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INTRODUCTION

Çerkezköy is a district of Tekirdağ. As an industrial center, it is one of the leading districts and centers in Turkey. It is a brand city that has made its name known to the world. Çerkezköy Chamber of Commerce and Industry is located in Çerkezköy. We have **2003** members operating in Çerkezköy.



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HISTORY

There are different opinions about whether the village, Çerkezköy or Türbedere, is the first village in Çerkezköy geography.

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Although there is a life in Türbedere before the Circassian immigration, no clear information is available about how many households, population and identities are living here. At the Prime Ministry Ottoman Archives, Fund Code HH. D. Shadow No. 17434 documentary: "The construction of the construction to be done in Türksere in Circassian kings" is the name of a place name of Türbedere.

It can be said that after the Ottoman-Russian War this settlement was opened to new immigrations and its name was changed as Türbedere between in 1878-1911 and between in 1888-1907 it was defined as Türbedere's status, Türbedere region, Türbedere Village and Türbedere District. In the examinations made based on the documents passed from past to today and the documents that have emerged, the existence of three villages which are actually intertwined in this region after the Ottoman-Russian War are mentioned.

- **First:** Today's Çerkezköy Municipality and the Turban, which is around Çerkezköy Atatürk Primary School,
- **Second:** Türbedere around the creek bed,
- **Third:** It is Yeniköy where Garrison Command is located.

The existence of these three villages made it possible for the settlement to become a municipality and municipality in 1911, and the first Mayor, Molla Mehmet Efendi, and the ruling province of Edirne did not accept this request if the region wanted the name of the region to remain permanently. After the rejection of the Governorship of Edirne, the name of this settlement became permanent as "Çerkezköy".

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Çerkezköy was occupied by the Bulgarian occupation between October 30, 1913, October 26, 1912 (November according to some sources) and Greek occupation between July 23, 1920 and October 30, 1922.

Çerkezköy, which has been affiliated to Çorlu since its establishment, was connected to the Saray of the Kırkkilise in 1914. On October 15, 1923, Çerkezköy, which was connected to Tekirdağ with the Saray district, was made a district on April 1, 1958 and Yusuf Ziya Doğan was appointed to the district governorship.

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ECONOMY AND INDUSTRY

The district, which was a small rural settlement in the 1970s, was included in the scope of "Priority Areas for Development" with the decision of the Council of Ministers in 1971. With the decision of 1973, the establishment of the Organized Industrial Zone started its growth and development process with the rapid industrialization movement which started. This development has become one of the biggest industrial centers of Turkey today with large scale, private sector companies that use modern technology and mainly produce for outdoor market. The main industrial establishments in Çerkezköy are concentrated in textile, rubber plastics, paint - chemistry, metal - machinery, food, medicine - health, mining, wood, electronics and white goods, construction materials, stationary and automotive sectors. Over 70,000 employees in the industrial facilities in the region contribute to the Turkish economy.

Çerkezköy Organized Industrial Region was established in 1975 with the decision of the Council of Ministers dated 29.03.1973 and numbered 7/6177 and the allocated land was 4.550.215 m² and 143 parcels of various sizes were allocated to the area of 3.564.665 m² and 119 industrial enterprises were allocated. The remaining 958.560 m² includes roads and green areas. The area of 8.000.000 m², which is the border of the region, has been added to the region as an extension area with the approval of the State Planning Organization on 15 October 1990. This area of 8.000.000 m² was formed as 42 islands and 285 parcels. Today, 323 parcels are occupied by 90% of the total of 39 parcels in production, construction and project stages.

Veliköy Organized Industrial Zone started its foundation works in 2011 and was established as Improvement OIZ on June 6, 2012 and has become a normal organized industrial zone after its improvement on 7 October 2013. Governor Mehmet Ceylan delegation headed by entrepreneurs, Çerkezköy District Governor Atilla Selami Abban is governed by the board of directors of the presidency. There are 85 companies operating in the Veliköy Organized Industrial Zone with 4.000.000m² area 187 plots. Today, 115 parcels of manufacturing, construction and project phase, 72 empty parcel has a 61% occupancy rate.

Yalıboyu Organized Industrial Zone started its foundation activities in 2011 and was established as Improvement OIZ on June 6, 2012 and has become a normal organized industrial zone after the improvement on 7 October 2013. It is managed by the board of directors under the chairmanship of Mr. Mehmet Ceylan. There are 17 firms in Yalıboyu Organized Industrial Zone, which has 210 plots of land and 38 plots of land. Today, 26 parcels of manufacturing, construction and project phase, 12 empty parcel has a 68% occupancy rate. Yalıboyu Organized Industrial Zone as of March 2016, Çerkezköy Chamber of Commerce and Industry has been providing services.

There are about 80,000 people in these companies of various sizes in both Kapaklı Organized Industrial Zone and Çerkezköy Organized Industrial Zone. The majority of industrial establishments in different regions of our region are Turkey's leading industrial organizations¹⁹ of the top 500 industrial establishments of Turkey in the year 2016, 14 of the second 500 largest enterprises are in our region. In addition, there are 30 companies in our region in the list of Turkey's biggest 1000 exporter companies announced in 2016. Most of these industrial enterprises export to various countries of the world and contribute to both the regional economy and the Turkish economy. The number of industrial establishment's increases day by day and the number of employees increases accordingly.

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AGRICULTURE

The economic structure of Çerkezköy was based on agriculture until the 1970s, but today the population engaged in agriculture has fallen to 15% of the total population because of the development of the industry and the population it carries. In the lands used as forest, agriculture and pasture area, the main products grown; Wheat and sunflower. In the province, cattle and sheep are grown in small quantities.

POPULATION

Çerkezköy settlement units that have the highest number of immigrants in Turkey are in the top three in the order. Çerkezköy, 81 provinces in Turkey is remarkable in terms of taking migration. As of 2016, the result of research conducted by TUIK in Çerkezköy, which has a population of 146 thousand, is the most remarkable among the citizens registered in Tekirdağ population and Erzurum population.

GEOGRAPHICAL STRUCTURE

The Çerkezköy district is connected to the province of Tekirdağ and is geographically 41 degrees 17 minutes 06 seconds north latitude and 28 degrees 00 minutes 01 second's east longitude and 160 meters in height from the sea. Çerkezköy is surrounded by Istanbul in the east, Çorlu in the south and west, and Saray in the north. It is connected to the 0-3 Highway passing through the south by 22 km. The province center is 56 km away from Tekirdağ and 110 km away from Istanbul.

The district lands consist of slightly rugged plains in the Ergene Basin. The waters of these lands collect the Çorlu Stream from the Ergene Ridge and its main branches.

Çerkezköy district center consists of 8 districts in administrative direction (Bağlık, Cumhuriyet, Fatih, Fevzi Pasha, Gazi Mustafa Kemal Pasha, Gazi Osman Paşa, İstasyon, Kızılpınar, Veliköy and Yıldırım Beyazıt neighborhoods).

Çerkezköy is under the influence of the distinctive features of the Thracian climate. Occasional cold northerly winds cause the fall of the warming in the region. Temperature ranges from 25 ° C to 35 ° C in summer and from 10 ° C to (-8 ° C) in winter.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to Çerkezköy is made by highway and railway. Çerkezköy is located at the junction of Kınalı Distinction - Çerkezköy - Corlu road and Çerkezköy - Saray - Vize - Kırklareli roads. It is also connected to Trans European Motorway by Beyciler-Çerkezköy connection road. The TEM connection, which is important for Çerkezköy, strengthens the connection between Istanbul and Europe. The connection of Çerkezköy district with the provincial center of Tekirdağ is provided by Çerkezköy - Çorlu - Tekirdağ highway. The railway connection in Çerkezköy district is provided by Istanbul - Edirne - Europe railway. Çerkezköy station is one of the important export stations. In addition, passengers have been moved to Istanbul - Çerkezköy electric suburban line since 1996. Çerkezköy will be one of the important stops of the Halkalı-Kapıkule High Speed Train Project. The connection to the maritime route in the district is related to the port of Tekirdağ.

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EDUCATION

In Çerkezköy, 2 kindergartens (Zehra - Mehmet Gülkaya Kindergarten, Zübeyde Hanım Kindergarten), 11 Primary Schools (İnci Narin Yerli Primary School, Kızılpınar Atatürk Primary School, Fevzipaşa Primary School, Veliköy Primary School, Cumhuriyet Primary School, Recep Arif Gabral Primary School, Şehit Diñer Ersoy Primary School, Çerkezköy Tepe Primary School, Mevlana Primary School, Martyr Mustafa Baykus Primary School, Atatürk Primary School), 9 Secondary School (75.Yıl Secondary School, Veliköy Municipality Secondary School, Metropolitan Municipality Gazi Mustafa Kemal Secondary School, Çerkezköy Tepe Secondary School, Cumhuriyet Secondary School, 1 Imam Hatip Secondary School (Çerkezköy İmam Hatip Secondary School), 1 Imam Hatip High School (Enesler Anatolian Imam Hatip High School), 4 Anatolian High School (Çerkezköy Chamber of Commerce and Industry Anatolian High School, Pakize Narin Anatolian High School, Hacı Fahri Zümbül Anatolian High School, Kızılpınar Anatolian High School), 3 Occupational And Technical Anadolu High School (Çerkezköy Halit Narin Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School, Hacı Fahri Zümbül Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School, Veliköy Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School), 2 Special Education Application Center (Çerkezköy Müjgan-Serkan Karagöz Special Education Application Center I-II), 1 (Çerkezköy Guidance and Research Center), 1 Vocational and Technical Education Center (Çerkezköy Turkish Textile Foundation Vocational and Technical Education Center), 1 Public Education Center (Çerkezköy Halk There are 1 Vocational School (Cerkezkoy Vocational School) which has 6 departments (Office Management and Executive Assistance, Occupational Health and Safety, Civil Defense and Firefighting, Public Relations and Publicity, Textile Technology and Logistics) within Namık Kemal University.

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