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LONG-TERM TRENDS | 3-year averages

	2019-21	2022-24	2025-27
Population (million):	3.5	3.6	3.6
GDP (USD bn):	59.0	78.3	92.5
GDP per capita (USD):	16,708	21,939	25,701
GDP growth (%):	-0.1	3.0	2.4
Fiscal Balance (% of GDP):	-4.0	-2.6	-2.2
Public Debt (% of GDP):	67.9	67.6	-
Inflation (%):	8.5	7.3	5.2
Current Account (% of GDP):	-0.7	-2.8	-1.7
External Debt (% of GDP):	80.1	73.9	-

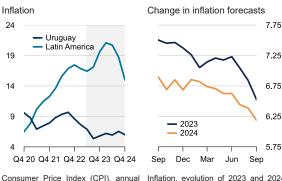
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2020 - Q4 2024

forecasts during the last 12 months

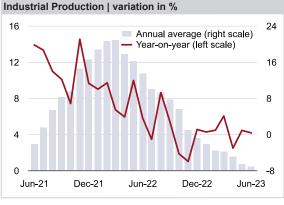


average variation in %, Q4 2020 - Q4 forecasts during the last 12 months 2024

Inflation, evolution of 2023 and 2024

Outlook moderates

- After growing in Q1, the economy likely contracted year on year in Q2 on the back of double-digit interest rates and as a severe drought weighed on hydroelectrical generation, agricultural output and the food processing industry. The volume of agricultural exports plummeted 45% in annual terms in the quarter, with food-related manufacturing exports down 7%. More positively, inflation dipped notably in the quarter, which, together with strong wage growth, should have supported private consumption. Heading into Q3, GDP is expected to return to growth, thanks to rate cuts by the Central Bank, a further pullback in inflation, and the easing of the historic drought. Recent rains saw the water level at the Paso Severino dam, which supplies water to Montevideo, rise to close to 50% capacity in late August from single digits at end-Q2.
- GDP growth is seen decelerating this year relative to 2022 due to drought hampering agricultural and industrial output. However, the El Niño weather pattern should bring more rain in H2, helping alleviate drought conditions in the period. Rainfall levels and tensions within Mercosur over Uruguay's attempts to sign bilateral trade deals are key factors to watch. FocusEconomics panelists see GDP expanding 1.3% in 2023, which is down by 0.2 percentage points from one month ago, and expanding 2.7% in 2024.
- Inflation came in at 4.1% in August, which was down from July's 4.8% and well within the Central Bank's 3.0-6.0% target range. August's figure marked the lowest inflation rate since September 2005. Inflation should remain within the Bank's target range in H2 despite an expected slight uptick by year-end on monetary easing and higher oil prices. FocusEconomics panelists see consumer prices rising 6.5% on average in 2023, which is down by 0.3 percentage points from one month ago, and rising 6.2% on average in 2024.
- On 15 August, the Central Bank of Uruguay (BCU) reduced its policy rate by 75 basis points to 10.00%, more than the 50 basis point cut the market was expecting. The move marked the continuation of the monetary policy easing cycle that the Bank kicked off in April. The Consensus is for more rate cuts by the end of this year and for monetary easing to persist in 2024. FocusEconomics panelists see the monetary policy rate ending 2023 at 9.39% and ending 2024 at 8.33%.
- The peso traded at UYU 37.88 per USD on 7 September, appreciating 1.0% month on month. The peso is seen weakening from its current level by end-2023 as further rate cuts by the BCU narrow the positive interest rate differential with the U.S. Faster-than-expected monetary easing by the BCU poses a depreciatory risk. FocusEconomics panelists see the peso ending 2023 at UYU 40.18 per USD and ending 2024 at UYU 42.38 per USD.

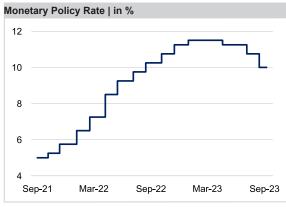


Note: Year-on-year changes and annual average variation of industrial production in %. Source: National Statistical Institute (INE).

Inflation | Consumer Price Index



Note: Annual and monthly variation of consumer price index in %. Expectations of monthly variations of consumer price index in %. Source: INE.



Note: Monetary Policy Rate (TPM, Tasa de Política Monetaria) in %. Source: Central Bank of Uruguay (BCU).

REAL SECTOR | Industrial output growth dips in June

Industrial output rose 0.4% in year-on-year terms in June, which was a deterioration from May's 0.9% increase. The figure was largely due to weaker food output. In addition, chemical substances and products output lost pace.

Meanwhile, annual average industrial production growth fell to 0.5% in June (May: +0.7%), which marked an over two-year low.

FocusEconomics panelists see industrial production expanding 1.1% in 2023, which is down by 0.1 percentage points from one month ago, and expanding 2.5% in 2024.

MONETARY SECTOR | Inflation falls to lowest level since September 2005 in August

Inflation came in at 4.1% in August, which was down from July's 4.8% and well within the Central Bank's 3.0%–6.0% target range. August's figure marked the lowest inflation rate since September 2005. Looking at the details of the release, prices for food and non-alcoholic beverages increased at a weaker pace in August while prices for clothing and footwear dropped at a sharper pace.

Over-decade low inflation in Uruguay can be attributed to the change in the Central Bank's monetary framework from 2020, when the Bank switched to using interest rates as the main policy tool to meet the inflation target, as well as the lowering of the upper bound of the target range to 6% from 7% last year.

In addition, the trend pointed down, with annual average inflation coming in at 7.3% in August (July: 7.8%). Lastly, consumer prices rose 0.17% in August over the previous month, swinging from the 0.36% drop recorded in July.

FocusEconomics panelists see consumer prices rising 6.5% on average in 2023, which is down by 0.3 percentage points from one month ago, and rising 6.2% on average in 2024.

MONETARY SECTOR | Central Bank cuts policy rate more than expected in August

On 15 August, the Monetary Policy Committee of the Central Bank of Uruguay (BCU) reduced its policy rate by 75 basis points to 10.00%, more than the 50 basis point cut the market was expecting. The move marked the continuation of the monetary policy easing cycle that the Bank kicked off in April.

The Bank justified its decision by pointing toward the recent slowdown in inflation to within the 3.0–6.0% target range, as well as its expectation that inflation and inflation expectations would continue to ease in the months ahead. The move was also likely linked with the Bank's view that drought hit economic activity in Q2.

The Bank did not provide explicit forward guidance. Instead, it reiterated that future decisions would be driven by the evolution of inflation and inflation expectations. Our panelists see the BCU cutting rates further before year-end.

The next Monetary Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for 5 October.

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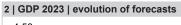
Annual Data	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	202
Real Sector	2010	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2020	202
Population (million)	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.
GDP per capita (USD)	18,609	17,620	15,189	17,313	20,004	22,476	23,337	24,550	26,025	26,52
GDP (USD bn)	65.2	62.0	53.6	61.3	71.1	80.2	83.5	88.1	93.7	95
GDP (UYU bn)	2,003	2,188	2,255	2,675	2,930	3,109	3,383	3,809	4,180	4,40
Economic Growth (Nominal GDP, ann. var. %)	7.5	9.2	3.1	18.6	9.6	6.1	8.8	12.6	9.7	5
Economic Growth (GDP, ann. var. %)	0.2	0.7	-6.3	5.3	4.9	1.3	2.7	2.5	2.4	2
Domestic Demand (ann. var. %)	0.6	-0.3	-4.7	6.5	5.1	1.9	2.4	2.5	2.5	2
Private Consumption (ann. var. %)	1.8	0.6	-6.8	2.9	6.0	2.1	2.7	2.5	2.6	2
Government Consumption (ann. var. %)	4.9	1.9	-7.1	8.4	1.6	0.4	1.3	2.1	1.6	1
Fixed Investment (ann. var. %)	-10.5	-2.0	1.2	16.5	9.5	2.2	2.0	2.9	3.4	3
Exports (G&S, ann. var. %)	-1.1	4.6	-16.3	11.7	11.1	2.4	3.8	3.1	2.9	2
mports (G&S, ann. var. %)	0.6	1.3	-12.2	18.2	12.5	3.5	3.2	3.3	3.2	2
ndustrial Production (ann. var. %)	10.8	-1.6	-5.2	12.3	3.6	1.1	2.5	2.8	-	
Unemployment (% of active population, aop)	8.4	8.9	10.4	9.3	7.9	8.2	7.6	7.4	7.2	7
Fiscal Balance (% of GDP)	-2.7	-3.2	-5.2	-3.5	-3.2	-2.7	-1.8	-1.4	-2.6	-2
Public Debt (% of GDP)	59.0	60.1	74.4	69.1	67.1	67.3	68.3	-	-	
Monetary and Financial Sector										
Money (ann. var. of M1+ %)	8.9	5.1	18.5	17.8	0.4	-	-	-	-	
nflation (CPI, ann. var. %, eop)	8.0	8.8	9.4	8.0	8.3	5.8	6.3	5.7	4.9	2
nflation (CPI, ann. var. %, aop)	7.6	7.9	9.8	7.7	9.1	6.5	6.2	5.7	5.0	2
nflation (PPI, ann. var. %, aop)	9.7	12.8	10.5	14.4	12.4	-3.8	2.9	5.9	-	
Monetary Policy Rate (%, eop)	9.25	9.25	4.50	5.75	11.25	9.39	8.33	7.31	-	
Average Deposit Rate (%, aop)	5.12	5.07	4.79	3.80	6.24	-	-	-	-	
Exchange Rate (UYU per USD, eop)	32.5	37.7	42.2	44.7	39.7	40.2	42.4	44.1	45.2	46
Exchange Rate (UYU per USD, aop)	30.7	35.3	42.0	43.6	41.2	38.8	40.5	43.2	44.6	46
External Sector										
Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	-0.5	1.2	-0.8	-2.5	-3.5	-3.1	-1.9	-1.8	-1.8	-1
Current Account Balance (USD bn)	-0.3	0.8	-0.4	-1.6	-2.5	-2.5	-1.6	-1.6	-1.7	-1
Merchandise Trade Balance (USD bn)	2.4	3.1	2.2	4.5	3.5	3.7	4.1	4.8	4.6	4
Merchandise Exports (USD bn)	11.8	11.9	10.1	15.7	17.1	17.6	18.5	19.5	20.0	20
Merchandise Imports (USD bn)	9.4	8.8	7.9	11.2	13.6	13.8	14.4	14.7	15.4	16
Merchandise Exports (ann. var. %)	5.9	0.7	-15.2	56.0	8.8	2.9	5.3	5.3	2.7	4
Merchandise Imports (ann. var. %)	2.5	-6.8	-9.7	41.9	21.4	1.7	3.8	2.2	4.9	6
Foreign Direct Investment (USD bn)	0.0	2.0	0.8	2.2	3.8	-	-	-	-	
nternational Reserves (USD bn)	15.6	14.5	16.2	17.0	15.1	15.5	15.6	17.1	18.3	19
nternational Reserves (months of imports)	19.9	19.9	24.6	18.1	13.3	13.5	13.0	13.9	14.3	14
External Debt (USD bn)	43.0	45.2	47.1	48.8	55.5	57.9	59.8	61.1	-	
External Debt (% of GDP)	66.0	72.9	87.8	79.5	78.1	72.2	71.6	69.4	-	
Quarterly Data	Q3 22	Q4 22	Q1 23	Q2 23	Q3 23	Q4 23	Q1 24	Q2 24	Q3 24	Q4
Economic Growth (GDP, ann. var. %)	3.4	-0.1	1.2	-0.4	1.8	2.6	3.1	2.9	2.9	2
nflation (CPI, ann. var. %, eop)	9.9	8.3	7.3	6.0	4.8	5.8	5.4	6.2	6.5	6
nflation (CPI, ann. var. %, aop)	9.7	8.6	7.6	6.9	5.4	5.8	6.2	5.9	6.5	6
Exchange Rate (UYU per USD, eop)	41.6	39.7	39.0	37.6	38.7	39.4	39.8	40.3	41.2	41
Monthly Data	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-
ndustrial Production (ann. var. %)	-5.9	1.1	0.6	1.0	4.1	-3.0	0.9	0.4	-	
Jnemployment (% of active population)	7.8	7.9	8.5	8.1	8.6	8.8	8.7	8.2	7.8	
Money (ann. var. of M1+ %)	2.4	0.4	2.0	3.3	16.6	8.7	9.8	8.6	8.1	
nflation (CPI, mom var. %)	-0.28	-0.26	1.55	1.00	0.90	0.75	-0.01	-0.46	-0.36	0.
nflation (CPI, ann. var. %)	8.5	8.3	8.0	7.6	7.3	7.6	7.1	6.0	4.8	2
Exchange Rate (UYU per USD, eop)	39.6	39.7	38.8	39.1	39.0	38.6	38.8	37.6	37.7	37

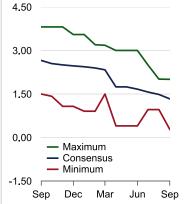
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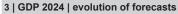
Real Sector | Gross Domestic Product and Fiscal Balance

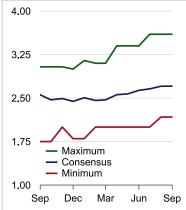
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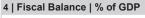
	Real GDF variation in		Fiscal Bala % of GDI	
Individual Forecasts	2023	2024	2023	2024
Barclays Capital	1.0	2.5	-3.0	-2.8
BBVA Argentina	2.0	2.3	-	-
Capital Economics	1.5	2.5	-	-
CINVE	1.0	3.0	-	-
Citigroup Global Mkts	1.0	2.7	-3.2	-
EIU	1.0	3.0	-4.0	-3.2
Equipos Consultores	1.2	2.5	-	-
Euromonitor Int.	1.4	2.8	-	-
Fitch Ratings	1.8	2.8	-3.2	-2.8
Fitch Solutions	1.8	2.6	-2.8	-2.5
FrontierView	1.8	2.3	-	-
HSBC	1.2	3.0	-	-
lecon - UdelaR	1.0	3.2	-	-
Itaú Unibanco	1.0	3.6	-	-
JPMorgan	1.0	2.5	-	-
Julius Baer	0.3	2.2	-	-
Moody's Analytics	1.8	2.6	0.6	5.5
Oikos	1.9	2.3	-3.1	-3.5
Oxford Economics	1.2	2.2	-3.2	-3.0
República AFAP	1.1	3.5	-	-
Torino Capital	1.9	-	-	-
Public Forecasts				
CEPAL	1.0	2.6	-	-
World Bank	1.8	2.8	-	-
Summary				
Minimum	0.3	2.2	-4.0	-3.5
Maximum	2.0	3.6	0.6	5.5
Median	1.2	2.6	-3.1	-2.8
Consensus	1.3	2.7	-2.7	-1.8
History				
30 days ago	1.5	2.7	-3.2	-2.8
60 days ago	1.6	2.7	-3.2	-2.8
90 days ago	1.7	2.6	-2.9	-2.5













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Long-term chart period from 2011 to 2027 unless otherwise stated. The Latin America regional aggregate excludes Venezuela. The Consensus Forecast for Fiscal Balance (% of GDP) contains a range of definitions. All real sector data are from the Central Bank of Uruguay (BCU, *Banco Central de Uruguay*) and Ministry of Economy and Finance (Ministerio de Economía y Finanzas de Uruguay.) See below for details. Forecasts based on LatinFocus Consensus Forecast.

1 GDP, annual variation in %. Source: BCU.

- **2** GDP, evolution of 2023 forecasts during the last 12 months.
- **3** GDP, evolution of 2024 forecasts during the last 12 months.
- 4 Balance of non-financial public sector as % of GDP. Source: BCU and Ministry of Economy and Finance.

Monetary Sector | Inflation

Consumer Prices

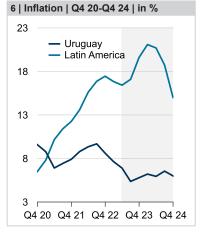
	Consumer P variation in %		Consumer P variation in %	
Individual Forecasts	2023	2024	2023	2024
Barclays Capital	7.4	6.8	-	-
BBVA Argentina	6.6	5.5	6.5	5.7
Capital Economics	5.0	5.0	6.0	6.3
CINVE	5.4	7.2	6.0	6.1
Citigroup Global Mkts	6.5	5.5	6.6	6.1
EIU	5.1	6.0	5.9	5.5
Equipos Consultores	4.7	6.1	-	-
Euromonitor Int.	-	-	6.7	6.4
Fitch Ratings	-	-	7.2	6.6
Fitch Solutions	5.0	6.0	6.6	6.5
FrontierView	-	-	7.4	7.0
HSBC	5.2	5.6	-	-
lecon - UdelaR	6.2	6.5	6.0	6.0
Itaú Unibanco	-	-	7.0	6.5
JPMorgan	5.8	7.0	5.9	5.6
Julius Baer	-	-	7.3	6.5
Moody's Analytics	5.0	6.0	6.1	5.7
Oikos	5.3	6.6	6.0	6.1
Oxford Economics	7.3	6.5	7.3	6.5
República AFAP	5.1	7.6	-	-
Torino Capital	7.5	-	6.4	-
Summary				
Minimum	4.7	5.0	5.9	5.5
Maximum	7.5	7.6	7.4	7.0
Median	5.3	6.1	6.5	6.2
Consensus	5.8	6.3	6.5	6.2
History				
30 days ago	6.8	6.4	6.8	6.4
60 days ago	7.1	6.3	7.0	6.4
90 days ago	7.3	6.6	7.2	6.6

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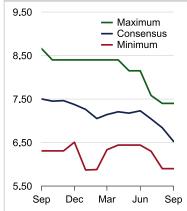


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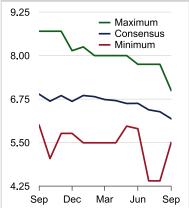




7 | Inflation 2023 | evolution of fcsts



8 | Inflation 2024 | evolution of fcsts



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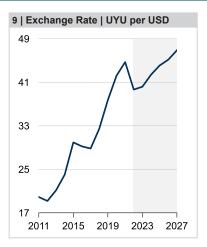
5 Inflation, annual variation of consumer price index (CPI) in % (aop).
6 Quarterly inflation, annual variation of consumer price index (CPI) in % (aop).
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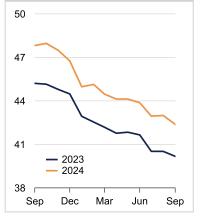
Monetary and External Sector | Exchange Rate and Current Account

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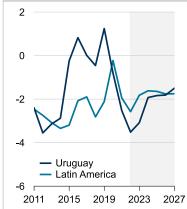
	Exchange F UYU per U		Current Acc % of GD	
Individual Forecasts	2023	2024	2023	2024
Barclays Capital	44.0	45.0	-4.6	-2.3
BBVA Argentina	39.7	42.3	-3.2	-2.8
Capital Economics	45.0	47.0	-	-
CINVE	-	-	-	-
Citigroup Global Mkts	40.0	42.0	-2.8	-2.9
EIU	38.3	40.7	-4.7	-3.0
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Euromonitor Int.	-	-	-1.3	-1.0
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República AFAP	-	-	-	-
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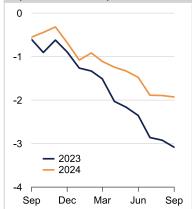
10 | UYU per USD | evolution of fcsts



11 | Current Account | % of GDP



12 | Current Account | evol. of fcsts



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Long-term chart period from 2011 to 2027 unless otherwise stated. The Latin America regional aggregate excludes Venezuela. All monetary and external sector data are from the Central Bank of Uruguay (BCU, *Banco Central de Uruguay*) and Macrobond Financial AB. See below for details. Forecasts based on LatinFocus Consensus Forecast.

9 Exchange rate, UYU per USD (eop). Source: Macrobond Financial AB.

10 Exchange rate, evolution of 2023 and 2024 forecasts during the last 12 months.

11 Current account balance as % of GDP. Source: BCU.

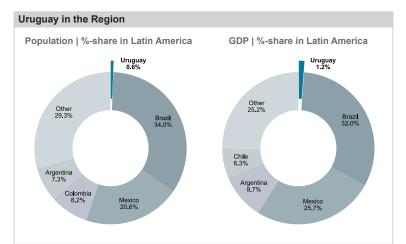
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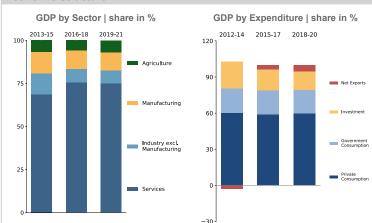
Uruguay

Fact Sheet

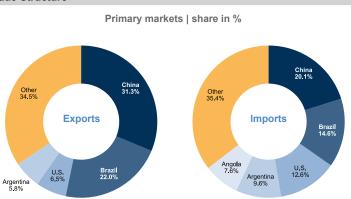
General Data	
Official name:	Oriental Republic
	of Uruguay
Capital:	Montevideo (1.7 m)
Other cities:	Canelones (0.4 m)
	Maldonado (0.1 m)
Area (km2):	176,215
Population (million, 2019 est.):	3.5
Population density (per km2, 2019):	20.1
Population growth rate (%, 2019 est.):	0.3
Life expectancy (years, 2019 est.):	77.9
Illiteracy rate (%, 2018):	1.3
Language:	Spanish
Measures:	Metric system
Time:	GMT-3



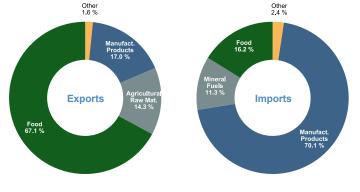
Economic Structure



Trade Structure



Primary products | share in %



Economic Infrastructure

Telecommunication (2018)	
Telephones - main lines (per 100 inhabitants):	33.4
Telephones - mobile cellular (per 100 inhabit.):	150
Internet Users (per 100 inhabitants):	74.8
Broadband Subscriptions (per 100 inhabitants):	28.3
Energy (2017)	
Primary Energy Production (trillion Btu):	123
Primary Energy Consumption (trillion Btu):	220
Electricity Generation (billion kW-h):	13.5
Electricity Consumption (billion kW-h):	10.4
Oil Supply (thousand bpd):	2.0
Oil Consumption (thousand bpd):	49.1
CO2 Emissions (million metric tons):	6.7
Transportation (2018)	

Transportation (2018)

Airports:	133
Railways (km):	1,673
Roadways (km):	77,732
Waterways (km):	1,600
Chief Ports:	Montevideo

Political Data

Iberto Lacalle Pou
4 November 2019
2024
Diego Labat

Long-term Foreign Currency F	Ratings	
Agency	Rating	Outlook
Moody's:	Baa2	Positive
S&P Global Ratings:	BBB+	Stable
Fitch Ratings:	BBB	Stable
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Strengths Weaknesses • Stable political environment • Highly dollarized economy • Strong public institutions • Dependence on neighboring economies • Abundant natural resources • Small demostia market

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Economic Release (Calendar	
Date	Country	Event
8 September	Chile	August Consumer Prices
	Peru	August Merchandise Trade
11 September	Uruguay	July Industrial Production
12 September	Brazil	August Consumer Prices
	Peru	Central Bank Meeting
14 September	Argentina	August Consumer Prices
	Uruguay	Q2 2023 National Accounts
15 September	Ecuador	July Economic Activity
	Peru	July Economic Activity
18 September	Brazil	July Economic Activity
	Colombia	July Economic Activity
	Mexico	Q2 2023 National Accounts (by expenditure)
20 September	Argentina	September Consumer Confidence (E)
	Argentina	Q2 2023 National Accounts
	Brazil	Central Bank Meeting
21 September	Argentina	August Merchandise Trade
22 September	Mexico	July Economic Activity
25 September	Brazil	August Balance of Payments
26 September	Argentina	July Economic Activity
27 September	Mexico	August Merchandise Trade
28 September	Brazil	September Economic Sentiment (E)
	Mexico	Central Bank Meeting
29 September	Colombia	Central Bank Meeting
	Ecuador	Q2 2023 National Accounts
1 October	Chile	September Business Confidence (E)
2 October	Brazil	September S&P Global Manufacturing PMI
	Chile	August Economic Activity
	Colombia	September Davivienda Manufacturing PMI
	Mexico	September IMEF PMI
4 October	Brazil	September S&P Global Services PMI
5 October	Colombia	September Consumer Prices
	Colombia	September Merchandise Trade (E)
	Ecuador	September Consumer Prices
	Mexico	September Consumer Confidence
	Uruguay	Central Bank Meeting
	Uruguay	September Consumer Prices
6 October	Argentina	August Industrial Production
	Chile	September Consumer Prices
	Peru	Central Bank Meeting
	Peru	September Consumer Prices
7 October	Colombia	September Consumer Confidence

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

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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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