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**National composition of population by regions of the Republic of Azerbaijan, person**  
(based on 2009 population census)

Towns and regions	Total population	of which:																	
		avars	azerbaijanians	armenians	georgians	khynalygs	kurds	kryzs	lezgis	russians	sakhurs	talyshs	tats	tatars	turkish	udins	ukrainians	jews	other nationalities
<b>Republic of Azerbaijan - total</b>	<b>8922447</b>	<b>49838</b>	<b>8172809</b>	<b>120306</b>	<b>9912</b>	<b>2233</b>	<b>6065</b>	<b>4344</b>	<b>180324</b>	<b>119307</b>	<b>12289</b>	<b>111996</b>	<b>25218</b>	<b>25911</b>	<b>37975</b>	<b>3821</b>	<b>21509</b>	<b>9084</b>	<b>9506</b>
<b>Baku city - total</b>	<b>2045815</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>1848107</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>2226</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>24868</b>	<b>108525</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1048</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>25171</b>	<b>2081</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>21071</b>	<b>6056</b>	<b>5696</b>
of which:																			
Binagadi region	238531	35	221057	7	280	-	22	-	2773	8382	5	44	36	2359	128	1	2272	522	608
Garadagh region	107358	4	99359	8	22	-	5	-	2680	2669	5	42	5	1137	39	-	1150	41	192
Khazar region	168732	4	158428	17	21	-	3	-	1738	6041	-	22	-	1375	29	1	768	52	233
Sabayel region	90238	26	78647	20	148	-	4	-	1517	6305	1	65	12	1042	272	-	1397	307	475
Sabunchu region	220496	10	203430	13	28	-	18	-	2377	9987	-	49	8	2611	29	-	1139	276	521
Surakhany region	196608	15	180179	14	44	-	4	-	3454	7804	4	65	3	2992	49	5	1349	166	461
Narimanov region	161162	35	144110	3	271	-	24	-	1281	10011	4	86	21	1698	288	4	2180	471	675
Nasimi region	208132	15	184592	5	382	-	6	-	1270	13637	-	81	132	2661	290	6	2587	1787	681
Nizami region	177786	47	154701	5	249	-	37	-	2802	13447	4	197	39	2691	138	4	2305	532	588
Khatai region	244841	56	214172	10	474	-	48	1	3901	17364	9	259	41	3386	445	12	2941	915	807
Yasamal region	231931	49	209432	2	307	-	14	-	1075	12878	-	138	10	3219	374	8	2983	987	455
<b>Absheron economic region - total</b>	<b>513971</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>505309</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4152</b>	<b>2670</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>360</b>
of which:																			
Khyzi region	14731	-	14596	-	-	-	-	-	16	27	-	-	5	3	68	-	-	-	16
Absheron region	189794	5	188252	4	7	-	27	-	648	500	-	68	10	57	63	-	15	32	106
Sumgayit town	309446	27	302461	8	29	-	9	14	3488	2143	8	475	96	116	179	1	94	60	238
<b>Ganja-Gazakh economic region - total</b>	<b>1172576</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1166694</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1119</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>1596</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>2427</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>344</b>
of which:																			
Ganja town	313249	6	311813	6	21	-	31	-	47	895	1	-	-	52	210	4	37	22	104
of which:																			
Nizami region	168691	4	167731	3	15	-	10	-	34	599	1	-	-	42	156	4	27	6	59
Kapaz region	144558	2	144082	3	6	-	21	-	13	296	-	-	-	10	54	-	10	16	45
Gazakh region	89377	-	88999	4	3	-	100	-	-	46	-	-	-	-	177	-	1	1	46

Towns and regions	Total population	of which:																	
		avars	azerbaijani- nians	arme- nians	geor- gians	khyna- lygs	kurds	kryzs	lezgis	russians	sak- hurs	talyshs	tats	tata- rians	turkish	udins	ukrai- nians	jews	other nationa- lities
Aghstafa region	80222	-	79490	6	11	-	68	-	-	85	-	-	-	5	494	-	5	1	57
Tovuz region	157875	-	157599	4	2	-	-	-	-	76	-	6	-	4	157	-	8	-	19
Shamkir region	191428	1	190432	5	6	-	22	-	2	139	-	-	18	762	-	10	-	31	
Gadabay region	93719	-	93573	2	-	-	1	-	-	133	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	8	
Dashkasan region	32694	-	32644	9	-	-	8	-	1	25	-	-	3	1	-	2	-	1	
Samukh region	53708	-	52572	4	1	-	753	-	2	40	-	-	8	292	-	3	-	33	
Goygol region	57191	1	57071	5	3	-	34	-	5	33	-	5	2	4	-	3	1	24	
Goranboy region	94244	1	93654	2	2	-	102	-	5	107	-	-	7	330	-	14	-	20	
Naftalan town	8869	-	8847	-	-	-	-	-	3	17	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	
<b>Shaki-Zagatala economic region - total</b>	<b>565983</b>	<b>49477</b>	<b>460826</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7545</b>	-	<b>47</b>	-	<b>28397</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>12246</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>1365</b>	<b>3774</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>1328</b>
of which:																			
Balakan region	89827	23874	65349	2	38	-	-	-	91	128	34	1	-	11	28	-	4	-	267
Zagatala region	118228	25578	80476	1	59	-	-	-	50	233	11203	2	-	11	303	-	5	-	307
Gakh region	53259	9	43946	7	7447	-	-	-	253	67	1008	-	-	7	64	1	5	-	445
Shaki town	170733	14	163092	2	-	-	26	-	7152	121	1	1	-	10	26	2	6	-	280
Oguz region	40284	2	34296	1	-	-	21	-	4831	142	-	1	-	5	805	74	1	85	20
Gabala region	93652	-	73667	3	1	-	-	-	16020	89	-	7	2	10	139	3697	8	-	9
<b>Lankaran economic region - total</b>	<b>824018</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>712933</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	-	<b>14</b>	-	<b>22</b>	<b>554</b>	-	<b>110312</b>	-	<b>36</b>	<b>41</b>	-	<b>36</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>60</b>
of which:																			
Astara region	96230	-	57932	1	1	-	-	-	2	63	-	38207	-	5	-	-	4	-	15
Lankaran town	205726	1	151217	-	1	-	14	-	10	281	-	54125	-	13	17	-	22	-	25
Lerik region	74522	-	72228	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	2281	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Yardimly region	58073	-	58067	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Masally region	197147	1	181353	-	1	-	-	-	3	74	-	15675	-	11	18	-	4	-	7
Jalilabad region	192320	-	192136	2	-	-	-	-	7	122	-	24	-	6	6	-	6	1	10
<b>Guba-Khachmaz economic region - total</b>	<b>488741</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>330138</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2233</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>4329</b>	<b>113484</b>	<b>967</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>24761</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>7881</b>	-	<b>53</b>	<b>2798</b>	<b>1198</b>
of which:																			
Gusar region	87857	1	7956	1	-	20	-	11	79629	87	-	2	6	8	102	-	7	3	24
Khachmaz region	159245	5	115811	2	7	36	603	3540	24688	643	1	36	9108	131	4165	-	28	90	351
Guba region	152452	1	120774	2	5	2177	-	778	8952	135	-	10	13880	63	2159	-	13	2705	798

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Shabran region	51533	2	48254	1	-	-	-	-	65	31	-	-	1766	8	1390	-	2	-	14
Siyazan region	37654	1	37343	1	2	-	-	-	150	71	-	-	1	6	65	-	3	-	11
<b>Aran economic region - total</b>	<b>1796403</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1771670</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	-	<b>246</b>	-	<b>582</b>	<b>1500</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>21784</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>350</b>
of which:																			
Goychay region	109018	2	108512	1	1	-	-	-	396	62	-	-	-	7	18	-	4	1	14
Beylagan region	86192	-	84061	2	-	-	-	-	1	47	-	6	-	24	2036	-	3	-	12
Agdjabadi region	121707	-	121584	-	-	-	18	-	-	31	-	-	-	1	4	-	4	-	65
Barda region	141646	-	141485	1	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	5	97	-	5	-	5
Neftchala region	79525	-	79411	-	2	-	-	-	-	98	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	13
Bilasuvar region	87508	-	87455	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	-	-	-	2	1	-	4	-	2
Salyan region	121871	-	121700	-	-	-	9	-	2	57	-	1	-	2	93	-	2	-	5
Yevlakh town	117803	-	117176	2	-	-	210	-	7	88	-	-	-	4	294	1	5	6	10
Mingechevir town	96304	6	95700	2	6	-	7	-	52	413	1	1	-	38	16	-	20	1	41
Agdash region	98599	-	98388	1	2	-	-	-	105	49	-	-	-	4	31	-	3	-	16
Ujar region	78135	-	78076	2	-	-	-	-	3	38	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	12
Zardab region	52870	-	52846	-	-	-	-	-	1	19	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3
Kurdamir region	103860	-	103453	2	-	-	-	-	1	39	-	1	-	8	334	-	6	2	14
Imishli region	114183	-	114103	-	-	-	-	-	-	70	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	1	5
Saatly region	92572	-	76774	-	-	-	-	-	1	89	-	-	-	3	15679	-	5	-	21
Sabirabad region	151713	-	148571	-	1	-	2	-	3	81	-	2	-	-	3042	-	2	-	9
Hajigabul region	65837	-	65526	-	-	-	-	-	10	33	-	-	30	5	134	-	2	-	97
Shirvan town	77060	-	76849	-	-	-	-	-	-	194	-	-	-	4	4	-	2	1	6
<b>Yukhari Karabakh economic region - total</b>	<b>610186</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>499447</b>	<b>110295</b>	<b>2</b>	-	<b>30</b>	-	<b>32</b>	<b>187</b>	-	<b>6</b>	-	<b>20</b>	<b>131</b>	-	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>
of which:																			
Jabrail region	70585	2	70546	1	1	-	-	-	1	19	-	5	-	3	2	-	2	-	3
Fuzuli region	115495	-	115439	1	-	-	-	-	7	31	-	-	-	5	2	-	3	1	6
Aghdam region	175577	-	175477	1	-	-	-	-	15	63	-	-	-	7	4	-	5	1	4
Tartar region	97270	-	74130	23051	-	-	27	-	-	52	-	-	-	3	-	-	4	1	2
Khojaly region	26047	-	13028	12929	-	-	-	-	5	4	-	-	-	-	81	-	-	-	-
Shusha region	28560	-	27364	1140	1	-	3	-	4	4	-	-	-	2	41	-	1	-	-
Khojavand region	41599	-	12007	29583	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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		avars	azerbaijians	armenians	georgians	khynalygs	kurds	kryzs	lezgis	russians	sak-hurs	talyshs	tats	tatars	turkish	udins	ukrainians	jews	other nationalities
Khankendi town	55053	-	11456	43589	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
<b>Kalbajar-Lachin economic region - total</b>	<b>224848</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>212467</b>	<b>9794</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1966</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>
of which:																			
Kalbajar region	80769	2	70895	9794	1	-	38	-	1	33	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	2
Lachin region	69087	-	66671	-	-	-	1914	-	3	28	-	1	-	2	464	-	-	1	3
Gubadly region	35630	-	35613	-	-	-	-	-	1	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1
Zangilan region	39362	-	39288	-	-	-	14	-	5	12	-	-	-	1	34	-	2	4	2
<b>Dakhlik Shirvan economic region - total</b>	<b>281583</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>268509</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8700</b>	<b>2341</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1352</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>113</b>
of which:																			
Gobustan region	40112	-	39932	1	-	-	-	-	1	58	-	-	-	2	107	-	-	-	11
Ismayilly region	79330	-	68448	3	-	-	498	-	8076	2024	-	-	-	7	194	-	9	7	64
Aghsu region	70536	-	69779	4	2	-	-	-	536	24	-	-	-	1	172	-	2	-	16
Shamakhy region	91605	-	90350	1	21	-	-	-	87	235	-	-	6	2	879	-	2	-	22
<b>Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic - total</b>	<b>398323</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>396709</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1321</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33</b>
of which:																			
Nakhchivan town	82552	-	82392	-	-	-	3	-	-	55	-	3	-	1	72	-	10	-	16
Sharur region	102282	-	100987	-	-	-	1238	-	-	18	-	-	-	2	27	-	5	-	5
Babek region	62886	-	62857	1	-	-	-	-	12	10	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	3
Ordubad region	45049	-	45022	5	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	2	3	-	4	-	2
Julfa region	41195	-	41182	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	1	-	3	-	5
Kengerli region	27597	-	27517	-	-	-	80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shahbuz region	22746	-	22740	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Sadarak region	14016	-	14012	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-

## New jobs and businesses

Years	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016 I quarter
<b>Number of new jobs opened in the country, total</b>	<b>94111</b>	<b>120355</b>	<b>109871</b>	<b>127315</b>	<b>115869</b>	<b>47965</b>
of which:						
Lankaran town	1450	1938	2541	2995	2741	707
of which permanent jobs	1015	1340	2046	2329	2046	582
Astara region	348	463	519	625	766	388
of which permanent jobs	348	463	425	618	511	378
Lerik region	612	748	1203	1085	732	356
of which permanent jobs	298	324	341	779	460	297
Masally region	2220	4602	2975	2972	2128	752
of which permanent jobs	1183	3029	1828	2302	1872	690
Yardimly region	189	151	334	319	308	439
of which permanent jobs	189	151	297	319	308	439
Guba region	1273	1478	1491	2013	1306	584
of which permanent jobs	916	968	833	1391	751	486
Gusar region	1686	1518	782	1067	891	451
of which permanent jobs	523	539	500	758	645	408
Khachmaz region	1503	1480	1371	1774	1492	490
of which permanent jobs	1137	912	1176	1634	1351	474
Siyazan region	122	259	231	373	324	331
of which permanent jobs	122	259	231	373	324	331
Shabran region	494	641	594	1121	680	417
of which permanent jobs	357	569	506	1006	619	405
Shaki town	1184	1246	1656	2090	1569	453
of which permanent jobs	1184	1246	1656	2090	1167	453
Balakan region	1340	1174	1345	1220	713	434
of which permanent jobs	520	644	825	620	430	380
Gakh region	547	519	332	479	339	153
of which permanent jobs	381	449	328	479	326	153
Zagatala region	794	1166	1095	1476	1056	501
of which permanent jobs	714	1040	989	1401	1001	459
<b>Number of new businesses created</b>	<b>5137</b>	<b>5417</b>	<b>7879</b>	<b>9130</b>	<b>6266</b>	<b>2045</b>

**Distribution of day general educational institutions and pupils  
educated there by teaching language  
(at the beginning of school year)**

	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016
<b>Number of day general educational institutions</b>					
<b>- total</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>341</b>
<i>by teaching language:</i>					
<b>russian</b> ( including teaching schools with two or more languages), total	<b>344</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>325</b>
<i>including:</i>					
russian (teaching schools with one language)	19	17	18	15	15
azerbaijan and russian	325	321	317	314	310
<b>georgian</b> (including teaching schools with two or more languages), total	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
<i>including:</i>					
georgian (teaching schools with one language)	6	6	6	6	6
azerbaijan and georgian	6	6	5	4	4
<b>english</b> ( including teaching schools with two or more languages), total	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
<i>including:</i>					
english (teaching schools with one language)	1	2	3	3	3
azerbaijan and english	4	6	6	2	2
<b>turkish</b> ( including teaching schools with two or more languages), total	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<i>including:</i>					
turkish (teaching schools with one language)	-	1	-	1	1
azerbaijan and turkish	1	3	3	-	-
<b>Number of pupils - total, person</b>	<b>90396</b>	<b>91635</b>	<b>93359</b>	<b>98293</b>	<b>104288</b>
<i>persons getting education by languages:</i>					
<b>russian</b> ( including teaching schools with two or more languages), total	<b>87421</b>	<b>87121</b>	<b>90472</b>	<b>95574</b>	<b>101592</b>
<i>including:</i>					
russian (teaching schools with one language)	4342	3822	3952	5814	5938
azerbaijan and russian	83079	83299	86520	89760	95654
<b>georgian</b> (including teaching schools with two or more languages), total	<b>1338</b>	<b>1249</b>	<b>1196</b>	<b>1152</b>	<b>1121</b>
<i>including:</i>					
georgian (teaching schools with one language)	803	748	719	672	659
azerbaijan and georgian	535	501	477	480	462
<b>english</b> ( including teaching schools with two or more languages), total	<b>1439</b>	<b>1682</b>	<b>1407</b>	<b>1349</b>	<b>1371</b>
<i>including:</i>					
english (teaching schools with one language)	735	1082	1069	1236	1182
azerbaijan and english	704	600	338	113	189
<b>turkish</b> ( including teaching schools with two or more languages), total	<b>198</b>	<b>1583</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>204</b>
<i>including:</i>					
turkish (teaching schools with one language)	-	1218	-	218	204
azerbaijan and turkish	198	365	284	-	-
<b>Distribution of pupils for mother tongue is taught as a subject</b>					
<b>Total, person</b>	<b>33897</b>	<b>37103</b>	<b>38057</b>	<b>33516</b>	<b>27843</b>
<i>including:</i>					
talish	17797	20207	21260	18315	12922
lezgi	13584	14536	14654	13020	13103
sakhur	501	454	408	444	651
avar	1696	1572	1527	1527	838
udin	183	192	168	169	183
khinalig	105	110	-	-	104
kurd	31	32	40	41	42



In accordance with Article 7 (Language of Education) of the “Law on Education” of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Azerbaijani language is the language of education. At the same time, taking relevant provisions in the “Law on Education” into account, providing the education of Azerbaijani language, Azerbaijani literature, history and geography of Azerbaijan in secondary schools can be in other languages if it meets state standards. 103 999 students are educated in Russian language in 337 secondary schools in the country.

Moreover there are 10 schools providing education in Georgian language. These schools operate in the regions of Gakh (7 schools), Zagatala (2 schools) and Balakan (1 school).

<b>№</b>	<b>District , school name</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Total number of students</b>	<b>Georgian students in total number</b>
	<b>Zagatala district</b>			
1	Aliabad settl. 1 № (Secondary and Tertiary)	Azerbaijani- Georgian	362	105
2	Mosul village (Secondary and Tertiary)	Azerbaijani- Georgian	408	135
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>240</b>
	<b>Gakh district</b>			
1	City 2 № School-Lyceum	Azerbaijani- Georgian-Russian	859	103
2	Gakh-Ingiloy village (Secondary and Tertiary)	Georgian	138	138

3	Alibeyli village (Secondary and Tertiary)	Georgian	187	187
4	Gakhash village 1№ (Secondary and Tertiary)	Georgian	73	73
5	Alatamir village (Secondary and Tertiary)	Georgian	97	97
6	Ingiloy Kokutlu village (Secondary and Tertiary)	Georgian	133	133
7	Meshabash village (Secondary)	Georgian	31	31
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>1544</b>	<b>776</b>
	<b>Balaken district</b>			
1	Ititala village (Secondary and Tertiary)	Azerbaijani-Georgian	343	119
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>119</b>
	<b>In total for 3 districts:</b>		<b>2657</b>	<b>1135</b>

In secondary schools representing a number of regions of Azerbaijan, the Lezghin, Talysh, Hebrew, Avar, Tsahur, Udi, Kurdish, Khinalig languages are taught. According to the approved education plan, two academic per hours in a week are allocated for education of each language. Lezghin and Hebrew languages are taught in secondary, whereas other languages are taught in primary schools. The figures are given below:

- *Lezghin language (98 schools, 12325 students)*

- *Talysh language (225 schools, 19010 students)*
- *Avar language (22 schools, 1489 students)*
- *Tsahur language (5 schools, 492 students).*
- *Udi language (3 schools, 183 students).*
- *Kurdish language (2 schools, 42 students).*
- *Khinalig language (1 school, 109 students).*
- *Hebrew language (1 school, 74 students).*

Thus, 33719 students belonging to national minorities study their own native language in 357 secondary schools.

Students and teaching staff of the secondary schools belonging to national minorities participate in different competitions and contests of the country. In the “Best Teacher” contest held for the last eight years, teachers belonging to national minorities have also participated and were awarded prizes. During that period, 12 Avar, 7 Talysh, 5 Lezghin teachers have been the winner of the “Best Teacher” contest.