

URUGUAY

Capital: Montevideo

GEODATA

Area

176,215 km²

Major language

Spanish (official)

Major religious groups

Roman Catholic (66%), Protestant (2%), Jewish (2%)

Surrounding countries

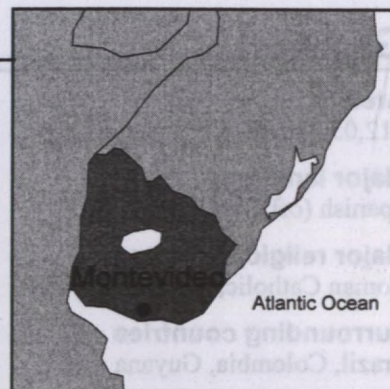
Argentina, Brazil

Population

3.3 million (2000 est.)

Population growth rate

0.6% (1990-1999 average)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Didier Opertti Badán

National legislature

Upper chamber: Senate

Minister of the Economy and Finance

Alberto Bension

Lower chamber: Chamber of Deputies; multiparty

UN Human Development Index (2000)

Uruguay ranks 39th among 174 countries

Leader

President Jorge Luis Batlle Ibañez

Canadian official development assistance

\$1.47 million (1998-1999)

ECONOMIC DATA

Real GDP

\$20.5 billion US (2000 est.)

Inflation rate

4.8% (2000 est.)

GDP growth rate

-1.5% (2000 est.)

Unemployment rate

11.4% (1999)

GDP per capita

\$3,819 US (1999)

Main exports

Meat, rice, leather products, vehicles, dairy products, wool, electricity

Main imports

Road vehicles, electrical machinery, metal manufactured products, heavy industrial machinery, crude petroleum

Main exports to Canada

\$118.1 million (2000), including meat; hides and skins; fish and seafood; animal hair; yarn and fabric; furskins and artificial fur; fruit and nuts; stone, plaster and cement, etc.; pharmaceutical products; silk yarn and fabric; wood

Main imports from Canada

\$27.5 million (2000), including electrical machinery; vegetables; plastics; machinery; meat; paper and paperboard; food waste and animal feed; pharmaceutical products; organic chemicals; mineral fuel and oil

Canadian Representative

Brian Northgrave, Ambassador, Embassy of Canada in Uruguay

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