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Marz centre – Gyumri town

Territories - Artik, Akhuryan, Ani, Amasia and Ashotsk

Towns - Gyumri, Artik, Maralik

RA Shirak marz is situated in the north-west of the republic. In the West it borders with Turkey, in the North it borders with Georgia, in the East – RA Lori marz and in the South – RA Aragatsotn marz.

Territory	2681 sq. km
Territory share of the marz in the territory of RA	9 %
Urban communities	3
Rural communities	116
Towns	3
Villages	127
Population number as of January 1, 2007	281.3 ths. persons
<i>including</i>	
urban	170.9 ths. persons
rural	110.4 ths. persons
Share of urban population size	60.8 %
Share of marz population size in RA population size, 2006	8.7 %
Agricultural land (as of 1st July, 2006)	229700 ha
<i>including - arable land</i>	79800 ha

Being at the height of 1500-2000 m above sea level (52 villages of the marz are at the height of 1500-1700 m above sea level and 55 villages - 2000 m), the marz is the coldest region of Armenia, where the air temperature sometimes reaches -45°C in winter.

The main railway and automobile highway connecting Armenia with Georgia pass through the marz territory. The railway and motor-road networks of Armenia and Turkey are connected here.

On the Akhuryan river frontier with Turkey the Akhuryan reservoir was built that is the biggest in the country by its volume of 526 mln. m^3 .

The leading branches of industry of RA Shirak marz are production of food, including beverages and production of other non-metal mineral products. Tufa and pumice of Artik and Ani are well-known.

The grain farming and cattle-breeding are the developed branches of agriculture.

Freight and passenger transportations in the marz are implemented by road transport, railway and air transport (the airport is situated in the marz that provides air connection with CIS countries and has a facility to receive any type plane).

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

- **industry** **2.1%,**
- **agriculture** **10.2%,**
- **construction** **1.3%,**
- **trade and services** **4.1%.**

RETAIL TRADE UNITS

	Number		
	2004	2005	2006
Retail trade units, total	616	778 ⁺	839
<i>including</i>			
shops	328	375 ⁺	442
kiosks	253	364	359
markets of agricultural produce	2	2	2
markets of consumer goods	7	9	8
other trade units	26	28 ⁺	28

EDUCATION ESTABLISHMENTS

	Number		
	2004	2005	2006
Establishments, total	264	266	269
<i>including</i>			
pre-school establishment	46	45	45
state general education school	172	172	174
non-state general education school	1	4	3
music and art school			
youth creative(cultural) centre	26	25	28
state secondary specialized education establishment	9	10	9
non-state secondary specialized education establishment	2	2	2
state higher education establishment	1	1	1
branch of state higher education establishment	5	5	5
non-state higher education establishment	2	2	2

Marz centre *Gyumri town* (147.7 ths. inhabitants in the end of the year 2006) is situated in 120 km distance from Yerevan, the height above sea level is about 1550 m. The town is situated on the left bank of Akhuryan river. It is continued to be the second town of the Republic of Armenia by its population number and importance.

56.9% of industrial production of the marz belongs to Gyumri in 2006. 64.7% of knitwear articles and 100% of hosiery products are produced by organizations of manufacture of textiles of Gyumri. 83.3% of population consumer demands of the marz are satisfied by retail trade units of Gyumri town.

Artik town (17.3 ths. inhabitants in the end of the year 2006) is situated on the North-West breast of Aragats massif, the height above sea level is 1760 m. Maralik-Gyumri railway and Aparan-Gyumri highway pass through the town.

Supports of Artik industrial produce capacity are mill, glass moulds production and manufacture of machinery and equipment.

Maralik town (in 2006 - 5.9 ths. inhabitants) is situated on the western breast of Aragats massif, the height above sea level is 1920 m. Gyumri-Talin-Yerevan highway passes here.

The textile industry, mining of building materials and agriculture are developed in the town.

URBAN COMMUNITIES

Community Name	Settlement Name
Gyumri	t. Gyumri
Artik	t. Artik
Maralik	t. Maralik

RURAL COMMUNITIES

	Community Name	Settlement Name
1	Azatan	
2	Alvar	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alvar • Aravet
3	Akhurik	
4	Akhuryan	
5	Aghin	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aghin • Aghin kayaran
6	Aghvorik	
7	Amasia	
8	Aygebats	
9	Aniavan (formerly Ani kayaran)	
10	Anipemza	
11	Anushavan	
12	Ashotsk	
13	Arapi	
14	Ardenis	
15	Aregnadem	
16	Arpeni	
17	Arevik	
18	Arevshat	
19	Bayandur	
20	Bandivan	
21	Bashgyugh	
22	Bavra	

	Community Name	Settlement Name
23	Basen	
24	Beniamin	
25	Berdashen	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Berdashen • Paghkn
26	Byurakn (formerly Gyullibulagh)	
27	Garnarich	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garnarich • Eghnajur
28	Geghanist	
29	Getap	
30	Getk	
31	Goghovit	
32	Gtashen	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gtashen • Kamkhut
33	Gusanagyugh	
34	Erazgavors	
35	Zarishat	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zarishat • Erizak
36	Zorakert	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zorakert • Darik
37	Zuygaghbyur	
38	Tavshut	
39	Torosgyugh	
40	Isahakyan	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isahakyan • Bardzrashen
41	Lanjik	
42	Lernagyugh	
43	Lernakert	
44	Lernut	
45	Lusakert	
46	Lusaghbyur	
47	Tsaghkut	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tsaghkut • Lorasar
48	Kamo	
49	Kaps	
50	Karnut	
51	Karmravan	
52	Karmraqar	
53	Kaqavasars	
54	Krashen	
55	Krasar	
56	Haykadzor	
57	Haykasar	
58	Haykavan	
59	Hayrenyats	
60	Harich	
61	Hartashen	
62	Hatsik	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hatsik • Hatsikavan (Mayisyan kayaran)
63	Hoghmik	

	Community Name	Settlement Name
64	Horom	
65	Hovit	
66	Hovtashen	
67	Hovtun	
68	Hovuni	
69	Dzithangov	
70	Dzorakap	
71	Dzorashen	
72	Ghazanchi	
73	Gharibjanyan	
		• Gharibjanyan
		• Akhuryan kayaran
74	Mayisyan	
75	Marmashen	
76	Mets Mantash	
77	Mets Sarian	
78	Mets Sepasar	
79	Meghrashat	
80	Meghrashen	
81	Musayelyan (Ashotsk region)	
82	Nahapetakan	
83	Nor kyank	
84	Norshen (formerly Bagravan)	
		• Norshen
		• Kharkov
85	Shaghik	
86	Shirak	
87	Shirakavan	
88	Voghji	
89	Voskehask	
90	Pemzashen	
91	Jajur	
92	Jajuravan (formerly Jajur kayaran)	
93	Jradzor	
94	Jrarat	
95	Jrapi	
96	Salut	
97	Sarnaghbyur	
98	Saragyugh	
99	Saralanj	
100	Sarakap	
101	Sarapat	
102	Saratak	
103	Sizavet	
104	Spandaryan	
105	Vahramaberd	
106	Vardaghbyur	
107	Vardaqr	
108	Tufashen	
109	Tsoghamarg	
110	Panik	
111	Poqrashen	
112	Poqr Mantash	
113	Poqr Sarian	
114	Poqr Sepasar	
115	Qaraberd	
116	Qeti	

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

	Total	including	
		women*	men*
Population, person	10000	5160	4840
Births, person	119	54	65
Deaths, person	93	43	50
Marriages	47	X	X
Divorces	6	X	X
Total area of housing stock provided per inhabitant, square metre	25.9	X	X
Education sphere, attendance to education establishments, person			
pre-school	116	61	55
schools of general education	1645	815	830
music and art schools	102	71	32
secondary	103	73	30
higher	268	157	111
Public health sphere			
annual attendance to polyclinic during the year (number of attendances)	24897	...	...
Athletes, person	281	33	247
Employed, person	3082	...	...
of which - in Science establishments	4	1	2
of which - doctors of Science	0.0	0.0	0.0
candidates of Science	1	0.0	0.0
teachers	164	137	27
physicians	20	...	...
paramedical personnel	60	...	...
Unemployed /officially registered/, person	607	469	138
Social insurance sphere			
total pensioners/ as of the end of the year/ person	1776	...	...
families that get poverty family benefit and one-time benefit	964	X	X
Annual attendance during the year			
library	33220	...	...
theatre	867	...	...
concert	391	...	...
museum	650	...	...
Law sphere			
total crimes, during the year	26	X	X
of which - not grave crime	8	X	X
medium crime	8	X	X
grave crime	9	X	X
special grave crime	0.0	X	X

* The indicators are accountable.