

Dominican Republic Immigration Detention Data Profile



Quick Facts	
Immigration detainees (2019)	Not Available
Detained minors (2017)	Not Available
International migrants (2019)	567,648
New asylum applications (2019)	233

NOTES ON USING THIS PROFILE

- Sources for the data provided in this report are available online at: <https://www.globaldetentionproject.org/countries/americas/dominican-republic>
- "Observation Dates" indicate the timeframe statistical data correspond to or other data were last validated. More than one statistical entry for a year indicates contrasting reports.

STATISTICS

Detention, expulsion, and incarceration statistics

		Observation Date			Observation Date
Total number of immigration detainees by year	Not Available	2019	Total number of detained minors	Not Available	2017
Criminal prison population	24,758	2015	Percentage of foreign prisoners	6.9	2014
	25,500	2013		6.1	2013
Prison population rate (per 100,000 of national population)	231	2015			
	247	2013			

Demographics and immigration-related statistics

		Observation Date			Observation Date
Population	10,800,000	2020	International migrants	567,648	2019
	10,528,000	2015		415,600	2015
International migrants as a percentage of the population	3.9	2015	Refugees	164	2019
				170	2018
				593	2017
				578	2016
				615	2015
				608	2014
Ratio of refugees per 1000 inhabitants	0.06	2016	Total number of new asylum applications	233	2019
	0.06	2014		41	2016
				22	2014
Refugee recognition rate	7.7	2014			

DOMESTIC LAW

LEGAL TRADITION

Legal tradition	Name	Observation Date
	Civil law	2017

LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Core pieces of national legislation	Name	Year Adopted	Last Year Amended
	Reglamento de Aplicación de la Ley General de Migración	2004	

INTERNATIONAL LAW

Relevant international treaties and date of ratification		
International treaties	Name	Ratification Year
	CAT, Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	2012
	CRPD, Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	2009
	CTOCTP, Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children	2008
	CTOCSP, Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime	2007
	CRC, Convention on the Rights of the Child	1991
	ICERD, International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination	1983
	CEDAW, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women	1982
	ICCPR, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights	1978
	ICESCR, International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	1978
	CRSR, Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees	1978
	PCRSR, Protocol to the Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees	1978
VCCR, Vienna Convention on Consular Relations	1964	
Ratio of relevant international treaties ratified	12/19	
Relevant international treaties and date of ratification		
Individual complaints procedure	Name	Acceptance Year
	CRPD, Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	2009
	CEDAW, Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, 1999	2001
	ICCPR, First Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966	1978
Relevant international treaties and date of ratification		
Ratio of complaints procedures accepted	Number	Observation Date
	3/7	
	3/7	

Relevant international treaties and date of ratification

	Name	Recommendation Excerpt	Recommendation Year
<p>Relevant recommendations issued by treaty bodies</p>	<p>Committee on the Rights of the Child</p>	<p>§1. The Committee is concerned that the inefficient functioning of the National Refugee Commission (CONARE) is greatly affecting the rights of asylum-seeking children and their families, the overwhelming majority of whom are of Haitian nationality. The Committee is also concerned that the inadequate access to identity documents for child refugees and asylum seekers and/or their relatives puts them at risk of detention and deportation and impedes their access to health care and education.</p> <p>2. The Committee recommends that the State party:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(b) Ensure that the National Refugee Commission undertakes child refugee status determination (RSD) through a fair and efficient asylum procedure, in accordance with international standards and in cooperation with UNHCR;</p> <p>(c) Ensure the speedy and cost-free processing of temporary identity documents for child refugees and asylum-seekers and their relatives, including documentation certifying legal residency for those who were recognized under the UNHCR mandate.</p>	<p>2015</p>
	<p>Human Rights Committee</p>	<p>§20. The Committee remains concerned at the practice of deporting foreigners in conditions that are incompatible with the provisions of the Covenant. The Committee also regrets the detention for unspecified periods of persons who are going to be deported (arts. 9 and 10).</p> <p>The State party should provide all persons subject to a deportation process with the guarantees established by the Covenant, abolish the detention for an unspecified time period of persons who are going to be deported and provide detained persons with effective remedies.</p>	<p>2012</p>
	<p>Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination</p>	<p>§13. The Committee is concerned at information received according to which migrants of Haitian origin, whether documented or undocumented, are allegedly detained and subject to collective deportations ("repatriations") to Haiti without any guarantee of due process (arts. 5 (a) and 6).</p> <p>Taking into account its general recommendation 30 (2004) on non-citizens, the Committee recommends that the State party:</p> <p>(a) Ensure that laws concerning deportation or other forms of removal of non-citizens from the jurisdiction of the State party do not discriminate in purpose or effect among non-citizens on the basis of race, colour or ethnic or national origin;</p> <p>(b) Ensure that non-citizens are not subject to collective expulsion, in particular in situations where there are insufficient guarantees that the personal circumstances of each of the persons concerned have been taken into account;</p> <p>(c) Avoid the expulsion of non-citizens, especially of long-term residents, that would result in disproportionate interference with the right to family life;</p> <p>(d) Ensure that non-citizens have equal access to effective remedies, including the right to challenge expulsion orders, and are allowed to pursue such remedies effectively. The Committee further recommends that the State party take the necessary measures to accelerate the approval of the provision of Migration Law No. 285-04 setting guidelines on the principle of due process in deportation or expulsion procedures.</p> <p>The Committee invites the State party to adopt humane and internationally accepted measures in dealing with undocumented migrants.</p>	<p>2008</p>

Regional treaties, regulations, and directives

Regional legal instruments	Name	Year of Ratification (Treaty) / Transposed (Directive) / Adoption (Regulation)
	ACHR, American Convention on Human Rights	1978
	IACPPT, Inter-American Convention to Prevent and Punish Torture	1986
	CBDP, Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence against Women (Convention of Belem do Para)	1996

Non treaty-based international human rights mechanisms

Visits by special procedures of the Human Rights Council	Name	Year of Visit	Observation Date
	Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance	2007	2015

Non treaty-based international human rights mechanisms

Relevant recommendations of the UN Universal Periodic Review	Recomendation Issued	Year Issued	Observation Date
	No	2010	2017
	No	2014	

INSTITUTIONAL INDICATORS

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