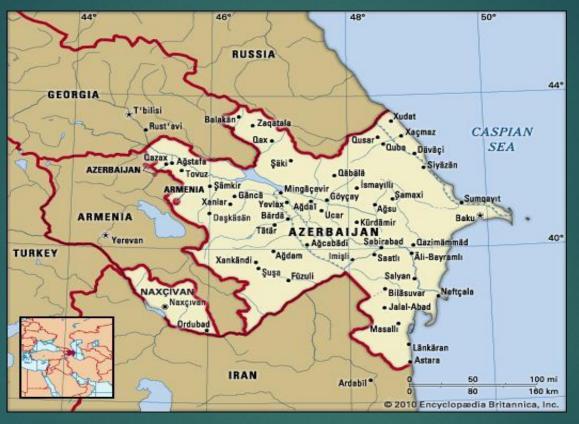
Importance of Azerbaijan Regional Programs

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Azerbaijan is located in the South Caucasus region of Eurasia at the crossroads of Eastern Europe and Western Asia. It is bound by the Caspian Sea to the east, Russia to the north, Georgia to the northwest, Armenia to the west and Iran to the south. Azerbaijan has an 11 km long border with Turkey in the north west.



In economic terms country is consists of the ten regions which are Absheron, Ganja, Nakhchivan, Sheki-Zagatala, Lankaran, Guba-Khachmaz, Aran, Upper Karabakh, Kalbajar-Lachin and Shirvan.

Administrative divisions of Azerbaijan

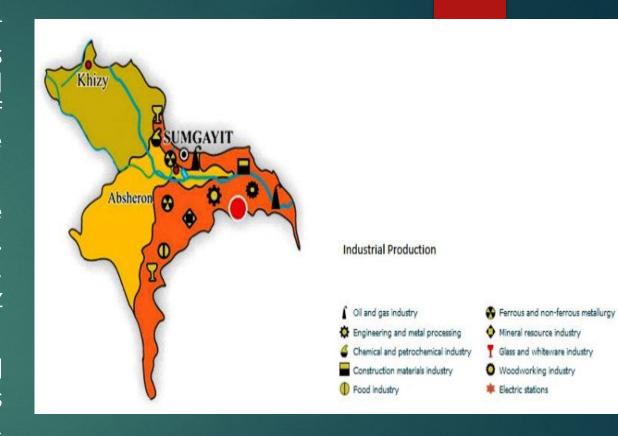


- On January 29, a conference on the results of the fourth year of the implementation of the State Program on Socio-Economic Development of the regions of the Republic of Azerbaijan in 2014-2018 was held in Baku. President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev attended the conference.
- Stability has been ensured in Azerbaijan, the President said. He also emphasized the importance of measures aimed at improving the living standards of people. The Azerbaijani economy has grown 3.2 times in the past 14 years. In this period, investments worth \$231 billion have been made in the country's economy, the President said.



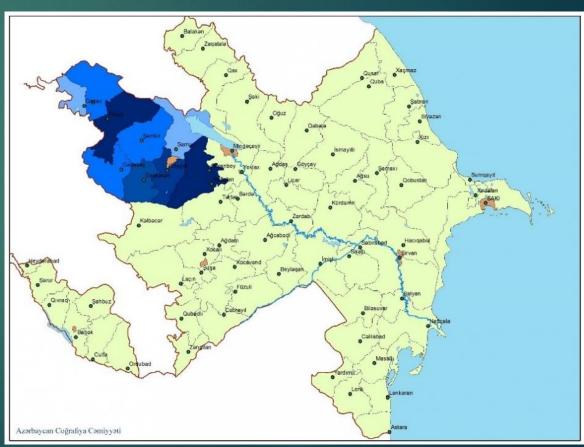
Absheron region

- Absheron economic region has an important economic-geographical location as it covers Absheron and Khizi regions, city of Baku and Sumgait. Economic Regions covers the area of 5.9 thousand km2 (the 7% of the territory of the Azerbaijan Republic).
- Absheron Economic Region is one of the regions that have large natural resources. Economic Region has resources of oil, gas, sawn, limestone, cement raw material, quartz and mortar sand.
- Absheron Economic Region is an Industrial Region and main industries are oil and gas production, petrochemistry and chemistry, heavy industry, ferrous and non-ferrous metallurgy, energetic, engineering industry, electrical engineering.



Ganja-Gazakh region

Economic Regions covers the area of 12 500 km2 (the 14.4% of the territory of the Azerbaijan Republic). The population is 1103 ths(13.6% of the country population). People. Primary resources of the Economic Region are petrol, natural gas, iron-ore, alunite, limestone, marble, gypsum, zeolite, bentonitic clay, cement raw material.



Sheki-Zaqatala region- Its territory is 8.96 thousand km and cover 10.3% of the country. In this region there are 581, 7 thousand people, including 160, 7 thousand of urban population.

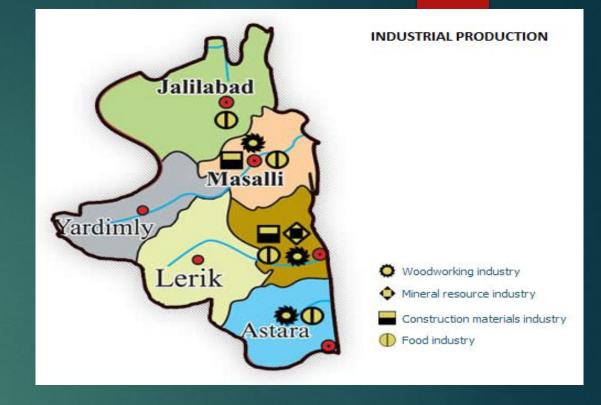




Naxchivan region-The territory of the Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic is 5.5 thousand km2, covers 6.3% of the country's territory. 439,800 people of the region are made 4.5% of the country's population that live in the region.

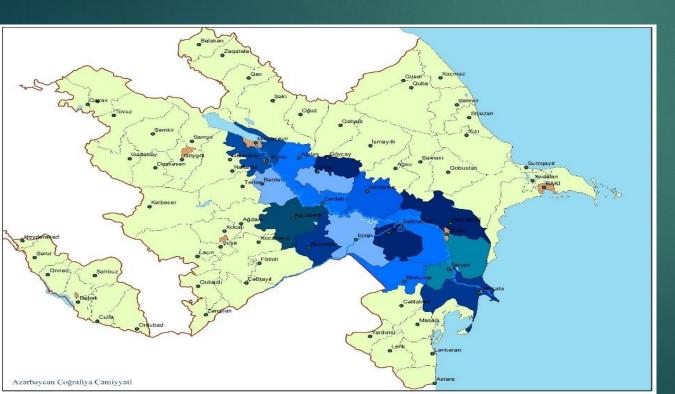
LANKARAN - Total area of 6.08 million km2 represents 7% of the country's territory. Division by Lankaran lowland and Talysh Mountains creates a different topographical character for the region. The regions population is 893,000 people, which is 9.3% of the country's population

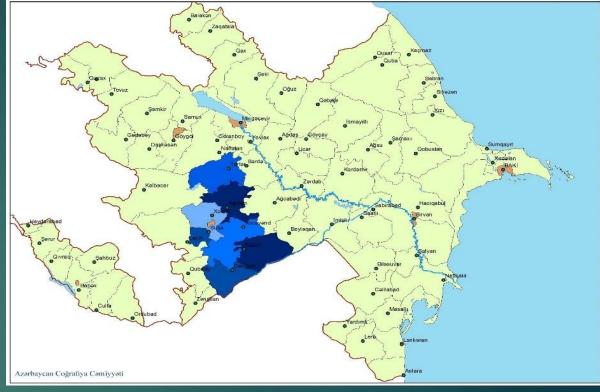




Quba-Xachmaz-The area of the Economic Region is 7.66 thousand km2 (8.8% of the territory of the Azerbaijan). The population of the region is 488.3 thousand. The 10-11% of the territory of the economic region is covered by forest.

Upper Karabakh region-With parts of Agdam, Fizuli regions that are not occupied and with the total area of Tartar, region is 1482 km2 . 211,800 people living in the areas that are not under occupation. Density in this area is 143 people are per square kilometer.





Aran- Region has an area of 21.43 million km2, it covers 24.7% of the country's territory. An important part of region (more than half) consists of the plain areas below the sea level. The favorable economic climate and geographical location has the main role in the allocation of the population. Region population is 1,936,000 people, thus, equivalent to 20.5% of the population of the country.

KALBAJAR-LACHIN - The area of the region is 6,500 km2 and by this it makes 7.5% of the country's territory. Natural Resources: Gold, mercury, marble, cobalt, perlite, packing building blocks are among the region's natural resources.





MOUNTAINOUS SHIRVAN - The total area is 6.06 million km2, the region holds 7% of the country's territory. The population of the region is 304,000.



