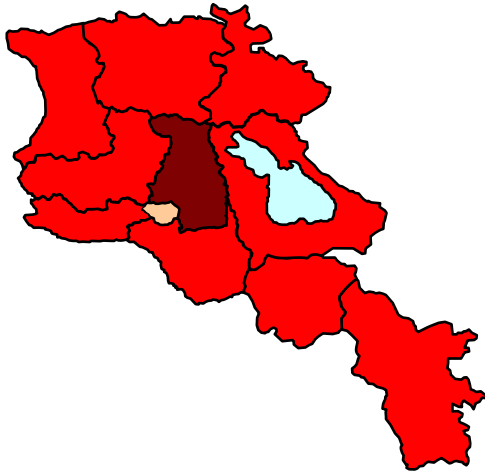


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*Marz centre – Hrazdan town*  
*Territoires - Hrazdan, Kotayk, Nairi*  
*Towns - Hrazdan, Abovyan, Charentsavan*  
**Byureghavan, Tsaghkadzor, Yeghvard, Nor-Hachn**

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.

<b>Territory</b>	<b>2089 sq. km</b>
<b>Territory share of the marz in the territory of RA</b>	<b>7 %</b>
<b>Urban communities</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Rural communities</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Towns</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Villages</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Population number as of January 1, 2007</b>	<b>276.2 ths. persons</b>
<i>including</i>	
<b>urban</b>	<b>155.1 ths. persons</b>
<b>rural</b>	<b>121.1 ths. persons</b>
<b>Share of urban population size</b>	<b>56.2 %</b>
<b>Share of marz population size in RA population size, 2006</b>	<b>8.6%</b>
<b>Agricultural land (as of 1st July, 2006)</b>	<b>162100 ha</b>
<i>including - arable land</i>	<b>37800 ha</b>

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.

In 2006 the share of economy main branches of RA Kotayk marz in total volume of correspondent branches of the republic comprised

➤ <b>industry</b>	<b>10.1%,</b>
➤ <b>agriculture</b>	<b>9.0%,</b>
➤ <b>construction</b>	<b>2.8%,</b>
➤ <b>trade and services</b>	<b>5.1%.</b>

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 (jewellery 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.

## RETAIL TRADE UNITS

	Number		
	2004	2005	2006
Retail trade units, total	1246	1235	1253
<i>including</i>			
shops	311	320	353
kiosks	897	880	844
markets of agricultural produce	4	4	4
markets of consumer goods	10	7	7
other trade units	24	24	45

## EDUCATION ESTABLISHMENTS

	Number		
	2004	2005	2006
Establishments, total	188	187	190
<i>including</i>			
pre-school establishment	52	50	50
state general education school	106	107	108
non-state general education school	2	2	3
music and art school youth creative(cultural) centre	21	20	20
state secondary specialized education establishment	6	6	6
non-state higher education establishment	1	2	3

The distance of *Hrazdan town* (52.8 ths. inhabitants in the end of the year 2006) from Yerevan is 50 km. It is situated on the left bank of upper flow of Hrazdan river. It is famous as an industrial centre. 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* (24.7 ths. inhabitants in the end of the year 2006) 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 2006 - 1.6 ths. inhabitants) is soft and healthy. It is sanatorium town.

*Abovyan town* (in 2006 - 45.4 ths. inhabitants) is situated in 16 km distance from Yerevan. It is one of fast growing towns and big industrial centres 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 2006) 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 (12.1 ths. inhabitants in 2006) 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 (jewellery (diamond) production) takes prevailing place.

### URBAN COMMUNITIES

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

### RURAL COMMUNITIES

	Community Name	Settlement Name
1	Alapars	
2	Akunk	
3	Aghavnadzor	
4	Arinj	
5	Aragyugh	
6	Aramus	
7	Argel	
8	Arzakan	
9	Arzni	
10	Artavaz	
		• Artavaz
		• Pyunik
11	Balahovit	
12	Bjni	
13	Bujakan	
14	Garni	
15	Geghadir	
16	Geghashen	
17	Geghard	
18	Getamej	
19	Getargel	
20	Goght	
21	Zar	
22	Zovashen	
23	Zovuni	
24	Zovk	

	Community Name	Settlement Name
25	Zoravan	
26	Teghenik	
27	Lernanist	
28	Katnaghbyur	
29	Kamaris	
30	Kaputan	
31	Karenis	
32	Kotayk	
33	Hanqavan	
34	Hatis	
35	Hatsavan	
36	Dzoraghbyur	
37	Mayakovski	
38	Marmarik	
39	Meghradzor	
		• Meghradzor
		• Gorgoch (Korchlu)
40	Mrgashen	
41	Nor Artamet	
42	Nor Geghi	
43	Nor gyugh	
44	Nor Erznka	
45	Nurnus	
46	Voghjaberd	
47	Proshyan	
48	Ptghni	
49	Jraber	
50	Jrarat	
51	Jrvej	
52	Saralanj	
53	Solak	
54	Sevaberd	
55	Verin Ptghni	
56	Qaghsi	
57	Qanaqeravan	
58	Qasakh	
59	Qarashamb	
60	Fantan	

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

	Total	including	
		women*	men*
Population, person	10000	5076	4924
Births, person	125	58	66
Deaths, person	75	34	41
Marriages	55	X	X
Divorces	8	X	X
Total area of housing stock provided per inhabitant, square metre	22.3	X	X
Education sphere, attendance to education establishments, person			
pre-school	92	48	44
schools of general education	1466	725	741
music and art schools	99	71	29
secondary	61	25	36
higher	17	9	7
Public health sphere			
annual attendance to polyclinic during the year (number of attendances)	24383	...	...
Athletes, person	108	10	98
Employed, person	2845	...	...
of which - in Science establishments	8	4	4
of which - doctors of Science	1	0.0	0.0
candidates of Science	2	1	1
teachers	125	106	19
physicians	20	...	...
paramedical personnel	49	...	...
Unemployed /officially registered/ person	172	129	43
Social insurance sphere			
total pensioners/ as of the end of the year/ person	1435	...	...
families that get poverty family benefit and one-time benefit	347	X	X
Annual attendance during the year			
library	23625	...	...
theatre	-	-	-
concert	-	-	-
museum	366	...	...
Law sphere			
total crimes, during the year	28	X	X
of which - not grave crime	7	X	X
medium crime	10	X	X
grave crime	10	X	X
special grave crime	0.0	X	X

\* The indicators are accountable