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**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
INVESTMENT
FACT SHEET**

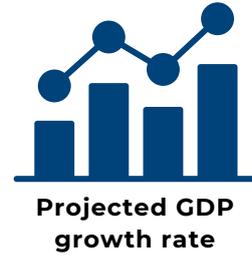


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Economic Growth

The Dominican Republic is one of the fastest-growing economies in Latin America, recognized for its strategic location in the heart of the Caribbean, just a short distance from the United States. This prime position offers direct access to key markets in North America, Latin America, and Europe, making DR an ideal gateway for global trade and investment. The Dominican Republic continues to demonstrate robust economic growth, with a projected GDP growth rate of 5.1% in 2024. The country maintains macroeconomic stability, driven by a diversified economy and a sound legal and regulatory framework.



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Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

FDI inflows reached record levels, reflecting investor confidence in the DR's business environment. Key sectors attracting FDI include tourism, renewable energy, free zone industries, and logistics. The U.S. remains the largest source of FDI, contributing significantly to sectors like energy, manufacturing, and services.



Investment-Friendly Sectors

- **Renewable Energy:** Tax incentives and regulatory support for solar, wind, and biomass projects.
- **Tourism:** Diverse opportunities in hospitality, real estate, and eco-tourism developments.
- **Free Zones:** Favorable tax regimes and simplified customs processes.
- **Call Centers & BPO:** Access to a young, educated, bilingual workforce.
- **Logistics Hub:** Strategic location with world-class port and airport infrastructure.
- **Cinematography:** The Dominican Republic's film industry supported by Law 108-10 offers attractive tax incentives, diverse landscapes, and world-class studios. In recent years, 58 foreign films were produced, reflecting the government's active promotion through DGCINE to position the country as a premier film destination.



U.S. Investment in the DR

American investments are strong, particularly in renewable energy projects, call centers, and the free zone sector. The strategic location, combined with favorable trade agreements such as CAFTA-DR, makes the DR an attractive hub for U.S. investors seeking access to Caribbean and Latin American markets.



Key Growth Sectors

Tourism leads with strong post-pandemic recovery, supported by infrastructure investments. The renewable energy sector is expanding rapidly due to government incentives under Law 57-07. Free zone industries, call centers, and BPO services are also growing, driven by competitive labor costs and skilled bilingual talent.



Free zone industries



call centers



BPO services



Tax Incentives and Exemptions

The Dominican Republic offers attractive tax exemptions in key sectors to encourage foreign investment. These include exemptions from income tax, value-added tax (VAT), import duties, and municipal taxes for businesses operating in free zones, renewable energy projects, and tourism developments. Law 57-07 provides fiscal incentives for renewable energy, while Law 158-01 offers tax benefits for tourism projects. Likewise, Law 108-10 offers attractive incentives for films produced in the Dominican Republic. These measures create a favorable environment for investors seeking cost-effective opportunities. For more detailed info about tax incentives, check our [Tax Incentives Guide](#).

Open Skies Agreement

Between the United States and the Dominican Republic, finalized on August 5, 2024, represents a key milestone in strengthening bilateral relations by enhancing air travel and economic ties. It allows airlines from both countries to operate flights without restrictions on routes, capacity, frequency, or pricing, fostering increased competition and more flight options for consumers. This liberalization is expected to boost tourism, lower airfare costs, and stimulate economic growth in both nations. Additionally, it improves connectivity, offering Dominican American families more affordable travel options to visit their relatives.



Legal Security and Economic Development

The DR offers a stable legal framework that protects foreign investments, supported by laws ensuring property rights, contract enforcement, and dispute resolution mechanisms. Its leadership as a regional economic hub is reinforced by continuous reforms to enhance transparency and regulatory efficiency.

Labor Laws

The DR's labor framework balances worker protections with employer flexibility, ensuring fair labor practices while supporting business efficiency to create a competitive business environment. The Labor Code (Law 16-92) governs employment relations, with specific provisions for free zones and BPO sectors.



Why Invest in the Dominican Republic?



Strategic location, robust economic performance, political stability, and a pro-business legal environment make the DR a leading destination for investment. The country's dynamic sectors, coupled with legal and economic reforms, provide a secure and profitable landscape for global investors.

Contact

For tailored legal advice on investments in the Dominican Republic, contact Ulises Cabrera, a leading law firm specializing in business, corporate, and foreign investment advisory services.

Further Reading from Ulises Cabrera:

- [Tax Incentives in the Dominican Republic](#)
- [Free Trade Service Zones: A Boost for the Dominican Economy](#)
- [Law No. 30-24 on Logistics Centers](#)
- [Dominican Labor Code Reform Proposal](#)

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