

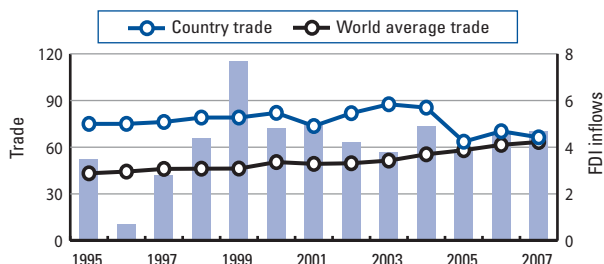
# Dominican Republic

## 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

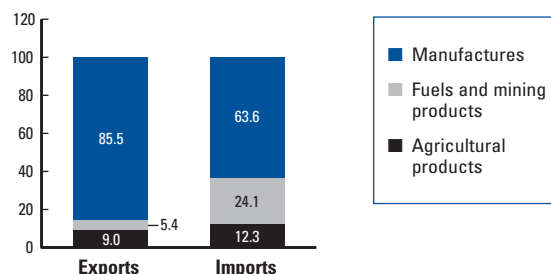
### Imports origin

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)
<b>2009 Index</b> .....	<b>81</b>	<b>3.6</b>
<b>Market access</b> .....	<b>69</b>	<b>3.9</b>
Domestic and foreign market access.....	69	3.9
<b>Border administration</b> .....	<b>64</b>	<b>3.8</b>
Efficiency of customs administration.....	76	3.2
Efficiency of import-export procedures .....	42	5.1
Transparency of border administration.....	77	3.1
<b>Transport and communications infrastructure</b> .....	<b>73</b>	<b>3.2</b>
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
<b>Business environment</b> .....	<b>99</b>	<b>3.6</b>
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	
<b>1st pillar: Domestic and foreign market access</b>					
1.01	Tariff barriers.....	66	■	6.2	Hong Kong SAR .....0.0
	Tariff barriers for non-agricultural products .....	70	■	5.9	Multiple economies .....0.0
	Tariff barriers for agricultural products .....	60	■	13.2	Hong Kong SAR .....0.0
1.02	Non-tariff barriers.....	n/a		n/a	Chad .....0.0
1.03	Complexity of tariffs.....	25	■	6.7	Hong Kong SAR .....7.0
	Variance of tariffs .....	35	■	7.9	Hong Kong SAR .....0.0
	Domestic tariff peaks .....	34	■	0.4	Multiple economies .....0.0
	Specific tariffs.....	34	■	0.0	Multiple economies .....0.0
	Number of distinct tariffs .....	24	■	7	Hong Kong SAR .....1
1.04	Share of duty-free imports .....	107	■	9	Hong Kong SAR .....100
1.05	Tariffs faced.....	110	■	6.0	Chile .....3.8
1.06	Margin of preference in target markets.....	15	■	60.4	Nepal .....94.6
<b>2nd pillar: Efficiency of customs administration</b>					
2.01	Burden of customs procedures.....	57	■	3.9	Singapore .....6.5
2.02	Customs services index.....	77	■	4.5	United Kingdom .....12.0
<b>3rd pillar: Efficiency of import-export procedures</b>					
3.01	Effectiveness and efficiency of clearance.....	73	■	2.3	Netherlands .....4.0
3.02	Time for import.....	18	■	10	Singapore .....3
3.03	Documents for import.....	44	■	7	France .....2
3.04	Cost to import.....	55	■	1,150	Singapore .....439
3.05	Time for export.....	18	■	9	Multiple economies .....5
3.06	Documents for export.....	42	■	6	France .....2
3.07	Cost to export.....	44	■	916	Malaysia .....450
<b>4th pillar: Transparency of border administration</b>					
4.01	Irregular payments in exports and imports .....	82	■	3.4	Sweden .....6.6
4.02	Corruption Perceptions Index.....	80	■	3.0	Multiple economies .....9.3
<b>5th pillar: Availability and quality of transport infrastructure</b>					
5.01	Airport density.....	54	■	0.7	Norway .....10.6
5.02	Transshipment connectivity index.....	35	■	73.3	United Kingdom .....100.0
5.03	Paved roads.....	60	■	49.4	Multiple economies .....100.0
5.04	Road congestion.....	n/a		n/a	Bangladesh.....1
5.05	Quality of air transport infrastructure .....	33	■	5.6	Singapore .....6.9
5.06	Quality of railroad infrastructure.....	103	■	1.3	Switzerland.....6.8
5.07	Quality of roads.....	59	■	3.6	France .....6.7
5.08	Quality of port infrastructure .....	67	■	3.8	Singapore .....6.8
<b>6th pillar: Availability and quality of transport services</b>					
6.01	Liner Shipping Connectivity Index.....	45	■	20.1	China .....137.4
6.02	Ease and affordability of shipment.....	97	■	2.3	Netherlands .....4.1
6.03	Competence of the logistics industry .....	96	■	2.3	Netherlands .....4.3
6.04	Ability and ease of tracking .....	97	■	2.3	Singapore .....4.3
6.05	Timeliness of shipments in reaching destination .....	83	■	2.9	Singapore .....4.5
6.06	Postal service efficiency.....	116	■	2.7	Switzerland.....6.9
6.07	GATS commitments in the transport sector .....	3	■	58.4	Moldova .....60.6
<b>7th pillar: Availability and use of ICTs</b>					
7.01	Firm-level technology absorption .....	57	■	4.8	Japan .....6.3
7.02	Mobile telephone subscribers.....	77	■	56.5	United Arab Emirates .....176.5
7.03	Broadband Internet subscribers .....	65	■	1.6	Denmark .....36.0
7.04	Internet users.....	69	■	17.2	Norway .....85.0
7.05	Telephone lines .....	80	■	9.3	Switzerland.....65.9
<b>8th pillar: Regulatory environment</b>					
8.01	Property rights.....	75	■	3.9	Switzerland.....6.5
8.02	Ethics and corruption .....	113	■	1.9	Singapore .....6.5
8.03	Undue influence .....	108	■	2.4	Denmark .....6.3
8.04	Government inefficiency .....	106	■	2.8	Singapore .....6.1
8.05	Domestic competition.....	90	■	4.0	Singapore .....5.7
8.06	Openness to foreign participation .....	30	■	5.4	Singapore .....6.3
	Ease of hiring foreign labor .....	6	■	5.8	United Arab Emirates.....6.1
	Prevalence of foreign ownership .....	34	■	5.7	Hong Kong SAR .....6.7
	Business impact of rules on FDI.....	60	■	5.3	Ireland .....6.7
	Capital controls.....	66	■	4.7	Hong Kong SAR .....6.6
<b>9th pillar: Physical security</b>					
9.01	Reliability of police services .....	116	■	2.3	Finland .....6.7
9.02	Business costs of crime and violence.....	105	■	3.3	Syria .....6.7
9.03	Business costs of terrorism .....	41	■	6.0	Finland .....6.8