

ARGENTINA

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Population: 33.56 million (1993)
Capital: Buenos Aires (13.9 million (1991))
Pop. Growth Rate: 1.3%

Total Area: 2 766 88 km²
Currency: C\$1 = 0.722 pesos
 (April 15, 1994)
 US\$1 = 0.998 pesos
 (December 1993)

Language: Spanish (official)
Literacy: 96%M/95%F
Life Expectancy: 67M/74F
National Day: May 25 (1810 Revolution Day)

POLITICAL DATA

Type of Government:
 The Argentine Republic; federal republic; bicameral national congress with 46-member Senate and 254-member Chamber of Deputies; deputies serve 4 years and senators 9 years.

Head of State:
 President Carlos Menem (since May 1989) (member of Partido Justicialista)
 Minister of Foreign Affairs: Guido di Tella
 Minister of Economy: Domingo Cavallo

Main Political Parties: (no. of Chamber seats)
 PJ-Partido Justicialista: 119
 UCR-Unión Cívica Radical: 85
 Ucedé-Unión del Centro Democrático: 10
 Others: 45

Next Elections: December 1994 (presidential)
 1995 (legislative)
Memberships: ECLAC, G-77, GATT, IMF, INTERPOL, MERCOSUR, OAS, RIO Group, UN, UN Security Council

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP: \$228.8 billion; \$260 billion (1993e)
GDP Growth Rate: 9.0%; 6.5% (1993e)
GDP per Capita: \$6 190; \$7 745 (1993e)
Inflation Rate: 7.6% (1993e)
Unemployment Rate: 6.9%; 10% (1993e)

