

1. GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE NAGORNO-KARABAKH REPUBLIC

Formal country name	<i>Nagorno-Karabakh Republic</i>
Capital	<i>Stepanakert City</i>
Independence Day	<i>1991, 2 September</i>
Republic head	<i>President Arkady Ghoukassyan</i>
Geographic position	<i>Central Transcaucasus</i>
Administrative and territorial division	<i>Nagorno-Karabakh Republic consists of 8 regions (including Stepanakert city with region status)</i>
Territory	<i>4.9 thousand km²</i>
Population	<i>139.4 thousand persons (end of 1999)</i>
State language	<i>Armenian</i>
Religion	<i>Christianity (Armenian-Apostolic Church)</i>
Currency	<i>Armenian dram</i>
State flag	
State emblem	