

Higher Education

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3. Statistical presentation	
3.1. Data description	
Statistical Survey of Higher Education Institutions includes information on the number of students and professors in authorized higher education institutions in the educational system. The obtained data is disseminated through databases, spreadsheets and graphs on the website, the gender statistics portal and yearbooks.	
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	
<p>Bachelor's Programme –The educational programme of the first level of higher academic education, where the basics of corresponding specialities are taught in order to enable a person to work with the qualification acquired as a result of these studies and to continue studies for the Master's Programme;</p> <p>Master's Programme – The second level educational programme of higher academic education that includes elements of scientific research and is intended to train specialists of the academic level that follows Bachelor's studies or to train scholars; the programme is also intended to train persons to work with acquired qualifications;</p> <p>Student – A person enrolled in a higher education institution under the procedure established by the Law of Georgia on Higher Education and the Statute of the higher education institution and studying at the institution to take a Bachelor's, Master's, integrated teacher Bachelor's and Master's training, or a certified medical worker's/dentist's and a Doctoral programme; also a person enrolled in a higher education institution recognised under the legislation of a foreign country and is completing a part of the study and/or research component within the framework of a joint higher education programme at a Georgian higher education institution and/or at an independent scientific research unit/a LEPL scientific research institution within a LEPL university/a LEPL scientific research institution;</p> <p>Foreign Student – A person who is not a citizen of Georgia and is not a stateless person permanently residing in Georgia.</p> <p>Graduate – An academic degree holder who is granted a credit for the level of academic higher education.</p> <p>The Academic Staff consists of professors, associate professors, assistant professors and assistants.</p> <p>Professor – A person holding an academic position at a higher education institution, who administers studies and supervises the scientific research work of students;</p> <p>Associate Professor – An academic position at a higher education institution. Associate Professors participate in the study process and supervise educational, scientific research activities carried out by students;</p>	

Assistant Professor – A person occupying an academic position at a higher education institution, who participates in the educational, scientific research processes within his/her authority;
Assistant – A person occupying an academic position at a higher education institution who conducts seminars and performs research activities under the supervision of a Professor, an Associate Professor or an Assistant Professor during studies at main educational units.
Higher Education Institution –An education or an educational scientific research institution carrying out higher educational programmes, the primary function of which is to deliver higher educational activities and scientific research works or higher educational activities, and to administer creative works. A higher education institution consists of major and structural units and awards appropriate qualifications.
3.5. Statistical unit
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.
3.9. Base period
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4. Unit of measure
Number.

5. Reference period
At the beginning of school year, Academic 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
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7. Confidentiality
7.1. Confidentiality – policy
1. 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>

2. Data Confidentiality Policy at Geostat

https://www.geostat.ge/media/20860/Data-Confidentiality-Policy-at-Geostat_En.pdf

3. 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>

4. 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

Published in Statistical Yearbook:

<https://www.geostat.ge/en/single-categories/95/statistical-yearbook>

and „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

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10.5. Other

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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

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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: 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
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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 March of the following year after the end of the reporting period.
14.2. Punctuality
Data are disseminated in accordance to calendar of statistical works and there are no outstanding cases has been detected.

15. Coherence and comparability
15.1. Comparability – geographical
The same methodological approaches are used for all regions of Georgia and they are comparable to international standards.
15.2. Comparability – over time
Time series data are comparable.
15.3. Coherence – cross domain
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15.4. Coherence – internal
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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
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 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
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18.6. Adjustment
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19. Comment
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