

Player	Defection	Notes	Cuban Team	AS of
1 Michel Abreu	February 2004	First Baseman - signed with Mets . Currently with the Binghampton Mets (AA)	Matanzas	June 1, 2005
2 Rubelman Acosta		Pitcher		July 6, 2001
3 Waltari Agusti		Pitcher		May 1, 2005
4 Ivan Alvarez		Pitcher		July 6, 2001
5 Roberto Alvarez	February 2005	Center Fielder	Matanzas	March 13, 2005
6 Luis Alberto Alvarez			Mineros	July 6, 2001
7 Jesus Ametller	2B defected in November of 1996 through Mexico	Play with Double A Arkansas (Cardinals). Currently in the Italean League.	Havana Industriales	August 3, 2005
8 Rene Arocha	Defects on July 4, 1991	Signed for \$15,000 with St. Louis in 1991 - Played for St. Louis 1993-95 - injured elbow in 1996 - Pitched in Mexico in 1999.	Havana Industriales	August 13, 2002
9 Rolando Arrojo	Pitcher defected in 1996 just before the Atlanta Olympics	Signed for \$7 million by Tampa Bay and made 1998 All-Star game - Played Rockies then Red Sox in 2000 to 02.	Villa Clara	April 23, 2003
10 Danys Baez	Pitcher defected at Pan Am Games in 1999	With Indians 2001-03 and Tampa Bay 2004-05. Currently the closer for the Dodgers.		June 1, 2006
11 Jose Ballester				July 6, 2001
12 Evel Bastida	December 2000	Inland Empire 66ers (A), Mariners	Havana Industriales	April 23, 2003
13 Saidel Beltran	December 2003	Signed with Yankees. Currently with the Tampa Yankees (A-Adv).		June 1, 2006
14 Edisbel Benitez	April 2004	Last with the El Paso Diablos (Ind).		August 3, 2005
15 Rigoberto Betancourt		Pitcher	Occidentales	July 6, 2001
16 Yuniesky Betancourt	July 2003	Signed a 4 year \$2,826,000 contract with the Mariners. Currently playing for Mariners.	Villa Clara	June 1, 2006
17 Smally Borges	February 2005			March 13, 2005
18 Yasser Alberto Borges	February 2005			March 13, 2005
19 Francisley Bueno	June 2004	Signed with the Braves. Currently with the Mississippi Braves (AA)		June 1, 2006
20 Felix Isasi Bustamante	Outfielder defected in Spain	unsigned.		May 30, 2000
21 Juan Carlos Bruzon	Outfielder gained political asylum in 1999	signed with Winnipeg of Northern League in March.		May 30, 2000
22 Alexis Cabreja	Outfielder defected in 1992	signed with Texas Rangers but never made it past Single A.		May 30, 2000
23 Eduardo Cajuso				July 6, 2001
24 Barbaro Cañizares	February 2004	Signed with the Braves. Currently with the Mississippi Braves (AA)		June 1, 2006
25 Amaury Casañas	April 2005	Outfielder -In Mexico awaiting tryout.		May 1, 2005
26 Francisco Casanueva		Pitcher		July 6, 2001
27 Gregorio Casares				July 6, 2001
28 Carlos Castillo		Infielder - Currently with the El Paso Diablos (Ind).		August 3, 2005
29 Osbeck Castillo	July 2004			March 13, 2005
30 Bienvenido Ceballos				July 6, 2001
31 Ramiro Chamizo	April 2004			March 13, 2005
32 Mario Miguel Chaoui	May 2000		Equipo Caribe	August 3, 2005
33 Juan Chavez		Pitcher	Havana Industriales	July 6, 2001
34 Roberto Colina	1B defected in November of 1996 through Mexico	Currently in the Italean League.	Occidentales	August 3, 2005
35 Jose Ariel Contreras	Defected on October 1, 2002 from the Americas Cup in Mexico	Signed with the Yankees for \$32 million for 4 years. Traded to the White Sox in 2004. Currently the White Sox Ace.	Pinar del Rio	June 1, 2006
36 Jose Angel Cordero-Valdez	Left Cuba by boat October 2004	Pitcher	Metropolitanos	October 9, 2004
37 Lazaro Costa				July 6, 2001
38 Raidel Costa	April 2004			March 13, 2005

39	Arian Cruz	Flew to Costa Rica on a visa in 2002	A pitcher signed with the St. Paul Saints in June 2002. Currently with the Chattanooga Lookouts (AA Reds).		August 3, 2005
40	Alexander Diaz	April 2004			March 13, 2005
41	Juan Carlos Diaz	Dodgers get player out of Cuba by having a Dominican women pose as his wife in June 1999	Played with Red Sox in 2002. Last played for the Memphis Redbirds (AAA).		June 1, 2006
42	Jorge Diaz	smuggled out of Cuba in August 1998	Second baseman - Currently with the El Paso Diablos (Ind).	Villa Clara	August 3, 2005
43	Reynar Diaz	December 2003	Pitcher in Dominican Republic trying out		March 13, 2005
44	Ricardo Diaz		Pitcher		July 6, 2001
45	Yobal Dueñas	Left Cuba in Speed boat October 2003	Second Baseman. Signed with the Yankees. Currently with the Tuneros de San Luis (AAA).	Pinar del Rio	June 1, 2006
46	Roman Duquesne				July 6, 2001
47	Yumel Escobar	Left Cuba by boat October 2004	Infielder. Signed with the Braves. Currently with the Mississippi Braves (AA)	Havana Industriales	June 1, 2006
48	Osmani Estrada		Infielder drafted by Rangers in 1993 - reached AAA before being released - Playing in Taiwan.		May 30, 2000
49	Osmany Fernandez	Pitcher defected at junior tournament in Illinois in 1996	living in Dominican Republic.		May 30, 2000
50	Oswaldo Fernandez	Defected in Tennessee	Pitcher signed for \$3.2 million with San Francisco. Played for the Giants in 1996-97 and Reds 2000-01. Last with the Tabasco Olmecas (Mexican AAA).	Ciudad Havana	June 1, 2006
51	Oswaldo Fernandez	Pitcher defected in Barbados	out of the game.		May 30, 2000
52	Alexis Fonseca	April 2004			March 13, 2005
53	Walter Frias	December 2003	Shortstop in Dominican Republic trying out		March 13, 2005
54	Rafael Galbizo	Left Cuba by boat October 2004	Pitcher. Signed with the Marlins . Currently with the Greensboro Grasshoppers (A).		June 1, 2006
55	Gary Galvez	Defected August 2002	Signed with the Red Sox. Currently with the Wilmington Blue Rocks (A-Adv).	Junior National Team	June 1, 2006
56	Barbaro Garbey	Left Cuba through Mariel in 1980	Played with the Tigers 1984-85 and for Texas in 1988	Havana Industriales	August 13, 2002
57	Angel Garcia		Pitcher		July 6, 2001
58	Osmani Garcia	Smuggled out of Cuba in August 1998	Third baseman in extended spring training with Rangers.		May 30, 2000
59	Mario Gonzalez			Havana Industriales	July 6, 2001
60	Yamel Guevara	Left Cuba by boat October 2004	Pitcher	Havana Industriales	October 9, 2004
61	Rolando Gum				July 6, 2001
62	Adrian Hernandez	Pitcher left Cuba on New Year's Day 2000 flying out of the Airport	Signed a \$4 million contract for Yankees. Made pitching debut in 2001. Last with the Vaqueros Laguna (Mexican AAA).	Havana Industriales	June 1, 2006
63	Alain Hernandez	Pitcher smuggled out of Cuba in August 1998	unsigned.		May 30, 2000
64	Alberto Hernandez		Catcher played parts of two seasons in Taiwan and had tryout in Seattle system - living in Costa Rica.		May 30, 2000
65	Alexis Hernandez	Catcher gained political asylum in 1999	With Winnipeg of Northern League . Currently with the Yuma Scorpions (Ind).		August 3, 2005

66	Livan Hernandez	Defected in Mexico	Pitcher was World Series MVP for Florida in 1997 - With Florida 1996-99 and Giants in 1999 to 2002. With Montreal Expos/ Washington Nationals 2003 to present	Isla de la Juventud	June 1, 2006
67	Luis Hernandez		Pitcher		July 6, 2001
68	Manuel Hernandez		Pitcher	Occidentales	July 6, 2001
69	Michel Hernandez	Catcher defected in 1996	Made his debut with Yankees on September 6, 2003. Currently with the Memphis Redbirds (AAA Cardinals).	Havana Industriales	June 1, 2006
70	Orlando Hernandez	Defected in boat December 1997	With Yankees 1998 to 2002 and again 2004. With the White Sox in 2005-06 and traded to Mets in 2006. Currently with the Mets.	Havana Industriales	June 1, 2006
71	Vladmir Hernandez	Defected in 1999 in Mexico during Pan Am Games.	Signed by Mets and assigned to Brooklyn Cyclones. Currently with Cancun Lobsterman.		April 23, 2003
72	Rigoberto Betancourt Herrera	Coach defected May 1999 in Baltimore when the Cuban national team was playing the the Baltimore Orioles			May 30, 2000
73	Yuslan Herrera		Pitcher - In the Dominican Trying out.		August 12, 2006
74	Manuel Hurtado		Pitcher	Havana Industriales	May 30, 2000
75	Yosandry Ibañez	February 2004	In Mexico awaiting tryout.		March 13, 2005
76	Hansel Izquierdo	Defected at Miami Int'l Airport in 1993	Drafted by Marlins in 1995. He had his debut in 2002 with the Marlins. Spent 2003 in the Red Sox organization. Currently with the Petroleros de Poza Rica (AAA).	Cuban Junior National Team	June 1, 2006
77	Maikel Jova	Defected in 1997	signed for \$150,000 by Blue Jays. Currently with the New Hampshire Fisher Cats (AAA Blue Jays).		June 1, 2006
78	Yoan Limonta-Zayas	Left Cuba by boat October 2004	Outfielder	Havana Industriales	October 9, 2004
79	Donell Linares	February 2005	Outfielder	Industriales	March 13, 2005
80	Serguei Linares	April 2004			March 13, 2005
81	Omar Llapur	February 2005	Outfielder	Industriales	March 13, 2005
82	Angel Lopez	Catcher smuggled out of Cuba in August 1998	Jupiter Hammerheads (A) Marlins	Villa Clara	April 23, 2003
83	Elio Lopez				July 6, 2001
84	Oscar Macias		Second Baseman - Currently with the El Paso Diablos (Ind).	Havana Industriales	August 3, 2005
85	Agustin Marquetti		Pitcher - was with Erie Seawolves and the El Paso Diablos (Ind).	Havana Industriales	August 3, 2005
86	Alejandro Martin				July 6, 2001
87	Juan Median		Pitcher still unsigned.		May 30, 2000
88	Rogelio Mediavilla				July 6, 2001
89	Joel Monzon Mejia	Pitcher defected in Spain	unsigned.		May 30, 2000
90	Jose Mesa				July 6, 2001
91	Juan Miguel Miranda	February 2005	Outfielder	Pifiar del Rio	March 13, 2005
92	Neylan Molina	Fourth-leading hitter on Cuban national team recently defected to South America	awaiting residency.		May 30, 2000
93	Andy Morales	March 2001	signed a \$4.5 million contract with the Yankees which was later nullified. Signed a Minor league contract with the Red Sox in February 2002.		August 13, 2002
94	Kendry Morales	June 7, 2004 via boat to Miami	Signed with Angels. Currently with the Los Angeles Angels.		June 1, 2006
95	Juan Carlos Muñiz		Signed with Marlins. Currently with the Carolina Mudcats (AA Marlins).		June 1, 2006
96	Maikel Neninger	February 2004			March 13, 2005

97	Vladimir Nuñez	Pitcher signed for \$1.8 million with Arizona after defecting in Venezuela in 1995	With Arizona 1998-99, with Marlins 1999-2003, and Colorado in 2004. Currently with the Charlotte Knights (AAA White Sox).	Havana Industriales	June 1, 2006
98	Osbiel Oiz	April 2004			March 13, 2005
99	Edilberto Oropesa	Defected in Buffalo in 1993	He had his debut in 2001 with the Phillies. With Arizona in 2002-03 and Padres in 2004. Currently out of baseball.	Citricultores	June 1, 2006
100	Rey Ordoñez	Shortstop defected in 1993 in Buffalo	With Mets 1996-2002, Tampa Bay in 2003 and Cubs in 2004. Currently out of baseball.	Havana Industriales	June 1, 2006
101	Rafael Ortega				July 6, 2001
102	William Ortega	Outfielder defected in November of 1996 through Mexico	Outfielder signed \$200,000 bonus in '97 - He had his debut in 2001 with the Cardinals. Currently out of baseball.	Havana Industriales	June 1, 2006
103	Ayalen Ortiz	February 2005	Outfielder		March 13, 2005
104	Rolando Pastor		Pitcher	Havana Industriales	July 6, 2001
105	Brayan Peña	May 1999 in Venezuela	Catcher signed \$1.25 million bonus with Braves at age 18. Made ML debut in 2005. Currently with the Atlanta Braves.	Cuban Junior National Team	June 1, 2006
106	Hassan Peña		Attending and playing for Palm Beach Community College	Industriales	June 1, 2006
107	Joel Perez	Left Cuba by boat October 2004	Outfielder. Currently with the GLC Yankees (R).		June 1, 2006
108	Josue Perez		Outfielder signed \$850,000 bonus with Philadelphia after being declared free agent. Currently with AZL Rangers (R).		June 1, 2006
109	Miguel Perez		Pitcher. Currently with the Norfolk Tides (AAA Mets).		June 1, 2006
110	Omar Perez				July 6, 2001
111	William Plaza	From Cuban national Junior team in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada in August 2001	Catcher. Currently with Charleston Riverdogs (A).	Junior Team	August 3, 2005
112	Pablo Pozo				July 6, 2001
113	Jose Prado		Pitcher		July 6, 2001
114	Ariel Prieto	Came to US in 1994 on a visa	\$1.2 million signing bonus in 1995 with A's. With A's 1995-2000 and with Tampa Bay in 2001. Spent time in the Pirates and Tigers organizations. Last with Albuquerque Isotopes (AAA Marlins).	Isla de la Juventud	June 1, 2006
115	Mayque Quintero	December 2000	Pitcher. Currently with the St. Lucie Mets (A-Adv).	Havana Industriales	June 1, 2006
116	Yolexandry Reina	From Cuban national Junior team in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada in August 2001	With Toronto Maple Leafs	Junior Team	August 3, 2005
117	Nataniel Reinoso		Outfielder signed for \$87,000 in 1999 - just sent down from Double A to Single - batting .214 at Myrtle Beach (Braves).		May 30, 2000
118	Eduardo Rodriguez		Pitcher	Metros	July 6, 2001
119	Keny Rodriguez	Defected in Ecuador on July 21, 2006.	Pitcher	Habana	July 29, 2006
120	Larry Rodriguez	Pitcher signed for \$1.2 million with Diamondbacks after defecting in 1995	released last year after developing arm troubles.		May 30, 2000
121	Mael Rodriguez	Left Cuba in Speed boat October 2003	Pitcher. Currently with Missoula Ospreys (R Diamondbacks).	Sancti Spiritus	June 1, 2006
122	Euclides Rojas	Defected on a raft in 1994	the all-time saves leader in Cuba - he played in minors - was bullpen coach with Red Sox.		August 3, 2005
123	Julio Rojo		Pitcher	Habana	July 6, 2001

124	Roberto Salar				July 6, 2001
125	Alex Sanchez	1994		Drafted by Tampa bay in 1996. With the Brewers in 2001-03, Tigers 2003-04, and Tampa Bay and San Francisco in 2005. Currently with the Louisville Bats (AAA Bats)	June 1, 2006
126	Yohannis Sanchez			Infielder - In the Dominican Trying out.	August 12, 2006
127	Yunesky Sanchez			Infielder - In the Dominican Trying out.	August 12, 2006
128	Amaury Sanit	February 2004		Played in Nicaraguan League	August 3, 2005
129	Osmany Santana			St. Paul (ind.)	August 13, 2002
130	Americo Santiesteban				July 6, 2001
131	Francisco Santiesteban	Catcher defected in Colombia in 1997		signed minor-league contract with Mariners in 1998 and was released before last season.	May 30, 2000
132	Yennier Sardinas	April 2004			March 13, 2005
133	Yalian Serrano	Catcher defected at age 15 in 1996		released by Devil Rays in 1999.	May 30, 2000
134	Alay (Alain) Soler	December 2003		Signed with Mets. Currently pitching for the Mets.	June 1, 2006
135	Julio Soto				July 6, 2001
136	Roberto Sotolongo	December 2003		Signed with Cubs. Currently with the Peoria Chiefs.	June 1, 2006
137	Michael Tejera	Defected at Miami Int'l Airport in 1993		Drafted by Marlins in 1995. With the Marlins 1999-2004 and with Texas 2004-05. Currently with the Fresno Grizzlies (AAA Giants).	June 1, 2006
138	Jorge Luis Toca	Smuggled out of Cuba in August 1998		Oufielder signed \$1.4 million with bonus in 1998 - With Mets in 1999-2001. Currently out of baseball.	Villa Clara June 1, 2006
139	Yoankis Turino	Defected to Los Angeles from the Dominican Republic		Pitcher. Playing with the Long Beach Armada of Golden Baseball League.	July 6, 2006
140	Miguel Urrea				July 6, 2001
141	Bernardo Utset				July 6, 2001
142	Raul Valdes	December 2003		Signed with Cubs in 2005. Signed with Mets in 2006.	June 1, 2006
143	Ramon Valdivia	Shortstop defected after Olympics in 1996		never signed a major league contract.	May 30, 2000
144	Rolando Viera	Left Cuba with Visa in April 2001		Drafted by the Red Sox. Currently with the Brockton Rox (Ind)	Havana Industriales June 1, 2006
145	Julio Cesar Villalon			Pitcher had brief stay in Tampa Bay minor-league camp. Currently with the Sarasota Reds (A-Adv).	June 1, 2006
146	Alejandro Zuaznabar	Defected to Venezuela 2004		Signed with the Mets in Jan. 2005. Currently with Kingsport Mets	Metropolitanos June 1, 2006

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