

There are 20 universities in Chile, 7 of which are in Santiago, 3 in Valparaiso and the rest throughout the country. Entry into university is determined by the results of a test (Prueba de Aptitud Académica) plus the average mark obtained in high school.

A very good mechanical and industrial training centre is situated in Santiago with sub-centres located throughout the country. Entrance is given to the children of diplomats and international officials at the State University of Chile.

Principal Cities

Santiago, the capital and largest city of Chile, has 4 million inhabitants. It is the country's commercial centre.

Other major cities include:

	Population
Valparaiso/Vina Del Mar	500 000
Concepción	170 000
Temuco	110 000
Antofagasta	110 000

The principal seaports of Chile are Arica, Iquique, Antofagasta, Valparaiso, San Antonio, Talcahuano/San Vicente (Concepción), Puerto Montt and Punta Arenas.

Currency

The basic monetary unit of Chile is the peso. The fluctuating peso/US dollar rate of exchange stood at 245.0 in October 1987.

Local Time

Local time in Chile is two hours ahead of Canadian Central Time from November to mid-March. For the months of April and October, Chile is one hour ahead, and from May to September, Chilean time is the same as Canadian Central Time. These variations are due to differences in daylight savings time periods in both countries.