

# Dominican Republic

## *Illustrative Human Capital Indicators*

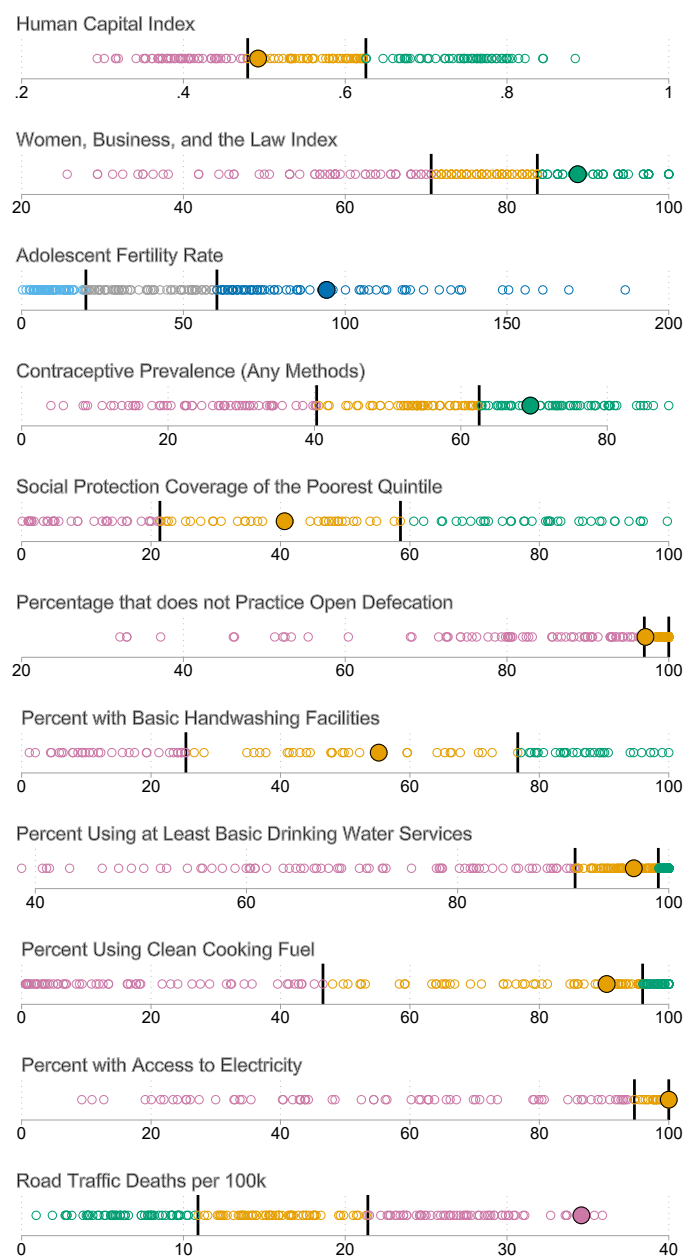
This country profile presents a snapshot of illustrative indicators to guide discussions during the Annual Meetings while the set of more strategic indicators are under development. It is intended to be a conversation starter on where a country is on various aspects of human capital development and, as such, it includes indicators from various sectors. It is to be noted that not all the indicators included here are relevant for each country. Information contained here should be complemented with other more context-specific indicators.

In Dominican Republic the productivity as a future worker of a child born today is **49 percent** as much as it could be. The country ranks **101 out of 157** in the global HCI. For more information on human capital outcomes and the HCI, please see the country two-pager on [www.worldbank.org/en/publication/human-capital](http://www.worldbank.org/en/publication/human-capital).

### ILLUSTRATIVE OUTCOME AND OUTPUT INDICATORS

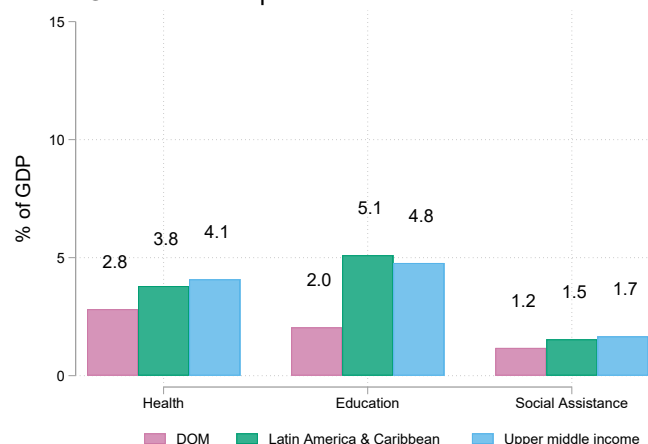
- **Women, Business and the Law Index.** This index measures gender equality in the law (how the economic decisions women make are affected by the law), with a larger value showing higher gender equality. In Dominican Republic, the value is **89** out of 100. This is higher than both the average for its region (79) and the average for its income group (76).
- **Adolescent Fertility Rate.** In Dominican Republic, there are **94 births** per 1,000 women ages 15-19. This is higher than both the average for its region (56) and the average for its income group (45).
- **Contraceptive Prevalence.** In Dominican Republic, **70 percent** of women ages 15-49 uses some form of contraceptive method. This is higher than both the average for its region (65) and the average for its income group (56).
- **Social Protection Coverage.** In Dominican Republic, **41 percent** of the poorest quintile is covered by social safety nets. This is lower than both the average for its region (65) and the average for its income group (56).
- **Open Defecation.** In Dominican Republic, **3 percent** of the population practices open defecation. This is higher than both the average for its region (2) and the average for its income group (2).
- **Hygiene.** In Dominican Republic, **55 percent** of the population has basic hygiene services (soap and water). This is lower than both the average for its region (74) and the average for its income group (78).
- **Source of Drinking Water.** In Dominican Republic, **97 percent** of the population has at least basic source of drinking water. This is higher than both the average for its region (96) and the average for its income group (95).
- **Cooking Fuel.** In Dominican Republic, **90 percent** of the population primarily uses clean cooking fuels. This is higher than both the average for its region (84) and the average for its income group (81).
- **Access to Electricity.** In Dominican Republic, **100 percent** of the population has access to electricity. This is higher than both the average for its region (97) and the average for its income group (96).
- **Road Traffic Deaths.** In Dominican Republic, for every 100,000 people **35 people** die due to road traffic injury. This is higher than both the average for its region (17) and the average for its income group (17).

## 1. Key Indicators on Human Capital



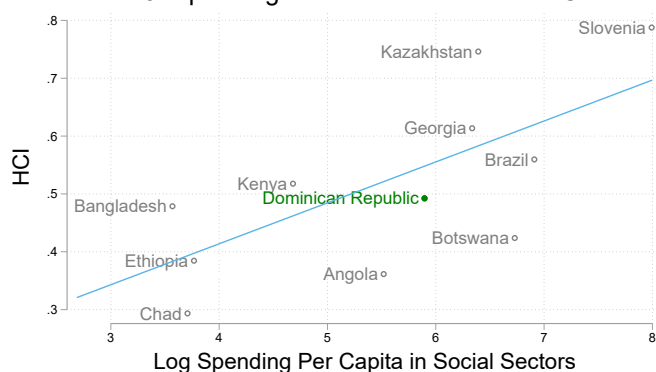
- Large circle=Dominican Republic ; small circles=other countries.  
 - Vertical lines separate terciles of the distribution.  
 - Colors indicate the terciles of the distribution across countries.

## 2. Government Expenditure on the Social Sectors



- **Efficiency of Spending.** The HCI in Dominican Republic is **lower** than what would be predicted for its level of per capita government spending on the social sectors.

## 3. Spending on Social Sectors and HCI

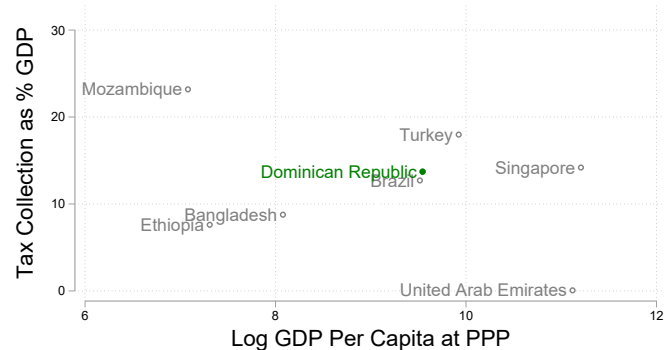


- A selection out of 101 countries in the regression are displayed.

### DOMESTIC RESOURCE USE AND MOBILIZATION

- **Health Spending.** Dominican Republic spends **2.8 percent** of its GDP on health. This is lower than both the regional average (3.8) and the average for its income group (4.1).
- **Education Spending.** Dominican Republic spends **2 percent** of its GDP on education. This is lower than both the regional average (5.1) and the average for its income group (4.8).
- **Social Assistance Spending.** Dominican Republic spends **1.2 percent** of its GDP on social assistance. This is lower than both the regional average (1.5) and the average for its income group (1.7).

#### 4. Domestic Resource Mobilization



- A selection of countries are displayed.  
 - Countries with DRM greater than 33% of GDP are excluded.

- **Building Human Capital.** In Dominican Republic, data on the Country Policy and Institutional Assessment rating for building human resources do not exist. The average for the country's region is 4 percent and for its income group is 3.8 percent. This indicator assesses the national policies and public and private sector service delivery that affect access to and quality of health and education services.
- **Identification.** In Dominican Republic, **5.7 percent** of the population is not registered. This is lower than both the regional average (7.6) and the average for its income group (8.9).

#### OTHER RELEVANT INDICATORS

- **Human Capital Project.** Dominican Republic has signed up to be a member of the Human Capital Project.

This country profile is based on most recent data available under the Human Capital Project, the World Development Indicators, Atlas of Social Protection - Indicators of Resilience and Equity (ASPIRE) and Identification for Development (ID4D).

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