A Prosperous Boston for All Dominicans
Dominicans’ contribution to the economy as workers and entrepreneurs is significant.

- Dominicans (people who were born in the Dominican Republic or who identify as having Dominican ancestry) make up 6% of Boston’s population (37,576 people).
- Dominicans living in Boston hold 16,360 jobs and own approximately 551 businesses.
- Dominicans in Boston earned $403 million in income in 2016.
- Dominicans’ consumer demand supported an additional 1,320 jobs and contributed $202.2 million to Boston’s gross city product in 2016.
- Dominicans contributed $20.5 million in state income taxes and $6.7 million in state sales taxes in 2016.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey, Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS), Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI), PI+ Massachusetts Regions, BPDA Research Division
The 103,000 Dominicans in Massachusetts live primarily in Boston, Somerville, Methuen, Lynn, Lawrence, and Worcester.
Dominicans in Boston live predominantly in parts of Mattapan and Dorchester.
The Dominican community of Boston has more than doubled since 2000 and the native-born share has increased to 40%.

“Native-born” Dominicans were typically born in the United States and have U.S. citizenship from birth.

“Foreign-born” Dominicans were typically born in the Dominican Republic but may be naturalized U.S. citizens.

57% of the foreign-born Dominican population is female.

Dominicans by Gender and Nativity

45% of foreign-born Dominicans are older than 45, while 58% of native-born Dominicans are children.

Native-born Dominicans speak English very well, while many foreign-born Dominicans are not proficient in English.

About 1/3 of adult Dominicans work full-time.

Note: Unemployment in the 5-year ACS is not comparable to the monthly citywide unemployment rate given by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
25% of Dominican workers (men and women) work in cleaning and maintenance occupations.

Native-born Dominicans workers earn more than foreign-born workers, 30% of whom earn less than $25,000/year.
Improving Dominicans’ educational attainment will allow greater contribution to Boston’s economy.

38% of foreign-born Dominicans have less than a high school education.
23% of native-born Dominicans aged 25 or older started college, but have not finished a degree.

Dominican business owners earn about the same as their counterparts who are employees.

3% of employed Dominicans in Boston are business owners, compared to 6% of all employed Boston residents.

Median Earnings by Type of Work

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Note: Massachusetts data are used due to small sample size in Boston.
A third of self-employed Dominicans in Massachusetts drive taxis or limousines.

Only 6% of native-born and 9% of foreign-born Dominican householders own their homes.

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