



# Dominican Republic



**Background** Spain and France colonized and divided the island of Hispaniola. The western third became Haiti, and the remainder became the Dominican Republic in 1844. Dominicans voluntarily returned to the Spanish Empire, but two years later, they launched a war that restored independence in 1865.

**Capital** name: Santo Domingo

**Government type** presidential republic

**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

**Population** total: 10,815,857 (2024 est.)

**Population growth rate** 0.76% (2024 est.)

**Ethnic groups** mixed 70.4% (Mestizo/Indio 58%, Mulatto 12.4%), Black 15.8%, White 13.5%, other 0.3% (2014 est.)

**Religions** Evangelical 50.2%, Roman Catholic 30.1%, none 18.5%, unspecified 1.2% (2023 est.)

**Languages** Spanish (official)

**Executive branch** chief of state: President Luis Rodolfo ABINADER Corona (since 16 August 2020)

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**Diplomatic representation in the US** chief of mission: Ambassador María Isabel CASTILLO BÁEZ (since 11 June 2025)

**Diplomatic representation from the US** chief of mission: Ambassador (vacant); Chargé d'Affaires Patricia AGUILERA (since 1 October 2023)

**Economic overview** surging middle-income tourism, construction, mining, and telecommunications OECS economy; major foreign US direct investment and free-trade zones; developing local financial markets; improving debt management; declining poverty

**Real GDP (purchasing power parity)** \$276.884 billion (2024 est.)  
\$263.82 billion (2023 est.)  
\$258.16 billion (2022 est.)

**Real GDP per capita** \$24,200 (2024 est.)  
\$23,300 (2023 est.)  
\$23,000 (2022 est.)

<b>Exports</b>	\$28.563 billion (2024 est.) \$25.79 billion (2023 est.) \$25.169 billion (2022 est.)
<b>Exports - partners</b>	USA 52%, Switzerland 7%, Haiti 6%, China 5%, India 3% (2023)
<b>Exports - commodities</b>	medical instruments, tobacco, gold, garments, power equipment (2023)
<b>Imports</b>	\$36.144 billion (2024 est.) \$34.45 billion (2023 est.) \$36.838 billion (2022 est.)
<b>Imports - partners</b>	USA 40%, China 18%, Brazil 4%, Spain 4%, Mexico 3% (2023)
<b>Imports - commodities</b>	refined petroleum, cars, natural gas, plastic products, crude petroleum (2023)

Population Pyramid

