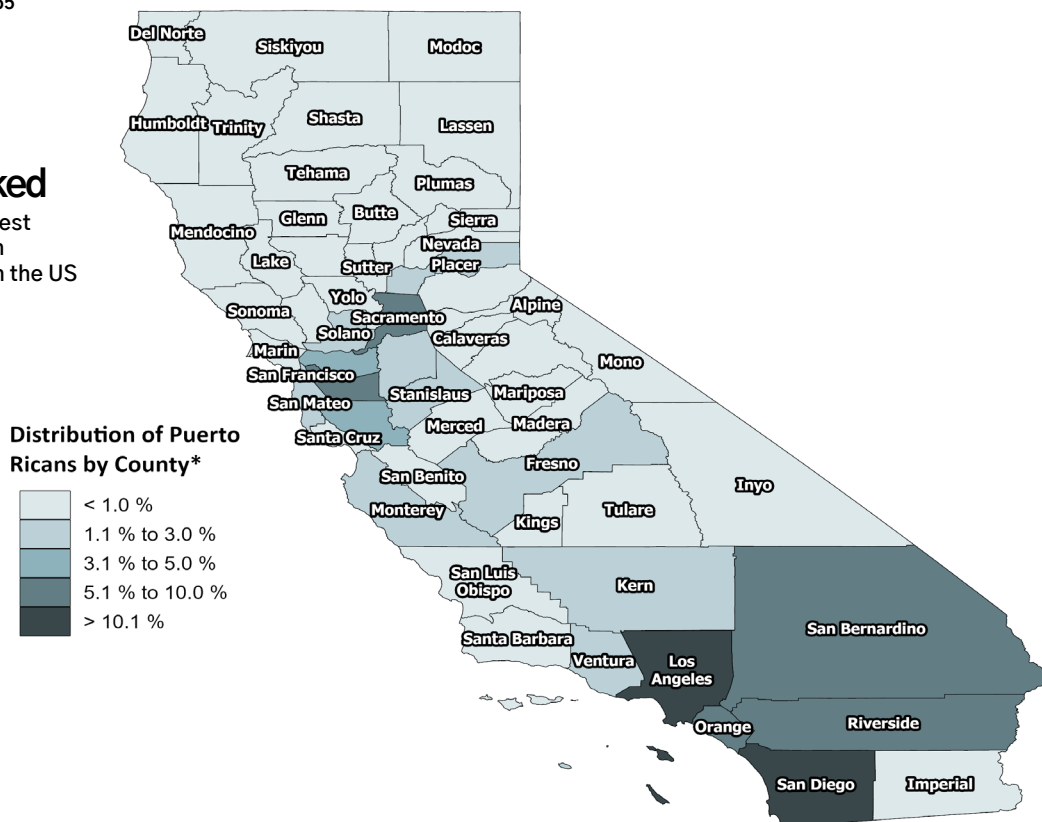


CENTER FOR PUERTO RICAN STUDIES | HUNTER COLLEGE, CUNY  
695 Park Ave. New York, NY 10065

Issued: December 2024 | Centro IG-PR-2024-CA

**California is ranked**  
**#8** with the largest  
Puerto Rican  
population in the US



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

\*The percentages represent the Puerto Rican population in each county by the total Puerto Rican population in the state.

Total Population	216,192	♂ Male	51.7%	♀ Female	48.3%
------------------	---------	--------	-------	----------	-------

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2023 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

<b>HOUSEHOLDS</b>	<b>77,414</b>
Median Household Income	<b>\$81,738</b>
With Food Stamps/SNAP benefits	<b>16.0%</b>

AGE DISTRIBUTION	
Under 18	25.4%
65 and over	12.1%
Median Age (years)	33.5

<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS</b> (Population 16 years and over)	167,859
In labor force	67.8%
▪ Employed	60.2%
▪ Unemployed**	4.3%
▪ Unemployment rate**	6.7%
Not in labor force	32.2%

## HOUSING TENURE

Tenure Type	Percentage
Owners	41.2%
Renters	58.8%

<b>LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY</b> <b>(Population 5 years and over)</b>	<b>202,620</b>
English only	<b>64.3%</b>
Language other than English	<b>35.7%</b>
Speaks English less than “very well”	<b>6.7%</b>

MEAN EARNINGS FOR FULL-TIME, YEAR-ROUND WORKERS	
 Male \$85,234	 Female \$72,182

## HOUSING COST BURDEN

(30% or more of their income for housing)

Category	Percentage
Owners	42.6%
Renters	60.6%

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT (Population 25 years and over)		139,506
Less than H.S. Diploma		12.5%
H.S. Graduates/GED		22.1%
Some College or Associate's Degree		31.8%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher		33.6%
▪ Male		31.8%
▪ Female		35.5%

POVERTY RATES	
All families	11.3%
Female Head of Household <small>No spouse w/children</small>	38.5%
All people	13.5%
Under age 18	15.4%

HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE	
With Private Health Insurance	67.7%
With Public Health Insurance	38.1%
No Health Insurance Coverage	5.2%

PURCHASING POWER	
Income per capita	\$40,157
Purchasing Power (billions)	\$8.7

\*\*\*The unemployment rate for Puerto Ricans (6.7%) is calculated by dividing those unemployed by the number in the civilian labor force; while the 4.3% designated as unemployed is based on the percentage of the population 16 years and older without a job but searching for one.