### General Information

- **Population**
  - 2,972,732 (Eurostat 2018)
  - 2,963,700 (STAT ARM 2019)

- **Working-age population**
  - 2,015,003 (World Bank 2017)
  - 2,015,300 (STAT ARM 2018)

- **Immigration**
  - 190,719 (UN Immigrant Stock 2017)
  - 13,300 (STAT ARM 2017)

- **Emigration**
  - 951,023 (UN DESA 2017)
  - 37,300 (STAT ARM 2017)

- **Unemployment rate**
  - 17.7% (ILO 2018)
  - 20.4% (STAT ARM 2018)

- **GDP**
  - 11,537 bn, current prices USD (World Bank 2017)
  - 6,005,058 mn, current prices AMD (STAT ARM 2018)

- **Refugees and IDPs**
  - **Refugees:**
    - 17,972 (UN Refugee Stock 2017)
    - 72 (SMS ARM 2018)
  - **Asylum Seekers:**
    - 71 (UN Asylum Stock 2017)
    - 218 (SMS ARM 2018)

- **Citizenship**
  - By Birth: No
  - By Descent: Conditional
  - Dual Citizenship: Yes
  - Years of Residency: 3

- **Territory**
  - 29,743 km² (CIA World Factbook)
The main migration exchange takes place between the Republic of Armenia and the Russian Federation. Approximately 93% of labour migrants are employed in the Russian Federation. Among the EU member-states, the main countries of destination are Spain, Germany and Belgium. While migration to the Russian Federation has a circular and seasonal component, the migration to the EU MS tends to be permanent. According to expert estimates, approximately 30% of the total Armenian population participated in external migration since 1988.

The current migration policy in the Republic of Armenia is based on the principles of control over entry, stay, residence, and exit of foreigners; emigration of nationals; labour migration, and asylum.

The State Migration Service of the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Emergency Situations of the Republic of Armenia (SMS) is the central body responsible for the development and implementation of the state policy on migration, as well as coordination of activities of the governmental institutions in the area of policy development and drafting legal acts.

Issues pertaining to migration are also managed and overseen by a wide range of governmental agencies, namely Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Diaspora, National Security Service, Border Guard Troops under the National Security Service, two departments of the Police (Division on Combating Illegal Migration and International Collaboration, and Department of Passport and Visa issuance), National Statistical Service, Ministry of Labour and Social Issues, and its State Employment Service Agency.

The most recent key policy instrument regarding migration is the Action Plan for the Implementation of the Policy Concept for the State Regulation of Migration in the Republic of Armenia 2012-2016. The Policy Concept for the State Regulation of Migration in the Republic of Armenia (Decision of the Government of the Republic of Armenia N 51 issued on December 30, 2010) includes the following measures/priority areas:

1. Ensuring the conformity of the legislation of the Republic of Armenia in the area of migration to the EU legislation and best institutional infrastructures,
2. Implementation of migration monitoring and system of analysis and assessment of the situation,
3. Protection of rights and interests of the citizens of the Republic of Armenia leaving abroad for a work,
4. Continuation of integration of refugees who fled Azerbaijan in 1988-1992,
5. Encouragement of return of the citizens of the Republic of Armenia from the foreign countries and their reintegration in the homeland,
6. Prevention of chaotic emigration from the Republic of Armenia,
7. Increase of the level of protection of identification documents,
8. Facilitation movement rights of the citizens of the Republic of Armenia,
9. Regulation of conditions for employment of foreign citizens in the Republic of Armenia and possible massive movements of people in emergency situations,
10. Improvement of the systems of border control and provision of asylum,
11. Effective organization of the fight against human trafficking and protection of victims of human trafficking, to guide internal migration according to the requirements of national security of the Republic of Armenia and sustainable development.