



## GEOGRAPHY

**LOCATION:** Caribbean, tropical island located between the Caribbean Sea and the North Atlantic Ocean, east of the Dominican Republic

**GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES:** 18 15 N, 66 30 W

**MAP REFERENCES:** Central America and the Caribbean

**LAND AND WATER AREA:** 13,790 sq km

**COASTLINE:** 501 km

**CLIMATE:** Tropical marine, mild; little seasonal temperature variation

**TERRAIN:** Mostly mountains, with coastal plain belt in north; mountains precipitous to sea on west coast; sandy beaches along most coastal areas

**ELEVATION EXTREMES:** Lowest point: Caribbean Sea 0 m  
Highest point: Cerro de Punta 1,338 m

## PEOPLE

**POPULATION:** 3,337,177 (July 1, 2017 est.)

**AGE STRUCTURE:** 0-14 years: 15.7% (male 267,908; female 256,058) (2017 est.)  
15-64 years: 64.6% (male 1,029,909; female 1,124,552) (2017 est.)  
65 years and over: 19.7% (male 284,886; female 373,864) (2017 est.)

**MEDIAN AGE:** Total: 41.6 years (2017 est.)  
Male: 39.7 years • Female: 43.3 years

**POPULATION GROWTH RATE:** -2.0% (2017 est.)

**BIRTH RATE:** 8.6 births / 1,000 population (2017 est.)

**DEATH RATE:** 9.0 deaths / 1,000 population (2017 est.)

**NET MIGRATION RATE:** -16.9 migrant(s) / 1,000 population (2017 est.)

**SEX RATIO:** At birth: 1.02 males(s) / female (2017 est.)  
Under 15 years: 1.05 male(s) / female  
15-64 years: 0.92 male(s) / female  
65 years and over: 0.76 male(s) / female  
Total population: 0.90 male(s) / female (2017 est.)

**INFANT MORTALITY RATE:** Total: 6.4 deaths / 1,000 live births (2017 est.)  
Male: 7 deaths / 1,000 live births  
Female: 5.8 deaths / 1,000 live births

**LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH:** Total population: 80.9 years (2017 est.)  
Male: 77.6 years • Female: 84.4 years

**TOTAL FERTILITY RATE:** 1.22 children born / woman (2017 est.)

**NATIONALITY:** Noun: Puerto Rican(s) (US citizens) • Adjective: Puerto Rican

**ETHNIC GROUPS:** White 75.8%, black / African American 12.4%, other 8.5%, and mixed 3.3% (2010)

**RELIGION:** Roman Catholic 85%, Protestant and other 15%

**LANGUAGES:** Spanish, English

**LITERACY:** Definition: age 15 and over can read and write  
Total population: 93.3% • Male: 92.8% • Female: 93.8% (2015 est.)

## GOVERNMENT

**COUNTRY NAME:** Conventional long form: Commonwealth of Puerto Rico  
Conventional short form: Puerto Rico

**GOVERNMENT STATUS:** Unincorporated organized territory of the US with commonwealth status; policy relations between PR and the US conducted under the jurisdiction of the Office of the President

**GOVERNMENT TYPE:** Presidential democracy; a self-governing commonwealth associated to the US

**CAPITAL:** San Juan

**LEGAL SYSTEM:** Based on civil law and within the US Federal judicial system

**SUFFRAGE:** 18 years of age; universal; island residents are US citizens but do not vote in US presidential elections

**HEAD OF STATE:** President Donald J. Trump (since January 20, 2017)

**GOVERNOR:** Ricardo Rosselló Nevares (since January 2, 2017)

**LEGISLATIVE BRANCH:** Bicameral Legislative Assembly consists of the Senate (30 seats; members are directly elected by popular vote to serve four-year terms) and the House of Representatives (51 seats; members are directly elected by popular vote to serve four-year terms)

**JUDICIAL BRANCH:** Supreme Court; Appellate Court; Court of First Instance composed of two sections: a Superior Court and a Municipal Court (justices for all these courts appointed by the governor with the consent of the Senate)

**INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION PARTICIPATION:** AOSIS (observer), Caricom (observer), Interpol (subbureau), IOC, UNWTO (associate), UPU, WFTU (NGOs)

## ECONOMY

**GNP:** \$70.6 billion (2017)

**GNP - REAL GROWTH RATE:** -2.4% (2017)

**GNP - PER CAPITA:** \$20,927 (2017)

**GDP:** \$104.2 billion (2017)

**GDP - PER CAPITA:** \$30,907 (2017)

**GDP - COMPOSITION BY SECTOR:** (2017) Manufacturing: 48.2%  
Finance, insurance and real estate: 19.3%  
Services: 13.7%  
Trade: 7.6%  
Government: 6.8%  
Transportation and other public utilities: 3.2%  
Construction and Mining: 0.9%  
Agriculture: 0.8%

**PERSONS BELOW POVERTY LEVEL:** 45.1% (2016)

**INFLATION RATE (change in the implicit price deflator for GNP):** 3.0% (2017)

**LABOR FORCE:** 1.1 million (2018)

**LABOR FORCE - BY OCCUPATION:** (2018) Services: 33.3%  
Trade: 24.2%  
Government: 19.6%  
Manufacturing: 9.1%  
Transportation and other public utilities: 4.2%  
Construction: 3.9%  
Finance, insurance and real estate: 3.7%  
Agriculture: 1.6%

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE:** 10.3% (2018)

**INDUSTRIES:** Pharmaceuticals, electric products, electronic products, medical equipment, food products

**ELECTRICITY - PRODUCTION:** 14.7 billion kWh (2018)

**ELECTRICITY - CONSUMPTION:** 13.3 billion kWh (2018)

**NATURAL GAS - CONSUMPTION:** 2,655,211 km<sup>3</sup> (2017)

**NATURAL GAS - IMPORTS:** 2,655,211 km<sup>3</sup> (2017)

**AGRICULTURE - PRODUCTS:** Coffee, pineapples, plantains, bananas, starchy vegetables; livestock products, milk, poultry (2015)

**EXPORTS:** \$73.8 billion f.o.b. (2017)

**EXPORTS - COMMODITIES:** Pharmaceuticals, chemicals, medical equipment, food, computers, electronics, electrical equipment

**EXPORTS - PARTNERS:** US 74.9%, Belgium 3.7%, Netherlands 3.2%, Italy 2.7% and Austria 1.7% (2017)

**IMPORTS:** \$51.8 billion c.i.f. (2017)

**IMPORTS - COMMODITIES:** Pharmaceuticals, chemicals, petroleum products, food, computer and electronic products, motor vehicles, machinery

**IMPORTS - PARTNERS:** US 47.4%, Ireland 10.9%, Singapore 5.2%, Switzerland 3.5% and Brazil 3.0%

**CURRENCY:** US dollar (USD)

**CURRENCY CODE:** USD

**FISCAL YEAR:** July 1<sup>ST</sup> - June 30<sup>TH</sup>

## TRANSPORTATION

**HIGHWAYS:** Total: 29,544.7 km • Paved: 29,389.2 km • Unpaved: 155.5 km (2017)

**PORTS AND HARBORS:** 12

**AIRPORTS:** 10

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