



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Region: Latin America and Caribbean
Income Category: Upper Middle Income



Human capital – knowledge, skills, and good health – empowers people to achieve their potential and drives economic growth. This brief tracks progress by the Dominican Republic in building and using human capital. The Human Capital Complementary Indicators offer a snapshot of human capital investments at four stages of the lifecycle. The brief uses the latest available data. It is benchmarked against regional averages and reports progress over the previous 5 years.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

- **Children who are developmentally on track.** In 2019, **87%** of children (ages 36-59 months) were developmentally on track in health, learning and psychosocial well-being. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Neonatal mortality rate.** The neonatal mortality rate is **22** per 1,000 live births (2023), compared to 24 in 2018. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **DTP vaccination rate, third dose.** In 2024, **87%** of infants received the third dose of the diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine, compared to 89% in 2019. The indicator is higher than the regional average.

SCHOOL AGE

- **Children engaged in child labor.** The share of children (ages 5-17) who are engaged in economic activities is **3%** (2019). The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- **Child mortality rate.** The mortality rate for children ages 5-14 is **3** per 1,000 children aged 5 (2023). This remains unchanged since 2018. The indicator is similar to the regional average.
- **Learning poverty.** In 2019, **78%** of children could not read and understand a simple text, by age 10. The indicator is higher than the regional average.

YOUTH

- **Youth literacy rate.** The share of youth (ages 15-24) who are literate is **99%** (2022), compared to 98% in 2017. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Youth not in employment, education or training.** In 2024, **26%** of youth (ages 15-24) were not in employment, education or training, compared to 25% in 2019. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **Adolescent fertility rate.** The number of births for every 1,000 women ages 15-19 is **53** (2023), compared to 73 in 2018. The indicator is higher than the regional average.

ADULTS

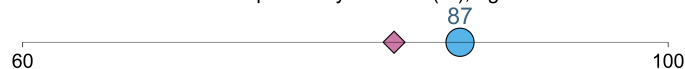
- **Life expectancy at birth.** Life expectancy at birth is **74** years (2023). This remains unchanged since 2018. The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- **Female labor force participation rate.** Female labor force participation as a percentage of the female working-age population (ages 25+) is **57%** (2024), compared to 59% in 2019. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **Adult unemployment rate.** Unemployed adults as a share of the adult labor force (ages 25+) is **4%** (2024). This remains unchanged since 2019. The indicator is lower than the regional average.

HUMAN CAPITAL
COMPLEMENTARY INDICATORS

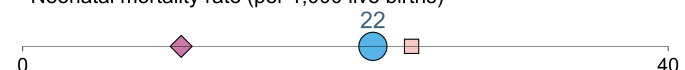
● Latest available data for the Dominican Republic (DOM)
■ DOM approx. 5 years before ◆ Avg. for Latin America & Caribbean

EARLY CHILDHOOD

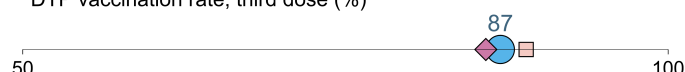
Children who are developmentally on track (%), ages 36-59 months



Neonatal mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)

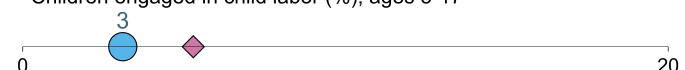


DTP vaccination rate, third dose (%)

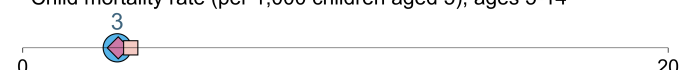


SCHOOL AGE

Children engaged in child labor (%), ages 5-17



Child mortality rate (per 1,000 children aged 5), ages 5-14

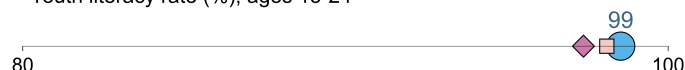


Learning poverty (%)

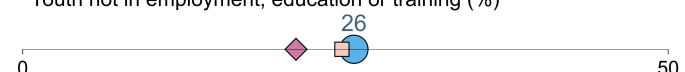


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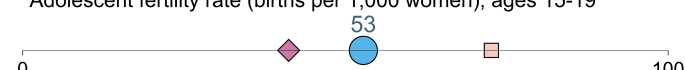
Youth literacy rate (%), ages 15-24



Youth not in employment, education or training (%)

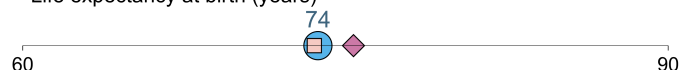


Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women), ages 15-19

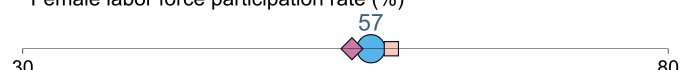


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Life expectancy at birth (years)



Female labor force participation rate (%)



Adult unemployment rate (%)



Note: All values use internationally comparable public datasets. Missing symbols indicate unavailable statistics. Full details can be accessed through the QR code.

