



ARGENTINA



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Mauricio MACRI

Head of Government

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Government Type

presidential republic

Capital

Buenos Aires

Legislature

bicameral National Congress or Congreso Nacional consists of the Senate (72 seats) and the Chamber of Deputies (257 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court or Corte Suprema (consists of the court president, vice-president, and 5 judges)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Fernando ORIS DE ROA

US Ambassador

Ambassador Edward Charles PRADO

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 2,780,400 sq km

Land: 2,736,690 sq km

Water: 43,710 sq km

Climate

mostly temperate; arid in southeast; subantarctic in southwest

Natural Resources

fertile plains of the pampas, lead, zinc, tin, copper, iron ore, manganese, petroleum, uranium, arable land

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

suffered recurring economic crises during most of the 20th century, but now beginning a transformation towards a more liberal economic order, taking advantage of its rich natural resources, highly literate population, export-orientation, and diversified industry

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$922.1 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$20,900 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$58.45 billion (2017 est.)

partners: Brazil 16.1%, US 7.9%, China 7.5%, Chile 4.4% (2017)

Imports

\$63.97 billion (2017 est.)

partners: Brazil 26.9%, China 18.5%, US 11.3%, Germany 4.9% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

44.7 million (July 2018 est.)

Population Growth

0.89% (2018 est.)

Ethnicity

European (mostly Spanish and Italian descent) and mestizo (mixed European and Amerindian ancestry) 97.2%, Amerindian 2.4%, African 0.4% (2010 est.)

Language

Spanish (official), Italian, English, German, French, indigenous (Mapudungun, Quechua)

Religion

nominally Roman Catholic 92% (less than 20% practicing), Protestant 2%, Jewish 2%, other 4%

Urbanization

urban population: 91.9% of total population (2018)

rate of urbanization: 1.07% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

99.1% (2016 est.)

