

ARGENTINA

Capital: Buenos Aires

GEODATA

Area

2,766,880 km²

Major language

Spanish (official)

Major religious groups

Roman Catholic, Protestant, Jewish

Surrounding countries

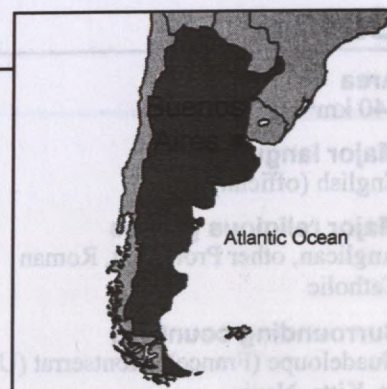
Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay

Population

37 million (2000 est.)

Population growth rate

1.2% (1990-1999)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

National legislature

Upper chamber: Senate

Lower chamber: Chamber of Deputies; multiparty

Leader

President Fernando de la Rúa

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Adalberto Rodríguez Giavarini

Minister of Economy

Ricardo López Murphy

UN Human Development Index (2000)

Argentina ranks 35th among 174 countries

Canadian official development assistance

\$3.71 million (1998-1999)

ECONOMIC DATA

Real GDP

\$285 billion US (2000 est.)

GDP growth rate

0.8% (2000 est.)

GDP per capita

\$6,391 US (1999)

Main exports

Edible oils, fuels and energy, cereals, animal feed, motor vehicles

Main imports

Machinery and equipment, motor vehicles, chemicals, metal products, plastics

Main exports to Canada

\$357 million (2000), including meat; iron and steel products; ores, slag and ash; fruit and nuts; hides and skins; cocoa; grain, seed and fruit; iron and steel; fish and seafood

Main imports from Canada

\$239.2 million (2000), including electrical machinery; aircraft and spacecraft; machinery; plastics; paper and paperboard; chemical products; optical and medical instruments; vehicles; manufactured thread and fabric

Canadian Representative

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