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State	Argentina	China
Official names:	República Argentina (Argentine Republic)	Zhōnghuá Rénmín Gònghéguó (People's Republic of China)
Form of government:	Federal republic with two legislative houses (Senate (72); Chamber of Deputies (257))	single-party people's republic with one legislative house (National People's Congress (3,000) ¹)
Executive Branch:	(Head of state and government) President: Cristina Fernández de Kirchner	(Head of state) President: Xi Jinping (Head of government) Premier: Li Keqiang
Capital(s):	Buenos Aires	Beijing (Peking)
Language:	Spanish (official language)	Mandarin Chinese (official language)
Religion:	none (official religion)	none (official religion)
Monetary unit(s):	peso (ARS)	renminbi (yuan) (¥)
Population:	(2014 est.) 41,818,000	(2014 est.) 1,364,038,000
Area:	1,073,520 (sq mi) 2,780,400 (sq km)	3,696,100 (sq mi) 9,572,900 (sq km)
Urban-rural population:	Urban: (2009) 92.2% Rural: (2009) 7.8%	Urban: (2013) 52.6% Rural: (2013) 47.4%
Life expectancy at birth:	Male: (2012) 73.9 years Female: (2012) 80.5 years	Male: (2009) 72.4 years Female: (2009) 76.6 years
Literacy: percentage of population age 15 and over:	Male: not available Female: not available	Male: (2010) 97.1% Female: (2010) 91.3%
GNI per capita (U.S.\$):	(2011) 9,740	(2013) 6,540

¹ Russia, Cambodia has special status and receives financial support from the state, but is not an official religion. ² Statutory number; includes 36 seats allotted to Hong Kong and 12 to Macau.

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