

# Country Profile

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Argentina




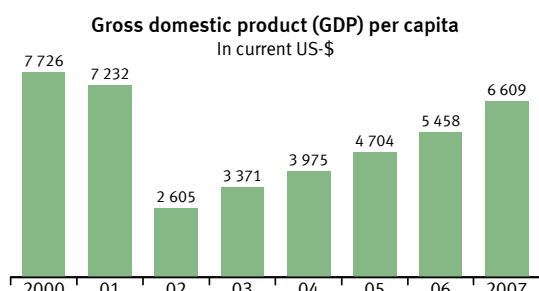
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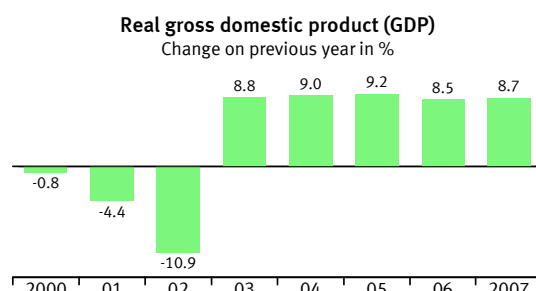
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## General information

Capital city	Buenos Aires	
Currency	Argentine Peso	
Official language	Spanish	
Population (1 000)	39 934 (UN estimate 2008)	
Land area (km <sup>2</sup> )	2 736 690	
Gross domestic product (current, mn US-\$)	260 122 (2007)	
Exchange rate, Peso (ARS) per €	4.64 (31 Dec 2007)	



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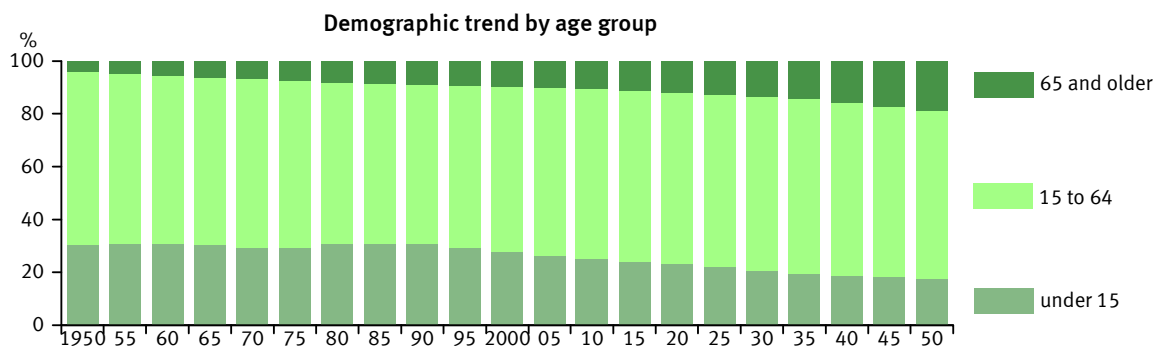
## Economy and finance

	unit	1995	2000	2005	2007
Gross domestic product (GDP), current prices	bn US-\$	258.0	284.2	181.5	260.1
GDP per capita, current prices	US-\$	7 419	7 726	4 704	6 609
Economic development (GDP)	% change on previous year	-2.8	-0.8	9.2	8.7
Budget balance	% of GDP	-2.9	-3.3	+1.0	+1.4 <sup>1</sup>
Public debt	% of GDP	33.8	45.7	73.9	56.1
Inflation rate (annual change of price index)	% change on previous year	3.4	-0.9	9.6	8.8
Consumer price index, food	2000 = 100	106.0	100	183.3	228.5
Tax revenue	% of GDP	20.3	21.5	26.8	27.4 <sup>1</sup>
Exchange rate, annual average	Peso (ARS) per US-\$	1.00	1.00	2.90	3.10
Stock of inward foreign direct investment (FDI)	mn US-\$	25 463	67 601	55 139	66 015
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Net flow: Inward FDI	mn US-\$	5 609	10 418	5 265	5 720
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Stock of FDI from Germany	mn US-\$	15	88	.	.
Gross value added: Agriculture	% of GDP	5.7	5.0	9.4	10.0
Gross value added: Industry	% of GDP	28.0	27.6	35.6	34.7
Gross value added: Services	% of GDP	66.3	67.4	55.0	55.3

<sup>1</sup> 2006.

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Population and migration	unit	1995	2000	2005	2007
Population	1 000	34 835	36 896	38 747	39 503
Population density	inhabitants per km <sup>2</sup>	12.7	13.5	14.2	14.4
Population aged 15 years and under	% of total population	29.2	28.0	26.4	25.8
Population aged 15-64	% of total population	61.4	62.1	63.4	63.9
Population aged 65 years and older	% of total population	9.4	9.9	10.2	10.3
Foreign-born population	% of total population	4.6	4.2	3.9	.
Fertility rate, total	births per woman	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.3 <sup>1</sup>
Population change	% on previous year	+1.27	+1.07	+0.97	+0.94
Life expectancy at birth (m)	years	69.2	70.2	71.2	71.4 <sup>1</sup>
Life expectancy at birth (f)	years	76.5	77.6	78.7	78.9 <sup>1</sup>



Health	unit	1995	2000	2005	2006
Health expenditure	% of GDP	8.3	8.9	10.2	10.1
Hospital beds	per 1 000 people	4.5	4.2	4.1	4.0
Physicians	per 1 000 people	2.9	3.0	3.4	3.4
Infant mortality rate	per 1 000 live births	20.5	16.8	14.0	14.1

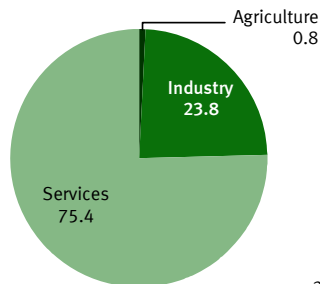
Education	unit	1995	2000	2005	2006
Public spending on education	% of GDP	.	4.6	3.8 <sup>2</sup>	.
Pupil-teacher ratio, primary	number	.	20.0	16.7	.
Pupil-teacher ratio, secondary	number	.	12.3	13.5	.

<sup>1</sup> 2006 – <sup>2</sup> 2004.

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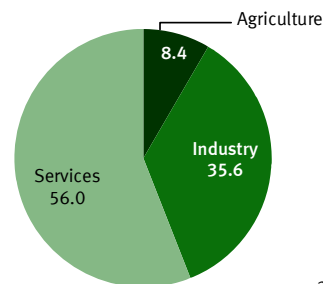
Labour force	unit	1995	2000	2005	2006
Labour force (aged 15+)	1 000	14 342	15 952	17 655	18 010
Labour force participation rate (15-64)	%	65.5	68.0	71.6	72.2
Labour force participation rate (m, 15-64)	%	82.4	82.1	82.4	82.4
Labour force participation rate (f, 15-64)	%	48.9	54.3	61.1	62.2
Employment rate (aged 15+)	%	53.2	55.3	59.4	59.8
Employment rate (15-24 year-olds)	%	42.3	43.5	46.0	46.1
Unemployed persons	1 000	.	2 019	1 234	1 119
Unemployment rate	%	.	14.7	10.6	10.2
Long-term unemployment rate	% of unemployed persons	.	.	.	.
Unemployment rate (15-24 year-olds)	%	.	25.9	24.2	.
Average labour costs	US-\$ per hour	3.90	4.23	2.19	2.93 <sup>1</sup>
Average working hours in manufacturing	hours per week	45.1	45.4	44.3	.

Employed persons by sector 2006, in %



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Gross value added by sector 2006, in %



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Living conditions	unit	1995	2000	2005	2007
Gross national income, atlas method	US-\$ per capita	7 360	7 470	4 460	6 050
Final consumption expenditure	US-\$ per capita	6 110	6 504	3 436	3 884 <sup>2</sup>
Expenditure on housing	% of consumption exp.	18.6	18.8	.	.
Expenditure on food and beverages	% of consumption exp.	26.9	25.6	32.5	31.7

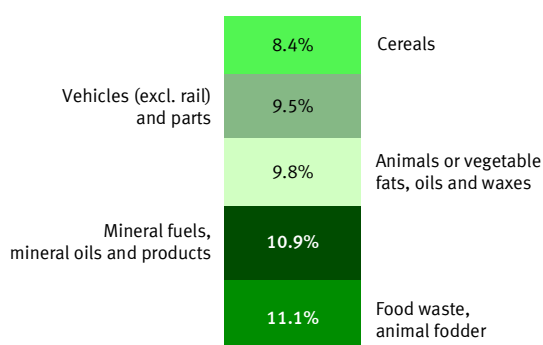
Business, production	unit	1995	2000	2005	2007
Production index of manufacturing industry	2005 = 100	80.0	87.1	100	116.5
Production: crude steel	1 000 tons	3 581	4 474	5 380	5 340
Production: passenger cars	1 000	226.5	238.9	182.8	350.7
Retail trade turnover	% change on previous year	-4.8	+0.2	+4.6	+6.6
Producer price index	2005 = 100	41.9	41.0	100	124.1

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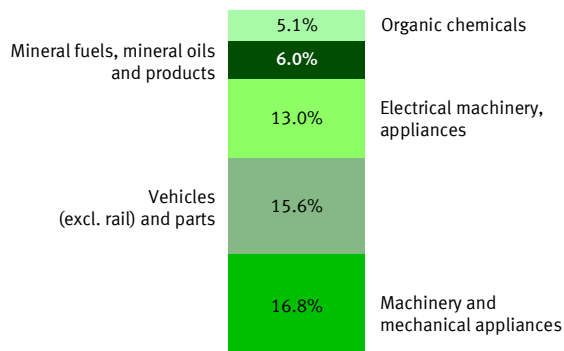
Agriculture	unit	1995	2000	2005	2006
Agricultural land	% of land area	46.7	47.1	47.3	.
Employment in agriculture	1 000	1 471	1 445	1 427	.
Index of agricultural export value	1999 to 2001 = 100	92	99	166	.
Index of agricultural production	1999 to 2001 = 100	85.3	100	113.3	.

**Selected exports by major commodity groups**  
Share of all exports



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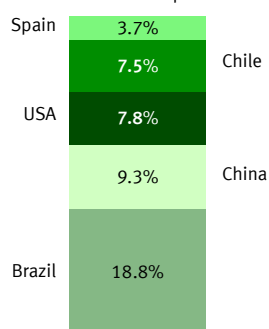
**Selected imports by major commodity groups**  
Share of all imports



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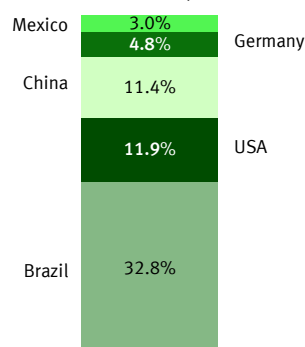
External trade	unit	1995	2000	2005	2007
Export of goods	bn US-\$	20 963	26 341	40 106	55 780
Import of goods	bn US-\$	20 122	25 280	28 689	44 707
Trade balance	bn US-\$	841	1 061	11 418	11 073
Exports to Germany	bn US-\$	650	595	801	1 221
Incl. machinery and mechanical appliances	bn US-\$	262	188	244	342
Share of exports to Germany	% of all exports	3.1	2.3	2.0	2.2
Imports from Germany	bn US-\$	1 251	1 262	1 335	2 131
Incl. vehicles and parts	bn US-\$	354	345	334	530
Share of imports from Germany	% of all imports	6.2	5.0	4.7	4.8

**Destination countries 2007**  
Share of all exports



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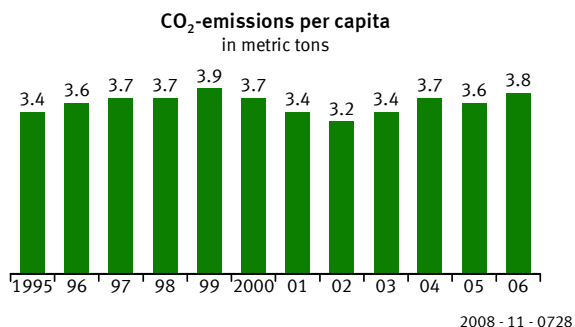
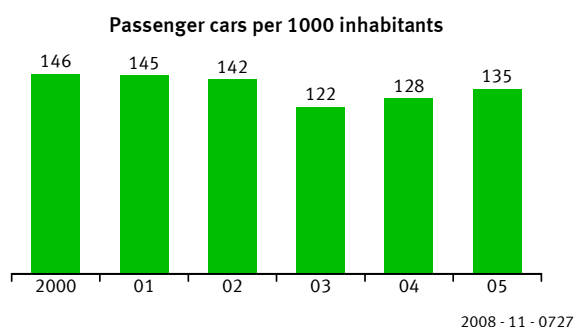
**Origin countries 2007**  
Share of all imports



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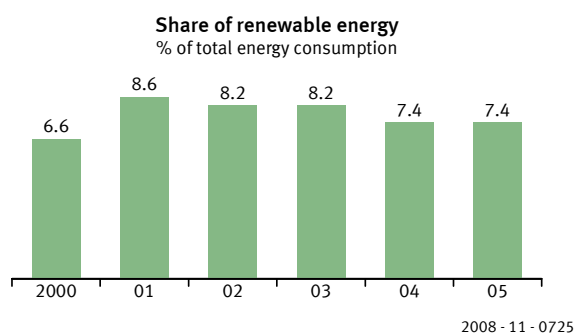
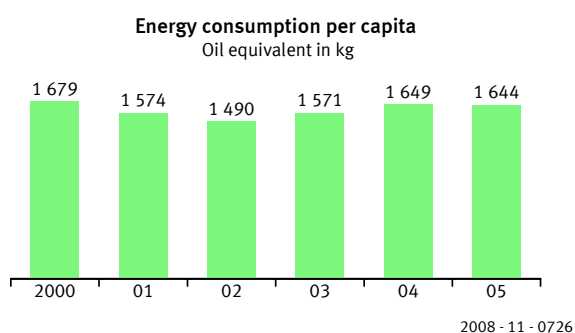
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Transport	unit	1995	2000	2005	2007
Passenger cars	per 1 000 inhabitants	134	146	135	148
Road transport (long distance)	mn passenger-km	14 624	14 041	19 615	21 086
Rail transport	mn passenger-km	7 017	8 939	8 327	.
Air transport (domestic only)	mn passenger-km	4 007	6 248	5 844	5 436



Environment, energy	unit	1995	2000	2005	2006
CO <sub>2</sub> emissions	metric tons per capita	3.4	3.7	3.6	3.8
Energy consumption	kg oil equivalent per capita	1 565	1 679	1 644	2 049 <sup>1</sup>
Gross electricity consumption	kWh per capita	1 649	2 087	2 418	2 620
Share of renewable energy	% of energy consumption	7.6	6.6	7.4	.
Forest area	% of total land area	12.6	12.3	12.1	.

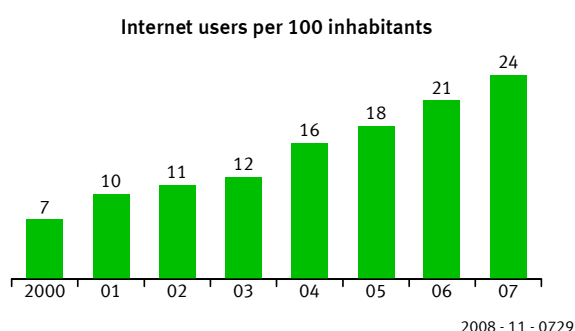
<sup>1</sup> Forecast, Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU).



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Science, research, technology	unit	1995	2000	2005	2007
Research and development (R&D) expenditure	% of GDP	0.42 <sup>1</sup>	0.44	0.46	0.49 <sup>2</sup>
Human resources in R&D	per mn inhabitants	695 <sup>1</sup>	716	822	895 <sup>2</sup>
Resident patent applications	per mn inhabitants	20.4 <sup>3</sup>	24.6 <sup>4</sup>	.	.
Internet users	per 100 inhabitants	0.1	7.0	17.7	23.6
Mobile phone users	per 100 inhabitants	1.2	17.6	57.2	102.3

<sup>1</sup> 1997 – <sup>2</sup> 2006 – <sup>3</sup> 1994 – <sup>4</sup> 1999.



### Methodology and sources

The indicators presented in this country profile are predominantly taken from official international statistical sources. Official national statistics are only used to complete the profile where necessary. All database extractions were carried out in December 2008. The following overview lists the sources used for each section. More details regarding methodology and the sources used is available on our website in the section entitled “country profiles”.

**Economy and Finance** ■ IWF, ILO, OECD, UNCTAD, national sources, UN

**Population, Migration** ■ UNPOP, World Bank

**Health** ■ WHO, Espicom, World Bank

**Education** ■ UNESCO

**Labour** ■ ILO, World Bank, national sources

**Living conditions** ■ World Bank, Euromonitor, own calculations

**Business, production** ■ National sources, UN (MBS), EIU, PlanetRetail

**Agriculture** ■ FAOSTAT

**External trade** ■ UN Comtrade

**Transport** ■ National sources, Worldbank, UN Yearbook, EIU, UN (MBS)

**Environment, energy** ■ World Bank, IEA, FAOSTAT

**Science, research, technology** ■ UNESCO, WIPO, ITU

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