## Over Half a Million Cubans Currently Self-employed



Havana, October 22 (RHC)-- More than 502,000 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 57,000 selfemployed, passenger and cargo transportation with some 50,800, and rental houses and rooms with 28,658.

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



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