



Middle East :: Azerbaijan

Geography :: Azerbaijan

Location:

Southwestern Asia, bordering the Caspian Sea, between Iran and Russia, with a small European portion north of the Caucasus range

Geographic coordinates:

40 30N , 47 30 E

Map references:

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Area:

total: 86,600 sq km

country comparison to the world: 113

land: 82,629 sq km

water: 3,971 sq km

note: includes the exclave of Naxcivan Autonomous Republic and the Nagorno-Karabakh region; the region's autonomy was abolished by Azerbaijani Supreme Soviet on 26 November 1991

Land boundaries:

total: 2,013 km

border countries: Armenia (with Azerbaijan-proper) 566 km, Armenia (with Azerbaijan-Naxcivan exclave) 221 km, Georgia 322 km, Iran (with Azerbaijan-proper) 432 km, Iran (with Azerbaijan-Naxcivan exclave) 179 km, Russia 284 km, Turkey 9 km

Coastline:

Azerbaijan borders the Caspian Sea (713 km)

Climate:

dry, semiarid steppe

Terrain:

large, flat Kur-Araz Ovaligi (Kura-Araks Lowland, much of it below sea level) with Great Caucasus Mountains to the north, Qarabag Yaylasi (Karabakh Upland) in west; Baku lies on Abseron Yasaqligi (Apsheron Peninsula) that juts into Caspian Sea

Elevation extremes:

lowest point: Caspian Sea -28 m

highest point: Bazarduzu Dagi 4,485 m

Natural resources:

petroleum, natural gas, iron ore, nonferrous metals, bauxite

Land use:

arable land: 21.78%

permanent crops: 2.62%

other: 75.6% (2011)

Irrigated land:

14,250 sq km (2010)

People and Society :: Azerbaijan

Nationality:

noun: Azerbaijani(s)

adjective: Azerbaijani

Ethnic groups:

Azerbaijani 91.6%, Lezgian 2%, Russian 1.3%, Armenian 1.3%, Talysh 1.3%, other 2.4%

note: almost all Armenians live in the separatist Nagorno-Karabakh region (2009 est)

Languages:

Azerbaijani (Azeri) (official) 92.5%, Russian 1.4%, Armenian 1.4%, other 4.7% (2009 est.)

Religions:

Muslim 93.4%, Russian Orthodox 2.5%, Armenian Orthodox 2.3%, other 1.8% (1995 est)

note: religious affiliation is still nominal in Azerbaijan; percentages for actual practicing adherents are much lower

Population:

9,686,210 (July 2014 est)

country comparison to the world: 92

Government :: Azerbaijan

Country name:

conventional long form: Republic of Azerbaijan

conventional short form: Azerbaijan

local long form: Azarbaycan Respublikasi

local short form: Azarbaycan

former: Azerbaijan Soviet Socialist Republic

Government type:

republic

Capital:

name:Baku (Baki, Baky)

geographic coordinates: 40 2N , 49 52 E

time difference: UTC+4 (9 hours ahead of Washington, DC during Standard Time)

Administrative divisions:

66 rayons (rayonlar; rayon - singular), 11 cities (saharlar; sahar - singular);

rayons: Abseron, Agcabadi, Agdam, Agdas, Agstafa, Agsu, Astara, Babak, Balakan, Barda, Beylaqan, Bilasuvar, Cabrayil, Calilabad, Culfa, Daskasan, Fuzuli, Gadabay, Goranboy, Goycay, Goygol, Hacıqabul, Imisli, Ismayilli, Kalbacar, Kangarli, Kurdamir, Lacin, Lankaran, Lerik, Masalli, Neftcala, Oguz, Ordubad, Qabala, Qax, Qazax, Qobustan, Quba, Qubadli, Qusar, Saatli, Sabirabad, Sabran, Sadarak, Sahbuz, Saki, Salyan, Samaxi, Samkir, Samux, Sarur, Siyazan, Susa, Tartar, Tovuz, Ucar, Xacmaz, Xizi, Xocali, Xocavand, Yardimli, Yevlax, Zangilan, Zaqatala, Zardab

cities: Baku, Ganca, Lankaran, Mingacevir, Naftalan, Naxcivan (Nakhichevan), Saki, Sirvan, Sumqayit, Xankandi, Yevlax

Independence:

30 August 1991 (declared from the Soviet Union); 18 October 1991 (adopted by the Supreme Council of Azerbaijan)

National holiday:

Founding of the Democratic Republic of Azerbaijan, 28 May (1918)

Executive branch:

chief of state: President İlham ALIYEV (since 31 October 2003)

head of government: Prime Minister Artur RASIZADE (since 4 November 2003); First Deputy Prime Minister Yaqub EYYUBOV (since June 2006)

International organization participation:

ADB, BSEC, CD, CE, CICA, CIS, EAPC, EBRD, ECO, EITI (compliant country), FAO, GCTU, GUAM, IAEA, IBRD,

ICAO, ICC (NGOs), ICRM, IDA, IDB, IFAD, IFC, IFRCs, ILO, IMF, IMO, Interpol, IOC, IOM, IPU, ISO, ITSO, ITU,

ITUC (NGOs), MIGA, NAM, OAS (observer), OIC, OPCW, OSCE, PFP, SELEC (observer), UN, UNCTAD, UNESCO,

UNHCR, UNIDO, UNWTO, UPU, WCO, WFTU (NGOs), WHO, WIPO, WMO, WTO (observer)

Economy :: Azerbaijan

GDP (purchasing power parity):

\$100.4 billion (2013 est)

country comparison to the world: 76

\$97.04 billion (2012 est)

\$94.98 billion (2011 est)

note: data are in 2013 US dollars

GDP (official exchange rate):

\$76.01 billion (2013 est)

GDP- real growth rate:

3.5% (2013 est)

country comparison to the world: 96

2.2% (2012 est)

0.1% (2011 est)

GDP- per capita (PPP):

\$10,800 (2013 est)

country comparison to the world: 114

\$10,500 (2012 est)

\$10,400 (2011 est)

note: data are in 2013 US dollars

Gross national saving:

41% of GDP (2013 est)

country comparison to the world: 10

44.4% of GDP (2012 est)

45.1% of GDP (2011 est)

GDP- composition, by end use:

household consumption: 41.4%

government consumption: 10.5%

investment in fixed capital: 23.3%

investment in inventories: 0.1%

exports of goods and services: 49.9%

imports of goods and services: -25.2%

(2013 est)

GDP- composition, by sector of origin:

agriculture: 6.2%

industry: 63%

services: 30.8% (2013 est)

Agriculture - products:

cotton, grain, rice, grapes, fruit, vegetables, tea, tobacco; cattle, pigs, sheep, goats

Industries:

petroleum and natural gas, petroleum products, oilfield equipment; steel, iron ore; cement; chemicals and petrochemicals; textiles

Industrial production growth rate:

3% (2013 est)

country comparison to the world: 107**Exports:**

\$34.46 billion (2013 est)

country comparison to the world: 63

\$32.63 billion (2012 est)

Exports - commodities:

oil and gas 90%, machinery, cotton, foodstuffs

Exports - partners:

Italy 27.1%, France 8.1%, Indonesia 6.9%, Germany 5.9%, Israel 5.4%, India 4.2%, US 4.2% (2012)

Imports:

\$11.98 billion (2013 est)

country comparison to the world: 94

\$10.42 billion (2012 est)

Imports - commodities:

machinery and equipment, oil products, foodstuffs, metals, chemicals

Imports - partners:

Turkey 17.8%, Russia 13.7%, China 7.5%, Germany 6.9%, UK 6.8%, Ukraine 5.5%, US 4.9% (2012)

Exchange rates:

Azerbaijani manats (AZN) per US dollar -

0.785 (2013 est)

0.7857 (2012 est)

0.8027 (2010 est)

0.8038 (2009)

0.8219 (2008)

Energy :: Azerbaijan

Electricity - production:

19.44 billion kWh (2011 est)

country comparison to the world: 75

Electricity - consumption:

13.57 billion kWh (2010 est)

country comparison to the world: 80

Electricity - exports:

462 million kWh (2010 est)

country comparison to the world: 66

Electricity - imports:

100 million kWh (2010 est)

country comparison to the world: 93

Electricity - installed generating capacity:

6.392 million kW (2010 est)

country comparison to the world: 70

Electricity - from fossil fuels:

84.5% of total installed capacity (2010 est)

country comparison to the world: 89

Electricity - from nuclear fuels:

0% of total installed capacity (2010 est)

country comparison to the world: 36

Electricity - from hydroelectric plants:

15.4% of total installed capacity (2010 est)

country comparison to the world: 100

Electricity - from other renewable sources:

0.1% of total installed capacity (2010 est)

country comparison to the world: 105

Crude oil - production:

931,900 bbl/day (2012 est)

country comparison to the world: 25

Crude oil - exports:

821,000 bbl/day (2011 est)

country comparison to the world: 17

Crude oil - imports:

0 bbl/day (2010 est)

country comparison to the world: 150

Crude oil - proved reserves:

7 billion bbl (1 January 2013 es)

country comparison to the world: 20

Refined petroleum products - production:

133,500 bbl/day (2010 est)

country comparison to the world: 65

Refined petroleum products - consumption:

168,000 bbl/day (2011 est)

country comparison to the world: 63

Refined petroleum products - exports:

53,440 bbl/day (2010 est.)

country comparison to the world: 60

Refined petroleum products - imports:

498.6 bbl/day (2010 est)

country comparison to the world: 204

Natural gas - production:

17.86 billion cu m (2011 est)

country comparison to the world: 34

Natural gas - consumption:

9.921 billion cu m (2010 est)

country comparison to the world: 47

Natural gas - exports:

5.55 billion cu m (2011 est)

country comparison to the world: 33

Natural gas - imports:

250 million cu m (2011 est)

country comparison to the world: 70

Natural gas - proved reserves:

991.1 billion cu m (1 January 2013 es)

country comparison to the world: 28

Carbon dioxide emissions from**consumption of energy:**

36.52 million Mt(2011 est)

country comparison to the world: 73

Communications :: Azerbaijan**Telephones - main lines in use:**

1.734 million (2012)

country comparison to the world: 64

Telephones - mobile cellular:

10.125 million (2012)

country comparison to the world: 78

Transportation :: Azerbaijan**Airports:**

37 (2013)

country comparison to the world: 108

Airports - with paved runways:

total: 30

over 3,047 m: 5

2,438 to 3,047 m: 5

1,524 to 2,437 m: 13

914 to 1,523 m: 4

under 914 m: 3 (2013)

Airports - with unpaved runways:

total: 7

under 914 m:

7 (2013)

Heliports:

1 (2012)

Pipelines:

condensate 89 km; gas 3,890 km; oil 2,446 km (2013)

Railways:

total: 2,918 km

country comparison to the world: 59

broad gauge: 2,918 km 1.520-m gauge (1,278 km electrified) (2009)

Roadways:

total: 52,942 km

country comparison to the world: 75

paved: 26,789 km

unpaved: 26,153 km (2006)

Merchant marine:

total: 90

country comparison to the world: 53

by type: cargo 27 chemical tanker 1, passenger 2, passenger/cargo 8, petroleum tanker 47, roll on/roll off 3, specialized tanker 2

foreign-owned: 1 (Turkey 1)

registered in other countries: 2 (Malta 1, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 1) (2010)

Ports and terminals:

major seaport(s): Baku (Baki) located on the Caspian Sea