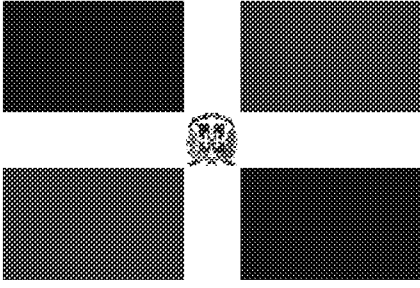


Country Facts Form

Formal Name	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	
Short Name	DOMINICAN	
Capital	SANTO DOMINGO	
Major Cities	SANTO DOMINGO, SANTIAGO AND SAN FRANCISCO DE MACORIS.	

Geography

Climate	SUB TROPICAL		
Natural Resources	FERRONICKEL, BAUXITE, COPPER, MARBLE, SALT, GYPSUM, LARIMAR, AMBER		
Time Zone	UTC/GMT -4 hours		
Total Area	48,734 sq km	Natural Hazards	FLOODING, HURRICANES, EARTHQUAKES

People

Population	8,562,541 (census 2002)	Official Language	SPANISH
Life Expectancy	71.44 YEARS (2008)	National Day	February 27th
Ethnic Groups	CROSSBRED, MULATTOS, ZAMBAS		
Religion	CATHOLIC		

Government

Government Type	DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC	President/ King	LEONEL FERNANDEZ
Legal System	BASED ON CIVIL LAW SYSTEM		

Economy

GDP (purchasing power parity)	76,304 (\$M)(2008)	GDP - PER CAPITA (PPP)	US\$5,151 (2008) (DOMINICAN CENTRAL BANK)
Exchange Rate (to USD)	36.45 RD\$ to 1 USD	Unemployment rate	15,50 % (2008)
Imports	US\$ 12,283.3 million (principally Petrol, Oil, family-type vehicles, agro products)		
Exports	US\$ 5,462.9 million (principally Ferronickel, Ron Reed, Cane Sugar, Cigars handmade, Steel rods Cocoa, Fresh Bananas)		