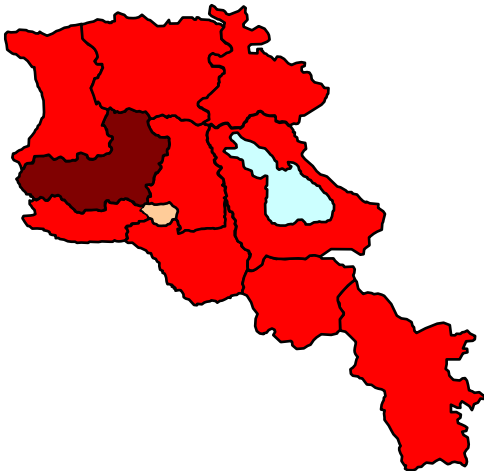


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Marz centre – Ashtarak town

Territories - Ashtarak, Aparan, Aragats and Talin

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Aragatsotn marz is situated in the territory lying between the capital Yerevan and the highest peak of RA-Aragats.

In the West the territory stretches until the state border of Turkey, in the North it borders RA Shirak and Lori marzes, in the East – RA Kotayk marz, in the South-East – capital Yerevan and in the South – RA Armavir marz.

Territory	2753 sq. km
Territory share of the marz in the territory of RA	9.3 %
Urban communities	3
Rural communities	111
Towns	3
Villages	117
Population number as of January 1, 2007	140.0 ths. persons
<i>including</i>	
urban	33.0 ths. persons
rural	107.0 ths. persons
Share of urban population size	23.6 %
Share of marz population size in RA population size, 2006	4.3 %
Agricultural land (as of 1st July, 2006)	218200 ha
<i>including</i> - arable land	54600 ha

The motor highways of republican importance - Yerevan-Ashtarak-Talin-Gyumri, Yerevan-Ashtarak-Spitak and Yerevan-Armavir-Karakert-Gyumri run through the territory of the marz.

The territory of RA Aragatsotn marz intersects RA principal railway as well (only across the end of the West, so it hasn't any influence on economic development of the marz).

The famous Observatory of Byurakan, the Institutes of Radiophysics and Electronics, Physical Researches of RA National Academy of Sciences are located in the marz.

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

- **industry** **1.1%,**
- **agriculture** **7.4%,**
- **construction** **1.8%,**
- **trade and services** **1.3%.**

The main economy branches of the marz are industry and agriculture. Industry is specialized in manufacture of food products and beverage, precious articles and exploiting of mines of building materials. The geographical position and climatic conditions of the marz are favourable for development of both plant growing (grain, potatoes, perennial grass, and forage crops) and cattle breeding.

Agriculture is mainly specialized in plant growing and cattle breeding.

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

ORGANIZATIONS

Organization sphere	Number		
	2004	2005	2006
Mine industry	7	7	7
Manufacturing industry	27	28	25
Electricity, gas and water production and distribution	10	9	10
Agriculture, hunting and forestry	5	6	6
Fish hunting, fish-breed	-	-	1
Construction	8	8	7
Transport units	12	16	24
Service rendering units	120	120	112
Museums	2	2	2
Libraries	110	110	110
Sport schools	10	11	11
Hospitals	7	7	6
Out-patient polyclinics	26	26	26
Hotels and restaurants	27	12	12

RETAIL TRADE UNITS

	Number		
	2004	2005	2006
Retail trade units, total	222	255	232
<i>including</i>			
shops	82	87	90
kiosks	101	101	101
markets of agricultural produce	4	4	4
markets of consumer goods	3	3	3
other trade units	32	60	34

EDUCATION ESTABLISHMENTS

	Number		
	2004	2005	2006
Establishments, total	164	164	160
<i>including</i>			
pre-school establishment	32	25	23
school of public general education	122	127	127
music and art school	9	11	9
youth creative(cultural) centre			
non-state secondary specialized education establishment	1	1	1

Marz centre Ashtarak (in the end of year 2006 comprised 20.8 ths. people) is situated on the bank of Kasakh river, in the distance of 20 km to the North-West from Yerevan. Town is the junction of Yerevan-Gyumri and Yerevan-Spitak roads.

Ashtarak town developed as a satellite town of Yerevan. It is administrative and political, economic, scientific, educational and cultural centre of the marz.

The main branch of economy is food and beverage production.

Aparan town (in the end of year 2006 comprised 6.6 ths. people) is the second town in the marz by its largeness and importance. It is situated on the bank of Kasakh river (in the distance of 59 km from Yerevan). The main branch of economy is food production.

Talin town (in the end of year 2006 comprised 5.6 ths. people) is located on the south-western slope of Aragats mountain. The base of economy is precious articles production.

URBAN COMMUNITIES

Community name	Settlement name
Ashtarak	t. Ashtarak
	v. Mughni
Aparan	t. Aparan
Talin	t. Talin

RURAL COMMUNITIES

	Community name	Settlement name
1	Agarak (region of Ashtarak)	
2	Agarakavan (region of Talin)	
3	Alagyaz	
4	Akunk	
5	Aghdsk	
6	Antarut	
7	Ashnak	
8	Avan	
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9	Avshen	
10	Aragats (region of Aparan)	
11	Aragatsavan (region of Talin)	
12	Aragatsotn	
13	Ara	
14	Artashavan	
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15	Arteni	
16	Aruj	
17	Arevut (formerly Baroj)	
18	Apnagyugh	
19	Bazmaghbyur	
20	Berkarat	
21	Byurakan	
22	Garnhovit	
23	Geghadir	
24	Geghadzor	
25	Gegharot	
26	Getap	
27	Dashtadem	
28	Davtashen	
29	Ddmasar (formerly Ghabaghtaba)	
30	Dian	
31	Dprevank	
32	Yeghipatrush	

	Community name	Settlement name
33	Yeghnik	
34	Yernjatap	
35	Zarinja	
36	Zovasar	
37	Tatul (formerly Areg)	
38	Ttujur	
39	Tllik	
40	Irind	
41	Lernapar	
42	Lernarot	
43	Lusagyugh	
44	Lusakn	
45	Tsaghkahovit	
46	Tsaghkashen	
47	Tsaghkasar	
48	Tsilkar	
49	Katnaghbyur	
50	Kayk (formerly Mulqi)	
51	Kanch (formerly Gyalto)	
52	Kaniashir (formerly Sangyar)	
53	Karbi	
54	Karmrashen	
55	Kaqavadsor	
56	Kosh	
57	Hako (formerly Hakko)	
58	Hartavan	
59	Hacashen	
60	Hnaberd	
61	Dsoraglukh	
62	Ghazaravan	
63	Tchartchakis (formerly Derek)	
64	Mastara	
		• Mastara
		• Dsoragjugh
65	Meliqgjugh	
66	Metsadsor (formerly Avtona)	
67	Mijnatun (formerly Ortatchya)	
68	Mirak	
69	Nerqin bazmaberd	
70	Nerkin Sasunashen	
71	Nigavan	
72	Nor Amanos	
73	Norashen (region of Aragats)	
74	Nor Artik	
75	Nor Yedesia	
76	Shamiram	
77	Shenavan	
78	Shenkani	
79	Shgharshik	
80	Shoghakn	
81	Vosketas	
82	Voskehat	
83	Voskevaz	
84	Chknagh	

	Community name	Settlement name
85	Partizak	
86	Jamshlu	
87	Jrambar	
88	Rya Taza	
89	Saghmosavan	
90	Sadunts (formerly Amre taza)	
91	Sasunik	
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92	Saralanj	
93	Sipan	
94	Sorik	
95	Suser	
96	Vardablur	
97	Vardenis	
98	Vardenut	
99	Verin Bazmaberd	
100	Verin Sasnashen (formerly Verin Sasunashen)	
101	Verin Sasunik	
102	Tegher	
103	Tsamakasar	
104	Ushi	
105	Ujan	
106	Parpi	
107	Kuchak	
108	Otevan (formerly Baysz)	
109	Ohanavan	
110	Oshakan	
111	Orgov	

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

	Total	including	
		women*	men*
Population, person	10000	4993	5007
Births, person	129	56	72
Deaths,	83	41	42
Marriages	46	X	X
Divorces	7	X	X
Total area of housing stock provided per inhabitant, square metre	31.0	X	X
Education sphere, attendance to education establishments, person			
pre-school	105	58	48
schools of general education	1746	842	904
music and art schools	37	26	11
secondary	1	1	0.0
higher	-	-	-
Public health sphere			
annual attendance to polyclinic during the year (number of attendances)	21237	...	...
Athletes, person	40	2	38
Employed, person	4571	...	...
of which - in Science establishments	26	7	19
of which - doctors of Science	2	0.0	2
candidates of Science	7	1	6
teachers	203	155	48
physicians	17	...	...
paramedical personnel	52	...	...
Unemployed /officially registered/, person	96	66	31
Social insurance sphere			
total pensioners , as of the end of the year, person	1627	...	...
families that get poverty family benefit and one-time benefit	458	X	X
Annual attendance during the year			
library	9549	...	...
theatre	-	-	-
concert	-	-	-
museum	486	...	...
Law sphere			
total crimes, during the year	16	X	X
of which – not grave crime	6	X	X
medium crime	6	X	X
grave crime	4	X	X
special grave crime	1	X	X

* The indicators are accountable