DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Danilo MEDINA Sanchez

Head of Government
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Government Type
presidential republic

Capital
Santo Domingo

Legislature
bicameral National Congress or Congreso Nacional consists of the Senate or Senado (32 seats) and the House of Representatives or Camara de Diputados (190 seats)

Judiciary
Supreme Court of Justice or Suprema Corte de Justicia (consists of a minimum of 16 magistrates); Constitutional Court or Tribunal Constitucional (consists of 13 judges)

Ambassador to US
Ambassador Jose Tomas PEREZ Vazquez

US Ambassador
Ambassador (vacant); Charge d’Affaires Robert COLEY

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
for most of its history the Dominican Republic was primarily an exporter of sugar, coffee, and tobacco, but over the last two decades, the country has been one of the fastest growing economies in Latin America, as a result of the positive push from tourism, construction, and the Central America-Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$172.4 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$16,900 (2017 est.)

Exports
$10.33 billion (2017 est.)
partners:  US 50.3%, Haiti 9.1%, Canada 8.2%, India 5.6% (2017)

Imports
$19 billion (2017 est.)
partners:  US 41.4%, China 13.9%, Mexico 4.5%, Brazil 4.3% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
10.7 million (July 2017 est.)

Population Growth
1.18% (2017 est.)

Ethnicity
mixed 70.4% (mestizo/indio 58%, mulatto 12.4%), black 15.8%, white 13.5%, other 0.3%
note: the term "indio" in the Dominican Republic is not associated with people of indigenous ancestry but people of mixed ancestry or skin color between light and dark (2014 est.)

Language
Spanish (official)

Religion
Roman Catholic 95%, other 5%

Urbanization
urban population: 81.1% of total population (2018)
rate of urbanization: 2.06% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy
91.8% (2015 est.)

GEOGRAPHY
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

as of September 2018