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1. General information

a) Geographical facts

Land area:
69 700 sq km

Border countries:
Armenia 164 km, Turkey 252 km,
Azerbaijan 322 km, Russia 723 km

Distance from Tbilisi to
some European capitals:
Moscow 1649 km,
Helsinki 2462 km,
Berlin 2637 km,
Paris 3372 km,
London 3540 km,
Madrid 4018 km
[www.geobytes.com]

Sources: CIA World Factbook



1. General information

b) Administrative and territorial constitution

Territorial constitution:

9 regions, 1 city and 2 autonomous republics, which are subdivided into 69 districts

Administrative divisions:

Regions:

Guria, Imereti, Kakheti, Kvemo Kartli, Mtskheta-Mtianeti, Racha-Lechkhumi, Kvemo Svaneti, Samegrelo, Zemo Svaneti, Samtskhe-Javakheti, Shida Kartli

Autonomous republics:

Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia

Autonomous Republic of Ajaria

City: Tbilisi

Sources: CIA World Factbook

1. General information

c) Population

Population:
4 570 934 (July 2012 est)

Population growth rate:
-0,327% (2012 est.)

Major cities:	(CityPopulation, 2010)
Tbilisi (capital)	1 122 300
Kutaisi	192 500
Batumi	123 500
Rustavi	119 500

Share of urban population:
53% of total population (2010)

Sources: CIA World Factbook

1. General information

d) Basic facts

Industries:

Steel, aircraft, machine tools, electrical appliances, mining (manganese and copper), chemicals, wood products, wine

Agriculture:

Citrus, grapes, tea, hazelnuts, vegetables; livestock

Natural resources:

Timber, hydropower, manganese deposits, iron ore, copper, minor coal and oil deposits; coastal climate and soils allow for important tea and citrus growth

National Currency:

Georgian Lari, GEL

Official exchange rates:

(As at June 4, 2012, National Bank of Georgia)

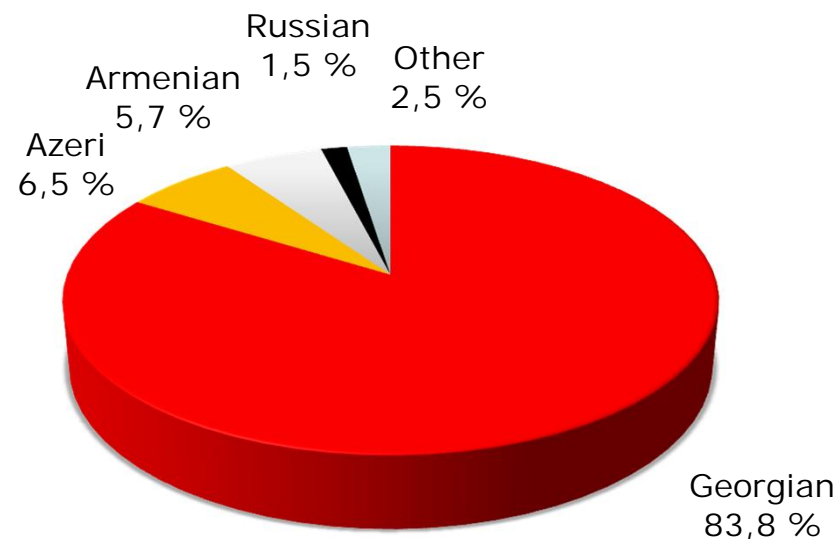
EUR/GEL	2,0132
USD/GEL	1,6334
GBP/GEL	2,5029

**Sources: CIA World Factbook,
National Bank of Georgia**

1. General information

e) Ethnicity & religion

Ethnicity



Languages:

Georgian (official) 71%,
Russian 9%,
Armenian 7%,
Azeri 6%,
other 7%

Abkhaz is the official language in Abkhazia.

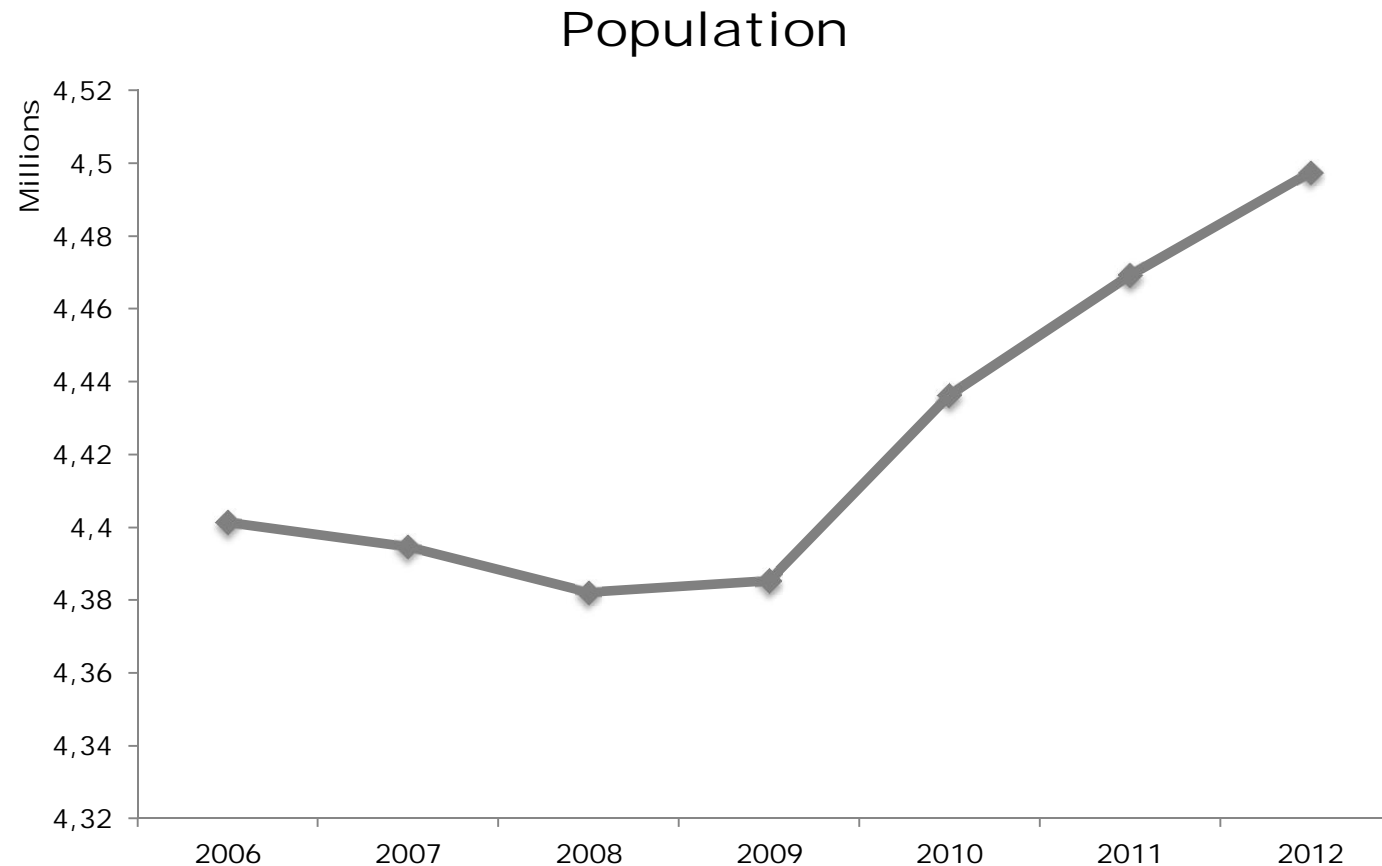
Religions:

Orthodox Christian (official) 83,9%,
Muslim 9,9%,
Armenian-Gregorian 3,9%,
Catholic 0,8%,
other 0,8%,
none 0,7%

Sources: CIA World Factbook (2002 census)

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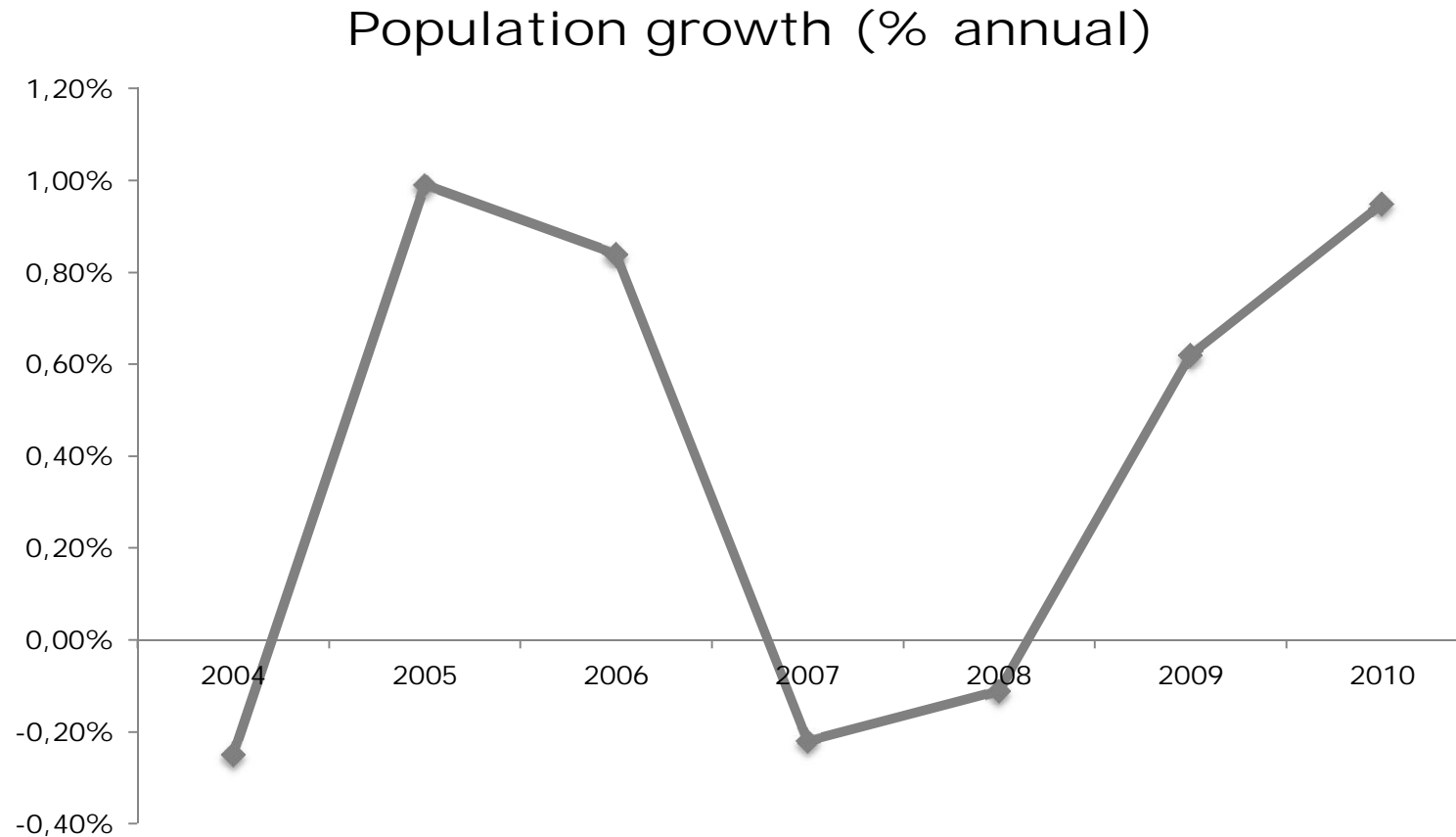
f) Total population change*



Sources: National Statistics Office of Georgia
*at the beginning of the year

1. General information

g) Population growth rate



Sources: The World Bank

1. General information

i) Transport infrastructure

Airports 22

Ports Batumi, Poti (Black Sea ports)

Railways 1 612 km

Roadways 20 329 km

1 474 km of main roads with about 70% in good condition

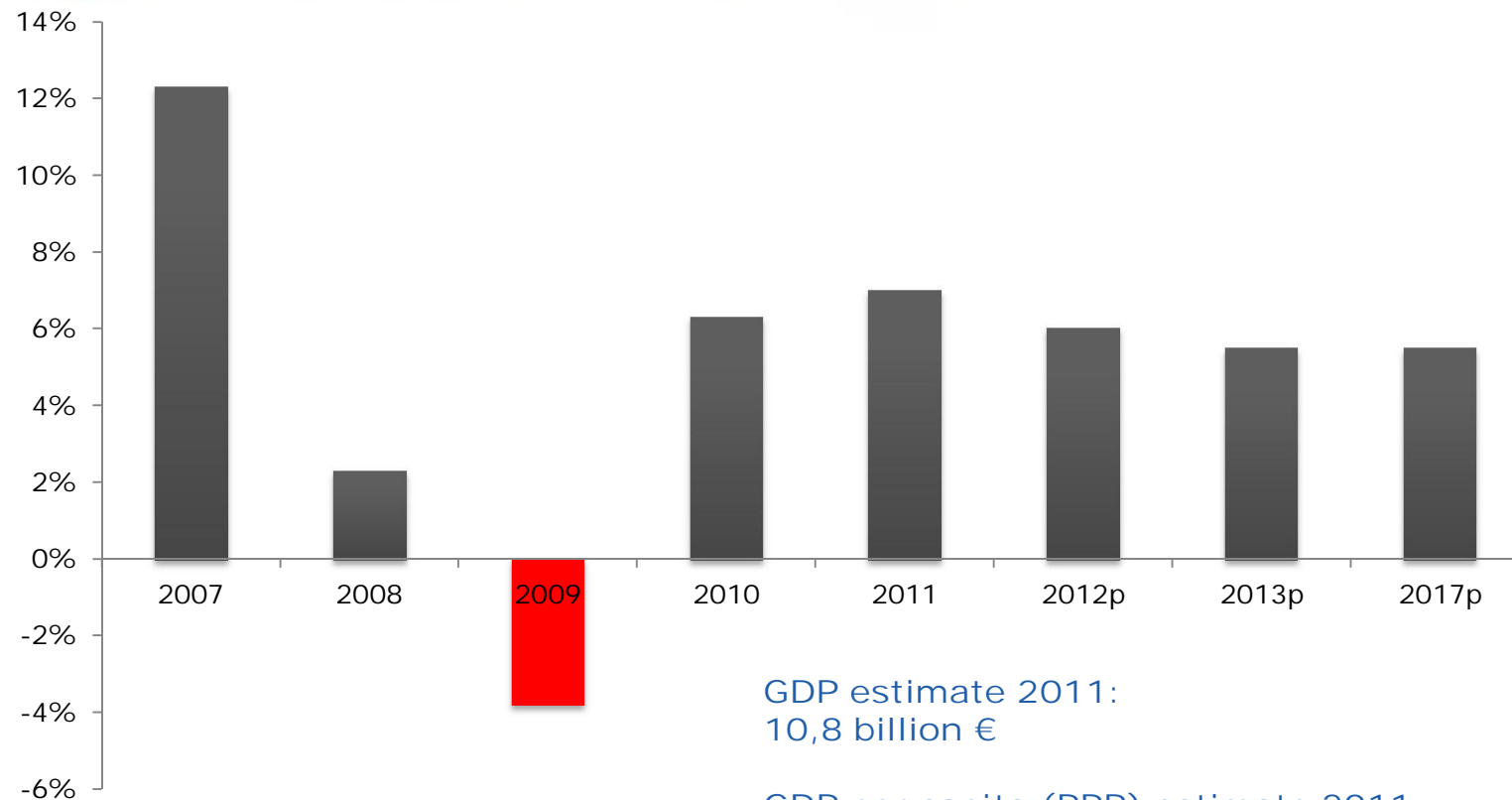
3 392 km of secondary roads of which 60% are in poor condition

15 429 km of local roads most of which are in very poor condition

Sources: CIA World Factbook;
The World Bank: World Development Indicators
database, September 2008

2. Economic development

a) Real GDP growth



GDP estimate 2011:
10,8 billion €

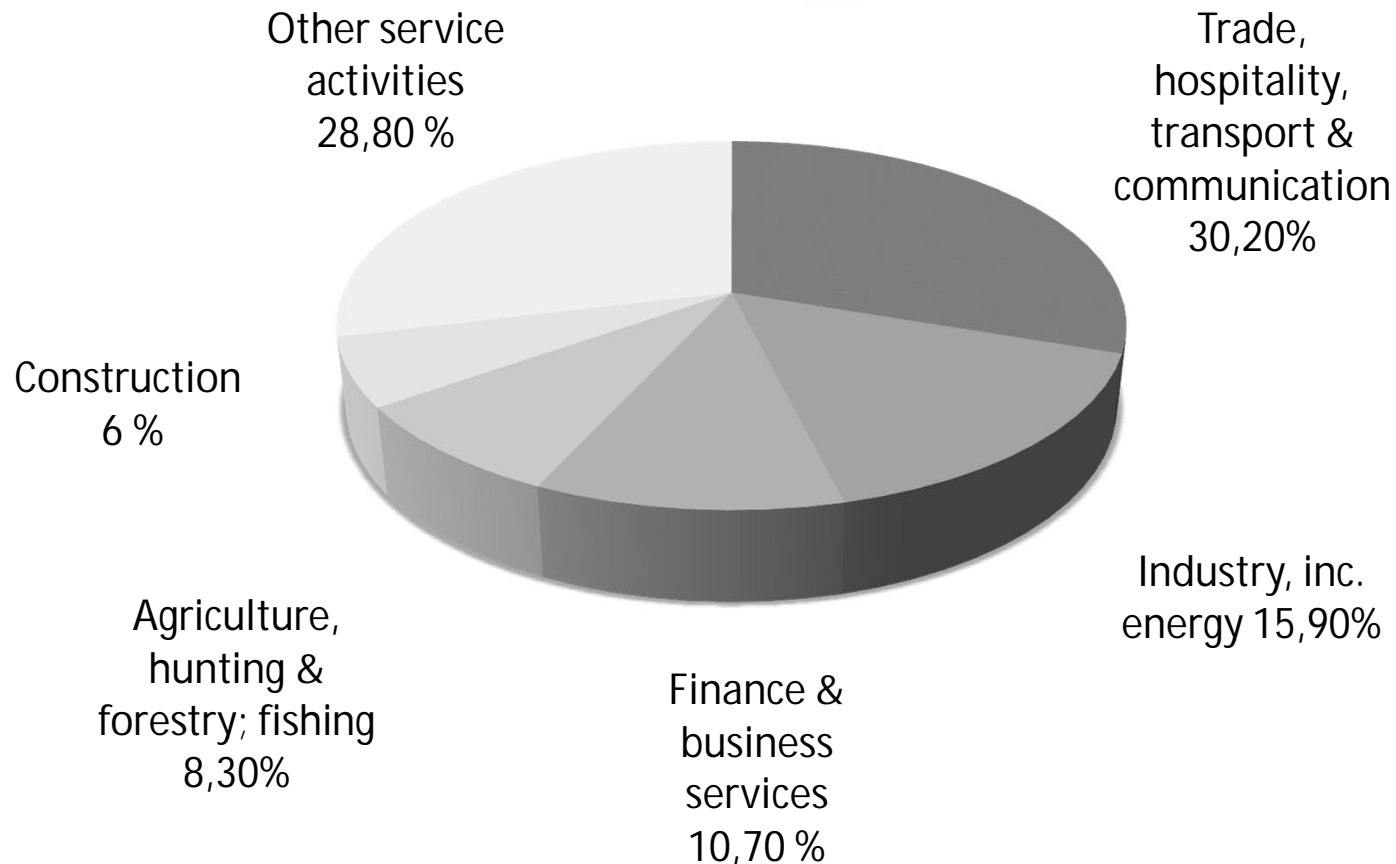
GDP per capita (PPP) estimate 2011:
4 222,4 €
(CIA, The World Factbook)

Exchange rates according to the National Bank
of Finland, May 2012,
EUR 1 = 1,2789 USD

Sources: IMF World Economic Outlook
Database April 2012
p-projection

2. Economic development

b) GDP by major sectors, 2010



Sources: UNECE Statistical Database

2. Economic development

c) Labour force

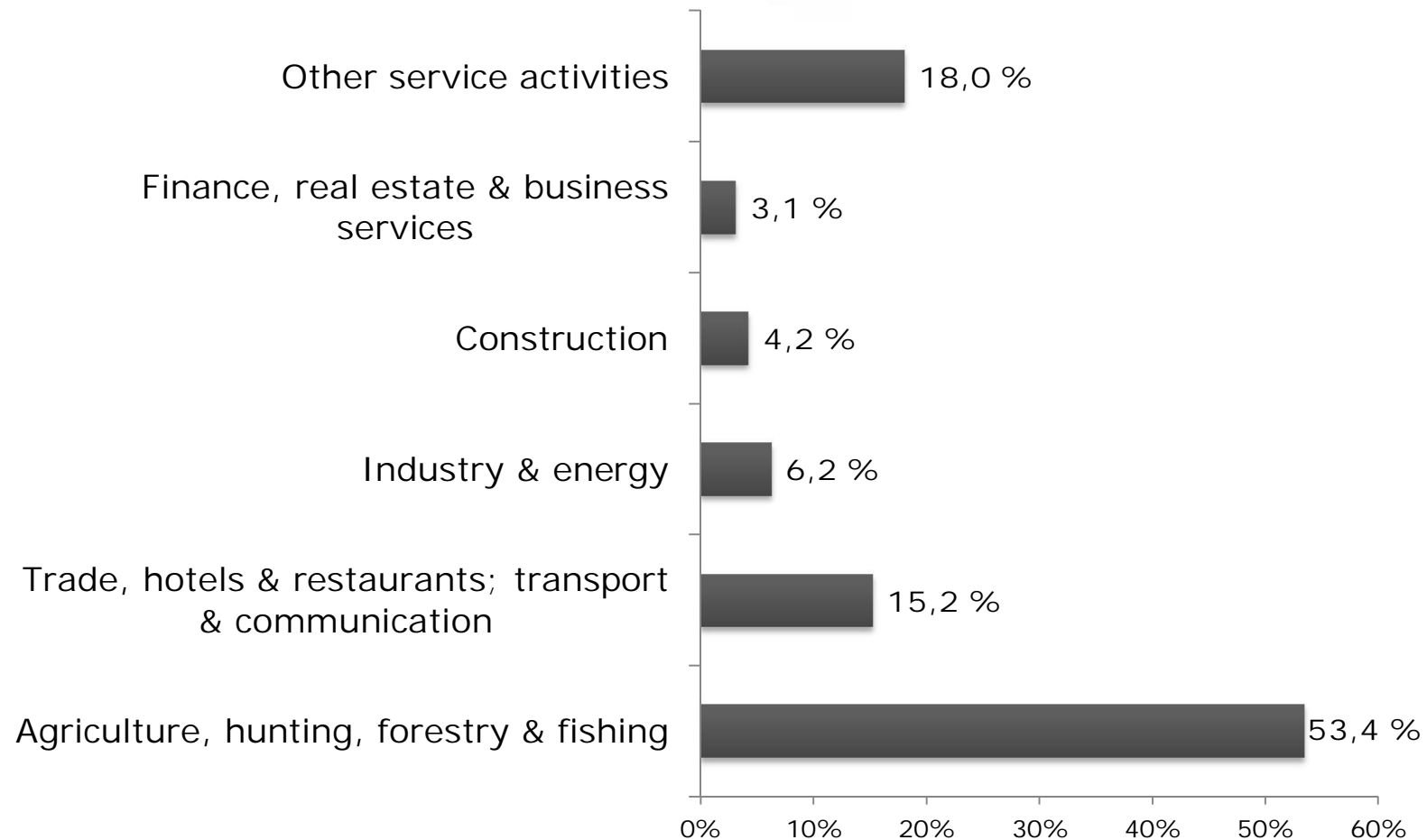
	2008	2009	2010	2011
Population	4 382 100	4 385 400	4 436 400	4 469 200
Economically active population	1 917 800	1 991 800	1 944 900	1 959 300
Unemployed	315 800	335 600	316 900	295 100
Unemployment rate	16,5%	16,9%	16,3%	15,1%

Unemployment projection 2012: 14,1%
(IMF World Economic Outlook Database April 2012)

Sources: National Statistics Office of Georgia

2. Economic development

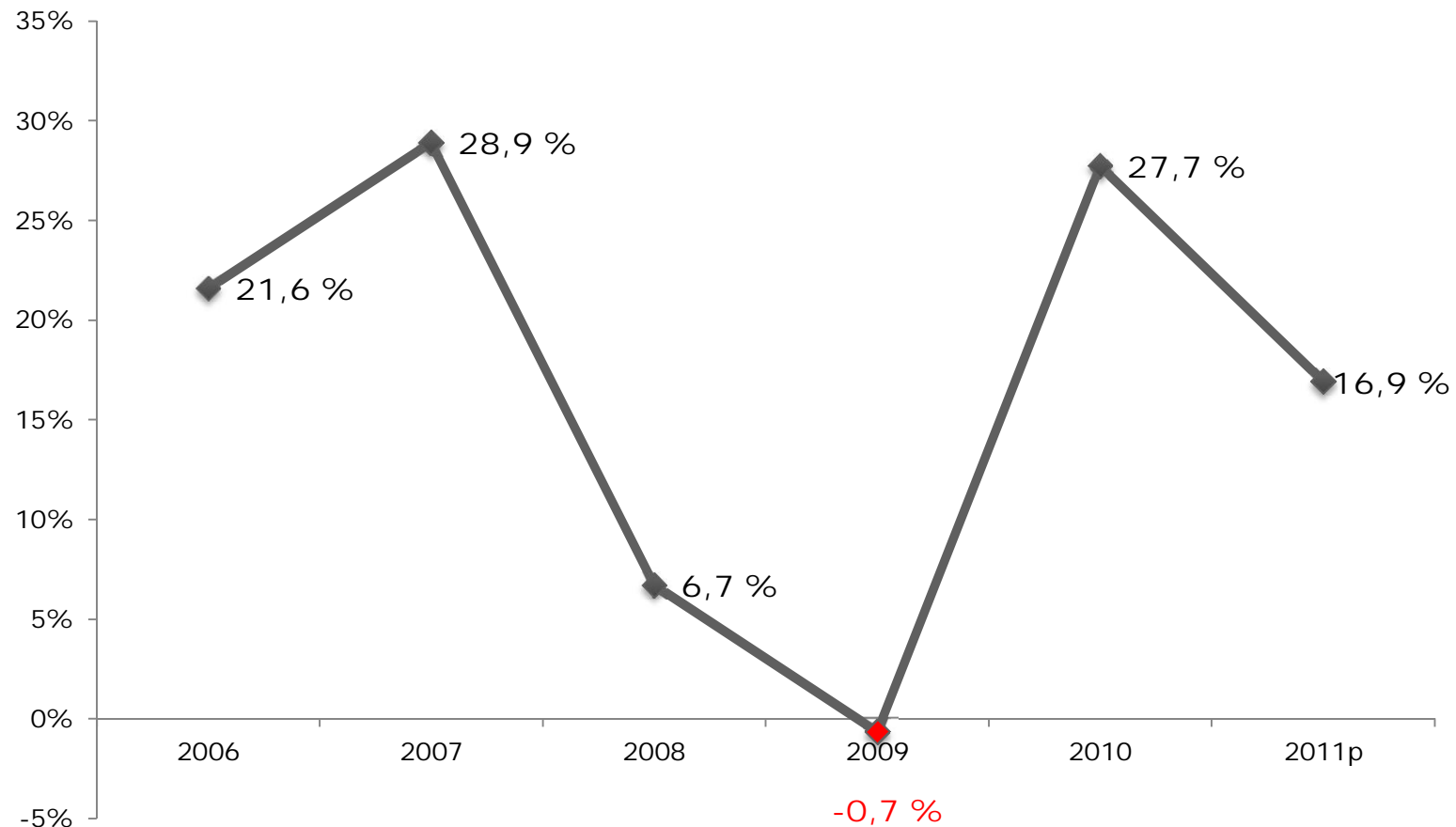
d) Employment by sectors, 2007



Sources: UNECE Statistical Database

2. Economic development

e) Industrial production growth rate*



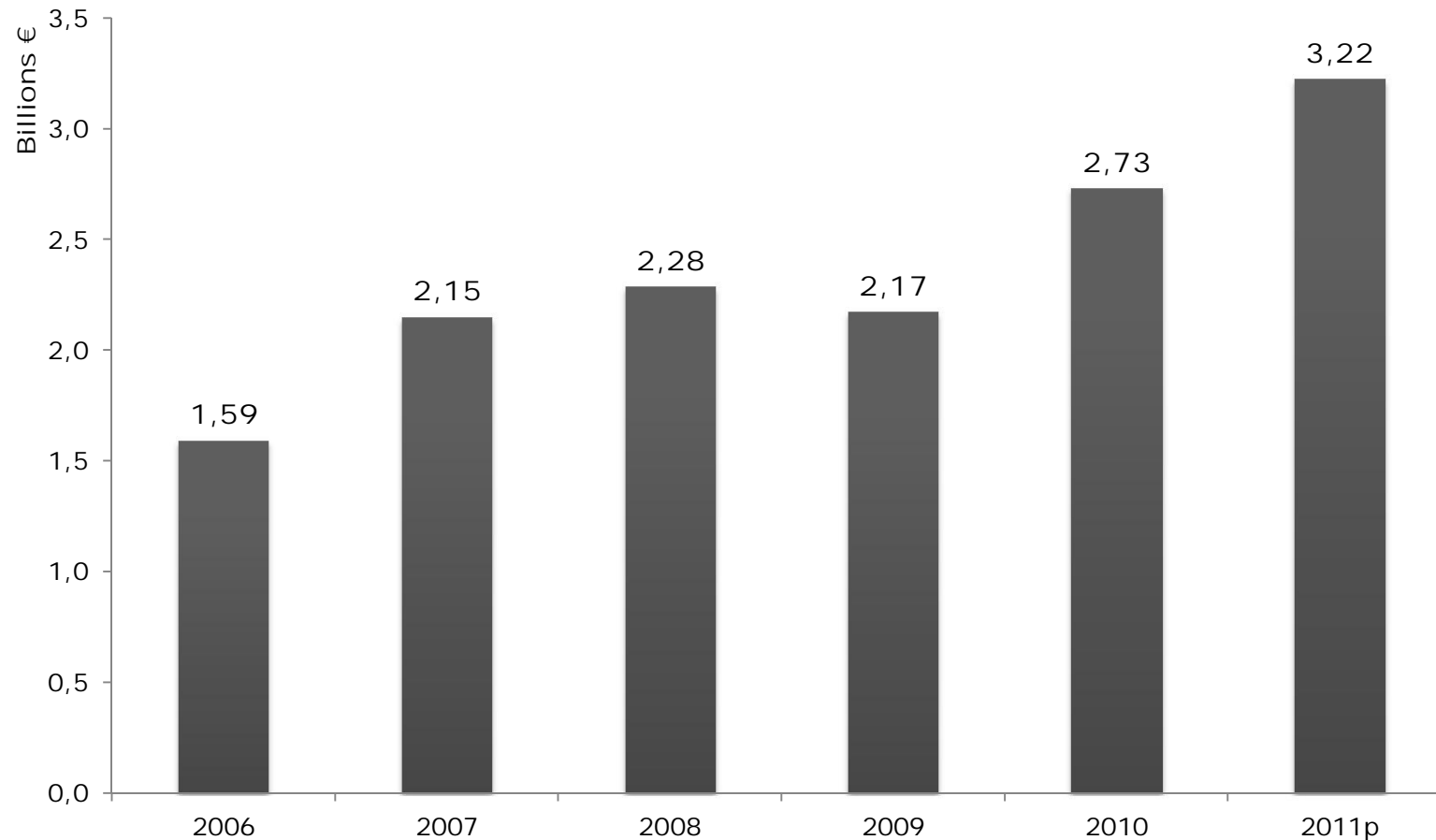
Sources: National Statistics Office of Georgia

*growth as percent to previous year;

p-preliminary data

2. Economic development

f) Industrial turnover

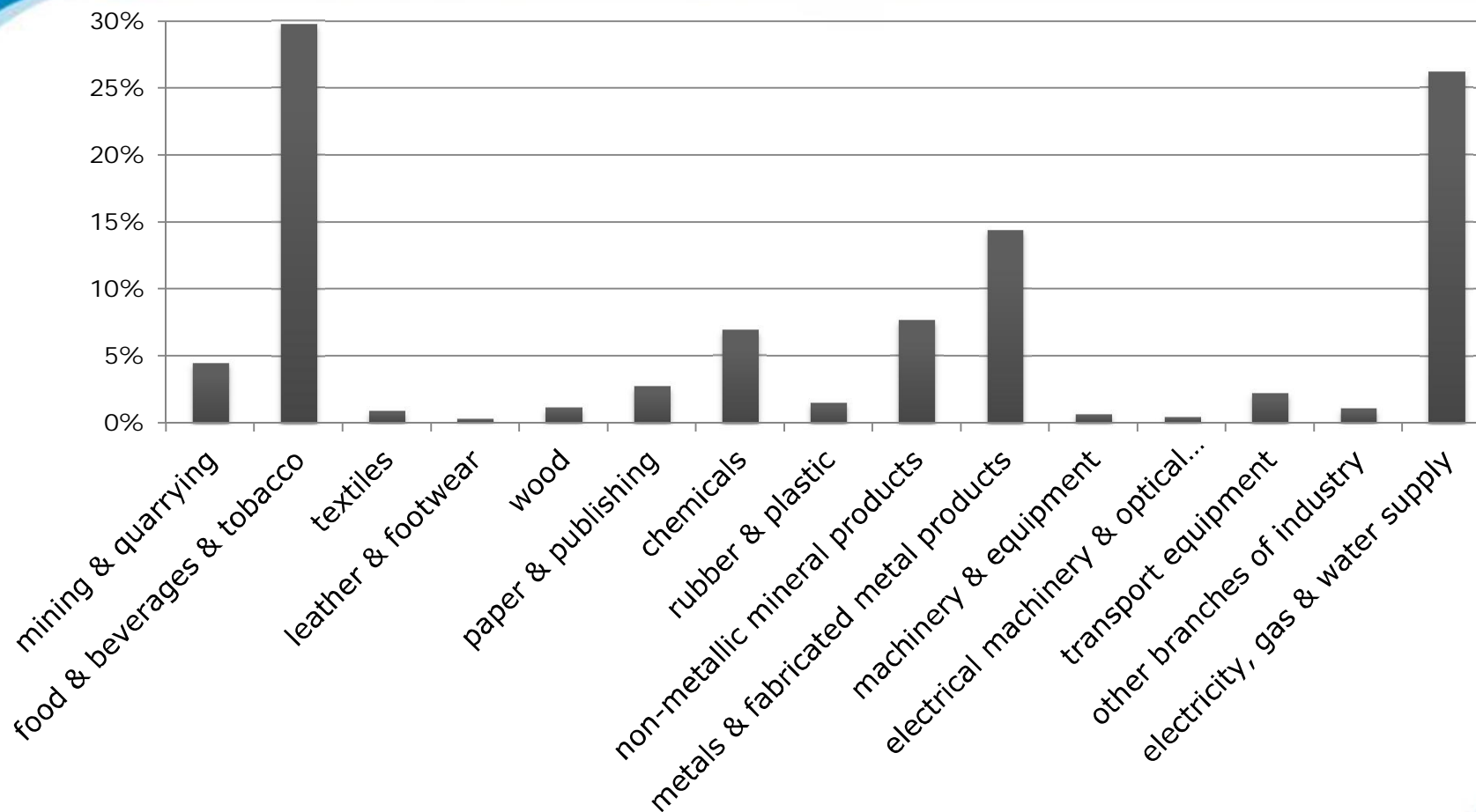


Sources: National Statistics Office of Georgia
p-preliminary data

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of Georgia, 5 June 2012,
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2. Economic development

g) Turnover in industry by kind of economic activity, 2011*



Sources: National Statistics Office of Georgia
*preliminary data

2. Economic development

h) Debt & net operating balance (million €)

	2009	2010	2011*
Domestic debt	834,05 mln €	895,67 mln €	926,56 mln €
Foreign debt	2 323,4 mln €	2 864,49 mln €	2 965,81 mln €
Net operating balance	-221,79 mln €	-22,16 mln €	254,68 mln €

Sources: National Statistics Office of Georgia
*preliminary data

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3. Political scene

a) Democracy

Democracy Index 2011	Overall rank
Regime type: Hybrid regime	102/167
<i>Democracy under stress</i>	

Electoral process & pluralism	6,58
(on a scale from 0 to 10)	
Functioning of government	2,14
(on a scale from 0 to 10)	
Political participation	4,44
(on a scale from 0 to 10)	
Political culture	4,38
(on a scale from 0 to 10)	
Civil liberties	6,18
(on a scale from 0 to 10)	

Sources: Economist Intelligence Unit

3. Political scene

b) Business freedom

Ranking index	Rank of Georgia/ Total number of countries
World Democracy Audit overall ranking (World Audit, May 2012)	78/150
Press Freedom ranking (World Audit, May 2012)	81/150
Global Competitiveness Index 2011-2012 (World Economic Forum)	88/142 (+5 change to the previous year)
The 2012 Index of Economic Freedom (The Heritage Foundation)	34/179
Corruption Perceptions Index 2011 (Transparency International)	64/183 (2/20 within Eastern Europe & Central Asia)
Ease of Doing Business 2012 (World Bank)	16/183 (1/24 within Eastern Europe & Central Asia)

3. Political scene

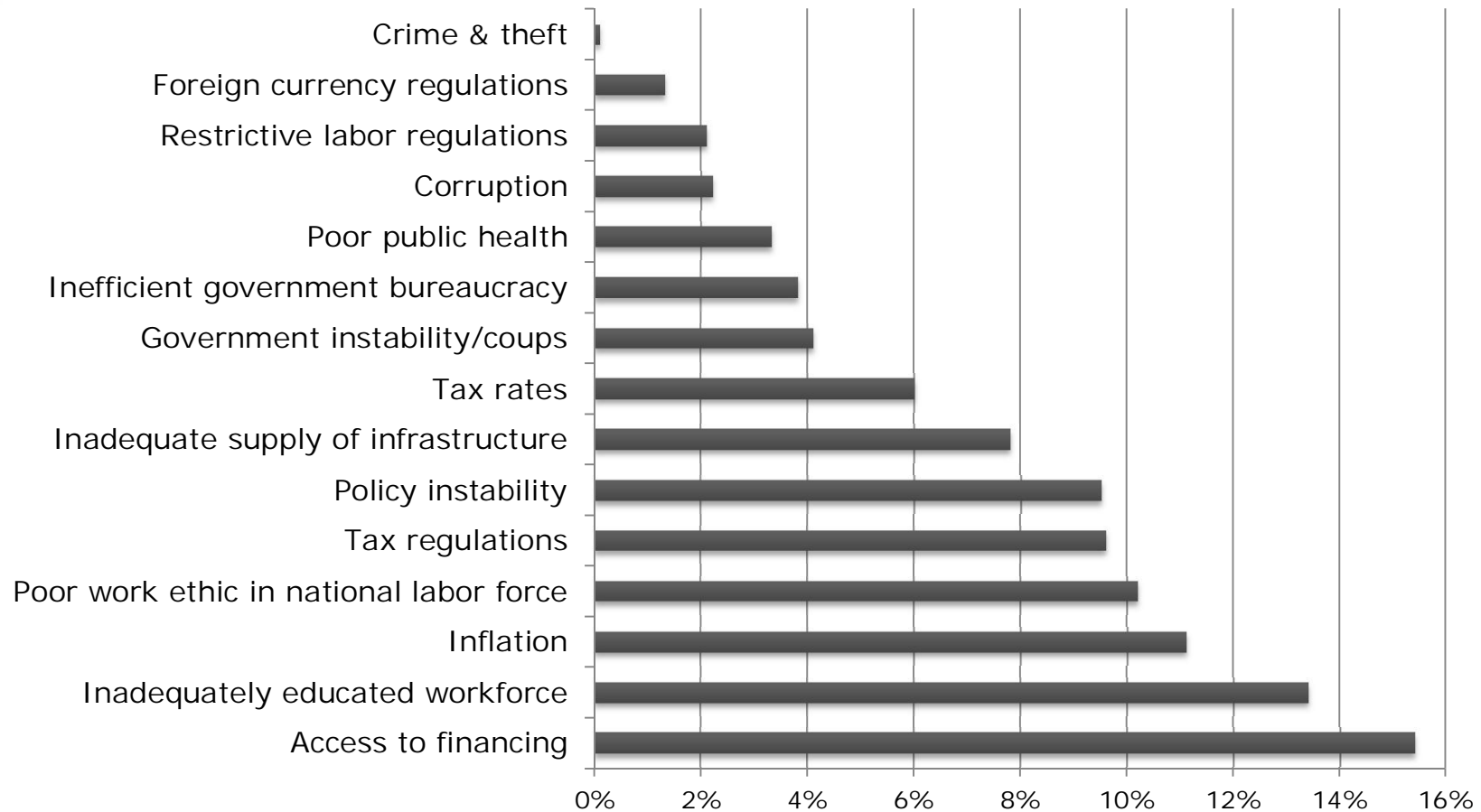
c) Doing business

Indicators	Georgia	Eastern Europe & Central Asia	OECD
Starting a business			
Procedures	2	6	5
Time (days)	2	16	12
Cost (% of income per capita)	4,3%	8,3%	4,7%
Paid-in Min. Capital (% of income per capita)	0,0%	10%	14,1%
Registering property			
Procedures	1	6	5
Time (days)	2	33	31
Cost (% of proptert value)	0,1%	2,8%	4,4%

Source: The World Bank: Doing Business

3. Political scene

d) The most problematic factors for doing business



Sources: The Global Competitiveness Report 2011-2012

*Answers selected by respondents

3. Political scene

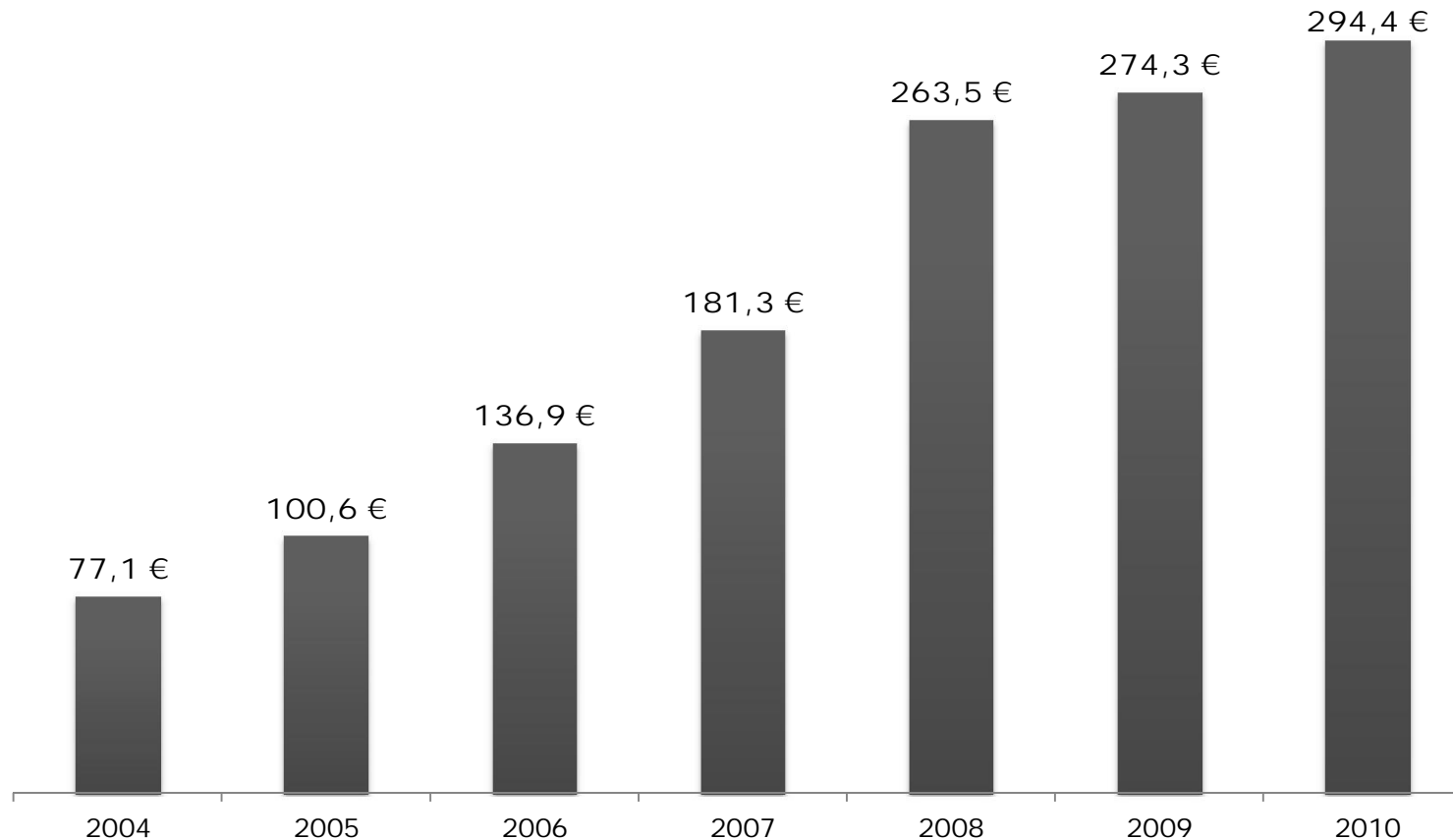
e) Taxes

Taxes	Rate
The flat income tax rate	20,0 %
The flat corporate tax rate	15,0 %
Other taxes (on dividends & VAT) & overall tax burden	24,4% of total domestic income
Governments spendings	38,5% of total domestic output
Public debt	Below 40% of GDP

Sources: The Heritage Foundation

4. Prosperity and consumption

a) Average monthly nominal salary

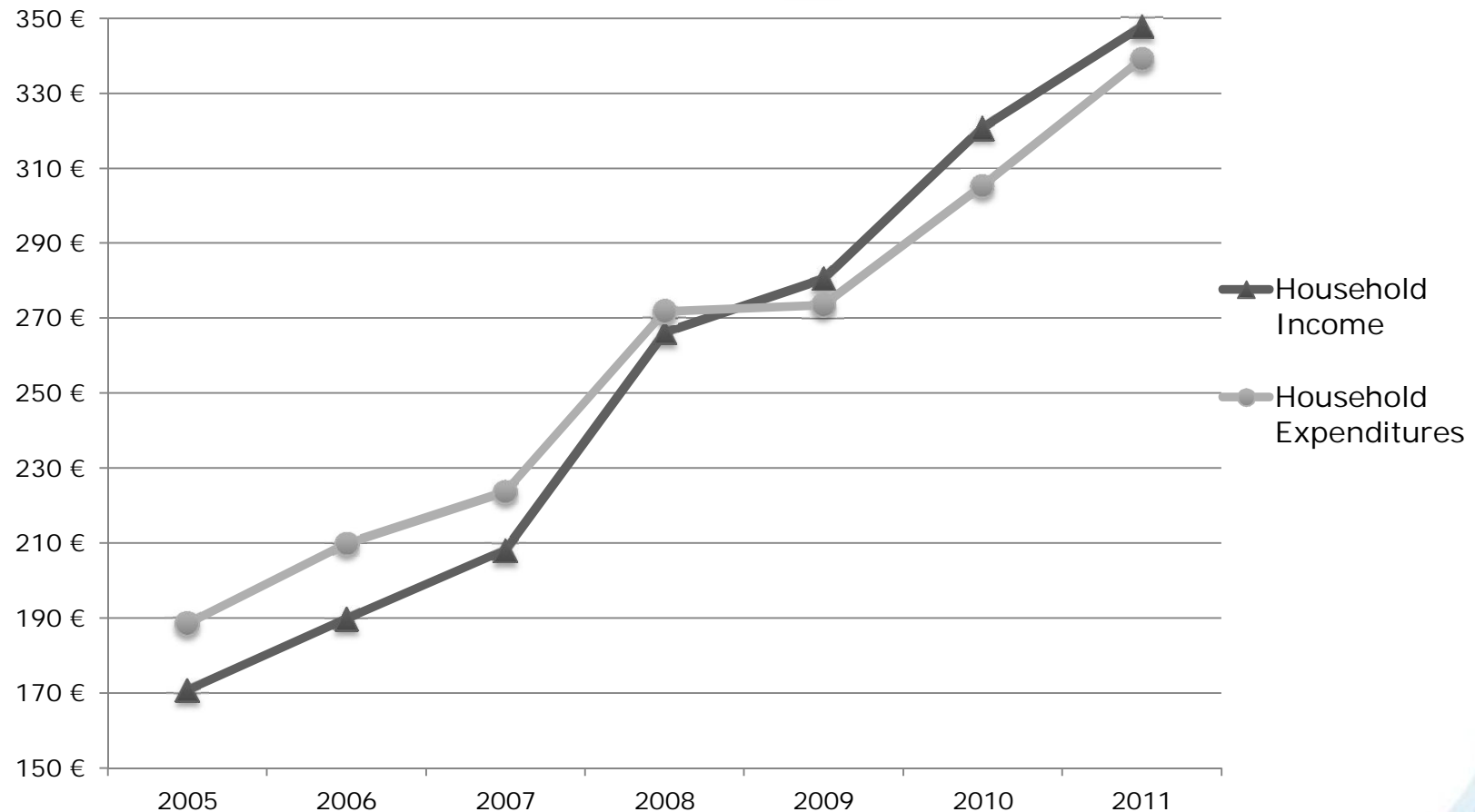


Sources: National Statistics Office of Georgia

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4. Prosperity and consumption

b) Average monthly Incomes & Expenditures per household



Sources: National Statistics Office of Georgia

Exchange rates according to the National Bank of Georgia, 5 June 2012, EUR 1 = 2,0301 GEL

4. Prosperity and consumption

c) Structure of household total expenditures, 2011

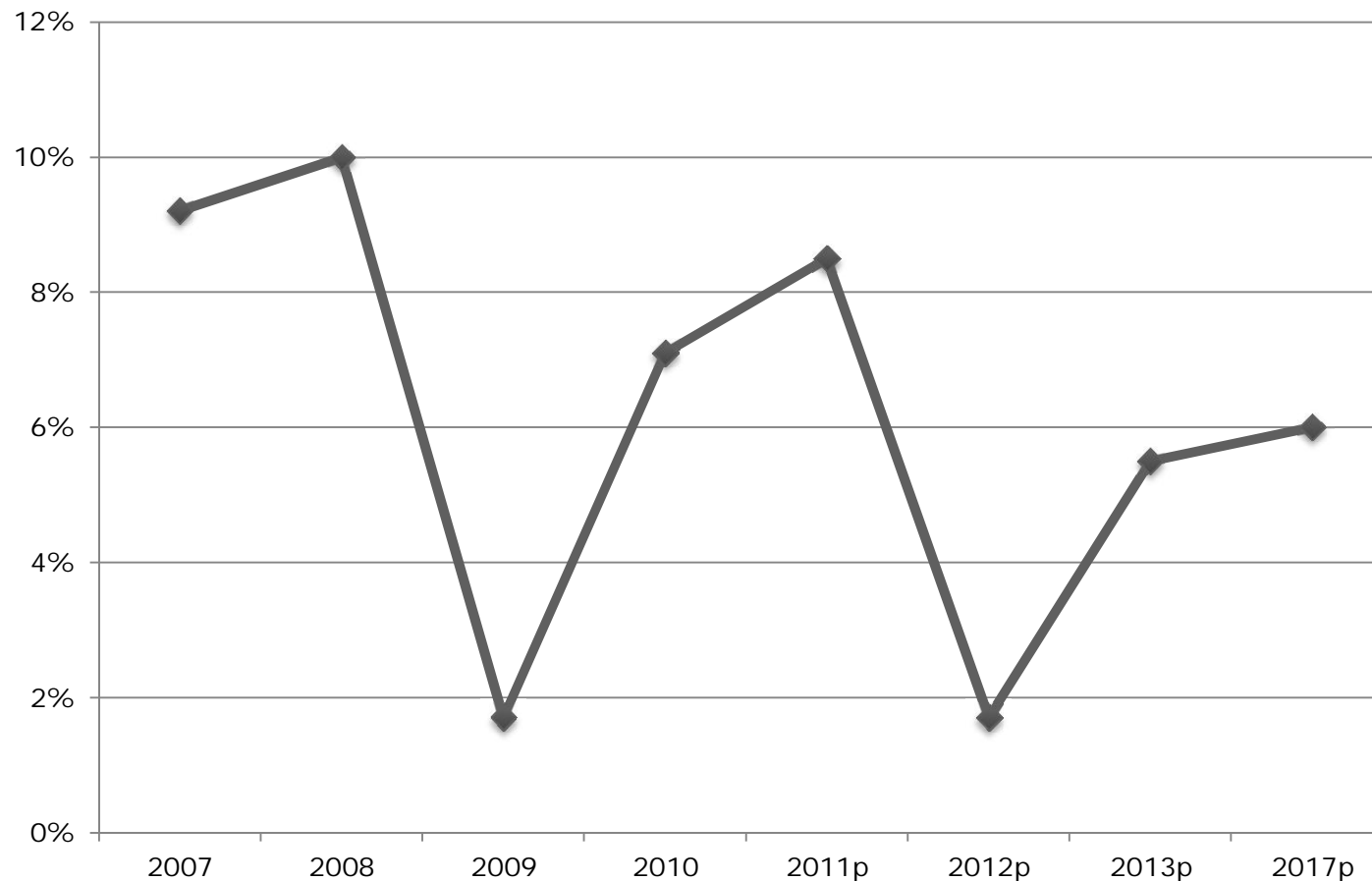
Structure of expenditures	Amount	Rate
Cash consumption expenditure	234,3 €	69,1 %
food, beverages, tobacco	94,8 €	28,0 %
clothes and footwear	8,6 €	2,5 %
household goods	8,9 €	2,6 %
healthcare	27,3 €	8,0 %
fuel and electricity	29,1 €	8,6 %
transport	22,5 €	6,6 %
education	8,6 €	2,5 %
Other consumption expenditure	34,7 €	10,2 %
Non-cash expenditure	46,0 €	13,6 %
Consumption expenditure, total	280,3 €	82,7 %
Cash non-consumption expenditure	58,7 €	17,3 %
agriculture	7,1 €	2,1 %
transfers	9,6 €	2,8 %
saving and lending	25,4 €	7,5 %
property acquirement	16,5 €	4,9 %
Cash expenditure, total	293,0 €	86,4 %
Expenditure, total	339,1 €	100,0 %

Sources: National Statistics Office of Georgia

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4. Prosperity and consumption

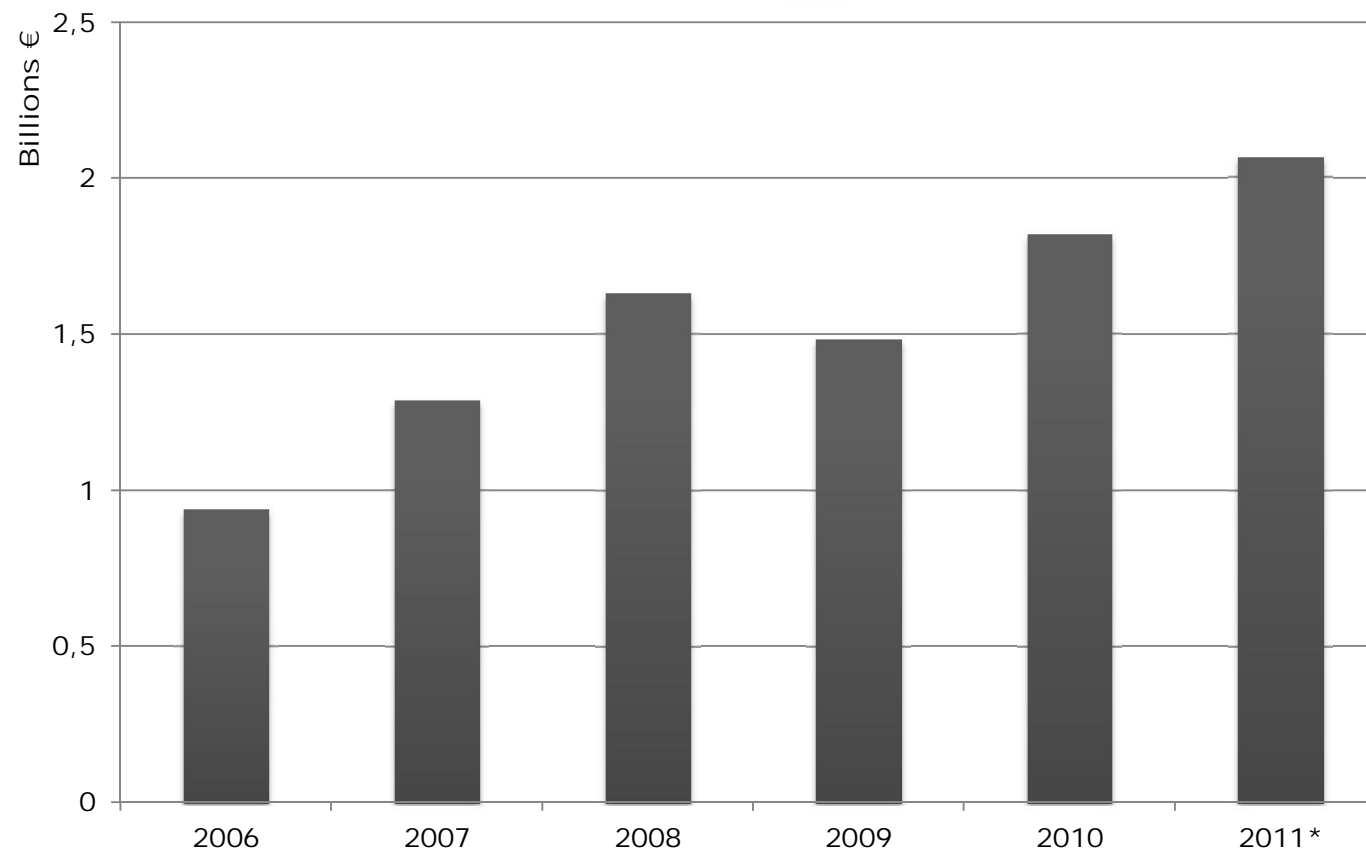
d) Consumer Price Inflation (average, %)



Sources: IMF World Economic Outlook
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4. Prosperity and consumption

e) Retail trade turnover (billion €)

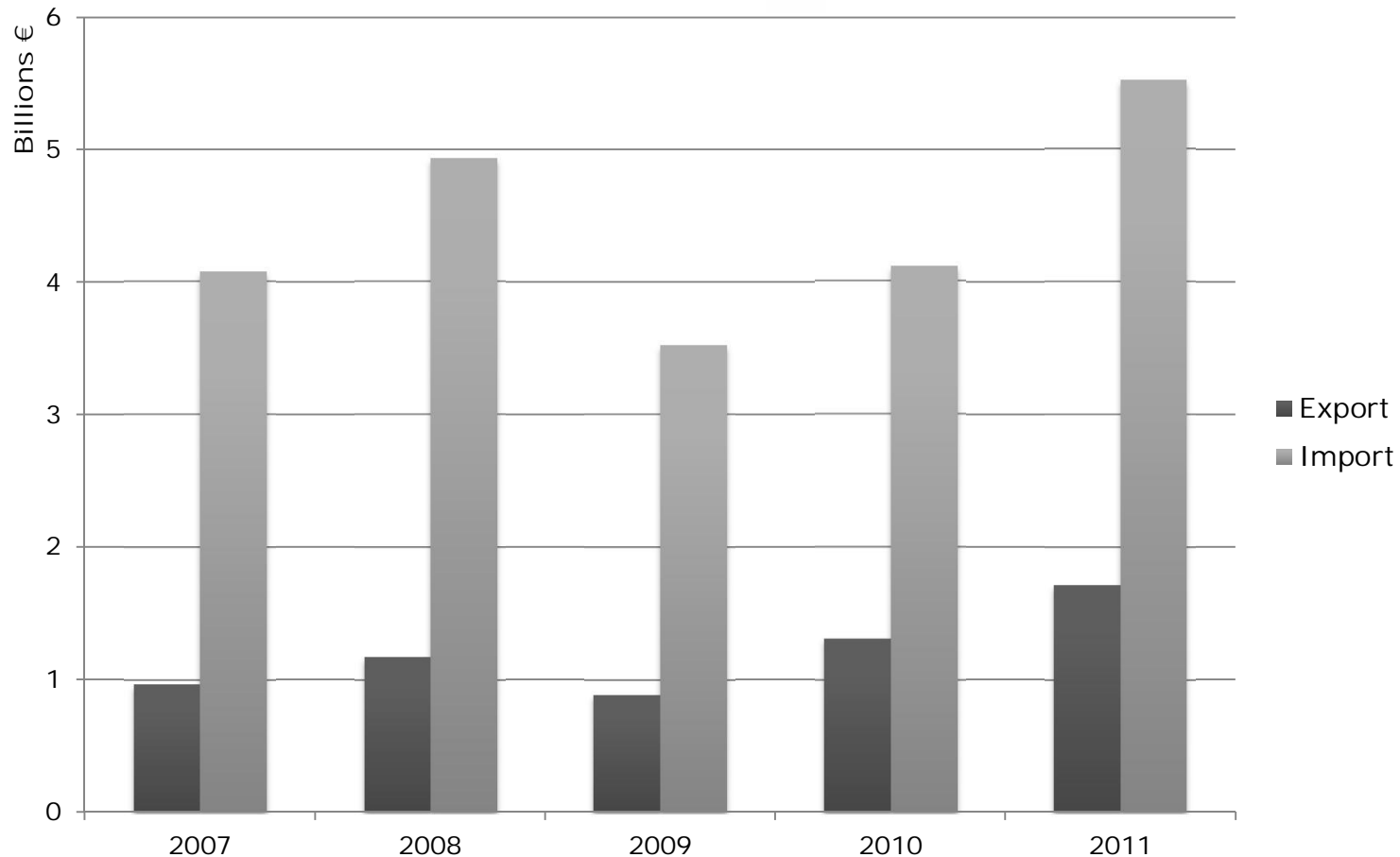


Sources: National Statistics Office of Georgia
*preliminary data

Exchange rates according to the National Bank
of Georgia, 7 June 2012,
EUR 1 = 2,0394 GEL

5. External economic relations

a) Development of foreign trade (billion €)



Sources: National Statistics Office of Georgia

Exchange rates according to the Bank of Finland, May 2012,
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5. External economic relations

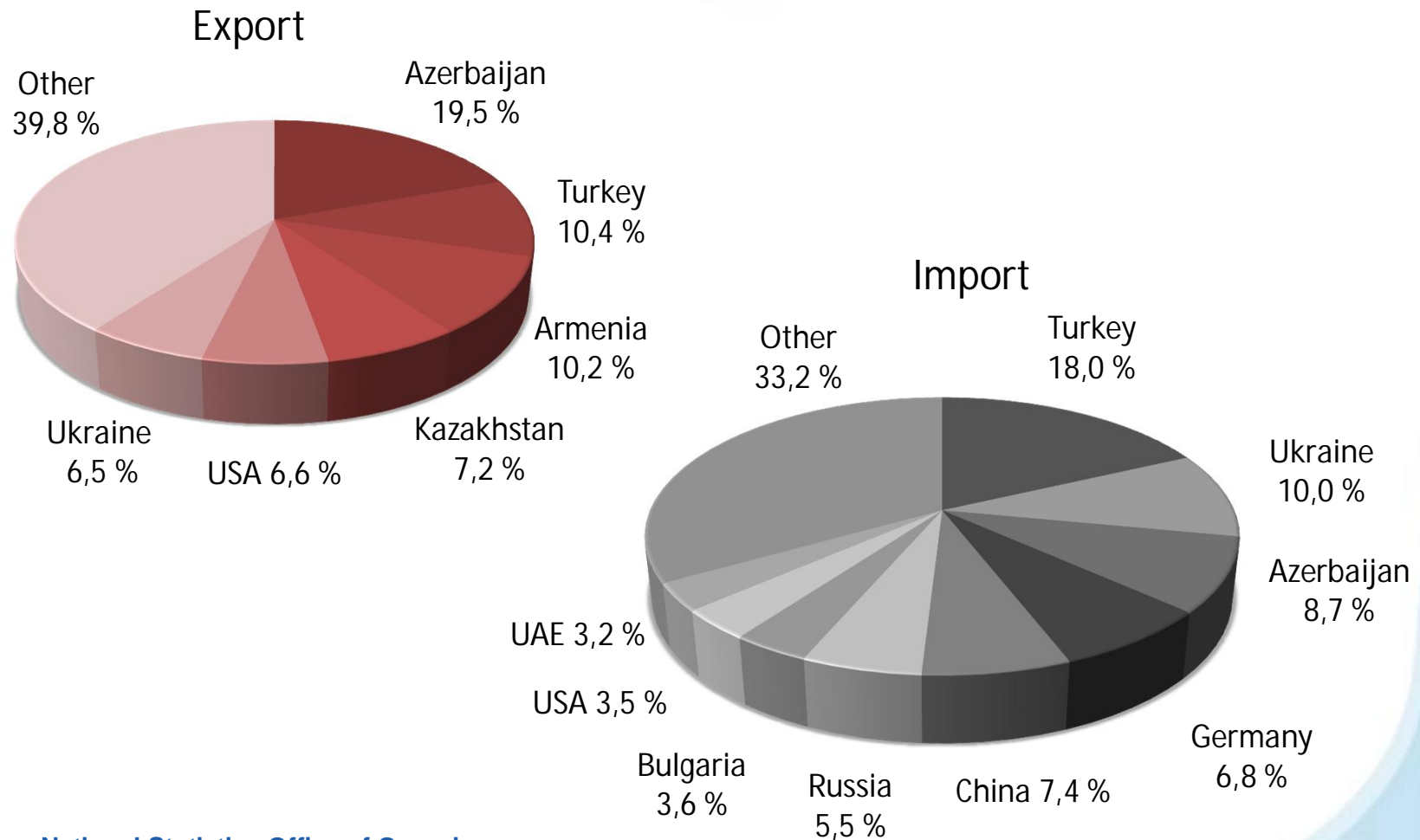
b) Foreign trade structure in Jan-Aug 2011

Export	Commodities	Import
22,20 %	Motor cars	Petroleum and petroleum oils 13,10 %
12,80 %	Ferroalloys	Motor cars 5,60 %
7,20 %	Ferrous waste & scrap	Petroleum gases and other gaseous 3,70 %
5,80 %	Mineral or chemical fertilizer, nitrogenous	Medicaments 3,00 %
5,70 %	Gold	Wheat 2,60 %
4,20 %	Copper ores & concentrates	Telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks 2,00 %
3,20 %	Undenatured ethyl alcohol, spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages	Structures and parts of structures 1,50 %
2,50 %	Copper waste & scrap	Sugar 1,40 %
2,40 %	Waters, including natural or artificial mineral waters	Cigars 1,20 %

Sources: Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia

5. External economic relations

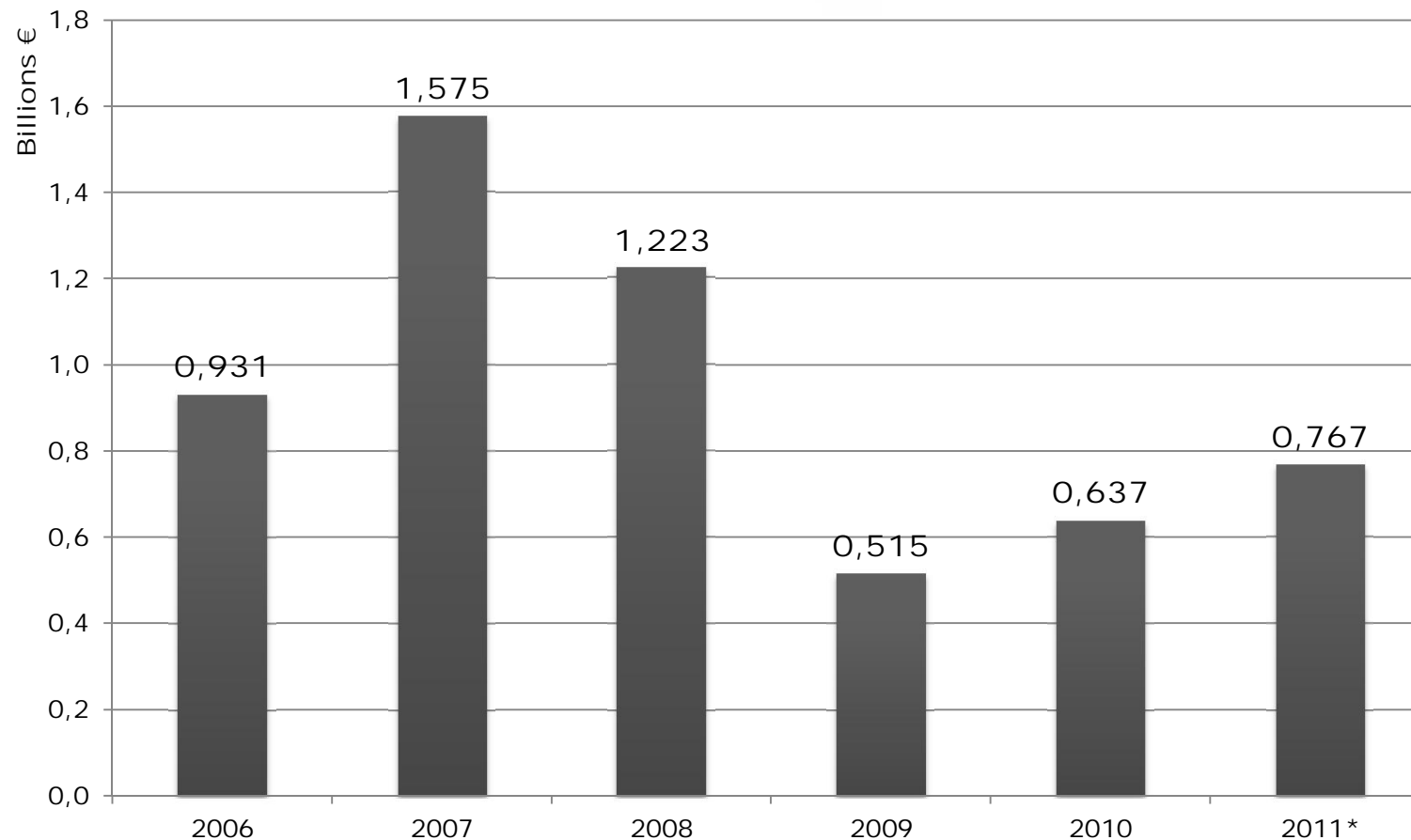
c) Major export and import partners in 2011



Sources: National Statistics Office of Georgia

5. External economic relations

d) Foreign Direct Investment inflows (billion €)



Sources: National Statistics Office of Georgia

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Finland, May 2012,
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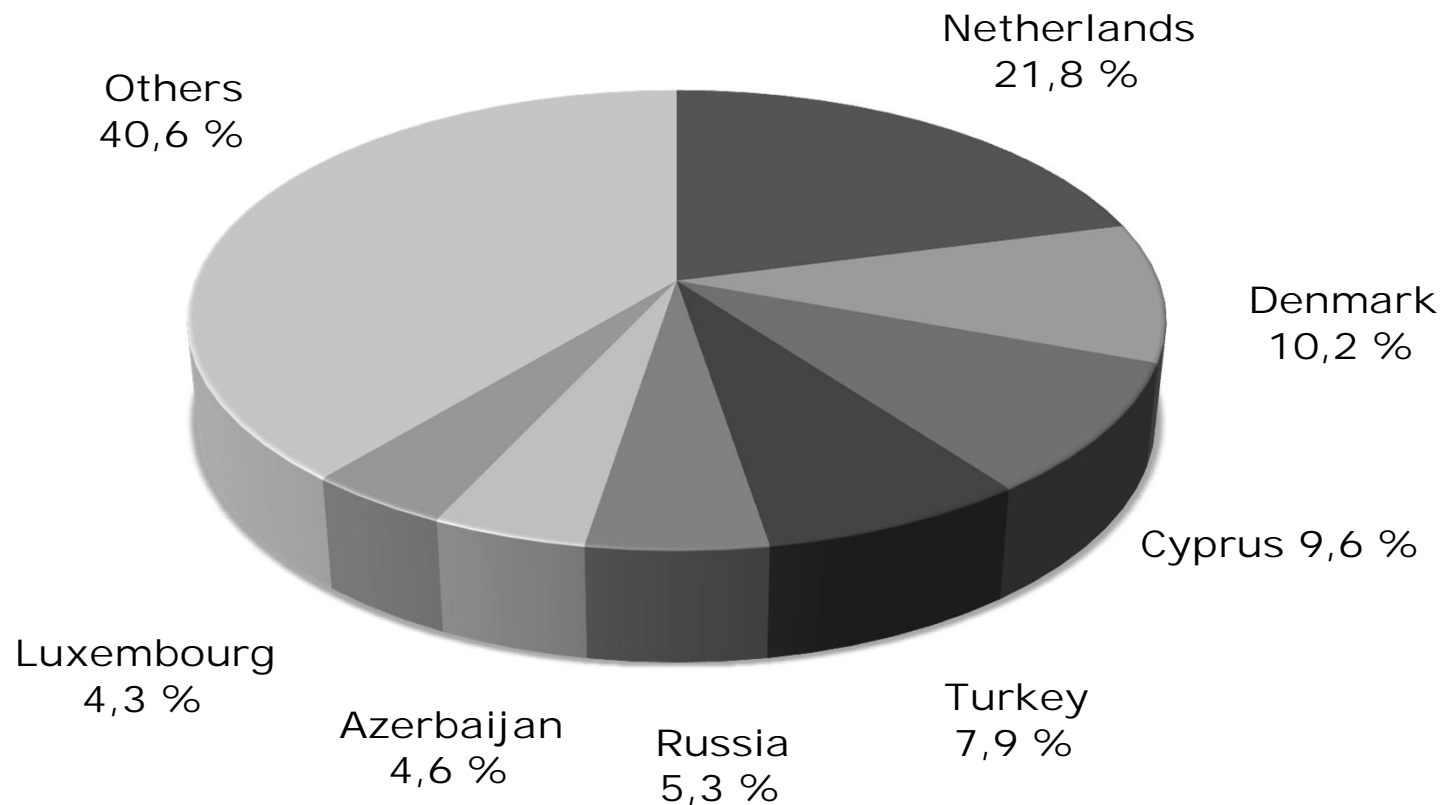
e) FDI stock

	2000	2010
FDI inward stock	613,03 million €	6,1 billion €
FDI outward stock	71,9 million €	121,2 million €

Sources: UNCTAD, World Investment Report 2011;
Exchange rates according to the Bank of Finland
May 2012, 1 EUR = 1,2789 USD

5. External economic relations

f) FDI by countries 2011



Sources: National Statistics Office of Georgia

5. External economic relations

g) FDI by sectors 2011

Main sectors	
Manufacturing	18,4 %
Financial sector	18,1 %
Energy sector	16,1 %
Transports and communications	13,3 %
Real estate	12,5 %
Mining	3,8 %
Construction	3,6 %
Health and social work	1,8 %
Hotels and restaurants	1,4 %
Agriculture, fishing	1,4 %
Other services	9,5 %

Sources: National Statistics Office of Georgia

6. Additional information

a) Business services and authorities

BUSINESS SUPPORTING SERVICES

Georgian chamber of commerce and industry

www.gcci.ge

Georgian National Investment Agency

www.investingorgia.org

SOME AUTHORITIES

Government of Georgia

www.georgia.gov

Ministry of Economic development of Georgia

www.economy.ge

Ministry of Finance

www.mof.ge

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration

www.mof.ge

National Bank of Georgia

www.nbg.gov.ge

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6. Additional information

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c) Other sources

CIA World Factbook

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html>

The Economist Intelligence Unit EIU

www.eiu.com

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development EBRD

www.ebrd.com

Eurostat

epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu

International Labour Organization ILO

www.ilo.org

International Monetary Fund IMF

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Statistics Georgia

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The World Bank

www.worldbank.org

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe UNECE

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Unicef

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