

Summary Vital Statistics in the 2008 Year

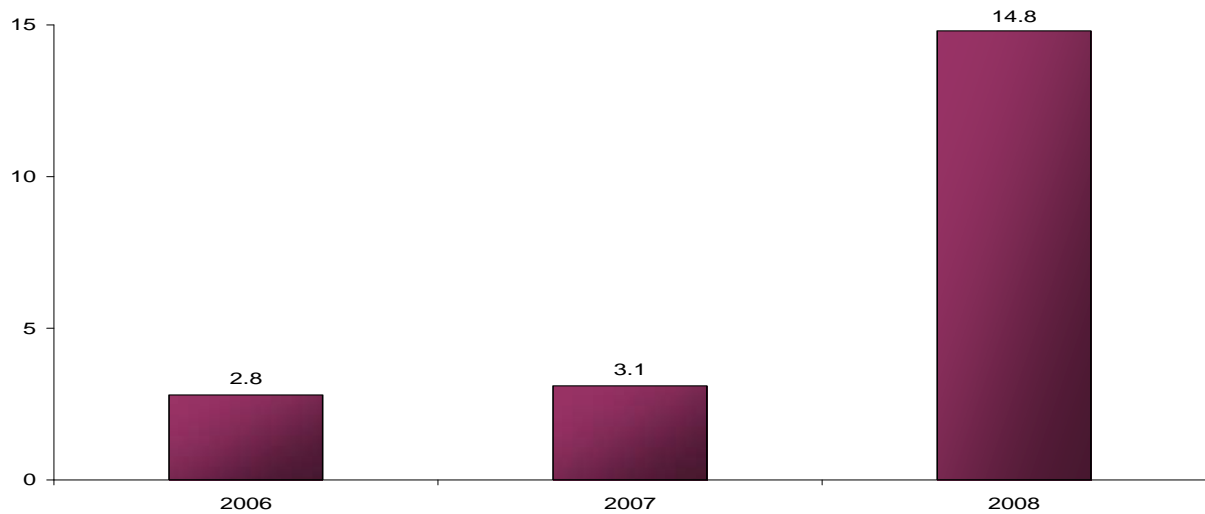
On the basis of information received from Civil Registry Agency of Ministry of Justice of Georgia and the Medical Institutions, Department of Statistics publishes the main demographic indexes of 2008 year:

Table 1. Summary vital statistics

	2007	2008
Births	49 287	56 565
Deaths	41 178	43 011
Natural increase	8 109	13 554
Marriages	24 891	31 414
Divorces	2 325	3 189

Minor increase of births was shown in Georgia since 2005. This index was up to 3.1%, but compared to the previous year the index was noticeably increased in 2008 (14.8%)

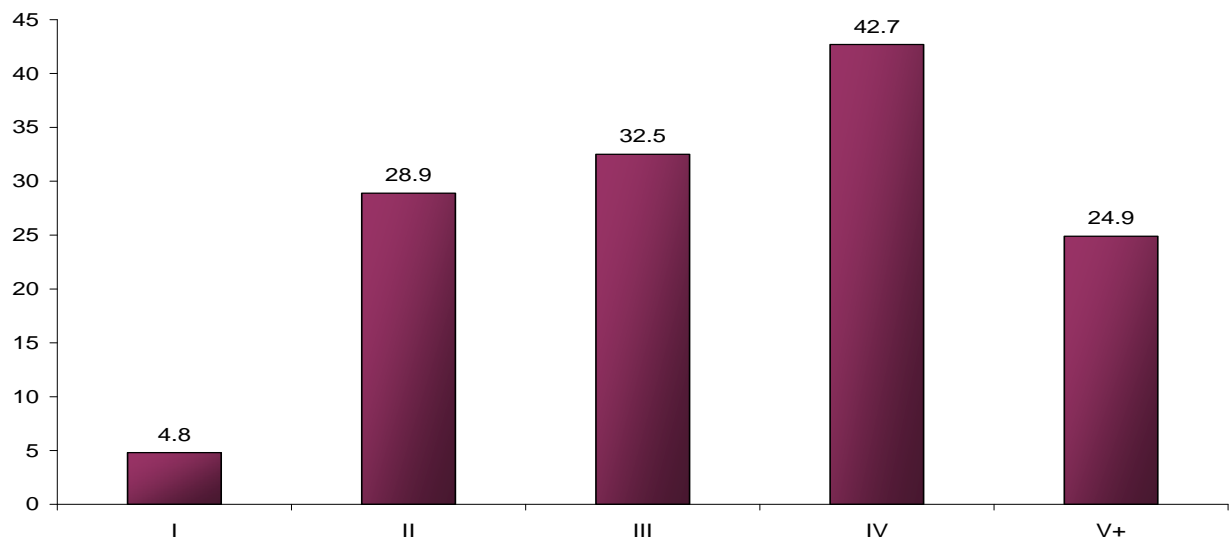
Chart 1. Births changes in the 2006-2008 years (%)



If the number of children of the total births in registered matrimony consisted of 56.1% in 2007, the same index was increased up to 65.7% in 2008.

Of course, it is impossible to talk about the positive tendencies based one year data, but the fact must be mentioned that a noticeable increase of births in 2008 was distributed to the second and following children (diagram 2)

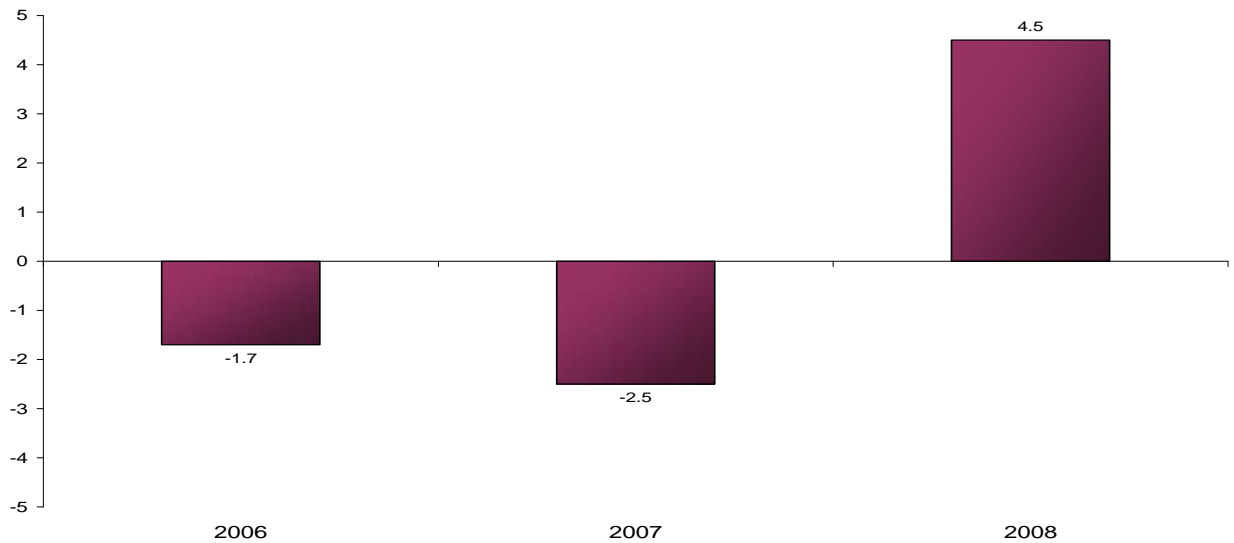
Chart 2. Births increase by the birth order in comparison with the 2007 year (%)



If we analyze the birth increase through mother's age, this increase goes from 12.4% up to 18.7% in fertile age, but the number of mothers under 15 year was increased to 46.7%.

The decrease tendency was noticeable during the last three years, but 4.5% increase was fixed.

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The increase of deaths didn't influence importantly on the natural births on the background of noticeable birth increase and it was increased up to 67.1% compared with 2007year.

The increase is noticed related to the number of marriage. It was increased with 26.2% compared with 2007year.

The registered divorces was increased with 37% compared with the previous year.

The demographic picture according to the regions of the country looks like the following

Regions	Births	Deaths	Marriages	Divorces
G e o r g i a	56 565	43 011	31 414	3 189
Tbilisi	15 105	12 113	8 148	1 607
Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia
Autonomous Republic of Adjara	5 391	2 813	3 411	247
Guria	1 708	1 448	1 033	54
Imereti	8 397	7 659	5 243	365
Kakheti	4 981	4 713	2 253	208
Mtskheta-Mtianeti	1 418	1 248	731	75
Racha-Lechkhumi and Kvemo Svaneti	386	633	228	6
Samegrelo-Zemo Svaneti	5 388	3 836	2 916	157
Samtskhe-Javakheti	2 625	1 647	1 610	67
Kvemo Kartli	6 870	3 459	3 118	259
Shida Kartli	4 296	3 442	2 723	144

The biggest increase of births in 2008 according to 2007 was fixed in Shida – Kartli and Samtskhe – Javakheti.