



# 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  
**Area total:** 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:** 3,927,188 (July 2006 est.)  
**Age structure:** 0-14 years: 21.3%  
(male 428,610; female 409,484) (2006 est.)  
15-64 years: 65.8%  
(male 1,239,255; female 1,345,519) (2006 est.)  
65 years and over: 12.8%  
(male 218,045; female 286,275) (2006 est.)  
**Median age:** total: 34.7 years (2006 est.)  
male: 33 years  
female: 36.4 years  
**Population growth rate:** 0.4% (2006 est.)  
**Birth rate:** 12.77 births/1,000 population (2006 est.)  
**Death rate:** 7.65 deaths/1,000 population (2006 est.)  
**Net migration rate:** -1.14 migrant(s)/1,000 population (2006 est.)  
**Sex ratio:** at birth: 1.05 males(s)/female (2006 est.)  
under 15 years: 1.05 male(s)/female  
15-64 years: 0.92 male(s)/female  
65 years and over: 0.76 male(s)/female  
total population: 0.92 male(s)/female  
**Infant mortality rate:**  
total: 9.14 deaths/1,000 live births (2006 est.)  
male: 10.32 deaths/1,000 live births  
female: 7.9 deaths/1,000 live births  
**Life expectancy at birth:**  
total population: 78.4 years (2006 est.)  
male: 74.46 years  
female: 82.54 years  
**Total fertility rate:** 1.75 children born/woman (2006 est.)  
**Nationality:** noun: Puerto Rican(s) (US citizens)  
adjective: Puerto Rican  
**Ethnic groups:** white 80.5%, black 8%, Amerindian 0.4%, Asian 0.2%, mixed and other 10.9% (2000)  
**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:** \$56.7 billion (2006)  
**GNP - real growth rate:** 0.7% (2006)  
**GNP - per capita:** \$14,462 (2006)  
**GDP:** \$86.5 billion (2006)  
**GDP - per capita:** \$22,058 (2006)  
**GDP - composition by sector:** (2006)  
Manufacturing: 42.3%  
Finance, insurance and real estate: 17%  
Trade: 12.4%  
Services: 9.4%  
Government: 9.7%  
Transportation and other public utilities: 6.4%  
Construction and Mining: 2.1%  
Agriculture: 0.4%  
**Population below poverty line:** 44.6% (1999)  
**Inflation rate (change in the implicit price deflator for GNP):**  
5.1% (2006)  
**Labor force:** 1.4 million (2006)  
**Labor force - by occupation:** (2006)  
Services: 28.2%  
Government: 22.2%  
Trade: 21.7%  
Manufacturing: 10.9%  
Construction and mining: 7%  
Transportation and other public utilities: 4.6%  
Finance, insurance and real estate: 3.7%  
Agriculture: 1.8%  
**Unemployment rate:** 11.7% (2006)  
**Consolidated Budget:** revenues: \$27.2 billion (2006)  
expenditures: \$26.5 billion  
**Central Government Budget:** revenues: \$8.5 billion (2006)  
expenditures: \$9.6 billion  
**Industries:** pharmaceuticals, electronics, apparel, food products  
**Electricity - production:** 24.9 billion kWh (2006)  
**Electricity - consumption:** 20.6 billion kWh (2006)  
**Oil - consumption:** 173,467 bbl/day (2006 est.)  
**Natural gas - consumption:** 1,131,225 km<sup>3</sup> (2006)  
**Natural gas - imports:** 1,131,225 km<sup>3</sup> (2006)  
**Agriculture - products:** sugarcane, coffee, pineapples, plantains, bananas; livestock products, poultry  
**Exports:** \$60.1 billion f.o.b. (2006)  
**Exports - commodities:** chemicals, electronics, apparel, canned tuna, rum, beverage concentrates, medical equipment  
**Exports - partners:** US 82.6%, Netherlands 3.9%, Belgium 2.4% (2006)  
**Imports:** \$42.6 billion c.i.f. (2006)  
**Imports - commodities:** chemicals, machinery and equipment, clothing, food, fish, petroleum products  
**Imports - partners:** US 50.4%, Ireland 18.6%, Japan 4.3% (2006)  
**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 Aníbal Acevedo Vilá (since 2 January 2005)  
**Legislative branch:** bicameral Legislative Assembly consists of the Senate (28 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:** Interpol (sub-bureau), IOC, ITUC, UNWTO (associate), UPU, WCL, WFTU

## TRANSPORTATION

**Highways:** total: 25,735 km  
paved: 24,353 km  
unpaved: 1,382 km (2005)  
**Ports and harbors:** 9  
**Airports:** 10

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