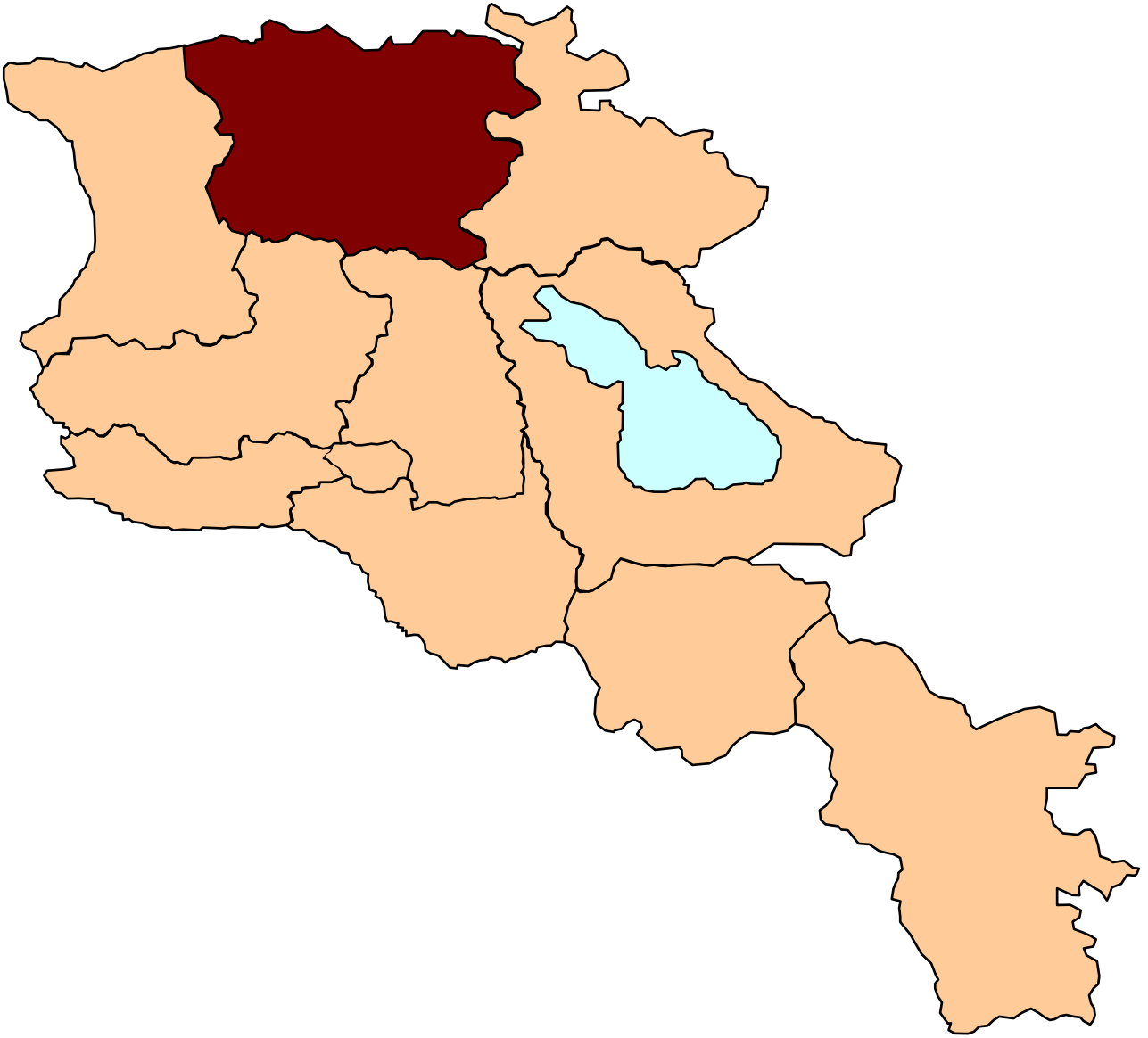
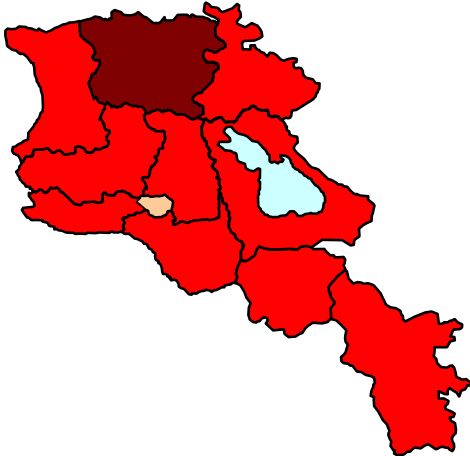


**RA Lori Marz**



## RA LORI MARZ



*Marz centre* – Vanadzor town

*Territoires* – Spitak, Stepanavan, Tashir, Tumanyan, Gugark

*Towns* – Vanadzor, Spitak, Stepanavan, Alaverdi,

Tashir, Akhtala, Tumanyan, Shamlugh

*RA Lori marz* is situated in the North of the republic and is the third largest marz by its territory in the republic and the second by its population number (after Yerevan city).

It borders with Georgia in the North, in the South – RA Kotayk and Aragatsotn marzes and in the West – RA Shirak marz.

<b>Territory</b>	<b>3789 sq. km</b>
<b>Territory share of the marz in the territory of RA</b>	<b>12.7 %</b>
<b>Urban communities</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Rural communities</b>	<b>105</b>
<b>Towns</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Villages</b>	<b>122</b>
<b>Population number as of January 1, 2007</b>	<b>282.7 ths. persons</b>
<i>including</i>	
<b>urban</b>	<b>166.1 ths. persons</b>
<b>rural</b>	<b>116.6 ths. persons</b>
<b>Share of urban population size</b>	<b>58.8 %</b>
<b>Share of marz population size in RA population size, 2006</b>	<b>8.8 %</b>
<b>Agricultural land (as of 1st July, 2006)</b>	<b>251200 ha</b>
<i>including - arable land</i>	<b>42122 ha</b>

Tezh mountain (3101 m high) is the highest peak above sea level in the marz and lower reaches of Debed river is the lowest (about 390 m).

The leading branches of economy of the marz are agriculture and industry, particularly production of grain, potato, vegetable and animal husbandry product.

Manufacturing industry is the main trend of industry of the marz, especially metallurgy industry and food production.

RA general railway runs through the central part of the marz.

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

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

- **industry** **7.1%,**
- **agriculture** **10.5%,**
- **construction** **3.0%,**
- **trade and services** **2.2%.**

### RETAIL TRADE UNITS

	Number		
	2004	2005	2006
Retail trade units, total	1100	1137	1169
<i>including</i>			
shops	298	336	348
kiosks	767	766	784
markets of agricultural produce	4	4	4
markets of consumer goods	4	4	4
other trade units	27	27	29

## EDUCATION ESTABLISHMENTS

	Number		
	2004	2005	2006
Establishments, total	260	265	266
<i>including</i>			
pre-school establishment	52	54	56
state general education school	168	169	168
music and art school youth creative (cultural) centre	23	23	24
state secondary specialized education establishment	8	9	9
non-state secondary specialized education establishment	3	3	3
state higher education establishment	1	1	1
branch of state higher education establishment	1	2	2
non-state higher education establishment	4	4	3

The marz centre is *Vanadzor* town (105.2 ths. inhabitants in end of year 2006). It is situated in the intermontane concavity of mountain chains of Pambak and Bazum, in the confluence of Tandzut and Pambak rivers, at a height of 1350 m. above sea level. The distance from Yerevan is 120 km by roadway, and 224 km by railway. Tandzut and Pambak rivers flow along the town.

The town formerly considered as a town rich in industrial powers and at the same time as a resort centre, nowadays it is going to find its old name.

Now by some interruptions function the *chemical complex* of the town. Many small and medium industrial fabrics function in the town as well, trade and service rendering get more civilized forms, housing and industrial construction works are implemented at the expence of different sources of financing.

*Spitak town* (15.1 ths. people in the end of year 2006) is situated on the bank of Pambak river, in a distance of 100 km from Yerevan, and 20 km from marz centre. It occupies the territory of 1400 ha. Yerevan-Georgia road and railway of intergovernmental importance run through the territory of the town.

Spitak had been one of the industrial centres of the republic until 1988; the only sugar refinery and lift construction factory were situated in Spitak. Nowadays some small and medium industrial fabrics function in the town; the main part of population work in agriculture sphere.

*Stepanavan* town (16.3 ths. inhabitants in 2006) occupies the territory of 1666 ha and situated at a height of 1375 m above sea level. Yerevan-Georgia road of intergovernmental importance runs through the territory of the town. The distance from Yerevan is 144 km, from Vanadzor - 24 km.

Some small and medium factories worked in the town, which were occupied in food, furniture and electrical equipment manufacture.

The present day *Tashir town* (8.9 ths. inhabitants in the end of the year 2006) was founded in 1834, as a Russian exile and was named Vorontsovka, where Russians mainly lived. It renamed Tashir in 1991. Yerevan-Georgia road of intergovernmental importance runs through the territory of the town. The distance from Yerevan is 162 km, from Vanadzor - 42 km.

Some organizations functioned in the town, that were occupied in milk processing, the wholemilk dairy products of which were consumed not only in the republic, but also in abroad.

*Alaverdi town* (16.1 ths. inhabitants in the end of the year 2006) is situated on the bank of Debed river (at a distance of 167 km from Yerevan and 47 km from Vanadzor). The town was formed after the construction of the copper-melting factory. The copper-melting factory has functioned today as well, the output of which comprised prevailing part of Lori marz indicator.

*Akhtala town* (2.4 ths. inhabitants in the end of the year 2006) is situated on the left bank of Debed river (at a distance of 185 km from Yerevan), on the steep of the mountain. The main branch of industry is mine industry (manufacture of copper concentrate).

*Tumanyan town* (1.8 ths. inhabitants in 2006) is situated on the right bank of Debed river (at a distance of 152 km from Yerevan and 42 km from Vanadzor). In post-war period a factory of refractory brick was built on the base of refractory raw clay, round which present day Tumanyan town was formed.

*Shamlugh town* (0.7 ths. inhabitants in 2006) is situated on the left bank of Debed river (at a distance of 203 km from Yerevan and 63 km from Vanadzor). Shamlugh town is famous for its mines of copper and silver and was one of the most important mining exploitation centres in Southern Caucasus.

## URBAN COMMUNITIES

Community name	Settlement name
Vanadsor	t. Vanadsor
Alaverdi	t. Alaverdi
	v. Akner
Akhtala	t. Akhtala
	v. Aroghjaranin kits
Tumanyan	t. Tumanyan
	v. Kober kayarani
Shamlugh	t. Shamlugh
	v. Akhtala
	v. Bendik
Spitak	t. Spitak
Stepanavan	t. Stepanavan
	v. Armanis
Tashir	t. Tashir

## RURAL COMMUNITIES

	Community name	Settlement name
1	Agarak	
2	Aznvadzor	
3	Atan	
4	Ahnidzor	
5	Amrakits	
6	Aygehat	
7	Antaramut	
8	Antarashen	
9	Apaven	
10	Ardvi	
11	Artsni	
12	Arjut	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arjut</li> <li>• Arjut kayaranin kits</li> </ul>
13	Arevatsag	
14	Arevashogh	
15	Akori	
16	Bazum	
17	Blagodarnoye	
18	Bovadzor	
19	Gargar	
20	Geghasar	
21	Gyulagarak	
22	Gogaran	
23	Gugark	
24	Dashtadem	
25	Darpas	
26	Debet	
27	Dsegh	
28	Yeghegnut	
29	Teghut	
30	Lejan	
31	Lernahovit	
32	Lernantsk	
33	Lernapat	
34	Lernavan	
35	Lermontov	
36	Lori berd	
37	Lorut	
38	Lusaghbyur	
39	Khnkoyan	
40	Tsater	
41	Tsaghkaber	
42	Tsaghkashat	
43	Katnaghbyur	
44	Katnajur	
45	Katnarat	
46	Kajajkut	
47	Karmir Agheg	
48	Koghes	
49	Kurtan	
50	Hagvi	

	Community name	Settlement name
51	Halavar	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Halavar</li> <li>• Gyulludara</li> <li>• Haydarli</li> <li>• Qilisa</li> </ul>
52	Haghpat	
53	Hartagyugh	
54	Hobards	
55	Hovnanadzor	
56	Dsyunashogh	
57	Dsoraget	
58	Dsoragyugh	
59	Dsoramut	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dsoramut</li> <li>• Gogavan</li> </ul>
60	Ghursal	
61	Jojkan	
62	Margahovit	
63	Marts	
64	Medovka	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medovka</li> <li>• Kruglaya shishka</li> </ul>
65	Mets Ayrum	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mets Ayrum</li> <li>• Pokr Ayrum</li> </ul>
66	Metsavan	
67	Mets Parni	
68	Meghvahovit	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meghvahovit</li> <li>• Noramut</li> </ul>
69	Mikhayelovka	
70	Mghart	
71	Yaghdan	
72	Neghots	
73	Novoseltsovo	
74	Norashen	
75	Nor Khachakap	
76	Shahumyan	
77	Shamut	
78	Shenavan	
79	Shirakamut	
80	Shnogh	
81	Chkalov	
82	Paghaghbyur	
83	Petrovka	
84	Privolnoye	
85	Pushkino	
86	Jiliza	
87	Jrashen	
88	Saralanj	
89	Sarahart	
90	Saramej	
91	Saratovka	

	Community name	Settlement name
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saratovka</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Getavan</li> </ul>
92	Sarchapet	
93	Sverdlov	
94	Vahagnadzor	
95	Vahagni	
96	Vardablur	
97	Urut	
98	Urasar	
99	Pambak	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pambak</li> </ul>
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100	Karaberd	
101	Karadzor	
102	Karinj	
103	Karkop	
104	Odzun	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amoj</li> </ul>
105	Fioletovo	



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

	Total	including	
		women*	men*
Population, person	10000	5182	4818
Births, person	112	51	61
Deaths,	99	48	51
Marriages	50	X	X
Divorces	13	X	X
Total area of housing stock provided per inhabitant, square metre	26.6	X	X
Education sphere, attendance to education establishments, person			
pre-school	116	57	59
schools of general education	1469	726	743
music and art schools	78	57	21
secondary	94	58	35
higher	200	123	77
Public health sphere			
annual attendance to polyclinic during the year (number of attendances)	25570	...	...
Athletes, person	140	19	121
Employed, person	3277	...	...
of which - in Science establishments	-	-	-
of which - doctors of Science	-	-	-
candidates of Science	-	-	-
teachers	142	120	22
physicians	18	...	...
paramedical personnel	42	...	...
Unemployed /officially registered/, person	695	474	220
Social insurance sphere			
total pensioners , as of the end of the year, person	1917	...	...
families that get poverty family benefit and one-time benefit	873	X	X
Annual attendance during the year			
library	22900	...	...
theatre	880	...	...
concert	-	-	-
museum	336	...	...
Law sphere			
total crimes, during the year	33	X	X
of which - not grave crime	11	X	X
medium crime	12	X	X
grave crime	10	X	X
special grave crime	0.0	X	X

\* The indicators are accountable