Public attitudes in Georgia
Results of March 2018 survey carried out for NDI by CRRC Georgia

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Why We Conduct Polls?

- Foster the development of more responsive policies and governance;

- Help stakeholders diagnose and address issues of public concern;

- Leaders from across the political spectrum have reported that the polls are important to their work and encourage continued polling;

- Inclusive process: the polling instrument was developed in consultation with parties, government, and civil society leaders;
Information about the poll

- Fieldwork dates: March 20 – April 4

- 2194 completed interviews (46% response rate)

- A nationally representative sample (excluding occupied territories) including oversampled areas of the Capital, large Urban, small Urban, Rural and minority settlements

- Large Urban stratum consists of the cities with 40K and more population: Batumi, Zugdidi, Rustavi, Poti, Gori, Kutaisi

- Small Urban stratum consists of the rest of the cities/dabas holding urban status

- Minority stratum consists of population of those settlements, where ethnic minorities (mostly Armenians and Azeri) make at least 40% of the voters in given settlement. Settlements within this stratum are dispersed through Kvemo Kartli, Samtskhe-Javakheti and kakheti regions.

- The average margin of error is +/- 2,2%
Methodology

Sample design
NDI and CRRC use a complex survey design:

✓ **Stratification** – dividing population in relatively homogenous sub-groups

✓ **Clustering** – randomly selecting small geographic areas for each sub-group (stratum)

- Households are selected via random route sampling
- Respondents are selected using a Kish table
- Randomly selected households and individuals are not substituted
- All interviews were conducted face-to-face, in Georgian, Armenian and Azeri.
How NDI Survey is Conducted

1. At the first stage, CRRC randomly selects voting precincts in Georgia. Interviewers are sent there with given starting point, directions for walking, step size, number of contacts.

2. Interviewer randomly selects households according to the given step size, e.g. every 3rd, 5th, 8th...

3. The respondent is selected randomly, with special method - so called Kish grid. Selected respondent cannot be replaced.

4. Interviewer conducts an interview with the selected household member. Interviewer uses tablet computer and a special software.

5. Interviewer submits the results via the internet to the special server.

6. CRRC cleans and analyses collected data, which later is presented to the public.
Country’s Direction
In which direction is Georgia going? (q1 X Settlement)

- DK
- Georgia is going in the wrong direction
- Georgia is not changing at all
- Georgia is going in the right direction

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## How much do agree or disagree with following statements (q32) Part 2

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How would you rate the performance of the current government? (q2a)

- Very well: 2
- Well: 12
- Average: 52
- Badly: 22
- Very badly: 11
- DK: 2

Question was asked only to the half of the respondents.
How would you rate the performance of the current government? (q2b)

[Bar chart showing the distribution of responses:]
- Very well: 2
- Well: 42
- Badly: 36
- Very badly: 13
- DK: 5
- RA: 1

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (q3) Tbilisi

- There is a problem of corruption in Georgian central government
  - Disagree: 22
  - Agree: 51
  - DK: 27

- There is a problem of corruption in my local government (Sakrebulo, Mayor’s office, Gamgeoba)
  - Disagree: 25
  - Agree: 48
  - DK: 27

- There is problem of corruption in public institutions (public registers, state hospitals, schools etc)
  - Disagree: 42
  - Agree: 37
  - DK: 21
After the parliamentary elections of October 2016 has the level of crime in Georgia ...? (q4)

- Increased: 63
- Stayed the same: 24
- Decreased: 9
- DK: 4
National Security
How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement: In terms of national security Georgia is a safe country? (q26)

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In April 2017 the wording of the question was slightly different. It said, Georgia is a 'secure' country instead of Georgia is a 'safe' country.
Which country would offer Georgia best security? (q28)

- USA: 30
- Don’t know: 17
- Georgia: 16
- Russia: 13
- None: 13
- Azerbaijan: 3
- Turkey: 2
- Germany: 1
- Armenia: 1
- UK: 1
- France: 1
- China: 0
- Other: 2
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Which country would offer Georgia best security/poses biggest threat to Georgia? (q28, q29)

Best security
- USA: 30
- Georgia: 16
- Russia: 13

Biggest threat
- Russia: 63
- Turkey: 8
- USA: 5
What is the top threat to Georgia’s national security? (q30)

- Russian military aggression: 33
- Occupation of Abkhazia and South Ossetia: 11
- Terrorism: 9
- Russian propaganda: 7
- Turkey’s interests in Georgia: 5
- Religious disputes: 4
- Integration in EU and NATO: 3
- Ethnic disputes: 2
- Economic dependency on Russia: 2
- Other: 8

Russian factors = 53%
Which of the following would help the most to ensure Georgia’s national security? (q31)

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<td>NATO military base in Georgia</td>
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What is the top threat to Georgia’s national security/will help the most to ensure Georgia’s national security? (q30, q31)

**Top threat**

- Russian military aggression: 33
- Occupation of Abkhazia and South Ossetia: 11
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**Will help the most**

- Membership in NATO: 26
- Georgia strengthening its defense capabilities on its own: 17
- Membership in the European Union: 10
How much of a military threat, if at all, is Russia to its neighboring countries? (q39)

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Do you think the dissolution of the Soviet Union has been a good thing or a bad thing for Georgia? (q40)

Advanced analyses: if a person thinks that dissolution of the Soviet Union was a good thing, there is extremely high probability - about 75% - that she/he will support Georgia joining EU.
Thinking about 15 years from now, do you agree or disagree? (q27)

- **Georgia will be more protected**
  - Disagree: 22
  - Agree: 49
  - DK: 29

- **Poverty in Georgia will be reduced**
  - Disagree: 32
  - Agree: 45
  - DK: 23

- **Georgia will regain its territorial integrity**
  - Disagree: 38
  - Agree: 35
  - DK: 26
Has Georgian defense capabilities, in last 3 years, improved, worsened or stayed the same? (q34)

- Improved: 22
- Stayed the same: 49
- Worsened: 19
- DK: 10
Imagine you have a son/daughter and s/he decides to serve in military. Would you support or not his/her decision? (q35, q36)
If the armed forces has a need for someone with your profession, would you be willing to voluntarily get enrolled in the reserve? (q37)

**Full question:** Parliament adopted a new military reserve law, according to which citizens will be able to get enrolled in paid voluntary military reserve with their non-military profession. If the armed forces has a need for someone with your profession, would you be willing to voluntarily get enrolled in the reserve?

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Do you believe US military assistance to Georgia increased, stayed the same or decreased in the last 3 years? (q38)
European Union
Do you approve or disapprove of Georgian government’s stated goal to join the EU? (q10)
Do you approve or disapprove of Georgian government’s stated goal to join the EU? (q10 X Settlement)

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If approve, how much do you approve Georgian government’s stated goal to join the EU? (q11)

If disapprove, how much do you disapprove Georgian government’s stated goal to join the EU? (q13)

- Strongly
- Somewhat

If approve, how much do you approve? (of the 75% who approve)
- Strongly: 72
- Somewhat: 27

If disapprove, how much do you disapprove? (of the 15% who disapprove)
- Strongly: 57
- Somewhat: 39
If approve, why do you approve it? (q12) - of the 75% who approve Georgian government’s stated goal to join the EU

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<td>It will strengthen democratic development</td>
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<td>It secures Georgians right to travel in EU without visa</td>
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<td>It will create more jobs</td>
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If disapprove, why do you disapprove it? (q14) - of the 15% who disapprove Georgian government’s stated goal to join the EU

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Which of the following statements do you agree with? (q15)

- Georgia should join The Eurasian Union established by the Russian Federation, Belarus and Kazakhstan
- Georgia should join The European Union (EU) established by western European countries
- Agree with neither
- DK
Which of the following statements do you agree with?
(q15 X Settlement)

- **Eurasian Union**
  - National: 21
  - Capital: 10
  - Large urban: 20
  - Small urban: 23
  - Rural: 22
  - Minority settlements: 48

- **European Union**
  - National: 65
  - Capital: 76
  - Large urban: 67
  - Small urban: 67
  - Rural: 66
  - Minority settlements: 31

- **Other**
  - Agree with neither: 76
  - Georgia should join The Eurasian Union established by the Russian Federation, Belarus and Kazakhstan: 104
  - Georgia should join The European Union (EU) established by western European countries: 76
  - DK: 118

- **DK (Don't Know)**: 118
Have you heard about the visa liberalization for Georgian citizens traveling to most of EU member countries? (q16)

- Yes: April 2017 = 92, June 2017 = 90, March 2018 = 90
- No: April 2017 = 7, June 2017 = 9, March 2018 = 8
- DK: April 2017 = 1, June 2017 = 1, March 2018 = 2
Do you feel you have enough information about the procedures/rules of Visa free travel? (q17) - of those who have heard about visa liberalization

- April 2017
- June 2017
- March 2018

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Do you agree or disagree that Visa free travel will benefit people like you? (q18)
Is it correct or wrong that visa free regime with the EU countries will allow Georgian citizens to legally work in the EU? (q19)

- April 2017
  - Correct: 27
  - Wrong: 58
- March 2018
  - Correct: 34
  - Wrong: 48
  - DK: 15
  - DK: 18
There are different opinions regarding Georgia’s integration in EU. Do you agree or disagree with the following? (q25) Part 1

- As a result of visa free regime many Georgians will seek for asylum in EU countries
  - Disagree: 14
  - Agree: 72
  - DK: 13

- As a result of visa free regime with the EU countries, it will be easier for Georgian students to study in the EU
  - Disagree: 17
  - Agree: 71
  - DK: 12

- As a result of visa free regime with the EU countries, it will be easier for Georgian citizens to receive medical care in the EU
  - Disagree: 21
  - Agree: 65
  - DK: 14

- Even if we have visa free regime with the EU countries, ordinary people won’t be able to afford traveling in the EU
  - Disagree: 26
  - Agree: 64
  - DK: 9
There are different opinions regarding Georgia’s integration in EU. Do you agree or disagree with the following? (q25) Part 2

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NATO
Do you approve or disapprove of Georgian government’s stated goal to join the NATO? (q20)
Do you approve or disapprove of Georgian government’s stated goal to join the NATO? (q20 X Settlement)

- National: Approve 65, Disapprove 18, DK 20
- Capital: Approve 74, Disapprove 19, DK 15
- Large urban: Approve 69, Disapprove 19, DK 15
- Small urban: Approve 69, Disapprove 19, DK 15
- Rural: Approve 65, Disapprove 20, DK 42
- Minority settlements: Approve 26, Disapprove 30, DK 42
If approve, how much do you approve Georgian government’s stated goal to join the NATO? (q21)
If disapprove, how much do you disapprove Georgian government’s stated goal to join the NATO? (q23)

- Strongly
- Somewhat

If approve, how much do you approve? (of the 65% who approve)
- Strongly: 73
- Somewhat: 25

If disapprove, how much do you disapprove? (of the 20% who disapprove)
- Strongly: 59
- Somewhat: 38
If approve, why? (q22) - of the 65% who approve Georgian government’s stated goal to join the NATO

- It will provide greater security for Georgia: 60
- It will improve Georgian economy: 32
- It will improve the chances to restore territorial integrity: 23
- It will protect Georgia from Russia: 14
- It will strengthen Georgian military system: 12
- It will strengthen democratic development: 9
- It will lead to visa free travel in NATO member states: 7
- Because my family approves of it: 1
- Because political party I support approves of it: 1
- Other: 2
- DK: 4
If disapprove, why? (q24) - of the 20% who disapprove Georgian government’s stated goal to join the NATO

- It will cause conflict with Russia: 45%
- It is unrealistic/It will never happen: 14%
- It threatens Georgia’s national identity: 12%
- Georgia will lose more territories: 10%
- NATO membership would not protect Georgia: 10%
- It will reduce the independence of Georgia: 9%
- Georgia should not be aligned with any entity: 7%
- We will lose occupied territories forever: 5%
- It will lead to intervention by U.S. and other NATO member states into Georgian affairs: 5%
- Because my family disapproves of it: 4%
- Because Turkey is NATO member: 1%
- Because political party I support disapproves of it: 0%
- Other: 5%
- DK: 11%
- RA: 2%
There are different opinions regarding Georgia’s integration in NATO. Do you agree or disagree with the following? (q25)

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Assessment of Institutions and Leaders
How much do you trust or mistrust the following institutions? (q33)

- **Police**
  - Completely trust: 16
  - Somewhat trust: 16
  - Somewhat distrust: 24
  - Completely distrust: 30
  - Do not know: 6
  - Don't trust at all: 7

- **Educational system**
  - Completely trust: 12
  - Somewhat trust: 12
  - Somewhat distrust: 21
  - Completely distrust: 33
  - Do not know: 8
  - Don't trust at all: 11
  - Don't know: 3

- **Parliament**
  - Completely trust: 7
  - Somewhat trust: 7
  - Somewhat distrust: 18
  - Completely distrust: 32
  - Do not know: 10
  - Don't trust at all: 21
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## How would you rate the performance of ...? (q5)

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How would you rate the performance of Tbilisi Sakrebulu? (q5) Asked in Tbilisi

- Very well: 1
- Well: 12
- Average: 42
- Badly: 20
- Very badly: 6
- DK: 18
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- Well: 41%
- Average: 43%
- Badly: 13%
How would you rate the performance of Georgian Orthodox Church? (q5)

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How would you rate the performance of ...? (q5) Part 2

**Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure (Zurab Alavidze)**
- Very well: 14
- Well: 41
- Average: 16
- Badly: 3
- Very badly: 24
- DK: 24

**Ministry of IDPs from Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees of Georgia (Sozar Subari)**
- Very well: 15
- Well: 40
- Average: 21
- Badly: 6
- Very badly: 17
- DK: 17

**Ministry of Finance (Mamuka Bakhtadze)**
- Very well: 11
- Well: 38
- Average: 19
- Badly: 4
- Very badly: 27
- DK: 27

**Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture (Levan Davitashvili)**
- Very well: 14
- Well: 39
- Average: 23
- Badly: 6
- Very badly: 16
- DK: 16

**Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development (Dimitry Kumsishvili)**
- Very well: 11
- Well: 42
- Average: 24
- Badly: 5
- Very badly: 17
- DK: 17
How would you rate the performance of ...? (q5)

- **Prime Minister Giorgi Kvirikashvili**
  - Very well: 22
  - Well: 52
  - Average: 13
  - Badly: 3
  - Very badly: 6
  - DK: 6

- **President Giorgi Margvelashvili**
  - Very well: 23
  - Well: 51
  - Average: 15
  - Badly: 3
  - Very badly: 6
  - DK: 6

- **Head of Parliamentary Minority Davit Bakradze**
  - Very well: 22
  - Well: 43
  - Average: 14
  - Badly: 3
  - Very badly: 14
  - DK: 14

- **Head of Parliamentary Majority Archil Talakvadze**
  - Very well: 12
  - Well: 34
  - Average: 12
  - Badly: 3
  - Very badly: 38
  - DK: 38

- **The Speaker of the Parliament Irakli Kobakhidze**
  - Very well: 17
  - Well: 43
  - Average: 17
  - Badly: 5
  - Very badly: 16
  - DK: 16
How would you rate the performance of ...? (q5)
Tbilisi Mayor Kakha Kaladze (asked only in Tbilisi)
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Which party is closest to you? (q6)

- No party: 41 (First choice) 1 (Second choice)
- Georgian Dream: 26 (First choice) 2 (Second choice)
- UNM: 9 (First choice) 1 (Second choice)
- Don't know: 6 (First choice) 2 (Second choice)
- European Georgia: 4 (First choice) 0 (Second choice)
- Refuse to answer: 4 (First choice) 1 (Second choice)
- Labor Party: 3 (First choice) 2 (Second choice)
- Alliance of Patriots: 3 (First choice) 2 (Second choice)
- Other: 6 (First choice) 5 (Second choice)
- No second choice: 34 (First choice)
Which party is closest to you? (q6)
If parliamentary elections were held tomorrow, would you vote? (q7)

- Likely voters: 57
- Likely abstainers: 43
If parliamentary elections were tomorrow which party would you vote for? (q8) Whole sample

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If parliamentary elections were tomorrow which party would you vote for? (q8) - 57% likely voters only

- First choice
- Second choice

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Information Space
Do you agree or disagree that ...? (q41, q43, q45)

Russia spreads information in Georgia to promote a positive image and serve own interests

- Disagree: 18
- Agree: 57
- DK: 24

European Union spreads information in Georgia to promote a positive image and serve own interests

- Disagree: 22
- Agree: 47
- DK: 31

USA spreads information in Georgia to promote a positive image and serve own interests

- Disagree: 22
- Agree: 45
- DK: 33
Do you agree or disagree that ...? (q42, q44, q46) - of those who think Russia/EU/USA spreads information

Russia spreads lies/false information in Georgia when promoting its image and interests
- Disagree: 8
- Agree: 84
- DK: 7
- 48% of population

European Union spreads lies/false information in Georgia when promoting its image and interests
- Disagree: 34
- Agree: 53
- DK: 13
- 25% of population

USA spreads lies/false information in Georgia when promoting its image and interests
- Disagree: 29
- Agree: 57
- DK: 13
- 26% of population
Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (q47)

- **Georgian TV stations often spread disinformation**
  - Disagree: 17
  - Agree: 68
  - DK: 15

- **Georgian online media sources often spread disinformation**
  - Disagree: 12
  - Agree: 56
  - DK: 32

- **Georgian print media (newspapers, magazines) often spread disinformation**
  - Disagree: 11
  - Agree: 51
  - DK: 37

- **Russian TV stations often spread disinformation**
  - Disagree: 9
  - Agree: 45
  - DK: 45

- **Russian social media often spread disinformation**
  - Disagree: 6
  - Agree: 40
  - DK: 53
## What are main sources of information for receiving news about Georgian politics and current events? (q49, q50)

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Do you think that coverage of news about Georgian politics and current affairs on Public Broadcaster (Channel One) ...? (q48)

- Mostly reflects the interests of Georgian government: 28
- Is mostly politically neutral: 33
- Mostly reflects the interests of Georgian political opposition: 3
- DK: 34

Only 4% of population says they trust GPB for accurate information on politics and current events.
Do you watch coverage of news and current affairs on non-Georgian TV channels? (q51)

- June 2016: 23
- April 2017: 77
- March 2018: 82

- Yes: 21
- No: 78
- DK: 1
Which non-Georgian TV channels do you watch? (q52) - of the 18% who said they watch non-Georgian TV Channels

Russia Channel One: 34
RTR: 19
Russia 1: 13
CNN: 12
Euronews: 11
BBC World News: 11
REN TV: 9
Russia 24: 7
CNBC: 4
RTL: 3
RTVi: 3
Russia Today: 2
TV Center: 2
Sky News: 1
Deutche Welle: 0
Fox News: 0
Other: 19
DK: 3
RA: 1

Other includes specific Armenian, Azerbaijani and Russian TV channels named by the respondents.
How often do you use the Internet? (q56)

- Every day: 51
- At least once a week: 9
- At least once a month: 2
- Less often: 5
- Never: 31
- I do not know what the Internet is: 2
How often do you use the Internet? (q56 X Settlement)

- National
- Capital
- Large urban
- Small urban
- Rural
- Minority settlements

At least once a week or more often:
- National: 60%
- Capital: 79%
- Large urban: 75%
- Small urban: 62%
- Rural: 43%
- Minority settlements: 48%

Less often:
- National: 7%
- Capital: 3%
- Large urban: 5%
- Small urban: 7%
- Rural: 10%
- Minority settlements: 10%

Never:
- National: 32%
- Capital: 19%
- Large urban: 20%
- Small urban: 31%
- Rural: 46%
- Minority settlements: 40%
Which one of these levels best describes your ability in the following? (q60)

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Which one of these levels best describes your ability in the following? (q60) Tbilisi

- Advanced
- Intermediate
- Beginner
- No basic knowledge
- DK

**Russian**
- Advanced: 42
- Intermediate: 42
- Beginner: 11
- No basic knowledge: 5

**English**
- Advanced: 12
- Intermediate: 30
- Beginner: 16
- No basic knowledge: 41
- DK: 1

**Turkish**
- Advanced: 5
- Intermediate: 89
- Beginner: 4
Which one of these levels best describes your ability in following? (q60) Rural

- Advanced
- Intermediate
- Beginner
- No basic knowledge
- DK

**Russian**
- 9 Advanced
- 39 Intermediate
- 33 Beginner
- 18 No basic knowledge

**English**
- 8 Advanced
- 15 Intermediate
- 75 Beginner
- 3 No basic knowledge

**Turkish**
- 12 Advanced
- 5 Intermediate
- 88 Beginner
- 4 No basic knowledge
Which one of these levels best describes your ability in following? (q60) Minority settlements

- **Russian**
  - Advanced: 14
  - Intermediate: 46
  - Beginner: 24
  - No basic knowledge: 13
  - DK: 4

- **Turkish**
  - Advanced: 17
  - Intermediate: 29
  - Beginner: 10
  - No basic knowledge: 33
  - DK: 11

- **Georgian (asked only when interview was in Armenian or Azerbaijani)**
  - Advanced: 4
  - Intermediate: 26
  - Beginner: 27
  - No basic knowledge: 29
  - DK: 15

- **English**
  - Advanced: 1
  - Intermediate: 13
  - Beginner: 65
  - No basic knowledge: 17
  - DK: 17
Income and Employment
Speaking about a monetary spending/income last month, to which of the following groups does your household belong? (q57, q62)

- More than GEL 1600: HH spending last month 4; HH monetary income last month 5
- GEL 1201-1600: HH spending last month 4; HH monetary income last month 5
- GEL 801-1200: HH spending last month 10; HH monetary income last month 10
- GEL 501-800: HH spending last month 15; HH monetary income last month 14
- GEL 301-500: HH spending last month 21; HH monetary income last month 21
- GEL 181-300: HH spending last month 16; HH monetary income last month 15
- Up to GEL 180: HH spending last month 11; HH monetary income last month 10
- No spending/income: HH spending last month 1; HH monetary income last month 1
- DK: HH spending last month 8; HH monetary income last month 6
- RA: HH spending last month 10; HH monetary income last month 13

Subsistence Minimum for working age male is 177 Gel (2018, III quarter, GEOSTAT)
Do you consider yourself to be employed? This employment may be part-time or full-time, you may be officially employed, informally employed, or self-employed, but it brings you monetary income. (q58)
Which of the following best describes your situation? (q59) - of the 60% who consider themselves to be unemployed

- Unemployed and looking for a job: 37%
- Retired and NOT interested in looking for a job: 24%
- Housewife: 15%
- Unemployed and interested in a job, but currently NOT looking for a job: 8%
- Unemployed and not interested in looking for a job (if not a housewife): 6%
- Student: 5%
- Retired and interested in a job, but currently NOT looking for one: 2%
- Disabled: 1%
- Retired and looking for a job: 1%
- Other: 0%
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