

**The Economic Mystery...**

In 2018, Outfielder Yasiel Puig earned \$7,000,000 (*\$583,333 per month*) playing Major League Baseball for the Los Angeles Dodgers. In 2011, Puig was earning roughly \$300 per year (*\$25 per month*) playing baseball for Cienfuegos in the Cuban National League.

**Why did Yasiel Puig’s salary increase by 2,333,232% in such a short period of time?**

**The Clues...**

1. Yasiel Puig is a very talented baseball player.
2. The state-controlled Baseball Federation of Cuba is the governing body of the sport of baseball in Cuba.
3. Cuba’s climate allows players to play baseball year round.
4. The Dodgers moved to Los Angeles in 1957.
5. Cuba has had a state-controlled planned economy for roughly 50 years.
6. The Los Angeles Dodgers play in the second largest market in the United States.
7. The Cuban government outlawed professional sports in 1961.
8. Yasiel Puig defected to the United States in 2012.
9. Fidel Castro is a huge baseball fan and played the sport himself as a younger man.

Record your solution and explain it briefly here:

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