



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

Land and Water Area: 13,791 sq. km. (5,325 sq. mi.)

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 1,339 m

PEOPLE

Population: 3,967,288 (July 1, 2009 est.)

Age structure: 0-14 years: 19.8%

(male 402,473; female 384,655) (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: 0.298% (2009 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 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: 8.28 deaths/1,000 live births (2009 est.)

male: 9.14 deaths/1,000 live births

female: 7.37 deaths/1,000 live births

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) (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: \$62.8 billion (2009)

GNP - real growth rate: -3.7% (2009)

GNP - per capita: \$15,846 (2009)

GDP: \$95.7 billion (2009)

GDP - per capita: \$24,165 (2009)

GDP - composition by sector: (2009)

Manufacturing: 45.5%

Finance, insurance and real estate: 19%

Services: 12.8%

Government: 9.7%

Trade: 7.8%

Transportation and other public utilities: 3.2%

Construction and Mining: 1.9%

Agriculture: 0.7%

Population below poverty line: 41.3% (2008)

Inflation rate (change in the implicit price deflator for GNP): 6% (2009)

Labor force: 1.35 million (2009)

Labor force - by occupation: (2009)

Services: 30.2%

Government: 23.2%

Trade: 20.9%

Manufacturing: 9.6%

Construction and mining: 5.9%

Transportation and other public utilities: 4.9%

Finance, insurance and real estate: 3.7%

Agriculture: 1.6%

Unemployment rate: 13.4% (2009)

Consolidated Budget: revenues: \$27.1 billion (2009)
expenditures: \$27.4 billion

Central Government Budget: revenues: \$8.6 billion (2009)
expenditures: \$9.5 billion

Industries: pharmaceuticals, electronics, food products

Electricity - production: 22.7 billion kWh (2009)

Electricity - consumption: 18.5 billion kWh (2009)

Oil - consumption: 159,335 bbl/day (2009 est.)

Natural gas - consumption: 1,203,098 km³ (2009)

Natural gas - imports: 1,203,098 km³ (2009)

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

Exports: \$60.8 billion f.o.b. (2009)

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

Exports - partners: US 71.6%, Germany 6.5%,
Netherlands 4.4% and Belgium 3.8% (2009)

Imports: \$40.7 billion c.i.f. (2009)

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

Imports - partners: US 46.9%, Ireland 20.1%,
Singapore 3.9%, Japan 3.8% (2009)

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: US Territory

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 Barak H. Obama

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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