

A Contemporary Cuba Reader

Second Edition

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Demographics

Area: 109,884 square kilometers/ 42,426 square miles

Population: 11,247,925 (2011)

Population Density: 102.4 hab/km²; 265.1 hab/mi²

Urban/Rural: 8,463,054 Urban (75.2%); 2,784,871 Rural (24.8%)

Ethnic Groups: White: 64.1%; Mulatto: 26.6%; Black 9.3%

Growth Rate: 0.6% (2011)

Birth Rate: 9.9 births/1,000 population

Infant mortality rate: 4.3/1,000 live births: Rank #32 (World Bank 2012)

Life Expectancy: 79.3 years (UNDP)

Human Development Index: 0.78; Rank 59 in the world (UNDP)

Health Index 0.935

Education Index 0.857

Inequality-adjusted life expectancy index 0.882

Gender Inequality Index 0.356

Trade Statistics

GDP PPP: \$121 billion (*CIA World Fact Book*, 2012 est.)

GDP at official exchange rate: \$68.99 billion CUC (O.N.E. 2011); \$71 billion (CEPAL 2012)

GDP per capita: \$6,300 (CEPAL 2012); GDP growth: 3.1% (CIA World FB 2012 est.)

Unemployment Rate: 3.8% (CEPAL 2012)

Balance of Payments: +2.245 billion CUC (O.N.E. 2009)

Cuba's total trade in goods: 19.996 billion CUC (O.N.E. 2011)

U.S. Total Exports to Cuba (2013): \$358.2 million (US Census Bureau)

\$155.115 million in meat, poultry, etc.

\$78.513 million in animal feeds

\$57.512 million in corn

\$39.406 million in soybeans

Trade by geographical area:

Europe: 4.061 billion CUC

Asia: 3.060 billion CUC

Africa: 625 million CUC

Americas: 12.171 billion CUC

Exports: US\$6.252 billion (*CIA World Factbook* 2013 est.)

Cuba's main recipients of exports: (*CIA World Factbook* 2012)

Canada 17.7%

China 16.9%

Venezuela 12.5%

Netherlands 9%

Spain 5.9%

Imports: \$13.6 billion (CIA World Factbook 2013 est.)

Cuba's main sources of imports: (CIA World Factbook 2012)

Venezuela 38.3%

China 10.8%

Spain 8.9%

Brazil 5.2%

US 4.3%

National Office of Statistics and Information, Republic of Cuba: <http://www.one.cu/>

Structure of Government

- Council of Ministers (www.cubagov.cu/)
 - President: Raúl Castro Ruz
 - Vice Presidents: José Ramón Machado Ventura, Miguel Mario Díaz-Canel Bermúdez, Ramiro Valdés Menéndez, Ricardo Cabrisas Ruíz, Ulises Rosales del Toro, Antonio Enrique Lussón Battle, Marino Alberto Murillo Jorge, Adel Onofre Yzquierdo Rodríguez,
 - Other members: Abelardo Colomé Ibarra, Gustavo Rodríguez Rollero, Mary Blanca Ortega Barredo, René Mesa Villafaña, Julián González Toledo, Ena Elsa Velázquez Cobiella, Rodolfo Alarcón Ortiz, Leopoldo Cintra Frías, Lina Olinda Pedraza Rodríguez, Maimir Mesa Ramos, María del Carmen Concepción González, Salvador Pardo Cruz, María Esther Reus González, Bruno Eduardo Rodríguez Parrilla, Roberto Morales Ojeda, Margarita Marlene González Fernández, César Ignacio Arocha Masid, Manuel Marrero Cruz, Rodrigo Malmierca Díaz, Ernesto Medina Villaveirán, Elba Rosa Pérez Montoya, Alfredo López Valdés, Inés María Chapman Waugh, Julio Christian Jiménez Molina, Danylo Sirio López
- Political Bureau of Cuban Communist Party (www.pcc.cu/eo_buro_politico.php)
 - Raúl Castro Ruz, José Ramón Machado Ventura, Miguel Mario Díaz-Canel Bermúdez, Ramiro Valdés Menéndez, Abelardo Colomé Ibarra, Esteban Lazo Hernández, Leopoldo Cintra Frías, Álvaro López Miera, Ramón Espinosa Martín, Lázara Mercedes López Acea, Salvador Valdés Mesa, Adel Izquierdo Rodríguez, Marino Murillo Jorge, Bruno Eduardo Rodríguez Parrilla

Speeches

- Speeches by Raul Castro Ruz: <http://www.granma.cu/discursos-raul>
- Speeches by Fidel Castro Ruz: <http://www.cuba.cu/gobierno/discursos/index.html>
- Fidel Castro Speeches, English: <http://lanic.utexas.edu/la/cb/cuba/castro.html>
- *Granma* Archives Index: <http://lanic.utexas.edu/la/cb/cuba/granma/>

Periodicals

- Granma: <http://www.granma.cu/>
- Diario de Cuba: <http://www.diariodecuba.com/>
- Juventud Rebelde: <http://www.juventudrebelde.cu/>
- Tribuna de La Habana: <http://www.tribuna.co.cu/>
- Cuban Newspapers online: <http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/cuba.htm>

Blogs and Websites with Current Information

- <http://cubacentral.wordpress.com/>
- <http://cubantriangle.blogspot.com/>
- <http://www.cuba-l.com/>
- <http://alongthemalecon.blogspot.com/>
- <http://babalublog.com/>
- <http://cafefuerte.com/>
- http://www.bbc.co.uk/mundo/temas/blog_cartas_desde_cuba/
- <http://www.armengol.blogspot.com/>
- <http://cubamoneyproject.org/>
- <http://www.elyuma.blogspot.com/>
- <http://lageneraciony.com/>
- <http://ontwoshores.com/>
- <http://www.penultimosdias.com/>
- <http://thehavananote.com/>
- <http://laredcubana.blogspot.com/>
- http://marcmassferrer.typepad.com/uncommon_sense/
- <http://www.cubastudygroup.org/index.cfm/home>
- <http://medicc.org/ns/>
- <http://www.cubaupdate.org/cuba-update/us-cuba>
- <http://www.cubanartspace.net/gallery/index.php>

Historical Documents

- U.S.-Cuba Relations: A Document Archive: Center for Latin American and Latino Studies, American University <www.american.edu/clals/cuba-document-archive.cfm>
- National Security Archive < <http://www2.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/>>
- <http://lanic.utexas.edu/la/cb/cuba/>
- <http://library.miami.edu/chc/collections/digitalcollections/>

Movies

- Las Doce Sillas (1962)
- I Am Cuba (1964)
- La muerte de un burócrata (1966)
- Fidel (1968)
- Lucía (1968)
- Memorias del Subdesarrollo (1968)
- The Last Supper (1976)
- Los Sobrevivientes (1979)
- Portrait of Teresa (1979)
- Hasta Cierta Punto (1983)
- Vampires in Havana (1985)
- Clandestinos (1987)
- Fresa y Chocolate (1993)
- Guantanamera (1994)
- Bitter Sugar (1996)
- Life is to Whistle (1998)
- Lista de Espera (2000)
- Suite Habana (2003)
- Habana Blues (2005)
- Viva Cuba (2005)
- El Benny (2006)
- Juan de los Muertos (2011)

- Maestra (2011)
- Operation [Peter Pan](#): Flying Back to Cuba (2011)
- Will the Real Terrorist Please Stand Up (2011)
- Una Noche (2013)

Films and Clips Available Online

Fidel Castro

- Fidelity: A Documentary about Cuba without Castro (2009)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tVCZLAXjBug>
- 638 Ways to Kill Castro (2006)
Part 1 (of 7) - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Fsu-fnfbu4>
- Fidel: The Untold Story (2001)
<http://fulldocumentary.com/history/default.asp?action=listing&id=2483>

Post-Fidel Cuba

- Last Chance to see Castro's Cuba (2013)
<http://www.cbc.ca/passionateeye/episode/last-chance-to-see-castros-cuba.html>
- Welcome to the New, Post-Fidel Cuba (2011)
<http://www.today.com/video/today/45695540#45695540>
- Cuba After Castro (2011)
<http://fulldocumentary.com/politics/default.asp?action=listing&id=1980>
- World Focus: Cuba After Fidel (2010)
<http://worldfocus.org/blog/category/specials/cuba-after-fidel-specials-2/>

Che Guevara

- The True Story of Che Guevara (2007)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-ZJAS_ZzKU
- Killer Chic: Hollywood's Sick Love Affair with Che Guevara
<http://reason.com/blog/2008/12/11/killer-chic-hollywoods-sick-lo>
- Che Guevara Speech on Imperialism (1964)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pe85wZVzzt4>

Historic Documentaries

- Three Cubans (1965)

http://www.snagfilms.com/films/title/three_cubans

- Fidel Castro: After the Revolution (1959)

<http://www.cbc.ca/archives/discover/great-interviews/revolution-in-cuba-1.html>

- Cuba: The People (1974)

http://www.snagfilms.com/films/title/cuba_the_people_part_1

Historic Documentaries from US perspective

- Cuba: The Battle of America (1960)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tBdv1PROLFA>

- The Cuban Revolution CIA Archives Documentary History (1960)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tBdv1PROLFA>

Canada-Cuban Documentary

- Waiting for Fidel (1974)

http://www.nfb.ca/film/waiting_for_fidel/

Operation Peter Pan

- Escape from Havana (2010)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9mieleWS37w>

Bay of Pigs

- The Bay of Pigs - "A Perfect Failure"

<http://www.awesomestories.com/assets/bay-of-pigs-disaster>

Cold War / Missile Crisis

- Clouds Over Cuba

<http://cloudsovercuba.com/>

Cuban Missile Crisis (2008)

- Part 1 (of 6): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jwz7YAQj-r0>

- Cold War - Episode 10: Cuba (1959-1962) (1998)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8yV1wxJxsv8>

- The Cuban Missile Crisis: at the Brink (1992)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v5H-Byt1GZs>

- Cuban missile crisis: The other, secret one (2012)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-19930260>

Special Period and Blockade/Embargo

- The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil (2003)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UUWces5TkCA>

- Against All Odds: Cuba Resisting the Blockade (1995)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xHM9TqMRNPU>

Guantanamo Bay

- Nightmare At Guantanamo Bay

<http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=3980799n>

- GITMO: The New Rules Of War (2005)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6AhmbRqSgU>

Cuba-Venezuelan Relations

- Noam Chomsky on Cuba & Venezuela Relations

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CGrTK9OroPw>

The Cuban Five

- The Trial: The Untold Story of the Cuban Five (2011)
<http://peripheralrevision.wordpress.com/2011/04/20/the-trial-the-untold-story-of-the-cuban-5-full-documentary/>
- Cuban Five (III) -- Press TV's Documentary (2013)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tdjcVxyu5zk>
- The Trial: The Untold Story of the Cuban 5 (2011)
<http://peripheralrevision.wordpress.com/2011/04/20/the-trial-the-untold-story-of-the-cuban-5-full-documentary/>

Dissidents views and The Ladies in White

- Las Damas and Their Fight for the Streets of Cuba (2012)
<http://www.capitolhillcubans.com/2012/09/new-documentary-on-ladies-in-white.html>
- Cuba's Ladies in White (2012)
<http://www.aljazeera.com/programmes/peopleandpower/2012/11/20121122525279281.html>
- Cuba's Hope (2011)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jTpKX5bNRBk>
- Revealing Cuba - Interview with Mario Félix Leonart (2012)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=or7G0dKdIU>
- United States - Cuba Relations on Florida Matters (2009)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=okTExuQVTeY>

Present Day Political and Social Reforms

- Cuba: The Times are a Changing (2011)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r3ZnaLuqMCo>

- The Capitalist Comandante? (2003)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jleaqb5EwsU>

- Cuba a Forbidden Fortune (2012)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kkTvV8KZkz0>

Racism

- Cuba: The Next Revolution (2011)

<http://video.pbs.org/video/1898347038/>

Art, Music and Film

- 88 Keys in Cuba - Piano Tuners in Cuba (2010)

<http://www.aljazeera.com/programmes/witness/2010/02/201022474125966379.html>

- Cuba: The Art Revolution (2008)

http://www.pbs.org/frontlineworld/stories/cuba703/video/video_index.html

- El Choco feat. El Uniko - Que Buen Chamaco Soy Yo (Reggaeton) (2010)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X2gg_C6cGcU

- Juan de los Muertos (2011)

<http://putlocker-search.blogspot.ca/2012/12/stream-juan-de-los-muertos-2011-at.html>

- Buena Vista Social Club

http://www.snagfilms.com/films/title/buena_vista_social_club

- Lessons in Process by Phil Hoffman (2012)

<http://cfmdc.org/node/16151>

- East of Havana (2006)

<http://vimeo.com/55336629>

- Carlos Acosta: from Pauper to Prince (2012)
<http://www.aljazeera.com/programmes/frostinterview/2012/12/201212138358986206.html>
- Life Lessons at the Lula Lounge (2004)
<http://www.nfb.ca/film/life-lessons-at-the-lula-lounge/>
- Cuba: Island of Music
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8PTcLHAGpBU>
- Guajira Guantanamera Performed by Celia Cruz
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Js0rKmv-0Iw>
- Santiago Alvarez - LBJ (1968)
http://www.dailymotion.com/video/x4oi9h_alvarez-lbj-1968_shortfilms#.UTA83-saei4
- Chico & Rita (2010)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YaDC_BsC2b0
- Art Thou Cuban (2009)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oe3QRDEhhnc>
- Pedro Ruiz: Coming Home (2011)
<http://www.thirteen.org/pedro-ruiz/>
- Dance Like There's No Tomorrow - Cuba
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RX0TNWf6x7I>
- The Fight for Cuban Music (2007)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J_4otL-tREw
- Psycho Ballet - Cuba (2001)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fe8Dy3jiHQA>

- Music and Dance Salsa, Timba, Casino, Rueda!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xJMTA3Ay5FI>

Cuban Health Care and Medical Internationalism

- A Clean Bill Of Health - Cuba (2006)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ms8emcoWZM>

- The Doctors of Tomorrow (2008)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6DFuzveFdXI>

- US Medical Students in Cuba

Part 1 (of 2): http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NIsn6_7vefc

Agriculture and Food

- Seeds in the City - Cuba (2003)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xnLvP57UWh8>

- Hombres de Azucar (2008)

<http://www.cultureunplugged.com/play/6812/Cuba---Hombres-de-Azucar>

- The Essence of the Cuban Cigar

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZPB9dw0OXA>

- BBC Future of Food - Part 3: Cuba

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GaSd7BkJa1M>

- Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations: Cuba

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IEEEZpBGAA4>

- Around the world in 80 gardens - Mexico and Cuba

<http://vimeo.com/57283626>

Education

- ABC's of Cuban Education: How Cuba Wiped out Illiteracy (2011)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CV_cx1p8fhE

Sports and Recreation

- Cuban Punch Up - The Boys who Fought for Castro

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qAKoujtyPP4>

- Surfing With the Enemy (2010)

<http://www.cultureunplugged.com/documentary/watch-online/play/6718/Surfing-With-The-Enemy>

- Victory is Your Duty (2007)

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/wideangle/episodes/victory-is-your-duty/full-episode/3436/>

- Sons of Cuba (2009)

<http://www.boxingbloodbath.com/2011/05/sons-of-cuba-amazing-boxing-documentary.html>

- Greener Grass: Cuba, Baseball, and the United States (2000)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qs5-cTcWZ_E&wide=1

- Underground Fighters of Cuba (2012)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-YxfCScOxqc>

- The Cuban Skateboard Crisis (2007)

<http://vimeo.com/2241474>

- Fightland: Cuba

<http://fightland.vice.com/worldwide/cuba-pt-one-of-three>

- The Lost Son of Havana (2012)

Part 1 (of 5): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=maEv-R7M8JU>

- People & Power - Cyber Cuba (2009)

<http://www.aljazeera.com/programmes/peopleandpower/2008/08/2008826113359920863.html>

- Cuban Baseball - Sancti Spiritus vs. Santiago de Cuba

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5kNtUAPTu18>

Religion

- Jubanos: The Jews of Cuba (2010)

http://www.snagfilms.com/films/title/jubanos_the_jews_of_cuba

- La Santeria en Matanzas, Cuba: An Interview with Alfredo Calvo (2009)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2xq3yxf0HvY>

LGBT

- Interview with Mariela Castro Espín on the Future of Sex and Socialism in Cuba

http://www.gaycuba.ca/mariela_interview/

- Transformistas: Cuba's gay and transvestite culture

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/video/2008/jul/11/transformistas?INTCMP=SRCH>

- LGBT rights in Cuba: a short film made by CENESEX

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sn_deuKAGhU

Prostitution

- La Lucha (The Fight) (2007)

<http://www.cultureunplugged.com/play/3629/La-Lucha--The-Fight->

- The Cuba Prostitution (2011)

<http://www.thegreatplanet.com/the-cuba-prostitution/>

Nature and Natural Disasters and Random

- Hot Cities: Havana - Surviving the Storm (2009)
Part 1 (of 4): http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ll-sxjKP_1c
- Cuba: Wild Island in the Caribbean (2005)
<http://documentaries-plus.blogspot.ca/2012/03/cuba-wild-island-of-caribbean.html>

Depiction of everyday life of Cubans / Interviews of Cubans

- Inside Cuba: BBC our World (2010)
Part 1 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eNVTb9oyyNM>
Part 2 - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_5BGCjkU2J0
- Cuba: The Future is Now (2010)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MZ0yGgLC6jY>
- Cuba: Defending Socialism, Resisting Imperialism (2010)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxFPZaurHZA>
- This World - Cuba with Simon Reeve (2012)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cNhr3UezgQM>
- Cuba: Discovering its People and Culture
<http://www.nationalgeographicexpeditions.com/expeditions/cuba-cultural-tour/customtab/video-nbc-today-show>
- Cuba at the Crossroads (2011)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yqCcPjnmW4o>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ggP2Ef29Rwo>
- People & Places: Cuba
<http://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/kids/people-places-kids/cuba-photographer-kids/>

- Islands: Cuba (2012)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KqGbWWqhsJg>
- Cuba, As Time Goes By (2007)
<http://www.cultureunplugged.com/play/5376/Cuba--As-Time-Goes-By>
- The Experimental Winter (2007)
<http://www.cultureunplugged.com/play/2434/Cuban-Experimental-Winter>
- Dual-currency policy divides Cubans (2012)
<http://www.aljazeera.com/video/americas/2012/11/201211278534992884.html>
- Bye Bye Havana (2010)
<http://vimeo.com/9215265>
- Close Up: Cuba's new love for the Union flag (2013)
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-21082793>
- Incubation (2012)
<http://vimeo.com/38073758>
- The Grandchildren of the Cuban Revolution
<http://vimeo.com/11187489>

News Reports and Random

- CIA-created Frankenstein!: US turns blind eye on terrorist? (2011)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6gW6Dyr1qBU>
- '60 Minutes': Elian Gonzalez
<http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=890394n>
- What is the future of US-Cuban relations? (2012)

<http://www.aljazeera.com/programmes/insidestoryamericas/2012/11/2012111484331911488.html>

- National Geographic Live!: Juan José Valdés: Mapping Cuba

<http://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/specials/nat-geo-live-specials/valdes-lecture-nlive/>

Music

- Buena Vista Social Club
- Orishas
- Ibrahim Ferrer
- Compay Segundo
- Rubén González
- Omara Portuondo
- Eliades Ochoa
- Celia Cruz
- Beny Moré
- Pérez Prado
- Los Van Van
- Listen: <http://www.last.fm/tag/cuban>
- History of Cuban Music: <http://www.pbs.org/buenavista/music/timeline.html>
- Rundown of different kinds of music: <http://www.boogalu.com/features/history-cuban-music>
- 15 classic Cuban songs: <http://www.allmusic.com/album/15-great-classic-cuban-songs-mw0000013115>
- Gunatanamara: Playing for Change: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=blUSVALW_Z4

Cuban Olympic Medals :

Olympics	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Tokyo 1964	0	1	0
Mexico 1968	0	4	0
Munich 1972	3	1	4
Montreal 1976	6	4	3
Moscow 1980	8	7	5
Barcelona 1992	14	6	11
Atlanta 1996	9	8	8
Sydney 2000	11	11	7
Athens 2004	9	7	11
Beijing 2008	2	11	11
London 2012	5	3	6

Totals since 1964: Gold 76; Silver 63; Bronze 66
(Source www.olympic.org/cuba)