



# RA ARAGATSOTN MARZ

*Marz centre – Ashtarak town*



Territory	2753 square km
Agricultural land	136667 ha
<i>including</i> arable land	55771 ha
Urban communities	3
Rural communities	111
Rural settlements	117
Population as of January 1, 2003	138.5 ths. persons
<i>including</i>	
urban	32.9 ths. persons
rural	105.6 ths. persons

**RA Aragatsotn marz** occupies the 9.3% of the territory of the Republic of Armenia. The population of the marz comprised the 4.3% of RA total population in 2002. While the 76.2% of population resides in the rural settlements (it is the highest percentage of rural population among RA marzes).

**Marz has** inherited its name from that of Aragatsotn province of Ayrarat ashkhar. It is situated in the territory lying between the capital Yerevan and the highest peak of RA-Aragats (in the West the territory stretches until the state border of Turkey)

**RA Aragatsotn marz** includes the territories of Ashtarak, Aparan, Aragats and Talin. Ashtarak, Aparan and Talin are towns of the marz and there are also 117 rural settlements.

3 motor highways of republican importance- Yerevan- Ashtarak- Talin-Gyumri, Yerevan-Ashtarak- Spitak and Yerevan-Armavir-Karakert-Gyumri run through the territory of the marz. The territory of RA marz of Aragatsotn intersects RA principal railway as well (only across the end of the West, so it hasn't any influence on economic development of the marz).

**RA Aragatsotn marz** is rich in historical and cultural monuments. Amberd, big and small Catholic of Talin, Tsiranavor, Spitakavor, St. Marine, St. Sargis and Karmavor of Ashtarak, churches and monasteries of Parpi and Oshakan are especially noteworthy. The tomb of inventor

of Armenian Alphabet – St. Mesrop Mashtots is situated in Oshakan village. The burial vault of the dynasty of Arshakunis is situated in Aghdsk village.

The famous Observatory of Byurakan, the Institutes of Radiophysics and Electronics, Physical Researches of RA National Academy of Sciences are located in the marz.

The share of industry of *RA Aragatsotn marz* in 2002 in total volume of industrial production of the republic comprised 1.5%, in the volume of gross agricultural produce-6.9%, in retail turnover-0.8% and in total volume of services rendered to population-1.2 %.

Industry and agriculture are developed in the marz. Industry is specialized in manufacture of food products and beverage, precious articles and exploiting of mines of building materials. The geographical position and climatic conditions of the marz are favourable for development of both plant growing (grain, potatoes, perennial grass, forage crops) and cattle breeding.

49 industrial organizations, 5 agriculture, hunting and forestry, 8 construction, 7 transport, 87 units rendering services and 233 retail trade active units functioned in the marz in 2002, of which 93 shops, 121 kiosks, 12 public catering units, 4 markets of agricultural output and 3 markets of consumer goods. 1 non state higher education and 1 non state secondary specialized education establishments, 21 pre-school establishments, 125 public schools of general education and, 9 music and art schools, 19 sports schools, 111 libraries, 4 museums, 2 scientific institutions, 5 hotels, 26 out-patient polyclinics, 5 hospitals, 5 cultural and educational centres of marz importance and etc. functioned in the marz as well. Freight and passenger transportations were mainly implemented by road transport.

### ***Ashtarak region***

Arable land	8707 ha
Urban communities	1
Rural communities	29
Rural settlements	33
Population as of January 1, 2003	21.5 ths. persons
including	
urban	20.7 ths. persons
rural	0.8 ths. persons

30 industrial, 2 agriculture, 5 construction, 2 transport units, 40 units rendering services and 142 retail trade active units functioned in the region in 2002, of which 41 shops, 87 kiosks, 9 public catering units, 3 markets of consumer goods and 2 markets of agricultural produce. 39 schools of general education, 4 art schools and 10 sports schools, 17 pre-school establishments, 1 higher and 1 non state secondary specialized education establishments, 2 scientific establishments, 4 museums, 27 libraries, 4 hotels, 13 out-patient polyclinics and 1 hospital also functioned in the region in 2002.

***Ashtarak town*** (has been marz centre since 1995) is situated on the bank of Kasakh river, in the distance of 20 km to the North-West from Yerevan and was founded in the IX century. The population of the marz in 2002 comprised 21.5 ths. people. Town is the junction of Yerevan-Gyumri and Yerevan-Spitak roads. Ashtarak town developed as a satellite town of Yerevan. It is administrative and political, economic, scientific, educational and cultural centre of the marz.

20 industrial, 4 construction, 2 transport units, 36 units rendering services and 42 retail trade active units functioned in the town in 2002, of which 5 public catering units, 3 markets of consumer goods and 2 markets of agricultural produce. 8 schools of general education, 4 art schools and 10 sports schools, 5 pre-school establishments, 1 higher, 1 non state secondary specialized education establishments and 2 scientific institutions, 1 museums, 2 libraries and 2 hotels also functioned in the town in 2002.

### ***Aparan region***

Arable land	9978 ha
Urban communities	1
Rural communities	20
Rural settlements	20
Population as of January 1, 2003	6.6 ths. persons
<i>including</i>	
urban	22.0ths. persons
rural	15.4 ths. persons

7 industrial, 2 agriculture, 2 construction, 2 transport units, 10 units rendering services, 37 retail trade active units functioned in the region in 2002, of which 14 shops, 20 kiosks, 2 public catering units, 1 market of agricultural produce.

22 schools of general education, 2 art schools and 4 sports schools, 2 pre-school establishments and 22 libraries, 5 out-patient polyclinics and 1 hospital also functioned in the region in 2002.

***Aparan town*** (6.6 ths. inhabitants) is the second town in the marz by its largeness and importance. It is situated on the bank of Kasakh river (in the distance of 59 km from Yerevan). 5 industrial, 2 construction, 2 transport organizations, 10 organizations rendering services and 30 retail trade organizations functioned in the town in 2002, of which 1 public catering unit and 1 market of agricultural produce.

3 schools of general education, 2 art schools and 2 sports schools, 2 pre-school establishments and 2 libraries also functioned in the town in 2002.

### ***Talin region***

Arable land	24168 ha
Urban communities	1
Rural communities	40
Rural settlements	41
Population as of January 1, 2003	36.4 ths. persons
including	
urban	5.6 ths. persons
rural	30.8 ths. persons

8 industrial, 1 agriculture, 1 construction, 1 transport units, 26 units rendering services, 35 retail trade active units functioned in the region in 2002, of which 20 shops, 13 kiosks, 1 public catering unit and 1 market of agricultural produce. 44 schools of general education, 3 art schools and 3 sports schools, 2 pre-school establishments, 40 libraries, 1 hotel, 6 out-patient polyclinics and 2 hospitals also functioned in the region.

**Talin town** (5.6 ths. inhabitants) is located on the south-western slope of Aragats mountain. The traces of ancient settlements have been found in the outskirts of the town (II millennium B.C.).

1 industrial, 1 construction, 1 transport units, 21 units rendering services and 12 retail trade active units functioned in the town in 2002, of which 1 public catering unit and 1 market of agricultural produce. 3 schools of general education, 3 art schools and 2 sports schools, 2 pre-school establishments, 1 hotel and 2 libraries also functioned in the town in 2002.

***Aragats region***

Arable land	12918 ha
Urban communities	-
Rural communities	22
Rural settlements	22
Population as of January 1, 2003	14.1 ths. persons
<i>including rural</i>	14.1 ths. persons

4 industrial, 2 transport units, 11 units rendering services and 19 retail trade active units functioned in the region in 2002. 20 schools of general education and 2 sports schools, 22 libraries, 2 out-patient establishments and 1 hospital also functioned in the region in 2002.



**A Church in Tegher village**



**Burial vaults of Armenian kings (IV century) in Aghdsk village**



**Castle of Amberd X-XIII centuries**

## URBAN COMMUNITIES

Community name	Settlement name
Ashtarak	t. Ashtarak
	v. Mughni
Aparan	t. Aparan
Talin	t. Talin

## RURAL COMMUNITIES

Community name	Settlement name
Agarak (region of Ashtarak)	Agarak
Agarak (region of Talin)	Agarak
Alagyaz	Alagyaz
Akunk	Akunk
Aghdsk	Aghdsk
Amre Taza	Amre Taza
Antarut	Antarut
Ashnak	Ashnak
Avan	Avan
	Khnusik
Avtona	Avtona
Avshen	Avshen
Aragats (region of Aparan)	Aragats
Aragats (region of Talin)	Aragats
Aragatsotn	Aragatsotn
Arayi	Arayi
Areg	Areg
Artashavan	Artashavan
	Lusaghbyur
	Nigatun
Arteni	Arteni
Aruj	Aruj
Apnagyugh	Apnagyugh
Bazmaaghbyur	Bazmaaghbyur
Baysz	Baysz
Barozh	Barozh
Berkarat	Berkarat
Byurakan	Byurakan
Garnhovit	Garnhovit
Geghadir	Geghadir
Geghadzor	Geghadzor
Gegharot	Gegharot
Getap	Getap
Gyalto	Gyalto
Dashtadem	Dashtadem
Davtashen	Davtashen
Derek	Derek
Dian	Dian

Community name	Settlement name
Dprevank	Dprevank
Yeghipatrush	Yeghipatrush
Yeghnik	Yeghnik
Yernjatap	Yernjatap
Zarinja	Zarinja
Zovasar	Zovasar
Ttujur	Ttujur
Tllik	Tllik
Irind	Irind
Lernapar'Y	Lernapar'Y
Lernarot	Lernarot
Lusagyugh	Lusagyugh
Lusakn	Lusakn
Tsaghkahovit	Tsaghkahovit
Tsaghkashen	Tsaghkashen
Tsaghkasar	Tsaghkasar
Tsilkar	Tsilkar
Katnaghbyur	Katnaghbyur
Karbi	Karbi
Karmrashen	Karmrashen
Kakavadzor	Kakavadzor
Kosh	Kosh
Hakko	Hakko
Hartavan	Hartavan
Hatsashen	Hatsashen
Hnaberd	Hnaberd
Dzoraglukh	Dzoraglukh
Ghabaghtapa	Ghabaghtapa
Ghazaravan	Ghazaravan
Mastara	Mastara
	Dzoragyugh
Melikgyugh	Melikgyugh
Mirak	Mirak
Mulki	Mulki
Nerkin Bazmaberd	Nerkin Bazmaberd
Nerkin Sasunashen	Nerkin Sasunashen
Nigavan	Nigavan
Nor Amanos	Nor Amanos
Norashen (region of Aparan)	Norashen
Norashen (region of Aragats)	Norashen
Nor Artik	Nor Artik
Nor Yedesia	Nor Yedesia
Shamiram	Shamiram
Shenavan	Shenavan
Shenkani	Shenkani
Shgharshik	Shgharshik
Vosketas	Vosketas
Voskehat	Voskehat
Voskevaz	Voskevaz
Chknagh	Chknagh
Partizak	Partizak
Jamshlu	Jamshlu



<b>Community name</b>	<b>Settlement name</b>
Jrambar	Jrambar
Rya Taza	Rya Taza
Saghmosavan	Saghmosavan
Sangyar	Sangyar
Sasunik	Sasunik
	Karin
Saralanj	Saralanj
Sipan	Sipan
Sorik	Sorik
Suser	Suser
Vardablur	Vardablur
Vardenis	Vardenis
Vardenut	Vardenut
Verin Bazmaberd	Verin Bazmaberd
Verin Sasunashen	Verin Sasunashen
Verin Sasunik	Verin Sasunik
Tegher	Tegher
Tsamakasar	Tsamakasar
Ushi	Ushi
Ujan	Ujan
Parpi	Parpi
Kuchak	Kuchak
Ohanavan	Ohanavan
Oshakan	Oshakan
Orgov	Orgov
Ortajya	Ortajya