

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Capital: Santo Domingo

GEODATA

Area

48,734 km²

Official language

Spanish

Major religious group

Roman Catholic (95%)

Surrounding countries

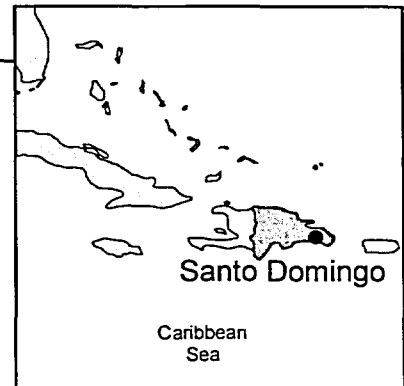
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Population

8.44 million (July 2000 est.)

Population growth rate

1.64% (2000 est.)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

National legislature

Upper chamber: Senate

Lower chamber: Chamber of Deputies; multiparty

Leader

President Hipólito Mejía

Minister of Foreign Relations

Hugo Tolentino Dipp

Minister of Industry and Commerce

Ángel Lockward Mella

UN Human Development Index (2000)

Dominican Republic ranks 87th among 174 countries

Canadian official development assistance

3.14 million (1998-1999)

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$17.4 billion US (1999)

GDP growth rate

7.9% (1999)

GDP per capita

\$1,117 US (1998)

Main exports

Ferrous nickel, sugar, gold, silver, coffee, cocoa, tobacco, meat products

Main imports

Food products, oil, cotton and cotton fabric, chemicals, pharmaceuticals

Main exports to Canada

\$98.7 million (1999), including precious stones, gold, coffee, woven apparel, data processing machines, knit apparel, sugar

Main imports from Canada

\$107.8 million (1999), including fish, newsprint, vehicles, parts and accessories (not railway), electrical equipment

Canadian Representative

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