

Early and Preschool Education

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2. Metadata update	
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3. Statistical presentation	
3.1. Data description	
The statistical survey of Early and Preschool Education includes information about the number of children involved in PEC services and the number of caregiver-pedagogues/caregivers/assistant caregivers/Inclusive education special teachers. Data are collected by local self-government bodies/mayors of municipalities. The received data is placed in databases, on the website in the form of table by municipalities.	
3.2. Classification system	
International Standard Classification of Education – ISCED-2011.	
3.3. Sector coverage	
The survey covers all public institutions in accordance with the Law of Georgia on Early and Preschool Education.	
3.4. Statistical concepts and definitions	
Preschool education – Education services provided to a child in order to ensure his/her comprehensive development from the age of two before the entry to the first grade of the primary level of general education; the school readiness programme constitutes a mandatory component of preschool education.	
Institution – A legal person founded under the legislation of Georgia which ensures the provision of early and/or preschool education services and/or the implementation of the school readiness programme only.	
Public institution – An institution which is founded and managed by a municipality or a non-entrepreneurial (non-commercial) legal person established by such institution.	
Caregiver-pedagogue – A person who carries out educational and pedagogic activities in an institution; the professional standards of pedagogues shall be approved by the Government of Georgia.	
Caregiver – A person who assists a caregiver-pedagogue and carries out educational functions.	
Child – A citizen of Georgia, or a citizen of a foreign country, a person having a status of a stateless person in Georgia, from the moment of birth until entrance to the first grade of the primary level of general education as provided for by the Law of Georgia on General Education.	
3.5. Statistical unit	
Children, Caregivers.	
3.6. Statistical population	
Public early and preschool education institutions.	
3.7. Reference area	
The data covers the whole territory of Georgia, except the occupied territories.	
3.8. Time coverage	

Data available since 2017.
3.9. Base period
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4. Unit of measure
Number.

5. Reference period
At the beginning of school year.

6. Institutional mandate
6.1. Legal acts and other agreements
The Law of Georgia on Official Statistics; https://www.geostat.ge/media/56202/The-Law-of-Georgia-on-Official-Statistics.pdf Statistical Work Programme (annual); https://www.geostat.ge/en/modules/categories/307/statistical-work-programme Charter of the National Statistics Office of Georgia. https://www.geostat.ge/media/67749/New-Chapter-eng-upd.pdf Law of Georgia on Early and Preschool Education (in Georgian). https://matsne.gov.ge/ka/document/view/3615893?publication=0
6.2. Data sharing
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7. Confidentiality
7.1. Confidentiality – policy
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Law of Georgia on Official Statistics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> According to the article 5 of the law Statistical confidentiality and exclusive use for statistical purposes – individual data collected or received by the producer of official statistics, relating to natural or legal persons, must be strictly confidential and used only for statistical purposes. According to the article 34 (Observing Confidentiality of Statistical Data) of the law 1. Data collected, processed, and stored to produce official statistics are confidential if they enable the direct or indirect identification of a statistical unit. In addition, aggregated data are subject to statistical confidentiality: a) Aggregates composed of 1 to 3 units, when the unit is a natural or legal person if one of these units could be identified indirectly, thereby disclosing individual data about this unit. Aggregates composed of more than 3 units may be declared confidential by the Executive Director if required to ensure statistical confidentiality; b) Information declares as a state secret on the basis of the „Law of Georgia on State Secrets“. 2. Confidential data shall be used exclusively for the purposes of producing statistics in accordance with this law. 3. Statistical data about the administrative body cannot be considered confidential information, except for the information determined by the Law of Georgia „On State Secrets“. 4. Individual data obtained from publicly available sources, which are defined as public information in accordance with the legislation of Georgia, shall not be considered confidential information. 5. Confidential (individual) data may be published if there is written consent from the statistical unit regarding the publication of such data. 6. It is not allowed to disseminate and distribute confidential data or use it for non-statistical purposes. According to the article 38 (Confidentiality commitments) of the law the confidential statistical data collected and processed for statistical purposes shall not be used or disseminated either for personal, academic, research or any other activities, by the employees of the producers of Official Statistics. https://www.geostat.ge/media/56202/The-Law-of-Georgia-on-Official-Statistics.pdf Data Confidentiality Policy at Geostat https://www.geostat.ge/media/20860/Data-Confidentiality-Policy-at-Geostat_En.pdf Procedure for providing access to confidential data for research purposes https://www.geostat.ge/media/61533/Rule-on-Access-to-Confidential-Data-for-Scientific-and-Research-Purposes....pdf The Law of Georgia on Personal Data Protection https://matsne.gov.ge/en/document/view/1561437?publication=9

7.2. Confidentiality – data treatment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confidentiality guidelines. • Written undertakings by an employee of Geostat on ensuring confidentiality of gained/collected data as a result of official duties.
8. Release policy
8.1. Release calendar
Data dissemination dates are defined by the calendar developed on the basis of the Statistical Work Programme, which is published on the website of Geostat and is publicly available.
8.2. Release calendar access
https://www.geostat.ge/en/calendar
8.3. User access
All users have the equal access to the statistical data simultaneously.
9. Frequency of dissemination
Annual.
10. Accessibility and clarity
10.1. News release
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10.2. Publications
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10.3. On-line database
The data is available on the Geostat website: https://www.geostat.ge/en/modules/categories/58/early-and-preschool-education
10.4. Micro-data access
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10.5. Other
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10.6. Documentation on methodology
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10.7. Quality documentation
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11. Quality management
11.1. Quality assurance
To ensure the quality of the statistical processes and products Geostat follows Chapter 10 – Quality of official statistics – of the Law of Georgia on Official Statistics, as well as the European Statistics Code of Practice, the UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and Quality Assurance Framework of the European Statistical System (ESS QAF).
11.2. Quality assessment
Methodology and Quality Management Division of Geostat, along with the sectoral departments, is responsible for the quality of the produced statistical products and processes. The Division carries out quality audit, self-assessment of statistical processes and assesses the risks for the quality of statistical processes and products. Geostat has developed policy documents, guidelines and standard routine descriptions. These documents ensure the standardization of statistical processes and products and the establishment of a unified quality assurance system. Quality policy is available on the following link: https://www.geostat.ge/media/44380/QP_Geostat_EN.pdf
12. Relevance
12.1. User needs
The main stakeholders of the data are: central and local governmental institutions, scientific institutions, students, international organizations, NGOs, media, citizens.
12.2. User satisfaction

In 2023 user satisfaction survey was conducted, the target of the survey was to analyze the assessment of quality of statistical data by users and explore ways to improve user services. The survey report is available on the website of Geostat (in Georgian):
<https://www.geostat.ge/en/page/customer-service>

12.3. Completeness

The published data is available at the country level (number of schools and pupils at municipality level) and complies with international standards.

13. Accuracy and reliability

13.1. Overall accuracy

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13.2. Sampling error

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13.3. Non-sampling error

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14. Timeliness and punctuality

14.1. Timeliness

Annual data are published in December after the end of the reporting period.

14.2. Punctuality

The data is published according to the date specified in the statistical work program. There has not been any violation of publication dates.

15. Coherence and comparability

15.1. Comparability – geographical

The data are comparable.

15.2. Comparability – over time

The data are comparable.

15.3. Coherence – cross domain

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15.4. Coherence – internal

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16. Cost and burden

The data are processed based on administrative sources and does not require additional costs.

17. Data revision

17.1. Data revision – policy

Statistical data revision policy is available on the website of Geostat:

https://www.geostat.ge/media/59824/Data-Revision-Policy-and-Error-Correction-at-Geostat_Eng.pdf

17.2. Data revision – practice

The statistical data are not revised. Unplanned revisions (for data specification) were not carried out in practice.

18. Statistical processing

18.1. Source data

Electronic questionnaire.

18.2. Frequency of data collection

Annual.

18.3. Data collection

Data are collected by local authorities/municipalities through electronic questionnaires.

18.4. Data validation

Before publishing the data, data cleaning and logical control are performed. The information obtained from different

administrative sources is also interconnected.

18.5. Data compilation

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18.6. Adjustment

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19. Comment

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