URUGUAY

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State
President Tabare VAZQUEZ

Head of Government
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Government Type
presidential republic

Capital
Montevideo

Legislature
bicameral General Assembly or Asamblea General consists of the Chamber of Senators or Camara de Senadores (31 seats) and the Chamber of Representatives or Camara de Representantes (99 seats)

Judiciary
Supreme Court of Justice (5 judges)

Ambassador to US
Ambassador Carlos Alberto GIANELLI

US Ambassador
Ambassador Kelly Ann KEIGERLING-FRANZ

GEOGRAPHY

Area
Total: 176,215 sq km
Land: 175,015 sq km
Water: 1,200 sq km

Climate
warm temperate; freezing temperatures almost unknown

Natural Resources
arable land, hydropower, minor minerals, fish

ECONOMY

Economic Overview
a free market economy characterized by an export-oriented agricultural sector, a well-educated workforce, high levels of social spending, and a strong social safety net

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$78.15 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$22,400 (2017 est.)

Exports
$8.976 billion (2017 est.)
partners: China 19%, Brazil 16.1%, US 5.7%, Argentina 5.4% (2017)

Imports
$8.74 billion (2017 est.)
partners: China 20%, Brazil 19.5%, Argentina 12.6%, US 10.9% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population
3.4 million (July 2017 est.)

Population Growth
0.27% (2017 est.)

Ethnicity
white 87.7%, black 4.6%, indigenous 2.4%, other .3%, none or unspecified 5%; note: data represent primary ethnic identity (2011 est.)

Language
Spanish (official)

Religion
Roman Catholic 47.1%, non-Catholic Christians 11.1%, nondenominational 23.2%, Jewish 0.3%, atheist or agnostic 17.2%, other 1.1% (2006 est.)

Urbanization
urban population: 95.3 % of total population (2018)
rate of urbanization: 0.46% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy
98.5% (2016 est.)