**Location:** Caribbean, island between the Caribbean Sea and the North Atlantic Ocean, east of the Dominican Republic

**Geographic coordinates:** 18 15 N, 66 30 W

**Map references:** Central America and the Caribbean

**Land and Water Area:** 13,790 sq. km. (5,324 sq. mi.)

**Elevation extremes:**
- lowest point: Caribbean Sea 0 m
- highest point: Cerro de Punta 1,338 m

**Terrain:**
- mostly mountains, with coastal plain belt in north; mountains precipitous to sea on west coast; sandy beaches along most coastal areas

**Climate:**
- tropical marine, mild; little seasonal temperature variation

**Coastline:** 501 km (311 miles)

**Economy**

**GNP:** $68.5 billion (2015)

**GNP - real growth rate:** 0.6% (2015)

**GNP - per capita:** $19,549 (2015)

**GDP:** $102.9 billion (2015)

**GDP - per capita:** $29,360 (2015)

**GDP - composition by sector:** (2015)
- Manufacturing: 46.9%
- Finance, insurance and real estate: 20.9%
- Services: 12.9%
- Trade: 7.5%
- Government: 7.1%
- Transportation and other public utilities: 2.9%
- Construction and Mining: 1.1%
- Agriculture: 0.8%

**Persons below poverty level:** 45.5% (2015)

**Inflation rate:** change in the implicit price deflator for GNP 0.6% (2015)

**Labor force:**
- total: 3,474,182 (July 1, 2015 est.)
- male: 93.8% (2015 est.)
- female: 93.8% (2015 est.)

**Sex ratio:**
- at birth: 1.02 males(s)/female (2015 est.)
- under 15 years: 1.06 male(s)/female
- 15-64 years: 0.92 male(s)/female
- 65 years and over: 0.76 male(s)/female

**Population growth rate:** -1.7% (2015 est.)

**Birth rate:** 10.8 births/1,000 population (2015 est.)

**Death rate:** 8.8 deaths/1,000 population (2015 est.)

**Unemployment rate:** 11.7% (2016)

**Labor force - by occupation:** (2016)
- Agriculture: 1.5%
- Construction and Mining: 3.4%
- Finance, insurance and real estate: 4.3%
- Transportation and other public utilities: 4.3%
- Manufacturing: 8.4%
- Trade: 23.7%
- Services: 34.9%

**GNP - per capita:** $19,549 (2015)

**GNP - real growth rate:** 0.6% (2015)

**GNP - composition by sector:**
- Agriculture: 0.8%
- Construction and Mining: 1.1%
- Finance, insurance and real estate: 20.9%
- Government: 7.1%
- Manufacturing: 46.9%
- Services: 12.9%
- Trade: 7.5%
- Transportation and other public utilities: 2.9%

**Total fertility rate:** 1.6 children born/woman (2015 est.)

**Infant mortality rate:**
- total: 7.4 deaths/1,000 live births (2015 est.)
- male: 8.2 deaths/1,000 live births
- female: 6.6 deaths/1,000 live births

**Life expectancy at birth:**
- total population: 79.4 years (2015 est.)
- male: 75.8 years
- female: 83.1 years

**Nationality:**
- noun: Puerto Rican(s) (US citizens)
- adjective: Puerto Rican

**Ethnic groups:**
- white 75.8%, black / African American 12.4%, other 8.5%, and mixed 3.3% (2010)

**Religion:**
- Roman Catholic 85%, Protestant and other 15%

**Languages:**
- Spanish, English

**Literacy:**
- definition: age 15 and over can read and write
- total population: 93.3%
- male: 92.8%
- female: 93.8% (2015 est.)

**Government**

**Country name:**
- Conventional long form: Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
- Conventional short form: Puerto Rico

**Government status:**
- unincorporated organized territory of the US with commonwealth status; policy relations between PR and the US conducted under the jurisdiction of the Office of the President.

**Government type:**
- presidential democracy; a self-governing commonwealth in political association with the US.

**Capital:**
- San Juan

**Legal system:**
- based on civil law and within the US Federal legal system

**Suffrage:**
- 18 years of age; universal; island residents are US citizens but do not vote in US presidential elections

**Head of State:**
- President Donald J. Trump
  (since January 20, 2017)

**Governor:**
- Ricardo Rosselló-Nevares
  (since January 2, 2017)

**Legislative branch:** bicameral Legislative Assembly consists of the Senate (30 seats; members are directly elected by popular vote to serve four-year terms) and the House of Representatives (51 seats; members are directly elected by popular vote to serve four-year terms)

**Judicial branch:**
- Supreme Court; Appellate Court; Court of First Instance composed of two sections: a Superior Court and a Municipal Court (justices for all these courts are appointed by the governor with the consent of the Senate)

**International organization participation:**
- Caricom (observer), Interpol (subbureau), IOC, UNWTO (associate), UPU, AOSIS (observer), WFTU (NGOs)

**Transportation**

**Highways:**
- total: 28,024.9 km
- paved: 27,877.4 km
- unpaved: 147.5 km (2015)

**Ports and harbors:**
- 12

**Airports:**
- 10

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