



# PUERTO RICO

# FACT SHEET

GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT BANK FOR PUERTO RICO • ECONOMIC ANALYSIS DIVISION

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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

**Land and Water Area:** 13,790 sq. km. (5,324 sq. mi.)

**Coastline:** 501 km (311 miles)

**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:** 3,598,357 (July 1, 2015 est.)

**Age structure:** 0-14 years: 17.7% (male 325,944; female 311,520) (2015 est.) 15-64 years: 64.8% (male 1,121,534; female 1,209,726) (2015 est.) 65 years and over: 17.5% (male 271,633; female 358,000) (2015 est.)

**Median age:** total: 39.1 years (2015 est.)  
male: 37.1 years  
female: 41 years

**Population growth rate:** -0.6% (2015 est.)

**Birth rate:** 10.86 births/1,000 population (2015 est.)

**Death rate:** 8.67 deaths/1,000 population (2015 est.)

**Net migration rate:** -8.15 migrant(s)/1,000 population (2015 est.)

**Sex ratio:** at birth: 1.02 males(s)/female (2015 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 (2015 est.)

**Infant mortality rate:**  
total: 7.57 deaths/1,000 live births (2015 est.)  
male: 8.38 deaths/1,000 live births  
female: 6.75 deaths/1,000 live births

**Life expectancy at birth:**  
total population: 79.25 years (2015 est.)  
male: 75.62 years  
female: 82.94 years

**Total fertility rate:** 1.64 children born/woman (2015 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.)

## ECONOMY

**GNP:** \$69.2 billion (2014)

**GNP - real growth rate:** -0.9% (2014)

**GNP - per capita:** \$19,257 (2014)

**GDP:** \$103.7 billion (2014)

**GDP - per capita:** \$28,850 (2014)

**GDP - composition by sector:**

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| Manufacturing:                             | 47.6% |
| Finance, insurance and real estate:        | 19.7% |
| Services:                                  | 12.5% |
| Trade:                                     | 7.7%  |
| Government:                                | 7.6%  |
| Transportation and other public utilities: | 2.9%  |
| Construction and Mining:                   | 1.1%  |
| Agriculture:                               | 0.8%  |

**Persons below poverty level:** 46.2% (2014)

**Inflation rate:** change in the implicit price deflator for GNP 1.6% (2014)

**Labor force:** 1.1 million (2015)

**Labor force - by occupation:** (2015)

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| Services:                                  | 33.8% |
| Trade:                                     | 24.3% |
| Government:                                | 20.1% |
| Manufacturing:                             | 8.3%  |
| Transportation and other public utilities: | 4.5%  |
| Construction and mining:                   | 3.8%  |
| Finance, insurance and real estate:        | 3.4%  |
| Agriculture:                               | 1.7%  |

**Unemployment rate:** 13.0% (2015)

**Industries:** pharmaceuticals, electronics, food products

**Electricity - production:** 20.9 billion kWh (2015)

**Electricity - consumption:** 17.3 billion kWh (2015)

**Natural gas - consumption:** 2,606,992 km3 (2015)

**Natural gas - imports:** 2,606,992 km3 (2015)

**Agriculture - products:** coffee, pineapples, plantains, bananas, starchy vegetables; livestock products, milk, poultry (2014)

**Exports:** \$69.4 billion f.o.b. (2015)

**Exports - commodities:** Pharmaceuticals, chemicals, medical equipment, food, computers, electronics, electrical equipment

**Exports - partners:** US 74.1%, Belgium 5.7%, Netherlands 3.7%, Spain 2.1% and Austria 2.0% (2015)

**Imports:** \$43.2 billion c.i.f. (2015)

**Imports - commodities:** Pharmaceuticals, chemicals, petroleum products, food, computer and electronic products, motor vehicles, machinery

**Imports - partners:** US 51.7%, Ireland 12.0%, Singapore 7.9%, Brazil 3.4% and Japan 3.3% (2015)

**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 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:** Alejandro García Padilla (since January 2, 2013)

**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 are appointed by the governor with the consent of the Senate)

**International organization participation:**  
Caricom (observer), Interpol (subbureau), IOC, UNWTO (associate), UPU

## TRANSPORTATION

**Highways:** total: 28,053.2 km  
paved: 27,903.6 km  
unpaved: 149.6 km (2014)

**Ports and harbors:** 12

**Airports:** 10

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