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Marz center – Hrazdan town

Territories - Hrazdan, Kotayk, Nairi

Towns - Hrazdan, Abovyan, Charentsavan

Byureghavan, Tsaghkadzor, Yeghvard, Nor-Hachn

RA Kotayk marz is situated in the centre of the Republic of Armenia. In the South-West it borders with capital Yerevan, in the West – RA Aragatsotn marz, in the North – RA Lori marz, in the North-East – RA Tavush marz, in the East – RA Gegharkunik marz and in the South – RA Ararat marz.

Territory	2089 square km.
Territory share of the marz in the territory of RA	7 %
Urban communities	7
Rural communities	60
Towns	7
Villages	62
Population number as of January 1, 2006	275.1 ths. persons
<i>including</i>	
urban	154.5 ths. persons
rural	120.6 ths. persons
Share of urban population size	56.2 %
Share of marz population size in RA population size, 2005	8.5%
Agricultural land	99779 ha
<i>including - arable land</i>	39608 ha

Hrasdan and Azat rivers run on Kotayk marz territory. *Hrazdan River* (Zangu) is one of left tributaries (the length is 141 km) of Araks River. There are 340 tributaries in the river system, 25 of which have length more than 10 km. The river tributaries are Marmarik, Tsaghkadzor, Aray River and Getar.

Asat River is also one of left tributaries of Araks (the length is 55 km). It originates from the Geghama mountain range (mainly lives on underground waters). The river waters are mainly used with the irrigation purpose.

Marz is also rich with mineral waters - “Bjni” and “Arzni”.

Geghama mountain laps, Tsaghkunyats mountain range, Hatis and Aray Mountains are situated in the marz territory. *Hatis Mountain* (Shamiram mountain) is a con-shaped volcanic mass (the height is 2528m). Mountain is covered by meadow-steppe vegetation. *Aray Mountain* is an extinct volcanic mass (the height is 2577m) and situated in the east from Aragats Mountain between Kasakh and Hrazdan rivers.

The marz plains are Eghvard plain (the height above sea level is 1200 – 1300 m) and Hrazdan plateau (the height above sea level is 1700 – 1800 m).

Yerevan-Hrazdan-Sevan motor-road and Yerevan-Hrazdan-Ijevan railway that are of great importance for the country pass through the central part of the marz territory.

The share of economy main branches of RA Kotayk marz in 2005 in total volume of correspondent branches of the republic comprised

- industry 10.3%,
- agriculture 9.2%,
- construction 3.9%,
- trade and services 2.7%.

RA Kotayk marz comparatively developed and has multi-branch economy. The main branch of economy is industry. Marz has an exclusive role, particularly, in the energy field. Here are two large organizations of electricity production.

Other main trend of marz industry is manufacturing industry, in which the following branches are more developed:

- a) food and beverages production (meat and meat products processing and canning, fruits and vegetables processing and canning, milk products, flour, beverages production),
- b) non-metal mineral other production (glass and glass products production, cement production),
- c) metallurgy and metal products production (steel and iron casting),
- d) furniture industry, production of finished articles not included in other categories (jeweler and adjacent products (diamond) production).

The main branch of agriculture is poultry farming. There are three large battery farms in the territory of the marz.

Freight and passenger transportations in the marz are implemented by road transport and railway.

ORGANIZATIONS

Organization sphere	Number	
	2004	2004
Mine industry	4	6
Manufacturing industry	111	117
Electricity, gas and water production and distribution	11	12
Agriculture, hunting and forestry	9	9
Fishing and fish farming	1	1
Construction	22	27
Transport units	30	27
Communication	4	4

Organization sphere	Number	
	2004	2004
Service rendering units	229	234
Museums	5	5
Libraries	80	79
Sport schools	10	12
Social services for elder and disabled persons	1	1
Orphanage	1	1
Hospitals	10	10
Out-patient polyclinics	43	43
Hotels and restaurants	17	20

RETAIL TRADE UNITS

	Number	
	2004	2004
Retail trade units, total	1246	1235
<i>including</i>		
shops	311	320
kiosks	897	880
markets of agricultural produce	4	4
markets of consumer goods	10	7
other trade units	24	24

EDUCATION ESTABLISHMENTS

	Number	
	2004	2004
Establishments, total	188	187
<i>including</i>		
pre-school establishment	52	50
state general education school	106	107
non-state general education school	2	2
music and art school		
youth creative(cultural) center	21	20
state secondary specialized education establishment	6	6
non-state higher education establishment	1	2

The distance of *Hrazdan town* (103.9 ths. inhabitants in the end of the year 2005) from Yerevan is 50 km. It is situated on the left bank of upper flow of Hrazdan river. It is famous as an industrial center. The Hrazdan heating and electric station is located here that is the most powerful in the republic. The other trend of town industry is manufacturing, in which the production of non metal mineral and other produce (in particular, cement production) takes prevailing place.

Charentsavan town (24.6 ths. inhabitants in the end of the year 2005) is situated in 38 km distance from Yerevan on the left bank of Hrazdan River. In 1953 after the accomplishing of hydro-electric station construction several large industrial enterprises have been established and Charentsavan became one of the most important industrial centres of the republic.

The main trend of town industry is manufacturing, in which metallurgy and finished metal products production (steel and iron casting) comprise its prevailing part.

The climate of *Tsaghkadzor town* (in 2005 - 1.6 ths. inhabitants) is soft and healthy. It is sanatorium town.

Abovyan town (in 2005 - 45.0 ths. inhabitants) is situated in 16 km distance from Yerevan. It is one of fast growing towns and big industrial centers of the republic.

The main trend of town industry is manufacturing, in which beer production takes prevailing place.

The main trend of industry of *Byureghavan town* (8.3 ths. inhabitants in the end of the year 2005) is manufacturing, in which the production of non metal mineral and other produce (glass packing, porcelain and glazed earthenware industries) takes predominate place.

Eghvard town (12.0 ths. inhabitants in 2005) is situated at the south foot of Aray mountain, distance from Yerevan is 18 km.

The main trend of town industry is manufacturing, in which the production of food and beverages (distilled alcoholic beverages (cognac), milk products, flour production) and production of leather articles and shoes are particularly separated.

Agriculture plays a key role in the economic life of the town as well, in which grain farming is the main trend.

The main trend of industry of *Nor-Hachn town* (has 10.2 ths. inhabitants) is manufacturing, in which the production of furniture and other articles not included in other groups (jeweler (diamond) production) takes prevailing place.

URBAN COMMUNITIES

Community Name	Settlement Name
Hrazdan	Hrazdan town
Abovyan	Avovyan town
Byureghavan	Byureghavan town
Eghvard	Eghvard town
Tsaghkadzor	Tsaghkadzor town
Nor-Hachn	Nor-Hachn town
Charentsavan	Charentsavan town

RURAL COMMUNITIES

Community Name	Settlement Name
Alapars	Alapars
Akunk	Akunk
Aghavnadzor	Aghavnadzor
Arinj	Arinj
Aragyugh	Aragyugh
Aramus	Aramus
Argel	Argel
Arzakan	Arzakan
Arzni	Arzni
Artavaz	Artavaz Pyunik
Balahovit	Balahovit
Bjni	Bjni

Community Name	Settlement Name
Bujakan	Bujakan
Garni	Garni
Geghadir	Geghadir
Geghashen	Geghashen
Geghard	Geghard
Getamej	Getamej
Goght	Goght
Zar	Zar
Zovashen	Zovashen
Zovuni	Zovuni
Zovk	Zovk
Zoravan	Zoravan
Teghenik	Teghenik
Lernanist	Lernanist
Katnaghbyur	Katnaghbyur
Kamaris	Kamaris
Kaputan	Kaputan
Karenis	Karenis
Kotayk	Kotayk
Hanqavan	Hanqavan
Hatis	Hatis
Hatsavan	Hatsavan
Dzoraghbyur	Joraghbyur
Mayakovski	Mayakovski
Marmarik	Marmarik
Meghradzor	Meghradzor Korchlu
Mrgashen	Mrgashen
Nor Artamet	Nor Artamet
Nor Geghi	Nor Geghi
Nor gyugh	Nor gyugh
Nor Erznka	Nor Erznka
Notnus	Notnus
Voghjaberd	Voghjaberd
Proshyan	Proshyan
Ptghni	Ptghni
Jraber	Jraber
Jrarat	Jrarat
Jrvej	Jrvej
Radiokayanin kits gyugh	Radiokayanin kits gyugh
Saralanj	Saralanj
Solak	Solak
Sevaberd	Sevaberd
Verin Ptghni	Verin Ptghni
Qaghsi	Qaghsi
Qanaqeravan	Qanaqeravan
Qasakh	Qasakh
Qarashamb	Qarashamb
Fantan	Fantan

**SOME SOCIAL INDICATORS OF DISTRICT COMMUNITY WITH 10000
POPULATIONS IN RA KOTAYK MARZ, 2005**

	Total	including	
		women*	men*
Population, person	10000	5097	4903
Births, person	121	57	64
Deaths, person	73	34	39
Marriages	52	X	X
Divorces	7	X	X
Total area of housing stock provided per inhabitant, square meter	22.9	X	X
Education sphere, attendance to education establishments, person			
pre-school	121	62	59
schools of general education	1526	755	771
music and art schools	104	74	30
secondary	40	22	18
higher	13	8	5
Public health sphere			
annual attendance to polyclinic during the year (number of attendances)	21170	...	...
Athletes, person	110	7	103
Employed, person	2908	...	...
of which - in Science establishments	8	4	4
of which - doctors of Science	1	0.0	1
candidates of Science	2	1	1
teachers	122	103	19
physicians	21	...	...
paramedical personnel	49	...	...
Unemployed /officially registered/ person	183	135	48
Social insurance sphere			
total pensioners/ as of the end of the year/ person	1448	...	...
families that get poverty family benefit and one-time benefit	359	X	X
Annual attendance during the year			
library	25947	...	...
theatre	-	-	-
concert	-	-	-
museum	360	...	...
Law sphere			
total crimes, during the year	28	X	X
of which - not grave crime	12	X	X
medium crime	4	X	X
grave crime	11	X	X
special grave crime	0.0	X	X

* The indicators are accountable