

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Danilo MEDINA Sanchez

Head of Government

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Government Type

presidential republic

Capital

Santo Domingo

Legislature

bicameral National Congress or Congreso Nacional consists of the Senate or Senado (32 seats) and the House of Representatives or Camara de Diputados (190 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court of Justice or Suprema Corte de Justicia (consists of a minimum of 16 magistrates); Constitutional Court or Tribunal Constitucional (consists of 13 judges)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Jose Tomas PEREZ Vazquez

US Ambassador

Ambassador (vacant); Charge d'Affaires Robert COPLEY

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 48,670 sq km
Land: 48,320 sq km
Water: 350 sq km

Climate

tropical maritime; little seasonal temperature variation; seasonal variation in rainfall

Natural Resources

nickel, bauxite, gold, silver, arable land

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

for most of its history the Dominican Republic was primarily an exporter of sugar, coffee, and tobacco, but over the last two decades, the country has been one of the fastest growing economies in Latin America, as a result of the positive push from tourism, construction, and the Central America-Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$172.4 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$16,900 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$10.33 billion (2017 est.)

partners: US 50.3%, Haiti 9.1%, Canada 8.2%, India 5.6% (2017)

Imports

\$19 billion (2017 est.)

partners: US 41.4%, China 13.9%, Mexico 4.5%, Brazil 4.3% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

10.7 million (July 2017 est.)

Population Growth

1.18% (2017 est.)

Ethnicity

mixed 70.4% (mestizo/indio 58%, mulatto 12.4%), black 15.8%, white 13.5%, other 0.3%

note: the term "indio" in the Dominican Republic is not associated with people of indigenous ancestry but people of mixed ancestry or skin color between light and dark (2014 est.)

Language

Spanish (official)

Religion

Roman Catholic 95%, other 5%

Urbanization

urban population: 81.1% of total population (2018)

rate of urbanization: 2.06% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

91.8% (2015 est.)

