

# Population Census as a Source of Migration Statistics in Georgia

*Lessons from 2014 General Population Census*

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# 2014 General Population Census



▶ The Census covered **82%** (57 000 km<sup>2</sup>) of the whole area of the country

▶ The Census could not be carried out in the occupied territories, total area of 13 000 km<sup>2</sup>

▶ The Census was conducted in **79 %** of the settlements (urban, community, rural) of the country and covered 71 self-governed units and 3 726 settlements

▶ The Census could not be carried out in 1 015 settlements of the occupied territories

# 2014 General Population Census

- ▶ Number of **total** population:

**2014 – 3,7 mln; 2002 – 4,4 mln; Decrease - 15%**

- ▶ Number of **urban** Population:

**2014 – 2,1 mln.; 2002 – 2,3 mln; Decrease - 7,1%**

- ▶ Number of **Rural** Population:

**2014 – 1,6 mln; 2002 – 2,1 mln; Decrease - 23,7%**

## 2014 General Population Census - Questionnaires:

- ▶ Q1 –Questionnaire on Dwellings
- ▶ Q2 –Personal Questionnaire
- ▶ Q3 –Questionnaire on Migrants
- ▶ Q4 - Questionnaire on Agricultural Activity

## 2014 General Population Census: **Definitions**

**Usually resident population** - residing in the country for 12 or more months, as well as the population residing for less than that, but planning to stay for 12 or more months.

**Immigrant** - a usual resident of Georgia, who has ever lived outside the country for more than 12 months.

**Emigrant** - a person who has left Georgia and moved to another country and whose absence in Georgia exceeds 12 months.  
2014 General Population Census covered only emigrants who left the country since 2002.

# Data of stocks of International Migrants currently residing or working in Georgia

## ➤ Main source

- 2014 General population census

## ➤ Variables:

- Demographic and social characteristics
- Status of Economic Activity
- Employment Status
- Occupation
- Sources of Livelihood

## ➤ Questions

### 9. IMMIGRATION

9.1 Have you ever lived outside the country for more than 12 months?

Yes  No



9.2 Previous country of residence

(Country)



9.3 In which year did you move for permanent residence in Georgia from the country indicated in question 9.2?

(Year)

# Data of stocks on emigrants currently residing or working abroad

## ➤ Main source

- 2014 General population census

## ➤ Variables:

- Demographic data
- Education
- Country of current residence
- Cause of leaving Georgia
- What is he/she doing now?
- Remittances

1. SEX <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		
2. DATE OF BIRTH (DD) (MM) (YYYY)		3. PLACE OF BIRTH (PLACE OF USUAL RESIDENCE OF THE MOTHER AT THE TIME OF BIRTH) (Municipality, self-governing city) (Country, if place of birth was another country)
4. CITIZENSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Georgia <input type="checkbox"/> Other country → (Country) <input type="checkbox"/> Stateless		
5. ETHNICITY <input type="checkbox"/> Georgian <input type="checkbox"/> Ossetian <input type="checkbox"/> Russian <input type="checkbox"/> Other → (Indicate ethnicity) <input type="checkbox"/> Abkhazian <input type="checkbox"/> Azerbaijanian <input type="checkbox"/> Armenian <input type="checkbox"/> Refused to answer		
6. IDP STATUS 6.1 Before leaving Georgia did the emigrant have an IDP status? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 6.2 Where is the IDP from? → (Municipality, self-governing city)		
7. HIGHEST LEVEL OF COMPLETED EDUCATION (FOR PERSONS AGED 10 YEARS AND OVER) Indicate the relevant code of Highest level of completed education from the cover		
8. MARITAL STATUS (FOR PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, OTHER THAN EXCEPTIONAL CASES) <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced		
9. DATE OF EXIT FROM THE COUNTRY (Month) (Year)		
10. COUNTRY OF CURRENT RESIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> USA <input type="checkbox"/> Russia <input type="checkbox"/> Spain <input type="checkbox"/> Germany <input type="checkbox"/> Greece <input type="checkbox"/> Italy <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey <input type="checkbox"/> Ukraine <input type="checkbox"/> Other → (Indicate the country)		
11. CAUSE OF LEAVING GEORGIA <input type="checkbox"/> To work <input type="checkbox"/> To study <input type="checkbox"/> To return to own family or to marry <input type="checkbox"/> To receive the status of a refugee <input type="checkbox"/> For medical treatment <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
12. WHAT IS HE/SHE DOING NOW? <input type="checkbox"/> Working <input type="checkbox"/> Being treated <input type="checkbox"/> Benefits from social assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Studying <input type="checkbox"/> Looking for a job <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
13. Remittances <input type="checkbox"/> To household from him/her <input type="checkbox"/> From household to him/her <input type="checkbox"/> None		

## ➤ Data limitation:

- Information is only about emigrants who left country since 2002
- Census could not cover all emigrants

## Immigrants by country of births

Georgia

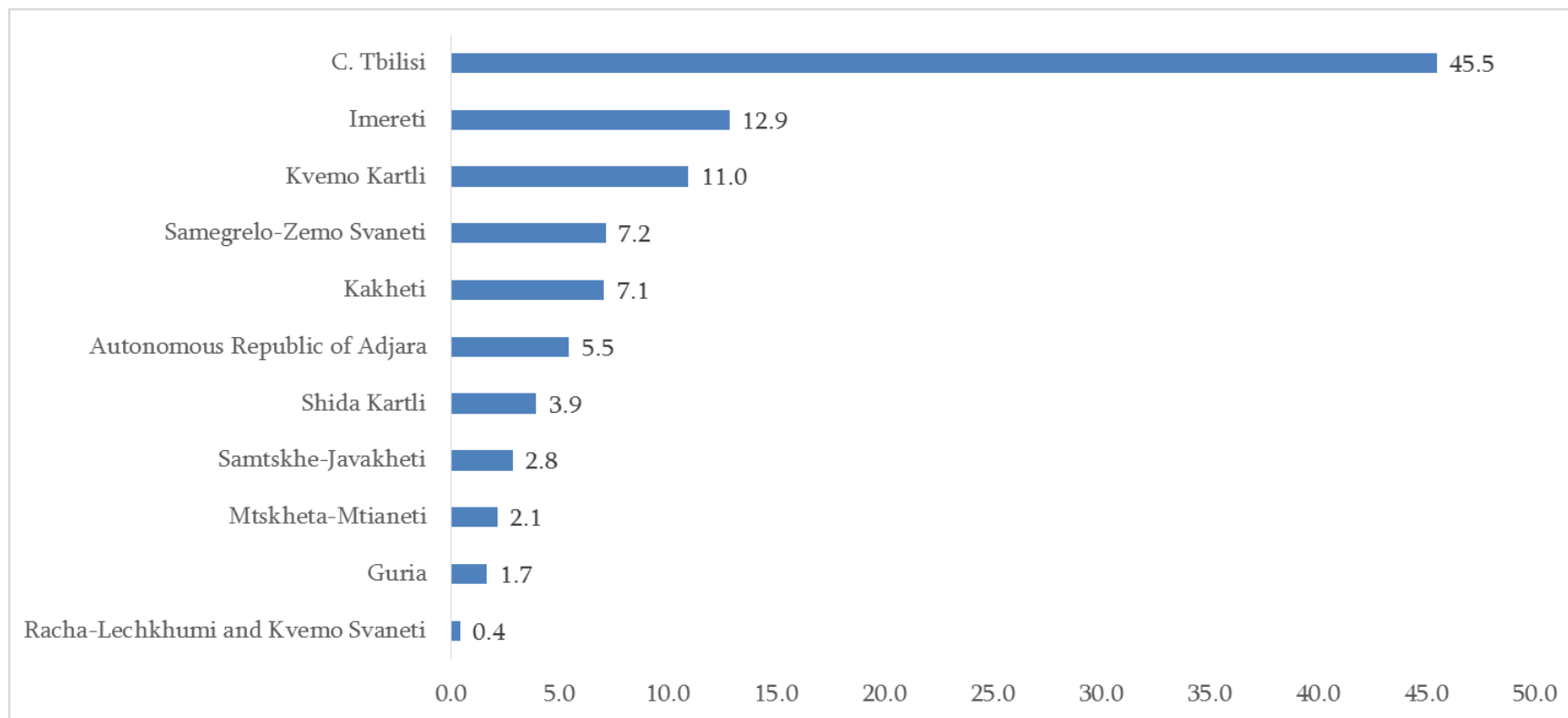
- Total - 137 287 - (74.4%)
- Male - 79 630
- Female - 57 657

Foreign  
countries

- Total - 46 617 - (25.2%)
- Male - 15 736
- Female - 30 881

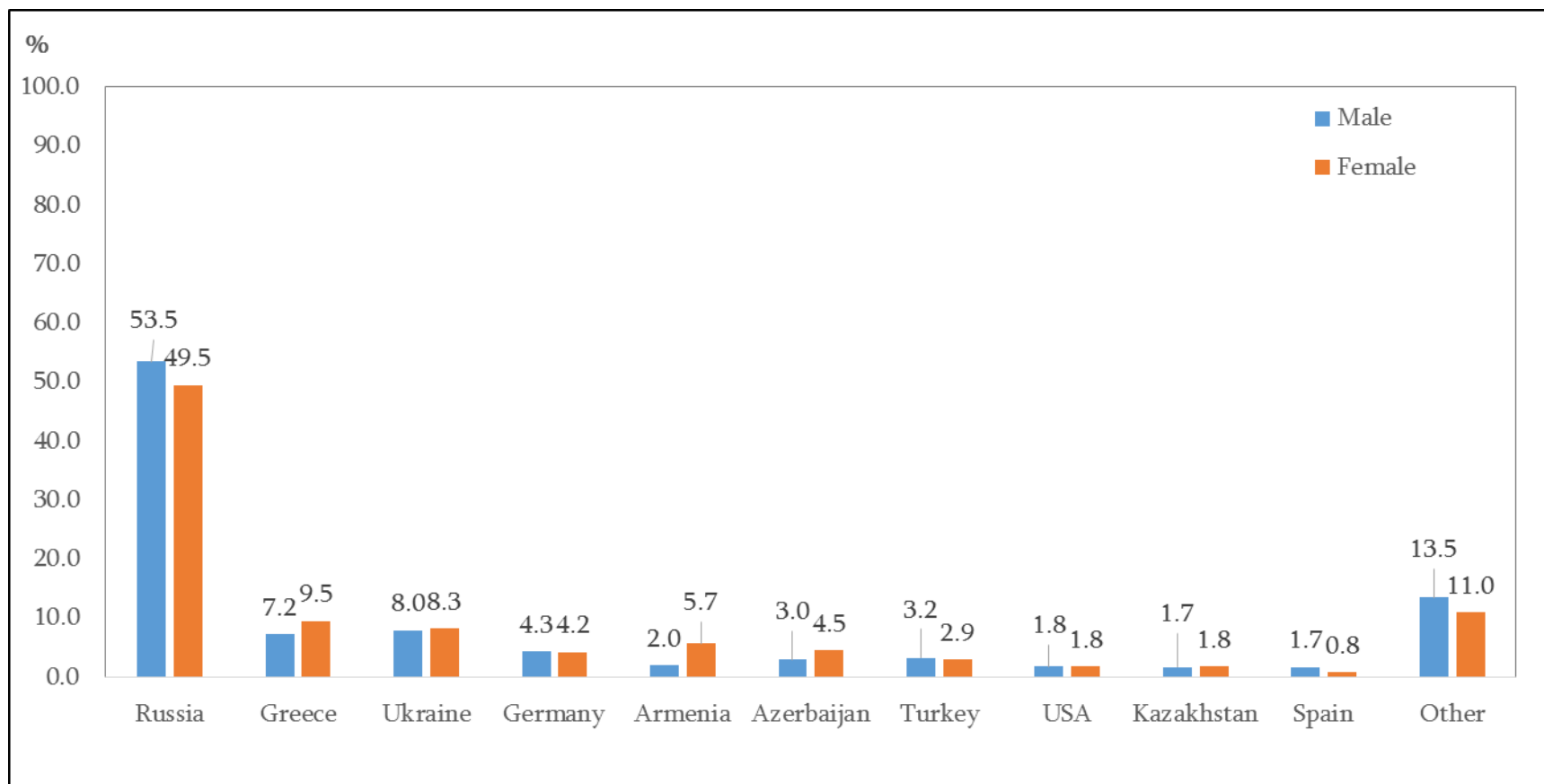


## Immigrants by usual place of residence (%)



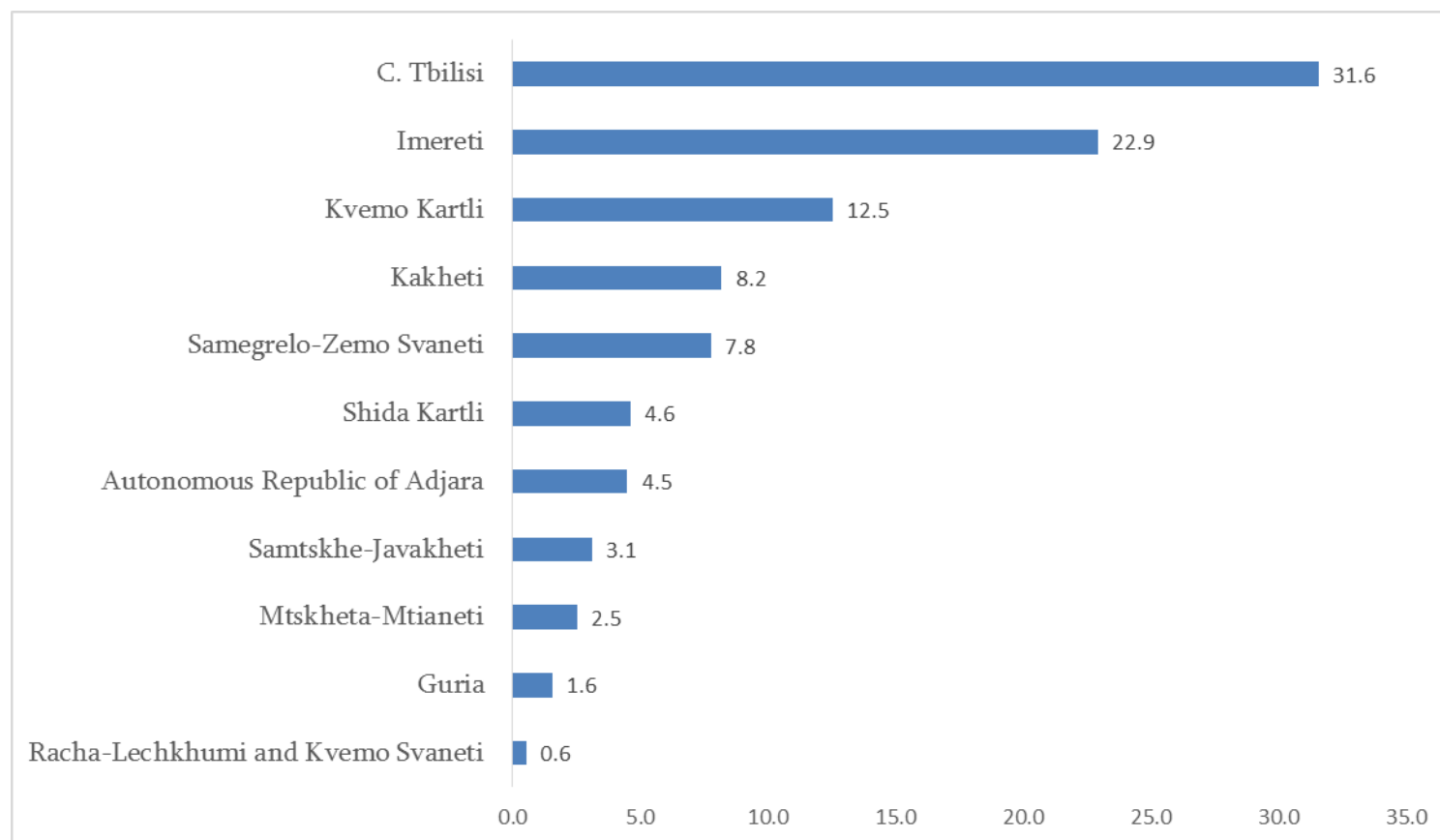
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## Immigrants by country of origin (%)



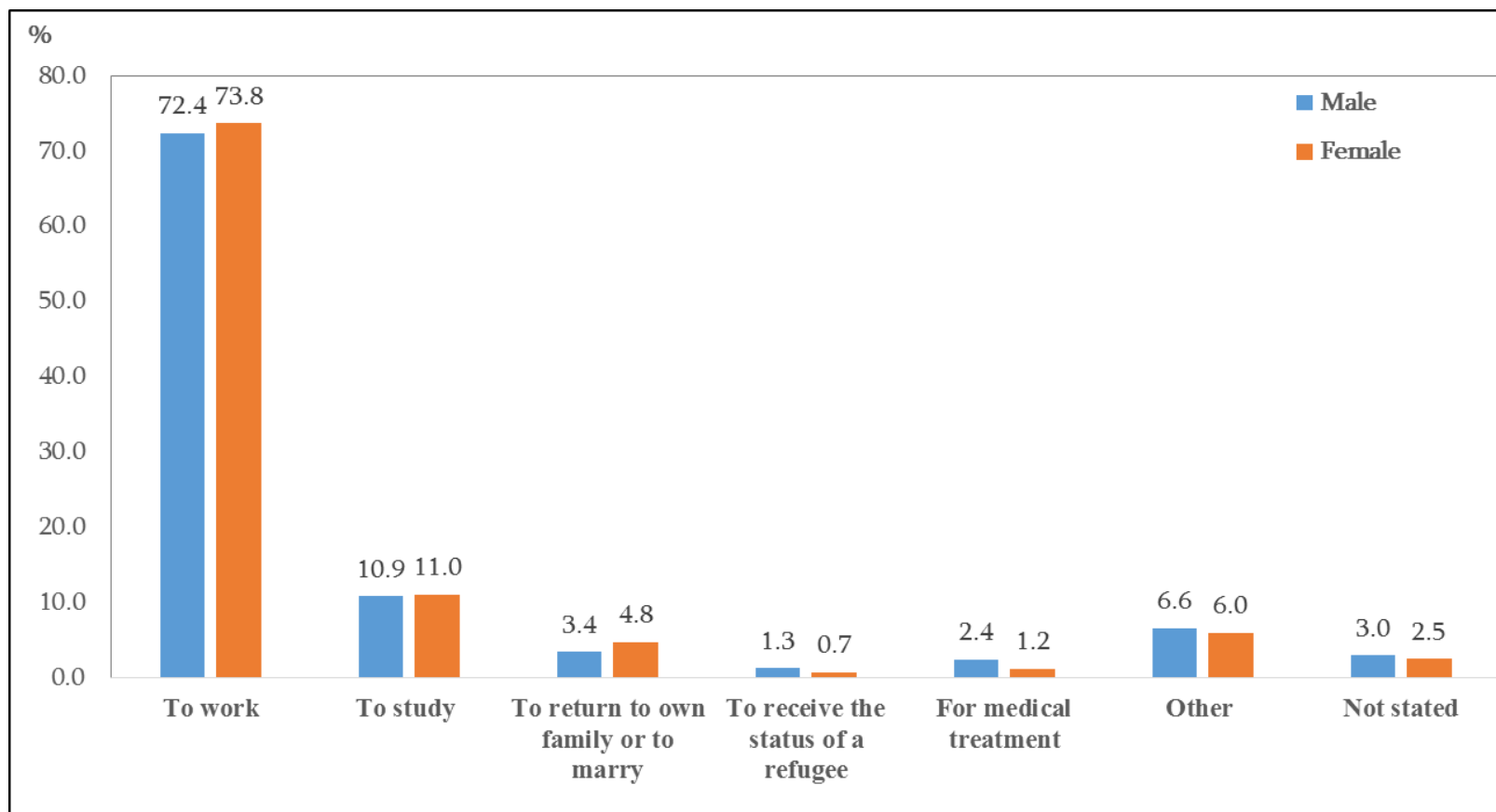
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## Emigrants by previous place of residence in Georgia (%)



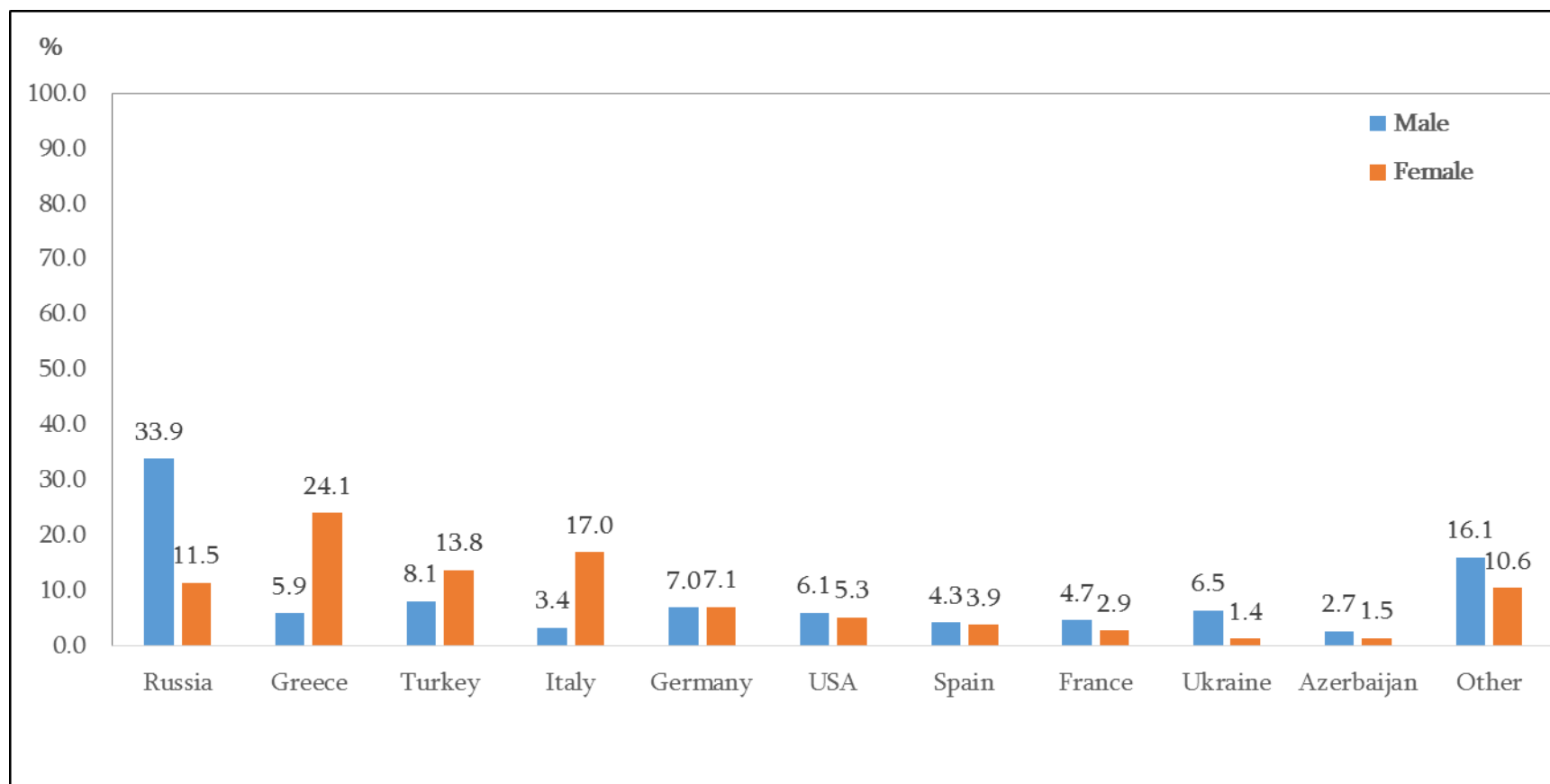
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# Emigrants by causes of leaving Georgia (%)



Source: 2014 General Population Census

## Emigrants by country of residence and sex (%)



Source: 2014 General Population Census

## 2014 General Population Census: **Lessons learnt**

- Adding the Emigration module into the Censuses proves to be a challenging task;
- Quality risks are higher;
- On the other hand,
  - The 2014 Population Census is the unique source for analyze migration stocks (in and out of Georgia), but it is important to collect relevant data on a regular basis in order to analyze the international migration trends

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- ▶ For more information please visit our web-pages:

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