### 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
- **Land and Water Area:** 13,791 sq. km. (5,325 sq. mi.)
- **Coastline:** 501 km (311 miles)
- **Climate:** Tropical marine, mild; little seasonal temperature variation
- **Terrain:** Mostly mountains; coastal plain belt in north
- **Elevation extremes:**
  - Lowest point: Caribbean Sea 0 m
  - Highest point: Cerro de Punta 1,339 m
- **Coastline:** 501 km (311 miles)
- **Natural resources:**
  - Tropical forests, hydropower
- **Population (2010 est.):** 3,791,913

### PEOPLE

- **Population:** 3,791,913 (July 1, 2010 est.)
- **Age structure:**
  - 0-14 years: 19.8% (male 202,473; female 182,685); (2009 est.)
  - 15-64 years: 66.1% (male 1,260,191; female 1,361,359); (2009 est.)
  - 65 years and over: 14.1% (male 239,957; female 317,578); (2009 est.)
- **Median age:** Total: 36.2 years (2009 est.)
  - Male: 34.5 years
  - Female: 37.9 years
- **Population growth rate:** -0.36% (2010 est.)
- **Birth rate:** 11.72 births/1,000 population (2009 est.)
- **Death rate:** 7.78 deaths/1,000 population (July 2009 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 males(s)/female
  - 15-64 years: 0.93 males(s)/female
  - 65 years and over: 0.76 males(s)/female
  - Total population: 0.92 males(s)/female
- **Infant mortality rate:** Total: 8.28 deaths/1,000 live births (2009 est.)
- **Life expectancy at birth:**
  - Total population: 78.52 years (2009 est.)
  - Male: 74.86 years
  - Female: 82.36 years
- **Total fertility rate:** 1.65 children born/woman (2009 est.)
- **Nationality:**
  - Noun: Puerto Rican(s)
  - Adjective: Puerto Rican
- **Ethnic groups:**
  - White 76.2%, black 6.9%, Amerindian 0.2%, Asian 0.3%, mixed 4.4%, and other 12% (2007 est.)
- **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:** $63.3 billion (2010)
- **GNP - real growth rate:** -3.8% (2010)
- **GNP - per capita:** $15,930 (2010)
- **GDP:** $96.3 billion (2010)
- **GDP - per capita:** $24,229 (2010)
- **GDP - composition by sector:** (2010)
  - Manufacturing: 46.4%
  - Finance, insurance and real estate: 19.6%
  - Services: 12.5%
  - Government: 8.6%
  - Trade: 8%
  - Transportation and other public utilities: 2.9%
  - Construction and Mining: 1.7%
  - Agriculture: 0.6%
- **Population below poverty line:** 41.4% (2009)
- **Inflation rate (change in the implicit price deflator for GNP):** 4.9% (2010)
- **Labor force:** 1.31 million (2010)
- **Labor force - by occupation:** (2010)
  - Services: 29.9%
  - Government: 23.7%
  - Trade: 21.8%
  - Manufacturing: 9.2%
  - Transportation and other public utilities: 5.2%
  - Construction and mining: 4.9%
  - Finance, insurance and real estate: 3.7%
  - Agriculture: 1.6%
- **Unemployment rate:** 16% (2010)
- **Consolidated Budget:** revenues $31.3 billion (2010)
- **Expenditures:** $29.1 billion
- **Central Government Budget:** revenues $7.7 billion (2010)
- **Expenditures:** $10.2 billion
- **Industries:**
  - Pharmaceuticals, electronics, food products
  - Chemicals, machinery and equipment
  - Food, petroleum products

### GOVERNMENT

- **Country name:** Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
- **Government type:** US Territory
- **Capital:** San Juan
- **Legal system:** Based on civil law and within the US Federal legal system
- **Suffrage:** 18 years of age; universal; island residents are US citizens but do not vote in US presidential elections
- **Head of State:** President Barack H. Obama
- **Governor:** Luis G. 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:** Superior Court; Appellate Court; Court of First Instance composed of two sections: a Superior Court and a Municipal Court (justice for all these courts are appointed by the governor with the consent of the Senate)
- **International organization participation:** Caricom (observer), Interpol (subbureau), IOC, ITUC, UNWTO (associate), UPU

### TRANSPORTATION

- **Highways:** total: 26,864.1 km (2010)
  - Paved: 26,718.2 km
  - Unpaved: 145.8 km
- **Ports and harbors:** 9
- **Airports:** 11

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