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RA Tavush marz is situated in the north-eastern part of the Republic of Armenia. In the South-East and South the marz borders with RA Gegharqunik and Kotayk marzes, in the West it borders with RA Lori marz and Georgia, in the North and East – Azerbaijan.

Territory	2704 square km
Territory share of the marz in the territory of RA	9.1 %
Urban communities	5
Rural communities	57
Towns	4
Villages	61
Population number as of January 1, 2006	134.2 ths. persons
<i>including</i>	
urban	52.6 ths. persons
rural	81.6 ths. persons
Share of urban population size	39.2%
Share of marz population size in RA population size, 2005	4.2%
Agricultural land	112162 ha
<i>including - arable land</i>	25354 ha

Aghstev river flows to the south-east through the marz centre. The nearest point to the sea level (the highest point of RA relief) is situated near the Debedavan village (390 m), the highest point - Murghuz mountain (2993 m) of Miapori mountain range.

RA Tavush marz is extended on the external line of Small Caucasus mountain ranges (Virahayots, Gugarats and Miapor mountains) and is situated in the moderate damp region of the Republic of Armenia. Annual duration of the sun radiance is 1900-2000 hours. Summers are warm,

winters - mild. Rivers belong to the Caspian sea (Kur river) basin and live on thawed, underground, rainy waters. The natural lake is Parz lake that is situated near the Dilijan. Joghaz, Hakhum, Tavush, Aygedzor and Ijevan reservoirs were situated here too.

The marz nature is wonderful. Mixed forests comprise 40.3% of total surface that are striking by variety of fauna and flora, incomparable monuments of natural inheritance. Dilijan state preservation and Ijevan forest garden (arboretum) have been created in the Aghstev basin with a purpose of keeping the situation created by nature, more enrichment and receiving new kinds in local conditions. Climatic conditions (mild climate, mountainous clear air rich with oxygen, mineral medicinal waters, forests, mountainous land rich with herbs) of marz and, in particular, Aghstev valley are extremely favourable for the organization of population rest, recovery of health and promotion of international tourism.

The marz is comparatively poor with useful minerals. Bentonite clay, limestone, lithographic stone, dolomite, felsites are of marz importance. Aghstev river valley is rich with mineral waters that are bottle filled as well.

The Northern Caucasus-Tbilisi-Yerevan gas-bearer goes through the marz centre. 146 km interstate, 253 km of republican importance roads are extended through the marz. 70 km part of Ijevan-Hrazdan railway goes through the Aghstev gorge. 7 km part of Yerevan-Tbilisi railway goes through the Northern border lengthwise, Debed bank.

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

- **industry** **0.7%,**
- **agriculture** **5.5%,**
- **construction** **1.0%,**
- **trade and services** **1.7%.**

Marz is pronounced agricultural districts of the republic. In animal husbandry the main branches are cow and pig breeding and in plant growing the most developed branches are grain and grape growing. During last years beekeeping develops too.

The main branch of economy of the marz is manufacturing. The food industry and woodworking continue to be a leading branches of industry. Wine, mineral waters, stone and wood products are exported to external markets.

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

RETAIL TRADE UNITS

	Number		
	2004	2005	2006
Retail trade units, total	753	835	862
<i>including</i>			
shops	230	351	447
kiosks	481	443	361
markets of agricultural produce	2	2	2
markets of consumer goods	2	2	2
other trade units	38	37	50

EDUCATION ESTABLISHMENTS

	Number		
	2004	2005	2006
Establishments, total	148	153	151
<i>including</i>			
pre-school establishment	43	44	44
state general education school	75	79	82
non-state general education school	5	5	-
music and art school			
youth creative(cultural) centre	15	17	16
state secondary specialized education establishment	5	5	6
non-state secondary specialized education establishment	2	1	1
branches of state higher education establishments	2	2	2
non-state higher education establishment	1	-	-

RA Tavush marz centre is *Ijevan town* (in 2006 20.4 ths. inhabitants) The distance from Yerevan is 133 km. It is the administrative, industrial, education and cultural centre and transport junction of the whole north-eastern part. The main trend of town industry is manufacturing (particularly, woodworking, production of food, mineral water and wine). Ijevan town is also known by carpet making.

The distance of *Dilijan*, resort town from Yerevan is 91 km. Population comprised 15.7 ths. persons in the end of 2006. The main trend of town industry is manufacturing, in which the food and beverages production is separated. "Dilijan Frolova" mineral water has received wide recognition

The distance of *Noyemberyan town* (5.5 ths. inhabitants in the end of the year 2005) from Yerevan is 185 km. Agriculture has an essential role in the town's economic life, the main trend of which is field-crop cultivation and animal husbandry.

The distance of *Ayrum town* from Yerevan is 205 km (in the end of 2006 population number comprised 2.4 ths. inhabitants). The town is located near station, and the main job of population is retail trade.

The distance of *Berd town* (8.6 ths. inhabitants in 2006) from Yerevan is 189 km. The main trend of town industry is multibranch agriculture, wich is separated by small cattle husbandry and field-crop cultivation.

URBAN COMMUNITIES

Community name	Settlement name
Ijevan	t. Ijevan
Berd	t. Berd
Dilijan	t. Dilijan
Noyemberyan	t. Noyemberyan
Ayrum	t. Ayrum

RURAL COMMUNITIES

	Community name	Settlement name
1	Azatomut	
2	Aknaghbyur	
3	Aghavnavank	
4	Acharkut	
5	Aygehovit	
		• Aygehovit
		• Kayan
6	Aygedzor	
7	Aygepar	
8	Achajur	
9	Artsvaberd	
10	Artchis	
11	Bagratashen	
12	Baghanis	
13	Barekamavan	
14	Berdavan	
15	Berkaber	
16	Gandzakar	
17	Getahovit	
18	Gosh	
19	Debedavan	
20	Deghdzavan	
21	Ditavan	
22	Dovegh	
23	Enokavan	
24	Zorakan (formerly Verin Qyorplu)	
25	Teghut	
26	Itsakar	
27	Lchkadzor	
28	Lusahovit	
29	Lusadzor	
30	Khashtarak	
31	Khachardzan	
		• Khachardzan
		• Geghatap
		• Tchermakavan
32	Tsaghkavan (Ijevan region)	
33	Tsaghkavan (Tavush region)	
34	Kirants	
35	Koti	

	Community name	Settlement name
36	Koghb	
37	Haghartsin	
38	Haghtanak	
39	Hovk	
40	Mosesgegh	
41	Navur	
42	Nerkin Karmir aghbyur	
43	Norashen	
44	Voskepar	
45	Voskevan	
46	Chinari	
47	Chinchin	
48	Choratan	
49	Paravakar	
50	Ptghavan	
51	Jujevan	
52	Sarigyugh	
53	Sevkar	
54	Vazashen	
55	Varagavan	
56	Verin Karmir aghbyur	
57	Tavush (formerly Tovuz)	

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

	Total	including	
		women*	men*
Population, person	10000	5108	4892
Births, person	120	58	62
Deaths,	102	50	51
Marriages	52	X	X
Divorces	7	X	X
Total area of housing stock provided per inhabitant, square metre	28.4	X	X
Education sphere, attendance to education establishments, person			
pre-school	147	76	71
schools of general education	1462	716	746
music and art schools	116	83	33
secondary	118	67	51
higher	104	53	50
Public health sphere			
annual attendance to polyclinic during the year (number of attendances)	21675	...	...
Athletes, person	57	11	46
Employed, person	3679	...	...
of which - in Science establishments	-	-	-
of which - doctors of Science	-	-	-
candidates of Science	-	-	-
teachers	155	125	30
physicians	18	...	...
paramedical personnel	52	...	...
Unemployed /officially registered/, person	302	198	104
Social insurance sphere			
total pensioners , as of the end of the year, person	1978	...	...
families that get poverty family benefit and one-time benefit	585	X	X
Annual attendance during the year			
library	26150	...	...
theatre	-	-	-
concert	-	-	-
museum	395	...	...
Law sphere			
total crimes, during the year	24	X	X
of which – not grave crime	12	X	X
medium crime	5	X	X
grave crime	6	X	X
special grave crime	0.0	X	X

* The indicators are accountable