Puerto Rico

Jobs, establishments, and exports are from the 2016 County Business Patterns (CBP) and 2017 Government Development Bank (GDB) data.

**Economic Output and Employment**

*Figure 1: Employment by Establishment Size (Employees)*

- The Puerto Rico economy contracted at an annual rate of 2.4% to $104.2 billion in 2017 while per capita income increased 1.3% to $30,907 in 2017. (Source: GDB)
- The number of private sector employees in Puerto Rico decreased 0.8% to 672,399 in 2016. (Source: CBP)
- Figure 1 displays private sector employment for establishments with fewer than 500 employees from 2008 to 2016. Establishments with fewer than 100 employees have the largest share of overall employment. (Source: CBP)
- Table 1 provides additional details on Puerto Rico employment by industry. (Source: CBP)

The Small Business Profiles are produced by the US Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy. Each report incorporates the most up-to-date government data to present a unique snapshot of small businesses.

**International Trade**

*Figure 2: Exports and Imports ($)*

- Figure 2 displays the evolution of Puerto Rico imports, exports, and trade balance from 2007 to 2017. (Source: GDB)
- In 2017, Puerto Rico total exports increased 2.7% to $73.8 billion, while its total imports increased 19.6% to $51.8 billion. This resulted in a 2017 trade surplus of $22.0 billion. (Source: GDB)
- Exports and imports reflect trade between Puerto Rico and the rest of the world, including the US.

Economic growth and trade statistics for Puerto Rico are expressed in nominal US dollars. Values labeled ‘s’ in Table 1 were withheld by the Census Bureau because they do not meet publication standards or could disclose information regarding individual businesses.
### Table 1: Puerto Rico Employment, Establishments, and Payroll by Industry, 2016. (Source: CBP)

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<tr>
<th>Industry</th>
<th>Total Private Employment</th>
<th>Total Private Establishments</th>
<th>Annual Payroll ($ Thousands)</th>
<th>Annual Payroll per Employee ($)</th>
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### Figure 3: Puerto Rico Employment by Municipality, 2016. (Source: CBP)

### References

The Small Business Profiles, source data, and methodology are available at [https://go.usa.gov/xmb5R](https://go.usa.gov/xmb5R).

- **CBP**: County Business Patterns, US Census Bureau
- **GDB**: Government Development Bank for Puerto Rico