Armenia

Full name: The Republic of Armenia
Government: republic

Location: Southwestern Asia, east of Turkey
Capital: Yerevan
Area: 29,743 sq km (11,484 sq miles); slightly smaller than Maryland

Climate: highland continental, hot summers, cold winters
Terrain: Armenian Highland with mountains; little forest land; fast flowing rivers; good soil in Aras River valley
Natural Hazards: occasionally severe earthquakes; droughts

Population: 3 million (UN, 2005)
Ethnicity: Armenian 97.9%, Yezidi (Kurd) 1.3%, Russian 0.5%, other 0.3%
Major Language: Armenian, Russian
Religion: Armenian Apostolic 94.7%, other Christian 4%, Yezidi (monotheist with elements of nature worship) 1.3%
Life expectancy: 68 years (men), 75 years (women) (UN)

Currency: 1 dram = 100 lumas