

Property Tax in Latin America: Country Facts

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Argentina

Official Name:	Argentine Republic
Area (Km²):	2,780,400
Capital:	Buenos Aires
Type of state:	Federation
Type of government:	Republic
Official language:	Spanish
Political and administrative divisions:	Provinces (23), Departments (512), Autonomous City (1), Municipalities (1,159)
Demographics	
Population:	43,590,368 (2016)*
Population density (per Km²):	15.67 (2016)*
Urban population:	91.75% (2015)
Illiteracy:	1.92% (2010)
Human Development Index (HDI):	0.836 (2014)
Economics	
Currency:	Argentinean Peso
US\$ exchange rate:	15.00 (July, 2011)
GDP (billion US\$):	537.07 (2016)
Per capita GDP (US\$):	12,320.75 (2016)
Source:	Instituto Geográfico Nacional; Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Censo; Ministerio de Economía de la Nación; Banco Central de la República Argentina; Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo Argentino. *Projection year 2016.

Bolivia

Official Name:	Plurinational State of Bolivia
Area (Km²):	1,098,581
Capital:	Sucre
Type of state:	Unitary
Type of government:	Republic
Official language:	Spanish, native languages
Political and administrative divisions:	Departments (9), Provinces (112), Municipalities (339), Districts (1,384)
Demographics	
Population:	10,825,013 (2015)
Population density (per Km²):	9.85 (2015)
Urban population:	68.51% (2015)
Illiteracy:	13.28% (2001)
Human Development Index (HDI):	0.662 (2014)
Economics	
Currency:	Boliviano
US\$ exchange rate:	6.96 (July, 2015)
GDP (billion US\$):	32.76 (2015)
Per capita GDP (US\$):	3,026.61 (2015)
Source:	Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo; Instituto Nacional de Estadísticas; Ministério de Autonomías.

Brazil

Official Name:	Federative Republic of Brazil
Area (Km²):	8,515,692
Capital:	Brasília
Type of state:	Federation
Type of government:	Republic
Official language:	Portuguese
Political and administrative divisions:	States (26), Federal District (1), Municipalities (5,565)
Demographics	
Population:	204,450,649 (2015)
Population density (per Km²):	24.00 (2015)
Urban population:	84.68% (2015)
Illiteracy:	8.7% (2012)
Human Development Index (HDI):	0.755 (2014)
Economics	
Currency:	Brazilian Real
US\$ exchange rate:	3.12 (July, 2015)
GDP (billion US\$):	1,893.32 (2015)
Per capita GDP (US\$):	9,260.54 (2015)
Source:	Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo; Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística; Unstats, United Nations.

Chile

Official Name:	Republic of Chile
Area (Km²):	756,945
Capital:	Santiago
Type of state:	Unitary
Type of government:	Republic
Official language:	Spanish
Political and administrative divisions:	Region (15), Provinces (51), Municipalities (345)
Demographics	
Population:	18,191,884 (2016)
Population density (per Km²):	24.03 (2016)
Urban population:	89.53% (2015)
Illiteracy:	4.2% (2012)
Human Development Index (HDI):	0.832 (2014)
Economics	
Currency:	Chilean Peso
US\$ exchange rate:	661.37 (July, 2016)
GDP (billion US\$):	252.85 (2016)
Per capita GDP (US\$):	13,899.02 (2016)
Source:	Banco Central de Chile; Instituto Nacional de Estadística; Servicio de Impuestos Internos.

Colombia

Official Name:	Republic of Colombia
Area (Km²):	1,148,748
Capital:	Bogotá D.C.
Type of state:	Unitary
Type of government:	Republic
Official language:	Spanish
Political and administrative divisions:	Departments (32), Special Districts (5), Municipalities (1,123)
Demographics	
Population:	47,661,787 (2014)
Population density (per Km²):	41.49 (2014)
Urban population:	76.16% (2014)
Illiteracy:	7.3% (2010)
Human Development Index (HDI):	0.72 (2014)
Economics	
Currency:	Colombian Peso
US\$ exchange rate:	1,881.19 (July, 2014)
GDP (billion US\$):	402.67 (2014)
Per capita GDP (US\$):	8,448.57 (2014)
Source:	Unstats, Naciones Unidas; Banco de la República; Departamento Administrativo Nacional de Estadística.

Costa Rica

Official Name:	Republic of Costa Rica
Area (Km²):	51,100
Capital:	San José
Type of state:	Unitary
Type of government:	Republic
Official language:	Spanish
Political and administrative divisions:	Provinces (7), Cantons - municipal government (81), Districts (472)
Demographics	
Population:	4,832,234 (2015)
Population density (per Km²):	95.56 (2015)
Urban population:	76.82% (2015)
Illiteracy:	2.4% (2011)
Human Development Index (HDI):	0.766 (2014)
Economics	
Currency:	Costa Rican Colon
US\$ exchange rate:	547.85 (July, 2015)
GDP (billion US\$):	52.84 (2015)
Per capita GDP (US\$):	10,934.37 (2015)
Source:	Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Censos; Estado de la Nación.

Dominican Republic

Official Name:	Dominican Republic
Area (Km²):	48,442
Capital:	National District "Santo Domingo de Guzman"
Type of state:	Unitary
Type of government:	Republic
Official language:	Spanish
Political and administrative divisions:	Regions (10), Provinces (31), Municipalities (155), Municipal Districts (232), National District (1)
Demographics	
Population:	10,596,332 (2016)
Population density (per Km²):	218.74 (2016)
Urban population:	78.98% (2015)
Illiteracy:	7.75% (2015)
Human Development Index (HDI):	0.715 (2014)
Economics	
Currency:	Peso
US\$ exchange rate:	45.94 (July, 2016)
GDP (billion US\$):	71.76 (2016)
Per capita GDP (US\$):	6,772.53 (2016)
Source:	Oficina Nacional de Estadística; Ministerio de Educación, Boletín de Indicadores Educativos; Informe sobre Desarrollo Humano 2010; Banco Central de la República Dominicana.

Ecuador

Official Name:	Republic of Ecuador
Area (Km²):	256.369,50
Capital:	Quito
Type of state:	Unitary
Type of government:	Republic
Official language:	Spanish
Political and administrative divisions:	Provinces (24), Cantons - municipal government (221), Parishes (815)
Demographics	
Population:	16,144,346 (2015)
Population density (per Km²):	62.98 (2015)
Urban population:	63.74% (2015)
Illiteracy:	6.8% (2010)
Human Development Index (HDI):	0.732 (2014)
Economics	
Currency:	US Dollar
US\$ exchange rate:	-
GDP (billion US\$):	100.18 (2015)
Per capita GDP (US\$):	6,205.07 (2015)
Source:	Instituto Nacional Estadística y Censos; Banco Central del Ecuador; Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo.

El Salvador

Official Name:	Republic of El Salvador
Area (Km²):	21,041
Capital:	San Salvador
Type of state:	Unitary
Type of government:	Republic
Official language:	Spanish
Political and administrative divisions:	Departments (14), Municipalities (262)
Demographics	
Population:	6,126,583 (2015)
Population density (per Km²):	291.17 (2015)
Urban population:	66.72% (2015)
Illiteracy:	10.14% (2017)
Human Development Index (HDI):	0.666 (2014)
Economics	
Currency:	US Dollar
US\$ exchange rate:	-
GDP (billion US\$):	24.26 (2013)
Per capita GDP (US\$):	3,826.08 (2013)
Source:	Unstats, United Nations; The Factbook, CIA.

Guatemala

Official Name:	Republic of Guatemala
Area (Km²):	108,890
Capital:	Guatemala City "Nueva Guatemala de la Asunción"
Type of state:	Unitary
Type of government:	Republic
Official language:	Spanish, amerindian languages
Political and administrative divisions:	Departments (22), Municipalities (334)
Demographics	
Population:	16,514,591 (2016)
Population density (per Km²):	151.66 (2016)
Urban population:	53.85% (2015)
Illiteracy:	16.62% (2012)
Human Development Index (HDI):	0.627 (2014)
Economics	
Currency:	Quetzal
US\$ exchange rate:	7.62 (July, 2016)
GDP (billion US\$):	68.59 (2016)
Per capita GDP (US\$):	4,153.36 (2016)
Source:	Comité Nacional de Alfabetización; Red Centroamericana de Museos; Cámara de la Industria de Guatemala.

Honduras

Official Name:	Republic of Honduras
Area (Km²):	112,088
Capital:	Tegucigalpa
Type of state:	Unitary
Type of government:	Republic
Official language:	Spanish
Political and administrative divisions:	Departments (18), Municipalities (298)
Demographics	
Population:	8,576.5 (2016)
Population density (per Km²):	76.2 (2016)
Urban population:	54.73% (2015)
Illiteracy:	12.1% (2016)
Human Development Index (HDI):	0.606 (2014)
Economics	
Currency:	Lempira
US\$ exchange rate:	22,0988 (July, 2015)
GDP (billion US\$):	18.55 (2013)
Per capita GDP (US\$):	2,290.78 (2013)
Source:	Unstats, United Nations; The Factbook, CIA, Banco Central de Honduras, PNUD.

Mexico

Official Name:	Mexican United States
Area (Km²):	1,958,201
Capital:	Mexico City
Type of state:	Federation
Type of government:	Republic
Official language:	Spanish
Political and administrative divisions:	States (31), Federal District (1), Municipalities (2,438)
Demographics	
Population:	122,273,473 (2016)
Population density (per Km²):	62 (2015)
Urban population:	77.83% (2010)
Illiteracy:	5.5% (2015)
Human Development Index (HDI):	0.756 (2015)
Economics	
Currency:	Mexican Peso
US\$ exchange rate:	18.75 (July, 2016)
GDP (billion US\$):	1,041 (2016)
Per capita GDP (US\$):	8,514 (2016)
Source:	Unstats, United Nations; The Factbook, CIA, Banco de México.

Nicaragua

Official Name:	Republic of Nicaragua
Area (Km²):	129,494
Capital:	Managua
Type of state:	Unitary
Type of government:	Republic
Official language:	Spanish
Political and administrative divisions:	Departments (15), Autonomous Regions (2), Municipalities (153)
Demographics	
Population:	6,152,298 (2016)
Population density (per Km²):	47.51 (2016)
Urban population:	58.77% (2015)
Illiteracy:	4.73% (2012)
Human Development Index (HDI):	0.631 (2014)
Economics	
Currency:	Gold Cordoba
US\$ exchange rate:	28.62 (July, 2016)
GDP (billion US\$):	13.66 (2016)
Per capita GDP (US\$):	2,220.37 (2016)
Source:	Instituto Nacional de Información de Desarrollo; Banco Central de Nicaragua; Datos Macro.

Panama

Official Name:	Republic of Panama
Area (Km²):	75,517
Capital:	Panama City
Type of state:	Unitary
Type of government:	Republic
Official language:	Spanish
Political and administrative divisions:	Provinces (10), Indigenous Territory (3), Municipalities (75)
Demographics	
Population:	3,929,105 (2015)
Population density (per Km²):	52.02 (2015)
Urban population:	66.59% (2015)
Illiteracy:	5.5% (2012)
Human Development Index (HDI):	0.780 (2014)
Economics	
Currency:	Balboa
US\$ exchange rate:	-
GDP (billion US\$):	52.13 (2015)
Per capita GDP (US\$):	13,268.23 (2015)
Source:	Banco Mundial; Contraloría General de la República.

Peru

Official Name:	Republic of Peru
Area (Km²):	1,285,215
Capital:	Lima
Type of state:	Unitary
Type of government:	Republic
Official language:	Spanish, quichua, aimara
Political and administrative divisions:	Regions (25), Provincial Municipalities (195), District Municipalities (1,838)
Demographics	
Population:	31,151,643 (2015)
Population density (per Km²):	24.23 (2015)
Urban population:	78.60% (2015)
Illiteracy:	6.2% (2012)
Human Development Index (HDI):	0.734 (2014)
Economics	
Currency:	Nuevo Sol
US\$ exchange rate:	3.18 (July, 2015)
GDP (billion US\$):	192.58 (2015)
Per capita GDP (US\$):	6,182.10 (2015)
Source:	Banco Central de Reserva del Peru; Fondo Monetario Internacional; Instituto Nacional de Estadística e Informática.

Uruguay

Official Name:	Oriental Republic of Uruguay
Area (Km²):	176,215
Capital:	Montevideo
Type of state:	Unitary
Type of government:	Republic
Official language:	Spanish
Political and administrative divisions:	Departments (19), Municipalities (89)
Demographics	
Population:	3,431,555 (2015)
Population density (per Km²):	19.47 (2015)
Urban population:	95.31% (2015)
Illiteracy:	1.2% (2013)
Human Development Index (HDI):	0.793 (2014)
Economics	
Currency:	Uruguayan Peso
US\$ exchange rate:	20.56 (July, 2013)
GDP (billion US\$):	55.71 (2013)
Per capita GDP (US\$):	16,350 (2013)
Source:	Banco Mundial; United Nations; Instituto Nacional de Estadísticas; Banco Central del Uruguay.

Venezuela

Official Name:	Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Area (Km²):	916,445
Capital:	Caracas
Type of state:	Federation
Type of government:	Republic
Official language:	Spanish
Political and administrative divisions:	States (23), Federal District (1), Federal Dependencies (72), Municipalities (335)
Demographics	
Population:	29,043,555 (2015)
Population density (per Km²):	33.94 (2015)
Urban population:	88.99% (2015)
Illiteracy:	5.23% (2011)
Human Development Index (HDI):	0.762 (2014)
Economics	
Currency:	Venezuelan Bolivar
US\$ exchange rate:	6,3000 (July, 2014)
GDP (billion US\$):	509,968 (2014)
Per capita GDP (US\$):	16,614 (2014)
Source:	Unstats, United Nations; The Factbook, CIA; Banco Central de Venezuela.