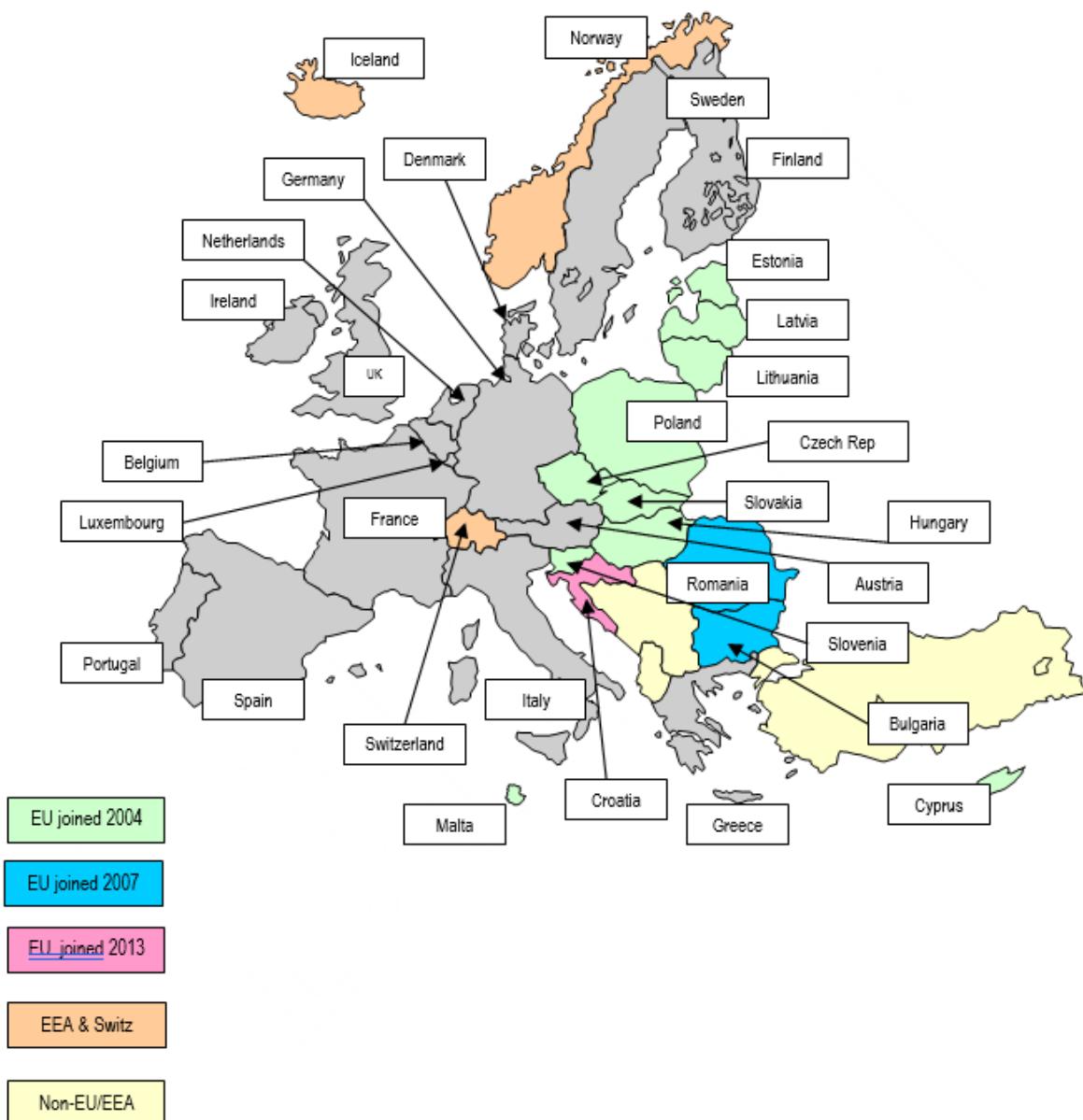


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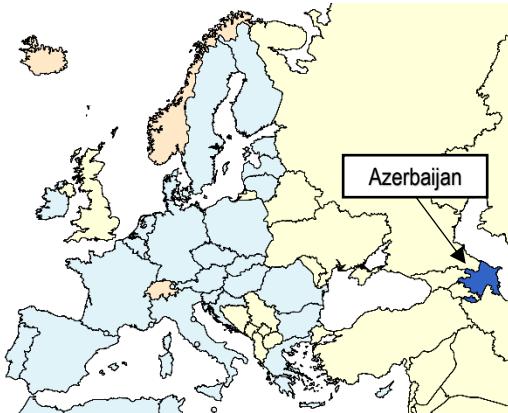
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EU status	EU-Azerbaijan Partnership and Cooperation Agreement	
Population (2025)	10,230,666	
GDP PPP per capita (2025)	\$26 240	
Currency	Azerbaijani Manat (AZN, ₣) 1.86 AZN = €1	
Official language	Azerbaijani	
The healthcare system in Azerbaijan is essentially centralised. Recent institutional reforms shifted some powers to two independent institutions, responsible for the management of the mandatory health insurance system and the provision and regulation of healthcare programmes and services. The mandatory social health insurance scheme does not cover any dental care, which is paid either out-of-pocket or through private health insurance. Out-of-pocket spending makes up a significant share of the health expenditure, exceeding half of total spending. Voluntary health insurance remains marginal.		
Number of dentists (active)	2 641	
(Active) dentist to population ratio (per 100 000)	26	
Members of Dental Association	459	
8 dental specialities and one medical and dental speciality are recognised. Dental technicians are the only category of practising dental auxiliaries. CPD is mandatory.		

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Government and healthcare in the Republic of Azerbaijan

Azerbaijan is a presidential republic with strong executive powers led by the President, responsible for appointing the Prime Minister and the Cabinet of Ministers. The unicameral Parliament (Milli Majlis) is composed of 125 members elected for a five-year term and is in charge of adoption of the health budget.

Azerbaijan is administratively divided into 66 districts and 11 cities, including the capital, Baku. The autonomous and landlocked exclave of the Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic (*Naxçıvan Muxtar Respublikası*) holds its own constitution and Parliament, and its separate Ministry of Health. Nakhchivan has therefore some regional autonomy in healthcare management.

The healthcare system is predominantly centralised, run by the Ministry of Health. Recent reforms, starting in 2017, however grant powers with regard to purchasing and management of healthcare services to separate institutions, including the State Agency for Mandatory Health Insurance (SAMHI) and the Administration of the Regional Medical Divisions (*Tibbi Ərazi Bölümələrinin idarəetmə Birliyi*, or TABIB).

The Ministry of Health of the Republic of Azerbaijan is the main governmental authority responsible for developing national health policy, strategic planning, and regulatory oversight.

Azerbaijan underwent significant structural reforms, which separated the responsibilities for providing, purchasing and regulating healthcare. An important mandatory public health insurance system was also introduced in 2021.

All legal residents are entitled to public health care under the social health insurance, including refugees. This system is managed by the State Agency for Mandatory Health Insurance (SAMHI), set up in 2016. This agency is responsible for the purchasing of healthcare services covered under the benefits package, the overall management of the mandatory health

	Year	Source
% GDP spent on all healthcare	3.98% 2022	World Bank
% GDP as public health spending	1.5% 2022	OECD

insurance system and quality oversight. The social health system is funded through a mixed mechanism including social contributions, a paid insurance premium and by earmarked and general state taxation.

The Administration of the Regional Medical Divisions (TABIB) was established in 2016 and operates independently from SAMHI since the health reforms in 2022. It is responsible for ensuring the public provision and availability of health services across the country, including operating public health programs and primary care services through regional and local health authorities.

The mandatory health insurance benefits package includes a wide range of essential health services, including emergency care, outpatient and inpatient care, and maternal and child health services. No dental care and no outpatient medicine are however covered under this scheme.

Dental care services are therefore predominantly paid out-of-pocket. Voluntary and private health insurance schemes exist, and cover some level of dental care, but represent a marginal share of 2% of total health spending.

Oral health insurance may be provided under private voluntary health insurance schemes, as well as by some employers. These schemes may, for example, cover therapeutic interventions, dental fillings, root canal treatments and emergency treatments, but do not usually cover restorative dental treatments.

Education, Training and Registration

Undergraduate Education and Training

To enter dental school in Azerbaijan, students must have

Cost of registration	Free of charge
Yearly membership fee	50 AZN (= €25,37)

graduated from secondary school and present a valid graduation certificate, with topics of study including chemistry, biology and physics.

Admission to dental programs is also based on results from the national university entrance examination, administered by the State Examination Center of Azerbaijan. All prospective students must pass these exams. These include a language test (in Azerbaijani, Russian or English based on the language of instruction), a foreign language test and a mathematics test composed of 25 questions.

International students must also certify an intermediate English level, equivalent to IELTS 5.5 (or TOEFL 550). A foundation course is also available to international students, before the start of dental studies

Year of data	2025
Number of schools ¹	2
Student intake	193 (100 by exam, 31 second education, 60 foreign students, 2 back from academic leave)
Number of graduates a year	250
Gender balance (% of female students)	60%
Duration of studies	5

Dental students can study dentistry in 2 different public schools: the Faculty of Stomatology at the Azerbaijan Medical University in Baku and the Faculty of Stomatology at the Nakhchivan State University in Nakhchivan city. Both institutions are public.

Dental courses are available in Azerbaijani and Russian. The Azerbaijan Medical University also offers English-taught courses.

International students must pay annual study fees amounting to 6,000 manat as well as 5,000 manat for the preparatory foundational course.

Dental faculties admit international students, essentially from Iraq, Palestine, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Turkey and Iran in English taught programs, while students from Russia and Georgia make up a large portion of those enrolled in Russian language programs. Foreign applicants are generally required to demonstrate proficiency in Azerbaijani or Russian, depending on the language of the program. Some institutions offer a preparatory general course for non-native speakers.

Dental studies last 5 years and are completed by passing an end of studies exam. The exam consists of two parts, practical component and oral component. It covers four subjects,

pediatric dentistry (including orthodontics), OMFS, therapeutic dentistry, orthopedic dentistry.

Registration

All dental graduates must register with the Ministry of Health of Azerbaijan, specifically through TABIB (Administration of the Regional Medical Divisions), before authorisation to practice independently.

Foreign-trained dentists must apply for recognition of their diploma. This includes the verification of their certification, proof of language proficiency (Azerbaijani or Russian, but not legally mandatory). Foreign graduates may, in certain cases, need to attest the completion of additional clinical training, including the mandatory 12-month vocational internship.

Vocational Training (VT)

Since 2011, dental graduates in Azerbaijan complete a 5-year Bachelor program, with practical training integrated into optional or Master-level clinical education, without a separate mandatory vocational internship. The training includes practical learning in therapeutic dentistry, oral surgery, prosthodontics and paediatric dentistry.

Language requirements

It is not officially mandatory to be proficient in Azerbaijani in order to register and practice as a dentist.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

CPD is mandatory for registered and new incoming dentists.

Specialist Training Requirements

In order to pursue post-graduate studies, students must complete the 12-month mandatory internship after undergraduate studies.

8 specialities and oral maxillofacial surgery are recognised in Azerbaijan. Graduates may choose between the following specialities:

- Orthodontics – 3 years
- Endodontics – 3 years
- Paediatric dentistry - 3 years
- Periodontology (recognised in 2019) – 3 years
- Prosthodontics – 3 years
- Aesthetic restoration specialists - 3 years
- Orthopaedic dentists – 3 years
- Restorative dentists – 3 years
- OMFS – 5 years

Workforce

Dentists

No substantial data is available on dental workforce and on the evolution of the number of dental practitioners in Azerbaijan, over the last few years.

A rising share of women can be noted among the overall dental workforce in recent years.

Dental practitioners work both in public and private health institutions, with however a majority of private practices.

Year of data	2022
Total Registered	NA
In active practice	2 250
Dentist to population ratio (per 100 000 inhab) *	45
Percentage female	45%
Foreign-trained dentists	NA
<i>*Active dentists only</i>	

Movement of dentists across borders

As mentioned above, there is a notable trend of mobility among students and dental practitioners to and from neighbouring countries such as Iraq, Palestine, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Türkiye, Jordan and Iran. For graduates, Türkiye and Germany are the main destinations of choice, although Finland, England, the UAE, the USA, Canada, France and Russia also remain viable options.

Specialists

Azerbaijan recognises 8 dental specialities, as well as the medical Oral Maxillofacial Surgery speciality.

Some dental specialties were only recently recognized: orthodontics and endodontics in 2022, while oral and OMFS and orthopaedic dentistry were recognized in 1970 and 1980, respectively. There is therefore a lack of oversight and data on the number of practising specialists.

Among recognised specialities, Azerbaijan recognises separately the specialities of aesthetic restoration, orthopaedic dentistry and restorative dentistry.

Year of data	2022
Orthodontists	NA
Endodontists	NA
OMFS	NA
Paedodontists	NA
Periodontists	NA
Prosthodontists	NA
Aesthetic Restoration Specialists	
Orthopaedic Dentists	
Restorative Dentists	

Auxiliaries

Only dental technicians are recognised in Azerbaijan.

Year of data	2022
Technicians	NA

Dental Technicians

The education and study of dental technicians is not officially regulated or required by the state, in order to practice. Most dental technicians acquire their skills through private courses and on-the-job observership. No formal specialised education is mandated.

Dental technicians are responsible for the preparation and manufacture of dental restorations, veneers, lumineers, fixed or removable dentures, manipulation of CAD/CAM software, intra-oral scanners, and preparation of surgical guides for implantation.

Dental technicians are authorised to work in independent laboratories, without supervision of a dentist.

Other Useful Information

Main national associations

National dental associations and information centres	
Azerbaijan Stomatological Association 175, Samed Vurghun, AZ 1022 Baku Azerbaijan Email: azerbstom@yahoo.com azerbstom@gmail.com Phone : +994 505 737 973	Azerbaijani Society of Periodontology (PERIOAZ) Zarifa Aliyeva 31B 1033 Baku Azerbaijan Email: info@perio.az Phone: +994 12 493 00 25 Website: https://www.perio.az/
Azerbaijan Professional Orthodontic Society (APOC) 15, Nobel ave., AZ1025 Baku Azerbaijan Phone: +994 124 906 845 +994 124 902 389 Website: http://www.apoc.az	Society of Orthodontist of Azerbaijan (AOD) Email: aod.ortho2025@gmail.com Phone: +994 704 362 862 + 994 507 771 615 Website: https://aod.az/

Competent authorities

Ministry of Health of the Republic of Azerbaijan (Azərbaycan Respublikasının Səhiyyə Nazirliyi)	State Agency for Compulsory Medical Insurance
AZ 1022 acad. M.Mirgasimov str. 1A Baku city The Republic of Azerbaijan Email: office@health.gov.az Phone: +(994) 12 441 26 03 Fax: +(994) 12 493 06 95 Website : https://sehiyye.gov.az/en/	Website: https://isb.az/ Phone: +994 125 259 707
State Agency for Compulsory Medical Insurance of the Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic in the Republic of Azerbaijan	Administration of the Regional Medical Divisions (Tibbi Ərazi Bölmələrini idarəetmə Birlüyü, or TABIB).
State Agency for Compulsory Medical Insurance under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Nakhchivan Heydar Aliyev Avenue 42 Nakhchivan The Republic of Azerbaijan Email: its@naxcivan.az Phone: +994 36 550-53-81 Website: https://nits.gov.az/en	N.Nerimanov 206 A - "Capital Towers" Business Center Jasamal District, Baku City The Republic of Azerbaijan Email: info@tabib.gov.az Phone: +994 12 598 81 81 Or: 815 (direct number) Website: https://tabib.gov.az/

Main Professional Journal
Caucasian Dental News (Qafqazın Stomatoloji Yenilikləri)
Samad Vurgun 941
Baku
Azerbaijan
ISSN: 2664-1089
ISSN (online): 3078-3267
Email: info@qsy.az
Phone: +994 50 573 79 73
Website: https://qsy.az

Dental Schools:

Public Universities	
Azerbaijan Medical University (AMU) – Faculty of Stomatology (Baku city)	Azerbaijan State Nakhchivan University - Medical Faculty - Department of Clinical Sciences and Military Medicine (Nakhchivan city)
Samad Vurgun street 163 Baku Azerbaijan Email: dental_faculty@amu.edu.az Email (General University): info@amu.edu.az Phone: +994 12 597-38-98 Website: https://amu.edu.az/ Additional contact details (Dean of the faculty): Assoc. Prof. Elmira Aliyeva: +994 502 709 037 Teaching language: Azerbaijani, Russian, English	University campus Nakhchivan State University AZ7012 Republic of Azerbaijan Nakhchivan city Azerbaijan Head of the Department: Dr. Gultakin Aliyeva Email: gultakin.aliyeva@ndu.edu.az drgultekin@gmail.com Phone: +994 50 222 98 08 Website: https://www.ndu.edu.az/tibb