



PUERTO RICO

Fact Sheet

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AS OF JULY 2009

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
Area total: 9,104 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: 3,971,020 (July 2009 est.)
Age structure: 0-14 years: 19.9% (male 404,635; female 386,733) (2009 est.)
15-64 years: 66% (male 1,260,114; female 1,361,193) (2009 est.)
65 years and over: 14.1% (male 240,318; female 318,027) (2009 est.)
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:
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 (2008)
expenditures: \$27.6 billion
Central Government Budget: revenues: \$8.4 billion (2008) expenditures: \$9.1 billion
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 (USD)
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 government: Governor Luis Fortuño (since 2 January 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

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