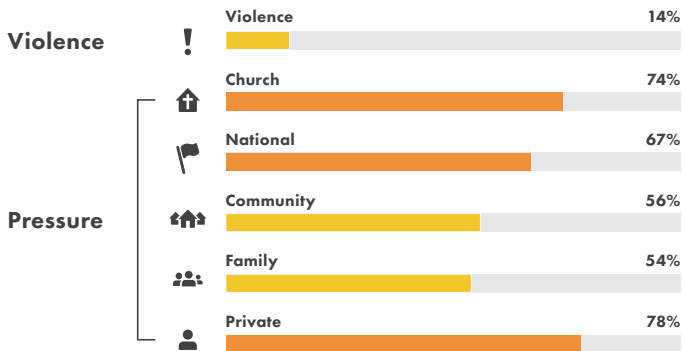




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# Azerbaijan

<b>Region</b>	Middle East
<b>Source of Persecution</b>	Dictatorial Paranoia
<b>Population</b>	9,974,000
<b>Christians</b>	319,000
<b>Main Religion</b>	Islam
<b>Leader</b>	President Ilham Aliyev
<b>Score</b>	57/100



## Suspicion And Spies

Even though the constitution states there is freedom of religion, life is hard for Christians in Azerbaijan. There is a lot of distrust amongst believers. Churches are filled with spies. Nobody is willing to admit that they are persecuted. Believers fear what might happen to them as a result of speaking out.

## Prayer Points

- Pray for house church leaders forced to operate without permission. Pray for their protection and boldness to continue sharing the gospel.
- Pray people can get access to the word of God, despite all the restrictions around importing and selling Bibles.
- Pray for persecuting Christians to discover the love of God for themselves.