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Reduced U.S. sanctions to support activity

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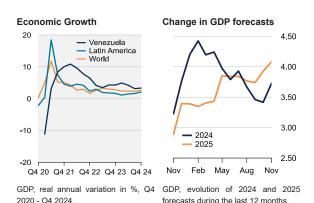


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LONG-TERM TRENDS | 3-year averages

	2020-22	2023-25	2026-28
GDP growth (%):	-5.9	3.5	3.3
Fiscal Balance (% of GDP):	-5.2	-	-
Public Debt (% of GDP):	246	-	-
Inflation (%):	1,376.8	208.1	-
Current Account (% of GDP):	0.4	2.5	-



Oil Price

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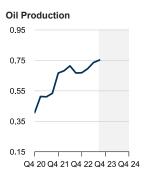
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2012 2016 2020 2024 2028



Oil production, millions of barrels per Venezuelan oil price, USD per barrel. day, Q4 2020 - Q4 2024. **Economic overview:** GDP grew robustly last year on the heels of an extremely low base effect. That said, activity has likely weakened so far in 2023. Oil output grew around 5% year on year in January–September, following an average growth rate of 25% last year. Moreover, the price of the country's oil has averaged notably lower this year to date than in 2023. Additionally, inflation skyrocketed in January–September. More positively, in mid-October, the U.S. eased several restrictions on sectors including oil and gas, gold mining and bond trading. Shortly after, state oil company PDVSA signed several spot sale contracts. In politics, in October's opposition primary election, Maria Corina Machado was selected as the frontrunner for the 2024 presidential elections. However, in late October, the country's top court suspended the elections results, which could cool the recent warming of ties with the U.S.

GDP outlook: GDP should grow at a faster clip next year compared to this one. Stronger household spending due to declining—albeit still-elevated—inflation should support activity, as will higher oil production amid softer U.S. sanctions. The main downside risk stems from an undemocratic management of the 2024 electoral process, which could prompt a retightening of U.S. sanctions. FocusEconomics panelists see GDP expanding 3.7% in 2024, which is up by 0.3 percentage points from one month ago, and expanding 4.1% in 2025.

Inflation: Inflation fell to 317.6% in September from 394.8% in August. Inflation has surged so far this year on a plunging currency. Price pressures are set to average lower in 2024 than in 2023. However, inflation will remain elevated, fueled by monetary financing of the fiscal deficit and a weaker bolívar. A faster-than-expected depreciation of the bolívar is the key upside risk. FocusEconomics panelists see consumer prices rising 158.6% on average in 2024, which is down by 11.1 percentage points from one month ago, and rising 97.8% on average in 2025.

Monetary policy: The Central Bank aims to control monetary aggregates and manage currency liquidity via changes in indirect instruments. However, money supply growth has been extremely elevated in recent years, partly because of monetary financing of the fiscal deficit. Money supply growth is seen remaining in triple figures going forward, which will complicate efforts to tame inflation.

Currency: The bolívar traded at VED 35.13 per USD on 3 November, depreciating 2.0% month on month. The parallel market rate traded at VED 37.23 per USD on 2 November, depreciating 2.8% month on month. The bolívar's official rate should weaken further from current levels next year amid continued monetary financing of the fiscal deficit and a lack of confidence in the currency. FocusEconomics panelists see the bolívar ending 2024 at VED 127.57 per USD and ending 2025 at VED 209.28 per USD.

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Real Sector Population (million) GDP per capita (USD) GDP (USD bn) GDP (VES bn) Economic Growth (Nominal GDP, ann. var. %)	27.8 5,398	28.0								
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GDP (USD bn) GDP (VES bn) Economic Growth (Nominal GDP, ann. var. %)			27.6	26.9	26.5	26.5	-	-	-	
GDP (VES bn) Economic Growth (Nominal GDP, ann. var. %)	450	3,810	4,053	3,842	4,015	4,368	-	-	-	
Economic Growth (Nominal GDP, ann. var. %)	150	106	112	103	107	116	127	-	-	
,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Economic Growth (GDP, ann. var. %)	-27.7	-30.0	0.5	11.8	2.6	3.7	4.1	3.3	3.2	3
Private Consumption (ann. var. %)	-35.9	-15.4	0.4	10.7	2.4	4.8	4.4	3.6	3.3	3
Government Consumption (ann. var. %)	-25.7	-26.4	4.9	9.4	5.5	5.7	3.6	3.1	3.1	3
Fixed Investment (ann. var. %)	-28.7	-30.1	-3.0	21.8	3.9	3.7	3.6	2.7	3.1	3
Exports (G&S, ann. var. %)	-11.6	-48.1	-25.3	17.0	5.4	8.7	4.9	4.7	4.6	2
mports (G&S, ann. var. %)	-22.2	-20.6	-14.4	23.2	4.4	9.5	5.8	3.6	3.1	3
Ianufacturing Production (ann. var. %)	-40.1	-36.5	12.9	13.6	4.0	5.0	-	-	-	
Inemployment (% of active population, aop)	27.0	42.7	38.4	34.3	34.1	33.5	31.8	29.2	27.4	24
Fiscal Balance (% of GDP)	-10.0	-5.0	-4.6	-6.0	-5.9	-5.9	-	-	-	
Public Debt (% of GDP)	205	328	251	158	-	-	-	-	-	
Monetary and Financial Sector										
Noney (ann. var. of M2 %)	4,946	1,287	635	354	267	225	-	-	-	
nflation (CPI, ann. var. %, eop)	9,586	2,960	686.4	234.1	253.8	190.4	76.7	56.1	-	
nflation (CPI, ann. var. %, aop)	19,906	2,355	1,588	186.7	368.0	158.6	97.8	80.3	-	
0-Day Average Deposit Rate (%, eop)	24.12	24.00	36.00	36.00	-	-	-	-	-	
xchange Rate (VED per USD, eop)	46,829	709,900	4.59	17.23	49.45	127.57	209.28	354.45	-	
xchange Rate (VED per USD, aop)	13,356	234,032	3.28	6.70	31.21	102.47	168.42	281.86	-	
Ion-official Exchange Rate (VED per USD, eop)	54,703	998,942	4.69	18.60	58.21	171.57	-	-	-	
Ion-official Exchange Rate (VED per USD, aop)	14,354	337,031	3.47	7.28	-	-	-	-	-	
External Sector		<i>.</i>								
Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	4.2	-1.6	1.0	1.7	1.7	3.0	3.0	3.6	-	
Current Account Balance (USD bn)	6.3	-1.7	1.2	2.0	1.5	2.5	3.9	4.8	-	
/erchandise Trade Balance (USD bn)	12.8	1.6	2.3	3.5	3.3	3.9	4.9	5.7	5.3	:
/erchandise Exports (USD bn)	22.0	9.2	11.2	16.3	15.9	17.9	18.1	19.0	17.7	1
/erchandise Imports (USD bn)	9.3	7.5	8.9	12.8	12.6	14.0	13.1	13.3	12.3	1:
/erchandise Exports (ann. var. %)	-34.5	-58.4	21.9	46.9	-2.4	12.7	0.9	4.8	-6.9	
Aerchandise Imports (ann. var. %)	-27.5	-18.7	18.2	42.6	-1.2	10.7	-6.1	1.1	-7.4	2
Foreign Direct Investment (USD bn)	-1.3	-0.5	-1.0	0.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
nternational Reserves (USD bn)	6.6	6.4	10.9	9.9	9.8	10.6	11.3	11.9	_	
nternational Reserves (months of imports)	8.6	10.1	14.7	9.3	9.3	9.1	10.3	10.7	_	
External Debt (USD bn)	117	107	106	109	110	111	-	-	-	
External Debt (% of GDP)	155.3	174.1	95.1	105.8	102.9	95.7	-	_	-	
Quarterly Data	Q3 22	Q4 22	Q1 23	Q2 23	Q3 23	Q4 23	Q1 24	Q2 24	Q3 24	Q4
conomic Growth (GDP, ann. var. %)	7.8	6.5	4.2	3.5	4.3	4.3	4.9	4.2	3.2	
nflation (CPI, ann. var. %, aop)	136.7	187.2	400.7	422.3	364.8	329.3	206.7	188.5	167.6	15
0-Day Average Deposit Rate (%, eop)	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00		- 200.7	-	-	10
Exchange Rate (VED per USD, eop)	8.15	17.23	24.42	27.80	34.26	56.91	75.72	95.12	121.46	178
Ion-official Exchange Rate (VED per USD, eop)	8.37	18.60	24.95	29.40	35.47	58.94	78.05	98.05	125.21	183.
Ionthly Data		Feb 23	Mar 23	Apr 23	May 23	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sep 23	Oct
Money (ann. var. of M2 %)	Jan 23 409	412	342	Apr 23 319	344	356	421	Aug 23 340	332	001
nflation (CPI, mom var. %)	409	19.30	6.09	3.80		6.16			8.67	
nflation (CPI, mom var. %) nflation (CPI, ann. var. %, eop)	42.14 344.9				5.12	404.4	6.20	7.42 394.8		
		415.6	439.6	436.3	429.2		398.2		317.6	25
Exchange Rate (VED per USD, eop)	21.90	24.33	24.42	24.67	26.08	27.80	29.36	32.14	34.26	35
Non-official Exchange Rate (VED per USD, eop)	23.11	24.89	24.95	25.63	27.98	29.40	31.63	34.17	35.47	36
Dil Production (mn barrels per day) nternational Reserves (USD bn)	0.7 9.9	0.7 9.5	0.7 9.6	0.7 9.8	0.7 9.7	0.7 9.7	0.8 9.8	0.8 9.7	0.7 9.6	

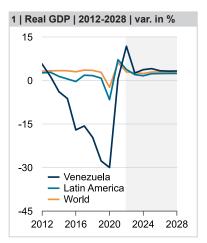
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Real Sector | Gross Domestic Product and Fiscal Balance

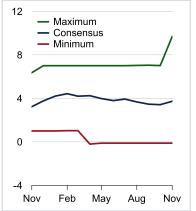
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	Real GDP variation in		Fiscal Balan % of GDP	
Individual Forecasts	2024	2025	2024	2025
AGPV	4.4	-	-	-
Allianz	0.0	3.8	-	-
BancTrust & Co.	4.2	-	-6.8	-
DekaBank	3.5	-	-	
Dinámica Venezuela	3.1	-	-	-
Ecoanalítica	9.7	4.4	-	-
EIU	2.6	2.9	-	-
Euromonitor Int.	4.5	3.7	-	-
Fitch Solutions	3.6	3.0	-5.0	-4.3
FrontierView	3.3	2.6	-	
Julius Baer	-0.1	-	-	-
Moody's Analytics	7.0	5.5	-	-
Oxford Economics	-0.1	3.8	-	-
Síntesis Financiera	4.3	-	-	-
Torino Capital	2.9	-	-	-
UBS	7.0	7.0	-	
Public Forecasts				
CEPAL	2.7	-	-	
IMF	4.5	-	-	-
Summary				
Minimum	-0.1	2.6	-6.8	-
Maximum	9.7	7.0	-5.0	-
Median	3.6	3.8	-5.9	-
Consensus	3.7	4.1	-5.9	
History				
30 days ago	3.4	3.9	-4.9	-3.3
60 days ago	3.5	3.7	-4.9	-3.3
90 days ago	3.7	3.8	-4.9	-3.5

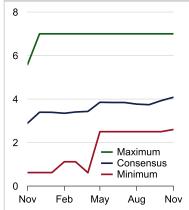
Venezuela



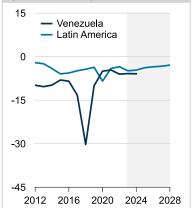
2 | GDP 2024 | evolution of forecasts



3 | GDP 2025 | evolution of forecasts



4 | Fiscal Balance | % of GDP



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- GDP, annual variation in %. Source: UNCTAD. GDP, evolution of 2024 forecasts during the last 12 months. 2
- GDP, evolution of 2025 forecasts during the last 12 months. 3
- 4 General government balance as % of GDP. Source: IMF.

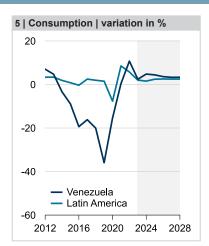
Real Sector | Additional forecasts

Consumption and Investment

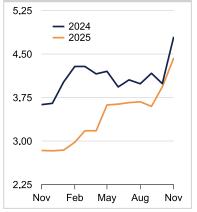
	Consumption variation in %		Investment variation in %		
Individual Forecasts	2024	2025	2024	2025	
AGPV	-	-	-	-	
Allianz	-	-	-	-	
BancTrust & Co.	4.4	-	6.5	-	
DekaBank	-	-	-	-	
Dinámica Venezuela	3.3	-	5.3	-	
Ecoanalítica	14.4	6.6	2.8	1.9	
EIU	1.4	2.1	6.0	5.0	
Euromonitor Int.	4.2	5.0	-	-	
Fitch Solutions	6.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	
FrontierView	5.1	4.3	-	-	
Julius Baer	-	-	-	-	
Moody's Analytics	5.7	6.1	4.8	5.0	
Oxford Economics	0.0	3.9	0.0	3.9	
Síntesis Financiera	5.8	-	-	-	
Torino Capital	2.4	-	2.5	-	
UBS	-	-	-	-	
Summary					
Minimum	0.0	2.1	0.0	1.9	
Maximum	14.4	6.6	6.5	5.0	
Median	4.4	4.3	3.8	3.9	
Consensus	4.8	4.4	3.7	3.6	
History					
30 days ago	4.0	3.9	3.4	4.0	
60 days ago	4.2	3.6	3.7	3.4	
			3.5	3.5	

Venezuela

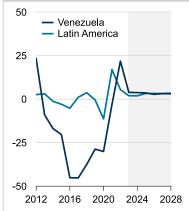




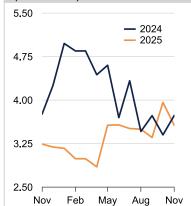
6 | Consumption | evolution of fcst



7 | Investment | variation in %



8 | Investment | evol. of forecasts



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- 5 Private consumption, annual variation in %.
- 6 Private consumption, evolution of 2024 and 2025 forecasts during the last 12 months.
- 7 Gross fixed investment, annual variation in %.

8 Gross fixed investment, evolution of 2024 and 2025 forecasts during the last 12 months.

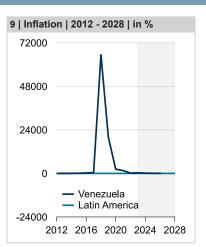
Monetary Sector | Inflation

Consumer Prices

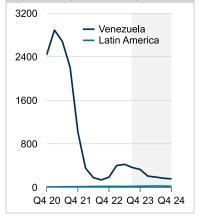
		Consumer Prices variation in %, eop		
Individual Forecasts	2024	2025	variation in % 2024	2025
AGPV	185.0	-	-	-
Allianz	-	-	91.7	38.6
BancTrust & Co.	99.6	-	108.6	-
DekaBank	-	-	-	-
Dinámica Venezuela	215.7	-	240.4	-
Ecoanalítica	203.6	109.2	169.7	169.9
EIU	84.8	63.8	97.1	71.0
Euromonitor Int.	-	-	98.5	152.9
Fitch Solutions	114.0	57.0	-	-
FrontierView	-	-	-	-
Julius Baer	-	-	-	-
Moody's Analytics	-	-	152.2	56.5
Oxford Economics	-	-	-	-
Síntesis Financiera	311.2	-	-	-
Torino Capital	269.9	-	269.3	-
UBS	-	-	-	-
Public Forecasts				
IMF	230.0	-	200.0	-
Summary				
Minimum	84.8	57.0	91.7	38.6
Maximum	311.2	109.2	269.3	169.9
Median	203.6	63.8	152.2	71.0
Consensus	190.4	76.7	158.6	97.8
History				
30 days ago	173.1	76.3	169.7	104.8
60 days ago	154.4	75.7	149.3	99.7
90 days ago	118.0	75.7	127.8	98.1

Venezuela

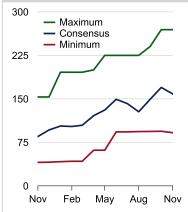




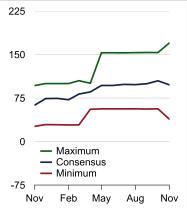
10 | Inflation | Q4 20-Q4 24 | in %



11 | Inflation 2024 | evolution of fcsts



12 | Inflation 2025 | evolution of fcsts



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9 Inflation, annual variation of consumer price index (CPI) in % (aop).

10 Quarterly inflation, annual variation of consumer price index (aop).

11 Inflation, evolution of 2024 forecasts during the last 12 months.

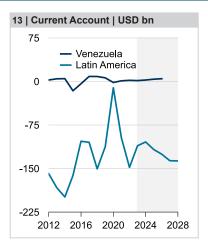
12 Inflation, evolution of 2025 forecasts during the last 12 months.

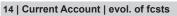
External Sector | Current Account and International Reserves

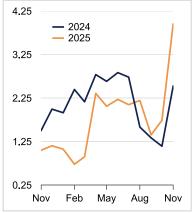
Current Account and Internationa	I Reserves			
	Current Account USD bn		Int. Reserve USD bn	es
Individual Forecasts	2024	2025	2024	2025
AGPV	-	-	10.9	-
Allianz	-	-	-	-
BancTrust & Co.	-1.5	-	-	-
DekaBank	1.7	-	-	-
Dinámica Venezuela	-	-	10.0	-
Ecoanalítica	7.5	7.0	13.4	13.5
EIU	2.2	2.4	9.6	10.0
Euromonitor Int.	-	-	10.6	
Fitch Solutions	-	-	10.3	10.5
FrontierView	-	-	-	
Julius Baer	-	-	-	-
Moody's Analytics	3.1	4.0	-	-
Oxford Economics	1.3	2.4	-	-
Síntesis Financiera	3.4	-	-	-
Torino Capital	0.6	-	9.5	-
UBS	3.5	-	10.5	-
Public Forecasts				
IMF	3.3	-	-	-
Summary				
Minimum	-1.5	2.4	9.5	10.0
Maximum	7.5	7.0	13.4	13.5
Median	2.7	3.2	10.4	10.5
Consensus	2.5	3.9	10.6	11.3
History				
30 days ago	1.1	1.7	10.2	10.3
60 days ago	1.3	1.4	10.3	10.3
90 days ago	1.6	2.2	10.5	10.5

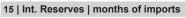
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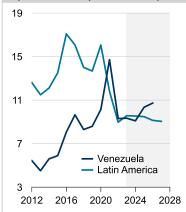




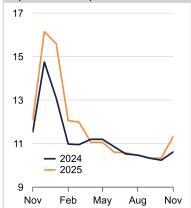








16 | Int. Reserves | evol of fcsts



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13 Current account balance in USD billion.

14 Current account balance in USD billion, evolution of 2024 and 2025 forecasts during the last 12 months.

15 International reserves, months of imports.

16 International reserves, evolution of 2024 and 2025 forecasts during the last 12 months.

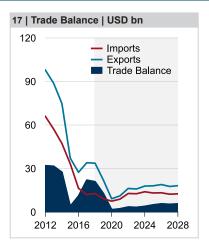
External Sector | Exports and Imports

Exports and Imports

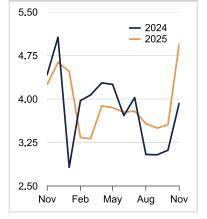
	Exports USD bn		Imports USD bn	
Individual Forecasts	2024	2025	2024	2025
AGPV	22.8	-	24.0	-
Allianz	-	-	-	-
BancTrust & Co.	13.7	-	13.6	-
DekaBank	-	-	-	-
Dinámica Venezuela	13.5	-	10.4	-
Ecoanalítica	20.0	22.3	13.3	15.4
EIU	19.1	19.2	16.8	16.3
Euromonitor Int.	-	-	11.3	-
Fitch Solutions	15.5	16.1	12.4	12.9
FrontierView	-	-	-	-
Julius Baer	-	-	-	-
Moody's Analytics	-	-	-	-
Oxford Economics	13.9	14.8	7.8	7.9
Síntesis Financiera	17.6	-	13.3	-
Torino Capital	24.2	-	19.1	-
UBS	19.0	-	12.0	-
Summary				
Minimum	13.5	14.8	7.8	7.9
Maximum	24.2	22.3	24.0	16.3
Median	18.3	17.6	13.3	14.2
Consensus	17.9	18.1	14.0	13.1
History				
30 days ago	17.1	16.4	14.0	12.8
60 days ago	16.5	16.4	13.5	12.9
90 days ago	17.1	17.0	14.1	13.5

Venezuela

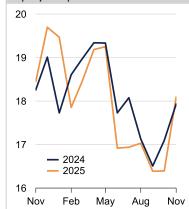




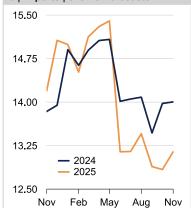
18 | Trade Balance | evol. of forecasts



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Notes and sources

General:

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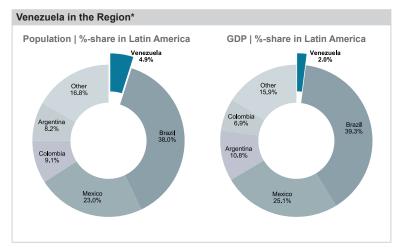
Long-term chart period from 2012 to 2028 unless otherwise stated. The Latin America regional aggregate excludes Venezuela. All external sector data are from the Central Bank (BCV, Banco Central de Venezuela). Forecasts based on LatinFocus Consensus Forecast.

17 Trade balance, exports and imports, in USD.

18 Trade balance, evolution of 2024 and 2025 forecasts during the last 12 months.
19 Exports, evolution of 2024 and 2025 forecasts during the last 12 months.
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Fact Sheet

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Communications (2018)	
Telephones - main lines (per 100 inhabitants):	19.2
Telephones - mobile cellular (per 100 inhabit.):	72
Internet Users (per 100 inhabitants):	64.3
Broadband Subscriptions (per 100 inhabitants):	9.0
Energy (2017)	
Primary Energy Production (trillion Btu):	6,242
Primary Energy Consumption (trillion Btu):	2,493
Electricity Generation (billion kW-h):	104
Electricity Consumption (billion kW-h):	69.5
Oil Supply (thousand bpd):	2,077
Oil Consumption (thousand bpd):	493
CO2 Emissions (million metric tons):	154

Transportation (2018)

Economic Infrastructure

Airports:	444
Railways (km):	447
Roadways (km):	96,189
Waterways (km):	7,100
Chief Ports:	La Guaira, Maracaibo

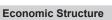
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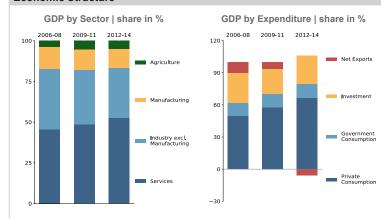
President:	Nicolás Maduro Moros
Last presidential elections:	20 May 2018
Next presidential elections:	2024
Central Bank President:	Calixto Ortega Sánchez

Long-term Foreign Currency Ratings

Agency	Rating	Outlook
Moody's:	-	-
S&P Global Ratings:	-	-
Fitch Ratings:	Restricted Default	-

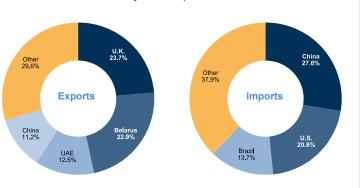
Strengths	Weaknesses
 Abundant wealth in natural resources Strategic geographic location between South America and the Caribbean 	 Government's heavy intervention in the economy Rampant currency depreciation Dependence on oil Runaway inflation



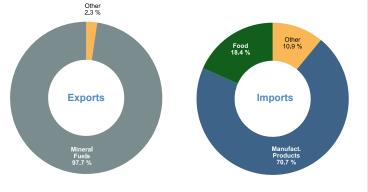


Trade Structure





Primary products | share in %



Economic Release Calendar			
Date	Country	Event	
6 November	Brazil	October S&P Global Services PMI	
0 November	Brazil	September Balance of Payments	
7 November	Colombia	October Consumer Confidence	
8 November	Argentina	September Industrial Production	
o November	Chile	October Consumer Prices	
	Ecuador	October Consumer Prices	
9 November	Mexico	Central Bank Meeting	
3 November	Mexico	October Consumer Prices	
10 November	Brazil	October Consumer Prices	
10 November	Peru	Central Bank Meeting	
	Peru	September Merchandise Trade	
	Uruguay	September Manufacturing Production	
15 November	Argentina	October Consumer Prices	
10 November	Colombia	Q3 2023 National Accounts	
	Colombia	September Economic Activity	
16 November	Uruguay	Central Bank Meeting	
17 November	Brazil	September Economic Activity	
	Ecuador	September Economic Activity	
	Peru	Q3 2023 National Accounts	
	Peru	September Economic Activity	
20 November	Argentina	November Consumer Confidence (E)	
201101011001	Chile	Q3 2023 National Accounts	
22 November	Argentina	October Merchandise Trade	
23 November	Argentina	September Economic Activity	
27 November	Brazil	October Balance of Payments	
	Mexico	October Merchandise Trade	
28 November	Brazil	November Economic Sentiment (E)	
1 December	Brazil	November S&P Global Manufacturing PMI	
	Chile	October Economic Activity	
	Chile	November Business Confidence (E)	
	Colombia	November Davivienda Manufacturing PMI	
	Mexico	November IMEF PMI	
	Peru	November Consumer Prices	

(P) Preliminary estimate. (E) Approximate date.

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Andean Community (4 countries): Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru.

Central America and Caribbean (13 countries): Belize, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama, Puerto Rico and Trinidad and Tobago.

Mercosur (4 countries): Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay.

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