



Azerbaijan



Background Azerbaijan was part of the Soviet Union for over seventy years, until winning its independence in 1991. A long-running conflict with Armenia over the status of the Nagorno-Karabakh region ended in 2023 when Azerbaijan seized control. The ALIYEV family has been in power in Azerbaijan since 1993.

Capital name: Baku (Baki, Bakı)

Government type presidential republic

Area total : 86,600 sq km
land: 82,629 sq km
water: 3,971 sq km

Climate dry, semiarid steppe

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

Population total: 10,650,239 (2024 est.)

Population growth rate 0.43% (2024 est.)

Ethnic groups Azerbaijani 91.6%, Lezghin 2%, Russian 1.3%, Armenian 1.3%, Talysh 1.3%, other 2.4% (2009 est.)

Religions Muslim 97.3% (predominantly Shia), Christian 2.6%, other <0.1, unaffiliated <0.1 (2020 est.)

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

Executive branch chief of state: President Ilham ALIYEV (since 31 October 2003)

head of government: Prime Minister Ali ASADOV (since 8 October 2019)

chief of mission: Ambassador Khazar IBRAHIM (since 15 September 2021)

Diplomatic representation in the US chief of mission: Ambassador (vacant); Chargé d'Affaires Hugo GUEVAR (since January 2025)

Diplomatic representation from the US

Economic overview upper-middle income, oil-dependent Caucasus economy; minimal economic diversification and dominance of state-owned enterprises; growth and fiscal consolidation supported by oil revenues, but risks remain from demand shocks; potential economic gains from Nagorno-Karabakh ceasefire; education investments to diversify and retain human capital

Real GDP (purchasing power parity)	\$215.896 billion (2023 est.) \$213.497 billion (2022 est.) \$203.884 billion (2021 est.)
Real GDP per capita	\$21,300 (2023 est.) \$21,100 (2022 est.) \$20,100 (2021 est.)
Exports	\$35.487 billion (2023 est.) \$47.274 billion (2022 est.) \$25.494 billion (2021 est.)
Exports - partners	Italy 37%, Turkey 19%, Israel 5%, Greece 4%, Russia 4% (2023)
Exports - commodities	crude petroleum, natural gas, refined petroleum, plastics, electricity (2023)
Imports	\$25.016 billion (2023 est.) \$21.274 billion (2022 est.) \$16.432 billion (2021 est.)
Imports - partners	Russia 17%, China 16%, Turkey 14%, Georgia 4%, Germany 4% (2023)
Imports - commodities	cars, crude petroleum, refined petroleum, broadcasting equipment, garments (2023)