

Dominican Republic

Key indicators

Population (millions), 2005.....	8.9
Surface area (1,000 square kilometers)	48.7
Gross domestic product (US\$ billions), 2005	29.1
Gross domestic product (PPP, US\$) per capita, 2005	7,627
Real GDP growth (percent), 2005.....	9.3

Source: World Bank, *World Development Indicators Online Database* (December 2006); IMF, *World Economic Outlook Online Database* (April and September 2006 editions); national sources

Travel & Tourism indicators

T&T industry, 2006 estimates

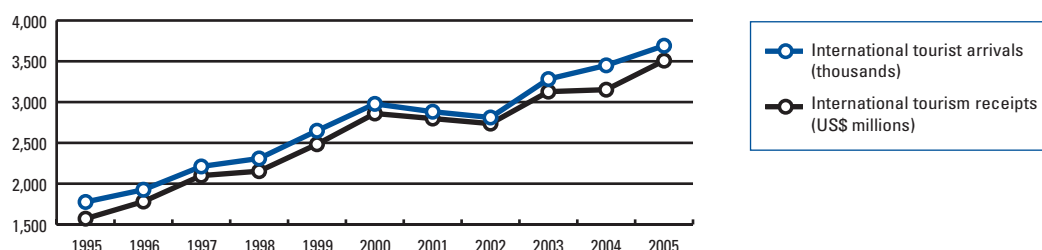
		Percent of total	2007–2016 annual growth (% forecast)
GDP (US\$ millions)	2,090	6.6	4.4
Employment (1,000 jobs).....	208	5.8	4.4

T&T economy, 2006 estimates

GDP (US\$ millions)	6,705	21.3	4.1
Employment (1,000 jobs).....	656	18.4	4.1

Source: World Travel & Tourism Council, *TSA Research 2006*

International tourist arrivals (1,000), 2005	3,691
International tourism receipts (US\$ millions), 2005	3,508



Source: United Nations World Tourism Organization

Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index

	Rank (out of 124)	Score (1–7 scale)
2007 Index	50	4.3
T&T regulatory framework	51	4.5
Policy rules and regulations.....	14	5.5
Environmental regulation.....	72	3.8
Safety and security	87	4.1
Health and hygiene.....	79	4.2
Prioritization of T&T strategies.....	18	5.0
T&T business environment and infrastructure	71	3.3
Air transport infrastructure	63	3.0
Ground transport infrastructure	71	3.2
Tourism infrastructure	39	3.9
ICT infrastructure	79	2.3
Price competitiveness in T&T industry	104	3.9
T&T human, cultural, and natural resources	29	5.2
Human resources.....	57	5.2
Education and training.....	91	4.1
Availability of qualified labor	8	5.5
Workforce wellness	82	6.0
National tourism perception.....	21	5.9
Natural and cultural resources.....	45	4.6

Note: For descriptions of variables and detailed sources, please refer to "How to Read the Country/Economy Profiles."

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T&T national competitiveness balance sheet

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES		Rank/124	COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		Rank/124
Policy rules and regulations					
1.05	Openness of bilateral Air Service Agreements	4	1.02	Property rights	75
1.01	Foreign ownership restrictions	29	Environmental regulation		
1.03	Rules governing foreign direct investment	29	2.02	Clarity and stability of environmental regulations	74
1.04	Visa requirements	43	2.01	Stringency of environmental regulation	70
Safety and security					
3.01	Business costs of terrorism	10	2.03	Government prioritization of sustainable T&T	66
Health and hygiene					
4.04	Access to improved drinking water	49	Safety and security		
Prioritization of Travel & Tourism					
5.02	T&T government expenditure	1	3.02	Reliability of police services	103
5.01	Government prioritization of the T&T industry	32	3.03	Business costs of crime and violence	99
5.03	Effectiveness of marketing and branding	45	Health and hygiene		
5.04	T&T fair attendance	48	4.01	Gov't efforts to reduce health risks from pandemics	123
Air transport infrastructure					
6.06	International air transport network	29	4.03	Access to improved sanitation	78
6.01	Quality of air transport infrastructure	34	4.02	Physician density	57
6.05	Number of operating airlines	44	Air transport infrastructure		
6.02	Available seat kilometers	48	6.03	Departures per 1,000 population	114
Tourism infrastructure					
8.02	Presence of major car rental companies	1	6.04	Airport density	86
8.01	Hotel rooms	37	Ground transport infrastructure		
Price competitiveness in the T&T industry					
10.04	Fuel price level	49	7.02	Railroad infrastructure	116
Human resources					
11.01	Primary education enrollment	1	7.04	Domestic transport network	80
11.06	Hiring and firing practices	10	7.03	Port infrastructure	54
11.07	Ease of hiring foreign labor	10	7.01	Road infrastructure	51
National tourism perception					
12.02	Attitude toward tourists	8	Tourism infrastructure		
12.01	Tourism openness	12	8.03	ATMs accepting Visa cards	62
12.03	Recommendation to extend business trips	42	ICT infrastructure		
Natural and cultural resources					
13.03	Nationally protected areas	2	9.03	Telephone lines	81
Policy rules and regulations					
Environmental regulation					
Safety and security					
Health and hygiene					
Air transport infrastructure					
Ground transport infrastructure					
Tourism infrastructure					
ICT infrastructure					
Price competitiveness in the T&T industry					
Human resources					
Natural and cultural resources					
10.01	Ticket taxes and airport charges	122	11.03	Quality of the educational system	117
10.03	Extent and effect of taxation	92	11.08	HIV prevalence	98
10.02	Purchasing power parity	55	11.05	Extent of staff training	90
Human resources					
Natural and cultural resources					
11.04	Local availability of research and training services	89	13.02	Carbon dioxide damage	90
11.02	Secondary education enrollment	87	13.04	Business concern for ecosystems	88
11.11	Life expectancy	83	13.01	Number of World Heritage sites	87
11.09	Malaria incidence	78			
11.10	Tuberculosis incidence	76			