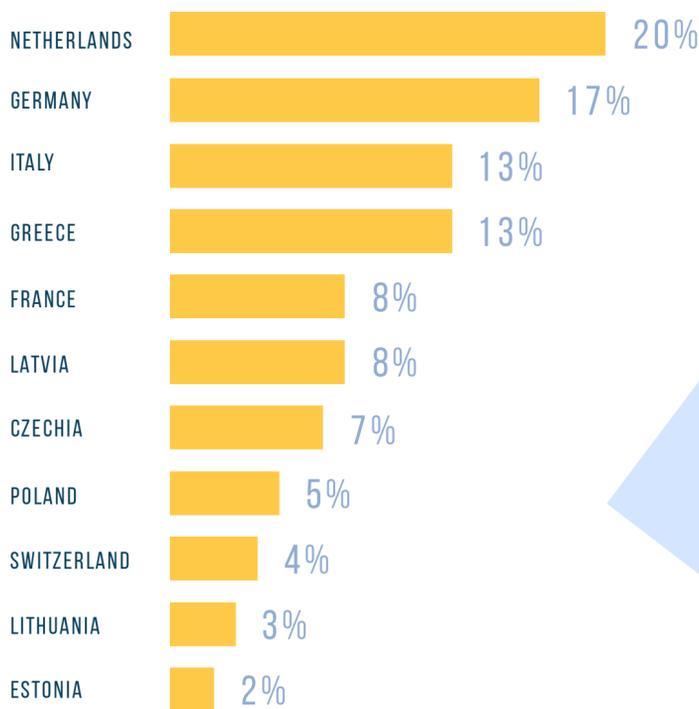


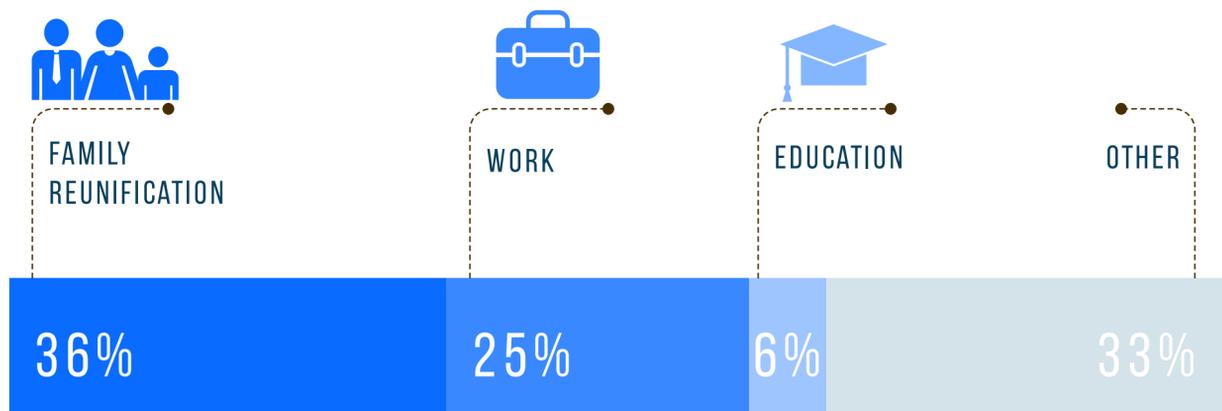
GEORGIAN CITIZENS IN THE EU/SCHENGEN COUNTRIES

In 2016, **92,895 schengen visas** have been issued by Schengen state consulates in Georgia. Most of them were issued by **the Dutch** consulate.



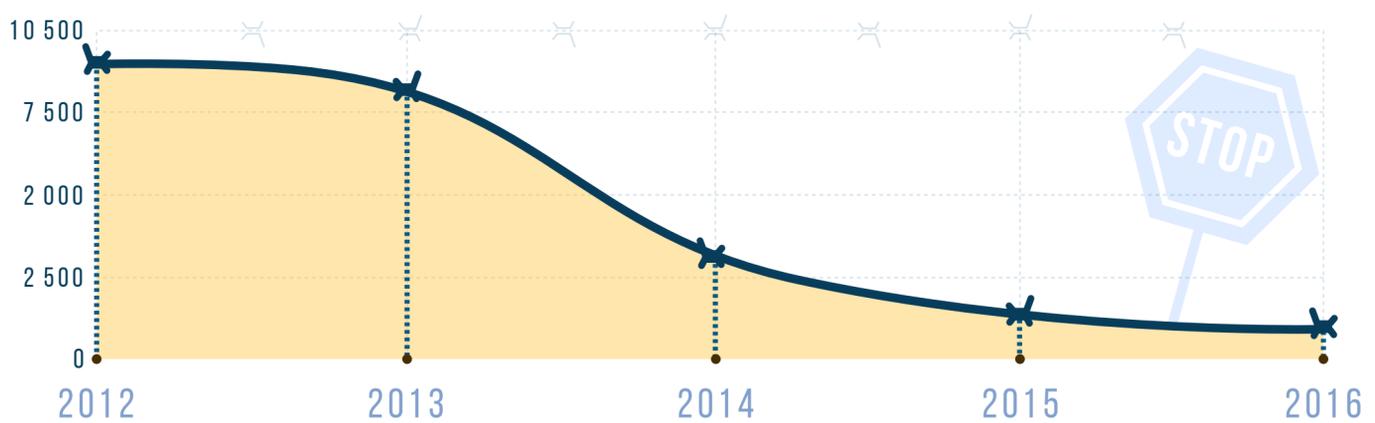
THE PURPOSES OF RESIDENCE PERMITS

In 2016, almost a total of **75,000** Georgian citizens held valid residence permits in the EU countries. The largest share of those residence permits has been issued for family reunification reason.



REFUSAL TO ENTRY AND ILLEGAL BORDER CROSSINGS

In **2016**, compared to 2012 the number of entry refusals to EU/Schengen countries for Georgian citizens **has fallen almost 10 times**.



In **2015-2016**, cases of illegal border crossing by Georgian citizens have decreased. In 2016, only 108 incidents were detected, which is 3 times less compared to the previous year's indicator.

