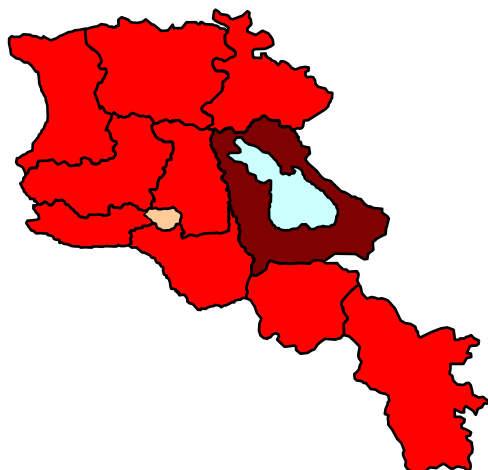


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Marz centre – Gavar town

Territories - Gavar, Tchambarak, Martuni, Sevan and Vardenis

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RA Gegharkunik marz is situated in the East of the territory of the Republic of Armenia, surrounding the Lake Sevan.

It borders RA Lori and Tavush marzes from the North, from the East it borders the state border of Azerbaijan, from the South – RA Vayots Dzor marz, from South-West – RA Ararat marz and from the West – RA Kotayk marz.

Territory	5348 sq. km
Territory share of the marz in the territory of RA	18 %
Urban communities	5
Rural communities	87
Towns	5
Villages	93
Population number as of January 1, 2007	239.6 ths. persons
urban	79.6 ths. persons
rural	160.0 ths. persons
Share of urban population size	33.2 %
Share of marz population size in RA population size, 2006	7.4 %
Agricultural land (as of 1st July, 2006)	352800 ha
including - arable land	80900 ha

The longest extension of the marz from the North-West to the South-East comprised 115 km, from the West to the East - 85 km, the deepest landslide is the canyon of the Getik river (village of Dsoravank, 1325 m), the highest peak – Ajdahak mountain (3598 m).

Spitakasars (3555 m), Vardenis (3522 m) and Geghasars (3446 m) are the highest mountains. Argitchi (51 km), Gavaraget (47 km) and Masrik (45 km) are the longest rivers.

Sevan is the largest lake (1260 km², the height above sea-level is 1898m); the crater lakes of Ajdahak and Aghmaghani are comparatively small lakes - up to 50 m in diameter and at a depth of 15 m.

Yerevan-Sevan-Dilijan highway of republican importance runs through the territory of the marz. “South-North” highway passing through the mountain of Selim is being constructed.

The Lake Sevan is located in *RA Gegharkunik marz*, which is of particular importance not only for the marz but for the republic as well. It is the largest pool of fresh water of the Southern Caucasus. The lake has vital influence not only on balance of environment protection but on economy of the whole marz as well.

“Sevan” national park is located in the territory of the marz (founded in 1978). It occupies the territories of the Lake Sevan comprising the bed of intermontane concavity of Sevan and those freed from its bed. The surface area comprises 150.1 ths. ha, 24.9 ths. ha of which are lakeside land territories. It is surrounded with the slopes of mountain chains of Areguni, Geghama, Vardenis, Pambak and Sevan. The species of 1600 plants and 330 animals are preserved here.

Numerous mines are situated in the marz of Gegharkunik such as the mines of gold, dolomite, basalt, sand, volcanic tuff. A part of exploiting mines extracts the considerable part of ores in the country.

In 2005 the share of economy main branches of RA Gegharkunik marz in total volume of correspondent branches of the republic comprised

- **industry** **1.8%,**
- **agriculture** **14.4%,**
- **construction** **1.8%,**
- **trade and services** **2.1%.**

The leading branch of economy of the marz is agriculture, particularly production of grain, potato, vegetable and animal husbandry product. The marz of Gegharkunik is the main supplier of fresh fish to the population of the republic.

Mining industry is the main trend of industry of the marz. Manufacturing is also of great importance, in which the following branches of industry have bigger share: machinery, building materials and food industry.

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

RETAIL TRADE UNITS

	Number		
	2004	2005	2006
Retail trade units, total	449	422	417
<i>including</i>			
shops	186	182	166
kiosks	216	193	193
markets of agricultural product	3	3	3
markets of consumer goods	8	8	8
other trade units	36	36	47

EDUCATION ESTABLISHMENTS

	Number		
	2004	2005	2006
Establishments, total	201	202	200
<i>including</i>			
pre-school establishment	43	44	45
state general education school	129	129	128
non-state general education school	1	1	-
music and art school			
youth creative(cultural) centre	16	16	16
state secondary specialized education establishment	8	8	8
non-state secondary specialized education establishment	1	1	1
state higher education establishment	1	1	1
non-state higher education establishment	2	2	1

The marz centre is Gavar town (26.0 ths. inhabitants in end of year 2006); it is situated in the distance of 98 km from Yerevan. The town once used to be one of the industrial centres of the republic, but the production of industrial output was considerably shortened because of discontinuance of works of a number of large factories.

Nowadays manufacturing is the main trend of industry of the town, in which the following branches of industry have bigger share: machinery, building materials, light and food industry.

Sevan town (21.6 ths. inhabitants in the end of year 2006) is located on the north-western shore of Sevan lake. Manufacturing is the main trend of industry of the town, in which the following productions of industry have bigger share: building materials, chemical, food and machinery productions.

Martuni town (11.9 ths. inhabitants in the end of year 2006) is located on the south-western shore of Sevan lake (in the distance of 130 km from Yerevan). Industry is the main branch of economy, though considerable reduction of volumes of produced output has been recorded recently.

Manufacturing is the main trend of industry of the town, in which the following branches of industry have bigger share: machinery, building materials, chemical and food industry.

Industry is the leading branch of *Vardenis town* (12.7 ths. inhabitants, in the distance of 168 km from Yerevan). There are especially great perspectives in exploitation of mines and processing of agricultural produce.

Manufacturing is the main trend of industry of the town, in which food industry has bigger share.

Agriculture is the leading branch of economy and the main sphere of employment of population in the town of *Tchambarak* (7.4 ths. inhabitants in 2006). By comparison industry is poorly developed.

More than 90% of natural forests of the marz are situated in *Tchambarak*. Manufacturing is the main trend of industry of the town, in which food industry has bigger share.

URBAN COMMUNITIES

Community name	Settlement name
Gavar	t. Gavar
Tchambarak	t. Tchambarak
Martuni	t. Martuni
Sevan	t. Sevan
	v. Gagarin
Vardenis	t. Vardenis

RURAL COMMUNITIES

	Community name	Settlement name
1	Azat	
2	Akhpradsor	
3	Akunk	
4	Aghberk	
5	Aygut	
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6	Ayrk	
7	Antaramej	
8	Astghadzor	
9	Avazan	
10	Areguni	
11	Artsvanist	
12	Artsvashen	
13	Artanish	
14	Arpunk	
15	Berdkunk	
16	Gandzak	
17	Geghamabak	
18	Geghamasar	
19	Geghamavan	
20	Gegharkunik	
21	Geghakar	
22	Geghhovit	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geghhovit • Nshkhark (Yangh) • Lernahovit
23	Getik	
24	Daranak	
25	Ddmashen	
26	Dprabak	
27	Drakhtik	
28	Yeranos	
29	Zolakar	
30	Zovaber	
31	Ttujur	
32	Lanjaghbyur	
33	Lichk	
34	Lchashen	
35	Lchavan	
36	Lchap	
37	Lusakunk	

	Community name	Settlement name
38	Khachaghbyur	
39	Tsakqar	
40	Tsaghkashen	
41	Tsaghkung	
42	Tsapatagh	
43	Tsovagyugh	
44	Tsovazard	
45	Tsovak	
46	Tsovasar (formerly Taza gyugh)	
47	Tsovinar	
48	Kalavan	
		• Kalavan
		• Barepat
49	Kakhakn	
50	Karjaghbyur	
51	Karmirgyugh	
52	Kut	
53	Kutakan	
		• Kutakan
		• Zariver (Aghyokhush)
54	Hayravank	
55	Dzoragyugh	
56	Dzoravank	
57	Madina	
58	Martuni	
59	Makenis	
60	Mets Masrik	
61	Nerkin Getashen	
62	Nerkin Shorzha	
63	Norabak	
64	Norakert	
65	Norashen	
66	Noratus	
67	Shatjrek	
68	Shatvan	
69	Shorzha	
70	Chkalovka	
71	Jaghatsadzor	
72	Jil	
73	Sarukhan	
74	Semyonovka	
75	Sotk	
76	Vahan	
77	Vaghashen	
78	Vanevan	
79	Vardadzor	
80	Vardenik	
81	Varser	
82	Verin Getashen	
83	Verin Shorzha	
84	Torfavan	
85	Tretuk	
86	Pambak	
87	Pokr Masrik	

**SOME SOCIAL INDICATORS OF DISTRICT COMMUNITY WITH 10000
POPULATION IN RA GEGHARKUNIK MARZ, 2006**

	Total	including	
		women*	men*
Population, person	10000	4969	5031
Births, person	126	58	69
Deaths, person	79	38	40
Marriages	60	X	X
Divorces	5	X	X
Total area of housing stock provided per inhabitant, square metre	26.5	X	X
Education sphere, attendance to education establishments, person			
pre-school	100	56	44
schools of general education	1704	832	872
music and art schools	87	60	27
secondary	90	56	34
higher	104	58	45
Public health sphere			
annual attendance to polyclinic during the year (number of attendances)	25269	...	...
Athletes, person	64	5	59
Employed, person	4272	...	...
of which - in Science establishments	-	-	-
of which - doctors of Science	-	-	-
candidates of Science	-	-	-
teachers	162	126	36
physicians	14	...	...
paramedical personnel	52	...	...
Unemployed /officially registered/ person	205	140	65
Social insurance sphere			
total pensioners/ as of the end of the year/ person	1574	...	...
families that get poverty family benefit and one-time benefit	558	X	X
Annual attendance during the year			
library	31766	...	...
theatre	134	...	...
concert	-	-	-
museum	129	...	...
Law sphere			
total crimes, during the year	15	X	X
of which - not grave crime	6	X	X
medium crime	6	X	X
grave crime	4	X	X
special grave crime	0.0	X	X

* The indicators are accountable.