GEOGRAPHY

LOCATION: Caribbean, tropical island located 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

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: 3,337,177 (July 1, 2017 est.)

AGE STRUCTURE: 0-14 years: 15.7% (male 267,908; female 256,058) (2017 est.)
15-64 years: 64.6% (male 1,029,909; female 1,124,552) (2017 est.)
65 years and over: 19.7% (male 284,886; female 373,864) (2017 est.)

MEDIAN AGE: Total: 41.6 years (2017 est.)
Male: 39.7 years • Female: 43.3 years

POPULATION GROWTH RATE: -2.0% (2017 est.)

BIRTH RATE: 8.6 births / 1,000 population (2017 est.)

DEATH RATE: 9.0 deaths / 1,000 population (2017 est.)

NET MIGRATION RATE: -16.9 migrant(s) / 1,000 population (2017 est.)

SEX RATIO: At birth: 1.02 male(s) / female (2017 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: 0.90 male(s) / female (2017 est.)

INFANT MORTALITY RATE: Total: 6.4 deaths / 1,000 live births (2017 est.)
Male: 7 deaths / 1,000 live births
Female: 5.8 deaths / 1,000 live births

LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH: Total population: 80.9 years (2017 est.)
Male: 77.6 years • Female: 84.4 years

TOTAL FERTILITY RATE: 1.22 children born / woman (2017 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.)

GOVERNMENT

COUNTRY NAME: Conventional long form: Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
Conventional short form: Puerto Rico

GOVERNMENT STATUS: Unincorporated organized territory of the US with commonwealth status; policy relations between PR and the US conducted under the jurisdiction of the Office of the President

GOVERNMENT TYPE: Presidential democracy; a self-governing commonwealth associated to 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: President Donald J. Trump (since January 20, 2017)

GOVERNOR: Ricardo Rossello Nevarres (since January 2, 2017)

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH: Bicameral Legislative Assembly consists of the Senate (30 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 (judges for all these courts appointed by the governor with the consent of the Senate)

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION PARTICIPATION: AOSIS (observer), Caricom (observer), Interpol (subbureau), IOC, UNWTO (associate), UPU, WFTU (NGOs)

ECONOMY

GNP: $70.6 billion (2017)

GNP - REAL GROWTH RATE: -2.4% (2017)

GNP - PER CAPITA: $20,927 (2017)

GDP: $104.2 billion (2017)

GDP - PER CAPITA: $30,907 (2017)

GDP - COMPOSITION BY SECTOR: (2017) Manufacturing: 48.2%
Finance, insurance and real estate: 19.3%
Services: 13.7%
Trade: 7.6%
Government: 6.8%
Transportation and other public utilities: 3.2%
Construction and Mining: 0.9%
Agriculture: 0.8%

PERSONS BELOW POVERTY LEVEL: 45.1% (2016)

INFLATION RATE (change in the implicit price deflator for GNP): 3.0% (2017)

LABOR FORCE: 1.1 million (2018)

LABOR FORCE - BY OCCUPATION: Services: 33.3%
Trade: 24.2%
Government: 19.6%
Manufacturing: 9.1%
Transportation and other public utilities: 4.2%
Construction: 3.9%
Finance, insurance and real estate: 3.7%
Agriculture: 1.6%

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: 10.3% (2018)

INDUSTRIES: Pharmaceuticals, electric products, electronic products, medical equipment, food products

ELECTRICITY - PRODUCTION: 14.7 billion kWh (2018)

ELECTRICITY - CONSUMPTION: 13.3 billion kWh (2018)

NATURAL GAS - CONSUMPTION: 2,655,211 km3 (2017)

NATURAL GAS - IMPORTS: 2,655,211 km3 (2017)

AGRICULTURE - PRODUCTS: Coffee, pineapples, plantains, bananas, starchy vegetables; livestock products, milk, poultry (2015)

EXPORTS: $73.8 billion f.o.b. (2017)

EXPORTS - PARTNERS: US 74.9%, Belgium 3.7%, Netherlands 3.2%, Italy 2.7% and Austria 1.7% (2017)

IMPORTS: $51.8 billion c.i.f. (2017)

IMPORTS - COMMODITIES: Pharmaceuticals, chemicals, petroleum products, food, computer and electronic products, motor vehicles, machinery

IMPORTS - PARTNERS: US 47.4%, Ireland 10.9%, Singapore 5.2%, Switzerland 3.5% and Brazil 3.0%

CURRENCY: US dollar (USD)

CURRENCY CODE: USD

FISCAL YEAR: July 1st - June 30th

TRANSPORTATION

HIGHWAYS: Total: 29,544.7 km • Paved: 29,389.2 km • Unpaved: 155.5 km (2017)

PORTS AND HARBORS: 12

AIRPORTS: 10

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