

**Introduction**

Cuba is an island country in the Caribbean consisting of the main island of Cuba, the Isla de la Juventud, and several archipelagos. Its nearest neighbors are the United States, Bahamas, Mexico, Cayman Islands, Jamaica, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic. Cuba is tropical and mostly flat with mountains in the southeast. The government system is a communist state; the chief of state and head of government is the president. Cuba has a state-controlled planned economy in which most of the means of production are owned and run by the state.



**Location:** Caribbean

**Capital City:** Havana (-5 GMT)

**Chief of State:** President Miguel Díaz-Canel

**Head of Govt.:** Prime Minister Manuel Marrero Cruz

**Currency:** Cuban convertible peso and the Cuban peso (CUP)

**Major Languages:** Spanish (official)

**Primary Religions:** Christian 58.9%, folk religion 17.6%, Buddhist 1%, Hindu 1%, Jewish 1%, Muslim 1%, other 1%, none 23.2%

**Calling Code:** 53

**Voltage:** 110/220

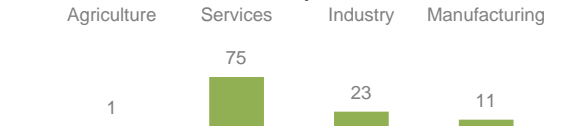
**Key Websites**

Main Government Page: [cuba.cu](http://cuba.cu)

**Key Economic Facts**

Income Level (by per capita GNI):	Upper Middle Income
Level of Development:	Developing
GDP, PPP (current international \$):	\$254.86 billion (2015)
GDP growth (annual %):	1.25% (2021)
GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$):	\$22,377.05 (2015)
Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP):	10.54% (2021)
Labor force, total:	5,156,812 (2022)
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate):	1.39% (2022)
Imports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$8.07 billion (2020)
Exports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$8.77 billion (2020)

**GDP Composition %**



*\*Although Manufacturing is included in the Industry figures, it is also separately reported because it plays a critical role in economy.*

**Rankings**

Index	Rank
Corruption Perceptions Index	63 / 178
Index of Economic Freedom	175 / 176
International Logistics Performance Index (LPI)	146 / 160
KOF Index of Globalization	133 / 185

**Risk Assessment (Provided by Coface)**

**Country rating: E** - The highest-risk political and economic situation and the most difficult business environment. Corporate default is likely.

**Business Climate rating: E** - The highest possible risk in terms of business climate. Due to a lack of available financial information and an unpredictable legal system, doing business in this country is extremely difficult.

**Strengths**

- Tourism and mining sectors (nickel, cobalt), and agricultural potential (sugar, tobacco)
- Agriculture, commerce, catering and construction being opened up to the individual and cooperative private sector
- Skilled and inexpensive workforce
- High-quality medical and education sectors
- Relatively satisfactory social indicators
- Low crime and efforts to fight corruption
- Dialogue and cooperation agreement with the European Union

**Weaknesses**

- External vulnerabilities (climate, commodities)
- Low productivity in the public sector and in agriculture
- Weak investment and infrastructure
- Cumbersome administrative processes; trade regulations still very recent
- State control over wholesale trade, credit, foreign trade and foreign investment
- Subsidies for basic products putting pressure on public spending
- Limited access to external funding
- Major shortages

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