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## Fact File: Chile

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<b>Area:</b>	302,945 square miles, nearly twice the size of California
<b>Location:</b>	Southern South America, bordering the South Atlantic Ocean, South Pacific Ocean, between Argentina and Peru
<b>Capital:</b>	Santiago; metropolitan population: 5.2 million (est.)
<b>Climate:</b>	Temperate; desert in north; cool and damp in south
<b>Population:</b>	14.6 million (1997)
<b>Language:</b>	Spanish
<b>Government:</b>	Republic
<b>Independence:</b>	Sept. 18, 1810
<b>Gross Domestic Product (GDP):</b>	\$77.1 billion (1997)
<b>Growth Rate:</b>	7.1 percent a year (1997)
<b>Per Capita GDP:</b>	\$5,280 (1997)
<b>Sources:</b>	CIA World Fact Book Background Notes: Chile, October 1998, U.S. State Department

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