

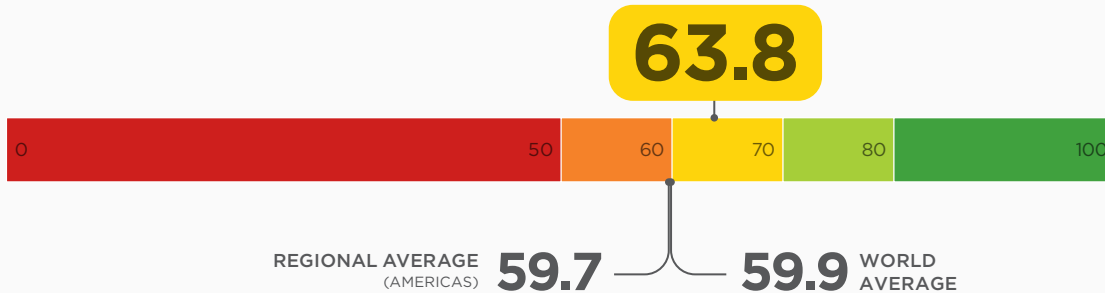
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



The Dominican Republic's economic freedom score is 63.8, making its economy the 71st freest in the 2026 *Index of Economic Freedom*. Its rating has decreased by 0.5 point from last year, and the Dominican Republic is ranked 14th out of 32 countries in the Americas region. The country's economic freedom score is higher than the world and regional averages. The Dominican Republic's economy is considered "moderately free" according to the 2026 *Index*.

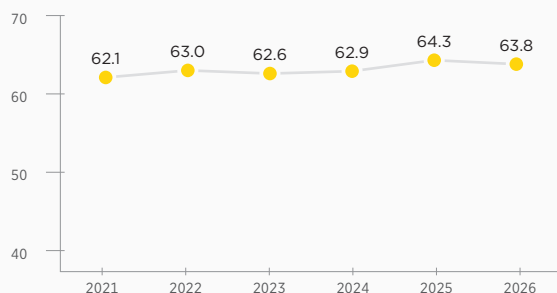
A relatively high degree of openness to global commerce has aided the ongoing transition to a more vibrant economy. The entrepreneurial environment is relatively streamlined, and it takes less time to launch a business than it has in past years. However, the overall regulatory environment remains inefficient. Implementation of deeper institutional reforms is needed to strengthen the foundations of economic freedom in such areas as the protection of property rights, judicial effectiveness, and government integrity.

ECONOMIC FREEDOM SCORE



HISTORICAL INDEX SCORE CHANGE (SINCE 1995): +8.0

RECENT FREEDOM TREND



QUICK FACTS

POPULATION:
10.7 million

GDP (PPP):
\$315.2 billion
3.0% growth in 2025
3-year average growth rate: 3.4%
\$30,538 per capita

UNEMPLOYMENT:
5.5%

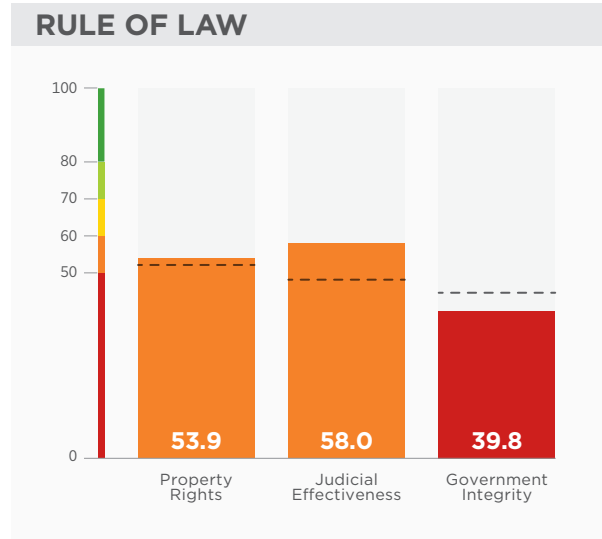
INFLATION (CPI):
3.3%

TRADE AS % OF GDP: 51.8%

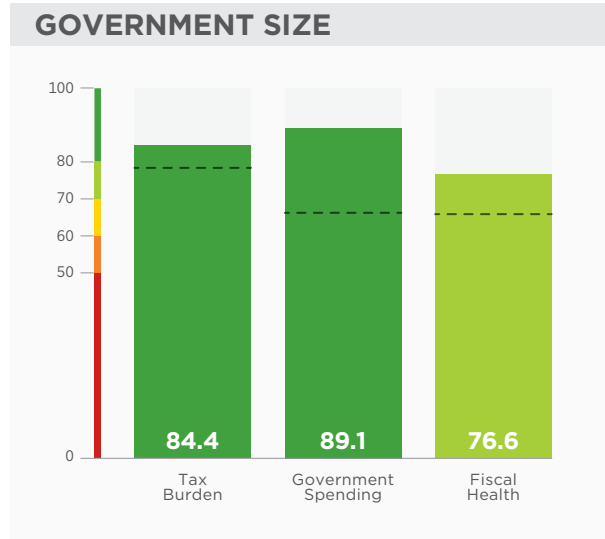
PUBLIC DEBT:
58.8% of GDP

2025 data unless otherwise noted. Data compiled as of January 2026.

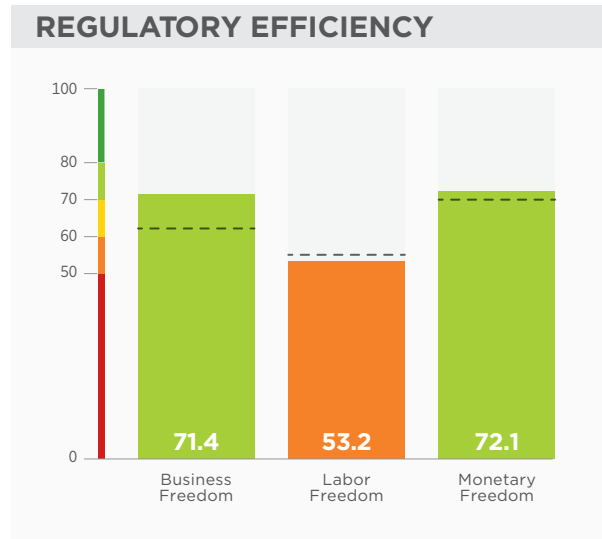
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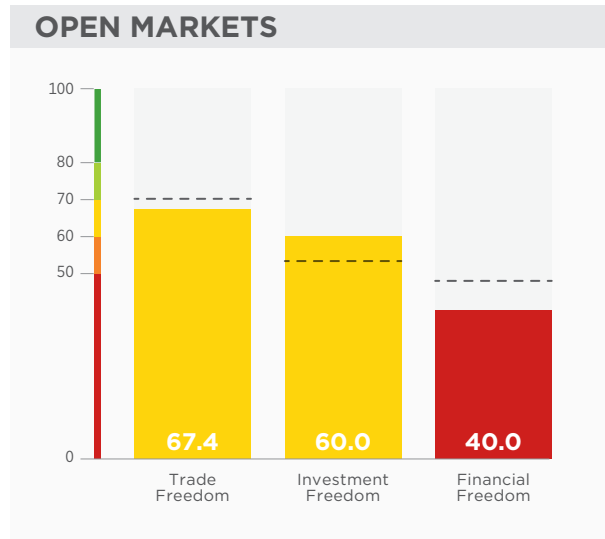
The overall rule of law is relatively well respected in the Dominican Republic. The country's property rights score is above the world average; its judicial effectiveness score is above the world average; and its government integrity score is below the world average.



The top individual income tax rate is 25 percent, and the top corporate tax rate is 27 percent. The tax burden equals 14.3 percent of GDP. Three-year government spending and budget balance averages are, respectively, 19.0 percent and -3.2 percent of GDP. Public debt amounts to 58.8 percent of GDP.



The Dominican Republic's overall regulatory environment is relatively well institutionalized but lacks efficiency. The country's business freedom score is far above the world average; its labor freedom score is below the world average; and its monetary freedom score is above the world average.



The trade-weighted average tariff rate is 8.8 percent, and more than 80 nontariff measures are in force. In general, the government does not discriminate against or screen foreign investment. The financial sector has been growing, and the stock market continues to expand.