

ARMENIAN CENTER FOR NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Public Opinion on Economic Growth in Armenia

Presentation of Public Survey Results
(1127 participating from Yerevan and all Armenia)

About the respondents

Age Groups								
18-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	71-80	81-90	Did not answer
7.3%	25.2%	20.5%	21.5%	12.1%	8.4%	3.1%	3%	0.6%

Gender		
Male	Female	Did not answer
38.7%	60.8%	0.5%

Education					
Incomplete secondary	Secondary	Specialized secondary	Incomplete higher	Higher	Did not answer
4.1%	24.9%	19.1%	9.7%	41.8%	0.4%

Occupation					
Employee	Unemployed	Pensioner	Welfare recipient	Student	Did not answer
41.3%	40.6%	10%	0.4%	7.1%	0.6%

Sphere of occupation	
Public education	16.8%
State and civil service	28.7%
Health care	5.5%
Agriculture	13.8%
Trade and commerce	12.5%
Private-sector contract work	16.1%
Science, culture, art, and spiritual sphere	2.8%
Media	1.7%
Military	1%
Public non-profit sector	1.1%

Note: The indices are calculated against 529 of the total number of respondents, who marked the sphere of their occupation. Students, pensioners and welfare recipients currently working are also included in this number.

Status of workplace	
State-run	Non-governmental
62.3%	37.7%

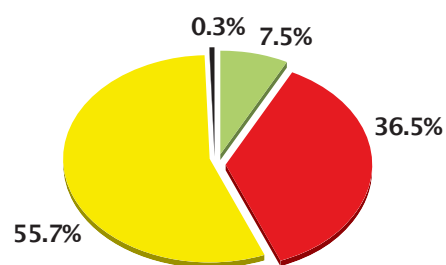
Note: The indices are calculated against 470 of the total number of respondents, who marked the sphere of their occupation.

To which of the below-mentioned groups do you belong according to your income?					
Rich	Well-off	Medium	Poor	Extremely poor	Did not answer
0.6%	2.7%	62.9%	27.8%	5.5%	0.5%

Place of Residence	
Urban	67.5%
Rural	32.5%
Yerevan	37.9%
Aragatsotn region	3.6%
Armavir region	9.9%
Ararat region	8.2%
Kotaik region	8.3%
Siunik region	4.4%
Gegharkunik region	6.2%
Tavush region	3.5%
Lori region	8.1%
Vayots Dzor region	1.8%
Shirak region	8.1%

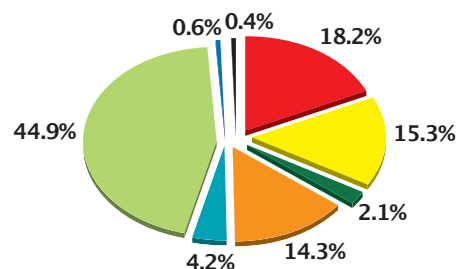
1. Has the economic growth in Armenia over the last 3-4 years had a positive impact on your family budget?

a) Yes, a big impact	7.5%
b) Yes, a small impact	36.5%
c) No	55.7%
d) Did not answer	0.3%



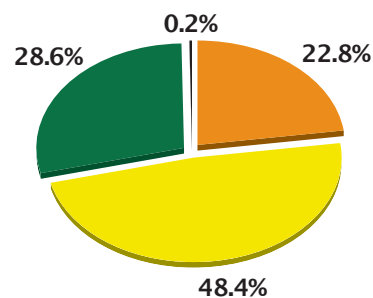
2. If your family budget has increased over the last 3-4 years, then to what is it due?

a) Your job in Armenia	18.2%
b) Your family's and relatives' jobs in Armenia	15.3%
c) Your job abroad	2.1%
d) Money sent by your relatives living abroad	14.3%
e) Improvement of the general economic situation and living standards in Armenia	4.2%
f) The family budget has not increased	44.9%
g) <i>Other:</i> Sale of belongings they possessed Family budget has gradually reduced	0.6%
h) Did not answer	0.4%



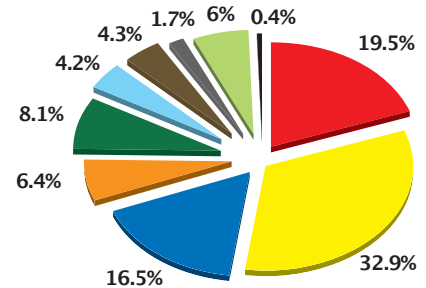
3. Do you think the Armenian authorities pursue an economic policy supporting the development of enterprise and investments?

a) Yes	22.8%
b) No	48.4%
c) Difficult to answer	28.6%
d) Did not answer	0.2%



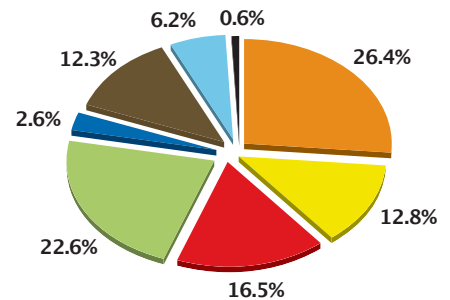
4. What is the main obstacle to the economic growth in Armenia?

a) Clan system	19.5%
b) Corruption and patronage	32.9%
c) Moral-psychological atmosphere within the society (loss of hope, uncertainty, injustice, illegality, defenselessness, etc.)	16.5%
d) Tax and customs bureaucratization	6.4%
e) Legal field, including taxes and customs	8.1%
f) Unresolved state of the Karabagh problem	4.2%
g) Armenia's close borders with Azerbaijan and Turkey	4.3%
h) Interference by external forces	1.7%
i) <i>Other</i> :	6.0%
Difficult to answer	
None	
Our state of mind, people's apathy	
Authorities	
Opposition	
Disunity between people and authorities, inner disruption	
Unemployment and poverty	
Economic obstacles with neighbor states	
Absence of natural resources	
j) Did not answer	0.4%



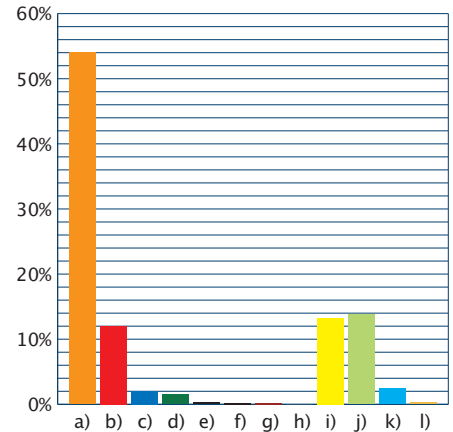
5. In your opinion what is the first condition for overcoming the obstacles to economic growth in Armenia?

a) Formation of a new administration	26.4%
b) Improvement of atmosphere for investments, including tax and customs legislation	12.8%
c) Encouragement and development of small and medium enterprises	16.5%
d) Operation of big industrial enterprises	22.6%
e) Involvement of foreign investments	2.6%
f) Surmounting Armenia's isolation and ensuring its active participation in regional economic programs	12.3%
g) <i>Other</i> :	6.2%
Difficult to answer	
Surmounting illegality and injustice, building lawful, democratic country	
Struggle against clans and corruption	
Job creation	
Using investments without embezzlement	
Healthy society, establishment of love and trust atmosphere in the country, reassessment of national values, and true presentation of culture and history to youth	
"Strong hand" and caring leader	
Surmounting polarization between rich and poor	
Providing unity and unanimity	
Restoration of economy and reforms in banking system	
Resignation of the present administration	
Regulation of Karabagh conflict	
h) Did not answer	0.6%



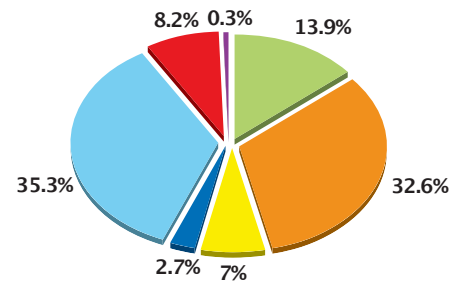
6. Which of the below-mentioned countries most promotes the economic development of Armenia?

a) Russia	54.0%
b) USA	12.0%
c) France	2.0%
d) Iran	1.5%
e) Turkey	0.3%
f) Germany	0.2%
g) Georgia	0.2%
h) Great Britain	0%
i) None	13.3%
j) Difficult to answer	13.8%
k) <i>Other:</i>	2.4%
All of them, or all except Turkey	
Only Christian countries	
Russia and Iran	
Europe, or Europe and CIS	
l) Did not answer	0.3%



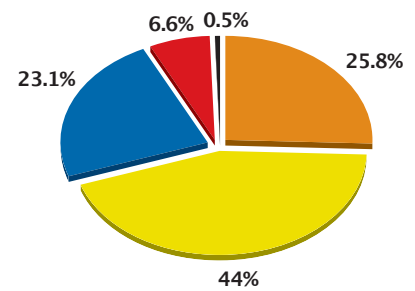
7. Armenia should have the closest economic relations with...

a) European Union member-states	13.9%
b) CIS member-states	32.6%
c) Countries of the region, including Turkey, Georgia, Azerbaijan, and Iran	7.0%
d) Countries of the American continent, particularly the United States and Canada	2.7%
e) All of them	35.3%
f) <i>Other:</i>	8.2%
Difficult to answer	
None	
Only Russia, or Russia and United States	
Countries of the region and Russia	
Only Iran, or Iran and Georgia	
Middle East countries	
Countries which will create equal opportunities with us	
g) Did not answer	0.3%



8. How do you assess the Diaspora's role at present in the economic development of Armenia?

a) It plays a great role	25.8%
b) It plays an important role	44.0%
c) It plays a small role	23.1%
d) It does not play any role	6.6%
e) Did not answer	0.5%

**9.** In case of maintaining the present pace of economic development, Armenia will become a prosperous country...

a) In the next 10 years	20.3%
b) In the next 25 years	29.9%
c) In the next 100 years	16.5%
d) Never	25.1%
e) <i>Other:</i>	7.5%
Difficult to answer	
In the next 15, 20, 50, 500 years	
It is already a prosperous country	
f) Did not answer	0.7%

