

Dominican Republic

Imports: CIF, by origin

Exports: FOB, by last known destination

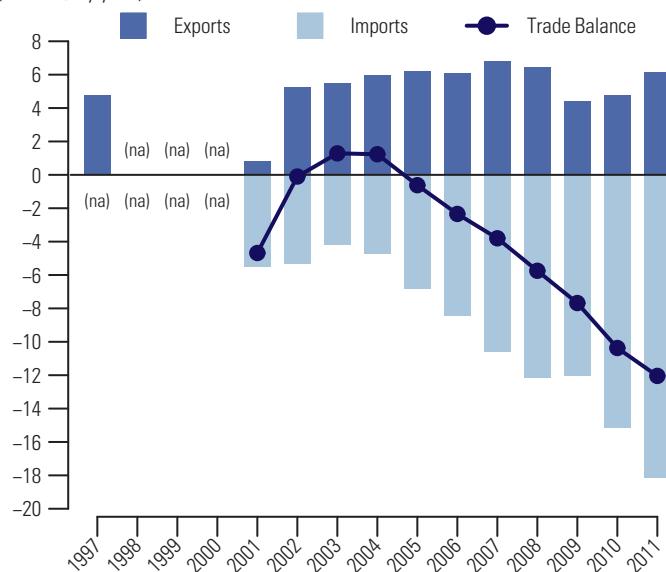
Trade System: General

Overview:

After a big drop of 31.9 percent in 2009, the value of Dominican Republic's exports bounced back in 2010 by 9.0 percent and continued to rise by 28.2 percent to reach 6.1 bln US\$ in 2011 (see table 1 and graph 1). In 2011, imports increased by 19.9 percent to 18.2 bln US\$ (see table 2 and graph 1). This resulted in a trade deficit of 12.0 bln US\$ in 2011, higher than the 2010 deficit of 10.4 bln US\$ (see graph 1). Trade was in deficit with all of the MDG regions except for Sub-Saharan Africa (see graph 2). Large deficits were recorded with Developed North America (-4.4 bln US\$), Latin America and the Caribbean (-4.1 bln US\$) and Eastern Asia (-1.6 bln US\$). Imports were more diversified across partners than exports in 2011: 10 major partners accounted for 80 percent of imports (compared to 5 major partners for exports) (see graph 3).

Graph 1: Total imports, exports and trade balance

(Bln US\$ by year)



Exports Profile:

Dominican Republic's exports in 2011 were composed of 34.0 percent miscellaneous manufactured articles (SITC section 8), 24.0 percent food, live animals, beverages and tobacco (SITC sections 0+1) and 20.1 percent manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (SITC section 6) (see table 1). USA, Haiti and China were the major destinations for exports (see table 4). From 2009 to 2011, top export commodities were instruments and appliances used in medical, surgical, dental or veterinary (HS code 9018), cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes (HS code 2402) and articles of jewellery and parts thereof, of precious metal (HS code 7113) (see table 3).

Table 1: Exports by SITC sections

(Value in million US\$, growth and shares in percentage)

SITC	2011	Avg. Growth rates (%)		2011 share
		2007-2011	2010-2011	
Total	6112.5	-2.6	28.2	100.0
0+1	1468.7	10.8	14.1	24.0
2+4	253.9	18.2	51.1	4.2
3	179.1	-17.9	3668.6	2.9
5	371.5	20.6	16.1	6.1
6	1228.7	-10.0	67.2	20.1
7	520.8	-16.3	13.6	8.5
8	2077.4	-1.2	15.9	34.0
9	12.4	30.5	740.4	0.2

Table 2: Imports by SITC sections

(Value in million US\$, growth and shares in percentage)

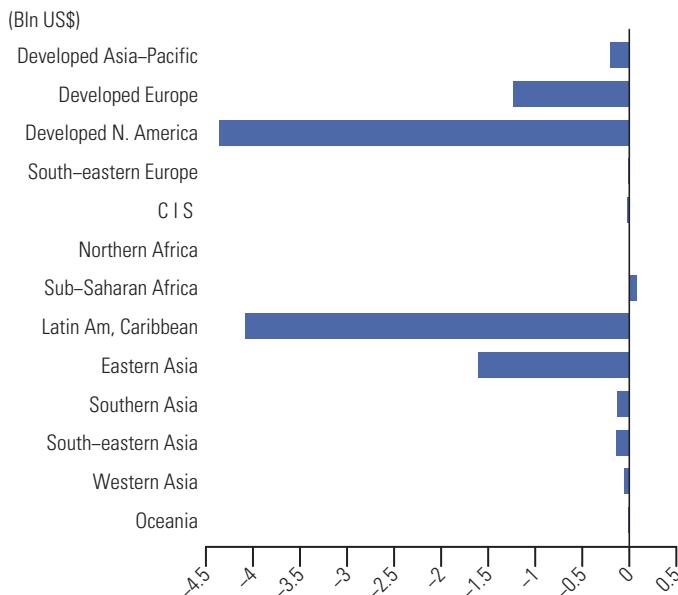
SITC	2011	Avg. Growth rates (%)		2011 share
		2007-2011	2010-2011	
Total	18156.1	14.4	19.9	100.0
0+1	2133.2	14.2	28.9	11.7
2+4	680.5	8.0	15.1	3.7
3	4669.7	129.8	25.9	25.7
5	1981.7	13.1	24.0	10.9
6	3474.9	8.8	32.9	19.1
7	3330.5	-0.2	-6.0	18.3
8	1767.3	4.4	30.0	9.7
9	118.3	-2.7	80.2	0.7

Table 3: Top 10 export commodities 2009 to 2011

(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2007	Value (million US\$)			Unit value			SITC code
		2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	
All Commodities.....		4374.4	4766.7	6112.5				
9018 Instruments and appliances used in medical, surgical, dental or veterinary.....		634.6	670.2	662.4				872
2402 Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes.....		244.2	290.1	324.4	20.3	19.7	11.8	US\$/kg 122
7113 Articles of jewellery and parts thereof, of precious metal.....		219.3	215.0	197.0				897
5208 Woven fabrics of cotton, containing 85 % or more by weight of cotton.....		280.9	228.6	0.1		4.3	6.7	US\$/kg 652
6405 Other footwear.....		127.4	164.7	184.9				851
1801 Cocoa beans, whole or broken, raw or roasted.....		143.7	164.5	165.2	2.5	3.2	3.4	US\$/kg 072
8536 Electrical apparatus for switching or protecting electrical circuits.....		172.1	211.8	40.5				772
0803 Bananas, including plantains, fresh or dried.....		108.9	154.8	153.9	0.4	0.4	0.4	US\$/kg 057
1701 Cane or beet sugar and chemically pure sucrose, in solid form.....		93.6	137.5	132.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	US\$/kg 061
7214 Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel.....		86.4	90.6	173.0	0.6	0.6	0.7	US\$/kg 676

Graph 2: Trade Balance by MDG Regions in 2011



Graph 3: Partner concentration of trade in 2011

(Cumulative share by ranked partners)

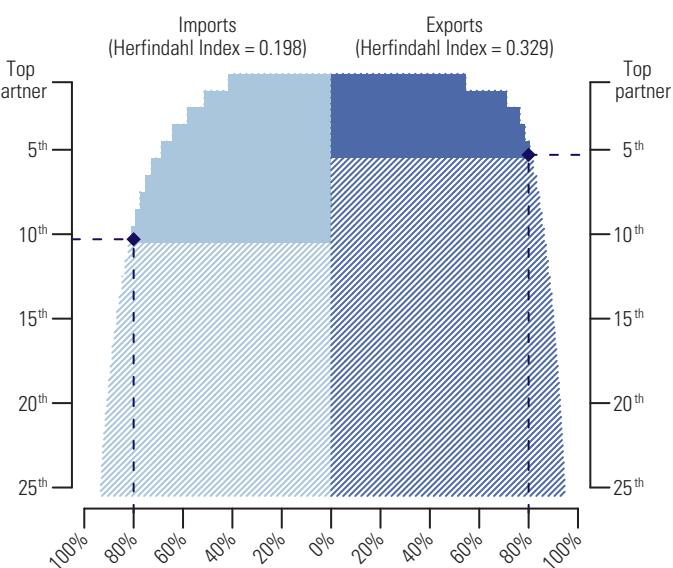


Table 4: Exports by principal countries and SITC sections in 2011

(Value in million US\$, percentages of country total)

Country	Total	Shares by SITC sections (%)									
		0 + 1	2 + 4	3	5	6	7	8	9	Total	
World.....	6112.5	24.0	4.2	2.9	6.1	20.1	8.5	34.0	0.2	100	
USA.....	3330.9	21.1	1.5	0.1	4.9	10.2	13.3	48.5	0.4	100	
Haiti.....	1013.6	26.9	2.6	1.3	8.6	42.0	1.2	17.4	...	100	
China.....	330.3	0.5	15.5	0.0	0.6	76.6	0.4	6.4	...	100	
Netherlands.....	128.3	45.2	1.4	...	0.2	0.7	2.7	49.8	...	100	
United Kingdom.....	117.4	86.9	1.8	...	0.5	0.2	0.2	10.5	...	100	
Belgium.....	84.8	52.5	0.1	...	9.7	0.1	0.0	37.5	...	100	
Venezuela.....	80.2	62.3	6.7	0.4	15.2	13.0	0.9	1.4	...	100	
Nigeria.....	73.8	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	100	
Germany.....	59.1	56.3	2.2	0.0	0.2	1.8	31.3	8.0	...	100	
Honduras.....	54.4	7.9	9.7	13.7	4.8	50.4	0.8	12.7	...	100	

Imports Profile:

In 2011, mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (SITC section 3) accounted for 25.7 percent of imports in 2011 (see table 2). Other major commodity groups included manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (SITC section 6) and machinery and transport equipment (SITC section 7) respectively with 19.1 percent and 18.3 percent of imports. Over the last three years, top products for imports were petroleum oils, other than crude (HS code 2710), petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude (HS code 2709) and petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons (HS code 2711) (see table 5).

Table 5: Top 10 import commodities 2009 to 2011

(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2007	Value (million US\$)			Unit value			SITC code
		2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	
All Commodities.....		12054.4	15138.2	18156.1				
2710 Petroleum oils, other than crude.....		1426.5	1993.2	2508.6	1.0	0.7	0.4	US\$/kg 334
2709 Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude.....		435.3	863.9	979.5	0.7	0.4	0.6	US\$/kg 333
2711 Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons.....		504.4	627.6	801.4				343
8703 Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport.....		345.9	567.3	373.7	24.6	25.4		thsd US\$/unit 781
3004 Medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06).....		335.7	360.5	382.2				542
8517 Electrical apparatus for line telephony or line telegraphy.....		285.4	387.1	306.4				764
3926 Other articles of plastics.....		256.7	186.4	357.8	11.6	11.2	11.1	US\$/kg 893
1005 Maize (corn).....		165.7	236.4	327.4		0.2		US\$/kg 044
8536 Electrical apparatus for switching or protecting electrical circuits.....		158.5	175.3	258.7				772
7206 Iron and non-alloy steel in ingots or other primary forms.....		139.3	190.9	158.5	1.2	0.9	0.7	US\$/kg 672