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Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. (*Estado Libre Asociado de Puerto Rico*).

Population: 3,285,874

Per Capita Income: \$33,315

U.S.Governments: <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>

(Federal, State & local - most recent elected officials)

Puerto Rico: www.prfaa.pr.gov/ or www.pr.gov

Governor's office: <https://www.fortaleza.pr.gov>

Secretary of State: <https://www.estado.pr.gov>

Tourism: 787-721-2400 <https://prtourism.com>

Major Cities: San Juan, Ponce, Caguas, Mayagüez, Bayamón

Multicultural Council of America

Non-Profit umbrella organization, promoting world cultures, education & healthcare

<https://www.multiculturalcouncil.org> Email: info@multiculturalcouncil.org

WE are a non-profit membership organization, helping you connect with people and organizations within the **Puerto Rico** and beyond, for better communication, exchanging ideas, learning & helping communities locally, nationally and globally thru Multicultural Council Chapters.

We encourage you to please become a *member*, join one of our committees, **be a volunteer or mentor**, *donate your time & money and share your ideas to help the communities*. Membership is open to individuals, organizations, corporations and governments.

Please *advertise* your organization, services or products in this website to reach out to local, regional and global multicultural communities.

Tourism Promotion has become our special project during these uncertain times. Tourism is the world's largest industry. Prior to the pandemic, according to the National Travel and Tourism Week (NTTW) the travel industry was a powerful economic engine, supporting jobs and driving local economies in every pocket of America. The industry had experienced 107 straight months of growth, generated \$2.6 trillion in economic output, supported 17 million American jobs and delivered a \$51 billion trade surplus to the U.S. including US Territories.

While tourism revenue suffered immensely during the pandemic, Puerto Rico bounced back strongly in 2022, driven by pent-up demand and the lifting of travel restrictions. More than 5.1 million passengers arrived at the Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport of **Puerto Rico**, a 6.5% increase from 2021. Approximately \$8.9 billion in revenue was generated by travel and tourism, a 39% increase over the previous high in 2019.

The Island now employs more than 91,500 individuals in travel and tourism related jobs, also the highest ever. Employment in the leisure and hospitality sector in Puerto Rico has increased by 12.8% compared to pre-pandemic levels, while employment numbers in the U.S. remain 4% below when considering the same period.

The Multicultural Communities within Puerto Rico and throughout the world have always been instrumental in increasing Tourism Revenues for Puerto Rico for employment and our economic growth. Let’s work together to help each other.

Population by Race:

Puerto Rico

1	White	61.6%
2	Black or African American	12.4%
3	Hispanic	18.7%
4	Asian	6.0%
5	American Indian and Alaska Native	1.1%
6	Two or more Races	10.2%
7	Pacific Islanders	0.2%
8	Some Other Race	8.4%
9	Speaking A Foreign Language at Home	<10%

- Some whites are also included in Hispanic & vv or in 2 or more or other races.
- Percentages are an estimated, because exact numbers are not readily available.

How Much Do You Need To Earn, to Live Well in Puerto Rico?

Family Budget Calculator, developed by the Economic Policy Institute (www.epi.org/resources/budget) allows you to calculate the average amount of money you need for Housing, Food, Childcare, Transportation, Healthcare, Taxes, etc. in the area where you live or wish to live.

Puerto Rico Information, Contacts & Resources

- **History & Culture:** <https://en.wikipedia.org>
- **Demographics:** <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/>
- **Discrimination** (*Violation of Your Civil Rights based on race, color, national origin, disability, sex, religion, familial status, etc.*): 833-591-0291 or Toll-Free:1-855-856-1247 <https://civilrights.justice.gov>
- **Eldercare:** Connecting older Americans with local resources – www.eldercare.acl.gov 800-677-1116 eldercarelocator@USAging.org
- **Environment** (Air Quality in your zip-code for Home/Work) www.airnow.gov & www.enviroflash.info
- **Health:** <https://www.cdc.gov/islandaffairs/territories-states.html>
- **Health:** <https://www.kff.org/report-section/community-health-centers-in-the-u-s-territories>
- **Health: National Association of Free & Charitable Clinics:** 703-647-7427 - <https://nafclinics.org> info@nafclinics.org
- **Drug Information** (*Interactions, side-effects, etc.*): Call your local pharmacist or FDA at 1-855-543-3784 and 1-301-796-3400 or write to druginfo@fda.hhs.gov

- **Immigration & Citizenship:** www.uscis.gov/citizenship Email: Office.of.Citizenship@uscis.dhs.gov
- **IRS-Taxpayer Advocate Service:** 877-777-4778 www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov
- **Fraud, Scams & Bad Business Practices:** 1-877-382-4357 <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov>
- **The Innocence Project helping wrongfully convicted Americans:** <http://www.innocenceproject.org> - Email: info@innocenceproject.org
- **Need Urgent Legal Help?** Legal Services Corporation: 202-295-1500 (www.lsc.gov- info@lsc.gov) or American Bar Association: Toll Free: 800-285-2221 www.americanbar.org

Puerto Rico Crisis Hotlines: <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/dial-211-essential-community-services>

Call the **988** Suicide & Crisis Lifeline or **text 988** or chat 988lifeline.org.

911 (9-1-1 is a confidential and multilingual **EMERGENCY** #)

211 - is a free referral and information helpline that connects people to a wide range of health and human services

Adult Abuse: 787-749-1333

Alcohol & Drug Abuse: 1. Casa La Providencia www.casalaprovidenciapr.org Tel: 787-725-5358
2. Hogar Crea: www.hogar-crea.org Phone: (787) 761-0715

Child Abuse: (800) 981-8333 or (787) 724-7474 or (787) 767-1500 or (787) 294-0738

Domestic Violence: Línea De Orientación Confidencial De La Oficina De La Procuradora De Mujeres
Tel: **787-722-2977** (www.mujepr.gov) or call 787-489-0022 or 787-765-2285 or 800-981-0023
Centro de Ayuda a Víctimas Violadas (CAVV) – Departamento de Salud - Phone: 787-765-2929

Email: contactus@salud.pr.gov

Elder Abuse: 787-749-1333 www.justice.gov

Gambling Problem: www.gamblingtherapy.org - support@gamblingtherapy.org- Línea PAS-800-981-0023

Health: Community Health Foundation Tel: [787-780-1273](tel:787-780-1273) - www.chfpr.org

Legal Aid: Servicios Legales de PR- Tel: 787-728-8686 www.servicioslegales.org

Email: comunicaciones@servicioslegales.org

Mental Health: La Administración de Servicios de Salud Mental y Contra la Adicción: 800-981-0023

Military / Veterans Helpline: +1 800-827-1000 or www.benefits.va.gov

Native American Support Services: 800-735-7418

Shelter: Hogar de Ayuda El Refugio Inc. 787-219-0922 or Hogar Santísima Trinidad: 787-799-6208
Casa Protegida Julia de Burgos, Inc. 787-723-3500 Website: <http://casajulia.org/>

Suicide Prevention: <https://sprc.org/state/puerto-rico>

1-800-SUICIDE (784-2433) or 1-800-457-9312 or 800-273-8255 **Español:** 888-628-9454

National Crisis Resources: 24-hour nationwide – Services may be available in many languages

Addiction Hotline: 800-784-2433

Child Abuse: 1-800-4-A-Child or 1-800-422-4453 (National Child Abuse Hotline) www.childhelp.org

Domestic Violence: 1-800-799-7233 (National Domestic Violence Hotline)

StrongHearts Native Helpline: Call/Chat: 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483) www.strongheartshelpline.org

Shelters: <https://www.domesticshelters.org>

Online Chat (7am-2am CST) <https://www.thehotline.org> - All calls are toll-free & confidential

Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888 (Text # 233733)

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children: 1-800-THE-LOST or 1-800-843-5678

National Indigenous Women's Resource Center – 855-649-7299 – www.niwrc.org - info@niwrc.org

National Problem Gambling Helpline: 1-800-522-4700-**Text:** 1-800-522-4700-**Chat:** www.ncpgambling.org/chat

Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255)**Soon to be 9-8-8**

Poison Control Center For Emergencies: 1-800-222-1222

Covenant House Nineline: 1-800-RUNAWAY (1-800-786-2929) <https://teenlineonline.org>

Girls & Boys Town National Hotline: Phone, Chat, Text, and Email - 1-800-448-3000

National Youth Crisis Hotline: 1-800-442-HOPE (1-800-442-4673)

Samariteens: 1-800-252-TEENS (1-800-252-8336) - 3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Youth Crisis Hotline: 1-800-HIT-HOME (1-800-448-4663)

Youth America Hotline (YAH!): 1-877-YOUTHLINE (1-877-968-8454)

The Trevor Lifeline: 1-866-488-7386

** The Trevor Lifeline is a service of The Trevor Project, a non-profit endeavor devoted to promoting tolerance and understanding for **LGBTQ** youth.*

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WITHIN PUERTO RICO AND BEYOND**

GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Please *donate* & support our Tuition-Free, Post-Secondary Education for the qualified refugees living in Puerto Rico or anywhere else in the world, through UNHCR and the American Academy of International Education (<https://www.americanacademyedu.org>)

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- American Academy of International Education is affiliated with MCC



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