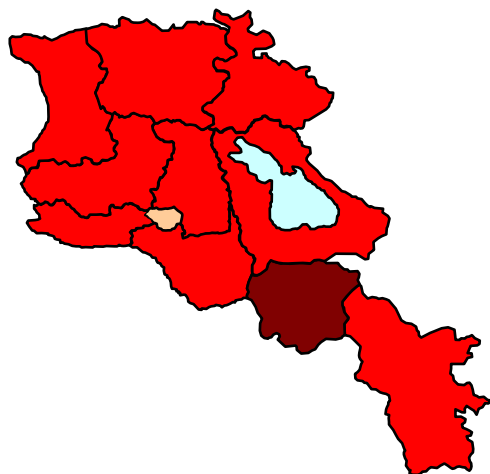


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Marz centre - Eghegnadzor town
Territories - Vayk and Eghegnadzor
Towns - Eghegnadzor, Jermuk and Vayk

RA *Vayots Dzor marz* is situated in Southern part of the Republic. In the South borders with Nakhijevan, in the North it borders with RA Grgharkunik marz, in the East – RA Syunik marz and in the West – RA Ararat marz.

Territory	2308 square km
Territory share of the marz in the territory of RA	7.8 %
Urban communities	3
Rural communities	41
Towns	3
Villages	52
Population number as of January 1, 2006	55.8 ths. persons
<i>including</i>	
urban	19.4 ths. persons
rural	36.4 ths. persons
Share of urban population size	34.8%
Share of marz population size in RA population size, 2005	1.7%
Agricultural land	209262 ha
<i>including</i> - arable land	16287 ha

Vayots dzor is surrounded with high mountains, water-separately mountain ranges, that being original natural banks between its and neighbouring territories, turn that into a geographical single whole.

Vayots dzor marz has varied fauna and flora. Natural forests comprise 6.7% or 13240.1 ha of territory.

Voyots dzor surface is extraordinary variegated. Volcanic forces, earthquakes, waters of Arpa river and its tributaries raised numerous mountain ranges stretching by different directions with big and small tops, mysterious canyons, mountain passes, plateaus, concavities, fields, meadows and natural varied buildings, the most bright example of which is Jermuk wonderful waterfall (60 m).

The Vayots dzor climate on the whole is continental with cold or moderate cold winters and hot or warm summers. The highest possible air temperature reaches +41⁰C in southern districts, and the exceptional minimum temperature reaches - 35⁰ C. Precipitations comprise 300-700 mm.

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

- **industry** **0.8%,**
- **agriculture** **4.4%,**
- **construction** **0.7%,**
- **trade and services** **0.9%.**

In total volume of marz economy the prevailing is agriculture. Peasant farms mainly deal with cattle-breeding. The vine-growing, fruit-growing and vegetable-growing have certain share in the volume of gross agriculture produce.

The production of non-alcoholic beverages (in particular, Jermuk mineral water) is mainly developed in the industry field, the share of which in total volume of industrial production of the republic comprised 73.2% in 2006, and the grape wine - 18.0%.

Freight and passenger transportations in the marz are implemented by road transport of general use. The motor highway connecting Armenia with Iran goes through marz that plays an essential role in the perspective development of marz economy.

RETAIL TRADE UNITS

	Number		
	2004	2005	2006
Retail trade units, total	130	134	219
<i>including</i>			
shops	40	44	129
kiosks	59	59	59
markets of agricultural produce	1	1	1
markets of consumer goods	1	1	1
other trade units	29	29	29

EDUCATION ESTABLISHMENTS

	Number		
	2004	2005	2006
Establishments, total	75	79	79
<i>including</i>			
pre-school establishment	17	17	17
state general education school	51	51	51
music and art school	4	7	7
youth creative(cultural) centre			
state secondary specialized education establishment	1	1	1
non-state secondary specialized education establishment	2	2	2
non-state higher education establishment	-	1	1

Eghegnadzor town (8.2 ths. inhabitants in 2006) is considered the one of Syunik ancient settlements and is situated in 119 km distance from Yerevan.

The main branches of economy of Eghegnadzor town are industry and construction.

The most developed branches in industry are grape wine, manufacture of electrical equipments, manufacture of fabricated metal products has some particular role in industry of the marz too.

Vayk town (5.9 ths. inhabitants in the end of the year 2006) is situated in 135 km distance from Yerevan and 16 km distance from marz centre.

The main branch of economy of Vayk town is industry. Especially production of mineral water, alcohol-free beverages, building materials and carpet making industry are developed.

Jermuk town (5.3 ths. persons in 2006) is situated on the lava plateau with the height 2070 m (distance from Yerevan is 170 km, from marz centre – 53 km). Jermuk is widely recognised as a sanatorium town. The recognised sanatoriums are “Jermuk”, “Nor kyanq”, “Gladzor”, “sanatorium named after Aghajanyan”, “Ararat” and “Eraz”.

The town name is related to mineral warm sources, jermuks. The main branch of economy is the production of non alcoholic beverages, “Jermuk” mineral water.

The production of wholemilk products, carpets and electric power have some share in the industry of the town too.

URBAN COMMUNITIES

Community name	Settlement name
Eghegnadzor	t. Eghegnadzor
Jermuk	t. Jermuk
	v. Kechut
Vayk	t. Vayk

RURAL COMMUNITIES

	Community name	Settlement name
1	Agarakadzor	
2	Azatek	
3	Aghavnadzor	
4	Aghnjadzor	
5	Areni	
		• Areni
		• Amaghu
6	Arin	
7	Artabuynk	
8	Artavan	
9	Arpi	
10	Bardzruni	
11	Getap	
12	Gladzor	
13	Gndevaz	
14	Gnishik	
		• Gnishik
		• Mozrov
15	Goghtanik	
16	Gomk	
		• Gomk
		• Akhta
		• Kapuyt
17	Elpin	
18	Eghegis	
19	Zaritap	
		• Zaritap
		• Horadis
20	Zedea	
21	Taratumb	
22	Khachik	
23	Khndzorut	
24	Karmrashen	
25	Herher	
26	Hermon	
		• Hermon
		• Arates
		• Kalasar
27	Horbategh	
28	Hors	
29	Malishka	
30	Martiros	
31	Nor Aznaberd	
32	Shatin	

	Community name	Settlement name
33	Chiva	
34	Rind	
35	Salli	
36	Saravan	
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37	Sers	
38	Vardahovit	
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39	Vernashen	
40	Por	
41	Qaraglukh	

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

	Total	including	
		women*	men*
Population, person	10000	5054	4946
Births, person	113	52	61
Deaths,	90	44	46
Marriages	49	X	X
Divorces	11	X	X
Total area of housing stock provided per inhabitant, square metre	29.3	X	X
Education sphere, attendance to education establishments, person			
pre-school	139	62	77
schools of general education	1688	824	864
music and art schools	135	92	43
secondary	57	42	15
higher	50	41	9
Public health sphere			
annual attendance to polyclinic during the year (number of attendances)	25950	...	...
Athletes, person	332	49	282
Employed, person	4843	...	...
of which - in Science establishments	-	-	-
of which - doctors of Science	-	-	-
candidates of Science	-	-	-
teachers	187	140	47
physicians	19	...	...
paramedical personnel	50	...	...
Unemployed /officially registered/, person	242	168	74
Social insurance sphere			
total pensioners , as of the end of the year, person	1911	...	...
families that get poverty family benefit and one-time benefit	461	X	X
Annual attendance during the year			
library	45430	...	...
theatre	-	-	-
concert	-	-	-
museum	125	...	...
Law sphere			
total crimes, during the year	20	X	X
of which – not grave crime	8	X	X
medium crime	6	X	X
grave crime	6	X	X
special grave crime	0.0	X	X

* The indicators are accountable