

# Georgia

## Republic of

### Overview

With a population of 4.4 million<sup>i</sup>, Georgia is a post-Soviet country that had independence restored in 1991. During the years of transition the country's development has been affected by economic crises, the deterioration of infrastructure, civil unrest and migration. Currently Georgia is going through a process of democratic transition encompassing broad legislative, executive and judicial reforms. The health care system has also gone through a substantial transformation.

Life expectancy at birth is 78.6 years for women and 70.2 years for men<sup>i</sup>. In 2011, 18.7% of the population was older than 60 years of age<sup>i</sup>. The total fertility rate was 2.0 births per woman for the 2007–2010 period according to the 2010 Reproductive Health Survey. This represents the highest ever survey-based total fertility rate reported for Georgia, 25% higher than the rate of 1.6 births per woman from 2002–2005.

The total induced abortion rate has significantly decreased (48%) from 3.7 abortions per woman in 1999 to 1.6 abortions per woman in 2010<sup>ii</sup>. The contraceptive prevalence rate in Georgia has increased to 53%, and was mainly reached through increasing use of modern contraceptive methods<sup>ii</sup>.

### **UNFPA Country Programme Focus and Priorities**

Established in Georgia in 1999, the UNFPA Country office supports the Second Country programme (2011-2015) which is specially tailored to Georgia's country context. Key focuses include promoting sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights, reducing maternal mortality and morbidity and empowering and improving the lives of Georgia's underserved population, especially internally displaced persons, women and youth.

<sup>i</sup> UNGASS

<sup>ii</sup> 2010 Reproductive Health Survey



The UNFPA plays a lead role in the country to strengthen national capacities for screening and early diagnosis of breast and cervical cancer and the provision of youth-friendly reproductive health and information services. Another key priority is gender-based violence and in response to this issue, the UNFPA works to increase the availability of data, raise public awareness of the issue and strengthen services to prevent, respond and protect against gender-based violence.

### **Partnerships**

The UNFPA in Georgia has built partnerships with the government, UN agencies, donors, professional associations, national institutions, NGOs and youth organizations. Public-private partnerships, successfully developed by UNFPA have been key to the programme's success. In 2009, the UNFPA country office initiated the Black Sea Coalition for Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening, chaired by the First Lady of Georgia, Sandra E. Roelofs. This highly successful coalition is an alliance of policy makers, technical experts and clinicians from 8 member countries in the region (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Moldova, Romania, Turkey and Ukraine) to cooperate and share knowledge on breast and cervical cancer prevention.



*The First Lady of Georgia, Sandra E. Roelofs, with youth and peer educators presenting a sexual and reproductive health information session at a Youth Summer Camp*

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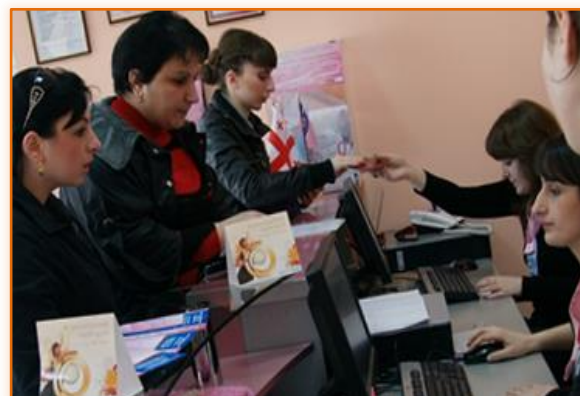
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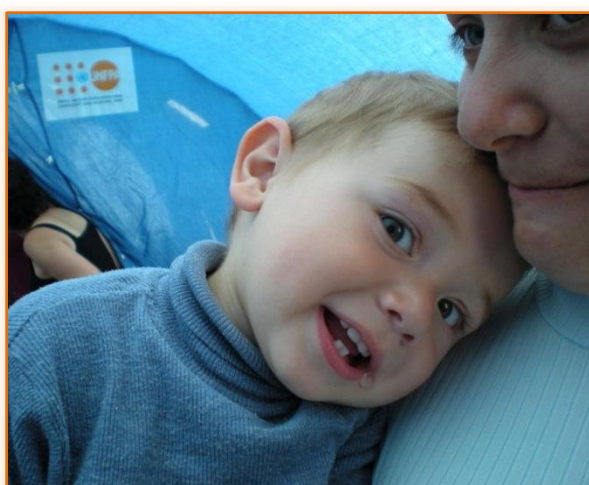
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POPULATION	1990	Most recent	
Total population in thousands	5 460	4 352	2010
Total population in thousands, male	2 595	2 050	2010
Total population in thousands, female	2 865	2 302	2010
Total population, 0-14, %	24.6	16.6	2010
Total population, 15-59, %	60.4	64.3	2010
Total population, 60+, %	15.0	19.1	2010
Total Fertility Rate (TFR)	2.26	1.6	2010
Life expectancy at birth, male, years	66.5	69.4	2010
Life expectancy at birth, female, years	74.0	76.5	2010
Total dependency ratio (0-14+65+/15-64)	51.4	44.7	2010
Net migration rate, per 1000 population	- 2	- 7	2010

Data Source: UNDESA Population Division



UNFPA supports the National Screening Center in Tbilisi, Georgia where over 32,000 women are screened for breast and cervical cancer annually



UNFPA response to the crisis in Georgia 2008; Reproductive Health mobile teams assist families housed in camps especially for internally displaced people

SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH	1990	Most recent	
Births attended by skilled health personnel%	96.6	99.9	2009
Maternal deaths per 100 000 live births	20.5	19.2	2010
Abortion rate per 1000 live births	612.6	408.8	2010
Antenatal care at least 1 visit, % ^	-	96.3	2005
Antenatal care at least 4 visits, % ^	75	71.2	2009
Unmet need for family planning, % #	23.8	16.3	2005
Contraceptive prevalence rate, all, % #	40.5	47.3	2005
Contraceptive prevalence rate, modern, % #	19.8	26.6	2005

Data Source: WHO (HFA-DB) ^WHO (GHO-DR) # UNDESA

GENDER	1990	Most recent	
Seats held by women in national parliament%	6.8	6.6	2012
Share of women in wage employment (non-agricultural sector)	49.4	48.5	2010
Gender parity index in secondary enrolment	0.97	0.95	2008

Data Source: Official UN Millennium Development Goals Indicators website

HIV and other STIs	1990	Most recent	
Percentage of adults aged 15-49 years who are HIV infected	<0.1	0.1	2009
Percentage of sex workers in capital city who are HIV infected	-	2.0^	2009
Percentage of men who have sex with men in capital city who are HIV infected	-	3.6	2007
Percentage of people who inject drugs in capital city who are HIV infected	-	2.2	2008
Percentage of sex workers reporting the use of a condom with their most recent client	95^	99^	2009
Percentage of men reporting condom use the last time they had anal sex with a male partner	54	62	2009
Percentage of sex workers with correct knowledge of HIV transmission	1	8	2009
Percentage of men who have sex with men with correct knowledge of HIV transmission	0	25	2009
Percentage of people who inject drugs with correct knowledge of HIV transmission	36	38	2009
Syphilis incidence per 100,000 #	12.4	11.3	2011
Congenital Syphilis incidence per 100,000 #	0.018	0.023	2004

Data Source: UNGASS

# WHO (HFA-DB)

^Females only

YOUTH	1990	Most recent	
Percentage of young people (15-24) with correct knowledge of HIV transmission	-	-	
Percentage of young people (15-24) who have had sexual intercourse before the age of 15	-	2	2005
Percentage of all live births to mothers aged under 20 #	12.8	12.6	2010
Adolescent abortions per 1000 live births (aged under 20) #	494.7	226.7	2010

Data Source: UNGASS

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