

The Foreign Born from the Dominican Republic in the United States

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This spotlight examines the size, growth, and distribution of the foreign born from the Dominican Republic in the United States. Between 1990 and 2000, the number of Dominican immigrants nearly doubled in size, increasing from approximately 348,000 to over 687,000, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The rapid growth during the last decade was due to high levels of immigration, especially in the early 1990s.

By 2000, Dominican immigrants represented the eleventh largest foreign-born group and the fourth-largest Latin American immigrant group, following Mexico (9.2 million), Cuba (872,716), and El Salvador (817,336).

Click on the bullet points below for more information:

- There are over 687,000 foreign born from the Dominican Republic in the United States.
- Immigrants from the Dominican Republic account for just over two percent of the total foreign-born population.
- The majority of Dominican foreign born live in the Northeast region.
- Over half of all Dominican immigrants live in the state of New York.
- Between 1990 and 2000, the number of foreign born from the Dominican Republic in the United States increased by 98 percent.
- The states with the largest numeric increases in their immigrant populations from the Dominican Republic between 1990 and 2000 were New York, New Jersey, Florida, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Pennsylvania.
- The foreign born from the Dominican Republic make up less than one-half of one percent of the total U.S. population, but over two percent of the population of New York.

Dominican foreign-born population, for the United States: 1990 and 2000

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Immigrants from the Dominican Republic account for just over two percent of the total foreign-born population. Of the 31.1 million foreign born in the United States, 2.2 percent were immigrants from the Dominican Republic, according to the results of Census 2000.

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The majority of Dominican foreign born live in the Northeast region. Approximately 85 percent of all Dominican foreign born lived in the Northeast region, with 13 percent in the South, and less than two percent each in the Midwest and West, according to the results of Census 2000.

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Over half of all Dominicans live in the state of New York. Well over half (408,086 or 59 percent) of all Dominicans in the United States lived in the state of New York in 2000. Five additional states had Dominican populations over 10,000, including New Jersey (91,316), Florida (66,690), Massachusetts (46,744), Rhode Island (16,382) and Pennsylvania (11,687). When combined, these six states accounted for 93 percent of all immigrants from the Dominican Republic.

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Between 1990 and 2000, the number of foreign born from the Dominican Republic in the United States increased by 98 percent. The foreign-born population from the Dominican Republic increased from 347,858 in 1990 to 687,677 in 2000, or by 339,819 persons, according to the results of Census 2000, representing an increase of 98 percent.

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The states with the largest numeric increases in their immigrant populations from the Dominican Republic between 1990 and 2000 were New York, New Jersey, Florida, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Pennsylvania. The Dominican foreign-born populations in each of these states - with the exception of New York - more than doubled in size. Of these six states, Pennsylvania had the fastest-growing Dominican immigrant population, with a 412 percent growth in population between 1990 and 2000, followed by Florida with a 185 percent increase.

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The foreign born from the Dominican Republic make up less than one-half of one percent of the total U.S. population, but over two percent of the population of New York. According to the results of Census 2000, immigrants from the Dominican Republic accounted for 0.2 percent of the total population. In just two states -

New York (2.2 percent) and New Jersey (1.1 percent) – did the foreign born from the Dominican Republic make up more than one percent of the total state population.

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