

Argentina: Investment & Golden Visa Guide

A comprehensive overview of Argentina's economic landscape, investment opportunities, and the new Citizenship by Investment program for international investors.



1. Country & Economic Profile

Macroeconomic Overview

- GDP in 2024: \$632B (third in Latin America)
- Young, educated workforce: 53% under 35 years; 11.2 average years of schooling
- High English proficiency (best in Latin America)
- Population: 47.07M; main centers—Buenos Aires metro, Córdoba, Santa Fe, Mendoza

Industrial Structure

- Major sectors: Tertiary (services) dominates GDP and employment; manufacturing is diverse and high value
- Comparative advantages: Agribusiness, technology, mining (esp. lithium, copper, gold, silver), oil & gas
- Exports diversified: Agri-food leads; growing knowledge-based and industrial exports

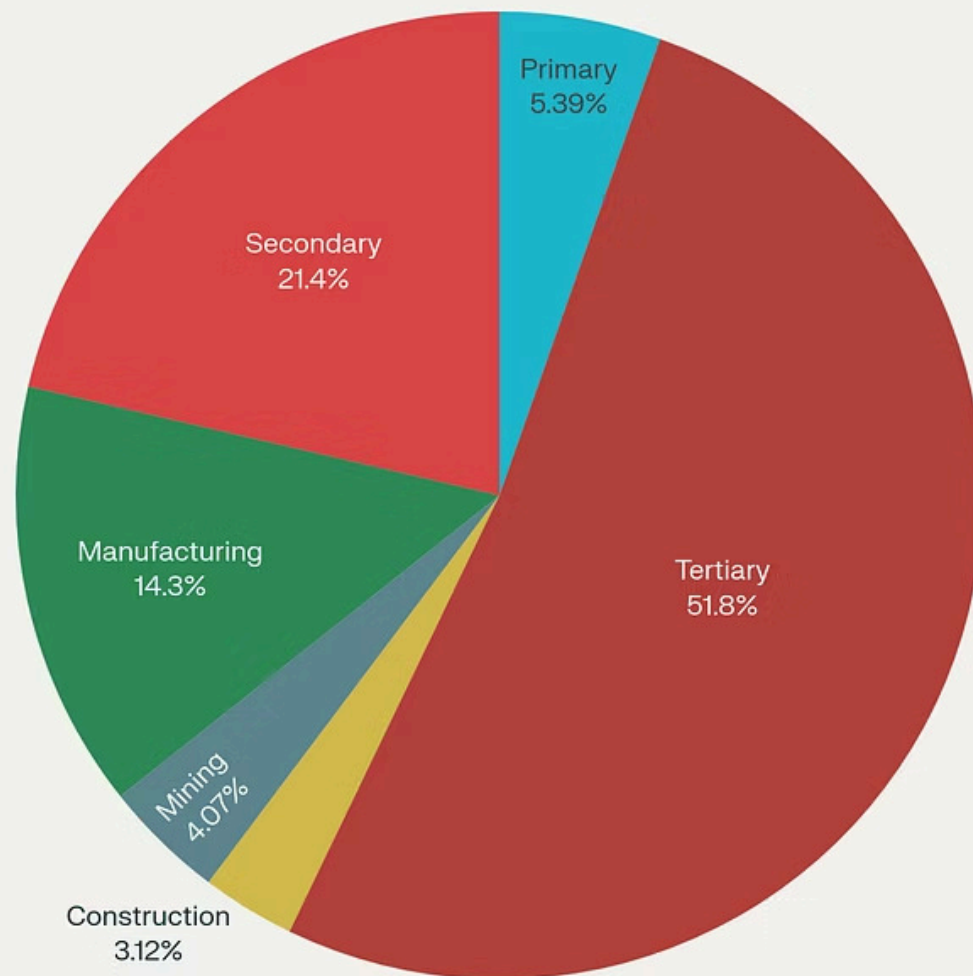
Recent Trends

Sharp drop in inflation since 2023; modernized fiscal/monetary/economic policies. Major deregulation and pro-investment reforms since late 2023.

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Argentina 2024 GDP by Sector



2. Foreign Trade & Investment

Top Export Destinations (2024)

- Brazil, US, Chile, China, India; over half of exports go worldwide
- Membership in Mercosur: tariff-free access to nearly 300M

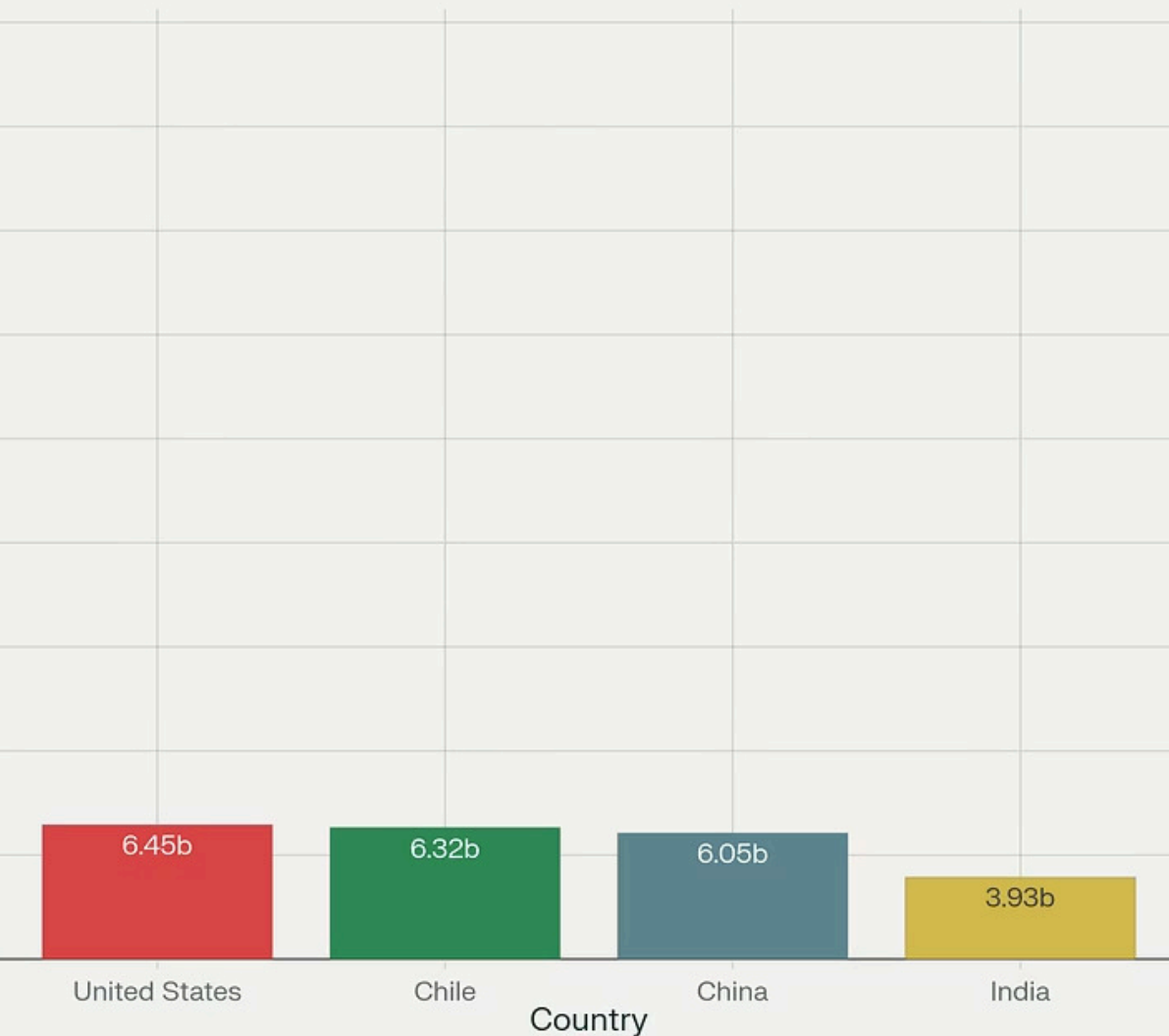
Key Export Segments

- Agricultural & livestock manufacturing (37.2%)
- Industrial manufacturing (26.7%)
- Primary products (23%)
- Energy (12.1%)

FDI Overview

- Top sources: Brazil, Spain, US, China, Chile
- Main recipient sectors: Manufacturing; financial institutions; mining/quarrying; trade
- RIGI regime: Major tax/customs/FX incentives for projects over \$200M, 30-year stability
- Major recent and pipeline investments in renewables, mining, hydrocarbons

Top Argentina Export Partners 2024



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3. Establishing a Company

Company Types

Corporation (SA, SAU), Limited Liability Company (SRL), Branch, Partnership, Trust, Joint Venture.

- Most common: Limited liability (37.4%), corporations (31.8%)

Provincial Distinctions

Slight differences in procedure/requirements by location.

Incentives

Major national and provincial tax breaks; RIGI, knowledge economy, mining, biotech, MSME regimes.

Company Identification

Choose type, check/reserve name, register

Investment Mode

Subsidiary, branch, share/goodwill acquisition

Legal Registration

Bylaws, public registry, ARCA tax registration, Gazette publication

Intellectual Property

Patents, trademarks, designs, domains, accounting books

Personnel

Register as employer, labor and life insurance, labor books, recruitment



6. Regulatory Framework & Golden Visa

Financial, Capital Market, Insurance

Central Bank supervision, sectoral licensing required.

Energy, Mining, Natural Resources

Flexible new legal regime (Ley Bases 2024); streamlined licensing; special incentives for renewable energy, mining, oil & gas.

Citizenship by Investment

Since May 2025, immediate citizenship possible for large/strategic investors after legal/tax review.

International Arbitration

RIGI disputes can go to international arbitration.

4. Taxation

Federal Taxes

- Income tax: 25–35% for companies; 7% withholding on dividends to individuals/foreigners; various rules for residents/non-residents and dividends
- VAT: Standard 21% (some activities at 10.5%; utilities at 27%); zero-rated exports (VAT on inputs refundable)
- Personal property tax: 0.5% on net worth (paid by companies for foreign shareholders)
- Financial transactions: 0.6% on credits/debits (partially creditable to income tax)

Provincial/Municipal Taxes

- Gross income (1–5%)
- Stamp (1%, up to 2.5% on real estate)
- Real estate (0.2–2%)

Special Regimes

RIGI: Reduced income tax (25%), accelerated depreciation, indefinite loss carryforward, duty-free imports, full FX access for dividends after four years.

Double Tax Treaties

Agreements with 20+ countries, incl. the UK, China, EU, neighboring states.

5. Labor & Social Security

Regulation

Based on the Labor Contracts Act, collective bargaining, and special statutes.

Employment Terms

- Max. 8 hours/day, 48/week; full-time minimum wage as of April 2025: ARS302,600
- 13th month bonus (SAC); maternity/paternity leave; progressive paid vacation by years of service

Contract Types

Indefinite, fixed-term, part-time, telework, internships.

Termination

Trial period (6 months), notice periods, severance requirements, unfair dismissal compensation, special protections.

Social Security

- Employers/employee contributions (total up to 26% for employers), additional union dues
- Mandatory labor risk/life insurance
- Expat rules: Visas and reciprocity; no hiring caps on foreigners

Occupational Safety

Labor risk insurance company (ART) mandatory; employers' basic obligation to ensure safety.

7. Dispute Resolution



Voluntary Consumer Arbitration

SNAC system for consumer-related disputes



Labor Mediation

SECLO system for employment disputes



Courts

For commercial and state disputes

Recent Changes

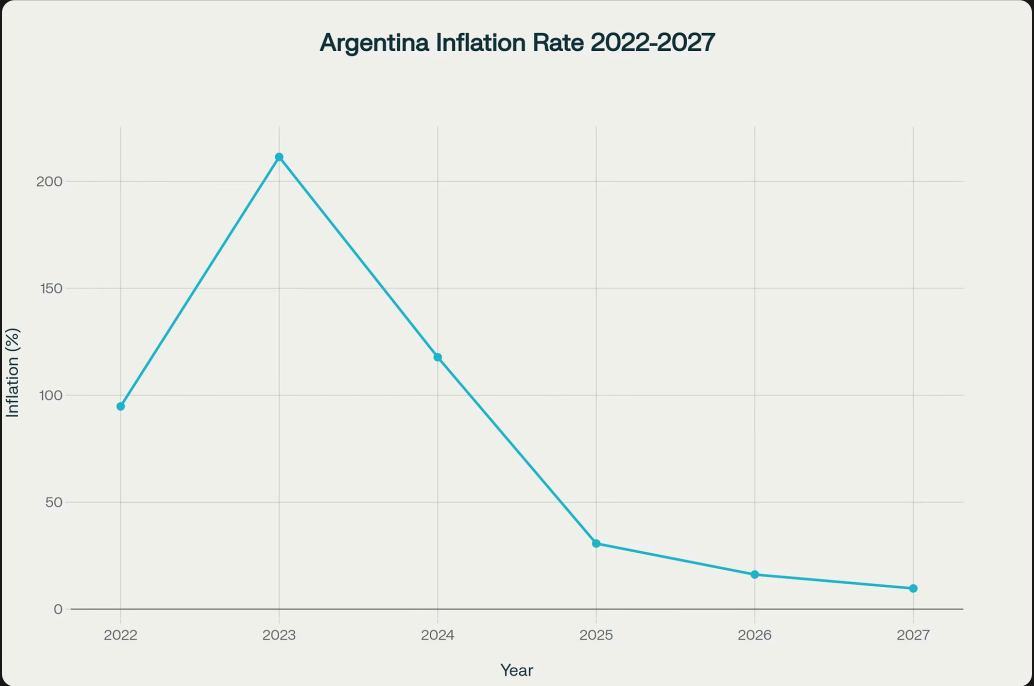
Simplified and expedited dispute processes as of 2025 (COPREC eliminated).

Special Mechanisms

Arbitration and mediation often precede judicial litigation, especially in investment and labor disputes.

8. Key Macroeconomic Indicators/Trends

Indicator	2024
GDP	\$632B
Population	47.07M
FDI (Q4-2023/Q3-2024)	\$18.1B (+3.5% y/y)
Inflation (Apr 2025, y/y)	47.3%
Unemployment (Q4 2024)	7.2%
Exports / Imports	\$79.7B / \$60.8B
Reference FX (Apr 2025)	ARS1,053.5/\$



Argentina Annual Inflation Rate (2022–2027, Projected)

Golden Visa Investment Pathways



Strategic Business Investment

Establish a company with significant capital investment to qualify for immediate citizenship review under the May 2025 Citizenship by Investment program.



RIGI Projects

Invest in projects over \$200M under the RIGI regime to benefit from tax incentives, stability guarantees, and qualify for the citizenship pathway.



Sector-Specific Investments

Target investments in priority sectors like renewables, mining, or technology to maximize both financial returns and citizenship eligibility.





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