# ARGENTINA

Capital: Buenos Aires

## GEODATA

**Area** 2,766,880 km<sup>2</sup>

Major language Spanish (official)

Major religious groups Roman Catholic, Protestant, Jewish

Surrounding countries Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay

## 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

## 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

Inflation rate

Unemployment rate

-0.9% (2000 est.)

14.3% (2000 est.)

#### 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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Population 37 million (2000 est.)

**Population growth rate** 1.2 % (1990–1999) Atlantic Ocean

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

GDP growth rata 2.5% (2000 est.)

GDP per capita \$7,020 US (1998)

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