

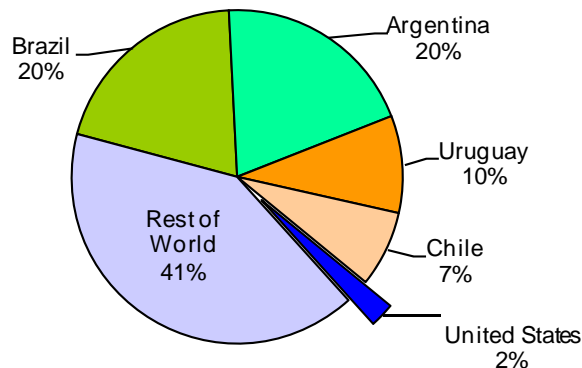


The United States Contributes to Economic Prosperity in Paraguay

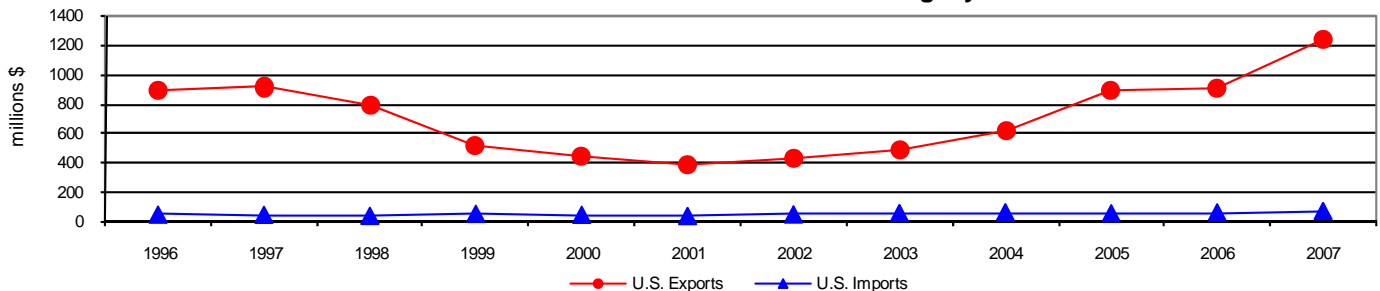


- In 2006, U.S. direct investment in Paraguay reached \$91 million (BEA, *Survey of Current Business*, Sept. 2007); this is equivalent to .76 percent of Paraguay's GDP of \$12 billion (World Bank, *World Development Indicators*).¹
- The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) provided over \$7.6 million in aid to Paraguay in 2008.
- The Millennium Challenge Corporation has committed over \$34.6 million to Paraguay through the Millennium Challenge Corporation Threshold program.
- The Peace Corps currently has approximately 203 volunteers working throughout Paraguay; since 1963, 3,086 volunteers have aided communities in Paraguay.
- The United States purchased approximately 2 percent of Paraguay's total exports in 2007 (World Trade Atlas).
- U.S. merchandise exports to Paraguay grew from \$913 million in 1997 to \$1.24 billion in 2007 an increase of 73.6 percent (U.S. Census Bureau).

Total Market Share the United States Represents for Paraguay's Merchandise Exports - 2007



United States Trade in Goods with Paraguay



¹ 2006 is the latest investment data BEA has for Paraguay.