

## DATA SHEET

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Data from the U.S. Census Bureau indicated that the Puerto Rican population in Connecticut has fluctuated over the past 6 years. Connecticut ranked as the sixth state with the most Puerto Ricans in the United States (298,245). The Puerto Rican population in Connecticut rose from 252,972 in 2010 to 298,245 in 2016. In 2016, Puerto Ricans accounted for 8.3 percent of the total population in Connecticut and 53 percent of the state's Hispanic or Latino population making it the largest Latino-origin group in the state. Moreover, Latinos accounted for 15.7 percent of Connecticut's population in 2016, up from 13.4 percent in 2010. Puerto Ricans were the largest group in Connecticut, followed by South Americans (15.3%), Mexicans (11%), Central Americans (8.3%), Dominicans (7.5%), Cubans (1.9%), and other Latinos (3%).



Between 2010 and 2016, the Puerto Rican population in Connecticut grew by 17.9 percent. The rate of growth of Puerto Ricans in Connecticut was notably higher than that of the overall population in Connecticut (0.1%). Among all Latino groups living in Connecticut, Puerto Ricans had a higher rate of growth than Cubans (14.8%), but lower rate of growth compared to Dominicans (60.6%), Central Americans (33.9%), Mexicans (22.1%), and South Americans (20.3%).

All in all, Puerto Ricans in Connecticut had worse educational-attainment levels, employment opportunities, lower household median income and mean earnings, and higher poverty rates than Connecticut's population overall. Puerto Ricans in Connecticut also had lower educational attainment levels compared to stateside Puerto Ricans and Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico. The following sections describe the main socioeconomic characteristics (education,

employment and occupations, income and earnings, poverty, and housing) of Puerto Ricans in Connecticut, compared to the Puerto Rican population in the United States and in Puerto Rico. This report presents data from 2010 to 2016 to analyze socioeconomic trends among Puerto Ricans in Connecticut, Puerto Ricans in the United States, and Puerto Rican in Puerto Rico.

## EDUCATION

Over the past five years, educational attainment among Puerto Ricans in Connecticut has been slowly improving. As of 2016, Connecticut's educational attainment profile among those aged 25 years and older was as follows: 26.8 percent of Puerto Ricans age 25 and older did not have a high school diploma; followed by 35.1 percent with a high school diploma; 24.6 percent with some college experience or associate's degree; and lastly, 13.4 percent who had earned a bachelor's degree or higher. Overall, educa-

Table 1. Non-Hispanic or Latino and Hispanic or Latino by Specific Origin in Connecticut, 2010-2016

	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014		2015		2016		Rate of Change 2010-2016
<b>TOTAL</b>	3,574,097	100%	3,580,709	100%	3,590,347	100%	3,596,080	100%	3,596,677	100%	3,590,886	100%	3,576,452	100%	0.1%
<b>Not Hispanic or Latino</b>	3,095,010	86.6%	3,086,420	86.2%	3,079,700	85.8%	3,068,917	85.3%	3,055,524	85.0%	3,037,103	84.6%	3,014,105	84.3%	-2.6%
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	479,087	13.4%	494,289	13.8%	510,647	14.2%	527,163	14.7%	541,153	15.0%	553,783	15.4%	562,347	15.7%	17.4%
Mexican	50,658	10.6%	52,931	10.7%	52,845	10.3%	55,584	10.5%	50,382	9.3%	55,018	9.9%	61,855	11.0%	22.1%
<b>Puerto Rican</b>	252,972	52.8%	271,303	54.9%	274,390	53.7%	269,607	51.1%	301,182	55.7%	280,070	50.6%	298,245	53.0%	17.9%
Cuban	9,490	2.0%	9,535	1.9%	10,382	2.0%	12,346	2.3%	8,657	1.6%	12,759	2.3%	10,892	1.9%	14.8%
Dominican Republic	26,093	5.4%	23,466	4.7%	34,754	6.8%	36,699	7.0%	30,409	5.6%	38,047	6.9%	41,917	7.5%	60.6%
Central American	35,023	7.3%	40,694	8.2%	41,471	8.1%	45,230	8.6%	41,011	7.6%	50,114	9.0%	46,903	8.3%	33.9%
South American	71,355	14.9%	81,251	16.4%	75,835	14.9%	86,403	16.4%	86,003	15.9%	96,229	17.4%	85,821	15.3%	20.3%
Other	33,496	7.0%	15,109	3.1%	20,970	4.1%	21,294	4.0%	23,510	4.3%	21,546	3.9%	16,714	3.0%	-50.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 Summary File, 2011 to 2016 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

tional attainment among Puerto Ricans in Connecticut improved between 2010 and 2016. For example, the proportion of Puerto Ricans in Connecticut with less than a high school diploma decreased from 33.6 percent in 2010 to 26.8 percent in 2016, a decrease of 20.2 percent. In addition, the proportion of Puerto Ricans in Connecticut with a high school diploma increased slightly from 34.7 percent in 2010 to 35.1 percent in 2016, increasing 1.2 percent with some fluctuation between the years. Educational attainment among Puerto Ricans in Connecticut with some college experience or associate's degree increased from 23.3 percent in 2010 to 24.6 percent in 2016, an increase of 5.6 percent. Lastly, the proportion of Puerto Ricans in Connecticut with a bachelor's degree or higher increased from 8.4 percent in 2010 to 13.4 percent, an increase of 59.5 percent.

Despite this improving educational profile, Puerto Ricans in Connecticut had lower educational levels compared to Connecticut's population overall. In 2016, the proportion of Puerto Ricans in Connecticut without a high school diploma (26.8%) was nearly three times that of the Connecticut's population overall (9.5%). On the other hand, the proportion of Puerto Ricans in Connecticut with a high school diploma (35.1%) was higher than the state's proportion (27.5%). Among those with some college experience or associate's degree, Puerto Ricans in Connecticut had a similar proportion (24.6%) compared to Connecticut's population overall (24.4%). Lastly, the proportion of Puerto Ricans in Connecticut with a bachelor's degree or higher (13.4%) was nearly a third as the proportion of the state's population overall (38.6%). Improving educational attainment for Puerto Ricans is nevertheless apparent in the declining rate of change among those without a high school diploma was higher for Puerto Ricans in Connecticut (-20.2%) than for the population in Connecticut overall (-16.7%) between 2010 and 2016. The rate of change among those with a high school diploma increased for Puerto Ricans in Connecticut (1.2%), while it decreased for the state's population overall. Also, the proportion of Puerto Ricans in Connecticut with some college experience or associate's degree increased (5.6%) while decreasing for the state's population overall. Moreover, the

rate of change among those with a bachelor's degree or higher was nearly seven times higher for Puerto Ricans in Connecticut (59.5%) compared to the state's population (8.7%).

Noteworthy, disparities in educational attainment also exist between Puerto Ricans in Connecticut, stateside Puerto Ricans, and Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico. In 2016, Puerto Ricans in Connecticut, aged 25 years and older, had a higher population proportion with less than a high school diploma (26.8%) than stateside Puerto Ricans (21%) and Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico (24.2%). Educational attainment among those with a high school diploma showed that Puerto Ricans in Connecticut (35.1%) had a higher proportion than stateside Puerto Ricans (29.9%) and Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico (28.1%). In addition, among individuals with some college or an associate's degree, Puerto Ricans in Connecticut (24.6%) had a lower rate of attainment than stateside Puerto Ricans (30.5%), but higher than Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico (22.6%). Moreover, Puerto Ricans in Connecticut had a notably lower proportion of individuals with a bachelor's degree or higher (13.4%) compared to stateside Puerto Ricans (18.6%) and Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico (25.1%). In terms of rate of change, Puerto Ricans in Connecticut had a higher declining rate of change among those without a high school diploma (-20.2%) relative to stateside Puerto Ricans (-17%), but similar to that of Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico (-20.7%). Furthermore, between 2010 and 2016, the rate of change among stateside Puerto Ricans with a high school diploma (1.2%) was much lower than that of Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico (8.9%). Moreover, the rate of change among Puerto Ricans in Connecticut with some college experience or associate's degree (5.6%) was lower than that of stateside Puerto Ricans, but higher than that of Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico. The proportion of Puerto Ricans in Connecticut with a bachelor's degree increased at a rate over four times higher (59.5%) than the rate of stateside Puerto Ricans (14.8%) and Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico (14.1%).

The most pronounced difference in educational attainment among Puerto Ricans in Connecticut was found along gender lines. Overall, Puerto Rican females had a higher

proportion with bachelor's degree or higher compared to their male counterparts. In 2016, Puerto Rican females in Connecticut (14.9%) were more likely to have a bachelor's degree compared to Puerto Rican males (11.6%). Moreover, the proportions of Puerto Rican females in Connecticut with a bachelor's degree or higher increased from 9.4 percent in 2010. Puerto Rican males in Connecticut also experienced an increase in the proportion of earners of a bachelor's degree or higher from 7.2 percent in 2010. However, between 2010 and 2016 the rate of change among Puerto Rican males with a bachelor's degree or higher (61.1%) was slightly higher than that of their female counterparts (58.5%). Thus, the proportion of Puerto Rican males in Connecticut earning a bachelor's degree or high-

er was growing at a faster rate than Puerto Rican females in Connecticut.

In 2016, the proportion of Puerto Rican females in Connecticut with a bachelor's degree or higher (14.9%) was much lower than that of all females in Connecticut (39.1%). Males in Connecticut had a higher proportion of earners of a bachelor's degree or higher (38.1%) compared to Puerto Rican males in Connecticut (11.6%). In Connecticut, the proportion of females with a bachelor's degree or higher was slightly higher than that of their male counterparts. Overall, between 2010 and 2016, the rate of change among Puerto Rican females in Connecticut with a bache-

**Table 2. Population and Education, 2010-2016**

	Puerto Ricans in Connecticut							Rate of Change 2010-2016
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>								
Population 25 years and over								
Less than high school diploma	33.6%	33.7%	32.0%	30.3%	26.5%	30.3%	26.8%	-20.2%
High school graduate	34.7%	32.8%	33.8%	31.9%	38.1%	34.7%	35.1%	1.2%
Some college or associate's degree	23.3%	24.3%	23.3%	27.4%	23.7%	23.0%	24.6%	5.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher	8.4%	9.2%	11.0%	10.4%	11.6%	12.0%	13.4%	59.5%
Male, bachelor's degree or higher	7.2%	8.4%	10.0%	10.6%	10.1%	9.7%	11.6%	61.1%
Female, bachelor's degree or higher	9.4%	9.9%	11.8%	10.1%	13.0%	14.0%	14.9%	58.5%

	Connecticut Population							Rate of Change 2010-2016
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>								
Population 25 years and over								
Less than high school diploma	11.4%	10.9%	10.1%	10.3%	9.9%	9.8%	9.5%	-16.7%
High school graduate	28.2%	27.7%	27.8%	27.3%	27.5%	27.4%	27.5%	-2.5%
Some college or associate's degree	24.8%	25.2%	25.0%	25.1%	24.5%	24.5%	24.4%	-1.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher	35.5%	36.2%	37.1%	37.2%	38.0%	38.3%	38.6%	8.7%
Male, bachelor's degree or higher	36.4%	36.6%	37.5%	37.2%	37.9%	38.1%	38.1%	4.7%
Female, bachelor's degree or higher	34.8%	35.8%	36.7%	37.2%	38.1%	38.5%	39.1%	12.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 to 2016 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

lor's degree or higher was over four times higher (58.5%) than for the state's female population overall (12.4%). The rate of change among males with a bachelor's degree or higher was thirteen times higher for Puerto Ricans in Connecticut (61.1%) compared to the state's population overall (4.7%). Contrary to Puerto Ricans in Connecticut, the rate of change among those with a bachelor's degree or higher was higher for all females than for all males in Connecticut.

Data from 2016 also revealed that stateside Puerto Rican females (20.7%) were more likely to have a bachelor's degree or higher than stateside Puerto Rican males (16.2%). These numbers were higher than those of Puerto Rican fe-

males (14.9%) and males (11.6%) in Connecticut. Relative to Puerto Ricans in Connecticut, the proportion of Puerto Ricans with a bachelor's degree or higher among Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico was higher for both females (29.2%) and males (20.2%). Moreover, the rate of change among Puerto Ricans females in Connecticut (58.5%) was notably higher than the rate of change for Puerto Rican females in the United States (15%) and in Puerto Rico (14.5%). The rate of change among Puerto Rican males in Connecticut with a bachelor's degree or higher (61.1%) was much higher than for Puerto Rican males in the United States (13.3%) and in Puerto Rico (12.2%).

**Table 2. Population and Education, 2010-2016 (Continued)**

	Puerto Ricans in the United States							Rate of Change 2010-2016
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>								
Population 25 years and over								
Less than high school diploma	25.3%	24.9%	23.9%	22.6%	22.6%	21.1%	21.0%	-17.0%
High school graduate	29.9%	29.8%	29.6%	30.0%	29.7%	29.7%	29.9%	0.0%
Some college or associate's degree	28.5%	29.1%	29.7%	29.8%	30.0%	30.8%	30.5%	7.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher	16.2%	16.1%	16.8%	17.6%	17.6%	18.4%	18.6%	14.8%
Male, bachelor's degree or higher	14.3%	14.5%	14.8%	15.3%	15.6%	16.5%	16.2%	13.3%
Female, bachelor's degree or higher	18.0%	17.6%	18.6%	19.7%	19.5%	20.1%	20.7%	15.0%

	Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico							Rate of Change 2010-2016
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>								
Population 25 years and over								
Less than high school diploma	30.5%	28.7%	27.2%	27.0%	26.0%	25.0%	24.2%	-20.7%
High school graduate	25.8%	26.8%	27.1%	27.3%	28.2%	27.5%	28.1%	8.9%
Some college or associate's degree	21.7%	21.4%	21.8%	21.7%	21.6%	22.9%	22.6%	4.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	22.0%	23.1%	23.9%	24.0%	24.1%	24.6%	25.1%	14.1%
Male, bachelor's degree or higher	18.0%	18.8%	19.0%	19.4%	19.6%	19.7%	20.2%	12.2%
Female, bachelor's degree or higher	25.5%	26.7%	28.1%	27.9%	28.1%	28.7%	29.2%	14.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 to 2016 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

## EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Labor force participation is divided into two groups: among civilians and among the population serving in the Armed Forces. In 2016, the civilian labor force participation rate for Puerto Ricans in Connecticut was 63.8 percent. Overall, the civilian labor force participation of Puerto Ricans in Connecticut decreased slightly from 64.8 percent in 2010, with some fluctuations between those years. Puerto Ricans in Connecticut saw a decreased rate of change in the civilian labor force participation of 1.5 percent between 2010 and 2016. The civilian labor force participation is further divided into two groups, those who are employed and those unemployed. The employment rate among Puerto Ricans in Connecticut was 55.8 percent while the unemployment rate was 12.5 percent in 2016. Overall, the employment rate among Puerto Ricans in Connecticut increased (6.7%) from 52.3 percent in 2010. Correspondingly, the unemployment rate among Puerto Ricans in Connecticut decreased by more than one-third (-35.2%), from 19.3 percent in 2010.

In terms of civilian labor force participation, Puerto Ricans in Connecticut are doing slightly worse than Connecticut's population overall but improving their position. In 2016, Puerto Ricans in Connecticut had a lower civilian labor force participation rate (63.8%) compared to the population in Connecticut overall (66.3%). Between 2010 and 2016, the proportion of Puerto Ricans in the civilian labor force in Connecticut (-1.5%) decreased a slower rate than that of Connecticut's population overall (-2.2%). Moreover, Puerto Ricans in Connecticut had a lower employment rate (55.8%) than the state's population overall (62.1%). Also, the unemployment rate among Puerto Ricans in Connecticut (12.5%) was nearly twice as high as the state's unemployment rate (6.4%). Overall, Puerto Ricans in Connecticut had a higher rate of change in employment (6.7%) than that of the state's employment rate (2.3%). Puerto Ricans in Connecticut also had a lower declining rate of change in unemployment rate (-35.2%) compared to the state's population overall (-39%).

Puerto Ricans are doing better in terms of civilian labor force participation compared to stateside Puerto Ricans

and Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico. In 2016, the civilian labor force participation rate for Puerto Ricans in Connecticut (63.8%) was higher than stateside Puerto Ricans (61.5%) and Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico (44.1%). Both, Puerto Ricans in Connecticut (-1.5%) and Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico (-5%) saw a decrease in the proportion of civilian labor force participation between 2010 and 2016, while it increased for stateside Puerto Ricans (0.3%). Puerto Ricans in Connecticut had a similar employment rate (55.8%) compared to stateside Puerto Ricans (56%), but higher than Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico (36.8%). Moreover, Puerto Ricans in Connecticut had a higher unemployment rate (12.5%) compared to stateside Puerto Ricans (9%), but lower than Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico (16.4%). Furthermore, Puerto Ricans in Connecticut had a rate of change in employment rate (6.7%) lower than stateside Puerto Ricans (9.2%). For Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico, the change in employment rate was negative (-1.9%) showing a decline on the island. On the other hand, the declining rate of change in unemployment rate among Puerto Ricans in Connecticut (-35.2%) was lower than that of stateside Puerto Ricans (-44.4%), but higher than that of Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico (-14.1%).

Among those in the labor force, 0.2 percent of Puerto Ricans in Connecticut were in the Armed Forces. For Puerto Ricans in Connecticut, the population serving in the Armed Forces remained fairly stable between 2010 and 2016 at 0.2 percent, with little fluctuation between these years. Furthermore, in 2016, 3 percent of Puerto Ricans in Connecticut were civilian veterans. Yet, the proportion of civilian veterans fluctuated between years, peaking at 3.8 percent in 2012. In terms of rate of change, the proportion of civilian veterans increased 7.1 percent.

Puerto Rican representation in the Armed Forces in Connecticut (0.2%) was nearly the same as that of the state's population overall (0.3%). The rate of Armed Forces participation in Connecticut remained stable between 2010 and 2016 at 0.3 percent. In addition, a lower proportion of Puerto Ricans in Connecticut were veterans (3%) compared to Connecticut's veteran population (6.1%). The rate of change in civilian veterans among Puerto Ricans in Connecticut (7.1%) was positive, showing an increased

between 2010 and 2016, while the rate of change in civilian veterans decreased for the state's population overall (-25.6%).

In 2016, Puerto Rican representation in the Armed Forces in Connecticut (0.2%) was notably lower than that of stateside Puerto Ricans (0.7%). Among Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico, the representation in the Armed Forces was virtually nonexistent in the same year. The rate of Armed Forces participation among stateside Puerto Ricans dropped at a rate of -22.2 percent. In addition, a lower proportion of Puerto Ricans in Connecticut were veterans (3%) compared to stateside Puerto Ricans (5.8%). The proportion of veterans among Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico (2.9%) was similar to that of Puerto Ricans in Connecticut. Between 2010 and 2016 the proportion of civilian veterans among Puerto Ricans in Connecticut increased (7.1%), while it decreased for stateside Puerto Ricans (-14.7%) and Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico (-29.3%).

Puerto Ricans in Connecticut had a higher representation in the "service" (27.2%) occupations, followed by "sales and office" (26.6%), "management, business, science, and arts" (20.9%), "production, transportation, and material moving" (18.1%), and "construction and maintenance" (7.1%) occupations. From 2010 to 2016 Puerto Ricans in Connecticut increased their participation in the "management, business, science and arts," and "construction, and maintenance" occupations while showing less participation in the "service," "sales and office occupations," and "production, transportation, and moving" occupations. The "management, business, science, and arts" occupations among Puerto Ricans in Connecticut increased from 17.9

percent in 2010 to 20.9 percent in 2016. The rate of change among Puerto Ricans in Connecticut in the "management, business, science, and arts" was 16.8 percent.

A higher proportion of Puerto Ricans in Connecticut worked in "service" occupations. However, the proportion of Puerto Ricans in these occupations decreased between 2010 and 2016. On the other hand, the proportion of Puerto Ricans in the "management, business, science, and arts" occupations increased between 2010 and 2016 for both Puerto Ricans in Connecticut and for the state's population overall. The proportion of Puerto Ricans in Connecticut in the "management, business, science, and arts" occupations (20.9%) was half that of the state's population overall (42.8%). But, between 2010 and 2016 the proportion of Puerto Ricans in Connecticut in the "management, business, science, and arts" occupations increased at a rate (16.8%) nearly three times higher than that of Connecticut's population overall (5.4%).

Overall, Puerto Ricans in Connecticut, stateside Puerto Ricans and Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico are overrepresented in the "management, business, science, and arts" occupations. The proportion of Puerto Ricans in Connecticut in the "management, business, science, and arts" occupations (20.9%) was lower than that of stateside Puerto Ricans (28.6%) and Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico (32.1%). Yet, the proportion of Puerto Ricans in Connecticut in the "management, business, science, and arts" occupations (16.8%) increased at a rate over twice that of stateside Puerto Ricans (5.5%) and Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico (6.6%).

**Table 3. Employment and Occupations, 2010-2016**

	Puerto Ricans in Connecticut							Rate of Change 2010-2016
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS</b>								
Population 16 years and over								
In labor force	65.0%	64.3%	63.9%	63.0%	64.6%	63.9%	64.0%	-1.5%
Civilian labor force	64.8%	64.2%	63.7%	62.6%	64.5%	N	63.8%	-1.5%
Employed	52.3%	51.2%	51.7%	52.1%	55.0%	55.1%	55.8%	6.7%
Unemployed	19.3%	20.2%	18.9%	16.8%	14.8%	13.8%	12.5%	-35.2%
Armed Forces	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.4%	0.1%	N	0.2%	0.0%
Not in labor force	35.0%	35.7%	36.1%	37.0%	35.4%	36.1%	36.0%	2.9%
<b>OCCUPATION</b>								
Civilian employed population 16 years and over								
Management, business, science, and arts	17.9%	19.8%	21.9%	19.8%	22.3%	23.9%	20.9%	16.8%
Service occupations	28.7%	27.4%	28.2%	28.9%	26.8%	26.3%	27.2%	-5.2%
Sales and office occupations	28.2%	28.4%	25.8%	27.3%	25.1%	25.4%	26.6%	-5.7%
Construction and maintenance	6.6%	7.5%	6.6%	7.6%	8.5%	6.5%	7.1%	7.6%
Production, transportation, and moving	18.5%	16.8%	17.5%	16.3%	17.3%	17.9%	18.1%	-2.2%
<b>VETERAN STATUS</b>								
Civilian population 18 years and over								
Civilian veteran	2.8%	3.6%	3.8%	3.3%	3.3%	3.4%	3.0%	7.1%

	Connecticut Population							Rate of Change 2010-2016
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS</b>								
Population 16 years and over								
In labor force	68.0%	68.1%	67.7%	67.4%	67.2%	66.7%	66.6%	-2.1%
Civilian labor force	67.8%	67.8%	67.4%	67.1%	66.9%	66.4%	66.3%	-2.2%
Employed	60.7%	60.6%	60.8%	60.9%	61.6%	61.8%	62.1%	2.3%
Unemployed	10.5%	10.6%	9.7%	9.3%	7.9%	6.9%	6.4%	-39.0%
Armed Forces	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.0%
Not in labor force	32.0%	31.9%	32.3%	32.6%	32.8%	33.3%	33.4%	4.4%
<b>OCCUPATION</b>								
Civilian employed population 16 years and over								
Management, business, science, and arts	40.6%	40.9%	41.5%	40.4%	42.5%	42.4%	42.8%	5.4%
Service occupations	17.9%	17.8%	18.1%	18.7%	17.5%	17.0%	18.2%	1.7%
Sales and office occupations	24.5%	24.2%	23.7%	23.7%	22.9%	23.6%	22.7%	-7.3%
Construction and maintenance	7.5%	7.5%	7.0%	7.5%	7.5%	7.6%	7.1%	-5.3%
Production, transportation, and moving	9.5%	9.6%	9.7%	9.6%	9.7%	9.4%	9.2%	-3.2%
<b>VETERAN STATUS</b>								
Civilian population 18 years and over								
Civilian veteran	8.2%	8.2%	7.7%	6.8%	6.7%	6.2%	6.1%	-25.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 to 2016 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates



**Table 3. Employment and Occupations, 2010-2016**

	Puerto Ricans in the United States							Rate of Change 2010-2016
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS</b>								
Population 16 years and over								
In labor force	62.2%	61.9%	62.2%	62.1%	62.4%	62.2%	62.2%	0.0%
Civilian labor force	61.3%	61.3%	61.3%	61.3%	61.6%	61.4%	61.5%	0.3%
Employed	51.3%	51.4%	52.1%	53.3%	54.4%	55.5%	56.0%	9.2%
Unemployed	16.2%	16.0%	14.9%	13.0%	11.6%	9.6%	9.0%	-44.4%
Armed Forces	0.9%	0.7%	0.9%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.7%	-22.2%
Not in labor force	37.8%	38.1%	37.8%	37.9%	37.6%	37.8%	37.8%	0.0%
<b>OCCUPATION</b>								
Civilian employed population 16 years and over								
Management, business, science, and arts	27.1%	27.2%	26.9%	27.4%	28.1%	27.9%	28.6%	5.5%
Service occupations	23.5%	23.3%	23.9%	22.7%	23.4%	22.9%	23.0%	-2.1%
Sales and office occupations	28.9%	28.8%	28.8%	28.4%	27.4%	27.8%	27.1%	-6.2%
Construction and maintenance	7.2%	7.2%	6.9%	7.7%	7.4%	7.4%	7.6%	5.6%
Production, transportation, and moving	13.2%	13.5%	13.4%	13.9%	13.7%	14.0%	13.8%	4.5%
<b>VETERAN STATUS</b>								
Civilian population 18 years and over								
Civilian veteran	6.8%	6.8%	6.7%	6.2%	6.0%	6.0%	5.8%	-14.7%

	Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico							Rate of Change 2010-2016
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS</b>								
Population 16 years and over								
In labor force	46.5%	45.3%	44.6%	44.3%	43.7%	44.1%	44.1%	-5.2%
Civilian labor force	46.4%	45.3%	44.6%	44.3%	43.7%	44.0%	44.1%	-5.0%
Employed	37.5%	36.8%	36.9%	36.2%	35.4%	35.7%	36.8%	-1.9%
Unemployed	19.1%	18.6%	17.4%	18.2%	18.9%	19.0%	16.4%	-14.1%
Armed Forces	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-100.0%
Not in labor force	53.5%	54.7%	55.4%	55.7%	56.3%	55.9%	55.9%	4.5%
<b>OCCUPATION</b>								
Civilian employed population 16 years and over								
Management, business, science, and arts	30.1%	31.1%	32.2%	32.2%	31.3%	32.8%	32.1%	6.6%
Service occupations	20.1%	19.7%	19.3%	20.5%	20.0%	20.6%	19.5%	-3.0%
Sales and office occupations	28.9%	28.0%	28.3%	27.4%	2930.0%	27.6%	28.4%	-1.7%
Construction and maintenance	9.4%	9.9%	9.6%	9.5%	9.8%	8.7%	9.4%	0.0%
Production, transportation, and moving	11.5%	11.3%	10.5%	10.4%	9.5%	10.3%	10.6%	-7.8%
<b>VETERAN STATUS</b>								
Civilian population 18 years and over								
Civilian veteran	4.1%	3.9%	3.9%	3.2%	3.3%	3.1%	2.9%	-29.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 to 2016 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

## INCOME AND EARNINGS

In general, median household income is used to measure standard of living. In 2016, the median household income among Puerto Ricans in Connecticut was \$40,769. Between 2010 and 2016 the median household income of Puerto Ricans in Connecticut increased from \$30,871 to \$40,769, a rate of change in median household income of 32.1 percent.

In 2016, the median household income among Puerto Ricans in Connecticut was much lower than that of the state's population overall (\$73,433). Similarly to Puerto Ricans in Connecticut, the median household income of the state's population increased between 2010 and 2016, although the rate of change in household income among Puerto Rican households in Connecticut (32.1%) was more than twice that of all households in the state (14.7%).

Puerto Ricans in Connecticut had a lower median household income when compared to stateside Puerto Ricans, but higher than Puerto Ricans and Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico. In 2016, the median household income for Puerto Ricans in Connecticut (\$40,769) was lower than the median income for stateside Puerto Ricans (\$42,856), but more than twice that of Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico (\$19,977). Furthermore, the rate of change of median household income among Puerto Ricans in Connecticut (32.1%) was notably higher than that of stateside Puerto Ricans (17.2%) and Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico (7.3%).

In 2016, mean earnings of Puerto Rican males in Connecticut (\$48,462), working full-time and year-round, was higher than for females (\$41,401). Mean earnings for Puerto Rican males in Connecticut increased from \$42,356 in 2010, while mean earnings for Puerto Ricans females in

**Table 4. Income and Earnings, 2010-2016**

	Puerto Ricans in Connecticut							Rate of Change 2010-2016
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
<b>INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)</b>								
Households	81,874	84,440	85,029	81,417	91,505	88,786	96,685	18.1%
Median household income (dollars)	\$30,871	\$30,596	\$28,079	\$30,285	\$29,323	\$36,784	\$40,769	32.1%
With earnings	76.4%	74.7%	73.0%	74.3%	73.3%	74.8%	76.4%	0.0%
Mean earnings (dollars)	\$45,744	\$49,911	\$51,032	\$50,164	\$55,839	\$58,826	\$59,714	30.5%
Individuals	264,708	271,303	274,390	269,607	301,182	280,070	298,245	12.7%
Per capita income (dollars)	\$13,748	\$15,317	\$15,615	\$14,611	\$16,501	\$17,608	\$18,158	32.1%
Mean earnings (dollars) for full-time, year-round workers:								
Male	\$42,356	\$49,925	\$55,232	\$45,698	\$50,423	\$48,504	\$48,462	14.4%
Female	\$38,221	\$40,066	\$40,428	\$40,138	\$42,813	\$41,286	\$41,401	8.3%

	Connecticut Population							Rate of Change 2010-2016
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
<b>INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)</b>								
Households	1,358,809	1,351,643	1,357,812	1,339,860	1,355,817	1,343,703	1,357,269	-0.1%
Median household income (dollars)	\$64,032	\$65,753	\$67,276	\$67,098	\$70,048	\$71,346	\$73,433	14.7%
With earnings	79.6%	79.1%	79.1%	78.9%	79.0%	78.7%	79.4%	-0.3%
Mean earnings (dollars)	\$91,506	\$94,690	\$97,879	\$100,414	\$102,995	\$104,529	\$107,472	17.4%
Individuals	3,577,073	3,580,709	3,590,347	3,596,080	3,596,677	3,590,886	3,576,452	0.0%
Per capita income (dollars)	\$35,078	\$35,932	\$36,891	\$37,726	\$39,373	\$39,430	\$41,087	17.1%
Mean earnings (dollars) for full-time, year-round workers:								
Male	\$84,265	\$85,596	\$88,496	\$89,577	\$90,428	\$90,620	\$93,524	11.0%
Female	\$55,670	\$58,918	\$59,158	\$59,687	\$64,054	\$62,701	\$63,279	13.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 to 2016 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Connecticut increased from \$38,221 in 2010. In Connecticut, the rates of change in mean earning among Puerto Rican males (14.4%) was notably higher compared to that of Puerto Rican females.

Overall, Puerto Ricans in Connecticut had lower earnings for both females and males when compared to the state's population. At the state level, males in Connecticut (\$93,524) earned on average more than females (\$63,279). The rate of change in earnings for Puerto Rican males in Connecticut (14.4%) was higher than that of the all males in Connecticut (11%). Moreover, the rate of change in earnings for Puerto Rican females in Connecticut (8.3%) was lower than that of all females in Connecticut (13.7%). Puerto Rican males and females in Connecticut earned

less than Puerto Rican males and females in the United States, but more than Puerto Ricans males and females in Puerto Rico. Stateside Puerto Rican males (\$51,467) earned on average more than stateside Puerto Rican females (\$45,066). Among Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico, males (\$32,533) earned on average more than females (\$30,761). The rate of change in earnings for Puerto Rican males in Connecticut (14.4%) was higher than that of all stateside Puerto Rican males (8.5%) and Puerto Ricans males in Puerto Rico (3.8%). Similarly, the rate of change in earnings for Puerto Rican females in Connecticut (8.3%) was lower than that of all stateside Puerto Rican females (11.7%), but slightly higher that of all Puerto Rican females in Puerto Rico (8.4%).

**Table 4. Income and Earnings, 2010-2016 (Continued)**

	Puerto Ricans in the United States							Rate of Change 2010-2016
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
<b>INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)</b>								
Households	1,445,837	1,506,215	1,546,762	1,583,806	1,635,808	1,672,247	1,689,910	16.9%
Median household income (dollars)	\$36,558	\$36,460	\$36,543	\$39,660	\$39,322	\$40,774	\$42,856	17.2%
With earnings	76.9%	75.8%	75.6%	76.7%	76.9%	77.4%	77.3%	0.5%
Mean earnings (dollars)	\$55,558	\$56,789	\$57,057	\$60,830	\$61,065	\$62,576	\$65,943	18.7%
Individuals	4,691,890	4,885,294	4,970,604	5,138,109	5,266,738	5,372,759	5,450,472	16.2%
Per capita income (dollars)	\$16,568	\$17,199	\$17,418	\$18,362	\$18,457	\$19,356	\$19,939	20.3%
Mean earnings (dollars) for full-time, year-round workers:								
Male	\$47,435	\$50,121	\$50,085	\$50,267	\$50,756	\$51,884	\$51,467	8.5%
Female	\$40,361	\$41,947	\$41,225	\$43,126	\$42,263	\$43,168	\$45,066	11.7%
	Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico							
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Rate of Change 2010-2016
<b>INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)</b>								
Households	1,255,228	1,191,894	1,199,249	1,189,145	1,175,297	1,159,994	1,145,943	-8.7%
Median household income (dollars)	\$18,626	\$18,514	\$19,285	\$19,109	\$18,710	\$18,595	\$19,977	7.3%
With earnings	59.5%	58.0%	57.1%	56.3%	54.7%	53.4%	54.7%	-8.1%
Mean earnings (dollars)	\$34,661	\$34,098	\$34,923	\$36,279	\$36,407	\$37,069	\$36,797	6.2%
Individuals	3,560,838	3,542,571	3,515,844	3,466,804	3,404,122	3,329,046	3,263,755	-8.3%
Per capita income (dollars)	\$10,502	\$10,322	\$10,660	\$10,977	\$10,960	\$11,400	\$11,671	11.1%
Mean earnings (dollars) for full-time, year-round workers:								
Male	\$31,350	\$31,491	\$31,797	\$32,948	\$32,512	\$33,848	\$32,533	3.8%
Female	\$28,373	\$27,651	\$28,210	\$29,579	\$29,166	\$30,188	\$30,761	8.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 to 2016 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

≈ Figure 1: Mean Earnings (Dollars) for Full-Time, Year Round Workers, 2010-2016



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 to 2016 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

## POVERTY RATES

Over the past decade, Puerto Ricans in Connecticut have stood out for exhibiting high poverty rates. Nevertheless, the poverty rates among Puerto Ricans in Connecticut have improved between 2010 and 2016. In 2016, the proportion of Puerto Rican families in Connecticut living in poverty was 21.7 percent. Overall, Puerto Ricans in Connecticut demonstrated declining poverty rates for all families. For example, in Connecticut, the poverty rate among Puerto Rican families decreased from 28.9 percent in 2010, a decrease of 24.9 percent. Among families, those with related children under 18 years of age proved to be particularly vulnerable to poverty. In Connecticut, 27.2 percent of Puerto Rican families with related children lived in poverty. Between 2010 and 2016 the poverty rate of Puerto Rican families with related children in Connecticut decreased from 33.4 percent in 2010, at a rate of 18.6 percent, fluctuating between years and peaking in 2012 (39.4%).

Puerto Ricans in Connecticut showed higher levels of poverty when compared to the state's population overall. For example, in 2016, Puerto Rican families in Connecticut (21.7%) had over three times the poverty rates of all families in Connecticut (6.8%). Also, between 2010 and 2016 the poverty rate among Puerto Rican families in Connecticut (-24.9%) decreased at a rate over four times higher than that of all families in Connecticut (-5.6%). Nevertheless, in 2016, the poverty rate among all Puerto Rican families with related children in Connecticut (27.2%) was more than twice that of all families with related children in Connecticut (11.2%).

Overall, Puerto Ricans in Connecticut are doing worse than stateside Puerto Ricans, but better than Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico in poverty indicators. The poverty rate among Puerto Rican families in Connecticut (21.7%) was slightly higher than that of all Puerto Rican families in the United States (20.2%), but notably lower than that of Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico (39.3%). Furthermore, the rate of change in poverty among Puerto Rican families in Connecticut (-24.9%) declined at a faster rate than that of stateside Puerto Ricans (-16.5%) and Puerto Ricans

in Puerto Rico (-5.1%). Among Puerto Rican families with related children living in Connecticut, 27.2 percent lived in poverty in 2016, a rate slightly higher than that of all Puerto Rican families in the United States with related children (26.8%). In Puerto Rico, more than half (51.4%) of all Puerto Rican families with related children under 18 lived in poverty. These are alarmingly high rates of poverty by any measure or comparative context. The poverty rate among Puerto Rican families with related children in Connecticut (-18.6%) decreased at a higher rate than all Puerto Rican families with related children in the United States (-13.3%) and Puerto Rico (1%).

Puerto Ricans in Connecticut have effectively decreased their poverty rates in recent years. In 2016, the average poverty rate among Puerto Ricans in Connecticut was 24.9 percent. However, between 2010 and 2016 the poverty rate among all Puerto Ricans in Connecticut decreased from 29.3 percent to 24.9 percent. Therefore, the proportion of Puerto Ricans in Connecticut in poverty decreased 15 percent.

At the individual level, poverty rates among Puerto Ricans in Connecticut were significantly higher than those of the state's population overall. Proportionately, Puerto Ricans in Connecticut had a higher poverty rate for all people than the state's population overall (9.8%). Among the population in Connecticut, the poverty rate decreased between 2010 and 2016. The proportion of Puerto Ricans in poverty in Connecticut (-15%) decreased at a faster rate than the Connecticut population overall (-3%).

In terms of poverty, Puerto Ricans in Connecticut are doing worse than stateside Puerto Ricans, but better than Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico. In 2016, Puerto Ricans in Connecticut had a higher poverty rate (24.9%) than the average poverty rate of stateside Puerto Ricans (23.5%). Puerto Ricans in the Connecticut had more nearly half the average poverty rate of Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico (43.6%). The change in poverty rate among Puerto Ricans in Connecticut (-15%) was higher than that of stateside Puerto Ricans (-12%) and Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico (-3.8%).

**Table 5. Poverty Rates, 2010-2016**

	Puerto Ricans in Connecticut							Rate of Change 2010-2016
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
<b>POVERTY RATES</b>								
All families	28.9%	31.3%	33.4%	29.6%	31.8%	26.1%	21.7%	-24.9%
With related children under 18 years	33.4%	38.1%	39.5%	36.1%	37.6%	34.5%	27.2%	-18.6%
With related children under 5 years only	30.8%	41.1%	39.4%	27.5%	29.6%	32.3%	25.6%	-16.9%
All people	29.3%	33.5%	34.9%	32.4%	33.1%	29.2%	24.9%	-15.0%
Under 18 years	33.9%	41.9%	42.4%	39.5%	38.4%	40.0%	31.2%	-8.0%

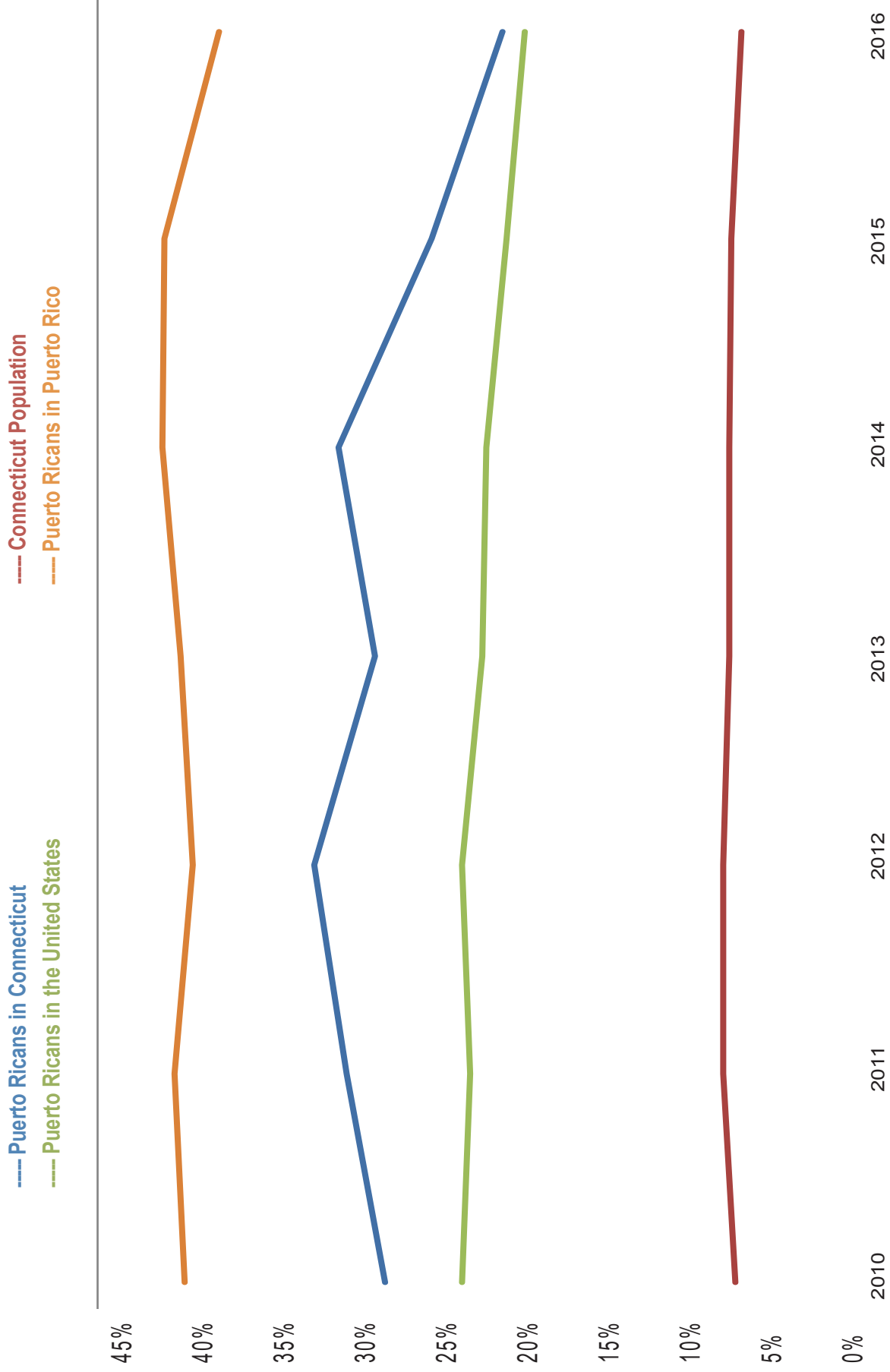
	Connecticut Population							Rate of Change 2010-2016
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
<b>POVERTY RATES</b>								
All families	7.2%	7.9%	7.9%	7.6%	7.5%	7.4%	6.8%	-5.6%
With related children under 18 years	11.4%	12.8%	12.7%	12.1%	12.4%	12.3%	11.2%	-1.8%
With related children under 5 years only	13.4%	14.4%	12.6%	11.0%	10.7%	11.9%	10.6%	-20.9%
All people	10.1%	10.9%	10.7%	10.7%	10.8%	10.5%	9.8%	-3.0%
Under 18 years	12.8%	14.9%	14.8%	14.5%	14.9%	14.5%	12.9%	0.8%

	Puerto Ricans in the United States							Rate of Change 2010-2016
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
<b>POVERTY RATES</b>								
All families	24.2%	23.7%	24.2%	22.9%	22.7%	21.4%	20.2%	-16.5%
With related children under 18 years	30.9%	31.5%	32.0%	30.5%	29.5%	28.7%	26.8%	-13.3%
With related children under 5 years only	32.9%	30.6%	31.1%	28.2%	24.6%	26.3%	24.4%	-25.8%
All people	26.7%	27.4%	27.3%	26.2%	26.2%	24.6%	23.5%	-12.0%
Under 18 years	34.0%	35.5%	35.2%	33.3%	33.4%	31.8%	29.9%	-12.1%

	Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico							Rate of Change 2010-2016
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
<b>POVERTY RATES</b>								
All families	41.4%	42.0%	40.9%	41.7%	42.8%	42.7%	39.3%	-5.1%
With related children under 18 years	50.9%	51.8%	51.1%	52.0%	53.9%	52.9%	51.4%	1.0%
With related children under 5 years only	51.5%	50.3%	52.5%	54.7%	57.1%	55.5%	56.4%	9.5%
All people	45.3%	45.8%	45.1%	45.7%	46.6%	46.2%	43.6%	-3.8%
Under 18 years	56.3%	57.5%	56.4%	57.4%	58.7%	58.3%	56.5%	0.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 to 2016 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Figure 2: Families Poverty Rates, 2010-2016



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 to 2016 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

## HOUSING

Homeownership rates are used as indicators of financial stability. Overall, owning a home is considered as an essential step toward economic self-sufficient and upward mobility. However, the effects of the recession of 2008 still persist in homeownership rates. In 2016, 70.7 percent of Puerto Ricans in Connecticut rented their homes while only 29.3 percent owned their home. Renter-occupied housing units for the Puerto Rican population in Connecticut remained fairly stable between 2010 (70.6%) and 2016 (70.7%), fluctuating between years and peaking in 2012 (73.1%) and 2014 (72.3%). Correspondingly, from 2010 to 2016 the number homes owner-occupied housing units by Puerto Ricans in Connecticut also remained fairly stable between 2010 (29.4%) and 2016 (29.3%).

Connecticut is a state where most of the population own rather than rent the home they live in. In 2016, the proportion of Puerto Rican owner-occupied housing units in Connecticut (29.3%) was less than half that of the state's population (64.8%). Correspondingly, the proportion of Puerto Rican renter-occupied housing units in Connecticut (70.7%) was more than twice that of the state's popula-

tion (35.2%). Between 2010 and 2016, the proportion of Puerto Rican owner-occupied housing units in Connecticut declined (-4.7%) at a faster rate than Puerto Ricans in Connecticut (-0.3%). On the other hand, the rate of change among Puerto Rican renter-occupied housing units (0.1%) was insignificant compared to that of Connecticut's population overall (10%).

Puerto Ricans in Connecticut had a higher proportion of renters (70.7%) than stateside Puerto Ricans (63.1%). Correspondingly, the rate of homeownership among Puerto Ricans in Connecticut (29.3%) was lower than the rate for stateside Puerto Ricans (36.9%). On the other hand, Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico (31.4%) rented their homes at a rate nearly half the rate of Puerto Ricans in Connecticut. In Puerto Rico, the majority of Puerto Ricans owned their homes (68.6%). The rate of change in renter-occupied housing units among Puerto Ricans in Connecticut (0.1%) was lower than that of stateside Puerto Ricans (1.9%) and Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico (8.7%). On the other hand, between 2010 and 2016, the rate of change in owner-occupied housing units among stateside Puerto Ricans (-3.1%) and Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico (-3.5%) was nearly similar.

**Table 6. Housing, 2010-2016**

	Puerto Ricans in Connecticut							
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Rate of Change 2010-2016
<b>HOUSING</b>								
Owner-occupied housing units	29.4%	28.1%	26.9%	28.9%	27.7%	27.9%	29.3%	-0.3%
Renter-occupied housing units	70.6%	71.9%	73.1%	71.1%	72.3%	72.1%	70.7%	0.1%

	Connecticut Population							
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Rate of Change 2010-2016
<b>HOUSING</b>								
Owner-occupied housing units	68.0%	67.4%	66.9%	66.3%	66.4%	66.2%	64.8%	-4.7%
Renter-occupied housing units	32.0%	32.6%	33.1%	33.7%	33.6%	33.8%	35.2%	10.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 to 2016 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates



**Table 6. Housing, 2010-2016 (Continued)**

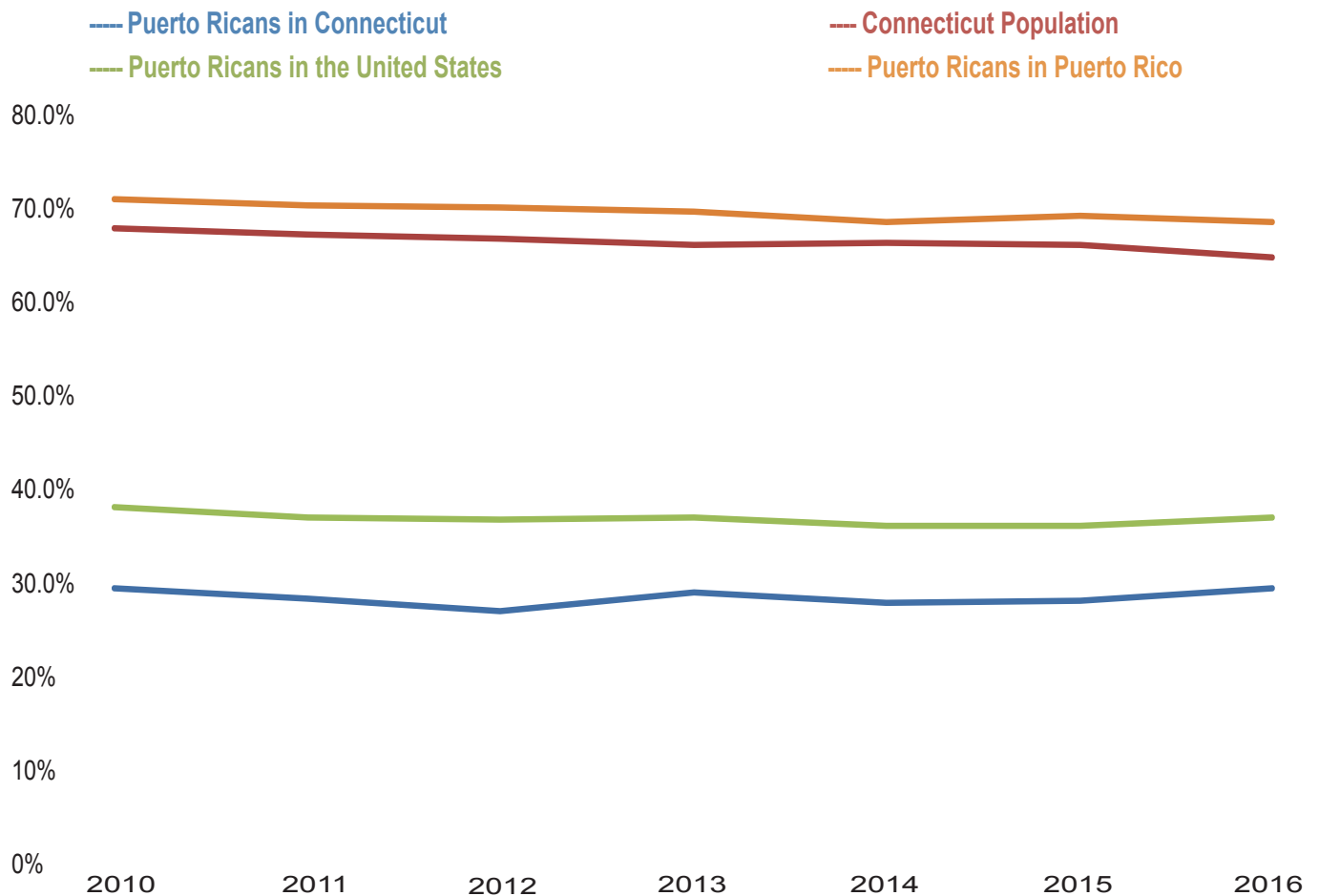
	Puerto Ricans in the United States							
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Rate of Change 2010-2016
<b>HOUSING</b>								
Owner-occupied housing units	38.1%	37.0%	36.6%	37.0%	36.0%	36.1%	36.9%	-3.1%
Renter-occupied housing units	61.9%	63.0%	63.4%	63.0%	64.0%	63.9%	63.1%	1.9%

	Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico							
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Rate of Change 2010-2016
<b>HOUSING</b>								
Owner-occupied housing units	71.1%	70.4%	70.2%	69.7%	68.7%	69.3%	68.6%	-3.5%
Renter-occupied housing units	28.9%	29.6%	29.8%	30.3%	31.3%	30.7%	31.4%	8.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 to 2016 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

**Figure 3. Owner-Occupied Housing Units, 2010-2016**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 to 2016 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

## **Puerto Ricans and Latinos in Connecticut, 2016**

In 2016 there were over half a million of Latinos in the state of Connecticut (562,347). Among these Latinos in Connecticut, 53 percent were Puerto Ricans. In other words, 1 out of 2 Latinos in Connecticut were Puerto Ricans. Puerto Ricans in the state are doing relatively worst along a number of socioeconomic indicators when compared to Latinos overall.

In education, Puerto Ricans in Connecticut were slightly less advanced than the Latino population overall. In 2016, the proportion of Puerto Ricans in Connecticut without a high school diploma (26.8%) was somewhat lower than that of all Latinos (27.7%). Also, there was a slightly higher proportion of Puerto Ricans in Connecticut, 25 years and over, with a high school diploma (35.1%) compared to all Latinos (32.2%). Puerto Ricans had a higher proportion of 25 years and over with some college experience or associate's degree (24.6%) when compared to all Latinos (22.2%). However, the proportion of Puerto Ricans in Connecticut with a bachelor's degree or higher (13.4%) was lower than that of all Latinos (17.9%).

In terms of employment status, Puerto Ricans in Connecticut had a lower civilian labor force participation (63.8%) compared to all Latinos (69.4%) in the state. Also, the proportion of Puerto Ricans in Connecticut employed

(55.8%) was lower than that of all Latinos (61.9%). On the other hand, the unemployment rate among Puerto Ricans in Connecticut (12.5%) was lower compared to that of all Latinos in the state (10.7%).

In 2016, there were 96,685 Puerto Rican households in Connecticut. In other words, over one in two Latino households in Connecticut was a Puerto Rican households (56.4%). The median household among Puerto Ricans in Connecticut (\$40,769) was lower compared to that of all Latinos in the state (\$46,808).

Overall, Puerto Ricans have higher levels of poverty compared to the Latino population in Connecticut. For example, 21.7 percent of all Puerto Rican families lived in poverty in Connecticut. This number was higher than that of all Latino families (18.1%). Furthermore, the proportion of Puerto Rican families with related children under 18 years living in poverty in Connecticut (27.2%) was higher than that of all Latinos in the state (23%). In terms of individuals, Puerto Ricans had higher poverty rates (24.9%) compared to all Latinos in Connecticut (20.4%).

Puerto Ricans in Connecticut were less likely to own their homes (29.3%) compared to all Latinos (32.6%). Proportionately, Puerto Ricans in Connecticut (75.6%) and Latinos in Connecticut (76.1%) rented their homes.

**Table 7. Puerto Ricans and Hispanics or Latinos Demographic Characteristics, 2016**

	Puerto Ricans in Connecticut	Hispanics or Latinos in Connecticut
<b>TOTAL POPULATION</b>	298,245	562,347
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>		
Population 25 years and over	165,291	316,522
Less than high school diploma	26.8%	27.7%
High school graduate	35.1%	32.2%
Some college or associate's degree	24.6%	22.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher	13.4%	17.9%
<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS</b>		
Population 16 years and over	213,711	404,610
Civilian labor force	63.8%	69.4%
Employed	55.8%	61.9%
Unemployed	12.5%	10.7%
<b>INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS</b>		
(INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)		
Households	96,685	171,360
Median household income (dollars)	\$40,769	\$46,808
<b>POVERTY RATES</b>		
All families	21.7%	18.1%
With related children under 18 years	27.2%	23%
All people	24.9%	20.4%
<b>HOUSING</b>		
Owner-occupied housing units	29.3%	32.6%
Renter-occupied housing units	70.7%	67.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

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