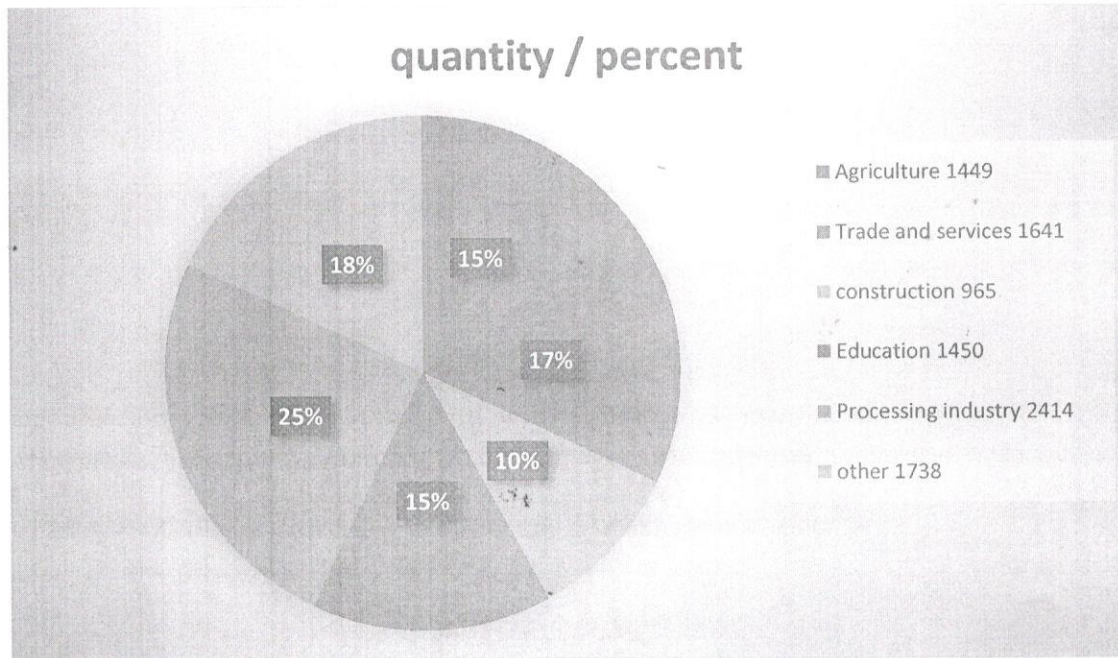


amounted to 550 million GEL. For now, the most growing companies in the municipality are “Georgian-Manganese” LLC, “J-T-M group” Ltd, “Metalolom” Ltd, whose main products are ferrosilicankan.

Chart # 1 Structure of Citizens Employment in Zestaponi Municipality



Majority of companies operating in this field mainly use manganese, which is located 30 km from Zestafoni municipality in neighboring municipality in Chiatura. The products produced in this field are exported to foreign countries, namely: Great Britain, Spain, Japan, the United States, Turkey, Iran and others. But at the same time it should be said that there is no greater chance of growth in the production, also must be said influence of these enterprises on the environment and problems in this case.

Zestaponi municipality unique local product is electric wires production as well, JSC "Sakakabeli" is producing them, the products are successfully sold in Armenia and Azerbaijan, company is actively working to make their products to be sold in European countries as well.

The large agricultural market is also functioning in the municipality, which is constructed with private patriotic investments and serves not only Municipality, but also Zestafoni neighboring regions and transit citizens.

Zestafoni Municipality based on its location is supporting district for retail and distribution companies. Due to the fact that the refrigerator and warehouse are not sufficiently developed, the current situation does not fully meet the growing demand for the market.

As a result of surveys and discussions have been identified, the priority areas of growth:

Traditional and unique product in Zestafoni municipality is wine, In Municipality this product is especially notable to be produced in next villages – Lower Sazano, First Sviri, Second Sviri, Argveta, Kvaliti and etc.

It is also well known traditional pottery and ceramics production (especially in the village of Shrosha).

It is necessary to note that in the recent years increases development of hotel business and nutrition (including fast food) facilities. Their services are available for local and other municipalities as well as for foreign nationals.