

Argentina

Key Facts

GDP per capita at Purchasing Power Parity, 2000	\$12,314
GDP per capita Rank	31
Percentage Growth in Real GDP per capita, 1999–2000	-1.7
Growth Rank	72
US Utility Patents Granted in 2000 (per million population)	1.5
Patent Rank	34

Growth Competitiveness Rank 49

Technology Index Rank	48
ICT Subindex Rank	39
Innovation Subindex Rank	30
Technology Transfer Subindex Rank (out of 51 technological non-core economies)	34
Public Institutions Index Rank	55
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National competitiveness balance sheet

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