

AT-A-GLANCE

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.



71,725

Total population in Greater Boston



2nd

Second-largest immigrant group in Greater Boston



69.5%

Those of prime working age (25-64)

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

Nearly half of immigrants from the Dominican Republic in Greater Boston are eligible to vote.



Dominicans 50.1%

They rank fourth in voter eligibility among the 10 largest immigrant populations.

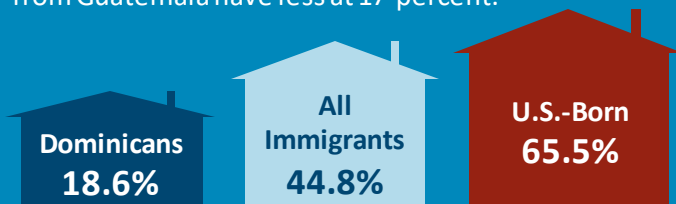


All Immigrants 49.3%

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

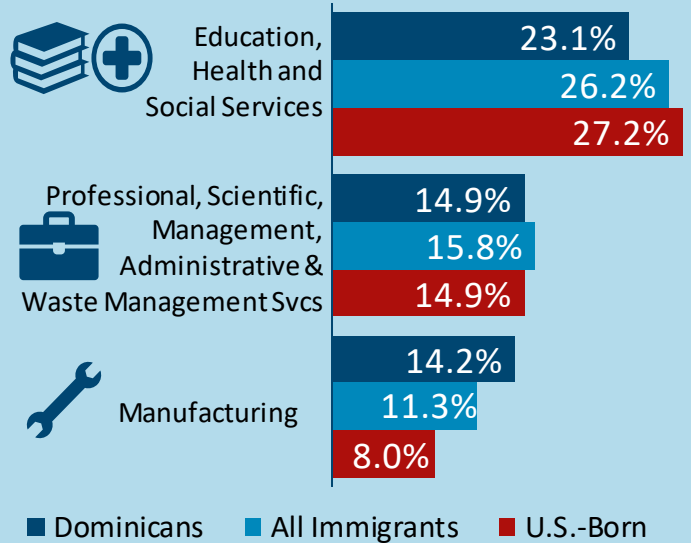
HOME OWNERSHIP

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.



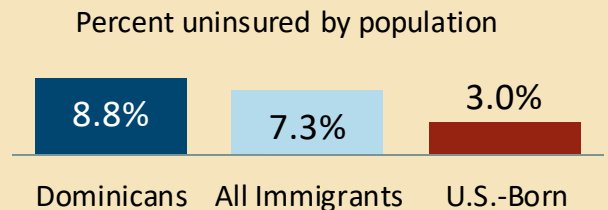
TOP 3 INDUSTRIES

Immigrants from the Dominican Republic in Greater Boston support key industries like Health and Social Services, Professional Management, and Manufacturing.



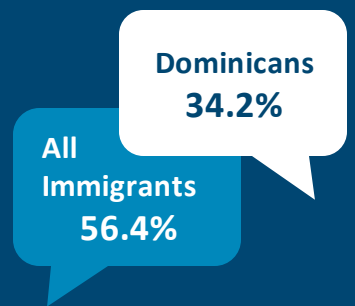
HEALTH INSURANCE

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



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.

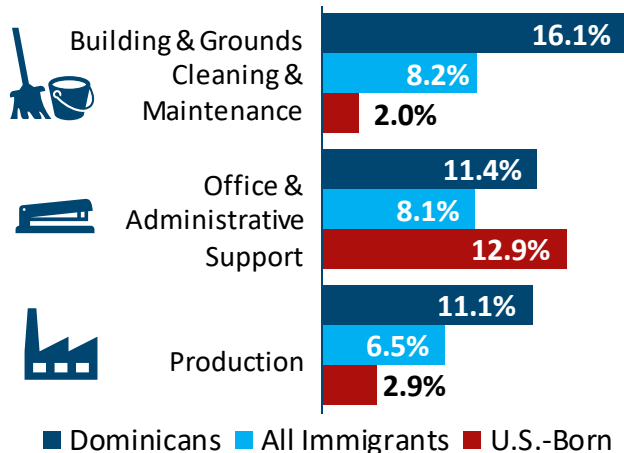


* All populations referenced in graphs (Dominicans, all immigrants, U.S.-born) are residents of the Boston-Cambridge-Newton Metropolitan Statistical Area including New Hampshire

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

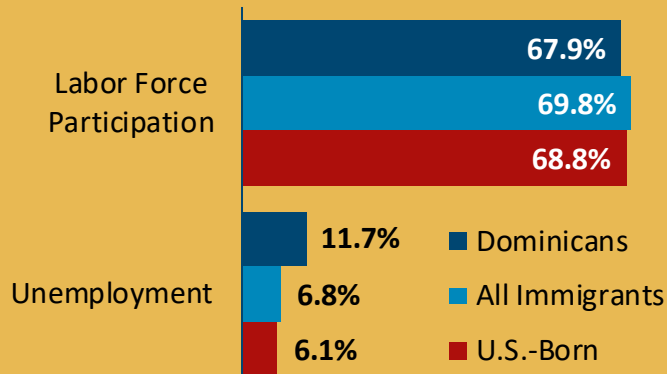
TOP 3 OCCUPATIONS

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.



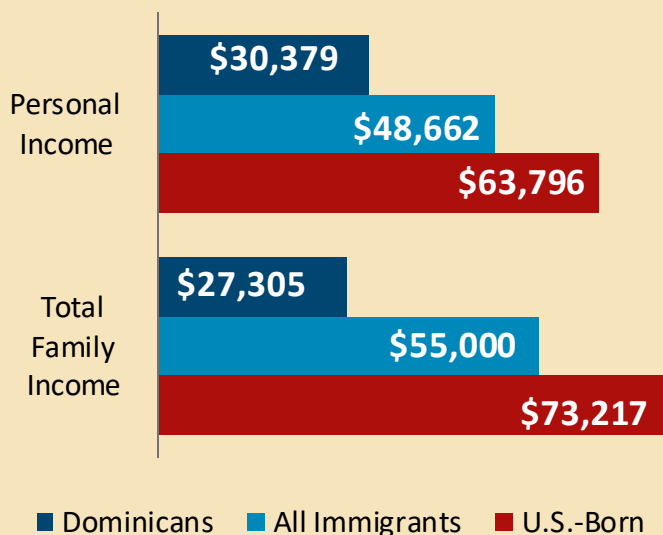
EMPLOYMENT

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.



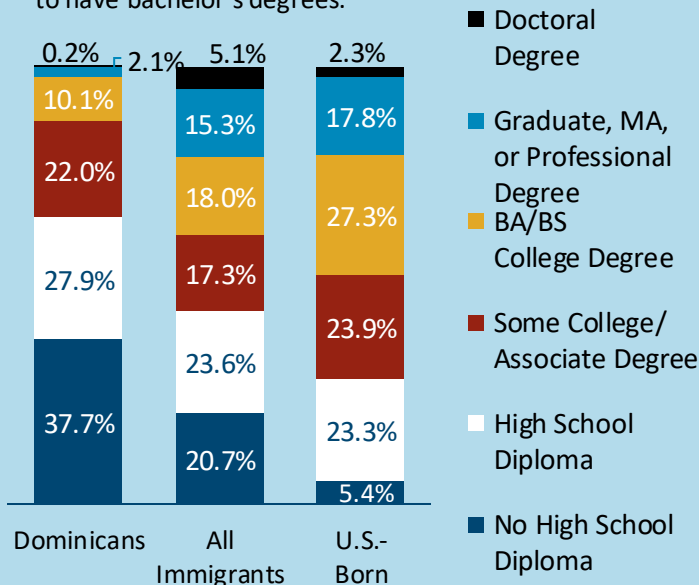
MEDIAN INCOME

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



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.



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