Profile of the Puerto Rican Population in the United States and Puerto Rico

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Introduction

- The Puerto Rican population is the second largest subgroup of the Hispanic population
- The 4.2 million Puerto Ricans living in the United States (including the 50 states and District of Columbia) have come to surpass those on the island of Puerto Rico (4.0 million)

Economic Difficulties in 1980

Sandefur and Tienda (1988) (1): Of all Hispanic origin groups, Puerto Ricans had the lowest labor force participation, highest unemployment, highest poverty, lowest education

Purpose of Research

 Have conditions improved for the Puerto Rican population of the U.S.?

(1) Sandefur, Gary and Marta Tienda. 1988. Divided Opportunities: Minorities, Poverty and Social Policy. New York: Plenum Press

• What are current characteristics, trends, and geographic distribution?

Table 1: Population Profile for differents groups by Hispanic Origin in the United States and Puerto Rico: 1990 to 2008

INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS) Households Median household income (dollars)

POVERTY LEVEL
Population Below Poverty leve

EMPLOYMENT STATUS Population 16 years and over

n labor force Civilian Labor force Employed

SEX AND AGE

Median age (years)

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25 years and over

Percent high school graduate or Percent bachelor's degree or hi

ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME AN

Population 5 years and over

Improving Conditions

Conditions for U.S. Puerto Ricans Improved from 1990 to 2008

- Median household income grew (Figure 1): - 1990 U.S. Puerto Ricans income was 66% the level of non-Hispanic Whites
- 2008 was 69% • Unemployment fell for U.S. Puerto Ricans, both absolutely and relative to non-Hispanic
- Education levels rose: - 1990, 53% had high school diploma or higher; in 2008, 73% had high school diploma or higher

Whites (Table 1)

- Bachelors degree or higher rose from 10% to 16% (Figure 3)

Conditions in Puerto Rico Improved from 1990 to 2008

- Income in Puerto Rico rose (Table 1): Median household income was 28% of U.S. non-Hispanic White level in 1990
- Median household income was 32% of U.S. non-Hispanic White level in 2008
- Unemployment rate fell, but remained high compared to U.S. Puerto Ricans
- Education in Puerto Rico rose: - 50% of island-based Puerto Ricans had a high school diploma or higher in 1990 (Figure 2)

Figure 1: Median Household Income for the Hispanic Population in

United States and the Population in Puerto Rico: 1990, 2000 and 2008

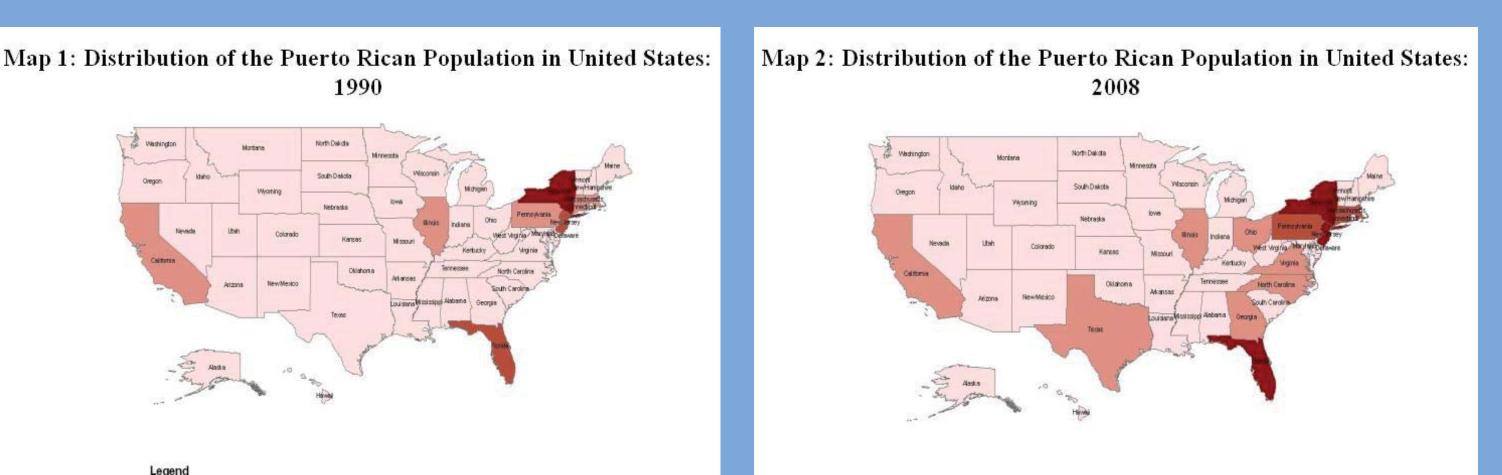
Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census of Population. Census 2000. 2008 American Community Survey. 2008 Puerto Rico Community Survey.

 67% had a high school diploma or higher in 2008 Bachelor's degree or higher degree held by 14% in 1990, 21% in 2008 (Figure 3)

• In 2008 concentrations in two areas: New York metro area and the state of Florida (Map 2)

• Small concentrations in California, Illinois Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Texas

United States



Changes in Distribution of Puerto Rican Population: 1990-2008

- New York metro area was center of U.S. Puerto Rican population in 1990 (1.2 million in NY of 2.6 in U.S. - Map 1 & 2)
- New York metro area had little or no growth (remained 1.2 million)
- Florida is an area of growth: Puerto Rican population tripled (241,000 to 744,000)

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census of Population, 2008 American Community Survey

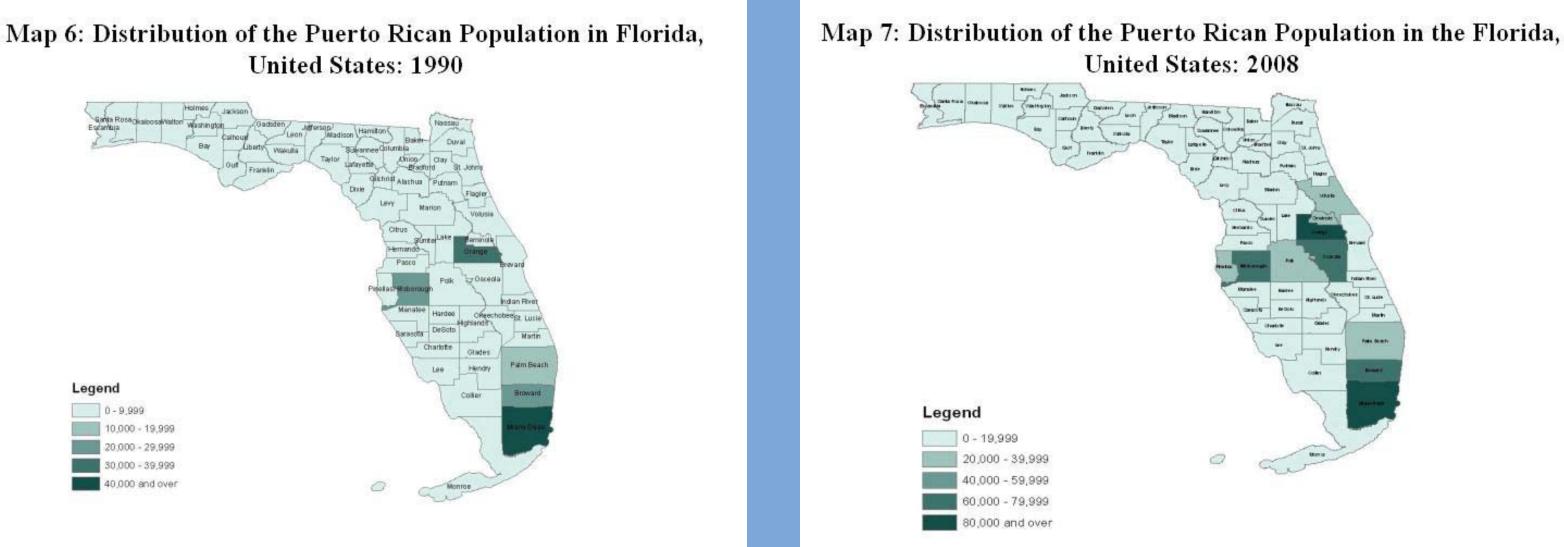
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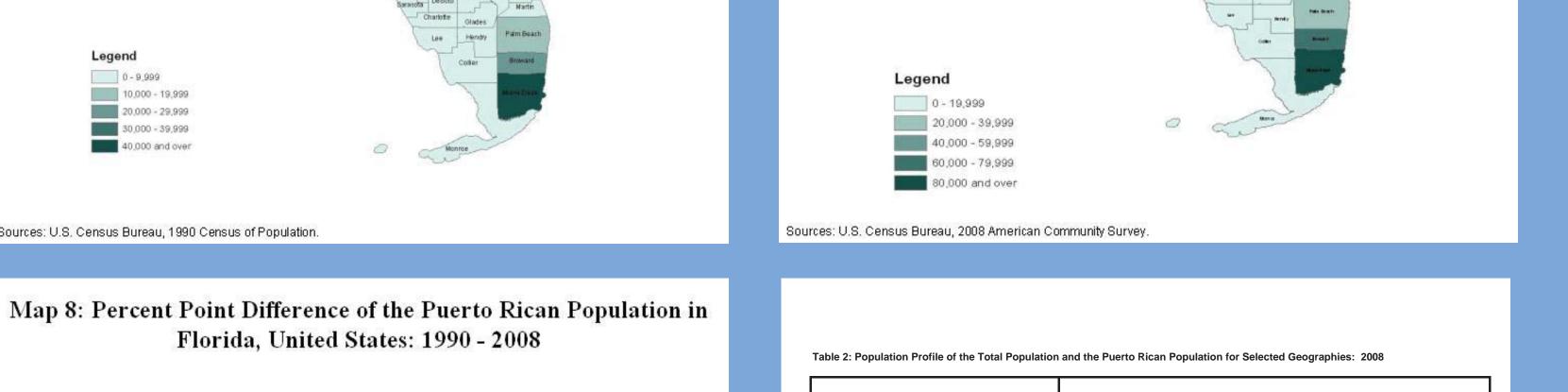
Puerto Rican Population in Florida: 1990-2008

Florida, United States: 1990 - 2008

- In 1990, 44% lived in Miami metro area (Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach counties - Map 6)
- In 2008, only 27% in Miami metro area (Map 7) Orlando metro area grew from 53,000 to 222,000 (especially Orange, Osceola counties – Map 6 &
- Tampa-St. Petersburg metro area grew from 34,000 to 123,000 (Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas counties)
- One half of Florida Puerto Rican population now lives in Tampa, Orlando and nearby counties (including Polk county)

Florida





INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (INFL. ADJUSTED DOLLARS)

Family households with own children under

Female householder, no husband prese

Some college or associate's degree

Percent high school graduate or higher Percent bachelor's degree or higher

Population 5 years and over Speak English only Speaks English only or Speaks anothe

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME AND ABILI

Women 15 to 50 years
Women 15 to 50 years who had a birth in the past 12

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1) Include Puerto Ricans in the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Puerto Rico by Selected Geographies: 2008

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Surve

Bachelor's degree Graduate or professional degree

 Compared with mainland U.S. Puerto Ricans: - Island of Puerto Rico incomes remain low United States United States Florida NY MSA Islander Puerto Total Population Puerto Rican⁽¹⁾ Puerto Rican Puerto Rican Rican⁽²⁾

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91.4% 80.3% 77.3% 79.6%

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113,101,329 1,347,080 242,063

12 months 34.3% 56.3% 42.9% 54.9% 49.5 Sources: 2008 American Community Survey. 2008 Puerto Rico Community Survey

Figure 4: Percentage of the Puerto Rican Population who were born in

978,911 127,515 293,984 24.0% 17.5% 24.8%

 Island of Puerto Rico poverty is higher Island of Puerto Rico more have less than high school, more have bachelor's degree or higher Island of Puerto Rico has very low English speaking ability

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Florida vs. New York and U.S.

Compared with all U.S. Puerto Ricans and

- Florida Puerto Ricans were more likely born on

- Florida Puerto Ricans' English ability not as

- Florida Puerto Ricans have higher median

Florida Puerto Ricans have higher education

Puerto Rico vs. Mainland U.S.

those in New York metro area:

high (Table 2)

household income

the island of Puerto Rico (Figure 4)

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Conclusion

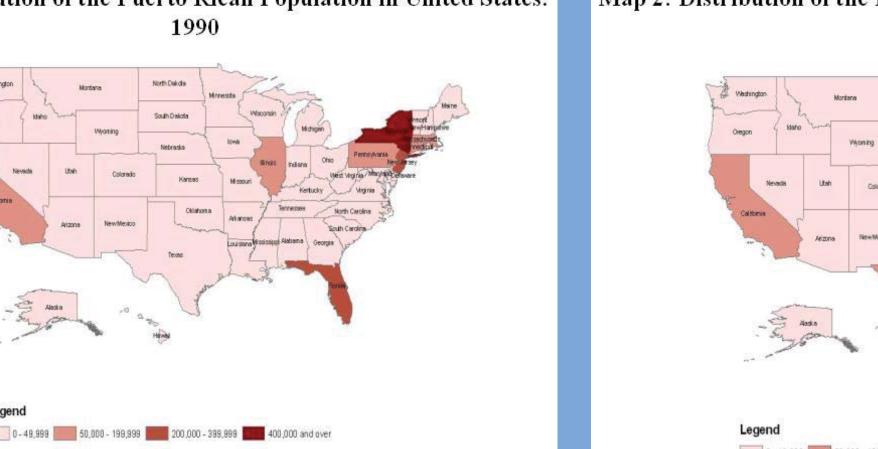
- The Puerto Rican population of the U.S. seems to have recovered from the economic difficulties observed in the 1980s
- Improved conditions on the mainland have been accompanied by improved conditions in Puerto
- Large differences in income and employment remain between Puerto Rico and the mainland
- New growth of Puerto Rican population has taken place in Florida

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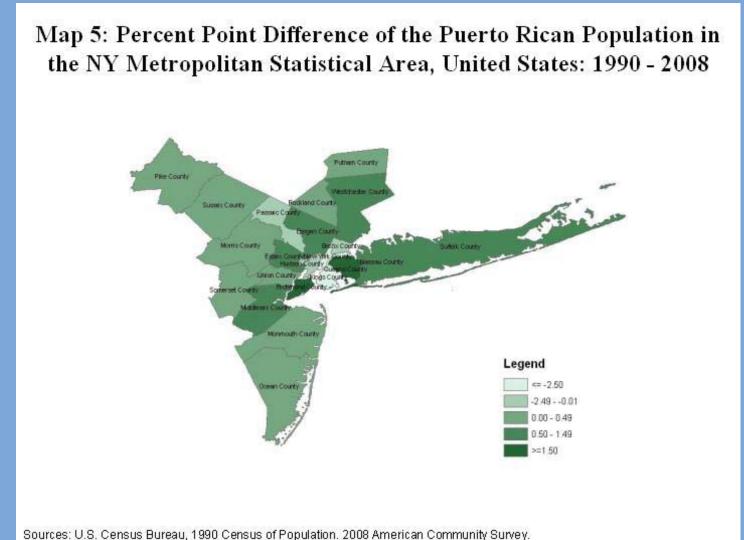
Distribution of Puerto Rican Population in United States: 2008

- 1.2 million in New York metro population (including parts of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania) - 744 thousand in Florida

New York Metropolitan Area

Map 3: Distribution of the Puerto Rican Population in the NY Metropolitan Statistical Area, United States: 1990 0 - 18,989 20,000 - 38,889 40,000 - 58,999

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census of Population



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NY Metropolitan Statistical Area, United States: 2008

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Surve

Puerto Rican Population in New York MSA: 1990-2008

- In 1990, 63% lived in Bronx, Manhattan and Brooklyn (Map 3) • Population shrank by 119,000 in Bronx,
- Manhattan, Brooklyn (Map 4)
- Population grew in Queens, Suffolk County (Map 5)

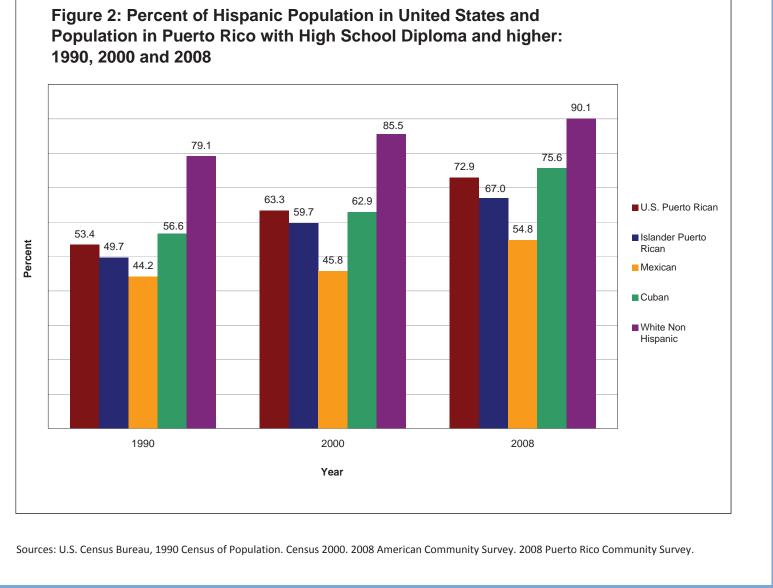
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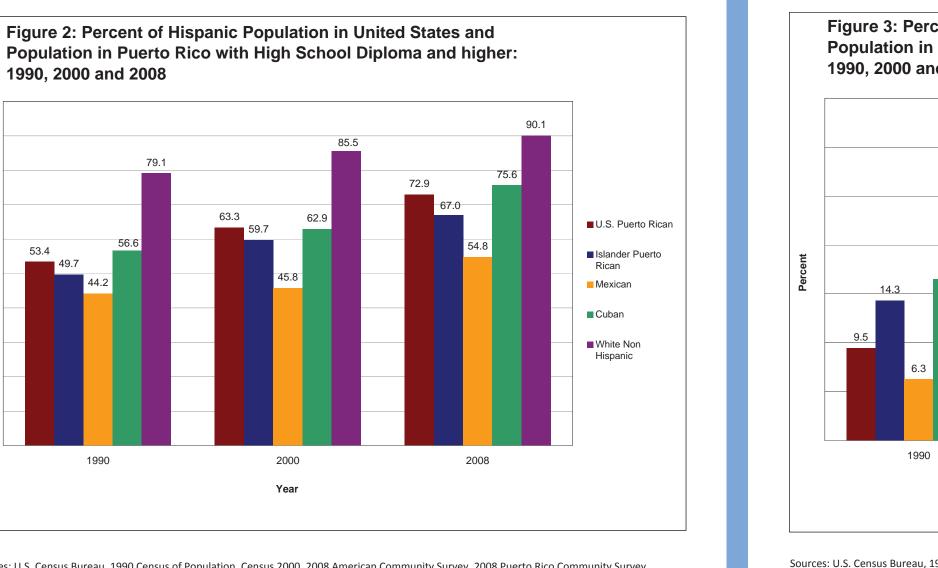
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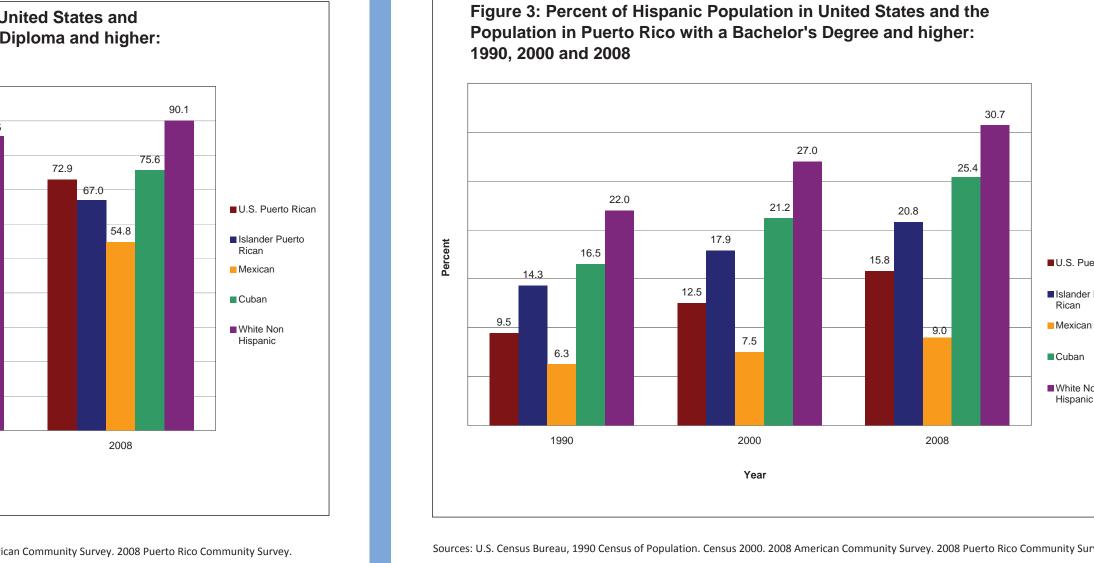
) Include Puerto Ricans in the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

(5) The denominator for this measure is the the Total Population 5 years and over.

- 2008 American Community Survey (ACS) 2008 Puerto Rico Community Survey (PRCS)
- We compare U.S. population identifying as Puerto Rican, Cuban, Mexican, non-Hispanic Black and non-Hispanic White. For the population of the island of Puerto Rico, we use total population. (96% of island residents identify as Puerto Rican.)







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