

REPORT

Foreign Direct Investment Performance in the Dominican Republic and International Context 2022



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Dominican Republic: A Resilient Economy Built on Trust. The year 2022 was a challenging year, primarily due to the increase in levels of uncertainty under which multinational and national companies had to operate. This situation led to the reevaluation of administrative and business adjustments to adapt to the turbulent geopolitical and economic landscape prevailing in the international economy. Considering this situation, investment promotion institutions found themselves compelled to implement strategic actions to position their countries, and the Dominican Republic was no exception. Our country has become a benchmark for political stability, macroeconomic strength, and competitiveness in the Central American and Caribbean region for foreign investments. It has demonstrated a high level of resilience that has allowed us to maintain an upward trajectory in attracting investments and in the after-care processes (post-start of operations) to foster reinvestments.

The report we present today consolidates various reports and reflects the results that can be achieved when governmental efforts are combined with private sector collaboration. During 2022, the Dominican Republic received US\$4,010.4 million in foreign direct investment (FDI), reaching its historical peak, which fills us with pride. Furthermore, the country positioned itself as the first recipient of FDI in Central America and

the Caribbean, at a time when global FDI flows experienced a widespread slowdown. According to the "World Investment Report" by UNCTAD, our country significantly boosted the growth of FDI in the Caribbean region by a 53%. These results are part of a diligent effort in attracting FDI, generating more investment-friendly facilities, and eliminating bureaucracy in a business environment that promotes the expansion of companies, offers attractive incentives, and facilitates investment processes throughout the project cycle with the implementation of projects such as the Foreign Direct Investment One-Stop-Shop - VUI-RD.

It is essential to highlight how foreign investments have driven the competitiveness of the free trade zones in the Dominican Republic in international markets, demonstrating an effective transfer of technologies and knowledge. On the other hand, records from FDI Markets by the Financial Times support the country's ability



to attract large-scale projects. On average, each project created about 400 job positions, placing the Dominican Republic in the second position in this indicator among the top 10 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean in terms of the number of projects executed.

We recognize that our task is not limited to creating attractive conditions for doing business, but also to support the execution of projects with the ecosystem of services created by ProDominicana. In other words, it is necessary to meet the multiple service needs that arise throughout the investment process, with the main guideline being a commitment to reinvestment. This commitment is reflected in the country's reinvestment rate, which stands at over 50%, serving as a measure of confidence in the country's potential to attract other markets. These efforts have been carried out through various activities such as events, fairs, and missions with numerous traditional and non-traditional countries.

It is pertinent to note the importance that foreign direct investment has had in the economic diversification of the Dominican Republic in recent years, successfully generating new engines of growth and an increasingly solid and robust sectorial structure.

Nevertheless, this calls for redoubling our efforts and maintaining a proactive approach, with a focus on attracting FDI into projects identified by the Executive Branch as priorities for national development. In this regard, at ProDominicana, we have taken on the commitment to promote the diversification of FDI across various sectors of the economy while recognizing the importance of sectors that foster productive employment and projects with a direct impact on the growth of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and, consequently, on development. Following this logic, ProDominicana has undertaken intensive work in commercial missions and various international events, highlighting the advantages of our nation concerning economic and political stability, as well as the investment opportunities available in several sectors of our economy. This strategy has proven to be practically useful in attracting FDI over the last three (3) years, keeping us at the forefront of the entire Central American region. We have presented a country that has, in some way, captured the attention of the entire world.

In conclusion, we recognize the investors who have placed their trust in our country as a destination for doing business within a framework of legal security. Likewise, we extend our gratitude to the government institutions, development agencies, and private sector collaborators who have worked tirelessly to create a conducive environment for investments and streamline procedures and processes. Their support and dedication have been fundamental in driving economic growth and generating better employment opportunities for our population. We are pleased to continue working with our allies in building a more promising future for all, based on conditions that facilitate a greater flow of Foreign Direct Investment.

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1. Foreign Direct Investment Performance in the Dominican Republic 2022

In 2022, the Dominican Republic received US\$4,010.4 million in foreign direct investment (FDI), a figure 25.5% higher than that recorded in 2021 and representing the highest value in history.

Foreign Direct Investment Flows
2021 - 2022

Foreign Direct Investment	2021	2022	Variations	
	US\$ Million		Absolute	%
Total	3,196.8	4,010.4	813.6	25.5

Source: Central Bank of the Dominican Republic (BCRD, by its Spanish acronym)

The favorable trend in FDI inflows can be attributed to the political and social stability, as well as the investor's confidence in the country's economic and legal framework. These factors have facilitated the attraction of foreign direct investment, which has been mostly directed towards the development of tourist projects, expansion of free trade zones and logistics centers taking advantage of the nearshoring phenomenon, as well as the growing momentum of energy projects.



FDI RECORD
AMOUNT:

**US\$4,010.4
Million**



1.1 Foreign direct investment by destination sector 2022

According to figures published by the Central Bank of the Dominican Republic, during 2022, 71% of FDI was concentrated in four sectors: tourism, energy, commerce and industry, and real estate. The tourism sector had the largest share, accounting for 25% and an absolute amount of US\$1,011.1 million in the period, showing a 4% growth compared to the previous year. This growth highlights the country's consolidation as a leading tourist destination in the region. Furthermore, the diversification and entry of new projects, as well as the expansion of existing ones, have contributed to the sector's growth.

Historically, the Dominican tourism sector has played a leading role in the national economy, significantly contributing to the GDP and the generation of foreign exchange that strengthens the services balance within the country's balance of payments. Aware of its importance, the government has intensified international tourism promotion actions, laying the groundwork for the sector to maintain its characteristic dynamism, sustainability, and resilience in the coming years.

In that regard, it is pertinent to mention that the Dominican Republic has been recognized worldwide for the rapid recovery of the sector and the economy in general, following the effects caused by the health crisis in the year 2020.



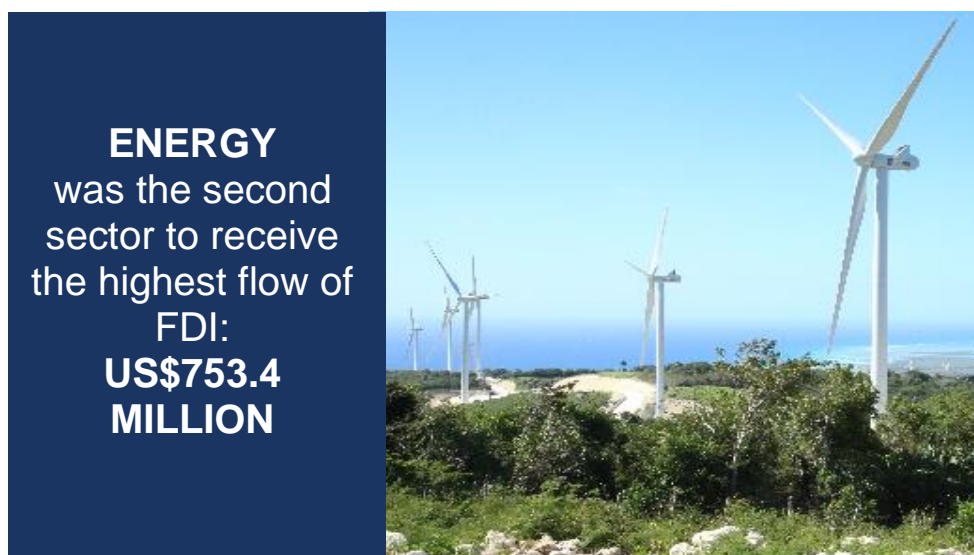
Foreign Direct Investment Flows by Destination Sector

2021 - 2022

Economic Activity	2021		2022		Variations	
	US\$ Million	Share %	US\$ Million	Share %	Absolute	Relative %
Tourism	974.6	30%	1,011.1	25%	36.5	4%
Energy	278.2	9%	753.4	19%	475.2	171%
Commerce	307.4	10%	599.5	15%	292.1	95%
Real Estate	535.8	17%	483.9	12%	-51.9	-10%
Mining	535.9	17%	377.3	9%	-158.6	-30%
Free Trade Zones	283.5	9%	361.8	9%	78.3	28%
Communications	84.3	3%	191.9	5%	107.6	128%
Financial	115.8	4%	169.1	4%	53.3	46%
Transportation	81.3	3%	62.4	2%	-18.9	-23%
Others	0.0	0%	0.0	0%	0.0	0%
FDI Flows	3,196.8	100%	4,010.4	100%	813.6	25%

Source: Central Bank of the Dominican Republic (BCRD)

The energy sector stood out as the second sector with the highest FDI flow, receiving a 19% share. Additionally, this sector experienced the most significant increase in FDI inflows, moving from the sixth place in 2021 with a total amount of US\$278.2 million to second place in 2022, with a total of US\$753.4 million, representing a 171% increase. This behavior can be attributed to the policies adopted by the Dominican government to develop renewable energies, promoting a significant expansion in the production of alternative sources.



On the other hand, the Commerce and Real Estate sectors received US\$599.5 million and USD\$483.9 million, respectively, representing 15% and 12% of the total share. The Telecommunications sector also showed notable growth, obtaining the second most significant increase in FDI inflows, moving from US\$84.3 million in 2021 to US\$191.9 million in 2022, representing a year-on-year increase of 128%.

As for the other sectors, the remaining 24% is composed of the Mining sector with a value of US\$377.3 million, representing 9%, followed by Free Trade Zones with US\$361.8 million, equivalent to 9%, Financial with US\$169.1 million, representing 4%, and finally, Transportation with US\$62.4 million, representing 2% of the total.

1.2 Foreign direct investment by country-of-origin 2022

Based on the figures published by the Central Bank, during the year 2022, 66% of foreign direct investment flows are concentrated in 4 countries: United States, Mexico, Canada, and Spain. As shown in the following table, for this period, the United States tops the list with an investment of US\$1,520.9 million, equivalent to 38% of the total received, maintaining its position as the main investment partner. Mexico ranks second with a 10% share by totaling US\$394.4 million, followed by Canada, with an investment of US\$366.2 million and representing 9% of the received flows. Spain becomes the fourth investment partner, with an invested amount of US\$346.5 million and a 9% share.

After analyzing the recent evolution of the origin of FDI flows, it is worth noting a significant increase in countries such as Brazil, Germany, France, and Switzerland regarding incoming FDI in the Dominican Republic. This trend indicates greater geographical diversification, where investment promotion and attraction strategies have had a significant impact.

As the economic outlook of the country continues to improve, it is anticipated that this trend will persist, strengthening the Dominican Republic's reputation as a stable and expanding market. This, in turn, will enhance foreign investor's confidence in the business environment of the nation.

Foreign Direct Investment Flows by Country of Origin

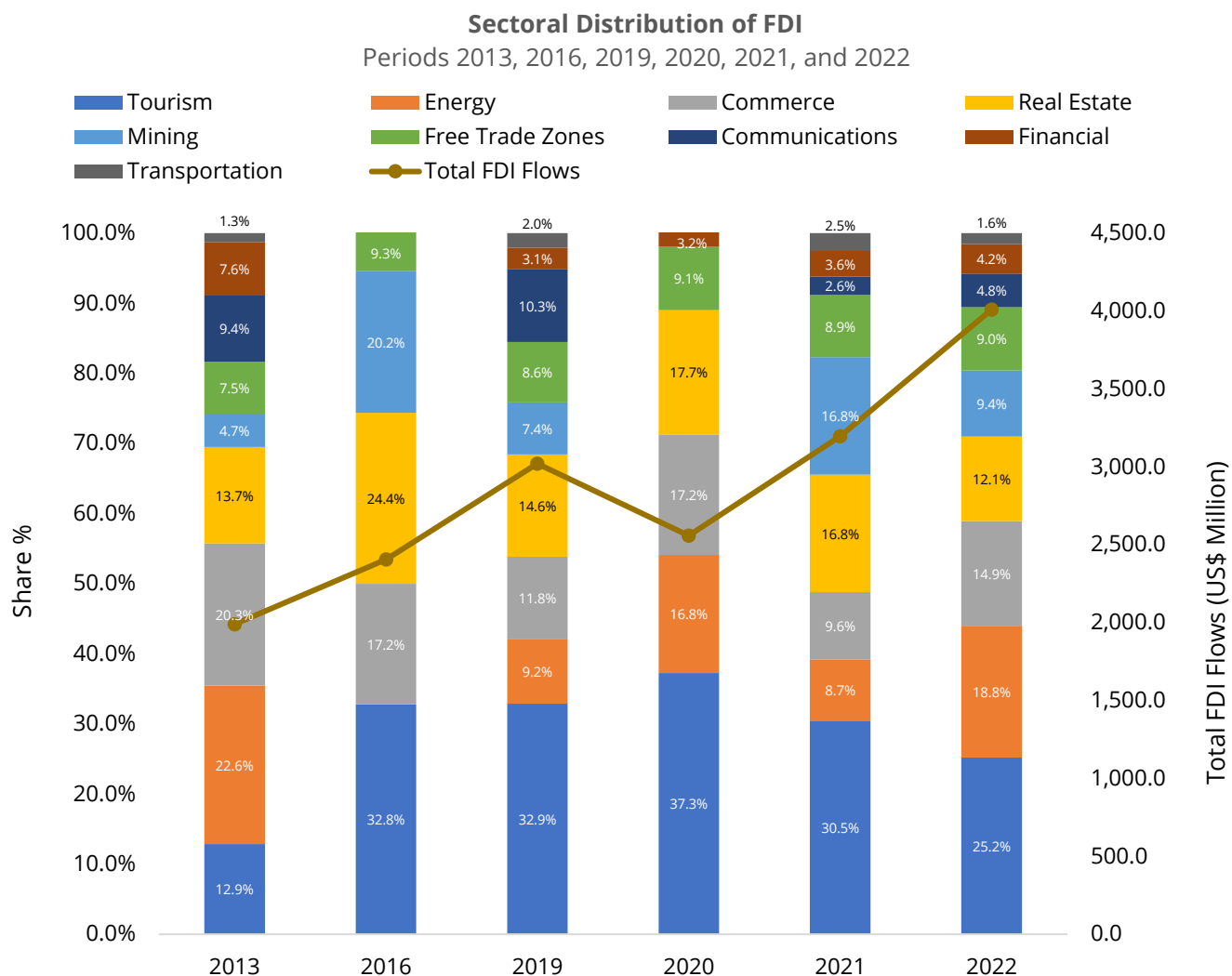
2021 – 2022

Country	2021		2022	
	US\$ Millions	Share %	US\$ Millions	Share %
United States	1,410.0	44.1%	1,520.9	37.9%
Mexico	392.4	12.3%	394.4	9.8%
Canada	379.9	11.9%	366.2	9.1%
Spain	212.9	6.7%	346.5	8.6%
British Virgin Islands	278.8	8.7%	224.4	5.6%
Venezuela	30.2	0.9%	140.6	3.5%
Germany	28.9	0.9%	135.5	3.4%
Brazil	-193.5	-6.1%	109.5	2.7%
Denmark	74.8	2.3%	102.7	2.6%
France	52.0	1.6%	97.7	2.4%
Panama	98.8	3.1%	84.5	2.1%
United Kingdom	17.4	0.5%	66.8	1.7%
Switzerland	0.4	0.0%	50.5	1.3%
Italy	38.0	1.2%	46.6	1.2%
Colombia	16.2	0.5%	10.3	0.3%
Cayman Islands	-221.4	-6.9%	8.9	0.2%
Rest	581.0	18.2%	304.4	7.6%
Total FDI Flows	3,196.8	100.0%	4,010.4	100.0%

Source: Central Bank of the Dominican Republic (BCRD)

1.3 Sectoral Diversification of FDI

In 2022, the Dominican Republic achieved its second-highest level of sectoral diversification in FDI flows in its history, surpassed only by the distribution levels reached in 2013. This trend indicates that the country exhibits a moderate distribution of FDI among various economic sectors, which suggests a reduction in excessive dependence on traditional sectors.



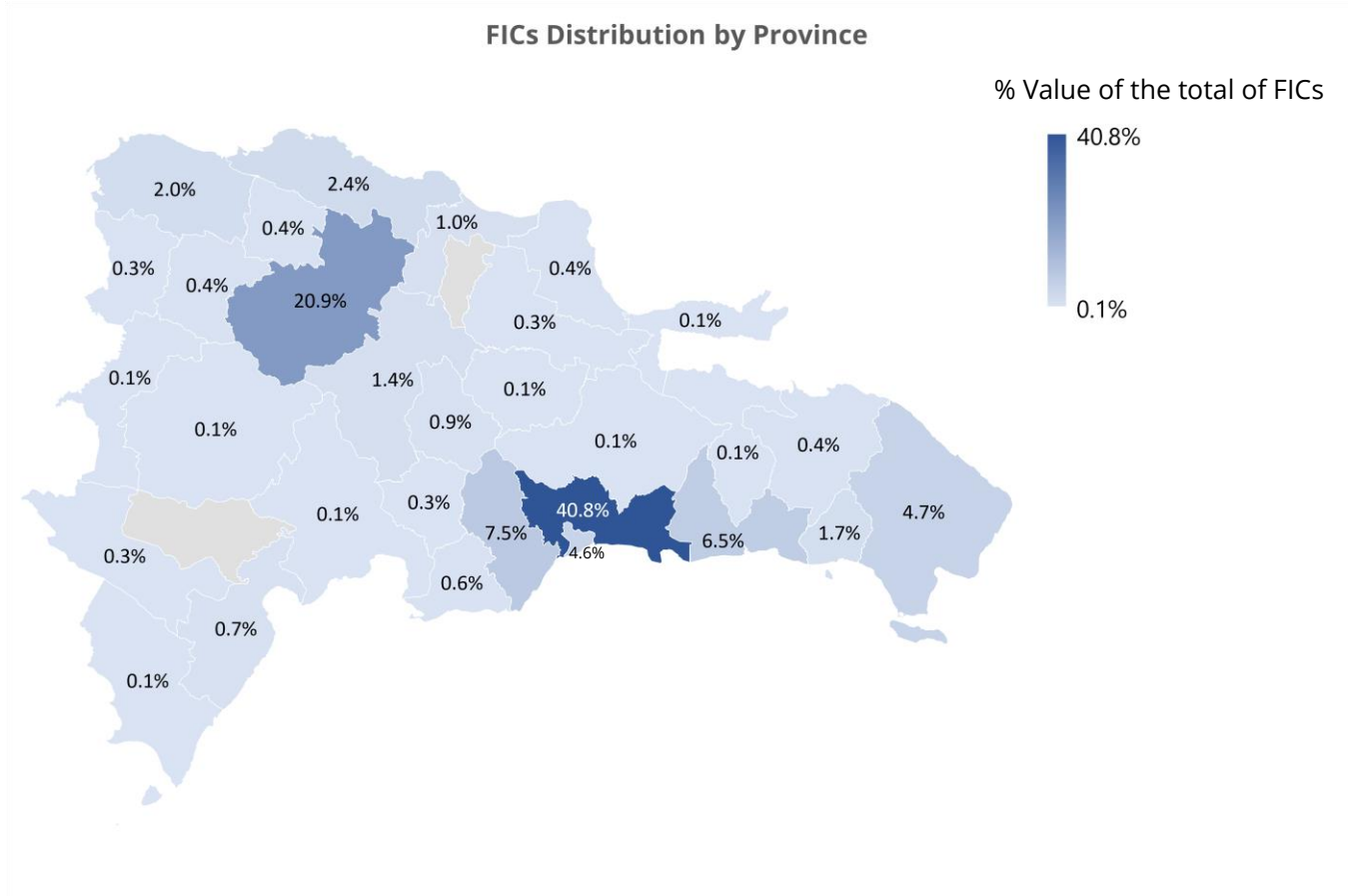
Source: Elaborated by ProDominicana with data from the Central Bank of the Dominican Republic (BCRD).

Note: Sectors with negative values corresponding to operational losses, divestment, and/or dividend payments are excluded.

Given the importance of FDI for the economy of the Dominican Republic, strengthening efforts to increase and diversify foreign investments constitutes a fundamental pillar to maximize the effects on sustainable development.

1.4 Foreign Investment Companies by Province

Currently, in the Dominican Republic, there are around 700 registered Foreign Investment Companies (FICs) distributed across the provinces of the national territory. 40.8% of these companies are in the province of Santo Domingo, followed by Santiago, which accounted for 20.9%, and San Cristóbal, San Pedro de Macoris, and La Altagracia combined represented 18.8%. The remaining 25 provinces accounted for 19.5% of the total registered FICs.



Source: ProDominicana

Note: Figures subject to review

2. Performance of Foreign Investment Companies Exports

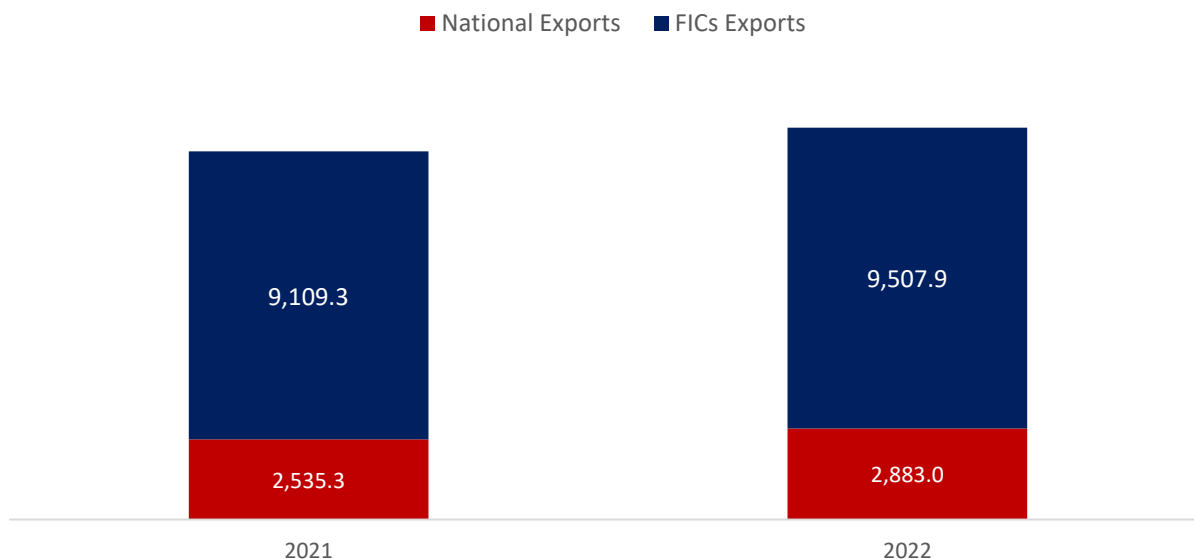
This section is based on data obtained through the National Directory of Foreign Investment Companies (FICs) elaborated by ProDominicana. This National Directory allows the crossing of information with the customs declarations of the companies, enabling a better understanding of the economic activity of the and their impact on development.

In 2022, the total exports of the Dominican Republic reached US\$12,390.9 million, where FICs had a 77% share by exporting US\$9,507.9 million. Specifically, exports from FICs located in free trade zones accounted for the largest share of total FIE exports, at 73%, mainly driven by electric breaker manufacturers. It is worth noting that this sector has been crucial in promoting national productive linkage and expanding exports. Overall, the free trade zone sector has shown year-on-year increases in its manufacturing activity.

The remaining 26% corresponds to exports from FICs installed outside of free trade zones, belonging to the gold, jewelry, and metals sector. Finally, the remaining 1% corresponds to the temporal admission regime.

Compared to last year, the participation of the foreign investment companies in the total exports grew by 4%.

Foreign Direct Companies (FICs) Participation in Total Exports; US\$ Million
2021 - 2022



Source: Elaborated by ProDominicana based on data from the General Directorate of Customs (DGA, by its Spanish acronym)

Note: Preliminary figures

3. Regional Foreign Direct Investment 2022

3.1 FDI in Latin America and the Caribbean

In 2022, foreign direct investment (FDI) flows into Latin America and the Caribbean increased by 51% compared to 2021, reaching US\$208,454.4 million, thus establishing the highest level ever recorded. This increase was the result of a rise in FDI in the main recipient economies and was characterized by a notable interest in investments in services, a renewed focus on investments in hydrocarbons, and the continuity of investments in manufacturing in countries where greater capacities have been accumulated. Brazil, Mexico, and Chile were the main recipients of FDI in the region, while the Dominican Republic ranked eighth.

FDI Performance in Latin America and the Caribbean
2019 – 2022

Region/Country	FDI flows; US\$ Millions				Year-over-year Growth (%)			
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2020-2019	2021-2020	2022-2021	Average 2019-2022
Latin America and the Caribbean	158,143.2	89,857.3	137,898.4	208,454.4	-43%	53%	51%	20%
Latin America	155,437.4	86,349.0	134,065.4	203,999.4	-44%	55%	52%	21%
Caribbean*	3,945.4	3,905.5	2,560.2	3,916.1	-1%	-34%	53%	6%
Brazil	65,386.0	28,318.5	50,651.2	86,050.4	-57%	79%	70%	31%
Mexico	34,567.0	28,195.1	31,543.5	35,291.6	-18%	12%	12%	2%
Chile	14,403.4	10,832.6	13,194.0	19,786.0	-25%	22%	50%	16%
Colombia	13,989.2	7,458.6	9,381.3	17,047.6	-47%	26%	82%	20%
Argentina	6,649.2	4,722.6	6,782.3	15,087.4	-29%	44%	122%	46%
Peru	6,241.1	-416.6	5,755.4	11,655.6	-107%	-1482%	103%	-495%
Guyana	1,695.3	2,085.9	4,468.1	4,408.4	23%	114%	-1%	45%
Dominican Republic	3,021.0	2,559.6	3,196.8	4,010.4	-15%	25%	25%	12%
Uruguay	2,017.7	753.2	2,241.5	3,838.7	-63%	198%	71%	69%
Costa Rica	2,812.3	1,762.7	3,231.1	3,045.0	-37%	83%	-6%	13%
Panama	3,921.0	150.0	1,927.0	2,640.4	-96%	1185%	37%	375%
Guatemala	976.1	934.9	3,461.8	1,352.4	-4%	270%	-61%	68%
Nicaragua	503.0	746.5	1,220.1	1,293.8	48%	63%	6%	39%
Venezuela	-1,278.0	-456.0	-996.0	941.3	-64%	118%	-195%	-47%
Honduras	498.1	418.6	738.7	822.6	-16%	76%	11%	24%
Ecuador	979.0	1,094.7	647.3	788.1	12%	-41%	22%	-2%
Paraguay	331.7	110.1	191.6	473.5	-67%	74%	147%	51%
Jamaica	665.4	265.1	320.5	359.5	-60%	21%	12%	-9%
Aruba	-136.1	137.2	143.0	253.4	-201%	4%	77%	-40%
Barbados	215.4	262.1	238.7	200.0	22%	-9%	-16%	-1%
Antigua and Barbuda	128.3	77.2	244.6	195.9	-40%	217%	-20%	52%
Grenada	204.1	136.5	139.8	160.0	-33%	2%	14%	-5%

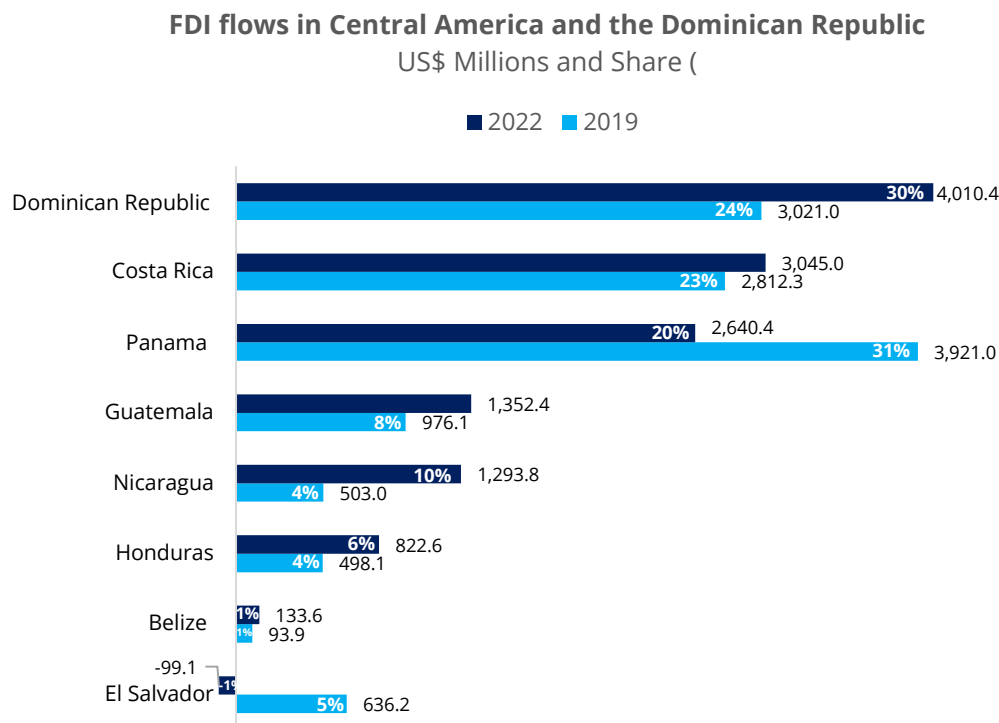
Anguilla	148.0	76.8	114.2	141.0	-48%	49%	23%	8%
Curaçao	203.2	155.7	145.7	140.7	-23%	-6%	-3%	-11%
Belize	93.9	76.2	125.5	133.6	-19%	65%	6%	17%
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	68.8	65.2	160.3	86.4	-5%	146%	-46%	31%
Saint Lucia	75.5	47.6	85.7	66.6	-37%	80%	-22%	7%
Haiti	75.0	25.0	51.3	39.3	-67%	105%	-23%	5%
Turks and Caicos Islands	27.0	30.4	28.7	35.0	13%	-6%	22%	10%
Dominica	63.0	21.5	33.8	28.2	-66%	57%	-16%	-8%
Saint Kitts and Nevis	62.5	5.6	26.4	15.5	-91%	372%	-41%	80%
Sint Maarten	73.9	22.2	28.0	13.5	-70%	26%	-52%	-32%
Suriname	-7.8	0.3	-124.0	7.3	-104%	-35659%	-106%	-11956%
Montserrat	1.1	2.9	2.4	2.4	163%	-17%	-3%	48%
Bolivia	-216.6	-1,129.5	583.6	-26.4	421%	-152%	-105%	55%
El Salvador	636.2	293.4	314.5	-99.1	-54%	7%	-132%	-59%
Trinidad and Tobago	184.0	1,055.8	-1,008.4	-493.1	474%	-196%	-51%	76%

Source: Elaborated by ProDominicana based on data from the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

***Note:** The sum of the Caribbean excludes the financial centers: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, the Bahamas, Barbados, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Curaçao, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sint Maarten and the Turks and Caicos Islands. Furthermore, the three main financial centers (British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, and Bahamas) are excluded from the general list.

3.2 FDI in Central America

As shown in the graph, in 2022, the Dominican Republic positioned itself as the main recipient of foreign direct investment compared to Central America, capturing 30% of the total flows received by the region. Costa Rica consolidated itself as the second recipient of FDI, totaling US\$3,045.0 million, followed by Panama in third place, receiving US\$2,640.4 million. It is worth noting that in 2019, before the pandemic, the Russian intervention in Ukraine and disruptions in international logistics, the Dominican Republic represented 24% of the incoming FDI in the region.



Source: Elaborated by ProDominicana based on data from UNCTAD

From another perspective, FDI in Central America (excluding the Dominican Republic) reached US\$9,188.7 million, so the figure captured by the Dominican Republic, US\$4,010.4 million, is equivalent to 44% of FDI in Central America, showing that the country received nearly half of the investment that the Central American region captured.

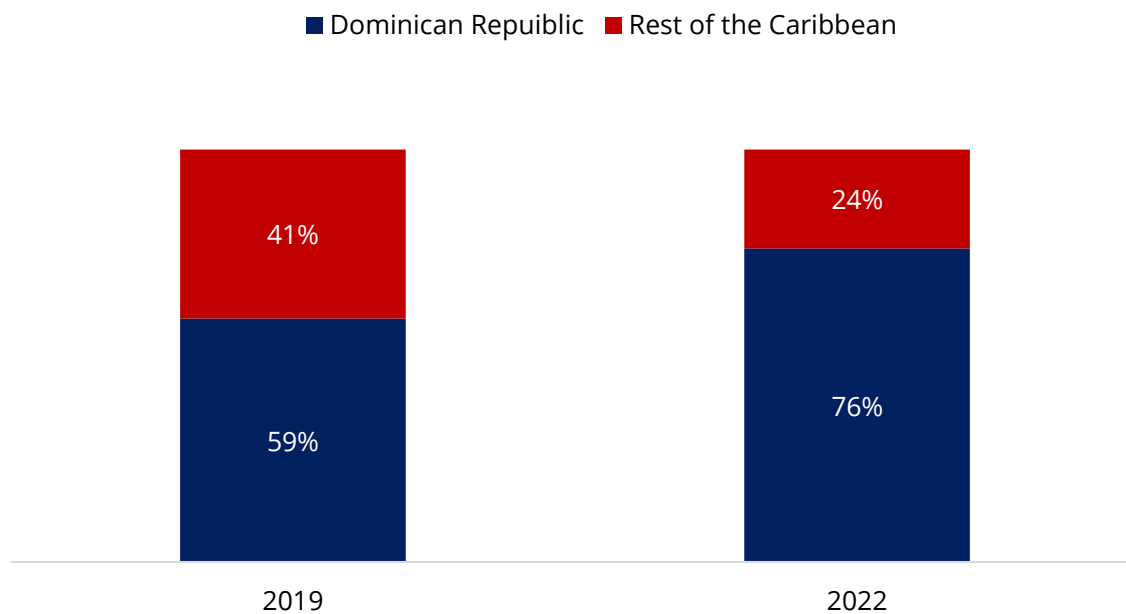
3.3 FDI in the Caribbean

During 2022, FDI in the Caribbean (excluding countries considered as financial centers) amounted to US\$3.916.1 million, equivalent to a year-on-year growth of 53% compared to the previous year. This performance was primarily driven by the inward investment in the Dominican Republic at US\$4,010.4 million. It is worth noting that the net flow received by the Caribbean region is lower than that captured by the Dominican Republic due to the reduction in FDI in Trinidad and Tobago, which recorded a negative value of US\$493.1 million.

It is relevant to point out that in 2019 and 2022, the Dominican Republic captured 59% and 76% of the total FDI flows, respectively, demonstrating a greater regional leadership.

Participation of the Dominican Republic in the FDI flows received in the Caribbean*

Periods 2019 and 2022



Source: Elaborated by ProDominicana based on data from UNCTAD

***Note:** The three main financial centers in the Caribbean (British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, and Bahamas) are excluded.

The Dominican Republic's performance in attracting FDI is even more remarkable considering the turbulent international landscape prevailing in 2022. Despite these challenges, the country has demonstrated resilience and strength in its macroeconomic fundamentals, factors that, along with social peace and legal security, will keep the country as an attractive destination for foreign investment.

3.4 Positioning of the Dominican Republic in FDI projects in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2022

In this section, the data provided by the fDi Markets¹ tool is used to analyze the performance of foreign direct investment (FDI) projects in the Latin America and Caribbean region, as well as to assess the performance and position of the Dominican Republic in terms of FDI attraction. It is important to highlight that the data used in this tool is independent of the official data published by countries, as fDi Markets implements its own methodology for monitoring and analyzing global FDI flows.

**FDI by the number of projects in Latin America and the Caribbean
2022**

Destination country	No of projects	No of companies	Jobs created	
			Total	Average
1. Mexico	434	383	175,305	404
2. Brazil	231	197	33,241	144
3. Costa Rica	146	130	16,161	111
4. Colombia	135	119	20,198	150
5. Chile	80	77	10,985	137
6. Argentina	63	59	14,647	232
7. Peru	33	31	2,095	63
8. Dominican Republic	29	26	11,209	387
9. Uruguay	24	23	2,428	101
10. Guatemala	16	15	3,703	231
Other destination countries	78	71	18,484	237
Total	1,269	968	308,456	243

Source: Financial Times – fDi Markets data

In terms of the number of projects, Mexico consolidates itself as the main destination for FDI in Latin America and the Caribbean during 2022, followed by Brazil. The Dominican Republic ranked eighth in this indicator.

The average number of jobs created per project is a useful measure for estimating the size of FDI projects and their contribution to job opportunities. In this regard, during 2022, 243 jobs were created per project in the region. Specifically, out of the 29 projects executed in the Dominican Republic, the country obtained the second highest average among the top 10 countries in the region in terms of the number of FDI projects, with a total of 387 jobs per project, surpassed only by Mexico, which averaged 404.

These results highlight the importance of FDI as a driving force for job creation in the Dominican Republic and emphasize the country's ability to attract foreign investments that are beneficial to its socioeconomic development.

¹ [fDi Markets](#) is an online database of cross border greenfield investments available, covering all countries and sectors worldwide. This tool provide access to real-time monitoring of investment projects, capital investment and job creation.



Hotels and Tourism

The Dominican tourism sector gains greater relevance when compared to its counterparts in the region. In this regard, during the year 2022, the Dominican Republic, along with Mexico, leads as the main recipient of FDI in Hotels and Tourism in terms of the number of projects.

FDI by the number of projects in the Hotels and Tourism sector in Latin America and the Caribbean 2022

Destination country	No of projects	No of companies	Jobs created	
			Total	Average
1. Dominican Republic	6	5	6,947	1,158
2. Mexico	6	4	1,204	201
3. Brazil	3	3	1,020	340
4. Colombia	2	2	38	19
5. Costa Rica	2	2	423	212
6. Argentina	1	1	18	18
7. Chile	1	1	501	501
8. Cuba	1	1	18	18
9. Panama	1	1	501	501
10. Peru	1	1	18	18
Total	24	16	10,688	445

Source: Financial Times – fDi Markets data

Additionally, the Dominican Republic topped the region in terms of the total number of jobs generated, reaching 6,947 positions in this sector. Furthermore, it stood out for obtaining an average of 1,158 jobs per project, the highest in the region.



Renewable Energy

Regarding foreign direct investment (FDI) in the renewable energy sector in the Latin America and Caribbean region in 2022, Brazil, Chile, and the Dominican Republic lead in terms of the number of projects executed. In the specific case of the Dominican Republic, the country shares the second position with Chile in terms of the number of projects related to renewable energies, being surpassed only by Brazil.

FDI by the number of projects in the Renewable Energy sector in Latin America and the Caribbean 2022

Destination country	No of projects	No of companies	Jobs created	
			Total	Average
1. Brazil	14	12	1,781	127
2. Chile	5	5	677	135
3. Dominican Republic	5	4	430	86
4. Mexico	4	3	383	96
5. Argentina	3	3	545	182
6. Peru	3	2	52	17
7. Colombia	2	1	178	89
8. Panama	2	1	1,000	500
9. Costa Rica	1	1	2	2
10. El Salvador	1	1	17	17
Other destination countries	2	2	271	136
Total	42	35	5,336	127

Source: Financial Times – fDi Markets data

3.5 World Foreign Direct Investment Landscape: 2022

Global foreign direct investment (FDI) decreased by 12% in 2022, reaching US\$1.3 trillion. The decline was mainly due to reduced volumes of flows and financial transactions in developed countries (UNCTAD 2023).

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) states the following:

- The slowdown in foreign direct investment (FDI) occurred due to the global geopolitical and economic crisis, which included the war in Ukraine, high food and energy prices, and debt-related pressures.
- Foreign direct investment (FDI) in developing countries increased by 4%, reaching US\$916.0 billion, accounting for over 70% of global flows. There was a 37% increase in the announcements of new projects in developing countries, as well as a 5% increase in international project financing transactions.
- International project financing and cross-border mergers and acquisitions (M&As) were affected by more restrictive financing conditions, rising interest rates, and uncertainty in capital markets. In 2022, the value of international project financing transactions decreased by 25%, while cross-border M&A sales were 4% lower.
- The United States remains the main destination for FDI, new project announcements, and international project financing transactions. It is followed by the United Kingdom, India, the United Arab Emirates, and Germany in terms of new projects, and India, the United Kingdom, Spain, and Brazil in project financing transactions.



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