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Marz center – 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 square km.
Territory share of the marz in the territory of RA	9 %
Urban communities	3
Rural communities	116
Towns	3
Villages	128
Population number as of January 1, 2006	281.4 ths. persons
<i>including</i>	
urban	171.4 ths. persons
rural	110.0 ths. persons
Share of urban population size	60.9 %
Share of marz population size in RA population size, 2005	39.1 %
Agricultural land	165737 ha
<i>including</i> - arable land	84530 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 -46°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).

The share of economy main branches of RA Shirak marz in 2005 in total volume of correspondent branches of the republic comprised

- industry 2.1%,
- agriculture 10.0%,
- construction 1.1%,
- transport and communication 3.2%,
- trade and services 1.9%.

ORGANIZATIONS

Organization sphere	Number	
	2004	2004
Mine industry	14	11
Manufacturing industry	86	76
Electricity, gas and water production and distribution	9	8
Agriculture, hunting and forestry	8	8
Fishing and fish farming	1	1
Construction	25	26
Transport	29	31
Communication	3	3
Service rendering units	312	297
Museums	7	8
Libraries	128	128
Concert	2	2
Theatres	2	2
Sport schools	33	36
Social services for elder and disabled persons	1	1
Orphanage	4	4
Hospitals	20	22
Out-patient polyclinics	35	35
Hotels and restaurants	41	46

RETAIL TRADE UNITS

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

EDUCATION ESTABLISHMENTS

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

Marz center Gyumri town (148.3 ths. inhabitants in the end of the year 2005) 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.

51.5% of industrial production of the marz belongs to Gyumri in 2005. 70.4% 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 2005) 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 9 small and large organizations, producing tufa.

Maralik town (in 2005 - 5.8 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	Gyumri town
Artik	Artik town
Maralik	Maralik town

RURAL COMMUNITIES

Community Name	Settlement Name
Azatan	Azatan
Alvar	Alvar Aravet
Akhuryan	Akhuryan
Akhurik	Akhurik
Aghin	Aghin Aghin kayarani
Aghvorik	Aghvorik

Community Name	Settlement Name
Amasia	Amasia
Aygebats	Aygebats
Ani kayarani	Ani kayarani
Anipemza	Anipemza
Anushavan	Anushavan
Ashotsk	Ashotsk
Arapi	Arapi
Ardenis	Ardenis
Aregradem	Aregradem
Arpeni	Arpeni
Arevik	Arevik
Arevshat	Arevshat
Bagravan	Bagravan Kharkov
Bayandur	Bayandur
Bandivan	Bandivan
Bashgyugh	Bashgyugh
Bavra	Bavra
Beniamin	Beniamin
Berdashen	Berdashen Paghkn
Garnarich	Garnarich Eghnajur
Geghanist	Geghanist
Getap	Getap
Getk	Getk
Gyullibulagh	Gyullibulagh
Goghovit	Goghovit
Gtashen	Gtashen Kamkhut
Gusanagyugh	Gusanagyugh
Erazgavors	Erazgavors
Zarishat	Zarishat Erizak
Zorakert	Zorakert Darik
Zuygaghbyur	Zuygaghbyur
Tavshut	Tavshut
Torosgyugh	Torosgyugh
Isahakyan	Isahakyan Bardzrashen
Lanjik	Lanjik
Lernagyugh	Lernagyugh
Lernakert	Lernakert
Lernut	Lernut
Lusakert	Lusakert
Lusaghbyur	Lusaghbyur
Tsaghkut	Tsaghkut Lorasar
Kamo	Kamo
Kaps	Kaps
Karnut	Karnut
Karmravan	Karmravan
Karmraqar	Karmraqar
Kaqavasar	Kaqavasar

Community Name	Settlement Name
Krashen	Krashen
Krasar	Krasar
Haykadzor	Haykadzor
Haykasar	Haykasar
Haykavan	Haykavan
Hayrenyats	Hayrenyats
Harich	Harich
Hartashen	Hartashen
Hatsik	Hatsik Mayisyan kayarani
Hoghmik	Hoghmik
Horom	Horom
Hovit	Hovit
Tovtashen	Tovtashen
Hovtun	Hovtun
Hovuni	Hovuni
Dzithanqov	Dzithanqov
Dzorakap	Dzorakap
Dzorashen	Dzorashen
Ghazanchi	Ghazanchi
Gharibjanyan	Gharibjanyan Akhuryan kayarani
Mayisyan	Mayisyan
Marmarashen	Marmarashen
Mets Mantash	Mets Mantash
Mets Sarian	Mets Mantash
Mets Sepasar	Mets Sepasar
Meghrashat	Meghrashat
Meghrashen	Meghrashen
Musayelyan (Akhuryan region)	Musayelyan
Musayelyan (Ashotsk region)	Musayelyan
Nahapetakan	Nahapetakan
Nor kyank	Nor kyank
Shaghik	Shaghik
Shirak	Shirak
Shirakavan	Shirakavan
Voghji	Voghji
Voskehask	Voskehask
Pemzashen	Pemzashen
Jajur	Jajur
Jajur kayaran	Jajur kayaran
Jradzor	Jradzor
Jrarat	Jrarat
Jrapi	Jrapi
Salut	Salut
Sarnaghbyur	Sarnaghbyur
Saragyugh	Saragyugh
Saralanj	Saralanj
Sarakap	Sarakap
Sarapat	Sarapat
Saratak	Saratak
Sizavet	Sizavet
Spandaryan	Spandaryan
Vahramaberd	Vahramaberd
Vardaghbyur	Vardaghbyur

Community Name	Settlement Name
Vardaqr	Vardaqr
Tufashen	Tufashen
Tsoghmarg	Tsoghmarg
Panik	Panik
Poqrashen	Poqrashen
Poqr Mantash	Poqr Mantash
Poqr Sarian	Poqr Sarian
Poqr Sepsar	Poqr Sepsar
Qaraberd	Qaraberd
Qeti	Qeti

**SOME SOCIAL INDICATORS OF DISTRICT COMMUNITY WITH 10000
POPULATION IN RA SHIRAK MARZ, 2005**

	Total	including	
		women*	men*
Population, person	10000	5169	4831
Births, person	118	54	64
Deaths, person	90	42	48
Marriages	46	X	X
Divorces	6	X	X
Total area of housing stock provided per inhabitant, square meter	27.2	X	X
Education sphere, attendance to education establishments, person			
pre-school	120	61	59
schools of general education	1691	834	857
music and art schools	120	85	35
secondary	117	79	38
higher	236	140	96
Public health sphere			
annual attendance to polyclinic during the year (number of attendances)	20451	...	...
Athletes, person	290	36	254
Employed, person	3113	...	...
of which - in Science establishments	3	1	2
of which - doctors of Science	0.0	0.0	0.0
candidates of Science	1	1	0.0
teachers	165	137	28
physicians	20	...	...
paramedical personnel	61	...	...
Unemployed /officially registered/, person	688	545	143
Social insurance sphere			
total pensioners/ as of the end of the year/ person	1800	...	...
families that get poverty family benefit and one-time benefit	1000	X	X
Annual attendance during the year			
library	32832	...	...
theatre	1048	...	...
concert	39	...	...
museum	487	...	...
Law sphere			
total crimes, during the year	27	X	X
of which - not grave crime	13	X	X

medium crime	4	X	X
grave crime	10	X	X
special grave crime	0.0	X	X

* *The indicators are accountable.*