

Country profile

The Dominican Republic is a unitary country. It includes 31 provinces and the National District where the national capital, Santo Domingo, is located (Figure 1). The 31 provinces are divided into 158 municipalities. The president appoints the governors of the provinces with the exception of the National District, in which the citizens elect the governor. The country has a population of 10.8 million in 2018, an increase of 2.4 million since 2000. The most populous city in the country is the capital, Santo Domingo, with 1.4 million inhabitants.

Figure 1. Administrative provinces of the Dominican Republic



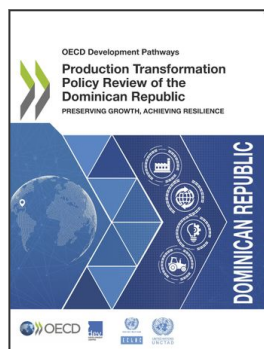
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Table 1. Main economic indicators of the Dominican Republic, 1970-2019

	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2019 ¹
Population						
Population, total (millions)	4.5	5.8	7.2	8.6	9.9	10.6 ²
Labour force, total (millions)	...	...	2.8	3.6	4.3	5.2
Unemployment, total (% of total labour force) (national estimate)	...	...	...	6.4	5.2	5.6
Employment-to-population ratio	...	...	...	54.8	53.8	60
Aggregate economy						
GDP, million USD (constant 2010)	...	...	19 232	36 322	53 860	81 805 ²
GDP, million USD current	1 485.5	6 761.3	7 073.7	24 305.1	53 982.9	85 555.2 ²
GDP per capita, USD current	329.9	1 163.9	984.7	2 838.5	5 453.9	8 051 ²
GDP per capita USD (constant prices and PPP 2010)	...	...	5 477.1	8 200.4	11 132.6	14 880 ²
GDP growth (average previous 10 years)	6.2	7.2	2.5	6.0	4.7	5.6 ²
Gross fixed capital formation (% of GDP)	16.6	23.4	23.1	25.1	25.2	21.9 ²
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %)	3.8	16.8	50.5	7.7	6.2	3.3 ²
External sector						
Trade (% of GDP)	45.9	54.4	69.2	79.3	56	54
Exports of goods and services (million USD constant 2010 prices)	2 606.2	5 619.1	5 495.9	11 282.6	1 2241	18 502.9 ²
Imports of goods and services (million USD constant 2010 prices)	3 663.6	6 223.8	6 345.5	14 832.6	17 989.4	21 104.1 ²
High-technology exports (% of total exports)	...	...	...	...	2.3	7.7 ²
(% of manufactured exports)						13.7 ²
Economic activities						
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing, value added, million USD constant 2010 prices (% of gross value added)	1 019.2 (13.4)	1 420.8 (9.07)	1 481.2 (7.5)	1 967.3 (6.0)	3 269.9 (6.5)	4 399.3 ² (6.1)
Industry (including construction) value added, million USD constant 2010 prices (% of gross value added)	1 805.1 (13.8)	4 261.1 (27.2)	5 456.8 (27.5)	10 974.5 (33.6)	15 073.9 (29.9)	23 221.9 (32.4)
Of which manufacturing (% of gross value added)	1 459 (19.2)	2 889.8 (18.5)	3 555.9 (17.9)	6 432.1 (19.7)	8 242.7 (16.4)	10 421.6 (13)
Services value added, million USD constant 2010 prices (% of GDP)	4 379.4 (39.8)	9 058.2 (43.1)	12 004 (47.7)	19 908.5 (52.1)	32 008 (59.3)	43 962.6 (59.8)
Total natural resources rents (% of GDP)	0.7	3.2	2.0	0.7	0.2	...
Energy						
Electricity production from renewable sources, excluding hydroelectric (% of total)	...	2.3 ³	0.7	0.2	0.2	...
Electricity production from hydroelectric sources (% of total renewable sources)	...	17.1	9.4	8.9	11.8	...
Renewable energy consumption (% of total final energy consumption)	...	...	28.0	18.4	16.9	...
Renewable electricity output (% of total electricity output)	...	...	10.1	9.2	11.9	...
ICT indicators						
Fixed broadband subscriptions (per 100 people)	...	...	...	...	3.9	7.3 ²
Mobile cellular subscriptions (per 100 people)	...	...	0.1	8.2	89.9	81.5 ²

Note: 1. estimated value, 2. 2018, 3. 1975.

Source: OECD National accounts, IE Statistics, International Telecommunication Union, World Telecommunication/ICT Development Report and database, United Nations Comtrade database, ILOSTAT database, International Monetary Fund, International Financial Statistics, United Nations Education, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Institute for Statistics and World Bank Statistics.



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