

Dominican Republic - Country Brief Global Talent Competitiveness Index (GTCI) 2025

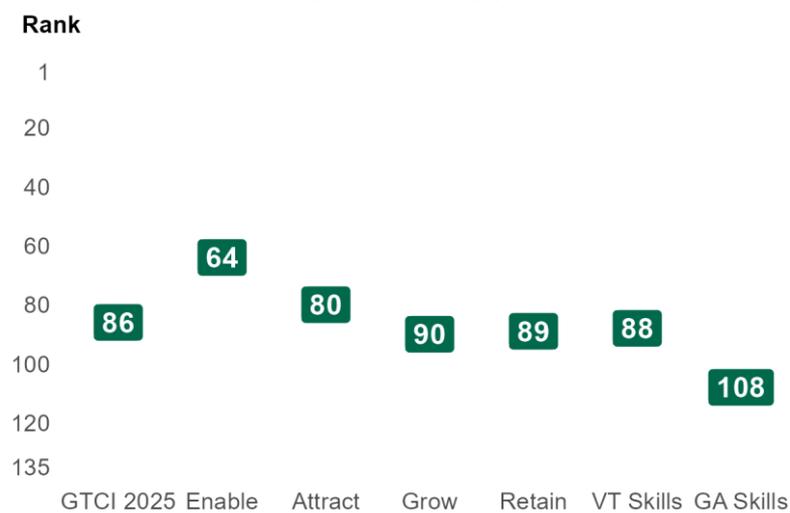


Total population:	11.43 million
GDP:	US\$ 124.613 billion
GDP (PPP) per capita:	US\$ 27,341 (61 out of 135 countries)
Country income level:	Upper-middle income
GTCI 2025 ranking:	86 (out of 135)

Global GTCI position

In GTCI 2025, Dominican Republic is ranked 86th out of a sample of 135 countries (Figure 1). When it comes to sub-pillars, the strongest showings of Dominican Republic relate to Internal Openness, Market Landscape and Regulatory Landscape, among others. Still, more could be done to improve the economy's performances in the Sustainability, High-level Skills and Talent Impact sub-pillars.

Figure 1: Dominican Republic global ranking (GTCI sample of 135 countries)



Note: VT Skills = Vocational and Technical Skills; GA Skills = Generalist Adaptive Skills.

Comparison with different groups of countries

Dominican Republic is situated in Latin America and the Caribbean and is classified as Upper-middle income. Within its region, the country is ranked 11th out of 18 countries (Table 1).



Dominican Republic is ranked 29th within the group of Upper-middle income countries (implying that 17 percent of countries rank lower).

Table 1: Dominican Republic performance vs. income groups and regions

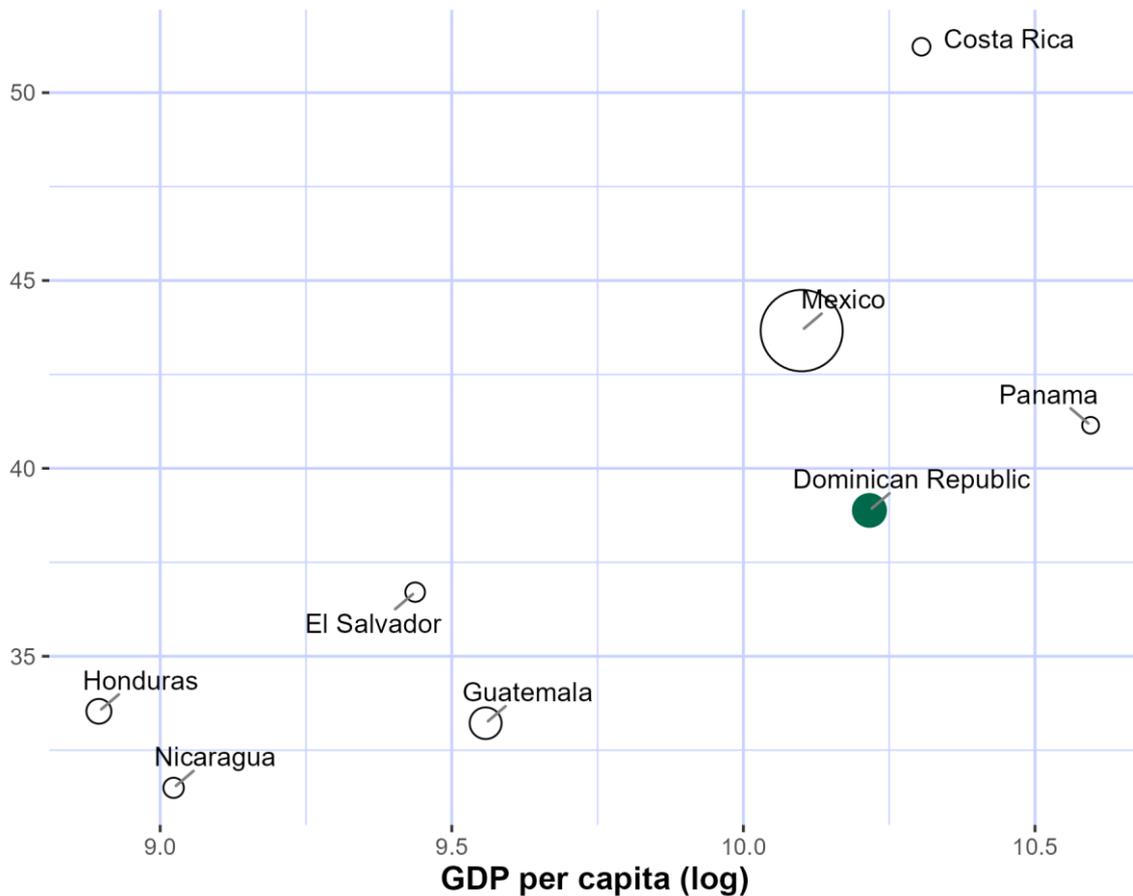
Comparison group	Top 3 scorers of the group	Score GAP: Dominican Republic score minus group highest score	Share of countries in the group ranked below Dominican Republic
Region			
Central and Southern Asia	Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan	-4.5	80%
Eastern, Southeastern Asia and Oceania	Singapore, Australia, New Zealand	-34.4	19%
Europe	Switzerland, Denmark, Finland	-34.3	0%
Latin America and the Caribbean	Chile, Uruguay, Costa Rica	-13.8	39%
Northern Africa and Western Asia	Israel, United Arab Emirates, Cyprus	-21.3	26%
Northern America	United States of America, Canada	-30.5	0%
Sub-Saharan Africa	Mauritius, Seychelles, South Africa	-10.8	84%
Income group			
High income	Singapore, Switzerland, Denmark	-34.4	0%
Upper-middle income	Georgia, Malaysia, Mauritius	-12.1	17%
Lower-middle income	Uzbekistan, Jordan, Philippines	-4.5	86%
Low income	Rwanda, Malawi, Gambia	5.0	100%

Comparison with group of competitors

Dominican Republic's group of competitors is defined as countries located in Central America and the Caribbean. It comprises a group of 8 economies. Figure 2 plots how Dominican Republic fares against each competitor in terms of GTCI score and GDP per capita.

As can be seen, Dominican Republic's GTCI score and GDP per capita are both greater than the corresponding medians of its group of competitors. Thus, the country's talent competitiveness is in line with what would be expected given its income level.

Figure 2: GTCI score and GDP per capita (log) of Dominican Republic and its identified competitors



Note: Bubble size indicates country population.

Performance against its income group and region

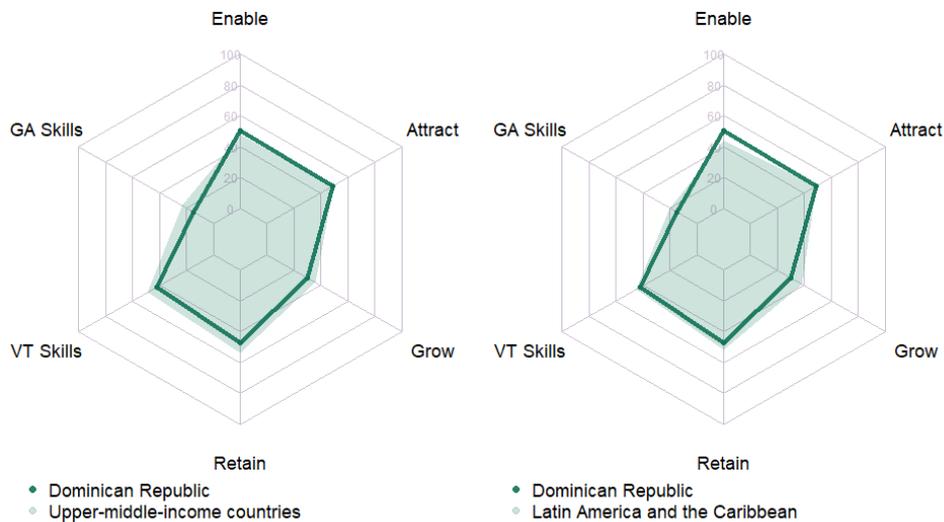
Upper-middle-income countries

Dominican Republic is ranked 29th in the group of upper-middle-income countries (Figure 3, left panel). In terms of pillar performance, it has a higher score than the income group average in one of the six pillars: Enable. At the sub-pillar level, it outperforms upper-middle-income countries in three of the fourteen sub-pillars: Regulatory Landscape, Market Landscape and Internal Openness.

Latin America and the Caribbean

Dominican Republic is ranked 11th within Latin America and the Caribbean (Figure 3, right panel). It has a score above the regional average in one of the six pillars: Enable. With regard to sub-pillars, it outperforms the average in Latin America and the Caribbean in four of the fourteen sub-pillars: Regulatory Landscape, Market Landscape, Business Labour Landscape and Internal Openness.

Figure 3: Dominican Republic pillar scores vs. averages of relevant income group and region



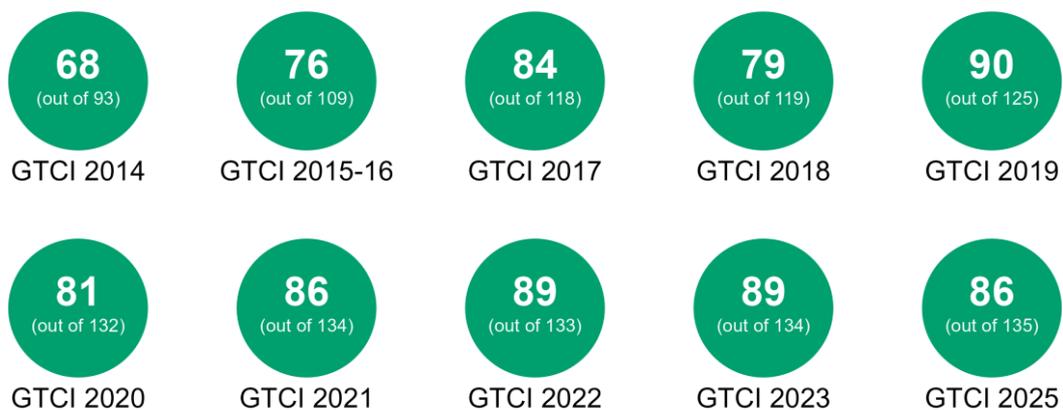
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Longer-term trends in talent competitiveness

Across all GTCI editions from 2015 to 2025, Dominican Republic’s ranking ranges from 68th to 90th place (see Figure 4).

During GTCI 2020-GTCI 2025, Dominican Republic ranks 86 out of a total 134 countries (on average), which is a decline from the average rank of 79 in GTCI 2015-GTCI 2019.

Figure 4: Evolution of GTCI rank for Dominican Republic, 2015-2025





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