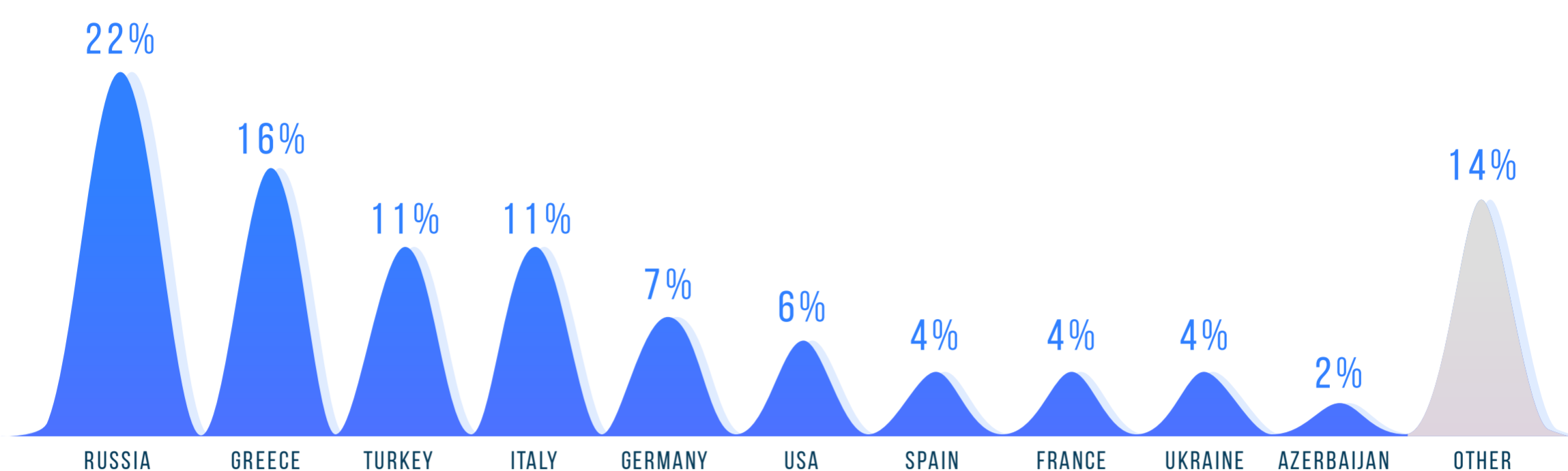


# EMIGRATION FROM GEORGIA

According to the 2014 population census methodology, a person **was considered an emigrant** if s/he had left Georgia since 1 January 2002 and was absent from Georgia for over 12 months or was planning to stay abroad **for longer than 12 months**.

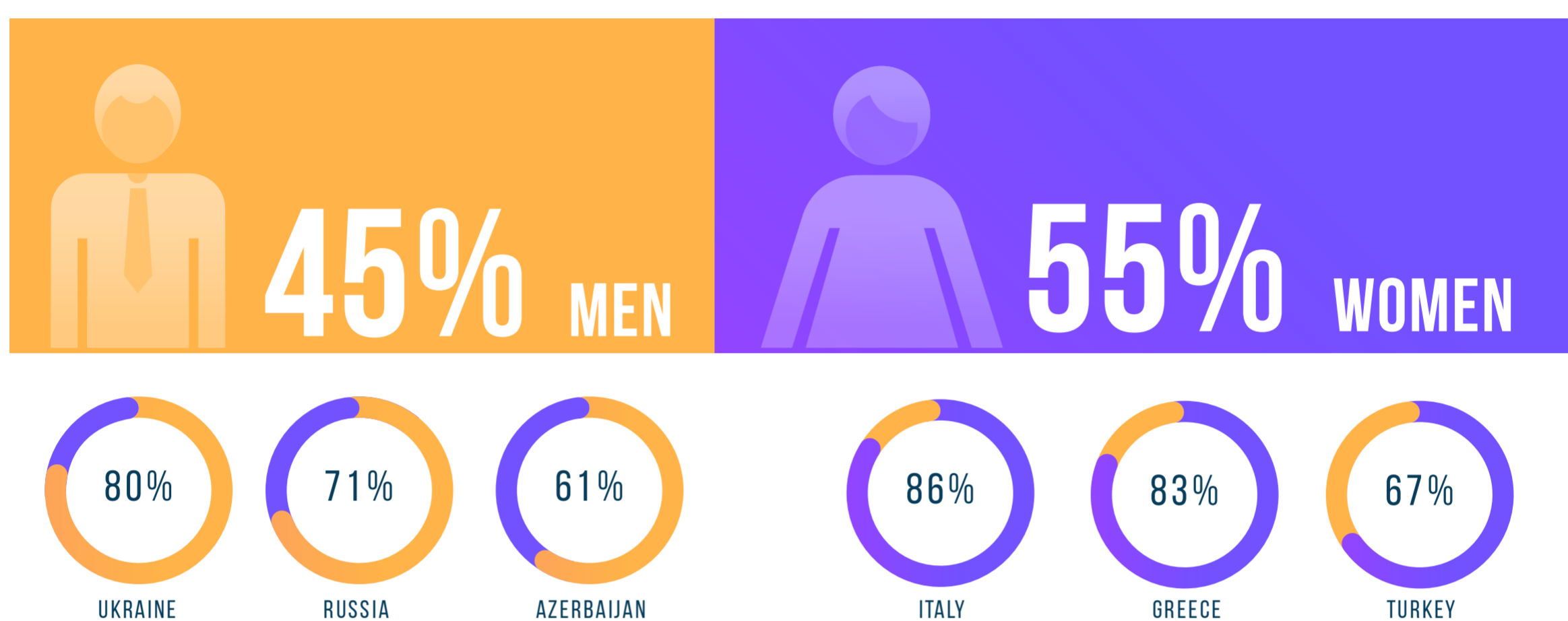
## WHERE DO GEORGIAN CITIZENS EMIGRATE?

According to the 2014 population census, **88,541** emigrants have left Georgia. Most of them are living in **Russia and Greece**.



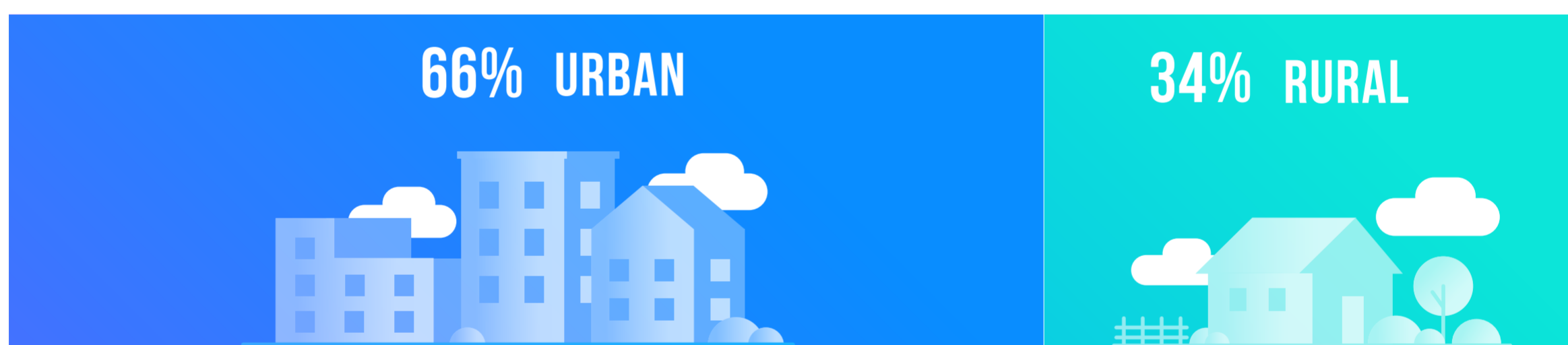
## WHAT IS EMIGRANTS' GENDER DISTRIBUTION LIKE?

Majority of emigrants are women, although the gender ratio varies significantly by current country of residence.

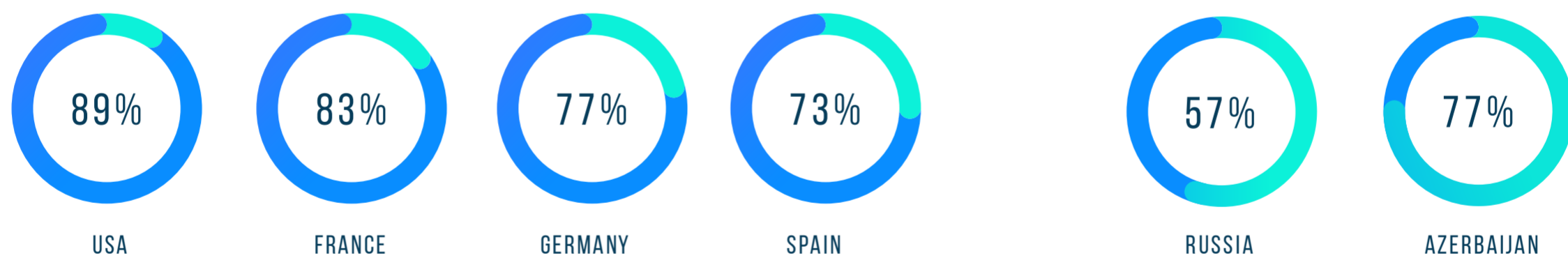


## WHERE DID EMIGRANTS LIVE BEFORE LEAVING GEORGIA?

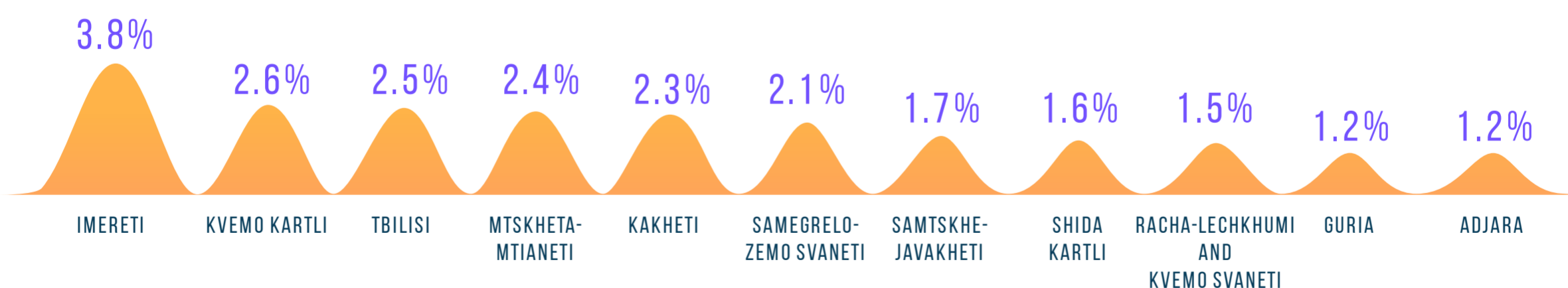
According to the 2014 census, 2 out of 3 emigrants lived in an urban area before departure, while 1 out of 3 lived in rural areas.



People from rural areas emigrate mainly to the neighboring countries, while urban residents emigrate mostly to the USA and EU countries.



Compared to the population of certain regions of Georgia, most emigrants are from **Imereti**.



## IMPACT OF EMIGRATION



**75% of emigrants are 20-54 years old.**

Emigration is negatively reflected on Georgia's economic and demographic situation and contributes to the decreasing of employable persons in the country and **aging of the population**.



In 2016, remittances reached **1,151,236.167 USD** and **constituted 8% of GDP**.

Emigrants' remittances play an important role in the wellbeing of receiving families.