



# A little more about the DR



**Currency:**  
the Dominican Peso  
1 Peso = 0.017 USD /  
1 USD = 58.6 Pesos

- **Money matters**
  - 14.2-40% of population below poverty line, depending on your source
  - Enormous income inequality (bottom 50% receives <20% of GDP, while top 10% receives almost 40% of GDP)
  - “Mangar la visa”
- **Economy**
  - Main industries: agriculture, mining, tourism
  - Industry of conflict: sugarcane
- **History & politics**
  - Trujillo
  - Haiti-Dominican relations
  - Corruption in politics