

Overview of External Migration Statistics in Georgia

Workshop on migration Statistics

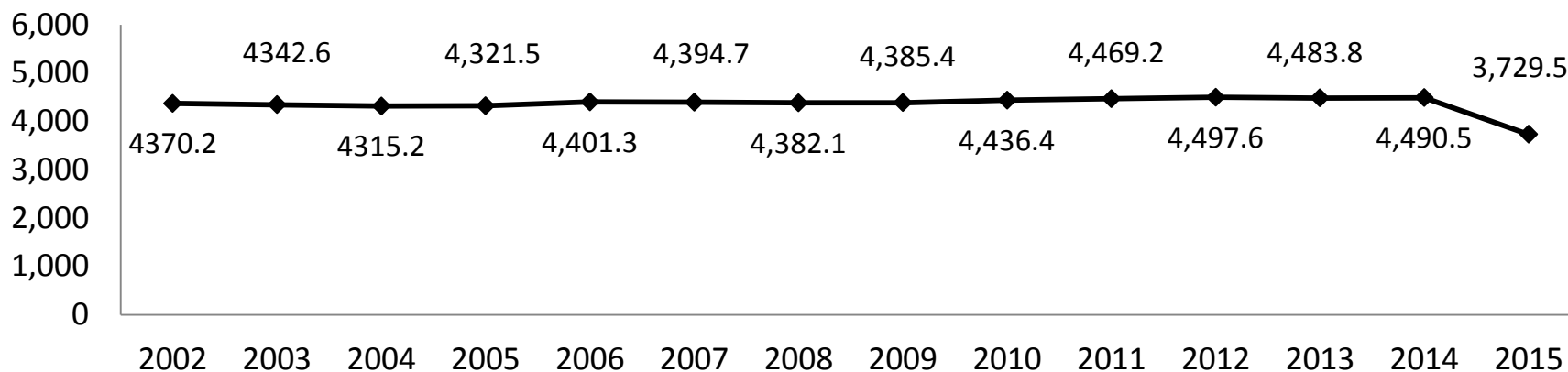
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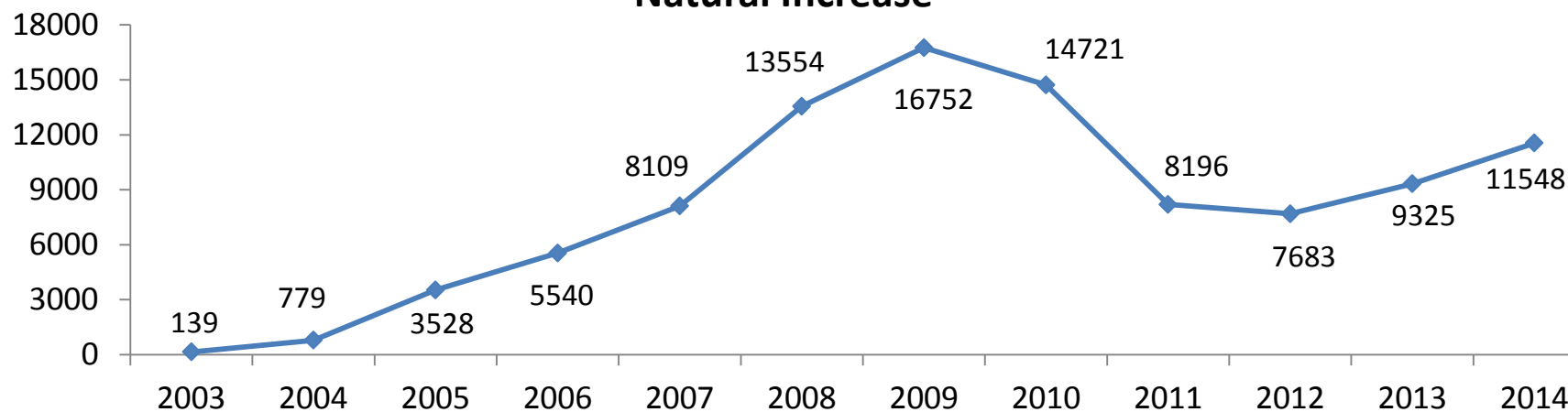
Population Census and Demography Division

National Statistics Office of Georgia - Geostat

Population for the Beginning of the Year (Thousands)

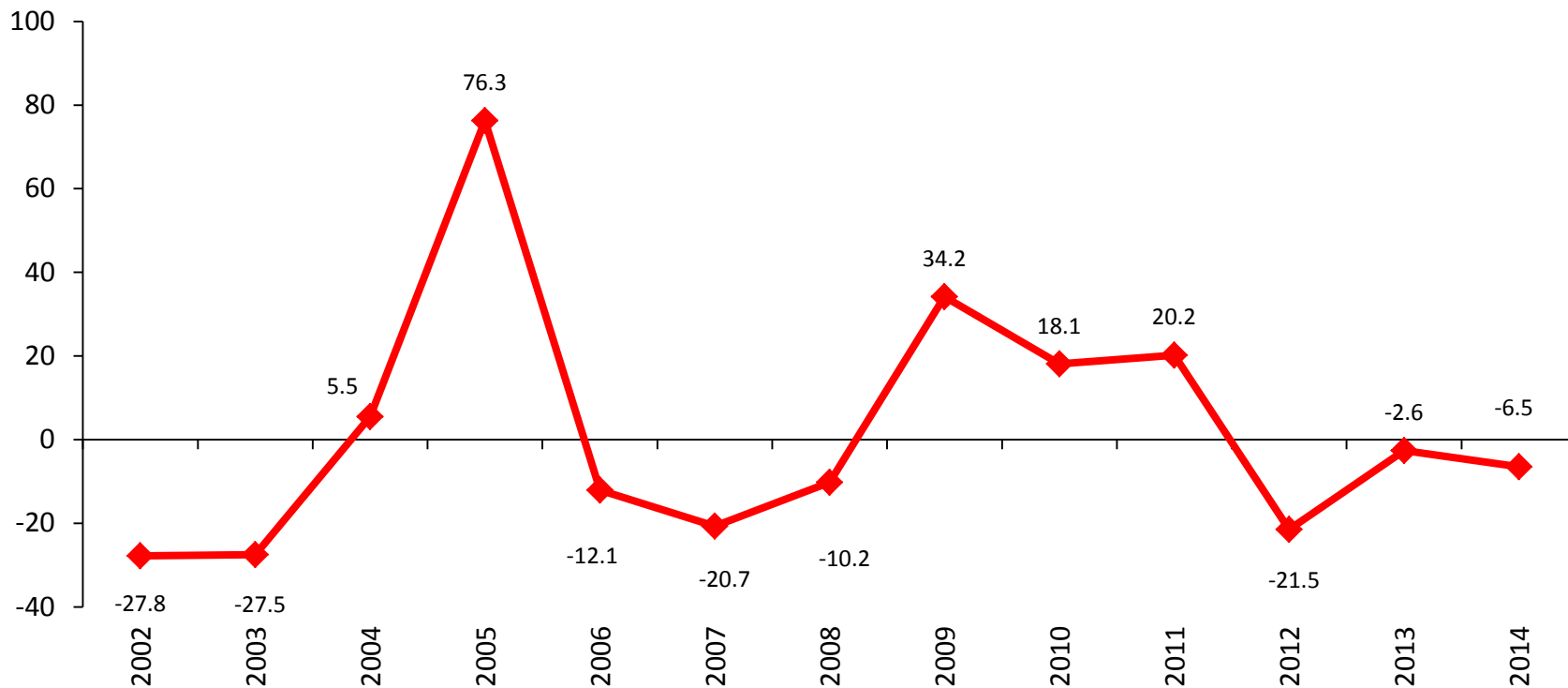


Natural Increase



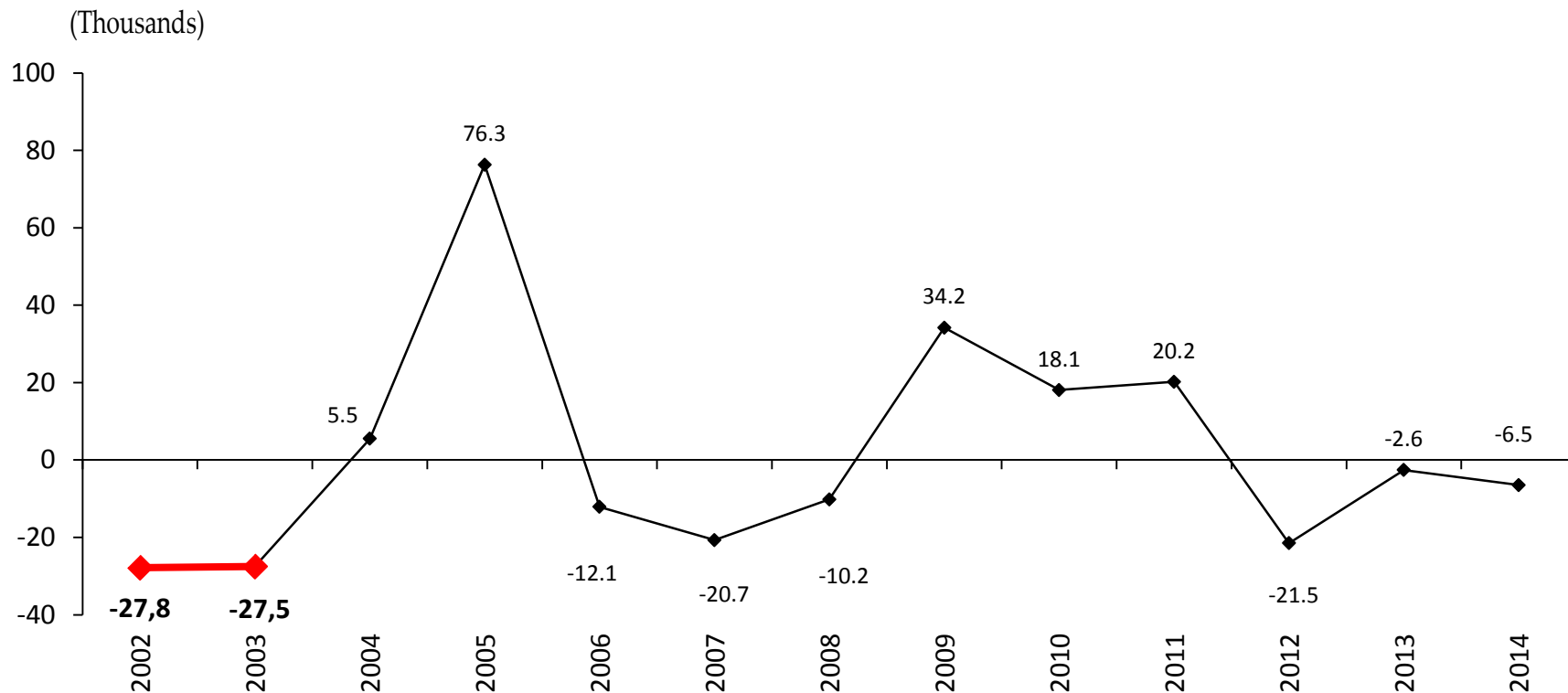
Net Migration 2002-2014

(Thousands)



- I. 2002-2003
- II. 2004-2011
- III. 2012- till present

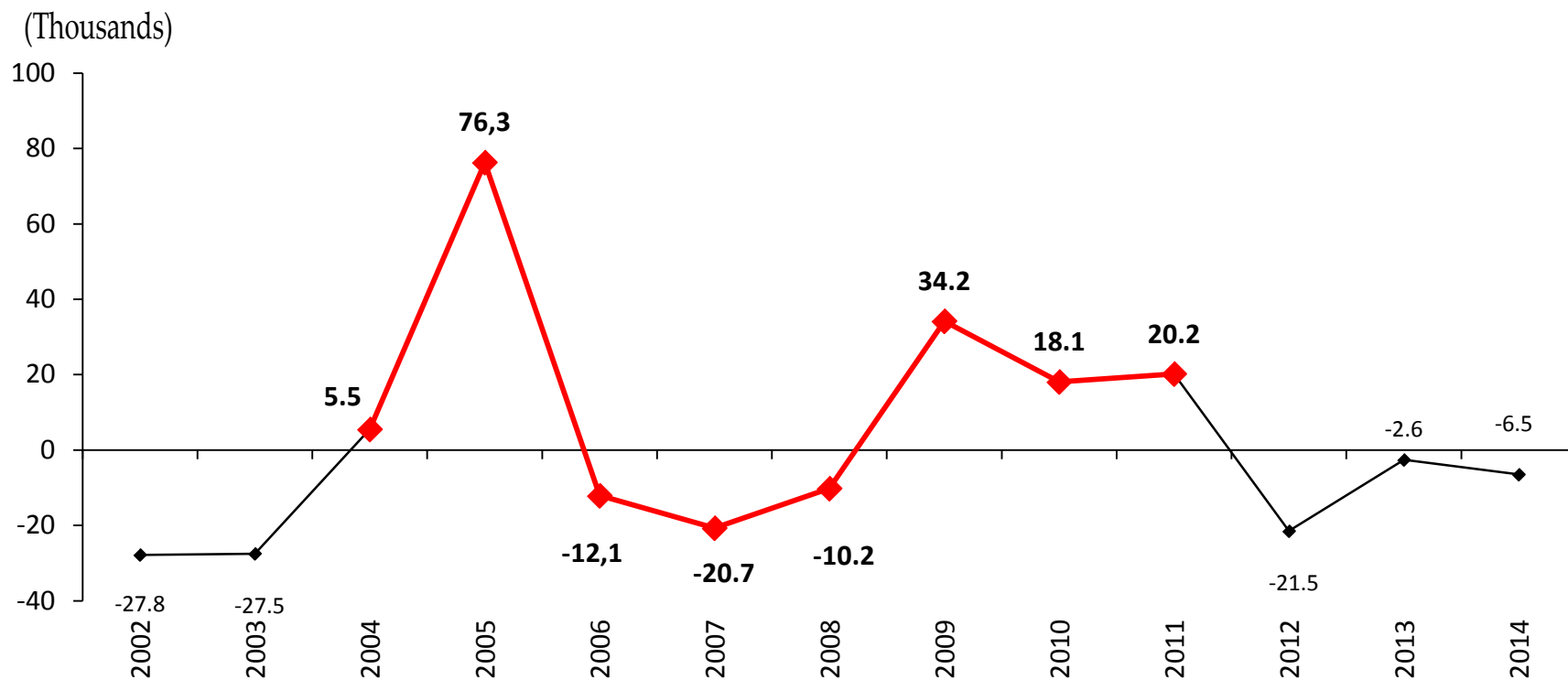
Migration Statistics 2002-2003



Expert estimation

Only net migration published

Migration Statistics 2004-2011



New data source - MIA

Net migration based on Inflows and Outflows using border crossings data

Migration Statistics 2004-2011

New **DATA SOURCE** - Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA)

Data included all persons by citizenship who crossed the national border (inflows and outflows).

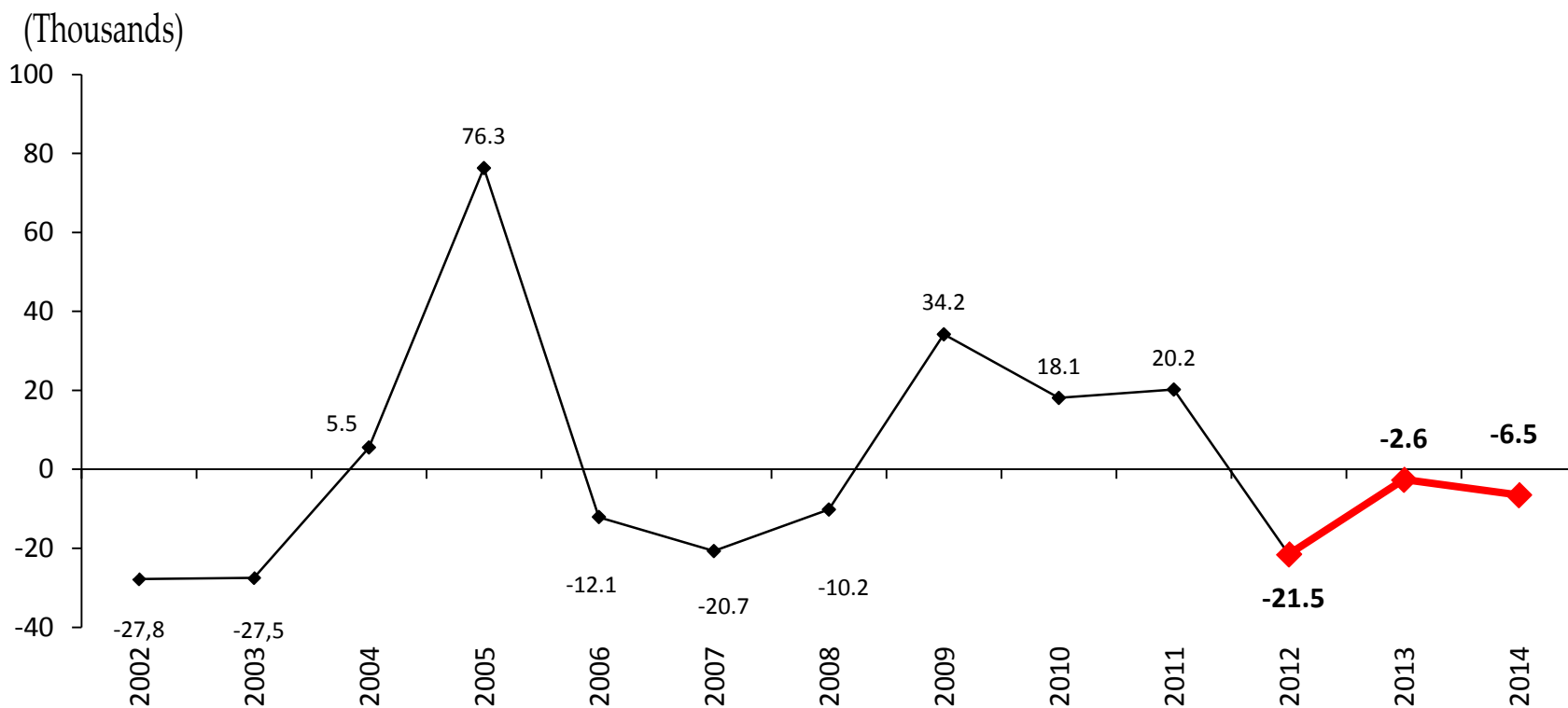
Data was incomplete:

Impossible to identify visitors, short- and long-term migrants;

Data consisted of two age groups (under and over 18 year);

Breakdown by sex for persons aged 18 and above.

Migration Statistics 2012- till present



Same data source-MIA, New methodology

UN recommendations

From the Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses (UN, 2007)

1.463. It is recommended that countries apply a threshold of 12 months when considering place of usual residence according to one of the following two criteria:

(a) the place at which the person has lived continuously for most of the last 12 months (i.e., for at least six months and one day), not including temporary absences for holidays or work assignments, or intends to live for at least six months

(b) the place at which the person has lived continuously for at least the last 12 months (not including temporary absences for holidays or work assignments), or intends to live for at least 12 months.

Migration Statistics 2012- till present

Since 2012 Geostat introduced a new methodology of calculating external migration, based on border police data, Ministry of Internal Affairs.

The methodology takes into account length of stay in determining the status of residents and non-residents (and thus, calculating the number of emigrants and immigrants).

International immigrants or emigrants will be counted at the time of entry or exit but their identification is only possible after a period that will vary between six and twelve months after border crossing.

Migration Statistics 2012- till present

According to new methodology:

An **international immigrant** is a person recorded when crossing the National border

- who entered the country and has accumulated a minimum of 183 days of residence in the country during the following twelve months;
- who was not usual resident of the country when entering the country which means that he spent at least a cumulate duration of 183 days of residence outside the country during the twelve months before entering the country.

Similarly an **international emigrant** is a person recorded when crossing the National border

- who crossed the border and left the country and has accumulated a minimum of 183 days of residence outside the country during the following twelve months;
- who was usual resident of the country when leaving the country which means that he spent at least a cumulate duration of 183 days of residence inside the country during the twelve months before leaving the country.

Migration Statistics 2012- till present

The total number of international migrants for the year T will only be fixed at the end of the year T+1.



Net Migration 2012- till present

- Excluding diplomatic and service passport holders
- Identify international emigrants as country residents (having at least 183 days of residence in the country before the first exit) who accumulated at least 183 days of absence outside the country after the first exit
- Identify international immigrants as non-residents (having at least 183 days or residence outside the country before the first entry) who accumulated at least 183 days of presence in the country after the first entry
- Excluding cases where number of border crossings is more than 50

Migration Statistics 2012- till present

According to the methodology, Geostat receives individual data on migrants without confidential information by:

- Citizenship
- Birth date
- Sex
- Duration stay in Georgia
- Duration stay outside Georgia.

Migration Statistics 2012- till present

Net migration;
Emigrants and Immigrants by age and sex;
Emigrants and Immigrants by citizenship;
Average Emigrants and Immigrants by sex.

More data needed on:

Purpose of migration;
Country of Destination (for Immigrants);
Country of Origin (for Emigrants).

More information about migration statistics: www.geostat.ge

THANK YOU!

