

The Puerto Rican population grew in the U.S. from 5.2 million in 2014 to 5.3 million in 2015. Recently released data from the 2015 American Community Survey showed Puerto Ricans (2%) and Latinos overall (2.2%) were among the fastest growing population groups in the United States, compared to non-Hispanic blacks (0.84%), non-Hispanic whites (0.06%), and the total U.S. population (0.80%).



Subject	2014	2015	Change	Percent Change (%)
Total Population	318,857,056	321,418,821	2,561,765	0.80
Non-Hispanic White	197,409,353	197,534,496	125,143	0.06
Non-Hispanic Black	39,267,149	39,597,600	330,451	0.84
Hispanic or Latino*	50,012,714	51,123,363	1,110,649	2.22
Puerto Rican	5,266,738	5,372,759	106,021	2.01
Puerto Rico**	3,404,122	3,329,046	-75,076	-2.2

*not including Puerto Rican

**Includes only the Puerto Rican population.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 & 2015 American Community Survey, 1-year estimates.

In contrast to the sustained growth of the Puerto Rican population in the U.S., the Puerto Rican population in Puerto Rico continued to decline from 3.4 million in 2014 to 3.3 million in 2015. The Puerto Rican population in the U.S. added 106,000 new residents to the nation. Among selected states, Florida had the largest population expansion, with an increase Puerto Rican population of 62,904 followed by Pennsylvania (+23,377) and New Jersey (+19,772). However, North Carolina showed the largest

proportional change in population with a 14.2 percent increase, followed by Ohio (13.6%), Florida (6.2%), Pennsylvania (5.5%), New Jersey (4.2%), Georgia (3.8%), Texas (3.5%), Virginia (3.1%), and Massachusetts (3%). Illinois experienced largest decline (-11.6%), followed by California (4.9%), Connecticut (-7%), and New York (-1%). In all the data showed both continued growth and dispersion for Puerto Ricans in the U.S.

Puerto Rican Population by States and Puerto Rico 2014 and 2015

	2014	2015	Change	Percent Change (%)
Puerto Rico*	3,404,122	3,329,046	-75,076	-2.2
United States	5,266,738	5,372,759	106,021	2.0
California	207,565	197,399	-10,166	-4.9
Connecticut	301,182	280,070	-21,112	-7.0
Florida	1,006,542	1,069,446	62,904	6.2
Georgia	89,462	92,862	3,400	3.8
Illinois	211,626	187,159	-24,467	-11.6
Massachusetts	308,028	317,142	9,114	3.0
New Jersey	468,200	487,972	19,772	4.2
New York	1,095,858	1,084,872	-10,986	-1.0
North Carolina	89,212	101,864	12,652	14.2
Ohio	108,174	122,908	14,734	13.6
Pennsylvania	423,755	447,132	23,377	5.5
Texas	177,448	183,658	6,210	3.5
Virginia	92,319	95,177	2,858	3.1

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