Population Census as a Source of Migration Statistics in Georgia

Lessons from 2014 General Population Census

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The Census **covered 82%** (57 000 km²) **of the whole area of the country**

The Census **could not be carried out in the occupied territories**, total area of 13 000 km²

- 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**

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<th>9. IMMIGRATION</th>
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<td>9.1 Have you ever lived outside the country for more than 12 months?</td>
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<td>[ ] Yes  [ ] No</td>
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<td>9.2 Previous country of residence</td>
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<td>(Country)</td>
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<td>9.3 In which year did you move for permanent residence in Georgia from the country indicated in question 9.2?</td>
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Variables:
- Demographic data
- Education
- Country of current residence
- Cause of leaving Georgia
- What is he/she doing now?
- Remittances

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

*Source: 2014 General Population Census*
Immigrants by usual place of residence (%)

Source: 2014 General Population Census
Immigrants by country of origin (%)

Source: 2014 General Population Census
Emigrants by previous place of residence in Georgia (%)

- C. Tbilisi: 31.6%
- Imereti: 22.9%
- Kvemo Kartli: 12.5%
- Kakheti: 8.2%
- Samegrelo-Zemo Svaneti: 7.8%
- Shida Kartli: 4.6%
- Autonomous Republic of Adjara: 4.5%
- Samtskhe-Javakheti: 3.1%
- Mtskhet-Mtianeti: 2.5%
- Guria: 1.6%
- Racha-Lechkhumi and Kvemo Svaneti: 0.6%

Source: 2014 General Population Census
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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