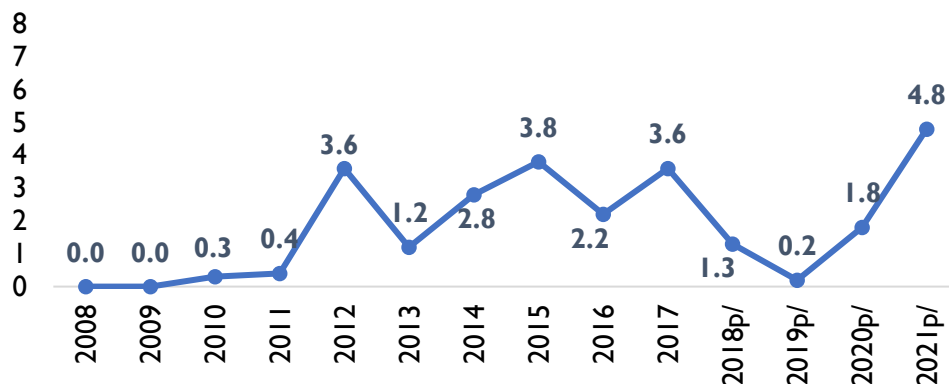




DOMINICAN REPUBLIC'S INVESTMENTS IN GUATEMALA

Dominican Republic's Investments in Guatemala  
2008 - 2021  
in US\$ Millions



Industry Classification of Investments  
Year 2021

Industry Classification	Value (in US\$ Millions)
Manufacturing Industries	4.7
Other Activities	0.1

GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS INDEX - 2019

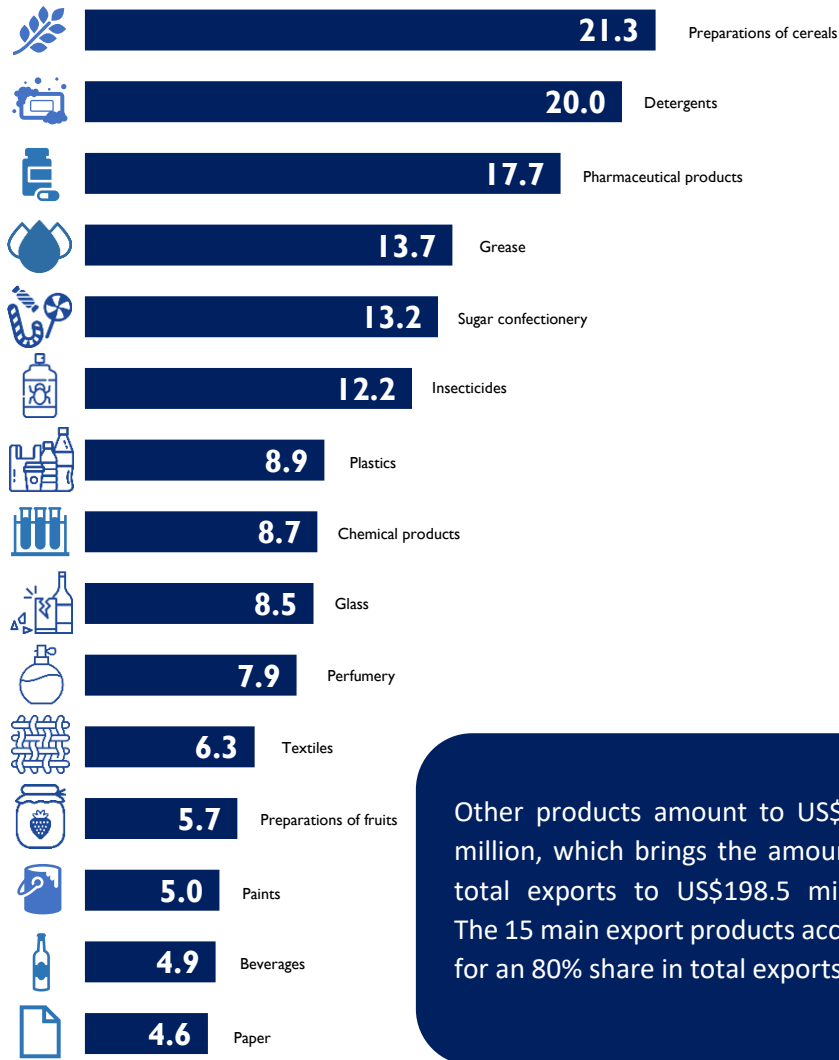
PILLAR	Global		LATAM and Caribbean	
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GLOBAL RANKING	78	98	16	11
Institutions	86	121	16	8
Infrastructure	79	102	16	12
ICT adoption	79	110	12	15
Macroeconomic stability	76	81	6	9
Health	86	88	18	19
Skills	86	103	14	15
Product market	82	46	14	3
Labour market	52	122	14	10
Financial system	65	81	15	3
Market Size	70	75	9	10
Business dynamism	86	96	13	6
Innovation capability	85	98	15	9

In terms of the Global Competitiveness Index, the Dominican Republic ranks above Guatemala, placing #78 while Guatemala is 20 places behind in place #98. The product market pillar is the only one out of the 12 pillars in which Guatemala is above the Dominican Republic.



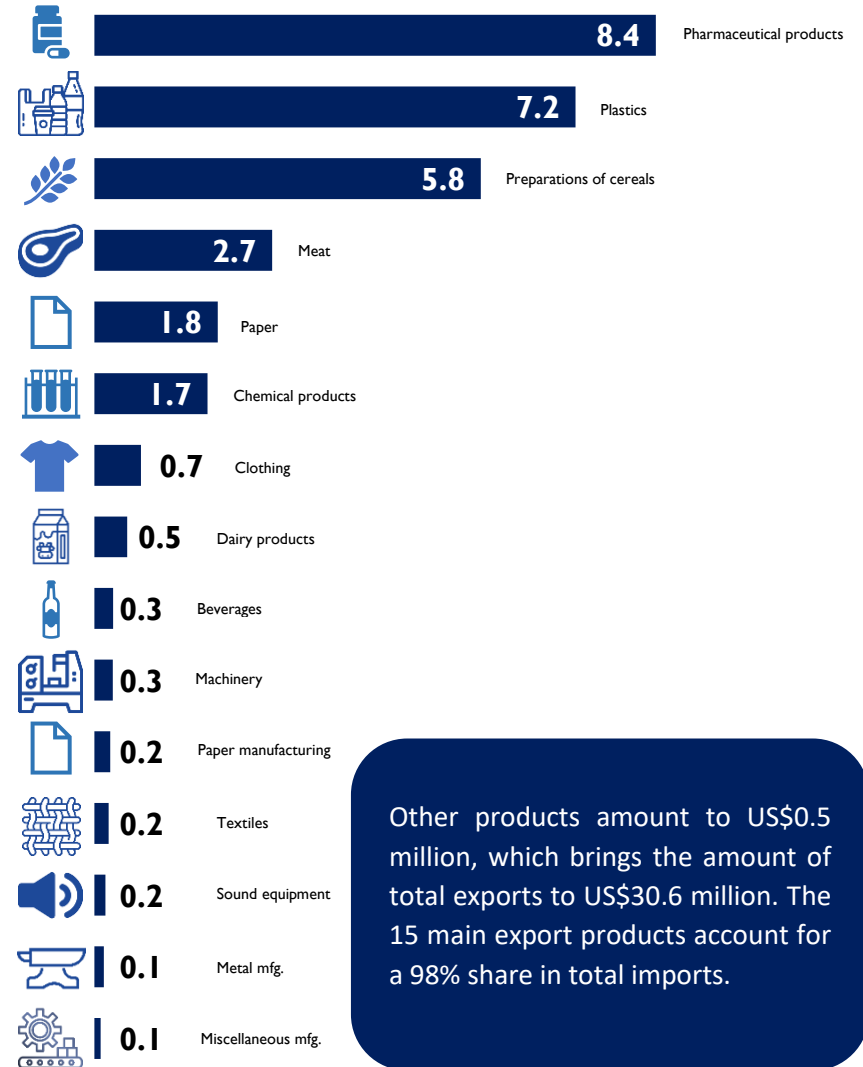
GUATEMALA'S TRADE WITH THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC – 15 Main Products – 2021

Exports (US\$ millions)



Other products amount to US\$39.9 million, which brings the amount of total exports to US\$198.5 million. The 15 main export products account for an 80% share in total exports.

Imports (US\$ millions)



Other products amount to US\$0.5 million, which brings the amount of total imports to US\$30.6 million. The 15 main import products account for a 98% share in total imports.

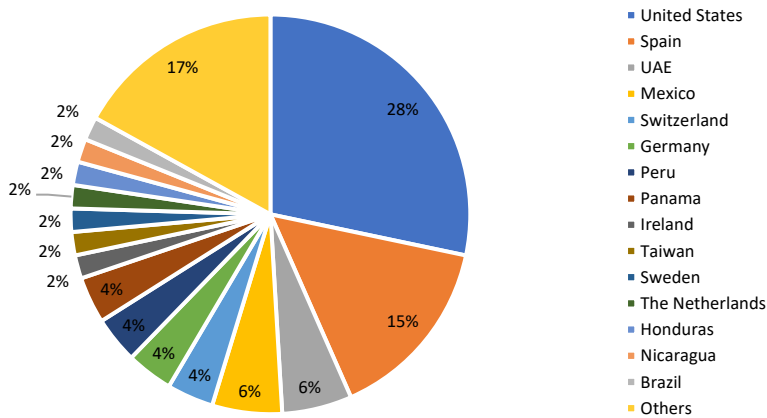


INVESTMENT PROJECTS 2019 – JUNE 2022

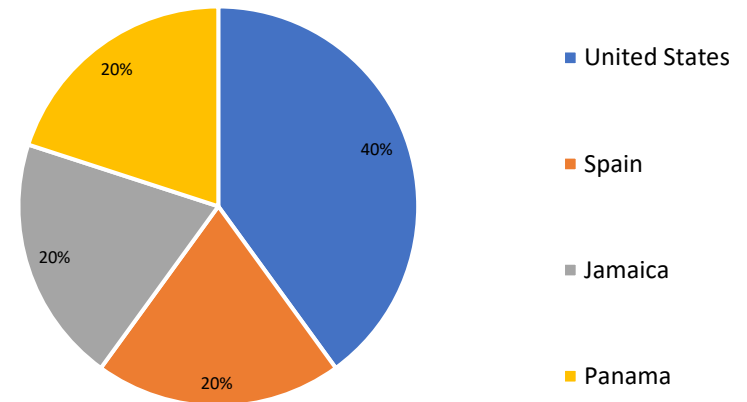
53 Investment Projects in the Dominican Republic

The Dominican Republic has undertaken 5 investment projects in other countries, and they are disaggregated as follows:

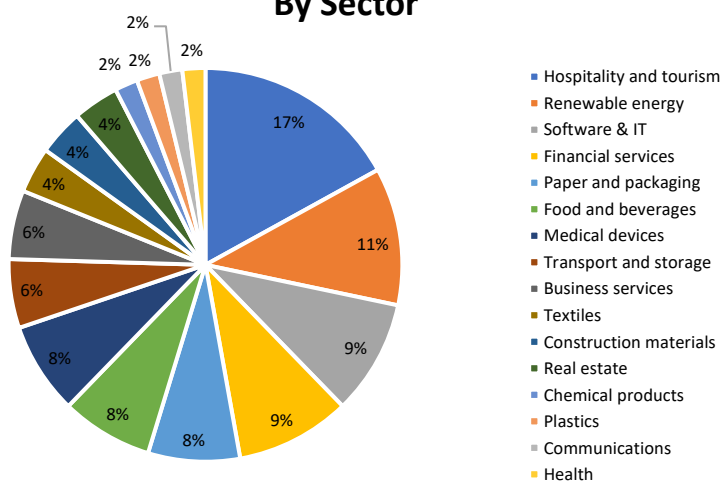
By Source Country



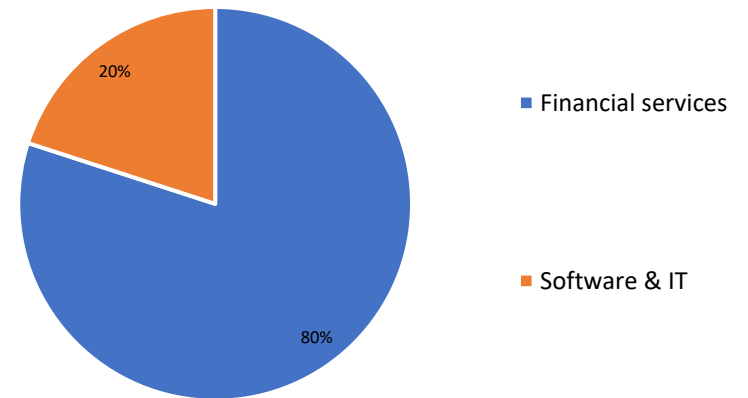
By Destination Country



By Sector



By Sector



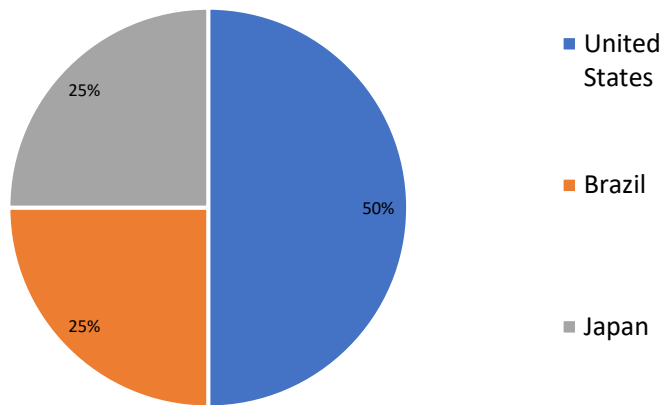


INVESTMENT SIGNALS JULY 2020 – JUNE 2022

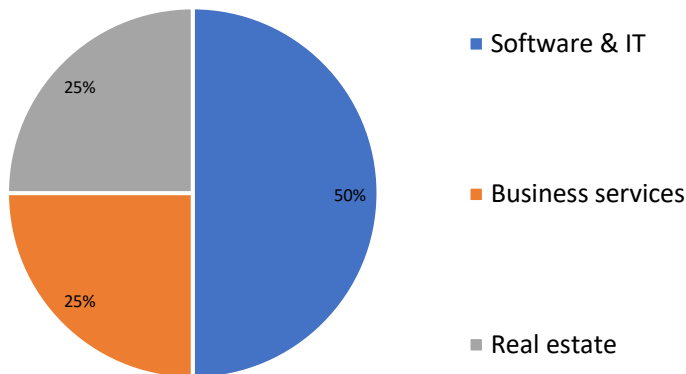
4 Investment signals destined for the Dominican Republic

No investment signals have been registered from the Dominican Republic.

By Source Country



By Sector



By Destination Country

There is no information on investment signals from the Dominican Republic

By Sector

There is no information on investment signals from the Dominican Republic



## Employment

Employment in the manufacturing sector has started to recover in the Dominican Republic. Over 137 thousand jobs were generated in the first four months of 2022. The sectors that created the most jobs were:

- Pharmaceutical products, 110%;
- Soap and detergent production, 115%;
- Plastics manufacturing, 108%;
- Animal and vegetable oil processing, 106%;
- Chemical-substance manufacturing, 103%;
- Milling-product processing, 104%;
- Dairy-product production, 101%;
- Iron and steel industries, 101%.

<https://eldia.com.do/se-han-recuperado-mas-137-mil-empleos/#:~:text=%E2%80%9320E%20ministro%20de%20Industria%2C%20Comercio,Tesorer%C3%ADa%20de%20la%20Seguridad%20Social>

In order to increase job generation, different programs have been created, among them:

- The “National Employment Plan”, which has been developed jointly by the Ministry of Labor and the EUROsociAL+ program. This program is aimed at creating 600 thousand new decent jobs in the 2021-2024 period. It is an effort undertaken by various institutions, seeking to create economic incentives for investments, territorial and sectoral plans, and technical and professional training to promote the development of human talent and the employability of the vulnerable population.
- The “Primer Empleo Joven” (First Youth Employment) program has US\$27 million available to develop projects in various areas that generate employment. This will provide access to support programs aimed at increasing technical capabilities and access to credit for young people’s projects, with differentiated financing rates and conditions.

## NEWS

### Dominican Economy Grows 5.6% in the First Five Months of the Year 2022

<https://www.bloomberglinea.com/2022/07/07/economia-dominicana-crece-56-en-los-primeros-cinco-meses-del-2022/>

Despite global economic shocks such as the increase in the prices of commodities (oil and its derivatives), the economic activity in the Dominican Republic grew 5.6% in the first five months of 2022.

### The Ministry of Economy Reports Favorable Conditions and Outlook for the Manufacturing Sector, and Continued Dynamism in the Tourism Sector

<https://mepyd.gob.do/ministerio-de-economia-informa-sector-manufacturero-exhibe-condiciones-y-perspectivas-favorables-y-el-turismo-sigue-con-su-dinamismo/>

The Sector Outlook Report highlights the expansion of manufacturing and free-trade zone exports. Foreign sales of manufacturing products under the free-trade zone regime increased by 14.1% year-on-year in April 2022. The products that contributed the most to this growth were medical instruments and jewelry.

### A Plan Was Established to Turn the Country into a World Logistics Hub

<https://www.cesla.com/detalle-noticias-de-republica-dominicana.php?id=32083>

The study “Logistics Hub: a Reality for the Country” was presented. It seeks to define the strategies that the country will implement in order to become a world-class logistics hub.

### Residential Electricity Rates Will Increase 9% Starting in July

<https://www.diariolibre.com/economia/energia/2022/06/30/tarifa-electrica-residencial-para-julio-septiembre-de-2022/1919642>

Electricity rates will be adjusted upwards by 9% for residential customers. However, large commercial and industrial customers will see lower and negative adjustments ranging from -1.8% to -2.0%.