



CHILE AT A GLANCE



General Information

Government Type	Republic	Head of State	Michelle Bachelet Jeria
Capital	Santiago	Ethnic Groups	White and white-Amerindian 95%, Amerindian 3%, other 2%
Land Area	756'950 km ²	Religion	Roman Catholic 89%, other 11%
Official Language	Spanish		
Population	16'284'741		
Population Growth	0.916% (est. 2007)		
Exchange Rate	1 CHF = 527 CLP (as per 17/11/08)		

Recent economic indicators (2007)

GDP	165.2 billion US\$	Inflation	7.8%
GDP per capita	13'336 US\$ (at PPP)	Gross foreign reserves	16.9 billion US\$
Real GDP Growth	5.3%	Total Export	61 billion US\$
Unemployment	6.5%	Total Import	39 billion US\$
Total external debt (% Export)	77.7	Current account surplus	4.2% GDP
Debt Service (% GDP)	5.4	Min. salary / month	144'000 CLP (ca. 273 CHF)
		Budget surplus (% GDP)	9%

Bilateral Trade and Investment (January – September 2008 if not otherwise indicated)

Swiss merchandise trade with Chile	Exports to Chile	176.07 Mio CHF	Existing bilateral economic agreements FTA (EFTA – Chile): 2004 Investment Protection Agreement: 2002 Double Taxation Agreement: 2008 (signed)
	Imports from Chile	51.13 Mio CHF	
	Trade balance	124.94 Mio CHF	

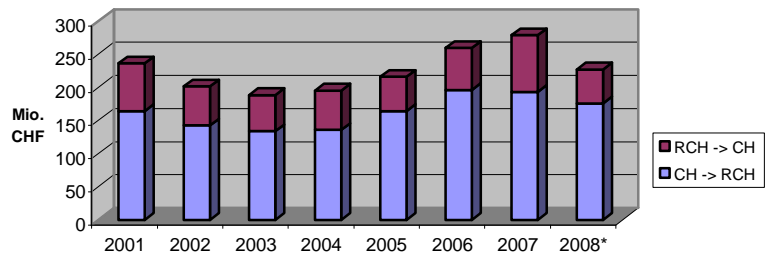
Major Chilean imports from CH	1. Machines	40.7% of total imports from CH
	2. Pharmaceutical products	19.1% of total imports from CH
	3. Optical / Medical Instruments	9% of total imports from CH

Major Chilean exports to CH	1. Agricultural products	60.6% of total exports to CH
	1a. Wine	18.7% of total exports to CH
	2. Paper and paper products	26.8% of total exports to CH
	3. Base Metals	7.4% of total exports to CH

Swiss Investment in Chile

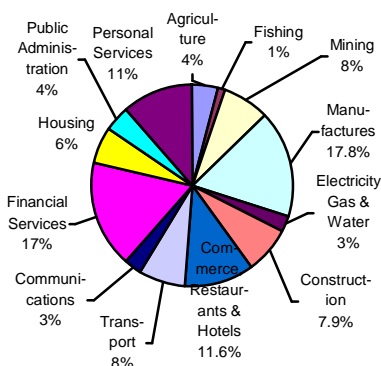
Swiss companies offer approx. 16'575 workplaces in Chile. In 2006, Swiss capital export to Chile amounted 153 Mio. CHF and Swiss stock of investments to 1.171 billion CHF.

Bilateral trade Switzerland - Chile

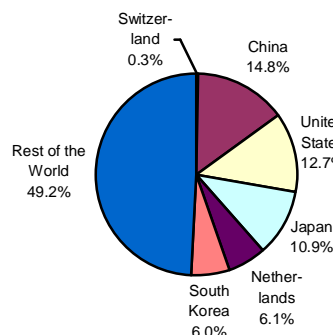


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Repartition of GDP (2007)



Main Export Countries of Chile (+ Switzerland) (2007)



Main Import Countries of Chile (+ Switzerland) (2007)

