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Over half a million Cubans are self-employees

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Some 502 thousand 400 Cubans have thus far joined self employment with 31 percent of the figure being young people and 30 percent women.

According to a report by the Cuban Labor and Social Security Ministry, cited by Trabajadores newspaper, the non-state labor activity groups the majority of workers, some 65 percent, in the western provinces of Havana and Matanzas; in central Villa Clara, and eastern Camaguey, Holguin and Santiago de Cuba.

The reports says that the activities with major participation include catering with more than 57 thousand self-employees, passenger and cargo transportation with some 50 thousand 800, rented houses and rooms with 28 thousand 658; and other activities.

The Labor Ministry explained that 17 percent of the total of self-employees is also linked to different state economic sectors, where they receive a monthly salary.

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