

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 Civil 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)

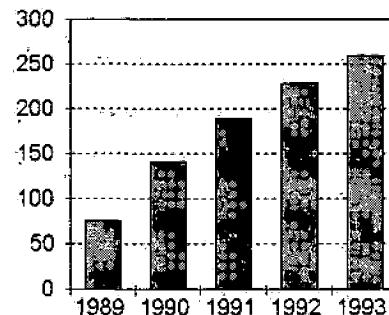
GDP Growth Rate: 9.0%; 6.5% (1993e)

GDP per Capita: \$6 190; \$7 745 (1993e)

Inflation Rate: 7.6% (1993e)

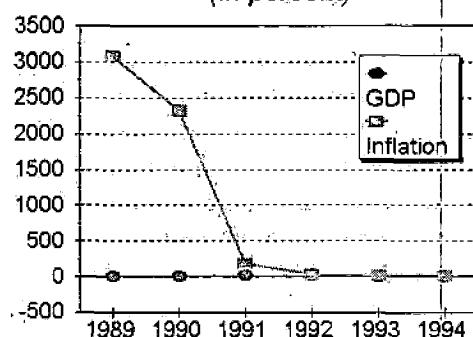
Unemployment Rate: 6.9%; 10% (1993e)

Argentina's GDP
(in US\$ billions)



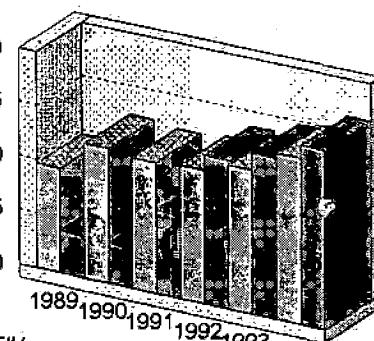
Source: EIU

Growth Rates: GDP vs Inflation
(in percent)



Source: EIU

Total Foreign Trade
(in US\$ billions)



Source: EIU

Exports
Imports