

COUNTRY FACT SHEET: CHILE

U.S. Ambassador to Chile: Paul Simons

Chilean Chargé d'Affaires to the United States: Fernando Varela

PROFILE:

Population: 16.8 Million*	Next Election Scheduled: December 2009
Capital: Santiago	Head of Government: Michelle Bachelet
Government: Republic	

ECONOMY:

2008 Nominal GDP (Current US\$ billion): \$181.5*

2008 Nominal GDP Per Capita (Current US\$): \$10,813.7*

	2006	2007	2008
Real GDP Growth Rate (%)	4.0	5.1	4.5*
Real GDP Per Capita Growth Rate (%)	3.1	4.0	3.2*
CPI (%)	116.3	125.4	136.0*
Unemployment (%)	n/a	n/a	n/a

Economic Mix in 2006⁺: 14% Manufacturing; 48% Services; 4% Agriculture

FOREIGN MERCHANDISE TRADE (U.S.\$ billions)	2006	2007	2008
Chile Exports to World	55.9	65.8	67.8
Chile Imports from World	34.7	42.7	57.6
U.S. Exports to Chile	6.8	8.3	12.1
U.S. Imports from Chile	9.6	9.0	8.2
U.S. Trade Balance with Chile	-2.8	-0.7	3.9

Rank of Chile as U.S. export market in 2008: 25th Largest (0.93% of U.S. exports)

Rank of Chile among importers to U.S. in 2008: 39th Largest (0.39% of U.S. imports)

Principal U.S. Exports to Chile in 2008: Mineral Fuel (30%), Machinery (18%), Vehicles (9%), Electrical Machinery (6%), Aircraft (6%)

Principal U.S. Imports from Chile in 2008: Copper (34%), Edible Fruit and Nuts (17%), Fish and Seafood (11%), Wood (8%) and Precious Stones, Metals (7%)

FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT (U.S.\$ billions)	2005	2006	2007
U.S. FDI in Chile	11.1	11.4	12.6
FDI into U.S. from Chile	0.143	0.288	-0.430

Principal Suppliers of Foreign Investment to Chile: Spain, United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia

DOING BUSINESS RANKING:

World Bank Doing Business in 2009 Rank: 33 of 178 (28 in 2008).

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* IMF estimate, ‡ Economist Intelligence Unit data, †• Economist Intelligence Unit estimate, + World Bank data