

# People

**Population:** 7,511,263 (July 1995 est.)

**Age structure:**

*0-14 years:* 35% (female 1,288,210; male 1,336,162)

*15-64 years:* 61% (female 2,246,791; male 2,312,555)

*65 years and over:* 4% (female 178,388; male 149,157) (July 1995 est.)

**Population growth rate:** 1.17% (1995 est.)

**Birth rate:** 23.92 births/1,000 population (1995 est.)

**Death rate:** 6.15 deaths/1,000 population (1995 est.)

**Net migration rate:** -6.04 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1995 est.)

**Infant mortality rate:** 49.5 deaths/1,000 live births (1995 est.)

**Life expectancy at birth:**

*total population:* 68.73 years

*male:* 66.57 years

*female:* 70.99 years (1995 est.)

**Total fertility rate:** 2.72 children born/woman (1995 est.)

**Nationality:**

*noun:* Dominican(s)

*adjective:* Dominican

**Ethnic divisions:** white 16%, black 11%, mixed 73%

**Religions:** Roman Catholic 95%

**Languages:** Spanish

**Literacy:** age 15 and over can read and write (1990 est.)

*total population:* 83%

*male:* 85%

*female:* 82%

**Labor force:** 2.3 million to 2.6 million

*by occupation:* agriculture 49%, services 33%, industry 18% (1986)