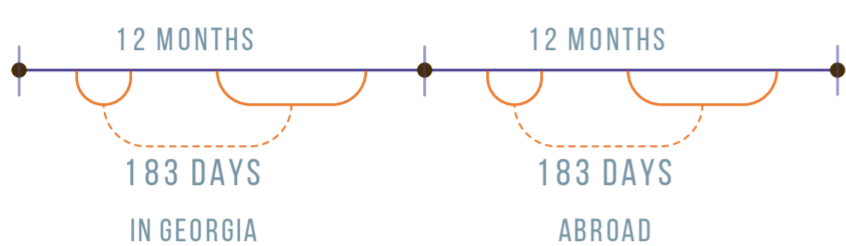


IMMIGRATION IN GEORGIA

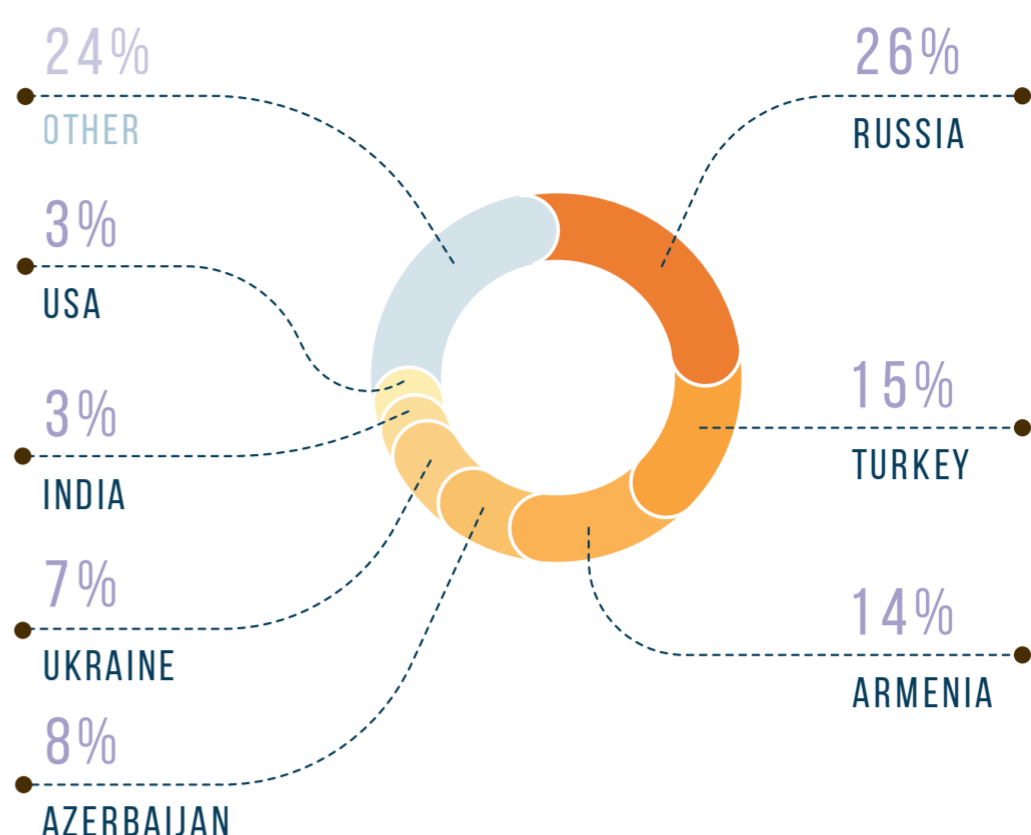
WHO COUNTS AS AN IMMIGRANT AND HOW MANY IMMIGRANTS ARE THERE IN GEORGIA?

According to **Geostat's methodology**, any person is considered an immigrant if s/he has crossed a Georgian state border and stayed on the territory of Georgia for at least **183 days** in the past **12 months** and at the same time s/he spent at least **183 days** abroad in the previous **12 months**.

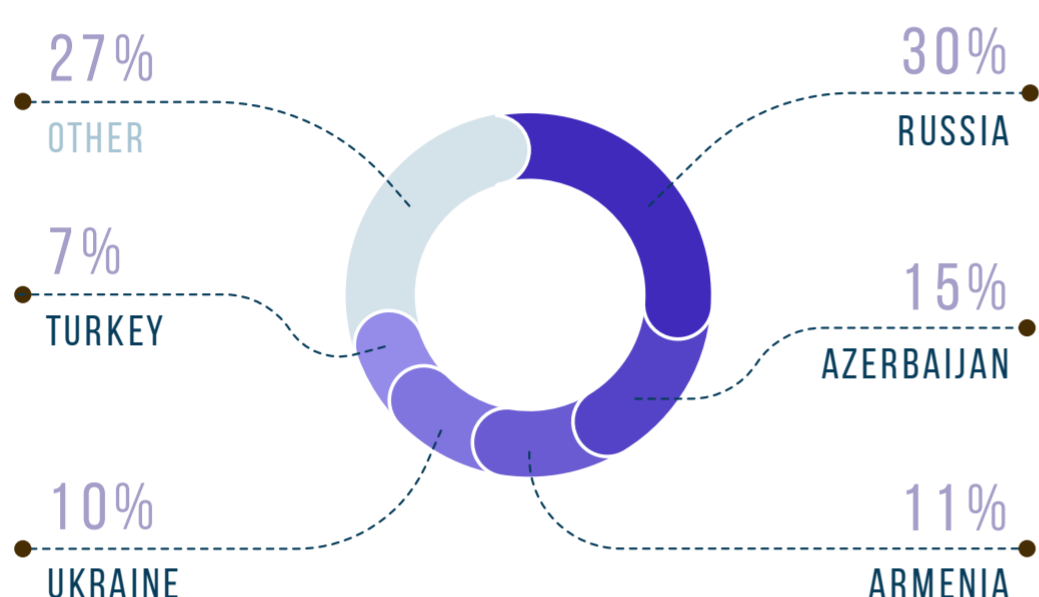
Using this definition, there were **90,228** immigrants in Georgia in 2016.



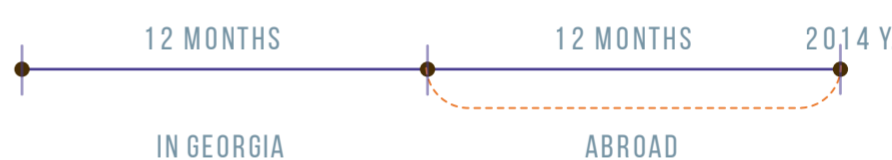
42,925 of them are citizens of foreign countries.



The number of foreign citizen immigrants is **11,751**

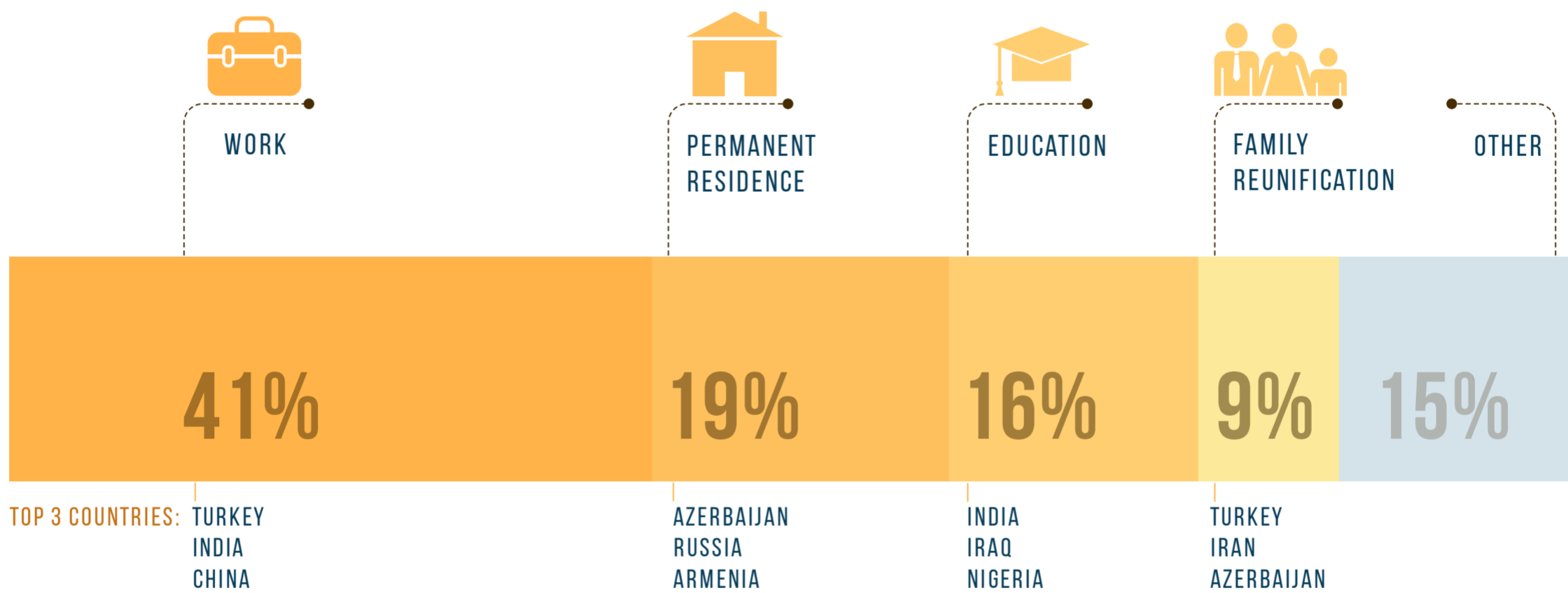


According to the **2014 population census** methodology, any person who has ever lived abroad for over 12 months is considered an immigrant. Using this definition, there were **184,629** immigrants living in Georgia in 2014. 91% of them had only Georgian citizenship, 3% had dual citizenship and majority out of remaining 6%, who had only citizenship of a foreign country, were Russian citizens.



WHERE DO IMMIGRANTS COME FROM AND WHY?

In 2015-2016, Georgia has granted over **46,581** residence permits to foreign citizens. The largest share of them are **work residence permits**.

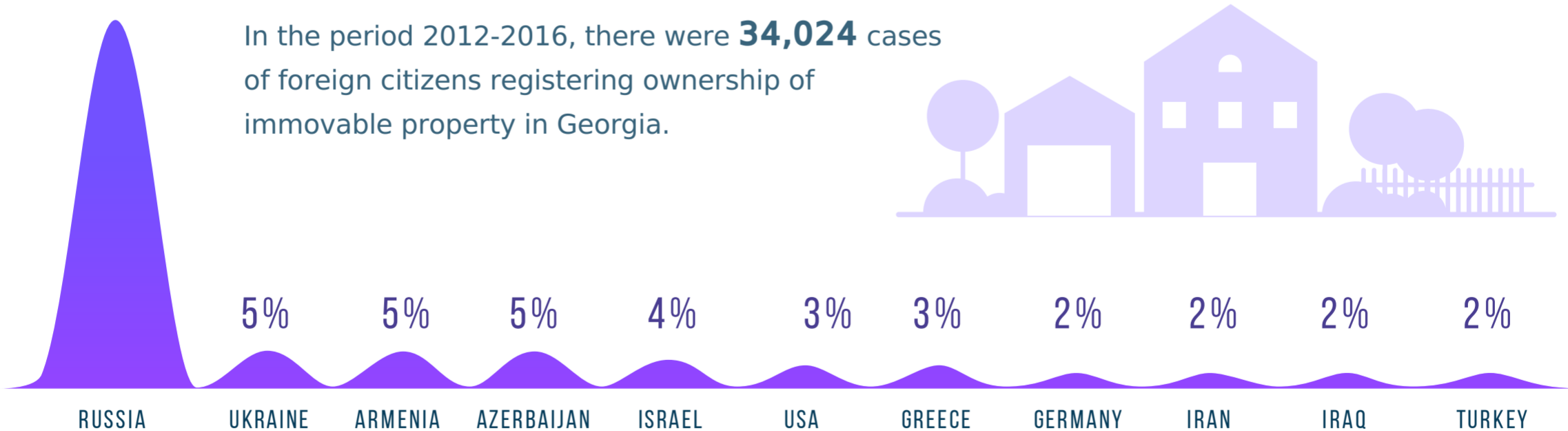


According to labor market study, employers named the low qualification level of the labor force available on the domestic job market as the primary reason for employing foreign workers.

WHO BUYS IMMOVABLE PROPERTY IN GEORGIA?

53%

In the period 2012-2016, there were **34,024** cases of foreign citizens registering ownership of immovable property in Georgia.



IMPACT OF IMMIGRATION

Foreign students spend more than **195 million GEL** annually, which consists **6%** of service export in Georgia.



In 2015-2016, the companies founded by the foreigners paid more than **69 million GEL** as taxes in the Georgian state budget.

