



PUERTO RICO *Fact Sheet*

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GEOGRAPHY

Location: Caribbean, island 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

Total area: 9,104 sq km (3,435 sq. mi.)

Coastline: 501 km (311 sq. mi.)

Climate: tropical marine, mild; little seasonal temperature variation. Average temperature: 84° F

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 (4,390 ft.)

PEOPLE

Population: 3,971,020 (July 2009 est.)

Age structure: 0-14 years: 19.9% (2009 est.)

(male 404,635; female 386,733)

15-64 years: 66% (2009 est.)

(male 1,260,114; female 1,361,193)

65 years and over: 14.1% (2009 est.)

(male 240,318; female 318,027)

Median age: total: 36.2 years (2009 est.)

male: 34.5 years

female: 37.9 years

Population growth rate: 0.34% (2009 est.)

Birth rate: 12.12 births/1,000 population (2009 est.)

Death rate: 7.88 deaths/1,000 population (2008 est.)

Net migration rate: -0.96 migrant(s)/1,000 population (2009 est.)

Sex ratio: at birth: 1.05 males(s)/female (2009 est.)

under 15 years: 1.05 male(s)/female

15-64 years: 0.93 male(s)/female

65 years and over: 0.76 male(s)/female

total population: 0.92 male(s)/female

Infant mortality rate:

total: 8.42 deaths/1,000 live births (2009 est.)

male: 9.69 deaths/1,000 live births

female: 7.1 deaths/1,000 live births

Life expectancy at birth:

total population: 78.53 years (2009 est.)

male: 74.85 years

female: 82.39 years

Total fertility rate: 1.71 children born/woman (2009 est.)

Nationality: noun: Puerto Rican(s) (US citizens)

adjective: Puerto Rican

Ethnic groups: white 76.2%, black 6.9%, Amerindian 0.2%,

Asian 0.3%, mixed 4.4%, and other 12% (2007)

Religion: Roman Catholic 85%, Protestant and other 15%

Languages: Spanish, English

Literacy: definition: age 15 and over can read and write

total population: 94.1%

male: 93.9%

female: 94.4% (2002 est.)

ECONOMY

GNP: \$60.8 billion (2008)

GNP - real growth rate: -2.5% (2008)

GNP - per capita: \$15,399 (2008)

GDP: \$93.3 billion (2008)

GDP - per capita: \$23,626 (2008)

GDP - composition by sector: (2008)

Manufacturing: 41.5%

Finance, insurance and real estate: 17.7%

Trade: 12.7%

Services: 9.6%

Government: 9.4%

Transportation and other public utilities: 6.5%

Construction and Mining: 2.1%

Agriculture: 0.5%

Population below poverty line: 45.5% (2007)

Inflation rate (change in the implicit price deflator for GNP):

6.5% (2008)

Labor force: 1.37 million (2008)

Labor force - by occupation: (2008)

Services: 29.5%

Government: 22.9%

Trade: 21.1%

Manufacturing: 10.6%

Construction and mining: 6.8%

Transportation and other public utilities: 4.4%

Finance, insurance and real estate: 3.5%

Agriculture: 1.2%

Unemployment rate: 11% (2008)

Consolidated Budget: revenues: \$27.7 billion

expenditures: \$27.6 billion (2008)

Central Government Budget: revenues: \$8.4 billion

expenditures: \$9.1 billion (2008)

Industries: pharmaceuticals, electronics, apparel, food products

Electricity - production: 23.9 billion kWh (2008)

Electricity - consumption: 19.6 billion kWh (2008)

Oil - consumption: 167,091 bbl/day (2008 est.)

Natural gas - consumption: 1,283,169 km³ (2008)

Natural gas - imports: 1,283,169 km³ (2008)

Agriculture - products: sugarcane, coffee, pineapples, plantains, bananas; livestock products, poultry

Exports: \$64.0 billion f.o.b. (2008)

Exports - commodities: chemicals, electronics, apparel, canned tuna, rum, beverage concentrates, medical equipment

Exports - partners: US 76.3%, Germany 5.2%, Netherlands and Belgium 4.2% (2008)

Imports: \$44.9 billion c.i.f. (2008)

Imports - commodities: chemicals, machinery and equipment, clothing, food, fish, petroleum products

Imports - partners: US 52.7%, Ireland 20.7%, Nigeria 4.6%, Japan 4.1% (2008)

Currency: US dollar

Currency code: USD

Fiscal year: 1 July - 30 June

GOVERNMENT

Country name:

conventional long form:

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

conventional short form: Puerto Rico

Government type: commonwealth associated with 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: Governor Luis Fortuño

(since January 2, 2009)

Legislative branch: bicameral Legislative Assembly consists of the Senate (27 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: Caricom (observer), Interpol (subbureau), IOC, ITUC, UNWTO (associate), UPU, WCL, WFTU

TRANSPORTATION

Highways: total: 26,676.5 km

paved: 26,531.0 km

unpaved: 145.5 km (2008)

Ports and harbors: 9

Airports: 11

SOURCES:

U.S. Census Bureau

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Puerto Rico Ports Authority