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Marz centre - Kapan town
Territoires - Kapan, Goris, Sisian and Meghri
Towns - Kapan, Goris, Sisian, Meghri,
Agarak, Qajaran and Dastakert

Syunik marz is situated in the south of the Republic of Armenia. In the North the marz borders with RA Vayots Dzor marz, in the South it borders with Iran, (the length of border is 42 km), in the West - Nakhijevan and in the East - Azerbaijan.

Territory	4506 square km.
Territory share of the marz in the territory of RA	15.1%
Urban communities	7
Rural communities	102
Towns	7
Villages	127
Population number as of January 1, 2007	152.9 ths. persons
<i>including</i>	
urban	103.7 ths. persons
rural	49.2 ths. persons
Share of urban population size	67.8 %
Share of marz population size in RA population size, 2006	4.7 %
Agricultural land (as of 1st July, 2006)	335100 ha
<i>including - arable land</i>	43800 ha

It is the richest marz of the republic with useful minerals. The most important of them are non-ferrous metals (copper, molybdenum, zinc, lead) and noble metals (gold, silver) and also non-metal useful minerals (construction and decorative stones, basalt raw materials, limestone and burnt shale marble and granite resources).

The biggest world sycamore relict park is situated in the Tsav river pass at the south of Kapan town that occupies 60 ha territory (trees age is numbered by centuries). Some trees' s diameter of this exceptional park reaches 3 m and the height is 40-45 m.

In 4 km distance from the town, on the right bank of Voghji river is situated Shikahogh state preservation.

Meghri river begins from Kapuyt lake situated at the height of 3250 m above sea level and Kaputjugh river – from melt water of Kaputjugh mountain (3905 m) that interlacing with Qajarants river forms Voghji river.

Tatev hydro-electric station, i.e. the firstling of Vorotan hydro-electric stations cascade and Shamb reservoir are situated in the Vorotan pass, from where a water by tunnel with a length of 18 km reaches to turbines of Tatev hydro-electric station.

Shaki waterfall, the biggest waterfall (18 m) of Small Caucasus mountains is situated in 6 km distance from Sisian.

RA Syunik marz occupying strategic and geographic-political important position, having rich resources of natural raw materials, industrial big capacity and being one of the biggest administrative and economic regions of the republic, at the same time is remained as a one of not enough inhabited and economically developed marzes, which is connected with a big distance from the capital and lack of alternative modes of transport communication.

The most developed branches of economy are industry and agriculture.

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

- **industry** **18.8%,**
- **agriculture** **9,6%,**
- **construction** **3.7%,**
- **trade and services** **1.8%.**

The main branches of marz industry are mining industry and production of electric energy. The prevailing part of electrical energy produced in the marz belongs to Vorotan hydro-electric station cascade.

The agriculture of the marz is mainly specialized in plant growing (especially grains and potato growing) and animal husbandry (especially cattle farming).

Freight and passenger transportations in the marz are implemented by road transport of general use.

Armenia-Iran motor-road passes through the marz, which is of great importance for the marz economy development. In 2005 the construction of “Kapan-Tsav-Meghri” motor-road of strategic importance was planned, as for “Kapan-Qajaran-Meghri” interstate road alternative and in technical indicators it surpassed the last one.

RETAIL TRADE UNITS

	Number		
	2004	2005	2006
Retail trade units, total	396	408	436
<i>including</i>			
shops	127	129	139
kiosks	250	263	280
markets of agricultural produce	3	3	3
markets of consumer goods	2	2	2
other trade units	14	11	12

EDUCATION ESTABLISHMENTS

	Number		
	2004	2005	2006
Establishments, total	209	209	204
<i>including</i>			
pre-school establishment	55	52	50
state general education school	121	123	124
non-state general education school	-	1	-
music and art school youth creative(cultural) centre	19	19	18
state secondary specialized education establishment	8	8	8
non-state secondary specialized education establishment	1	1	-
state higher education establishment	-	-	1
branches of state higher education establishment	2	2	1
non-state higher education establishment	3	3	2

Kapan town (45.5 ths. inhabitants in the end of the year 2006) is situated at the foot of Khustup mountain (3201 m). It is one of big industrial towns of the republic.

The main branches of economy are industry and construction. The leading trend of industry is mining industry, especially non ferrous and noble metals production.

Production of non-metallic useful minerals, manufacturing and electricity production have some role in the economy of the town too.

Qajaran town (8.4 ths. inhabitants in the end of the year 2006) is the centre of the republican non-ferrous metallurgy, based on the exploitation of rare mine that is a powerful mine basis of cooper and molybdenum.

The main branch of economy is mining industry. Construction also has its part in the economy of the town.

Manufacturing industry, in particular, production of food and beverages, textile and sewing produce, machines and equipment, electric energy production and distribution comprised considerable part in the *Goris town* (in 2006 - 23.2 ths. inhabitants) economy. The footwear production was re-started (different types of sport and active rest footwear is produced).

Sisian town (16.7 ths. inhabitants in 2006) economy is mainly specialized in mining industry, in particular, non metal mineral other produce production and manufacturing industry, of which food and beverages, textile and sewing produce productions.

In the end of the year 2006 population number of *Dastakert town* comprise 0.3 ths. people.

The prevailing trend of *Meghri town* (4.8 ths. inhabitants) economy was manufacturing (food and beverages production organizations operate).

The main branch of economy of *Agarak town* (4.8 ths. inhabitants in 2005) is mining industry, the main important of which is non ferrous metal production. The town economy development is connected to cooper and molybdenum production. Armenia-Iran border post, customs-house and cross-border market are situated in Agarak.

URBAN COMMUNITIES

Community name	Settlement name
Kapan	t. Kapan
Agarak	t. Agarak
Goris	t. Goris
Dastakert	t. Dastakert
Meghri	t. Meghri
Sisian	t. Sisian
Qajaran	t. Qajaran

RURAL COMMUNITIES

	Community name	Settlement name
1	Agarak	
2	Alvanq (formerly Aldara)	
3	Akhlatyan	
4	Akner (formerly Brun)	
5	Aghitu	
6	Aghvani	
7	Atchanan (formerly Khalaj)	
8	Angeghakot	
9	Antarashat	
10	Ashotavan	
11	Arajadzor	
12	Aravus	
13	Artsvanik	
14	Arevis	
15	Balak	
16	Bardzravan	
17	Bnunis	
18	Brnakot	
19	Geghanush	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geghanush
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gomaran
20	Geghi	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geghavank
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kard
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kitsq (Kirs)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verin Geghavanq (Pirlu)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qarut (Qyurut)
21	Getatagh	
22	Gorayk	
23	Gudemnis	
24	David Bek	
25	Darbas	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darbas
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shamb
26	Egheg	
27	Eghvard	
28	Tanahat	
29	Tasik	
30	Ishkhanasar (formerly Ghzljugh)	
31	Lehvaz	
32	Lernadzor	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lernadzor
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kavchut
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Musallam

	Community name	Settlement name
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nerqin Giratagh
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verin Giratagh
33	Lichk	
34	Ltsen	
35	Lor	
36	Khdrants	
37	Khnatsakh	
38	Khndzoresk	
39	Khoznavar	
40	Khot	
41	Tsav	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tsav
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shishkert
42	Tsghuk	
43	Kaghnut	
44	Karchevan	
45	Kornidzor	
46	Kuris	
47	Halidzor	
48	Hartashen	
49	Harjis	
50	Hatsavan	
51	Dzorastan	
52	Chakaten	
53	Mutsk	
54	Nerqin Khndzoresk	
55	Nerqin Khotanan	
56	Nerqin Hand	
57	Njdeh (formerly Soflu)	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tsghuni
58	Norashenik Nrnadzor	
59	Noravan	
60	Nor Astghaberd (formerly Payahan)	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ajabaj
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Getishen (Hajatin)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vocheti (Chaykend)
61	Nrnadsor (formerly Nyuvardi)	
62	Shaghat	
63	Shaki	
64	Shenatagh	
65	Shikahogh	
66	Shinuhayr	
67	Shvanidzor	
68	Shrvenantz	
69	Shurnukh	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shurnukh

	Community name	Settlement name
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aghbulagh
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vanand (Ghurdulagh)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dzorak (Village near wood-working factory)
70	Vorotan (Goris region)	
71	Vorotan (Sisian region)	
72	Chapni	
73	Salvard	
74	Sarnakunk	
75	Syunik	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Syunik
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bargushat (Arznak)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ditsmayri
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Khordzor
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sznak (Nerqin Gyodaqlu)
76	Spandaryan	
77	Svarants	
78	Srashen	
79	Sevaqar	
80	Vahravar	
81	Vaghatin	
82	Vaghatur	
83	Vanek	
84	Vardanidzor	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vardanidzor
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aygedzor
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tkhkut (Maralzami)
85	Vardavanq (formerly Verin Gyodaqlu)	
86	Verin Khotanan	
87	Verishen	
88	Tatev	
89	Tanzaver	
90	Tanzatap	
91	Tashtun	
92	Tavrus (formerly Dovrus)	
93	Tegh	
94	Tolors	
95	Torunik	
96	Ujanis	
97	Uyts	
98	Qashuni	
99	Qajaran	
100	Qarahunj	
101	Qarashen	
102	Okhtar	

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

	Total	including	
		women*	men*
Population, person	10000	5062	4938
Births, person	107	53	55
Deaths,	89	44	45
Marriages	45	X	X
Divorces	7	X	X
Total area of housing stock provided per inhabitant, square metre	22.1	X	X
Education sphere, attendance to education establishments, person			
pre-school	205	103	102
schools of general education	1355	669	685
music and art schools	140	98	42
secondary	112	64	48
higher	133	80	52
Public health sphere			
annual attendance to polyclinic during the year (number of attendances)	40190	...	...
Athletes, person	131	20	110
Employed, person	3313	...	...
of which - in Science establishments	-	-	-
of which - doctors of Science	-	-	-
candidates of Science	-	-	-
teachers	166	130	36
physicians	20	...	...
paramedical personnel	56	...	...
Unemployed /officially registered/, person	640	415	224
Social insurance sphere			
total pensioners , as of the end of the year, person	1720	...	...
families that get poverty family benefit and one-time benefit	389	X	X
Annual attendance during the year			
library	38273	...	...
theatre	955	...	...
concert	-	-	-
museum	288	...	...
Law sphere			
total crimes, during the year	24	X	X
of which - not grave crime	9	X	X
medium crime	7	X	X
grave crime	7	X	X
special grave crime	1	X	X

* The indicators are accountable