

Higher Education, Doctorate Programme

1. Contact	
1.1. Contact organisation	National Statistics Office of Georgia (Geostat)
1.2. Contact organisation unit	Social Statistics Department Social Infrastructure Statistics Division
1.3. Contact name	Vasil Tsakadze Lia Charekishvili
1.4. Contact person function	Head of Social Statistics Department Head of Social Infrastructure Statistics Division
1.5. Contact mail address	30, Tsothe Dadiani Str., 0180, Tbilisi, Georgia
1.6. Contact email address	vtsakadze@geostat.ge lcharekishvili@geostat.ge
1.7. Contact phone number	+995 32 236 72 10 (600) +995 32 236 72 10 (605)
1.8. Contact fax number	-

2. Metadata update	
2.1. Metadata last certified	February 27, 2026
2.2. Metadata last posted	February 27, 2026
2.3. Metadata last update	February 27, 2026

3. Statistical presentation	
3.1. Data description	
The data on the statistical survey of doctorate programmes is information about doctoral candidates (Admission, Number of persons working for doctoral degree and Graduates) and scientific heads of doctoral candidates.	
3.2. Classification system	
International Standard Classification of Education – ISCED-2011.	
3.3. Sector coverage	
The survey covers all public and private authorized higher education institutions (universities) in accordance with the Law of Georgia on Higher Education.	
3.4. Statistical concepts and definitions	
Doctorate Programme – The third level educational programme of a higher academic education a combination of educational and scientific research components aimed at preparing a scientific staff and ending with the grant of a doctoral degree.	
Doctoral Candidate – A person who is enrolled and studying in a higher education institution in accordance with the procedure established by the Law of Georgia on Higher Education and the Charter of a Higher Education Institution to pursue a doctoral program. Also a person enrolled in a higher education institution recognized under foreign law and which, within the framework of a joint higher education program, performs part of a training component and / or research component in a higher education institution of Georgia and / or an independent scientific research unit / legal entity of public law – the legal entity of public law within the university – a scientific research institution.	
Foreign Doctoral Candidate – A person who is not a citizen of Georgia and is not a stateless person permanently residing in Georgia.	
Graduates – An academic degree holder who is granted a credit for the level of academic higher education.	
Scientific heads of doctoral candidate – in consultation with the supervisor (s) of the relevant doctoral education program (s) advising the doctoral student on the planning of the study and research process.	
3.5. Statistical unit	
Doctorate students and Academic staff.	
3.6. Statistical population	
Authorized higher 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 1970 (except 2010).
3.9. Base period
-
4. Unit of measure
Number.
5. Reference period
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
6.2. Data sharing
-
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
• 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
The news release is published on the Geostat website: https://www.geostat.ge/en/news?year=&month=&category=12
10.2. Publications
Statistical Yearbook of Georgia: https://www.geostat.ge/en/single-categories/95/statistical-yearbook „Woman and Man in Georgia“: https://www.geostat.ge/en/single-categories/115/gender-statistics
10.3. On-line database
The data is available on the Geostat website and the Gender Statistics Portal in the PC-Axis database: https://pc-axis.geostat.ge/PXweb/pxweb/en/Database https://gender.geostat.ge/gender/index.php?action=Education
10.4. Micro-data access
-
10.5. Other
-
10.6. Documentation on methodology
The methodology documentation is available on the Geostat website: https://www.geostat.ge/en/modules/categories/554/questionnaires-education-culture
10.7. Quality documentation
-

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
Users of the statistical information are state authorities, international organisations (Eurostat, United Nations and UN's regional and specialized authorities, World Bank, etc.), business, media, researchers, students and private persons.
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: https://www.geostat.ge/en/page/customer-service
12.3. Completeness
Published data are available at the regional level and comparable to international standards.
13. Accuracy and reliability
13.1. Overall accuracy
-
13.2. Sampling error
-
13.3. Non-sampling error
-
14. Timeliness and punctuality
14.1. Timeliness
Annual data are published in March of the following year after the end of the reporting period.
14.2. Punctuality
The data is published according to the date indicated at Statistical Work Programme. Violation of publication dates never occurred.
15. Coherence and comparability
15.1. Comparability – geographical
Data are comparable.
15.2. Comparability – over time
Data are comparable.
15.3. Coherence – cross domain
-
15.4. Coherence – internal
-
16. Cost and burden
Receiving and processing data is done only by the basic staff within the Geostat budget.
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
There is no data planned revision. Unplanned revision (in order to specify the data) has not taken place in practice.
18. Statistical processing
18.1. Source data
Electronic questionnaire.
18.2. Frequency of data collection
Annually.
18.3. Data collection

Data are collected through electronic questionnaires from higher education institutions.
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
Percentage of doctoral students by doctoral degree and gender.
18.6. Adjustment
-
19. Comment
-