

0. Prerequisites	
0.1 Legal environment	0.1.1 Responsibility for collecting, processing, and disseminating statistics
	<p><u>National Statistics Office of Georgia</u></p> <p>According to article 7 of the "Georgian Law on Official Statistics" (<i>Law</i>), the National Statistics Office of Georgia (NSO) is responsible for the collection, processing and dissemination of statistical data.</p> <p>According to the <i>Law</i>, other state bodies (organizations), may perform activities in the field of official statistics in accordance with international standards and methodologies.</p> <p>The NSO ensures the coordination of works in the field of official statistics, issues recommendations on statistical standards and methodologies, performs the exchange of statistical information between administrative bodies and supports the implementation of approved standards and methodologies.</p>
	0.1.3 Confidentiality of individual reporters' data
	<p><u>National Statistics Office of Georgia</u></p> <p>According to the <i>Law</i>, article 28 "Statistical Data Confidentiality":</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Data acquired for statistical purposes are confidential, if they enable to identify respondent. 2. The dissemination of confidential statistical data or their use for non-statistical purposes is prohibited unless the cases stated by the Georgian legislation.
	0.1.4 Ensuring statistical reporting
	<p><u>National Statistics Office of Georgia</u></p> <p>According to the <i>Law</i>, article 25 "Obligation to Provide Statistical and Other Information":</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To ensure the implementation of its duties, the NSO is eligible to request statistical and other information (including confidential) from administrative bodies and other legal and natural persons. 2. Administrative bodies are obliged to provide the NSO with information on natural and legal bodies of private law which is available for them.
0.2 Resources	0.2.2 Ensuring efficient use of resources
	<p><u>National Statistics Office of Georgia</u></p> <p>In order to ensure the efficient use of resources the following measures are undertaken:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The thorough planning of statistical works (on multi-annual, annual and quarterly basis) that ensure the production and dissemination of reliable and relevant statistical information; 2. The permanent monitoring of the appropriate use of resources according their destination. <p>Special attention is granted to the improvement of the staff performances, especially its qualification and abilities.</p>
0.3 Relevance	0.3.1 Monitoring user requirements
	<p><u>National Statistics Office of Georgia</u></p>

	<p>In order to assure the production and dissemination of relevant statistics in the process of elaboration of draft annual program of statistical works, the interested public and other institutions are consulted.</p>
0.4 Quality management	<p>0.4.1 Quality policy</p> <p><u>National Statistics Office of Georgia</u></p> <p>Quality awareness is evidenced by references to quality in the <i>Law</i> according which the production of statistical information is based on the principles of impartiality, statistical deontology.</p> <p>0.4.2 Quality monitoring</p> <p><u>National Statistics Office of Georgia</u></p> <p>A range of measures to ensure the high quality of works at each stage of information flow are undertaken.</p> <p>The primary and processed data are carefully checked for their internal, temporal consistency, as well as cross-checked with available data from other statistical and administrative sources of information.</p> <p>In order to ensure the high quality of primary data, frequently there are meetings.</p> <p>0.4.3 Quality planning</p> <p><u>National Statistics Office of Georgia</u></p> <p>Quality policy is based on the provisions of national and EU legislation, Strategy of NSO, European Statistics Code of Practice, user needs and expectations. It defines overall intentions and directions of institution related to quality.</p>
1. Integrity	
1.1 Professionalism	<p>1.1.1 Impartiality of statistics</p> <p><u>National Statistics Office of Georgia</u></p> <p>According to the <i>Law</i>, article 4 the basic principles of state statistics are: professional independence, objectivity, reliability, data confidentiality, effectiveness.</p> <p>The NSO is concerned to honor its independence and objectivity by The Law and regulation pursuing the objectivity of tools used, such as survey methods, statistical classifications, definitions of indicators, etc., as well as the objectivity of releasing and providing statistical data and information.</p> <p>1.1.2 Selection of sources, methodology, and modes of dissemination</p> <p><u>National Statistics Office of Georgia</u></p> <p>Bodies of the NSO and other statistical establishments shall obtain statistical information by means of statistical observations (current statistical reports and specially arranged statistical observations).</p> <p>Objects of statistical observations shall be Georgian residents as well as non-residents being on the territory of Georgia within the observation program limits.</p> <p>A type of the statistical observation, a circle of the observation objects, the regularity, the form and term of data presentation are defined in accordance with the observation objectives and shall, together with appropriate methodological</p>

	<p>institutions, be approved by the NSO.</p> <p>Producing the statistics and disseminating the information derived as a result of producing the statistics shall be in compliance with the international standards and practice.</p> <p>1.1.3 Commenting on erroneous interpretation and misuse of statistics</p> <p><u>National Statistics Office of Georgia</u></p> <p>The NSO has full authority to comment on erroneous interpretation and misuse of statistics. This rarely occurs due to the provision of press briefings/conferences where NSO.</p> <p>Staff can provide information on methodologies, interpretation of statistics and respond to general questions.</p>
1.2 Transparency	<p>1.2.1 Disclosure of terms and conditions for statistical collection, processing, and dissemination</p> <p><u>National Statistics Office of Georgia</u></p> <p>Disclosure of terms and conditions for statistical collection, processing and dissemination is guaranteed by the state statistical program each year adopted by the president of Georgia. In state statistical program each data produced by the NSO has its short description, periodicity and timelines.</p> <p>The law on statistics is publicly available on NSO's website www.geostat.ge (in English on web page http://geostat.ge/cms/site_images/law_eng.pdf), also on the web of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia: www.justice.gov.ge</p> <p>1.2.2 Internal governmental access to statistics prior to release</p> <p><u>National Statistics Office of Georgia</u></p> <p>There are no privileges for accession on statistical data in Georgia. Statistical data are equally available to all users from the web: www.geostat.ge, also from publications of the NSO.</p> <p>1.2.3 Attribution of statistical products</p> <p><u>National Statistics Office of Georgia</u></p> <p>There is no ministerial comment on the occasion of statistical releases.</p> <p>1.2.4 Advance notice of major changes in methodology, source data, and statistical techniques.</p> <p><u>National Statistics Office of Georgia</u></p> <p>Methodology (for data collection, processing and analysis) and questionnaires of the NSO are adopted by the Statistical Board of the NSO which consists of 8 members (including its Chairman – an Executive Director of the NSO).</p> <p>For any changes in methodology, data source or questionnaire content or its design there is a need of changes in the resolution of the Statistical Board.</p>
1.3 Ethical standards	<p>1.3.1 Guidelines for staff behavior</p> <p><u>National Statistics Office of Georgia</u></p>

	The law of Georgia on Public Service (articles 73 ¹ – 73 ⁵) and the internal regulations of the NSO define the staff behavior.
2. Methodology	
2.1 Concepts and definitions	2.1.1 Concepts and definitions
	<p>Data on unemployment cover persons who do not work, but are able to work and ready to accept full-time work in each district. The national definition of unemployment is based on the recommendations of the International Labour Organization (ILO).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unemployed by strict criterion: a person of 15 years of age and above who within a studied week was not employed and within the previous four weeks actively searched for work and in case of success was ready to start work within the next two weeks. • Unemployment rate: the ratio of the number of unemployed to the number of the economically active population, expressed as a percentage.
2.2 Scope	2.2.1 Scope
	<p>Scope of the data</p> <p>Unemployment data cover gender, region, urban, rural age groups, and level of education.</p> <p>Exceptions to coverage</p> <p>Geographical coverage: Data do not cover the territories of Abkhazian Autonomous Republic and Tskhinvali Region (former South Ossetian Autonomous Region), a part of Georgian territory not controlled by the central authorities.</p>
2.3 Classification/sectorization	2.3.1 Classification/sectorization
	Unemployment data are classified by gender, urban/rural, age, education level.
3. Accuracy and reliability	
3.1 Source data	3.1.1 Source data collection programs
	<p>The basic source of employment data is Integrated Household Survey (which includes labour force module).</p> <p>The Integrated Household Survey consists in quarterly interviewing households in Tbilisi and 9 Regions of Georgia.</p> <p>The sampling frame of households covers non-institutional part of the population.</p> <p>Those households are subject of observation which live at the sampled addresses.</p> <p>The sample size was selected so that various parameters could be estimated with satisfactory statistical precision not only on the level of the whole country but also on the level of the above listed regions. The sample contains about 3400 addresses.</p>
	3.1.2 Source data definitions, scope, classifications, valuation, and time of recording

	<p>Source data definitions follow ILO recommendations.</p> <p>3.1.3 Source data timeliness</p> <p>Source data are received 10 days after the reference period.</p>
3.3 Statistical techniques	3.3.2 Other statistical procedures
	Data are not seasonally adjusted.
4. Serviceability	
4.1 Periodicity and timeliness	4.1.1 Periodicity
	Annual
	4.1.2 Timeliness
	150 days after the reference year
	Timeliness flexibility
	Georgia is availing itself of a flexibility option on the timeliness of the Labor market: Unemployment data.
4.2 Consistency	4.2.1 Internal consistency
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The annual <i>Statistical Yearbook</i> publishes data on total unemployment. The data on unemployment are available by gender, region, urban, rural, age groups on NSO website.
	4.2.2 Temporal consistency
	Unemployment data are available in time series on the web site.
4.3 Revision	4.3.1 Revision schedule
	Data are final.
5. Accessibility	
5.1 Data	5.1.1 Statistical presentation
	The data on unemployment are published by gender, region, age groups, and level of education.
	5.1.2 Dissemination media and format
	Hard copy - Other

	<p><i>Statistical Yearbook</i></p> <p>Electronic - On-line bulletin or data</p> <p>Data are available on the NSO web site at: http://geostat.ge/index.php?action=page&p_id=146&lang=eng</p> <p>5.1.3 Advance release calendar</p> <p>An advance release calendar with all the release dates throughout the year is available on the NSO web site with following link http://geostat.ge/index.php?action=page&p_id=23&lang=eng</p> <p>5.1.4 Simultaneous release</p> <p>Statistical data are simultaneously released to users of statistical information through the release of the NSO publications and through posting statistical data on the NSO web site www.geostat.ge</p> <p>5.1.5 Dissemination on request</p> <p>Special requests on hard copy and electronic form may be obtained from NSO.</p>
<p>5.2 Metadata</p>	<p>5.2.1 Dissemination of documentation on concepts, scope, classifications, basis of recording, data sources, and statistical techniques</p> <p>Methodological notes are available on the NSO web site. Also short methodological notes are published in the Statistical Yearbook.</p> <p>Available at: www.geostat.ge</p>