

Armenia ARM

Armenian Dram d		2017	2018	2019
GDP	d	5.57tr	6.14tr	
	US\$	11.5bn	12.5bn	
<i>per capita</i>	US\$	3,857	4,190	
Growth	%	7.5	6.0	
Inflation	%	0.9	3.0	
Def bdgt [a]	d	210bn	248bn	
	US\$	435m	506m	
FMA (US)	US\$	1m	0m	
US\$1=d		482.70	490.17	

[a] Includes imported military equipment, excludes military pensions

Population 3,038,217

Age	0–14	15–19	20–24	25–29	30–64	65 plus
Male	10.0%	3.0%	3.4%	4.3%	23.1%	4.7%
Female	8.7%	2.7%	3.3%	4.4%	25.3%	7.0%

Capabilities

The armed forces' main focus is territorial defence, given continuing tensions with neighbouring Azerbaijan over Nagorno-Karabakh. In early 2018, a Modernisation Programme was released for the period 2018–24. Despite economic constraints, the document outlined the ambitious goal of reorganising the command structure and modernising the equipment inventory. The programme includes sections on cyber- and information-domain capabilities. Armenia is a member of the CSTO and maintains strong defence ties with Russia, centred on equipment-procurement, technical-advice and personnel-training programmes. Military doctrine remains influenced by Russian thinking. Armenia is also engaged in a NATO Individual Partnership Action Plan. Conscription continues, but there is a growing cohort of professional officers. The armed forces have deployed on NATO and UN missions in Afghanistan, Kosovo and Lebanon, providing learning opportunities. Personnel train regularly and take part in annual CSTO exercises and with Russia in bilateral drills. Equipment is mainly of Russian origin. Agreements have been reached in recent years to purchase modern Russian systems. Serviceability and maintenance of mainly ageing aircraft have been a problem for the air force. There is some capacity to manufacture defence equipment for the domestic market, including electro-optics, light weapons and UAVs, but Armenia is reliant on Russia for other equipment platforms and systems.

ACTIVE 44,800 (Army 41,850 Air/AD Aviation Forces (Joint) 1,100 other Air Defence Forces 1,850)

Paramilitary 4,300

Conscript liability 24 months

RESERVE

Some mobilisation reported, possibly 210,000 with military service within 15 years

ORGANISATIONS BY SERVICE

Army 22,900; 18,950 conscripts (total 41,850)

FORCES BY ROLE

SPECIAL FORCES

1 SF bde

MANOEUVRE

Mechanised

1 (1st) corps (1 recce bn, 1 tk bn, 2 MR regt, 1 maint bn)
1 (2nd) corps (1 recce bn, 1 tk bn, 2 MR regt, 1 lt inf regt, 1 arty bn)

1 (3rd) corps (1 recce bn, 1 tk bn, 4 MR regt, 1 lt inf regt, 1 arty bn, 1 MRL bn, 1 sigs bn, 1 maint bn)

1 (4th) corps (4 MR regt; 1 SP arty bn; 1 sigs bn)

1 (5th) corps (with 2 fortified areas) (1 MR regt)

Other

1 indep MR trg bde

COMBAT SUPPORT

1 arty bde

1 MRL bde

1 AT regt

1 AD bde

2 AD regt

2 (radiotech) AD regt

1 engr regt

EQUIPMENT BY TYPE

ARMoured FIGHTING VEHICLES

MBT 109: 3 T-54; 5 T-55; 101 T-72A/B

RECCE 12 BRM-1K (CP)

IFV 231: 75 BMP-1; 6 BMP-1K (CP); 150 BMP-2

APC • APC (W) 130: 8 BTR-60; 100 BTR-60 look-a-like;

18 BTR-70; 4 BTR-80

ENGINEERING & MAINTENANCE VEHICLES

AEV MT-LB

ARV BREhM-D; BREM-1

ANTI-TANK/ANTI-INFRASTRUCTURE

MSL • SP 22+: 9 9P148 *Konkurs* (AT-5 *Spandrel*); 13

9P149 *Shturm* (AT-6 *Spiral*); 9K129 *Kornet-E* (AT-14

Spriggan)

ARTILLERY 232

SP 38: **122mm** 10 2S1 *Gvozдика*; **152mm** 28 2S3 *Akatsiya*

TOWED 131: **122mm** 69 D-30; **152mm** 62: 26 2A36

Giatsint-B; 2 D-1; 34 D-20

MRL 57: **122mm** 47 BM-21 *Grad*; **273mm** 4 WM-80;

300mm 6 9A52 *Smerch*

MOR **120mm** 12 M120

SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILE LAUNCHERS

SRBM • **Conventional** 16: 8 9K72 *Elbrus* (SS-1C *Scud B*);

4 9K79 *Tochka* (SS-21 *Scarab*); 4 9K720 *Iskander-E*

UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES

ISR • **Light** 15 *Krunk*

AIR DEFENCE

SAM

Medium-range 2K11 *Krug* (SA-4 *Ganef*); S-75 *Dvina* (SA-2 *Guideline*); 9K37M *Buk-M1* (SA-11 *Gadfly*)

Short-range 2K12 *Kub* (SA-6 *Gainful*); S-125 *Pechora* (SA-3 *Goa*)

Point-defence 9K33 *Osa* (SA-8 *Gecko*); 9K310 *Igla-1* (SA-16 *Gimlet*); 9K38 *Igla* (SA-18 *Grouse*); 9K333 *Verba*; 9K338 *Igla-S* (SA-24 *Grinch*)

GUNS

SP **23mm** ZSU-23-4

TOWED **23mm** ZU-23-2

Air and Air Defence Aviation Forces 1,100

1 Air & AD Joint Command