



Azerbaijan

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Sources include: Statistics Canada, IMF, EIU, Election World

General Information:

Title	Republic of Azerbaijan			EU Status	Non-member
Capital	Baku	Currency	1 CAN\$ 3,859.72	Manats (05/2005)	
Total Area	86,600 km ²	National Holiday	May 28, Independence Day (1918)		
Population	7,911,974	Language(s)	Azerbaijani, Russian, Armenian, other		

Political Information:

Type of State Republic

Type of Government

Presidential republic with democratic structures. Unicameral parliament with a 125-seat National Assembly (Milli Meclisi). Prime Minister and Council of Ministers appointed by the President and confirmed by the National Assembly. Administrative units: 59 districts, 11 cities and the autonomous republic of Naxçıvan. Governing alliance: New Azerbaijan Party (YAP) and allies.

Head of State

President Ilham Aliyev (YAP)

Head of Government

Prime Minister Artur Rasizade (YAP)

Ministers

Foreign Affairs: Elmar Mammadyarov (YAP)
 Finance: Avaz Alakbarov (YAP)
 Economic Development: Farhad Aliyev (YAP)

Main Political Parties

New Azerbaijan Party (YAP), Azadlig (Freedom), Yeni Sisayet (YeS – New Policy), Civil Solidarity (VBP), Ana Vatan (AV), Liberal Party, Democratic Reforms Party (DRP), Umid Party, United Popular Front Party (UPF), Great Creation Party (GCP), Social Prosperity Party (SPP), Civil Unity Party (CU).

National Assembly: YAP (58), Azadlig (8), YeS (2), VBP (2), AV (2), Liberal Party (1), DRP (1), Umid (1), UPF (1), SPP (1), CU (1).

Elections

President and members of the National Assembly elected for five-year terms by popular vote. Next presidential election in October 2008; next parliamentary election in 2010.

Economic Information: (for 2004)

GDP in country: (billion)	\$10.46	GDP in Canada: (billion)	\$1,238
GDP per capita in country:	\$1,254	GDP per capita in Canada:	\$38,756
GDP Growth rate: (%)	8.1	Canada GDP growth rate: (%)	2.6
Inflation: (%)	4	Inflation in Canada: (%)	1.4
Country unemployment: (%)	n/a	Canada Unemployment: (%)	7.4
Canadian exports to country	\$12,632,854	FDI in Canada: (million)	n/a
Canadian Imports from country	\$816,561	CDI in this country: (million)	n/a

Please note that economic statistics reflect Canadian dollars yearly averages for 2004.

2005 figures will be available in early 2006

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