**Carbon pricing in Argentina**

**Share of greenhouse gas emissions subject to a positive price by instrument, 2018-2021**

In 2021, explicit carbon prices in Argentina consist of carbon taxes, which cover 15.8% of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in CO2e. In total, 17.2% of GHG emissions in Argentina are subject to a positive Net Effective Carbon Rate (ECR) in 2021, unchanged since 2018. Fuel excise taxes, an implicit form of carbon pricing, cover 38% of emissions in 2021, unchanged since 2018. Fossil fuel subsidies cover 29.9% of emissions in 2021, up from 28.5% in 2018.

![Graph showing carbon pricing instruments and Net ECR](image)

Note: Percentages are rounded to the first decimal place.

**Average effective carbon prices by instrument, real 2021 EUR, 2018-2021**

Explicit carbon prices have decreased to an average of EUR 0.73 per tonne of CO2e, down by EUR 1.93 (72.6%) since 2018. In 2021, fuel excise taxes amounted to EUR 8.31 on average, down by EUR 20.91 (71.6%) relative to 2018. Fossil fuel subsidies have decreased to an average of EUR 1.44 per tonne of CO2e, down 91.3% since 2018.

![Graph showing average carbon prices](image)

Note: Prices are rounded to the nearest eurocent.

**Percentage change in the average Net ECR by reference price, 2018-2021**

The change in carbon prices in Argentina was affected by exchange rate depreciation and inflation. The average Net ECR on GHG emissions has decreased by 50.6% since 2018 when measured in real 2021 euros. In real Argentine pesos (ARS), which has depreciated relative to the euro between 2018 and 2021, the average Net ECR has increased by 67.2%. In nominal ARS, devalued by inflation, the average Net ECR has increased by 393.3% since 2018.

![Graph showing percentage change in Net ECR](image)
Distribution of effective carbon prices across GHG emissions, 2021

Less than 5% of GHG emissions have a Net ECR above EUR 60 per tonne of CO₂e, a mid-range estimate of current carbon costs.

Note: Simplified for illustration (the average price for each percentile bracket is shown).

Average effective carbon prices (left axis) and GHG emissions (right axis) by sector, 2021

Net effective carbon rates are highest in the road transport sector, which accounts for 11.6% of the country's total GHG emissions. The Net ECR is zero or negative in the buildings, industry and other GHG emissions sectors. Together, these sectors account for 74% of GHG emissions.

Want to know more?

- Which domestic policy instruments are included as carbon pricing instruments? View the background information: [www.oecd.org/tax/tax-policy/carbon-pricing-background-notes.pdf](http://www.oecd.org/tax/tax-policy/carbon-pricing-background-notes.pdf)

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