



# Business Cost in the Dominican Republic

Fact Sheet

## Cost of Manpower

General Salary Levels	Cost US\$
Average salary	\$298.76 per month
Minimum salary by law	\$172.23 per month
Average salary in Free Zones	\$263.00 per month
Minimum salary by law in Free Zones	\$144.00 per month
Total contributions paid by the employer, including health care, capacitation by law and social security contributions.	32 % over the base salary

Hourly Salary Estimates For Some Positions US\$			
Occupation	Minimum	Average	Maximum
Assembler	\$0.44	\$0.55	\$0.66
Production Operator	\$0.55	\$0.65	\$0.78
Warehouse Dispatcher	\$0.60	\$0.75	\$0.90
Materials Handler	\$0.57	\$0.71	\$0.85
Forklift Operator	\$0.60	\$0.75	\$0.90
Machine Operator	\$0.37	\$0.71	\$0.85
Q.A. Inspector	\$0.48	\$0.60	\$0.72
Driver / Messenger	\$0.65	\$0.81	\$0.97
Quality Control Inspector	\$0.59	\$0.74	\$0.89
Group Leader	\$0.89	\$0.74	\$0.89
Incoming Technician	\$0.95	\$1.19	\$1.43
Maintenance Mechanic	\$0.90	\$1.12	\$1.34
Electronic Technician I	\$0.95	\$1.19	\$1.43

## Utilities Cost

Utility Type	Cost US\$
Telephone fee	35.94 per month
International Calls	\$ 0.18 - 0.64 per min.
Internet flash service	\$42.17 per month
T-1 Lines service	\$500 per month
Water service, in Free Zones	\$ 0.33 per cubic meter
Water service, Residential	\$ 0.16 per cubic meter
Electricity in Free Zones	\$ 0.12 per KWH
Residential Electricity	\$ 0.22 per KWH
Premium Fuel	\$ 3.8 per gallon
Regular Fuel	\$ 3.4 per gallon
Diesel (Gas Oil)	\$ 2.6 per gallon
Gas (LPG)	\$ 1.3 per gallon



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### Transportation Cost

Transportation	Cost US\$
<b>Marine Transportation</b>	
	<b>20"- 40" container</b>
Sto.Dgo - Miami	\$ 975 - 1,450
Sto.Dgo - New York	\$ 1,000 - 1,250
Sto.Dgo - Long Beach	\$ 2,675 - 2,938
<b>Air Transportation</b>	
	<b>1,000kg and more</b>
Sto.Dgo - Miami	\$0.44
Sto.Dgo. - New York	\$1.19
Sto.Dgo. - Los Angeles	\$1.35
<b>Inter-province cargo</b>	
	<b>Average cargo</b>
Sto.Dgo - Santiago	\$187.46
Sto.Dgo - Puerto Plata	\$252.75
Sto.Dgo. - Barahona	\$215.06
<b>Inter-province Transportation</b>	
	<b>Per person</b>
AutoBus Sto.Dgo - Santiago	\$5.40
AutoBus Sto.Dgo - Puerto Plata	\$5.40
AutoBus Sto.Dgo. - Barahona	\$6.40
<b>Inter-City Transportation</b>	
	<b>Per person</b>
InterCity Autobus rate	\$0.35 per route
InterCity Express Bus	\$2.81 round trip
InterCity Taxi rate	\$4.21 per service

### Living Cost

Three Bedroom Apartment	Cost US\$/100 M <sup>2</sup>
Sto.Dgo. - average cost to buy	\$80,000
Sto.Dgo. - average cost to rent per month	\$ 515 - 690
Other cities - cost to buy	\$45,000
Other cities - cost to rent per month	\$ 250 - 400

### Office Space Cost

Cost of Office Space	Cost US\$/M <sup>2</sup>
Sto.Dgo - cost to buy	\$ 700 - 1,400
Sto.Dgo - cost to rent	\$ 8 - 19 per month
Other cities - cost to buy	\$ 175 - 527
Other cities - cost to rent	\$ 5 - 12 per month
Residential construction cost	\$525
Commercial construction cost	\$600

Cost of Free Zone Space	Cost US\$/Foot <sup>2</sup>
Public Free Zones - rent cost	\$ 1.8 – 2.16 annually
Private Free Zones - rent cost	\$2.88 – 8.0 annually
Maintenance service fee	0.5 per month



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### Land Cost

Location	Cost US\$/M <sup>2</sup>
Center of Sto.Dgo.	\$500 - 900
Surroundings areas of the city	\$ 200 - 300
Outside area of the city	\$15 - 55
Near beach by the city of Sto.Dgo.	\$ 150 - 200
Tourist Zone (cost of 50,000 M <sup>2</sup> )	\$ 18 - 30
Agricultural Land (cost of 2000 M <sup>2</sup> )	\$ 21 - 52.7

### Entertainment Cost

Some common Products / Activities	Cost US\$
Beer	\$1.50
Packet of cigarettes	\$1.23
Dinner for two	\$ 30 - 110
Night Clubs / Discos entry fee	\$10
Ticket to the movies	\$5.00
National Theater of preformings arts entry ticket	\$21 - 88
Taxi service in Sto.Dgo.	\$ 5 per service
City Tour	\$45.00
Hotel in the city	\$59 - 110 per night
Day Pass in a hotel at the beach -all Inclusive-	\$65.50

### **Disclaimer**

The figure presented here are estimated average costs of business in the Dominican Republic. Costs are in US dollars and are merely a guideline.

(Exchange rate 1 US dollar = 28.45 RD Peso).