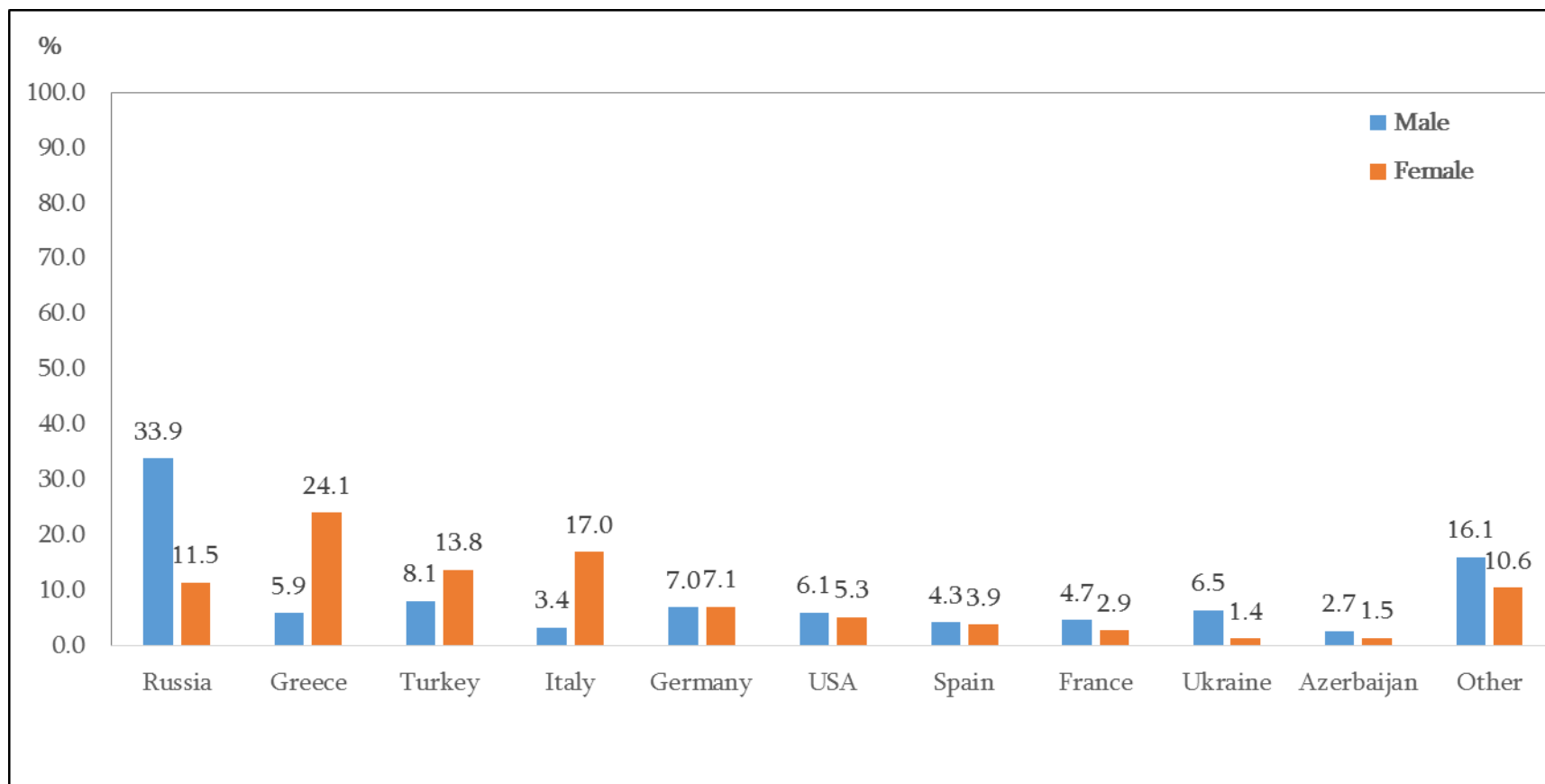


## Emigrants: reasons of leaving Georgia (%)



Source: 2014 General Population Census

## Emigrants by country of residence and sex (%)



Source: 2014 General Population Census

## 2014 General Population Census: Lessons learnt

- Adding the Migration module into the Censuses proves to be a challenging task;
- Quality risks are higher compared to other census modules
- The (2014) Population Census is the unique source for analyzing migration stocks
- It is important to collect relevant data on a regular basis in order to analyze the international migration trends

# The Methodology of annual international migration flows

Before 2004

- The official statistics on migration was based on the administrative system of population registration.
- These figures were insignificant in terms of numbers and did not represent the real scope of the migration movements

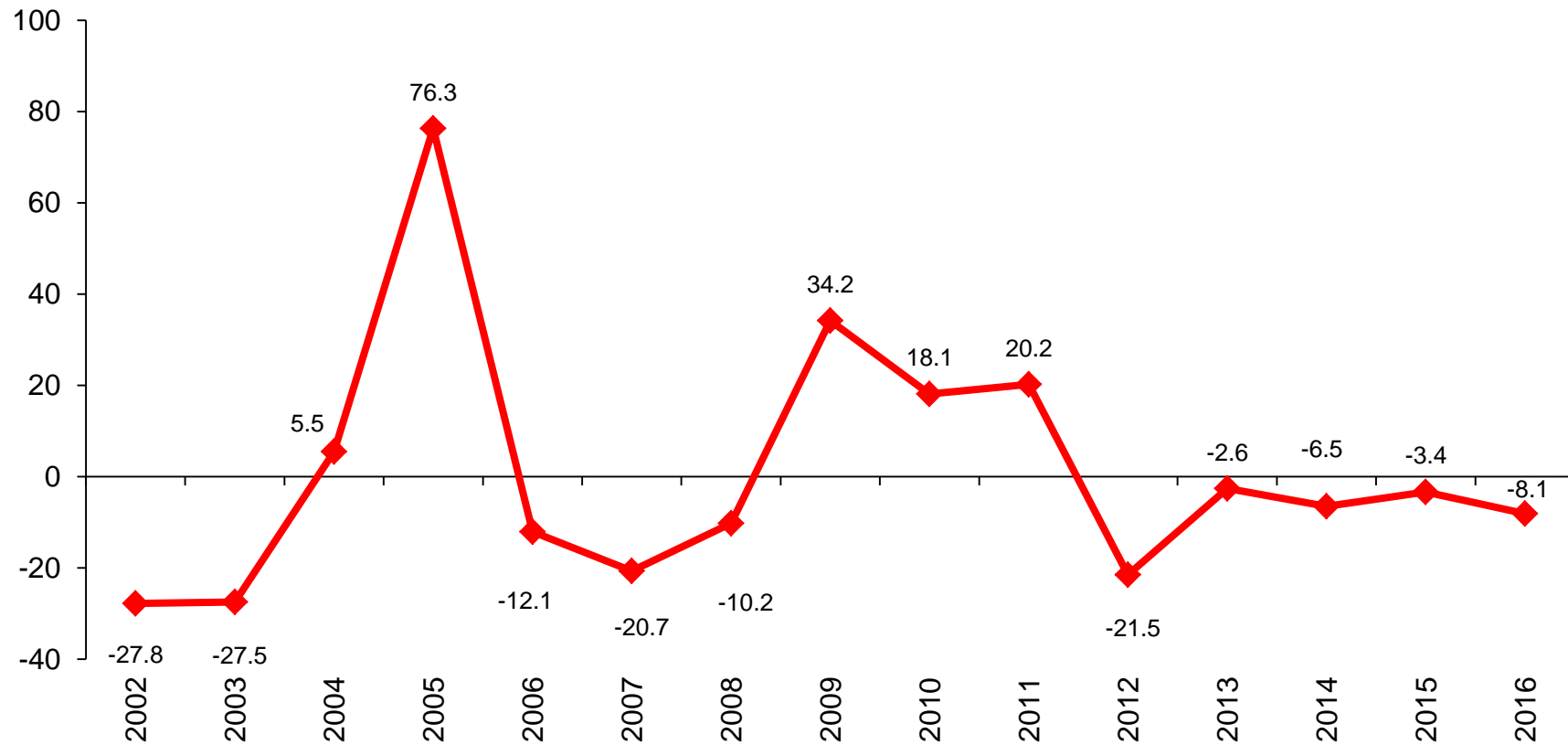
2004-2011

- The official estimations based on the data on passenger-flows provided by the Georgian Border Department.
- The data provides **only gross numbers of entries and exits** and there is still no way to track individual entries/exits in order to identify migrants

Since 2012

- a new methodology of calculating external migration, based on border police data.
- The methodology **takes into account length of stay** for determining the status of residents and non-residents (and thus, calculating the number of emigrants and immigrants)

## Net Migration 2002-2014 (thousand Persons)



- I. 2002-2003
- II. 2004-2011
- III. 2012- till present

# Migration Statistics 2012- till present

According to the current methodology:

An **international immigrant** is a person recorded when crossing the national border who entered the country and has accumulated a minimum of 183 days of residence in the country during the following twelve months, and who was not a usual resident of the country before entering the country, i.e. he/she stayed cumulatively at least 183 days outside the country during the twelve months prior to entering the country.

Similarly an **international emigrant** is a person recorded when crossing the national border who crossed the border and left the country and has accumulated a minimum of 183 days of residence outside the country during the following twelve months, and who was a usual resident of the country before leaving the country, i.e. he/she stayed cumulatively at least 183 days in the country during the twelve months prior to leaving the country.

# Data of inflows and outflows starting from 2012

## ➤ **Main source**

- Ministry of Internal Affairs

## ➤ **Geostat receives individual data by:**

- Citizenship
- Birth date
- Sex
- Duration of stay (in/out of Georgia)

## ➤ **Publishing:**

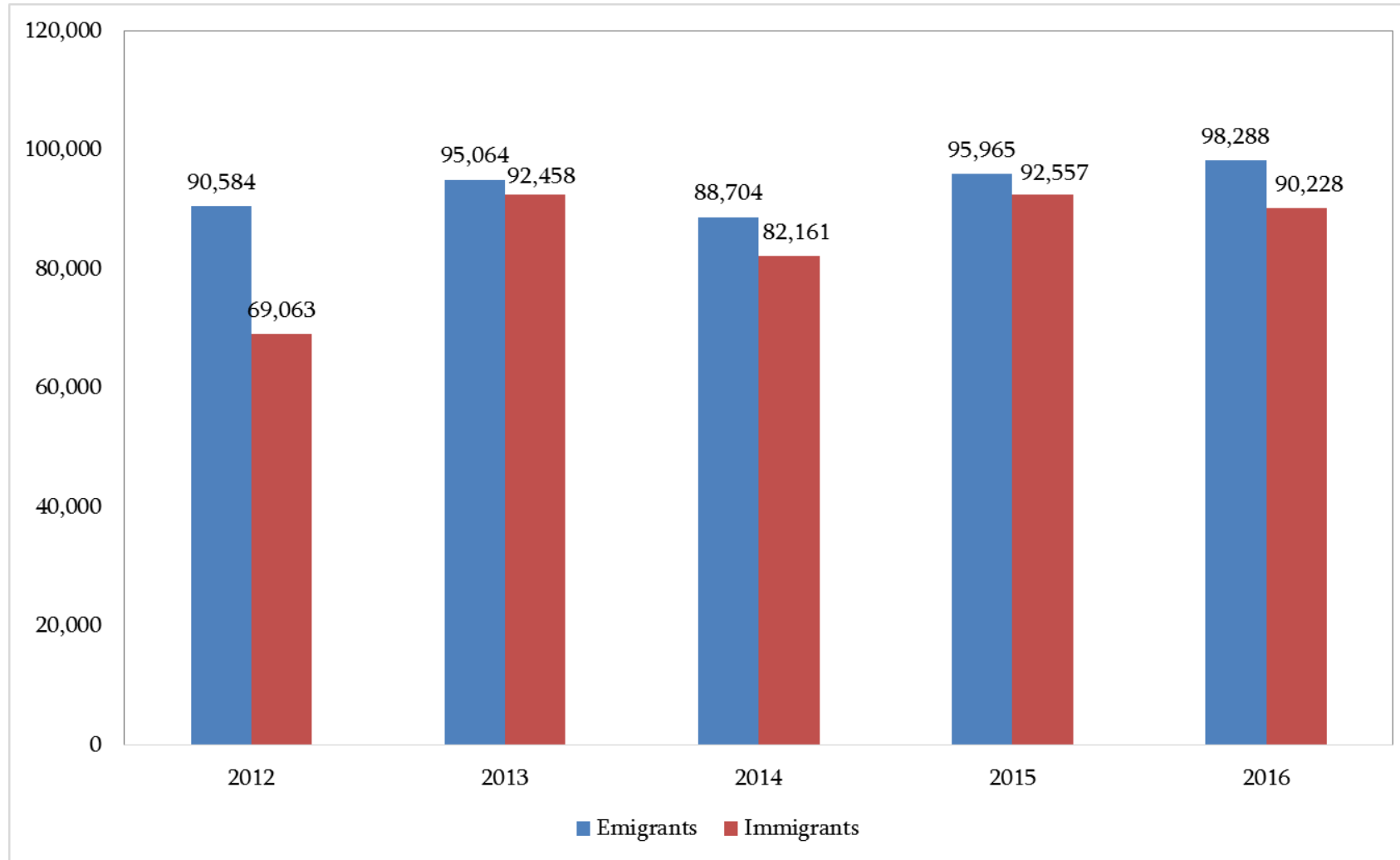
- Net migration
- Emigrants and Immigrants by age and sex
- Emigrants and Immigrants by citizenship
- Average age of Emigrants and Immigrants

# Data of inflows and outflows starting from 2012

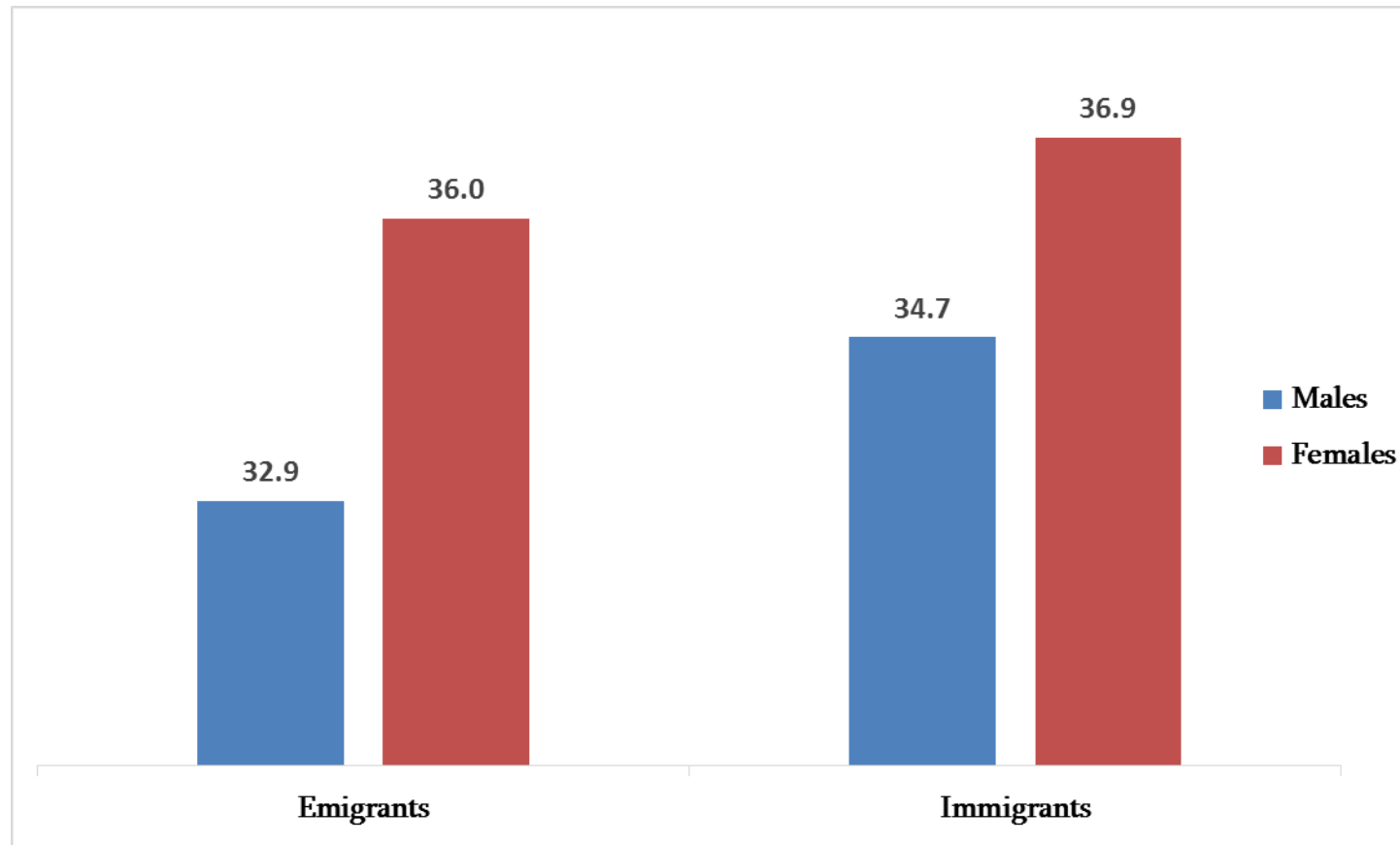
- Data limitations – no data on:
  - Purpose of migration
  - Country of destination
  - Country of origin
  - Education
  - Status of Economic Activity
  - Employment Status
  - Occupation



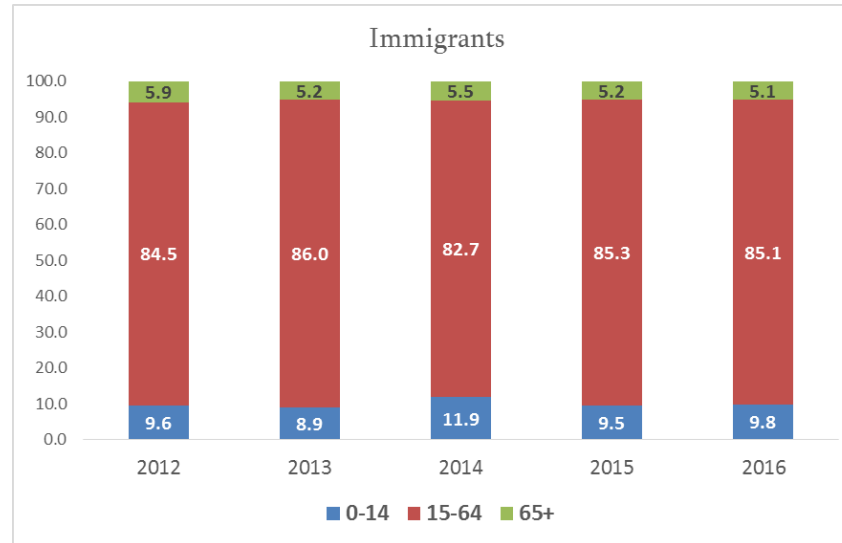
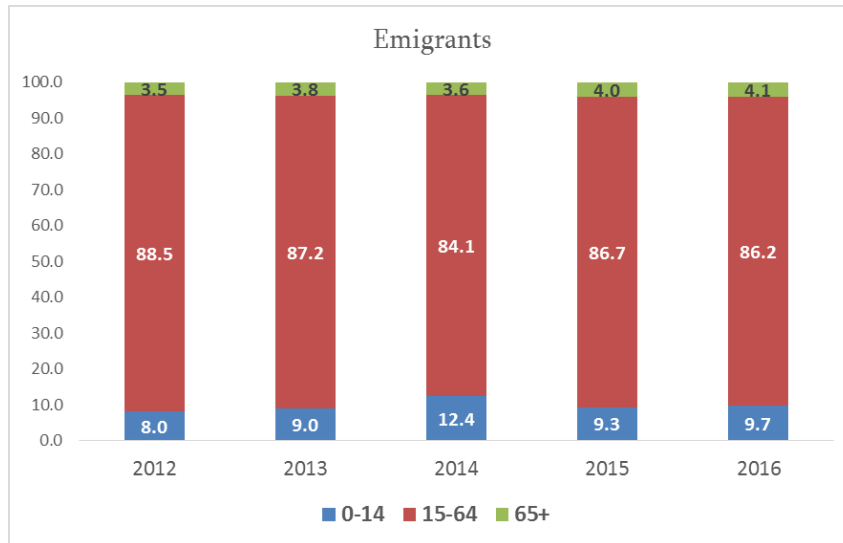
# Number of Emigrants and Immigrants



# Mean Age for Emigrants and Immigrants by Sex in 2016



# Emigrants and Immigrants by Major Age Groups



## Future Plans for improving migration statistics

- ▶ Setting up a Unified Migration Analytical System
- ▶ Migration Project (UNSD)
- ▶ Starting activities regarding to establishment of Population Register
- ▶ Preparations for the next Population Census

## Data availability

- ▶ Data available at our web-pages both in Excel and PC-AXIS format:

[www.geostat.ge](http://www.geostat.ge)

[www.census.ge](http://www.census.ge)



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