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**Puerto Rican Migration and its percentage of persons with bachelor's degree or more**

-Source: Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) from 2006 to 2014, ACS and PRCS 1 year estimates.

-Universe: Total population. Weight variable used: PWGTP. (February 11, 2016)

	Total Population of Puerto Rico		Emigrants to United States		Immigrants from United States		Net Migration	
	Total	% w ith bachelor's or more	Total population	% w ith bachelor's or more	Total population	% w ith bachelor's or more	Total population	% w ith bachelor's or more
2006	3,927,776	13.8%	65,268	8,252 (12.6%)	30,499	3,236 (10.6%)	34,769	5,016 (14.4%)
2007	3,942,375	14.3%	59,532	9,056 (15.2%)	26,872	3,522 (13.1%)	32,660	5,534 (16.9%)
2008	3,954,037	14.4%	58,424	9,335 (16.0%)	35,761	4,750 (13.3%)	22,663	4,585 (20.2%)
2009	3,967,288	14.9%	61,254	10,369 (16.9%)	34,077	2,640 (7.7%)	27,177	7,729 (28.4%)
2010	3,722,133	15.2%	60,629	6,471 (10.7%)	34,857	3,687 (10.6%)	25,772	2,784 (10.8%)
2011	3,706,690	16.0%	74,331	10,456 (14.1%)	19,089	2,523 (13.2%)	55,242	7,933 (14.4%)
2012	3,667,084	16.8%	67,107	9,547 (14.2%)	19,188	3,860 (20.1%)	47,919	5,687 (11.9%)
2013	3,615,086	17.0%	75,522	9,381 (12.4%)	23,554	3,871 (16.4%)	51,968	5,510 (10.6%)
2014	3,548,397	17.4%	86,664	14,311 (16.5%)	18,565	3,234 (17.4%)	68,099	11,077 (16.3%)

According to American and Puerto Rico Community Surveys, since 2006 (when the ongoing economic depression started) to 2014, 609,000 people have migrated from Puerto Rico to the United States. On the other hand, 243,000 people have migrated from the US to Puerto Rico. Thus, net migration from Puerto Rico to the United States has been about 366,000 people for the period 2006-2014. About 15% (56,000) of the total net migrants had a bachelor's degree or higher, which could represent a significant brain drain.

A 13% of professional emigrants from Puerto Rico to the United States were unemployed during the period 2005 to 2009, a rate that rose to 17% between 2010 and 2014. In fact, during the period 2010-2014 the net migration of professionals increased by 16% (1,500 more professionals on average) when compared to the period 2005-2009.

In the case of people with a bachelor's degree or more, the highest percentages relative to the total net migration corresponded to the years 2008 (20.2%), 2009 (28.4%) and 2014 (16.3%).

However, not all migrants to the United States are professionals with a bachelor's or higher degree. In fact, since the economic depression started 246,000 poor people have migrated in gross terms to the United States. According to the CIC, if these 246,000 poor people had not migrated, the poverty rate in Puerto Rico would be 50% in 2014 rather than the 46% recorded.

For a definition of migration and educational attainment, you can access the following link:

<http://factfinder.census.gov/help/en/index.htm#glossary.htm>.

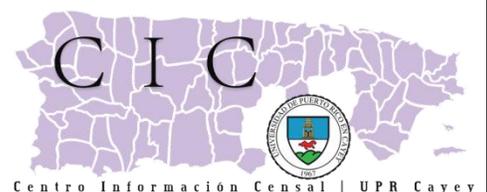
For other statistics of Puerto Rico, visit the links or places below:

1. Census database in American Factfinder: [factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml](http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml)
2. Census Information Center (CIC) of the Interdisciplinary Research Institute, where we will offer support in research, consultancy and training in the use of census data. Please call or send an email for more information.

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