

The Puerto Rican population grew in the U.S. from 5.3 million in 2015 to 5.4 million in 2016. Recently, released data from the 2016 American Community Survey showed Puerto Ricans (1.4%) and Latinos overall (1.6%) were among the fastest growing population groups in the United States, compared to non-Hispanic whites (0%), non-Hispanic blacks (0.3%), and the total U.S. population (0.5%). Latinos account for more than half of total population growth in the U.S.



	2015	2016 <sup>1</sup>	Change	Percent Change (%)
<b>Total Population</b>	321,418,821	323,127,515	1,708,694	0.5
<b>Non-Hispanic White</b>	197,534,496	197,479,450	-55,046	0
<b>Non-Hispanic Black</b>	39,597,600	39,717,127	119,527	0.3
<b>Hispanic or Latino*</b>	51,123,363	51,948,247	824,884	1.6
<b>Puerto Rican</b>	5,372,759	5,450,472	77,713	1.4
<b>Puerto Rico**</b>	3,329,046	3,263,755	-65,291	-2

\*Not including Puerto Ricans.

\*\*Includes only the Puerto Rican population.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 & 2016 American Community Survey, 1-year estimates.

The Puerto Rican population in Puerto Rico (excluding non-Puerto Rican individuals) continues to decline from 3.3 million in 2015 to 3.2 million in 2016. In a one year period, Puerto Rico experienced a net loss of about 65,000 resident, a population change of 2 percent. In contrast to the Puerto Rican population in Puerto Rico, the Puerto Rican population in the U.S. added 77,700 new statewide residents. Overall, Puerto Ricans in the U.S. continues to grow and dispersed, especially in the nation's South, West, and Midwest regions. Among the selected states, Illinois

(+22,479) had the largest increase followed by Connecticut (+18,175), California (+16,856), Texas (+12,802), Virginia (+7,630), Georgia (+7,536), and Massachusetts (+1,900). New Jersey (-17,829) experienced the largest decline followed by North Carolina (-5,949), New York (-3,762), Pennsylvania (-2,869), Florida (-1,699), and Ohio (-704). Overall, the 2016 American Community Survey (1-year estimates) shows both growth and dispersion for Puerto Ricans in the U.S.

## Puerto Rican Population by States and Puerto Rico 2015 and 2016

	2015	2016 <sup>1</sup>	Change	Percent Change (%)
Puerto Rico*	3,329,046	3,263,755	-65,291	-2
United States	5,372,759	5,450,472	77,713	1.4
California	197,399	214,255	16,856	8.5
Connecticut	280,070	298,245	18,175	6.5
Florida	1,069,446	1,067,747	-1,699	-0.2
Georgia	92,862	100,398	7,536	8.1
Illinois	187,159	209,638	22,479	12
Massachusetts	317,142	319,042	1,900	0.6
New Jersey	487,972	470,143	-17,829	-3.7
New York	1,084,872	1,081,110	-3,762	-0.3
North Carolina	101,864	95,915	-5,949	-5.8
Ohio	122,908	122,204	-704	-0.6
Pennsylvania	447,132	444,263	-2,869	-0.6
Texas	183,658	196,460	12,802	7
Virginia	95,177	102,807	7,630	8

\*Includes only the Puerto Rican population.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 & 2016 American Community Survey, 1-year estimates.

<sup>1</sup>According to the American Community Survey, with each ACS estimates, a margin of error (MOE) is reported which enables to measure the range of uncertainty around each estimate. This range can be calculated 90 percent confidence by taking the estimate +/- the MOE. Further information on the MOE for the data presented in this data sheet, see 2016 American Community Survey (1-year estimates) table B03001 (by states) for Puerto Ricans in the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

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