

## Registered Divorces

<b>1. Contact</b>	
1.1. Contact organisation	National Statistics Office of Georgia (Geostat)
1.2. Contact organisation unit	Population Census and Demographic Statistics Department
1.3. Contact name	Aleksandre Arabuli
1.4. Contact person function	Head of Population Census and Demographic Statistics Department
1.5. Contact mail address	30, Tshotne Dadiani Str., 0180, Tbilisi, Georgia
1.6. Contact email address	<a href="mailto:aarabuli@geostat.ge">aarabuli@geostat.ge</a>
1.7. Contact phone number	+995 32 236 72 10 (200)
1.8. Contact fax number	-

<b>2. Metadata update</b>	
2.1. Metadata last certified	March 28, 2025
2.2. Metadata last posted	March 28, 2025
2.3. Metadata last update	March 28, 2025

<b>3. Statistical presentation</b>	
<b>3.1. Data description</b>	
Divorce Statistics includes number of registered divorces during the year and relevant indicators (rates and ratios).	
<b>3.2. Classification system</b>	
National classification of administrative-territorial units of Georgia.	
<b>3.3. Sector coverage</b>	
Divorces registered during the year.	
<b>3.4. Statistical concepts and definitions</b>	
<p><b>Divorce</b> – The fact of legal significance is one of the grounds for termination of marriage between spouses, and is confirmed by the relevant individual administrative-legal act.</p> <p><b>Crude divorce rate</b> – The number of registered divorces over a given period divided by the mid-year population over that period. It is expressed as average annual number of divorces per 1,000 population.</p> <p><b>Average duration of marriage</b> – arithmetic mean of the differences between the years of divorce and marriage.</p>	
<b>3.5. Statistical unit</b>	
Registered divorce.	
<b>3.6. Statistical population</b>	
All divorces registered in Georgia and divorces of Georgian citizens registered in the Georgian representations abroad in a given year.	
<b>3.7. Reference area</b>	
Covers the whole country except the occupied territories distributed by regions, municipalities and self-governing cities and urban-rural settlements based on the classification of administrative-territorial units of Georgia.	
<b>3.8. Time coverage</b>	
<p><b>1940 and 1950-1968</b> – number of registered divorces by urban-rural settlements;</p> <p><b>From 1969</b> – number of registered divorces by regions, self-governing units and urban-rural settlements;</p> <p><b>From 1989</b> – number of registered divorces by months;</p> <p><b>From 1990</b> – number of registered divorces by duration of the marriage;</p> <p><b>From 1990</b> – number of registered divorces by age and sex;</p> <p><b>From 1994</b> – number of registered divorces by sex, duration and order of the marriage.</p>	
<b>3.9. Base period</b>	
-	

<b>4. Unit of measure</b>	
Units, Per-mille (‰).	

<b>5. Reference period</b>	
A calendar year.	

<b>6. Institutional mandate</b>
<b>6.1. Legal acts and other agreements</b>
The Law of Georgia on Official Statistics; <a href="https://www.geostat.ge/media/56202/The-Law-of-Georgia-on-Official-Statistics.pdf">https://www.geostat.ge/media/56202/The-Law-of-Georgia-on-Official-Statistics.pdf</a> Statistical Work Programme (annual); <a href="https://www.geostat.ge/en/modules/categories/307/statistical-work-programme">https://www.geostat.ge/en/modules/categories/307/statistical-work-programme</a> Charter of the National Statistics Office of Georgia. <a href="https://www.geostat.ge/media/67749/New-Chapter-eng-upd.pdf">https://www.geostat.ge/media/67749/New-Chapter-eng-upd.pdf</a>
<b>6.2. Data sharing</b>
-

<b>7. Confidentiality</b>
<b>7.1. Confidentiality – policy</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Law of Georgia on Official Statistics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.  <a href="https://www.geostat.ge/media/56202/The-Law-of-Georgia-on-Official-Statistics.pdf">https://www.geostat.ge/media/56202/The-Law-of-Georgia-on-Official-Statistics.pdf</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>Data Confidentiality Policy at Geostat  <a href="https://www.geostat.ge/media/20860/Data-Confidentiality-Policy-at-Geostat_En.pdf">https://www.geostat.ge/media/20860/Data-Confidentiality-Policy-at-Geostat_En.pdf</a></li> <li>Procedure for providing access to confidential data for research purposes  <a href="https://www.geostat.ge/media/61533/Rule-on-Access-to-Confidential-Data-for-Scientific-and-Research-Purposes....pdf">https://www.geostat.ge/media/61533/Rule-on-Access-to-Confidential-Data-for-Scientific-and-Research-Purposes....pdf</a></li> <li>The Law of Georgia on Personal Data Protection  <a href="https://matsne.gov.ge/en/document/view/1561437?publication=9">https://matsne.gov.ge/en/document/view/1561437?publication=9</a></li> </ol>
<b>7.2. Confidentiality – data treatment</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confidentiality guidelines.</li> <li>Written undertakings by an employee of Geostat on ensuring confidentiality of gained/collected data as a result of official duties.</li> </ul>

<b>8. Release policy</b>
<b>8.1. Release calendar</b>
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.
<b>8.2. Release calendar access</b>
<a href="https://www.geostat.ge/en/calendar">https://www.geostat.ge/en/calendar</a>

<b>8.3. User access</b>
All users have the equal access to the statistical data simultaneously.
<b>9. Frequency of dissemination</b>
Preliminary and annual (final) data are published once a year.
<b>10. Accessibility and clarity</b>
<b>10.1. News release</b>
The press release is the official publication on divorce data, which is published electronically once a year in Georgian and English: <a href="https://www.geostat.ge/en/news?year=&amp;month=03&amp;category=9">https://www.geostat.ge/en/news?year=&amp;month=03&amp;category=9</a>
<b>10.2. Publications</b>
Statistical publications „Demographic Situation in Georgia“ and „Vital Statistics Report“ are published electronically once a year in Georgian and English: <a href="https://www.geostat.ge/en/single-categories/114/population">https://www.geostat.ge/en/single-categories/114/population</a>
<b>10.3. On-line database</b>
The data is published on the Geostat website in the PC-Axis database: <a href="https://pc-axis.geostat.ge/PXWeb/pxweb/en/Database/">https://pc-axis.geostat.ge/PXWeb/pxweb/en/Database/</a>
<b>10.4. Micro-data access</b>
Procedure for providing access to confidential data for research purposes is available on the Geostat website: <a href="https://www.geostat.ge/media/61533/Rule-on-Access-to-Confidential-Data-for-Scientific-and-Research-Purposes....pdf">https://www.geostat.ge/media/61533/Rule-on-Access-to-Confidential-Data-for-Scientific-and-Research-Purposes....pdf</a>
<b>10.5. Other</b>
-
<b>10.6. Documentation on methodology</b>
The methodology documentation is available on the Geostat website: <a href="https://www.geostat.ge/en/modules/categories/124/methodologia-population-census-and-demography">https://www.geostat.ge/en/modules/categories/124/methodologia-population-census-and-demography</a>
<b>10.7. Quality documentation</b>
-
<b>11. Quality management</b>
<b>11.1. Quality assurance</b>
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).
<b>11.2. Quality assessment</b>
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: <a href="https://www.geostat.ge/media/44380/QP_Geostat_EN.pdf">https://www.geostat.ge/media/44380/QP_Geostat_EN.pdf</a>
<b>12. Relevance</b>
<b>12.1. User needs</b>
Main users are: State bodies, Local and international experts and researchers, Students, International Organizations (IOM, UN, EUROSTAT, WHO, etc.), NGO's, Media, citizens. Mainly used for: Analysing demographic situation of the country to prepare documents, issues, presentations and more.
<b>12.2. User satisfaction</b>
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): <a href="https://www.geostat.ge/en/page/customer-service">https://www.geostat.ge/en/page/customer-service</a>

<b>12.3. Completeness</b>
The following data are available by sex, age, duration and order of marriages, registration date, citizenship, place of birth. All the data are available by regions, self-governing units and urban-rural settlements.
<b>13. Accuracy and reliability</b>
<b>13.1. Overall accuracy</b>
Using administrative data ensures data accuracy.
<b>13.2. Sampling error</b>
-
<b>13.3. Non-sampling error</b>
-
<b>14. Timeliness and punctuality</b>
<b>14.1. Timeliness</b>
Preliminary data is disseminated 2.5 months after the reference period and annual (final) data – 3 months after the reference year.
<b>14.2. Punctuality</b>
The data is published according to the date specified in the statistical work program. There has not been any violation of publication dates.
<b>15. Coherence and comparability</b>
<b>15.1. Comparability – geographical</b>
Data are collected and processed using the same methodology and definitions for regions and self-governing units (self-governing cities and municipalities).
<b>15.2. Comparability – over time</b>
Data are collected and processed using the same methodology and definitions throughout the period of consideration.
<b>15.3. Coherence – cross domain</b>
-
<b>15.4. Coherence – internal</b>
-
<b>16. Cost and burden</b>
Divorce data is provided by the administrative source and does not require additional costs.
<b>17. Data revision</b>
<b>17.1. Data revision – policy</b>
Statistical data revision policy is available on the website of Geostat: <a href="https://www.geostat.ge/media/59824/Data-Revision-Policy-and-Error-Correction-at-Geostat_Eng.pdf">https://www.geostat.ge/media/59824/Data-Revision-Policy-and-Error-Correction-at-Geostat_Eng.pdf</a>
<b>17.2. Data revision – practice</b>
Planned revision of data is not carried out. An Unplanned revision (to clarify data) was not carried out.
<b>18. Statistical processing</b>
<b>18.1. Source data</b>
Geostat receives electronic databases on registered divorces from the Public Service Development Agency.
<b>18.2. Frequency of data collection</b>
Quarterly.
<b>18.3. Data collection</b>
Registered demographic events are fully collected throughout the year.
<b>18.4. Data validation</b>
Logical control of the data is carried out before publication.
<b>18.5. Data compilation</b>
After processing and specifying the data, demographic statistics is generated.

<b>18.6. Adjustment</b>
-

<b>19. Comment</b>
-