The number of immigrants from the Dominican Republic has tripled since 1990 making them the fifth-largest Spanish-speaking population living in the United States. Immigrants from the Dominican Republic form the second-largest immigrant group in Greater Boston* after China and ahead of, in order, India, Haiti, Brazil, El Salvador, Vietnam, Canada, Guatemala and Cape Verde. Data from 2017.

- Total population in Greater Boston: 71,725
- Second-largest immigrant group in Greater Boston: 69.5%

**VOTER ELIGIBILITY**

Nearly half of immigrants from the Dominican Republic in Greater Boston are eligible to vote. They rank fourth in voter eligibility among the 10 largest immigrant populations.

(Eligible voters are adult U.S. citizens.)

- Dominicans: 50.1%
- All Immigrants: 49.3%

**HEALTH INSURANCE**

About 8.8 percent of immigrants from the Dominican Republic in Greater Boston lack health insurance.

- Percent uninsured by population:
  - Dominicans: 8.8%
  - All Immigrants: 7.3%
  - U.S.-Born: 3.0%

**HOME OWNERSHIP**

Immigrants from the Dominican Republic in Greater Boston have low levels of home ownership. Among the 10 largest immigrant groups, only immigrants from Guatemala have less at 17 percent.

- Dominicans: 18.6%
- All Immigrants: 44.8%
- U.S.-Born: 65.5%

**ENGLISH PROFICIENCY**

One-third of immigrants from the Dominican Republic in Greater Boston speak English well or very well. However, this figure is higher than any Spanish-speaking group in the 10 largest immigrant populations.

- Dominicans: 34.2%
- All Immigrants: 56.4%

*All populations referenced in graphs (Dominicans, all immigrants, U.S.-born) are residents of the Boston-Cambridge-Newton Metropolitan Statistical Area including New Hampshire.
TOP 3 OCCUPATIONS

More than half of immigrants from the Dominican Republic in Greater Boston have one of the following occupations. They are more likely to be employed in Production occupations in Greater Boston compared to their 8.3 percent share of the national workforce.

- Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance: 16.1% Dominicans, 8.2% All Immigrants, 2.0% U.S.-Born
- Office & Administrative Support: 11.4% Dominicans, 8.1% All Immigrants, 12.9% U.S.-Born
- Production: 6.5% Dominicans, 11.1% All Immigrants, 2.9% U.S.-Born

MEDIAN INCOME

Immigrants from the Dominican Republic in Greater Boston have the lowest average annual income of the 10 largest immigrant populations.

- Personal Income: $30,379 Dominicans, $48,662 All Immigrants, $63,796 U.S.-Born
- Total Family Income: $27,305 Dominicans, $55,000 All Immigrants, $73,217 U.S.-Born

EDUCATION

More than one-third of immigrants from the Dominican Republic in Greater Boston have not graduated high school. However, they are the most likely of Spanish-speaking immigrants in the 10 largest immigrant groups to have bachelor’s degrees.

- Doctoral Degree: 0.2% Dominicans, 2.1% All Immigrants, 5.1% U.S.-Born
- Graduate, MA, or Professional Degree: 10.1% Dominicans, 15.3% All Immigrants, 17.8% U.S.-Born
- BA/BS College Degree: 22.0% Dominicans, 18.0% All Immigrants, 27.3% U.S.-Born
- Some College/Associate Degree: 27.9% Dominicans, 17.3% All Immigrants, 23.9% U.S.-Born
- High School Diploma: 37.7% Dominicans, 20.7% All Immigrants, 23.3% U.S.-Born
- No High School Diploma: 5.4%

EMPLOYMENT

Immigrants from the Dominican Republic in Greater Boston have slightly lower rates of labor force participation compared to all immigrant groups and the U.S.-born population. However, this figure is higher compared to immigrants from the Dominican Republic across the U.S. at 66.5 percent.

- Labor Force Participation: 67.9% Dominicans, 69.8% All Immigrants, 68.8% U.S.-Born
- Unemployment: 11.7% Dominicans, 6.8% All Immigrants, 6.1% U.S.-Born

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