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WHERE DO PUERTO RICANS LIVE?

POPULATION BY STATE IN 2010

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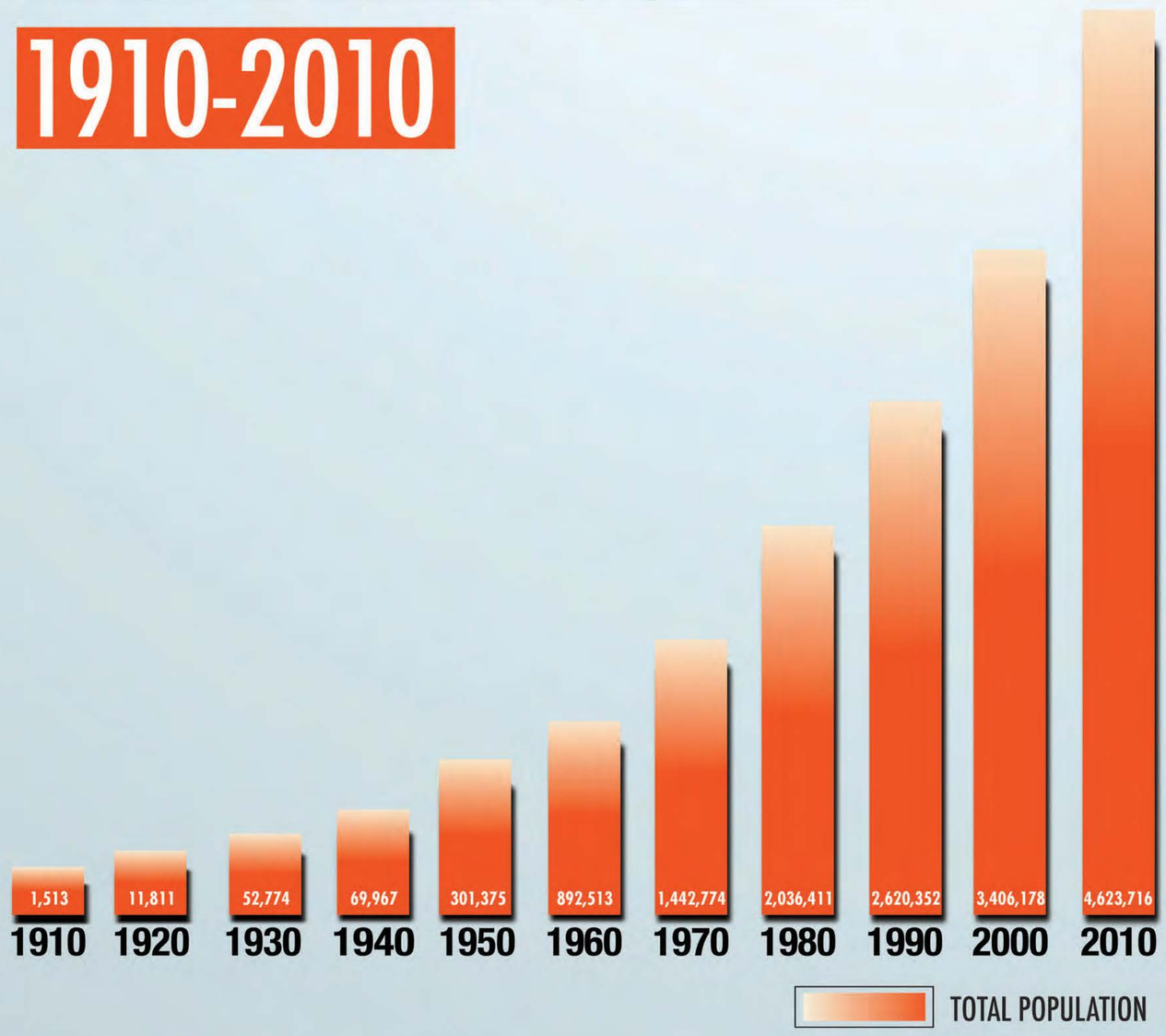
PUERTO RICAN POPULATION IN THE UNITED STATES

1910-2010



MAJOR FACTS
ABOUT THE U.S. PUERTO RICAN POPULATION

The Puerto Rican population in the United States is larger than the population of Puerto Rico. According to the 2010 U.S. Census, there are over 4.6 million Puerto Ricans in the United States. The population of Puerto Rico is a little over 3.7 million with 95% being Puerto Rican.

Puerto Ricans are the second largest Latino subgroup in the United States (after Mexicans). According to the 2010 U.S. Census, there are 50.4 million Latinos(as) in the United States and Puerto Ricans represent slightly over 9% of this total.

Over half of U.S. Puerto Ricans live in the Northeast, mostly in New York. Approximately one third of U.S. Puerto Ricans, live in the South, mostly in Florida. There are also large numbers of Puerto Ricans living in the metropolitan areas of the states of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut, California, Illinois, Texas, and Ohio.

Two thirds of the U.S. Puerto Rican population was born in one of the 50 states of the union. Only about one third was born in Puerto Rico.

About 73.7% of U.S. Puerto Ricans have received a high school diploma or higher; about 16% have received a university Bachelor's degree or higher.

About 62.2% of Puerto Ricans are in the U.S. civilian labor force, compared to 46.6% in Puerto Rico, and 64.1% among the U.S. non-Hispanic white population.

About 25.4% of the total U.S. Puerto Rican population lives below the poverty level, compared to 45.4% in Puerto Rico, and 10% for the U.S. non-Hispanic white population.

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