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# Azerbaijan



## About

Officially, Azerbaijan is a secular country with religious freedom. However, Christians are often under surveillance and don't know who to trust. The law is used to justify fines, police raids, detentions and imprisonments. Spies are also sent to church gatherings. Compulsory re-registration laws have led to the de-registration of many churches, making them targets for the authorities.

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## Story

**“In spite of many difficulties that Christians face in our country, God is keeping and protecting His Church.”**

– A pastor from Azerbaijan.

Despite restrictions on the church in Azerbaijan, this pastor is seeing great growth and many people wanting to be baptised.

### Pray



Pray for unity among the different Christian denominations within Azerbaijan.

Pray for Christians in the workforce who are disadvantaged and often overlooked because of their faith.

**Score**  
57/100



### Source Of Persecution

Dictatorial Paranoia

### General Population

9.9 million

### Christian Population

321 Thousand

### Main Religion

Islam

### Region

Central Asia

### Government

Presidential Republic

### Leader

President Ilham Aliyev