

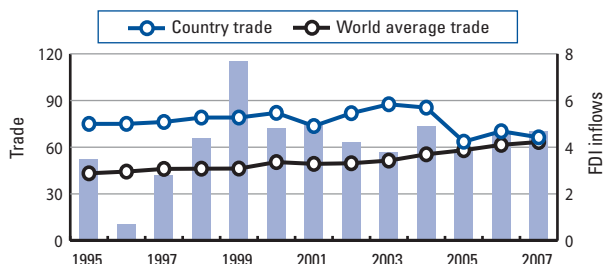
Dominican Republic

Key indicators

Population (millions), 2008	9.9
Surface area (1,000 square kilometers).....	48.7
GDP (US\$ billions), 2008	45.6
GDP (current prices, US\$) per capita, 2008	5,122.0
GDP per capita (rank out of 121), 2008.....	62
Real GDP growth (percent), 2008	4.8

Source: IMF; United Nations Population Fund; World Bank

Trade and FDI inflows, percent of GDP (1995–2007)



Source: IMF; WTO; UNCTAD

Main trade data

Current account balance (share of GDP), 2008	-9.7
Merchandise exports, f.o.b. (US\$ millions)	7,160.2
Commercial services exports (US\$ millions)	4,740.3
Total exports (rank out of 121).....	74
Merchandise imports, c.i.f. (US\$ millions)	13,597.0
Commercial services imports (US\$ millions)	1,692.2
Total imports (rank out of 121)	73

Source: WTO; IMF

Trade policy data

WTO accession year	1995
Multilateral agreements index score (range 0–100), 2009.....	54.4
Regional trade agreements notified to WTO	2
Simple tariff average: MFN; Applied tariffs (all goods), 2006	34.9; 8.5
Applied tariff escalation (% diff. raw to finished, all goods), 2008	1.9
Domestic agricultural tariff peaks (percent), 2008.....	2.9
Domestic non-agricultural tariff peaks (percent), 2008	0.0

Source: WTO; ITC; World Bank

Main trading partners, 2007

Share of total volume of merchandise trade (percent)

Exports destination

United States	40.2
EU27	18.8
Haiti	8.8
Others	32.1

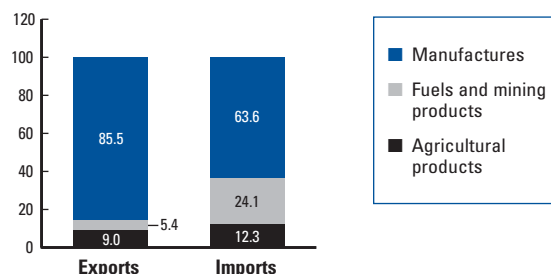
Imports origin

United States	44.8
Venezuela	13.4
EU27	10.9
Mexico	6.7
Others	24.3

Source: WTO

Exports and imports by sector, 2007

Share of total volume of merchandise trade (percent)



Source: WTO

Enabling Trade Index

	Rank (out of 121)	Score (1–7 scale)
2009 Index.....	81	3.6
Market access	69	3.9
Domestic and foreign market access.....	69	3.9
Border administration.....	64	3.8
Efficiency of customs administration.....	76	3.2
Efficiency of import-export procedures	42	5.1
Transparency of border administration.....	77	3.1
Transport and communications infrastructure	73	3.2
Availability and quality of transport infrastructure	73	3.4
Availability and quality of transport services.....	64	3.5
Availability and use of ICTs.....	78	2.6
Business environment	99	3.6
Regulatory environment.....	97	3.4
Physical security	99	3.9

Note: For descriptions of variables and detailed sources, and for a list of multiple best-performer economies for each indicator in the ETI in detail on the right-hand page, please refer to "How to Read the Country/Economy Profiles."

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The Enabling Trade Index in detail

■ Competitive Advantage ■ Competitive Disadvantage

INDICATOR	RANK/121	SCORE	BEST PERFORMER	SCORE
1st pillar: Domestic and foreign market access				
1.01	Tariff barriers.....	66	Hong Kong SAR	0.0
	Tariff barriers for non-agricultural products	70	Multiple economies	0.0
	Tariff barriers for agricultural products	60	Hong Kong SAR	0.0
1.02	Non-tariff barriers.....	n/a	Chad	0.0
1.03	Complexity of tariffs.....	25	Hong Kong SAR	7.0
	Variance of tariffs	35	Hong Kong SAR	0.0
	Domestic tariff peaks	34	Multiple economies	0.0
	Specific tariffs.....	34	Multiple economies	0.0
	Number of distinct tariffs	24	Hong Kong SAR	1
1.04	Share of duty-free imports	107	Hong Kong SAR	100
1.05	Tariffs faced.....	110	Chile	3.8
1.06	Margin of preference in target markets.....	15	Nepal	94.6
2nd pillar: Efficiency of customs administration				
2.01	Burden of customs procedures.....	57	Singapore	6.5
2.02	Customs services index	77	United Kingdom	12.0
3rd pillar: Efficiency of import-export procedures				
3.01	Effectiveness and efficiency of clearance.....	73	Netherlands	4.0
3.02	Time for import.....	18	Singapore	3
3.03	Documents for import.....	44	France	2
3.04	Cost to import	55	Singapore	439
3.05	Time for export.....	18	Multiple economies	5
3.06	Documents for export	42	France	2
3.07	Cost to export	44	Malaysia	450
4th pillar: Transparency of border administration				
4.01	Irregular payments in exports and imports	82	Sweden	6.6
4.02	Corruption Perceptions Index.....	80	Multiple economies	9.3
5th pillar: Availability and quality of transport infrastructure				
5.01	Airport density	54	Norway	10.6
5.02	Transshipment connectivity index.....	35	United Kingdom	100.0
5.03	Paved roads.....	60	Multiple economies	100.0
5.04	Road congestion.....	n/a	Bangladesh.....	1
5.05	Quality of air transport infrastructure	33	Singapore	6.9
5.06	Quality of railroad infrastructure.....	103	Switzerland.....	6.8
5.07	Quality of roads.....	59	France	6.7
5.08	Quality of port infrastructure	67	Singapore	6.8
6th pillar: Availability and quality of transport services				
6.01	Liner Shipping Connectivity Index.....	45	China	137.4
6.02	Ease and affordability of shipment.....	97	Netherlands.....	4.1
6.03	Competence of the logistics industry	96	Netherlands.....	4.3
6.04	Ability and ease of tracking	97	Singapore	4.3
6.05	Timeliness of shipments in reaching destination	83	Singapore	4.5
6.06	Postal service efficiency.....	116	Switzerland.....	6.9
6.07	GATS commitments in the transport sector	3	Moldova	60.6
7th pillar: Availability and use of ICTs				
7.01	Firm-level technology absorption	57	Japan	6.3
7.02	Mobile telephone subscribers	77	United Arab Emirates	176.5
7.03	Broadband Internet subscribers	65	Denmark	36.0
7.04	Internet users	69	Norway	85.0
7.05	Telephone lines	80	Switzerland.....	65.9
8th pillar: Regulatory environment				
8.01	Property rights.....	75	Switzerland.....	6.5
8.02	Ethics and corruption	113	Singapore	6.5
8.03	Undue influence	108	Denmark	6.3
8.04	Government inefficiency	106	Singapore	6.1
8.05	Domestic competition.....	90	Singapore	5.7
8.06	Openness to foreign participation	30	Singapore	6.3
	Ease of hiring foreign labor	6	United Arab Emirates.....	6.1
	Prevalence of foreign ownership	34	Hong Kong SAR	6.7
	Business impact of rules on FDI.....	60	Ireland	6.7
	Capital controls.....	66	Hong Kong SAR	6.6
9th pillar: Physical security				
9.01	Reliability of police services	116	Finland	6.7
9.02	Business costs of crime and violence.....	105	Syria	6.7
9.03	Business costs of terrorism	41	Finland	6.8