

Preliminary Results of 2014 General Population Census of Georgia

The General Population Census of Georgia was conducted during November 5 - 19, 2014. The Census covered the whole area of the country, except the occupied territories.

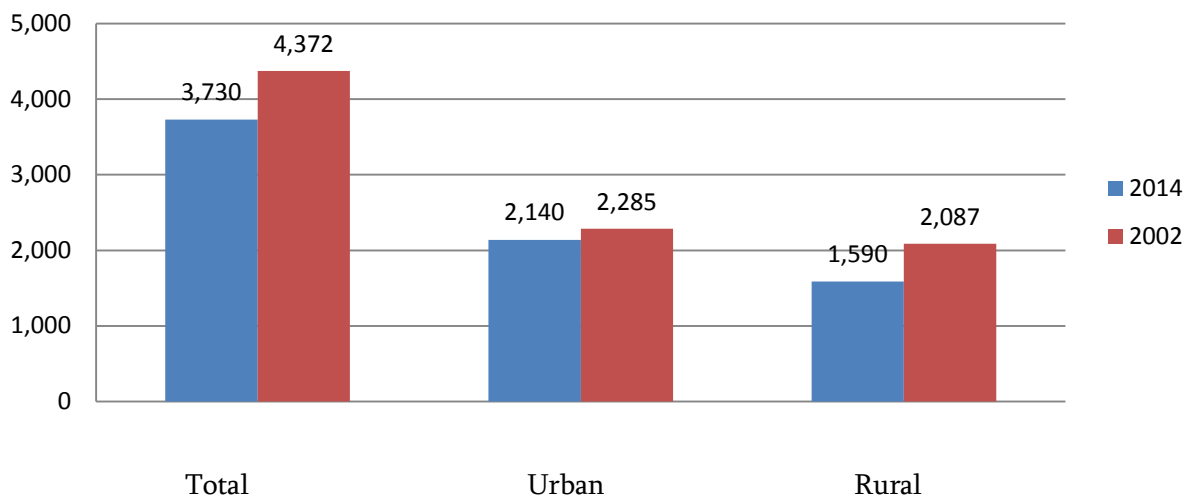
The Census reference date was 12 a.m. of November 5, 2014. Thus, data on children born and persons deceased after the reference date was not collected.

Selection of the November 5-19 period for the Census was conditioned by relatively lower mobility of the population during this period, as studies in schools and universities were under way. Wednesday – the middle day of the week – was selected as the reference date also for the reason of lower mobility. The length of the census period (15 days) was determined taking into consideration that population should be able to recall where they were on the census reference date (12 a.m. of November 5).

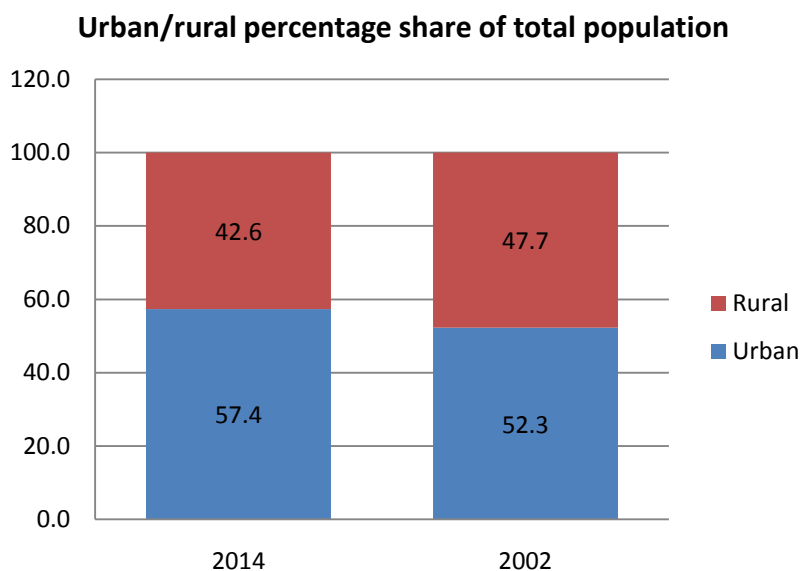
Taking into account that in November visiting households in some mountainous areas could become problematic due to possible deterioration in weather conditions, the Population Census was conducted in September of 2014 in the municipalities of Mestia and Kazbegi entirely, and in the mountainous areas of the municipalities of Dusheti and Akhmeta.

Based on the preliminary data, as of November 5, 2014 the number of population of Georgia totaled 3 729 635 persons, or 14.7% (641 900 persons) less compared to the previous census data (4 371 535 persons). According to the results of the 2014 Census, the urban population was 2 140 126 persons, and the rural population was 1 589 509 persons. The decrease in rural population was much more pronounced at 23.8%, whereas the urban population shrank by 6.3%. As a result, the urban/rural pattern of the population changed significantly.

**Number of Population in 2002 and 2014,
urban/rural, thousand persons**



The urban population accounted for 57.4%, or 5.1 percentage points more than in 2002 .



According to the preliminary results of the 2014 General Population Census, Tbilisi population equaled 1 118 035 persons, posting a 3.4 percent increase compared with the previous Census. However, this increase was mainly due to the expansion of the territory of Tbilisi at the expense of former rural areas of Mtskheta and Gardabani municipalities. It should also be noted that the share of population of Tbilisi in the total population increased by 5.2 percentage points, constituting 30.0%.

Population growth was also posted in Batumi (26.3 %), also mainly due to the expansion of the city borders at the expense of former areas of Khelvachauri municipality.

The most significant increase compared with the previous Census was registered in Rustavi (7.3%), the population of which amounted to 124 908 persons (in the same borders as in 2002).

In regional terms the most significant decreases in population compared with the 2002 Population Census occurred in Racha-Lechkhumi and Kvemo Svaneti (37.4%) and Samegrelo Zemo Svaneti (29%), while the lowest population decline was in the Autonomous Republic of Adjara (10.6%).

Regions	2014	2002	% Growth compared to 2002 Year
Total	3 729 635	4 371 535	-14,7
Tbilisi	1 118 035	1 081 679	3,4
Abkhazia, Autonomous Republic	...	1 956	...
Adjara, Autonomous Republic	336 077	376 016	-10,6
Guria	113 221	143 357	-21,0
Imereti	536 052	699 666	-23,4
Kakheti	319 144	407 182	-21,6
Mtskheta-Mtianeti	94 370	125 443	-24,8
Racha-lechkhumi and Kvemo Svaneti	31 927	50 969	-37,4
Samegrelo Zemo-Svaneti	331 145	466 100	-29,0
Samtskhe-Javakheti	160 262	207 598	-22,8
Kvemo Kartli	424 769	497 530	-14,6
Shida Kartli	264 633	314 039	-15,7

Preliminary results of the agricultural census

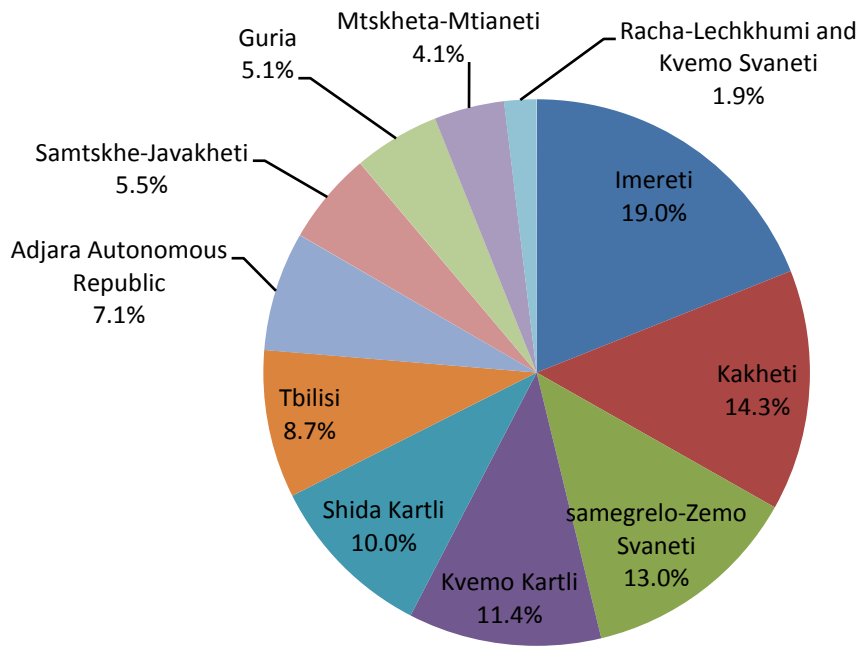
It should be noted that together with the General Population Census, the Agricultural census was also conducted and various agricultural data was collected.

The Agricultural census covered all households, which had agricultural land, cattle, poultry or beehives in use as of October 1, 2014.

According to the preliminary data, as of 1 October, 2014 the amount of family holdings totaled 640 302. In the 2004 Agricultural census there were 728 247 family holdings. It should also be noted that the 2004 Agricultural census did not cover 5 large cities: Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Rustavi, Batumi and Poti.

The chart below presents the percentage distribution of family holdings according to the farmer's place of residence.

Distribution of family holdings according to farmer's place of residence (%)



The final detailed results of the Census will be published in April 2016.