

Uruguay: Fact Sheet

Basic data

Area	176,230 km ²
Population (1990)	3,094,214
Population density	17.4 per km ²
Official language	Spanish
Ethnic groups	Spanish, Italian
Major religion	Christianity, predominantly Roman Catholic
Capital	Montevideo (population 1,362,200 in 1989)

Politics

Type of government	Republic, civilian and democratic
President	Luis Alberto Lacalle Herrera
Minister of external relations	Dr. Hector Gros Espiell

Economy

Per capita GDP (1989)	US\$2,730
Economic growth rate (1990)	0.9% (est.)
Inflation rate (CPI)(1990)	128%
Total external debt (1989)	US\$3.8 billion (US\$1.6 billion recently forgiven)

Debt held by Canada

Commercial banks	C\$60 million
Export Development Corporation and Canadian Wheat Board	nil
Official Development Assistance (1989-90)	C\$2.5 million
Foreign reserves (1990)	US\$466 million
Unemployment rate (1990)	9%
Currency (March 1991)	C\$ = 1,515 nuevos pesos

Foreign trade

(US\$ millions)	1988	1989	1990
Total exports	1,404.5	1,598.8	1,650
Total imports	1,176.9	1,195.9	1,275
Trade surplus	227.6	402.9	375

Major markets (1989 - % average) Brazil 27.7%, EC 22.7%, U.S. 11.1%, Argentina 4.9%

Major Suppliers (1989 - % average) Brazil 25.8%, EC 19.3%, Argentina 15.6%, U.S. 9.6%