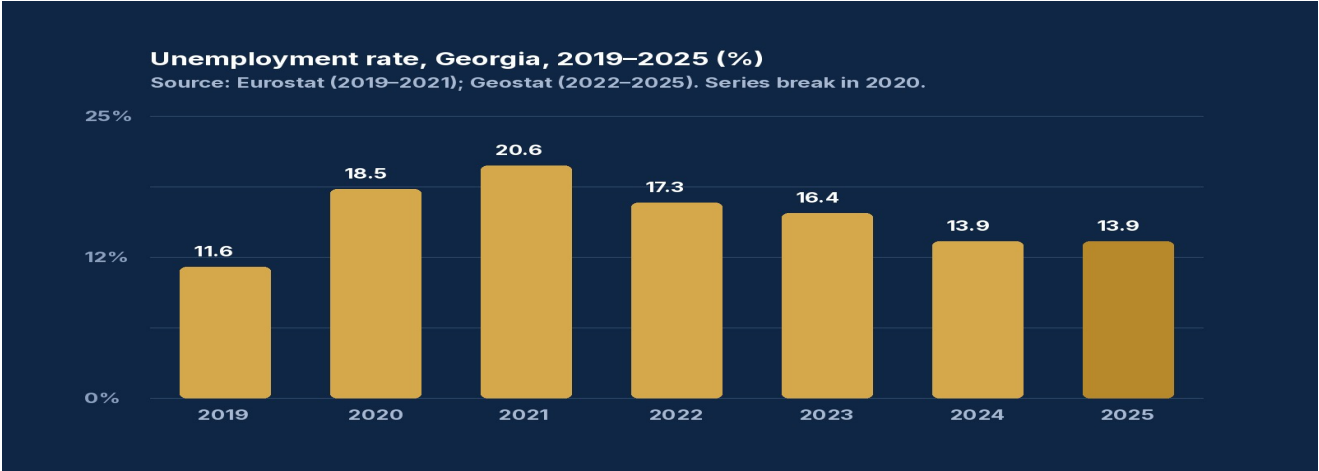




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# Labour Market Evidence: Using Geostat and ILO Data

Practical data literacy for policy and journalism: finding, reading and correctly citing labour market statistics for Georgia.

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| Status             | In development — contributors wanted                                                      |
| Format             | Self-paced online, on GMJ Academy ( <a href="https://academy.gmj.ge">academy.gmj.ge</a> ) |
| Workload           | About 20 hours (planned)                                                                  |
| Languages          | English and Georgian (planned)                                                            |
| Assessment         | Knowledge check at start and end; module quizzes                                          |
| Certificate        | Certificate of Completion — GMJ Academy & GILS                                            |
| Fee and start date | To be announced                                                                           |
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## Introduction to the course

Good labour policy depends on reading statistics correctly. This practical course shows how to find, interpret, compare and cite Georgian and international labour market data — avoiding the common errors that lead to misleading headlines and weak policy.

## Why this course

- Headline unemployment captures only part of labour underutilisation: in 2024 Georgia's composite measure (LU4) was 28.8%, against an unemployment rate of 13.9%.
- Methodological changes — such as Geostat's 2020 change in how subsistence farmers are counted — are often missed, leading to wrong comparisons.
- Misquoted or unsourced labour statistics circulate widely; GILS's own 2026 review found and corrected several.

## Who should attend

- Journalists and editors
- Policy analysts and civil servants
- Researchers and students
- NGO and union staff who use data in advocacy

## Learning outcomes

On completion, participants will be able to:

- Find and download Labour Force Survey and earnings data from Geostat and ILOSTAT
- Interpret unemployment, participation, underutilisation and informality correctly
- Recognise series breaks and make valid comparisons
- Cite statistical sources accurately

## Planned modules

1. Sources: Geostat, ILOSTAT, Eurostat
2. Core concepts: employment, unemployment, participation
3. Beyond unemployment: underutilisation, informality, wages
4. Comparisons over time and across countries
5. Citing, presenting and checking statistics

Provisional outline, to be finalised with module authors and reviewers.

## How you will learn

- A short knowledge check at the start and at the end of the course
- Self-guided modules with readings, short videos and quizzes
- Georgian case material drawn from sourced GILS analyses
- An end-of-course assessment leading to the certificate

## Call for contributors

GILS and GMJ Academy invite experts to author or review modules. We are looking for: Labour statisticians and economists; data journalists. Contributors are credited by name. Write to [info@accreditation.ge](mailto:info@accreditation.ge) with a short CV.

## About the certificate

The Certificate of Completion is issued by GMJ Academy and the Georgian Institute of Labour Studies. It is not a state-recognised qualification and does not carry CPD credits unless such accreditation is obtained and announced on the course page.

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