

Covid-19 and (Im)mobility in the Americas

CUBA

1. **Poverty rate:** 70% out of the total population.¹
2. **Migration data**
 - a. Sending country: About 1.7 million Cubans or 15% of the population live abroad, mainly in the US (81%), Spain (9%), and Italy (2%).
 - b. Destination country: About 5 million immigrants or 0.04% out of the total population live in Cuba. The main countries of origin are Spain (31%), Russia (13%), and Haiti (6%).
3. **Impact of COVID-19³ (as of July 14, 2020)**
 - a. Registered cases: 2,432
 - b. % of cases out of the total population: 0,02%
 - c. Number of deaths: 87
4. **State measures**
 - Border closures.
 - The obligatory quarantine at home for 14 days was established for any national or foreigner entering the country. In addition to:
 - o The departure of all foreigners in a tourist condition.
 - o The entry allowance of Cuban citizens (excluding the emigrates) and the foreigner residents in Cuba.
 - o The progressive application of this measure hopes to totally suspend entries and departures from the following 30 days.
 - As of March 23, 2020, Resolution 82/2020 of the Ministry of Health was issued, establishing obligatory quarantine for "travelers from abroad who enter the country from that date."
 - As of March 23, 2020, the Cuban government announced the suspension of classes, at all levels, for one month to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
 - The Ministry of Culture suspended planned national and international shows. The Sports Ministry also did the same, including trips abroad for some athletes.
 - As of March 19, 2020, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs reported the suspension of the time limit to stay abroad for Cuban citizens as a temporary measure due to the pandemic. In other words, Cuban citizens abroad that are close to completing 24 months of uninterrupted stay

¹ <https://www.radiotelevisionmarti.com/a/cuba-pobreza-sociedad-pib/15232.html>

² <https://datosmacro.expansion.com/demografia/migracion/emigracion/cuba>
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³ John Hopkins University (2020). "Coronavirus Resource Centre".
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outside Cuba would not have to request an extension or travel to Cuba before the expiration of the term. This measure is adopted until further notice in order to reduce the entry of Cuban migrants to Cuba and prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

5. At risk populations

Immigrants in the island:

- The number of immigrants that reside in Cuba is small.
- There is an important number of international students, diplomatic, and business personnel that are part of the foreign population. This population is protected by the measures taken by the government.

Repatriated Cuban migrants:

- There are Cubans stranded in various countries that eventually were “repatriated” or returned to Cuba.
- Since the end of March, more than 2,000 Cubans have returned to Cuba from countries such as Germany, Angola, Barbados, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Italy, Nicaragua, Peru, Portugal, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Panama, and Equatorial Guinea.

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*For more detail go to the digital archive that we created:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1o0O4-LaLYs9FNiOPIRRz99hinvqyWgT>

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