



REPUBLIC OF CUBA

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General Facts

- Official Name: Republic of Cuba
- Capital: Havana
- Official language: Spanish
- Population: 11,193,470
- Area: 109,884 km²
- Currency: Cuban Peso (CUP) / Cuban Convertible Peso (CUC)



Location

- Located in the northern Caribbean.
- Comprised of island of Cuba, Isla de la Juventud and several minor archipelagos.
- Marine neighbors: Mexico, U.S., the Bahamas, Haiti, Jamaica, the Cayman Islands



History

3rd Century A.D.

1492 - 1898

1868 - 1902

1902 - 1959

1959 - Present

Pre-
Columbian
era

Spanish
Colonization

Independence
movements

Republic

Revolution &
Communist
Party Rule



Guanahatabey



Taíno

PRE-COLOMBIAN ERA

Spanish Colonization and Rule

- Columbus claimed the island for the new **Kingdom of Spain.**
- The indigenous Taíno were forced to work under the encomienda system.
- The indigenous people were virtually wiped out due to disease.
- Many Africans were imported in Cuba as slaves.



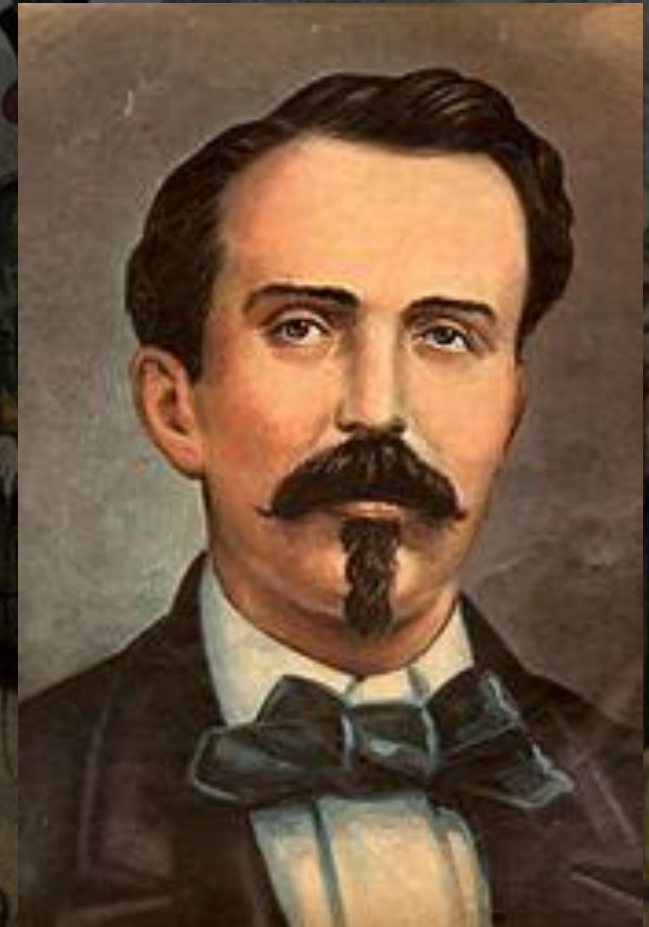
Independence Movements

Full independence from Spain was the goal of a rebellion in 1868 led Carlos Manuel de Céspedes.

In 1878, the Pact of Zanjón.
Spain sustained 200,000 casualties.
The rebels sustained 100,000-150,000 dead.

Slavery in Cuba - abolished 1875; completed - 1886.

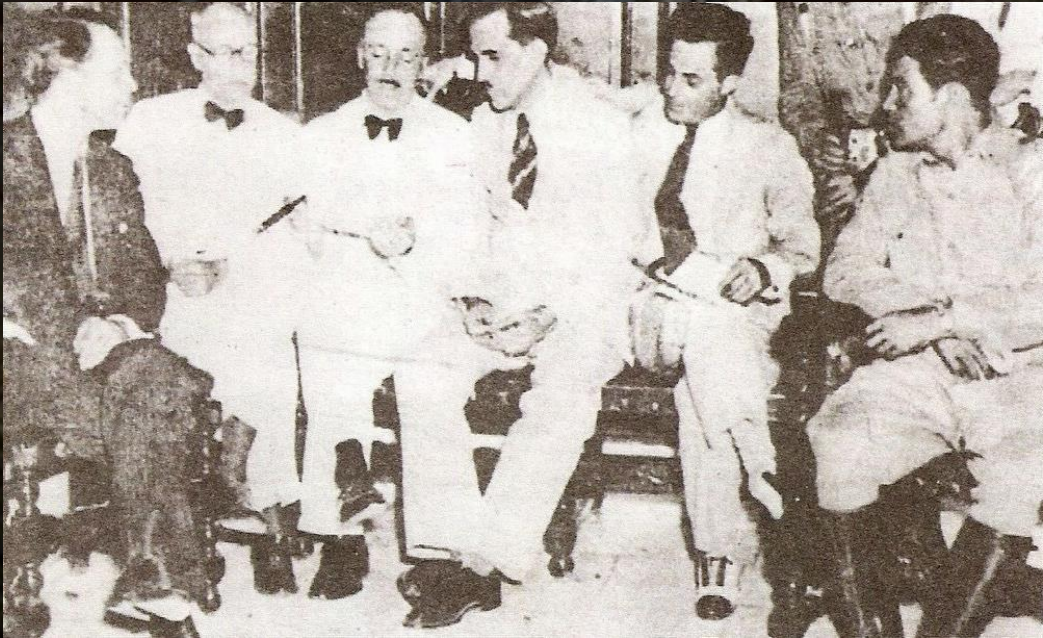
The Battle of Santiago de Cuba (1898) - Spanish-American War

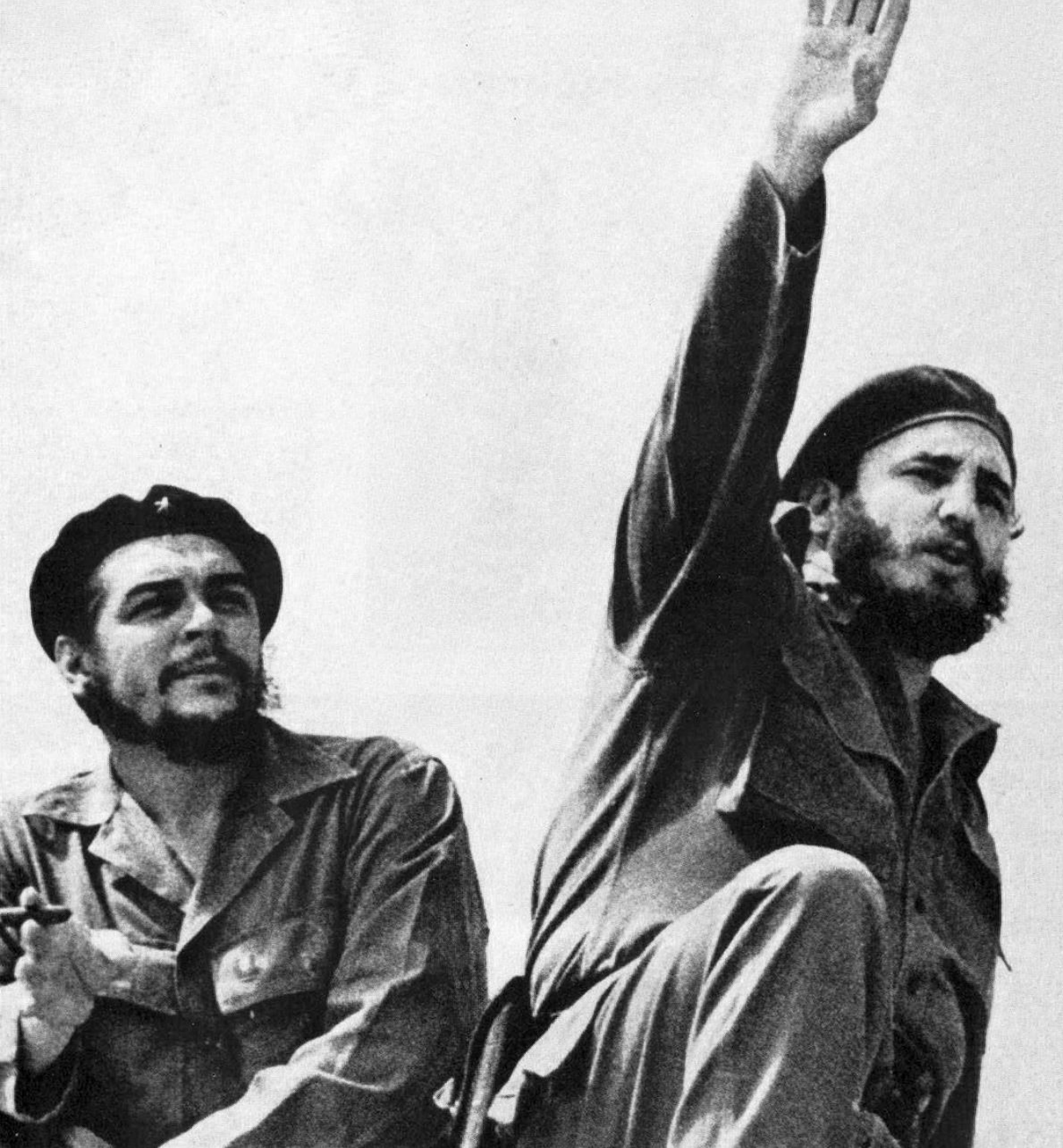


Republic

Spanish-American War – Treaty of Paris – Cuba became a protectorate of the U.S.

Cuba gains independence (1902) as the Republic of Cuba.





Revolution

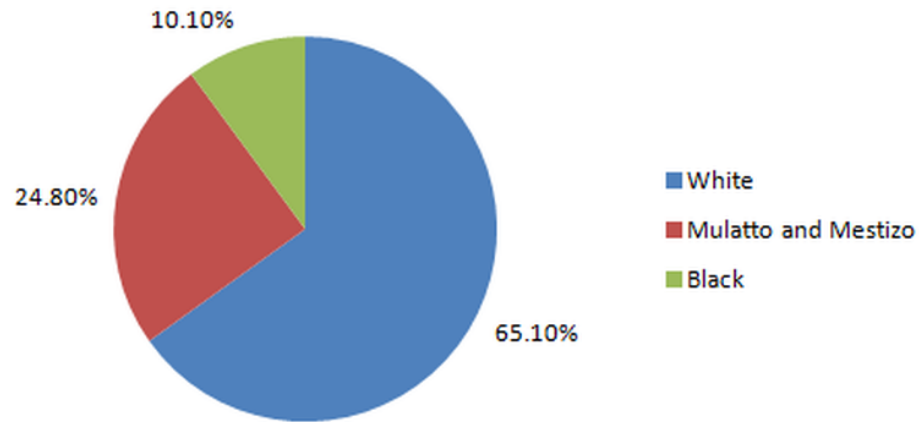
- 1950s - competition for public support in bringing political change
- 1956 - Fidel Castro and 80 supporters attempt to start a rebellion against the Batista government
- Late 1958 - rebels broke out of the Sierra Maestra - general popular insurrection.
- Capture of Santa Clara - Batista fled - Dominican Republic, Madeira, then Estoril.
- 8 Jan 1959 - Castro's forces enter the capital.
- Manuel Urrutia Lleó - provisional president.



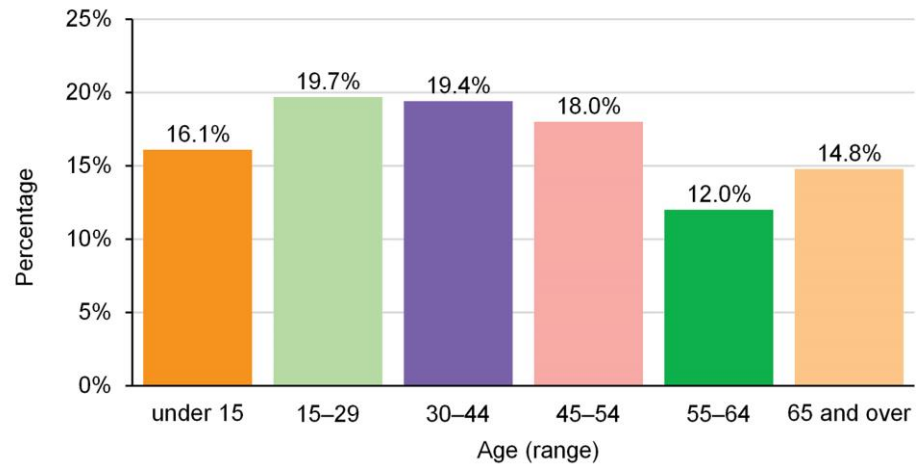
Flag

- Blue: old divisions of Cuba
- White: strength and purity of independence
- Red Triangle: bloodshed, liberty, equality, fraternity
- Star: freedom

Ethnic Groups by Population



Cuba age breakdown (2018*)



Demographics

- **Ethnic groups:**
 - 65% White
 - 25% Mulatto & Mestizo
 - 10% African origin
- **Religion:**
 - 47% Roman Catholic
 - 22% Nonreligious
 - 5% Protestant
 - 26% Other
- **Median age:** 39.5

TOURISM



A vibrant night scene from the Fire Festival in Santiago de Cuba. Two performers in traditional, shimmering costumes are the central focus. The performer on the left is shirtless, wearing a green and blue skirt, and is holding a large, bright fireball aloft with both hands. The performer on the right is wearing a gold and red costume and is holding a large, red, bowl-shaped object that is also on fire. In the background, other performers in colorful, fringed costumes are visible, and a large, colorful mural is on the wall. The scene is illuminated by the fire and stage lights.

FIRE FESTIVAL (SANTIAGO DE CUBA)

Food



Ropa Vieja

Gambas o Camarones



Food



Huevo Habaneros

Tamales Cubanos





RUM & CIGARS



CULTURE



MUSIC



Art

- African
 - South American
 - European
 - North American
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- European modernism
 - Cuban avant-garde



Habana Vieja (Old Havana)

- UNESCO World Heritage site
- Plaza de la Catedral
- Catedral de San Cristobal
- Bodequita del Medio
- Castillo de la Real Fuerza



Varadero

- Stretches along the Peninsula of Hicacos
- Varadero Ecological Park:
 - Cueva de Ambrosio
 - Cueva de Musulmanes
- Josone Park:
 - Flower gardens
 - Restaurant
 - Swimming pool
 - Small lake



Trinidad

- Church of the Holy Trinity (Iglesia Parroquial de la Santísima Trinidad)
- Museum of Colonial Architecture (Museo de Arquitectura Colonial)

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