

Dominican Republic

Official Title Dominican Republic



General Information:

Capital Santo Domingo
Total Area 48,730 km² **Population** 8,528,000
Currency (2005 av.) 1 CAN\$ = 25.13 Dominican Peso
National Holiday February 27 (Independence Day)
Language(s) Spanish

Political Information:

Type of State Representative democracy

Type of Government

Representative democracy; bicameral Congress with a 32 member Senate and 150-member Chamber of Deputies; both houses are directly elected; elections are held every 4 years; 32 provinces and 1 national district.

Head of State

President Leonel Fernandez Reyna

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Ministers Vice President: Rafael Albuquerque de Castro
 Foreign Relations: Carlos Morales Troncoso
 Industry & Commerce: Franklin Javier Garcia

Main Political Parties

(# of seats in Chamber/Senate)
 PLD - Dominican Liberation Party: 96/22
 PRD - Dominican Revolutionary Party: 60/7
 PRSC - Reformist Social Christian Party: 22/3

Elections 2008 (congressional)

Economic Information: (2005)

| | Dominican Republic | Canada |
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| GDP: (billion) | \$35.25 | \$1,372.10 |
| GDP per capita: | \$4,132.85 | \$42,568.87 |
| GDP Growth rate: (%) | 9.3 | 2.9 |
| Inflation: (%) | 4.2 | 2.2 |
| Unemployment: (%) | n/a | 6.8 |

Trade and investment: (2005)

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| Canadian Exports to Dominican Republic | \$145,293,750 |
| Canadian Imports from Dominican Republic | \$120,005,265 |
| Foreign Direct Investment in Canada | n/a (million) |
| Canadian Direct Investment to Dominican Republic | n/a (million) |

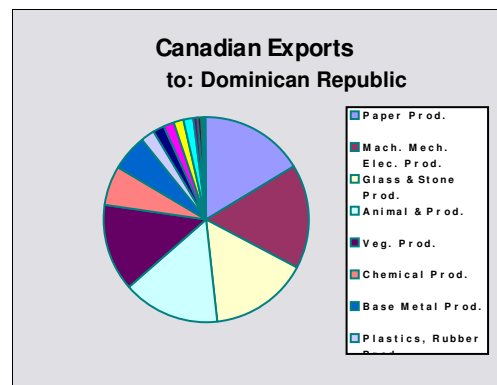
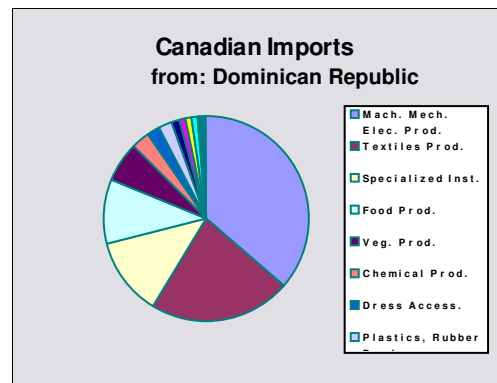
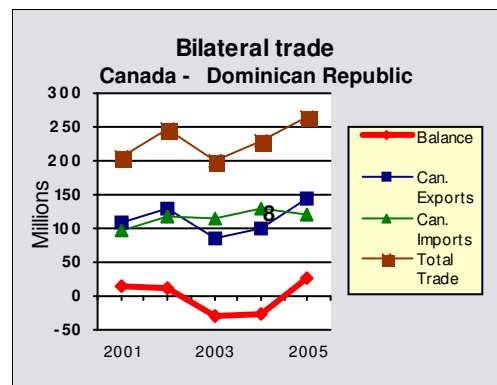
Representation:

Foreign Representation in Canada

Ambassador Eduardo J. Curbelo Tejera

Canadian Representation Abroad

Ambassador Patricia Fortier



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