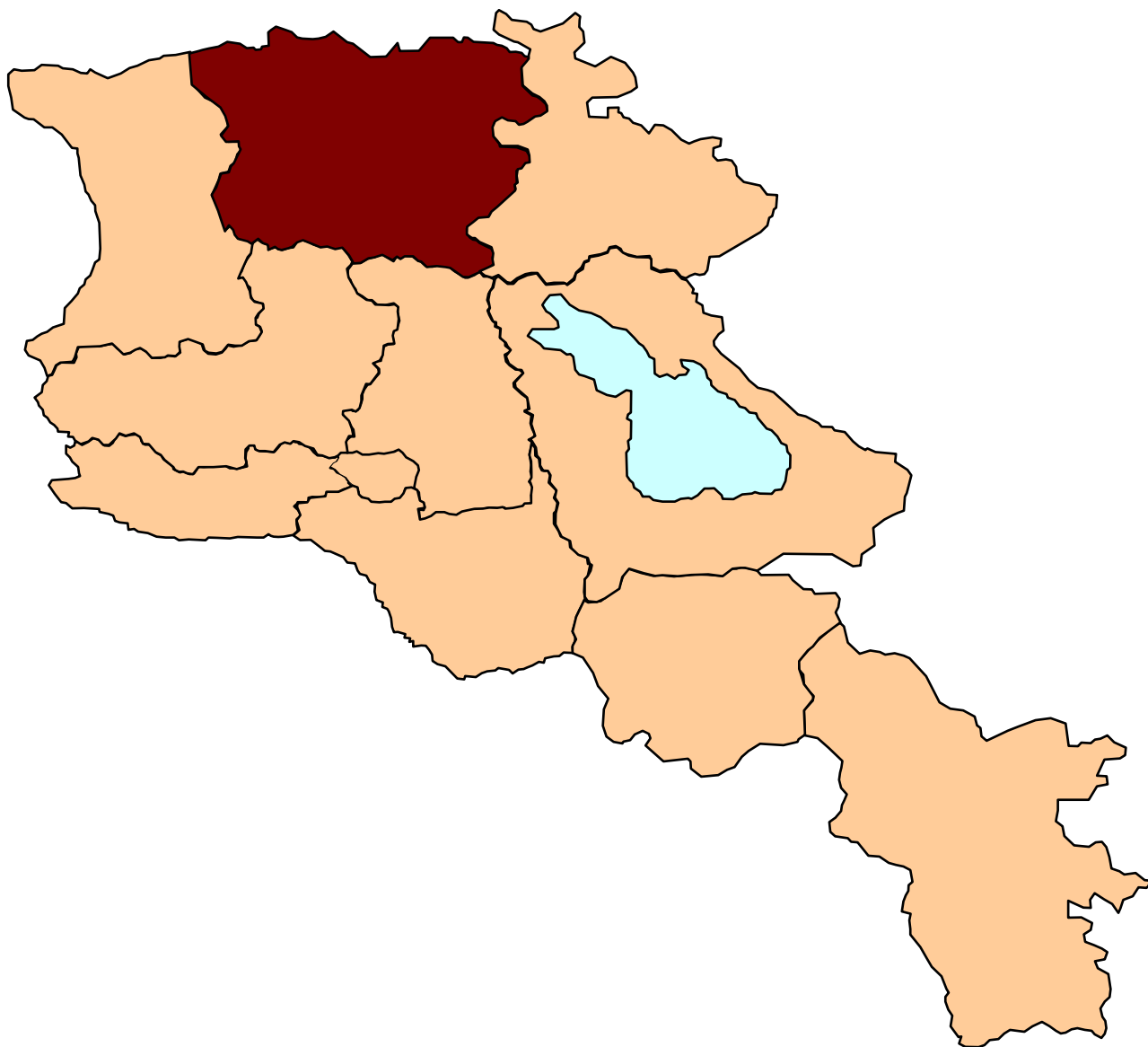


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*Marz center* – Vanadzor town

*Territories* – Spitak, Stepanavan, Tashir, Tumanyan, Gugark

*Towns* – Vanadzor, Spitak, Stepanavan, Alaverdi,  
Tashir, Akhtala, Tumanyan, Shamlugh

*RA Lori marz* is situated in the North of the republic and is the third largest marz by its territory in the republic and the second by its population number (after Yerevan city).

It borders with Georgia in the North, in the South – RA Kotayk and Aragatsotn marzes and in the West – RA Shirak marz.

<b>Territory</b>	<b>3789 square km</b>
<b>Territory share of the marz in the territory of RA</b>	<b>12.7 %</b>
<b>Urban communities</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Rural communities</b>	<b>105</b>
<b>Towns</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Villages</b>	<b>122</b>
<b>Population number as of January 1, 2006</b>	<b>283.4 ths. persons</b>
<i>including</i>	
urban	166.7 ths. persons
rural	116.7 ths. persons
<b>Share of urban population size</b>	<b>58.8 %</b>
<b>Share of marz population size in RA population size, 2005</b>	<b>8.8 %</b>
<b>Agricultural land</b>	<b>213797 ha</b>
<i>including - arable land</i>	<b>42122 ha</b>

Tezh mountain (3101 meters high) is the highest peak above sea level in the marz and lower reaches of Debed river is the lowest (about 390 m).

The leading branches of economy of the marz are agriculture and industry, particularly productions of grain, potato, vegetable and animal husbandry product.

Manufacturing industry is the main trend of industry of the marz, especially metallurgy industry and food production.

RA general railway runs through the central part of the marz.

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

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

- industry 5.5%,
- agriculture 10.5%,
- construction 1.8%,
- transport and community 3.4%,
- trade and services 2.2%.

## ORGANIZATIONS

Organization sphere	Number	
	2004	2004
Mine industry	5	4
Manufacturing industry	77	72
Electricity, gas and water production and distribution	12	12
Agriculture, hunting and forestry	21	21
Fishing and fish farming	1	1
Construction	40	39
Transport	26	31
Service rendering units	271	287
Museums	8	8
Libraries	110	107
Theatres	2	2
Sport schools	19	18
Social services for elder and disabled persons	1	1
Orphanage	2	2
Hospitals	14	15
Out-patient polyclinics	44	45
Hotels and restaurants	43	39

## RETAIL TRADE UNITS

	Number	
	2004	2004
Retail trade units, total	1100	1137
<i>including</i>		
shops	298	336
kiosks	767	766
markets of agricultural produce	4	4

markets of consumer goods	4	4
other trade units	27	27

## EDUCATION ESTABLISHMENTS

	Number	
	2004	2004
Establishments, total	260	265
<i>including</i>		
pre-school establishment	52	54
state general education school	168	169
music and art school		
youth creative (cultural) center	23	23
state secondary specialized education establishment	8	9
non-state secondary specialized education establishment	3	3
state higher education establishment	1	1
branch of state higher education establishment	1	2
non-state higher education establishment	4	4

The marz center is *Vanadzor* town (105.5 ths. inhabitants in end of year 2005). It is situated in the intermountain concavity of mountain chains of Pambak and Bazum, in the confluence of Tandzut and Pambak rivers, at a height of 1350 m. above sea level. The distance from Yerevan is 120 km by roadway, and 224 km by railway. Tandzut and Pambak rivers flow along the town.

The town formerly considered as a town rich in industrial powers and at the same time as a resort center, nowadays it is going to find its old name.

Now by some interruptions function the *chemical complex* of the town. Many small and medium industrial fabrics function in the town as well, trade and service rendering get more civilized forms, housing and industrial construction works are implemented at the expense of different sources of financing.

Thanks to Gugarats tem of Armenian Apostolic Church function childish camp during summer months, by some overcharges function the town sanatorium as well.

*Spitak town* (15.1 ths. people in the end of year 2005) is situated on the bank of Pambak river, in a distance of 100 km from Yerevan, and 20 km from marz center. It occupies the territory of 1400 ha. Yerevan-Georgia road and railway of intergovernmental importance run through the territory of the town.

Spitak had been one of the industrial centers of the republic until 1988; the only sugar refinery and lift construction factory were situated in Spitak. Nowadays some small and medium industrial fabrics function in the town; the main part of population work in agriculture sphere.

*Stepanavan* town (16.0 ths. inhabitants in 2005) occupies the territory of 1666 ha and situated at a height of 1375 m above sea level. Yerevan-Georgia road of intergovernmental importance runs through the territory of the town. The distance from Yerevan is 144 km, from Vanadzor - 24 km.

Some small and medium factories worked in the town, which were occupied in food, furniture and electrical equipment manufacture.

The present day *Tashir town* (8.9 ths. inhabitants in the end of the year 2005) was founded in 1834, as a Russian exile and was named Vorontsovka, where Russians mainly lived. It renamed Tashir in 1991. Yerevan-Georgia road of intergovernmental importance runs through the territory of the town. The distance from Yerevan is 162 km, from Vanadzor - 42 km.

Some organizations functioned in the town, that were occupied in milk processing, the whole milk dairy products of which were consumed not only in the republic, but also in abroad.

*Alaverdi town* (16.2 ths. inhabitants in the end of the year 2005) is situated on the bank of Debed river (at a distance of 167 km from Yerevan and 47 km from Vanadzor). The town was formed after the construction of the copper-melting factory. The copper-melting factory has functioned today as well, the output of which comprised prevailing part of Lori marz indicator.

*Akhtala town* (2.4 ths. inhabitants in the end of the year 2005) is situated on the left bank of Debed river (at a distance of 185 km from Yerevan), on the steep of the mountain. The main branch of industry is mine industry (manufacture of copper concentrate).

*Tumanyan town* (1.9 ths. inhabitants in 2005) is situated on the right bank of Debed river (at a distance of 152 km from Yerevan and 42 km from Vanadzor). In post-war period a factory of refractory brick was built on the base of refractory raw clay, round which present day Tumanyan town was formed.

*Shamlugh town* (0.7 ths. inhabitants in 2005) is situated on the left bank of Debed river (at a distance of 203 km from Yerevan and 63 km from Vanadzor). Shamlugh town is famous for its mines of copper and silver and was one of the most important mining exploitation centers in Southern Caucasus.

## URBAN COMMUNITIES

Community name	Settlement name
Vanadsor	t. Vanadsor
Alaverdi	t. Alaverdi
	v. Akner
Akhtala	t. Akhtala
	v. Aroghjaranin kits
Tumanyan	t. Tumanyan
	v. Kober kayarani
Shamlugh	t. Shamlugh
	v. Akhtala
	v. Bendik
Spitak	t. Spitak
Stepanavan	t. Stepanavan
	v. Armanis
Tashir	t. Tashir

## Rural Communities

Community name	Settlement name
Agarak	Agarak
Aznvadzor	Aznvadzor
Atan	Atan
Ahnidzor	Ahnidzor
Amrakits	Amrakits
Aygehat	Aygehat
Antaramut	Antaramut
Antarashen	Antarashen
Apaven	Apaven
Ardvi	Ardvi
Artsni	Artsni
Arjut	Arjut
	Arjut kayaranin kits
Arevatsag	Arevatsag
Arevashogh	Arevashogh
Akori	Akori
Bazum	Bazum
Blagodarnoye	Blagodarnoye
Bovadzor	Bovadzor
Gargar	Gargar
Geghasar	Geghasar
Gyulagarak	Gyulagarak
Gogaran	Gogaran
Gugark	Gugark
Dashtadem	Dashtadem
Darpas	Darpas
Debet	Debet
Dsegh	Dsegh
Yeghegnut	Yeghegnut
Teghut	Teghut
Lejan	Lejan
Lernahovit	Lernahovit
Lernantsk	Lernantsk
Lernapat	Lernapat
Lernavan	Lernavan
Lermontov	Lermontov
Lori berd	Lori berd
Lorut	Lorut
Lusaghbyur	Lusaghbyur
Khnkoyan	Khnkoyan
Tsater	Tsater
Tsaghkaber	Tsaghkaber
Tsaghkashat	Tsaghkashat
Katnaghbyur	Katnaghbyur
Katnajur	Katnajur
Katnarat	Katnarat
Kajajkut	Kajajkut
Karmir Agheg	Karmir Agheg
Koghes	Koghes
Kurtan	Kurtan
Hagvi	Hagvi
Halavar	Halavar

Community name	Settlement name
	Gyulludara
	Haydarli
	Kilisa
Haghpat	Haghpat
Hartagyugh	Hartagyugh
Hobards	Hobards
Hovnanadzor	Hovnanadzor
Dsyunashogh	Dsyunashogh
Dsoraget	Dsoraget
Dsoragyugh	Dsoragyugh
Dsoramut	Dsoramut
	Gogavan
Ghursal	Ghursal
Jojkan	Jojkan
Margahovit	Margahovit
Marts	Marts
Medovka	Medovka
Mets Ayrum	Mets Ayrum
Metsavan	Metsavan
Mets Parni	Mets Parni
Meghvahovit	Meghvahovit
	Noramut
Mikhayelovka	Mikhayelovka
Mghart	Mghart
Yaghdan	Yaghdan
Neghots	Neghots
Novoseltsovo	Novoseltsovo
Norashen	Norashen
Nor Khachakap	Nor Khachakap
Shahumyan	Shahumyan
Shamut	Shamut
Shenavan	Shenavan
Shirakamut	Shirakamut
Shnogh	Shnogh
Chkalov	Chkalov
Paghaghbyur	Paghaghbyur
Petrovka	Petrovka
Privolnoye	Privolnoye
Pushkino	Pushkino
Jiliza	Jiliza
Jrashen	Jrashen
Saralanj	Saralanj
Sarahart	Sarahart
Saramej	Saramej
Saratovka	Saratovka
	Getavan
Sarchapet	Sarchapet
Sverdlov	Sverdlov
Vahagnadzor	Vahagnadzor
Vahagni	Vahagni
Vardablur	Vardablur

Community name	Settlement name
Urut	Urut
Urasar	Urasar
Pambak	Pambak
	Pambak kayaranin kits
Karaberd	Karaberd
Karadzor	Karadzor
Karinj	Karinj
Karkop	Karkop
Odzun	Odzun
	Amoj
Fioletovo	Fioletovo

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

	Total	including	
		women*	men*
Population, person	10000	5191	4809
Births, person	114	53	61
Deaths,	95	45	50
Marriages	50	X	X
Divorces	8	X	X
Total area of housing stock provided per inhabitant, square meter	24.5	X	X
Education sphere, attendance to education establishments, person			
pre-school	112	56	56
schools of general education	1504	747	757
music and art schools	76	59	17
secondary	95	58	37
higher	186	113	73
Public health sphere			
annual attendance to polyclinic during the year (number of attendances)	21651	...	...
Athletes, person	157	19	138
Employed, person	3311	...	...
of which - in Science establishments	-	-	-
of which - doctors of Science	-	-	-
candidates of Science	-	-	-
teachers	133	112	21
physicians	18	...	...
paramedical personnel	42	...	...
Unemployed /officially registered/, person	712	477	235
Social insurance sphere			
total pensioners , as of the end of the year, person	1949	...	...
families that get poverty family benefit and one-time benefit	850	X	X
Annual attendance during the year			
library	23708	...	...
theatre	565	...	...
concert	-	-	-
museum	286	...	...



Law sphere			
total crimes, during the year	30	X	X
of which - not grave crime	15	X	X
medium crime	5	X	X
grave crime	9	X	X
special grave crime	0.0	X	X

\* *The indicators are accountable*