

# Dominican Republic

## Key indicators

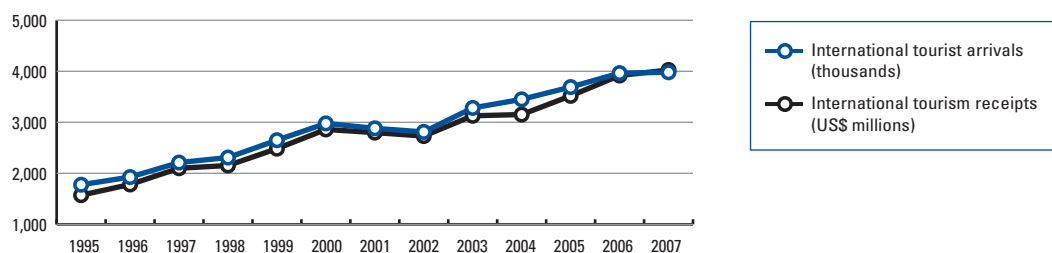
Population (millions), 2007 .....	9.1
Surface area (1,000 square kilometers) .....	48.7
Gross domestic product (US\$ billions), 2007 .....	41.0
Gross domestic product (PPP, US\$) per capita, 2007 .....	8,116.5
Real GDP growth (percent), 2007 .....	8.5
Environmental Performance Index, 2008 (out of 149 countries).....	33

## Travel & Tourism indicators

	Percent of total	2009–2018 annual growth (% forecast)
<b>T&amp;T industry, 2008 estimates</b>		
GDP (US\$ millions) .....	2,325	5.3
Employment (1,000 jobs).....	178	4.7
<b>T&amp;T economy, 2008 estimates</b>		
GDP (US\$ millions) .....	7,325	16.6
Employment (1,000 jobs).....	550	14.4

Source: World Travel & Tourism Council, TSA Research 2008

International tourist arrivals (thousands), 2007.....3,980  
 International tourism receipts (US\$ millions), 2007 .....4,026



Source: United Nations World Tourism Organization

## Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index

	Rank (out of 133)	Score (1–7 scale)
<b>2009 Index</b> .....	<b>67</b>	<b>4.0</b>
2008 Index.....	63	4.0
<b>T&amp;T regulatory framework</b> .....	<b>54</b>	<b>4.8</b>
Policy rules and regulations.....	26	5.1
Environmental sustainability.....	108	4.0
Safety and security .....	101	4.5
Health and hygiene .....	68	4.5
Prioritization of Travel & Tourism.....	13	5.6
<b>T&amp;T business environment and infrastructure</b> .....	<b>71</b>	<b>3.5</b>
Air transport infrastructure .....	47	3.7
Ground transport infrastructure.....	99	2.8
Tourism infrastructure .....	51	3.8
ICT infrastructure .....	83	2.4
Price competitiveness in the T&T industry.....	81	4.5
<b>T&amp;T human, cultural, and natural resources</b> .....	<b>68</b>	<b>3.9</b>
Human resources .....	92	4.8
Education and training.....	108	3.8
Availability of qualified labor.....	19	5.8
Affinity for Travel & Tourism.....	14	5.6
Natural resources .....	55	3.5
Cultural resources.....	95	1.7

Note: For descriptions of variables and detailed sources, please refer to "How to the Read Country/Economy Profiles."

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## The Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index in detail

■ Competitive Advantage ■ Competitive Disadvantage

INDICATOR	RANK/133 .....	INDICATOR	RANK/133 .....
<b>1st pillar: Policy rules and regulations</b>		<b>8th pillar: Tourism infrastructure</b>	
1.01	Prevalence of foreign ownership .....36...■	8.01	Hotel rooms* .....40...■
1.02	Property rights .....90...■	8.02	Presence of major car rental companies* .....23...■
1.03	Business impact of rules on FDI .....67...■	8.03	ATMs accepting Visa cards* .....67...■
1.04	Visa requirements* .....7...■	<hr/>	
1.05	Openness of bilateral Air Service Agreements* .....4...■	<b>9th pillar: ICT infrastructure</b>	
1.06	Transparency of government policymaking .....80...■	9.01	Extent of business Internet use .....76...■
1.07	Time required to start a business* .....57...■	9.02	Internet users* .....76...■
1.08	Cost to start a business* .....83...■	9.03	Telephone lines* .....94...■
<hr/>		9.04	Broadband Internet subscribers* .....71...■
<b>2nd pillar: Environmental sustainability</b>		9.05	Mobile telephone subscribers* .....86...■
2.01	Stringency of environmental regulation .....110...■	<hr/>	
2.02	Enforcement of environmental regulation .....121...■	<b>10th pillar: Price competitiveness in the T&amp;T industry</b>	
2.03	Sustainability of T&T industry development .....56...■	10.01	Ticket taxes and airport charges* .....122...■
2.04	Carbon dioxide emissions* .....53...■	10.02	Purchasing power parity* .....64...■
2.05	Particulate matter concentration* .....34...■	10.03	Extent and effect of taxation .....124...■
2.06	Threatened species* .....127...■	10.04	Fuel price levels* .....51...■
2.07	Environmental treaty ratification* .....94...■	10.05	Hotel price index* .....21...■
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<b>3rd pillar: Safety and security</b>		<b>11th pillar: Human resources</b>	
3.01	Business costs of terrorism .....49...■	11.01	Primary education enrollment* .....113...■
3.02	Reliability of police services .....128...■	11.02	Secondary education enrollment* .....96...■
3.03	Business costs of crime and violence .....116...■	11.03	Quality of the educational system .....130...■
3.04	Road traffic accidents* .....72...■	11.04	Local availability of research and training services .....89...■
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<b>4th pillar: Health and hygiene</b>		11.06	Hiring and firing practices .....37...■
4.01	Physician density* .....60...■	11.07	Ease of hiring foreign labor .....7...■
4.02	Access to improved sanitation* .....78...■	11.08	HIV prevalence* .....102...■
4.03	Access to improved drinking water* .....62...■	11.09	Business impact of HIV/AIDS .....112...■
4.04	Hospital beds* .....82...■	11.10	Life expectancy* .....83...■
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<b>5th pillar: Prioritization of Travel &amp; Tourism</b>		<b>12th pillar: Affinity for Travel &amp; Tourism</b>	
5.01	Government prioritization of the T&T industry .....28...■	12.01	Tourism openness* .....18...■
5.02	T&T government expenditure* .....1...■	12.02	Attitude of population toward foreign visitors .....28...■
5.03	Effectiveness of marketing and branding .....25...■	12.03	Extension of business trips recommended .....44...■
5.04	T&T fair attendance* .....62...■	<hr/>	
<hr/>		<b>13th pillar: Natural resources</b>	
<b>6th pillar: Air transport infrastructure</b>		13.01	Number of World Heritage natural sites* .....74...■
6.01	Quality of air transport infrastructure .....37...■	13.02	Protected areas* .....7...■
6.02	Available seat kilometers, domestic* .....88...■	13.03	Quality of the natural environment .....85...■
6.03	Available seat kilometers, international* .....46...■	13.04	Total known species* .....113...■
6.04	Departures per 1,000 population* .....n/a.....	<hr/>	
6.05	Airport density* .....64...■	<b>14th pillar: Cultural resources</b>	
6.06	Number of operating airlines* .....39...■	14.01	Number of World Heritage cultural sites* .....65...■
6.07	International air transport network .....32...■	14.02	Sports stadiums* .....91...■
<hr/>		14.03	Number of international fairs and exhibitions* .....62...■
<b>7th pillar: Ground transport infrastructure</b>		14.04	Creative industries exports* .....118...■
7.01	Quality of roads .....64...■	<hr/>	
7.02	Quality of railroad infrastructure .....109...■		
7.03	Quality of port infrastructure .....74...■		
7.04	Quality of ground transport network .....114...■		
7.05	Road density* .....69...■		

\* Hard data

Note: For further details and explanation, please refer to the section "How to Read the Country/Economy Profiles" at the beginning of this chapter.