



OVERVIEW OF MIGRATION STATISTICS IN GEORGIA

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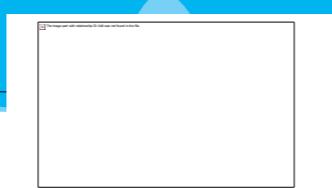


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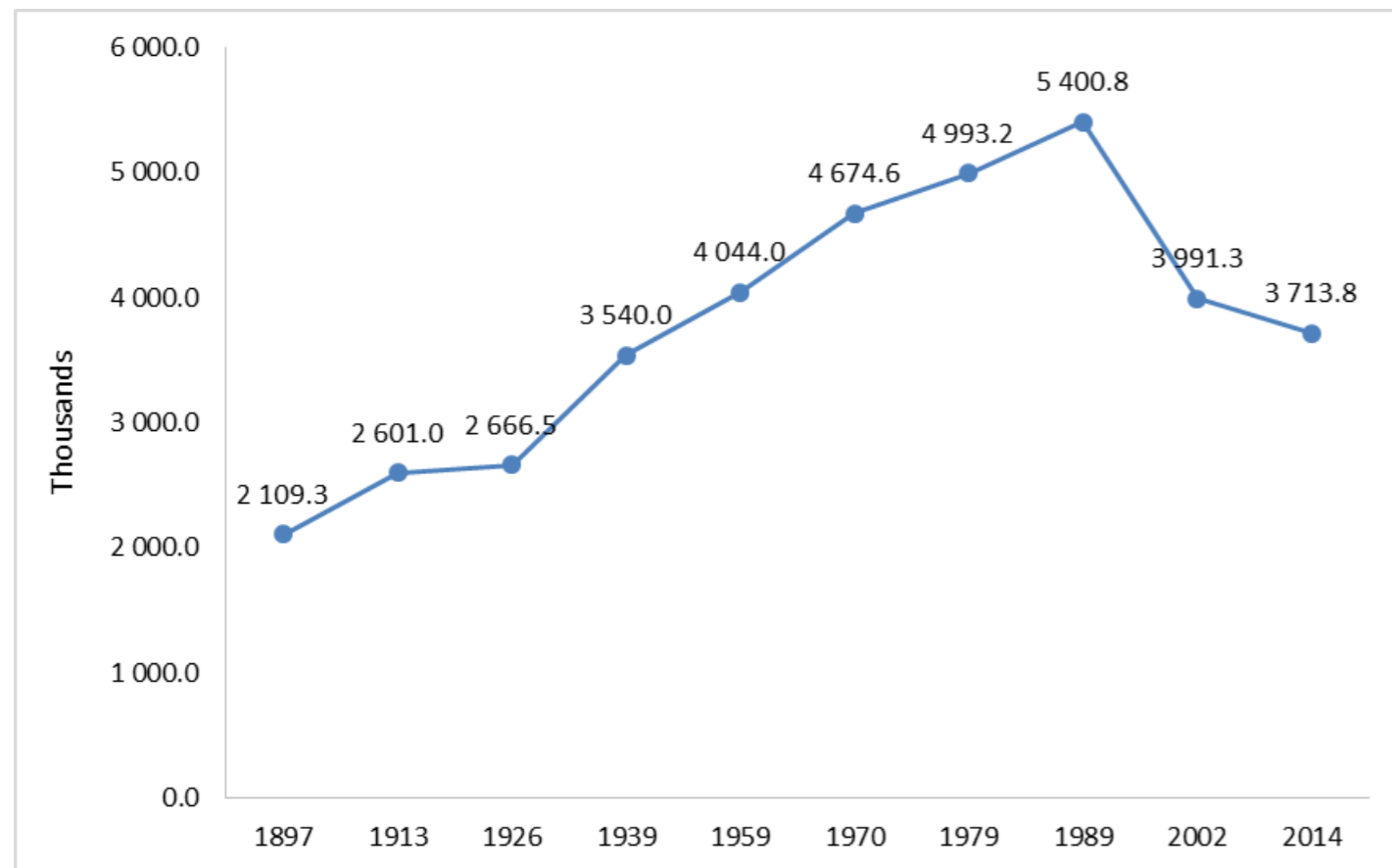
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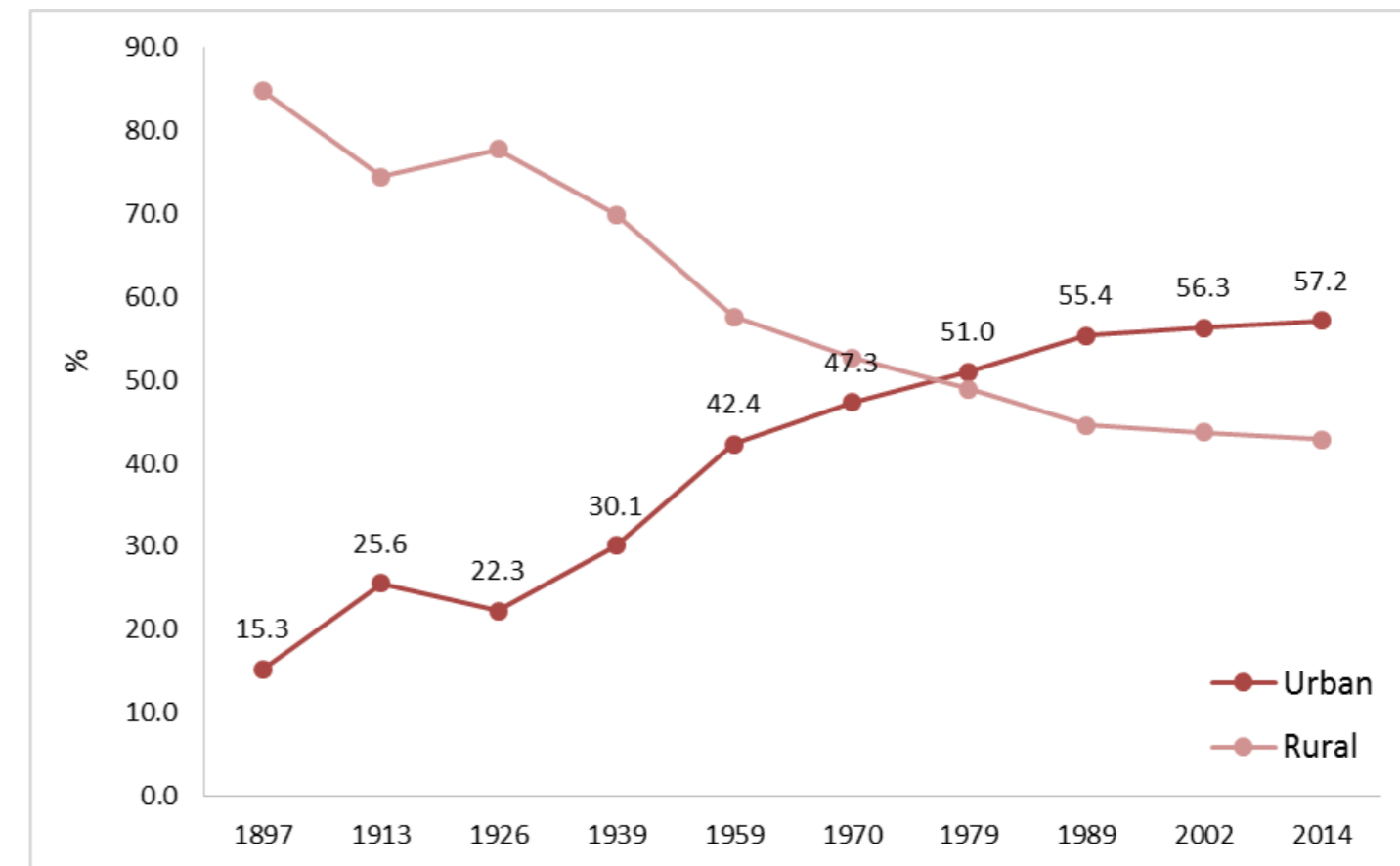
Population distribution



NUMBER OF POPULATION (IN THOUSANDS)

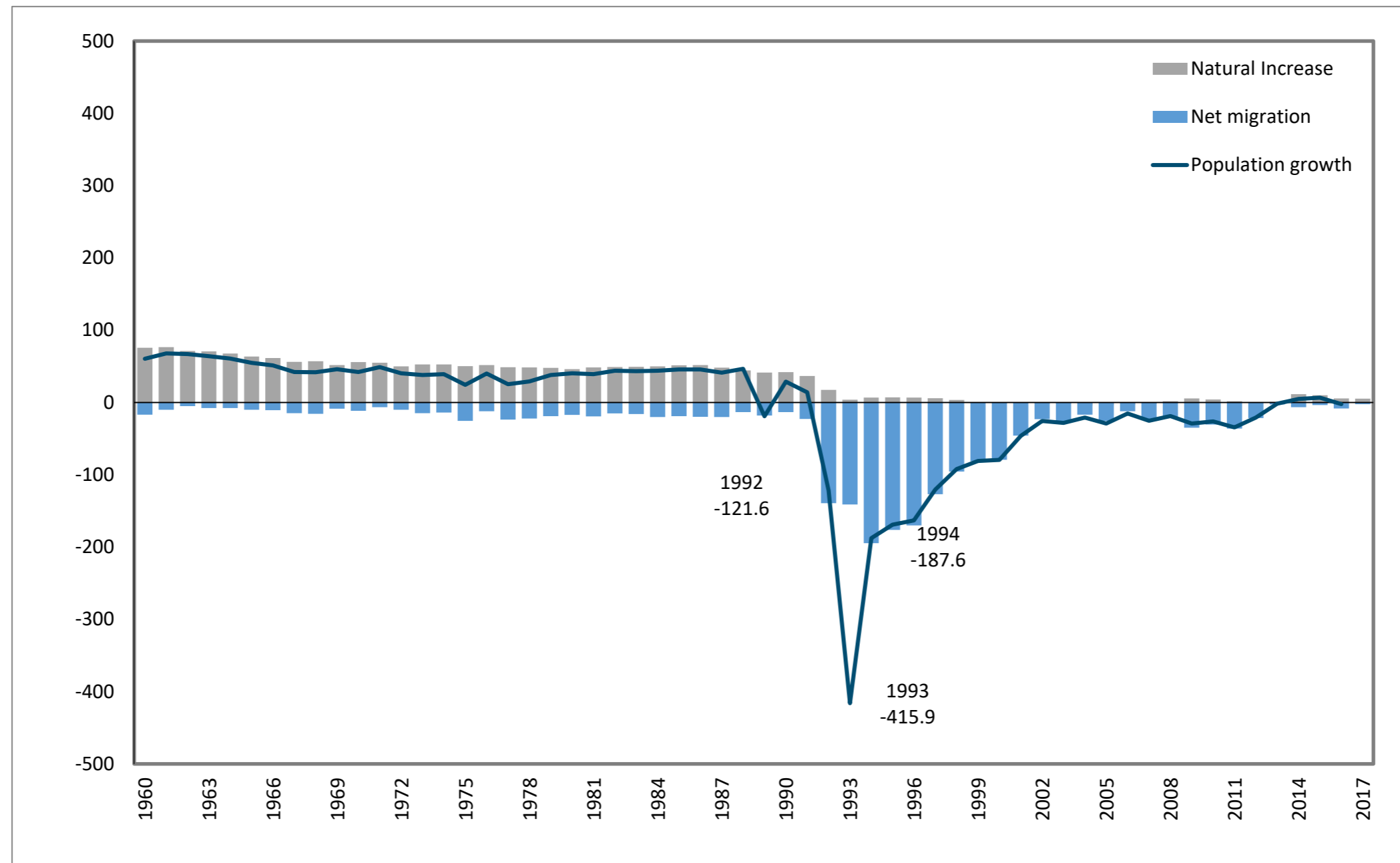


POPULATION DISTRIBUTION (%) BY URBAN - RURAL SETTLEMENTS

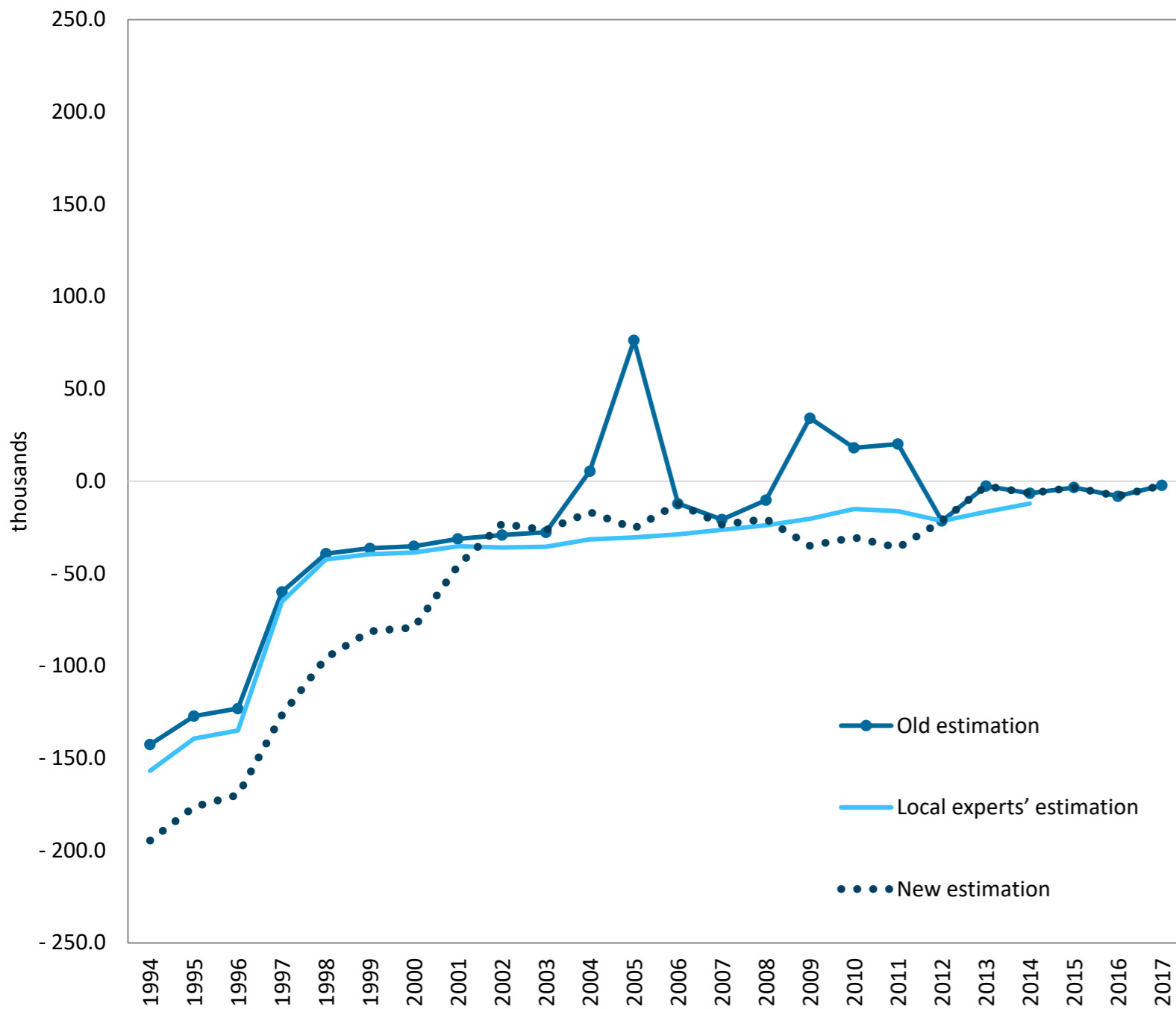


Source: Population Censuses

The components of population change (thousand persons)



Migration Statistics in Georgia



Before 2004

- *Source:* Expert's Estimation

2004-2011

- *Source:* Ministry of Internal Affairs
- This data informed **only about the gross numbers of entries and exits** and there was impossible to track individual comings and goings in order to distinguish migrants from other passengers

Since 2012

- *Source:* Ministry of Internal Affairs
- New methodology

Definition of Usual Residence



There are two criteria for defining place of usual residence:

- a) “The place at which the persons has **lived continuously for most of the 12 months** (that is, for at least six months and one day), not including temporary absence for holidays or work assignments, or intends to live for at least six month;”
- b) “The place at which person has **lived continuously for at least 12 months**, not including temporary absence for holidays or work assignments, or intends to live for 12 months.”

Source: UN, 2015b, paras. 2.48 -2.50

During the censuses Geostat collecting information by 12 months criteria, but due to technical reasons during collecting migration statistics on flows we are collecting information with 6 months + 1 day criteria.

Migration Statistics 2012- till present

ACCORDING TO NEW 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; 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.

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; 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.



Data of inflows and outflows starting from 2012

➤ Main source

- Ministry of Internal Affairs

➤ Geostat is receiving the individual data (annually) by:

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

Data of inflows and outflows starting from 2012 (cont.)



The main products and dissemination date	
Description	Date
STATISTICAL DATA	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Net migration• Emigrants and Immigrants by age and sex• Emigrants and Immigrants by citizenship	End of April
Publication	
Statistical Publication " Demographic Situation in Georgia " (in Georgian and English, Online Version)	Mid of October

Data of inflows and outflows starting from 2012 (cont.)



➤ Data limitation:

- Purpose of migration
- Country of destination / Place of destination in Georgia
- Country of origin / Place of origin in Georgia
- Education
- Status of Economic Activity
- Employment Status
- Occupation

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
- Cause of leaving Georgia
- What is he/she doing now?
- Remittances

➤ Data limitation:

- Information is only about emigrants who left country since 2002
- Census could not cover all emigrants

1. SEX			
<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female		
2. DATE OF BIRTH			
<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>		
(DD)	(MM) (YYYY)		
3. PLACE OF BIRTH (PLACE OF USUAL RESIDENCE OF THE MOTHER AT THE TIME OF BIRTH)			
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		
(Municipality, self-governing city)	(Country, if place of birth was another country)		
4. CITIZENSHIP			
<input type="checkbox"/> Georgia	<input type="checkbox"/> Other country → <input type="text"/>		
	(Country)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Stateless			
5. ETHNICITY			
<input type="checkbox"/> Georgian	<input type="checkbox"/> Ossetian	<input type="checkbox"/> Russian	<input type="checkbox"/> Other → <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Abkhazian	<input type="checkbox"/> Azerbaijani	<input type="checkbox"/> Armenian	<input type="checkbox"/> Refused to answer
			(Indicate ethnicity)
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? → <input type="text"/>			
	(Municipality, self-governing city)		
7. HIGHEST LEVEL OF COMPLETED EDUCATION (FOR PERSONS AGED 10 YEARS AND OVER)			
<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>			
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			
<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>		
(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 → <input type="text"/>	
			(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	

Internal Migration



➤ Main source

- 2014 General population census

➤ Variables:

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

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8. INTERNAL MIGRATION

8.1 Have you ever lived in another settlement within the country for more than 12 months?

Yes No

▼

8.2 Previous place of residence within the country

(Municipality, self-governing city)

Urban settlement (City, borough)

Rural settlement

▼

8.3 From which year have you been usually residing in the current settlement?

(Year)

Some questions on the mobile phone data:

- Define place of usual resident at the municipality level - people that live at the border of the administrative area?
- Any challenges regarding define of age and sex from big data – how to avoid discrepancy?
- Access to the data (legal framework)?



Thank you for your attention!

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