



Laboratorio Puertorriqueño de Opinión Pública

Puerto Rico Public Opinion Lab

The Laboratorio Puertorriqueño de Opinión Pública (LabPOP; Puerto Rican Public Opinion Lab) is designed to provide a reliable source for timely and relevant public opinion data from adult residents of Puerto Rico using state-of-the-art scientific methods to obtain the most representative insights available. We conducted surveys of adult residents between April 26, 2025 and November 23, 2025. Surveys were administered in person, by telephone, and self-administered via internet-connected devices. We report results for the 1,266 Puerto Rico adult residents who completed the survey. We obtained an overall response rate of 19.2% (using AAPOR Response Rate 6).

The below results reflect weighted responses. This survey is based on a stratified probability sample of households across Puerto Rico stratified by region and urbanicity using a three-stage area probability design. Respondents were assigned survey weights equal to the inverse of their selection probability to account for differential selection probabilities across strata. We applied additional adjustments to correct for non-response across sampling strata. The margin of sampling error for a random sample survey of this size would be +/- 2.8 percentage points at the 95% confidence level; the actual margin of sampling error varies by statistic due in part to the complex sample design.

Sample Demographics

The demographics below summarize select characteristics of the weighted survey sample.

1. What is your sex? [sexo_1]

Woman	52%
Man	46%
Describe my sex another way	<1%
Prefer not to respond	1%
Skipped	1%

2. ¿What is the highest level of education you have completed? [edu_1]

High school or less	46%
Some college courses or an associate's degree	15%
Graduated from university	7%
Graduate studies	31%
Skipped	1%

3. What is your marital status? [estadocivil_1]	Married	33%
	Cohabiting with a partner, but not married	13%
	Single	35%
	Separated	2%
	Divorced	9%
	Widowed	7%
	Skipped	1%
4. In the past year, have you considered moving to the United States? [mudarse_1]	I have not considered it	64%
	Yes, I've considered it	35%
	Skipped	1%
5. In the past month, have you worked for a salary or profit? [trabajo_1]	Yes	47%
	No, I'm retired	24%
	No, I experience medical complications or I'm disabled	6%
	No, I'm in school or training	4%
	No, I'm a homemaker	12%
	No, I don't wish to work for income at this moment	2%
	Other	5%
	Skipped	1%
6. What is your household's monthly income, including the income of all working adults and children? By income, we mean wages,	\$0 - \$499	13%
	\$500 - 999	14%
	\$1,000 - \$1,999	24%
	\$2,000 - \$2,999	13%

government assistance, rents, scholarships,
etc. [ingreso_1]

\$3,000 - \$3,999	9%
\$4,000 - \$4,999	6%
\$5,000 - \$5,999	4%
\$6,000 o más	10%
Skipped	7%

7. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?
[Select all that apply.]

Yes, Puerto Rican [hispano_pr_1]	95%
Yes, Dominican [hispano_domonicano_1]	2%
Yes, Cuban [hispano_cubano_1]	>1%
Yes, from another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (SPECIFY) [hispano_other_1]	3%
No, I'm not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin [hispano_no_1]	1%
Skipped	1%

Political Memory

We would like to start by asking you some questions about your memories of important events in Puerto Rico.

8. Thinking about that event you just described,
did you feel that Puerto Rico was prospering
at that time, or not?
[prosper_1]

Prospering a lot	12%
Prospering a little	21%
It was neither prospering nor declining	22%
Declining a little	18%
Declining a lot	26%
Skipped	1%

9. When you think about that event, did you feel that the government of Puerto Rico was doing more to help or to harm the people living in Puerto Rico? [gob_ayuda_1]	Helping a lot	15%
	Helping a little	31%
	It was neither helping nor harming	15%
	Harming a little	13%
	Harming a lot	25%
	Skipped	2%

Emotions

10. How much hope do you feel when you think about how things are going in Puerto Rico? [esperanza_1]	A great deal	4%
	A lot	7%
	A moderate amount	28%
	A little	43%
	None	19%
	Skipped	0%

11. How much fear do you feel when you think about how things are going in Puerto Rico? [miedo_1]	A great deal	24%
	A lot	30%
	A moderate amount	28%
	A little	8%
	None	10%
	Skipped	<1%

12. How much anger do you feel when you think about how things are going in Puerto Rico? [enojo_1]	A great deal	36%
	A lot	30%
	A moderate amount	19%
	A little	7%
	None	8%
	Skipped	<1%

Political Imagination

13. To what extent do you support or oppose Puerto Rico exploring an economic union with other countries in Latin America and the Caribbean? [pos_union_1]	Strongly support	33%
	Support to a certain degree	34%
	Neither support nor oppose	21%
	Oppose to a certain degree	5%
	Strongly oppose	5%
	Skipped	1%
14. How feasible is it for Puerto Rico to successfully govern itself? [autogob_1]	Totally feasible	9%
	Somewhat feasible	34%
	Somewhat unfeasible	29%
	Totally unfeasible	28%
	Skipped	1%
15. How feasible is it for Puerto Rico to improve its energy services without assistance from the United States? [pos_energia_1]	Totally feasible	9%
	Somewhat feasible	27%
	Somewhat unfeasible	27%
	Totally unfeasible	37%
	Skipped	1%
16. How feasible is it for Puerto Rico to have a trustworthy government without assistance from the United States? [pos_confianza_1]	Totally feasible	8%
	Somewhat feasible	29%
	Somewhat unfeasible	28%
	Totally unfeasible	35%
	Skipped	<1%

17. How feasible is it for Puerto Rico to develop the resources to sustain its own population without assistance from the United States? [pos_recursos_1]	Totally feasible	11%
	Somewhat feasible	30%
	Somewhat unfeasible	27%
	Totally unfeasible	33%
	Skipped	<1%

18. How feasible is it for Puerto Rico to improve its economy without assistance from the United States? [pos_economia_1]	Totally feasible	8%
	Somewhat feasible	29%
	Somewhat unfeasible	28%
	Totally unfeasible	35%
	Skipped	1%

Status

19. How strongly do you favor or oppose statehood (becoming the fifty-first U.S. state)? [estadidad_1]	Strongly opposed	21%
	Somewhat opposed	10%
	Neither in favor or opposed	37%
	Somewhat in favor	15%
	Strongly in favor	17%
	Skipped	1%

20. How strongly do you favor or oppose national independence (becoming a sovereign country)? [independ_1]	Strongly opposed	35%
	Somewhat opposed	14%
	Neither in favor or opposed	33%
	Somewhat in favor	11%
	Strongly in favor	7%
	Skipped	<1%

21. How strongly do you favor or oppose
Commonwealth (the current status)?
[ela_1]

Strongly opposed	12%
Somewhat opposed	13%
Neither in favor or opposed	40%
Somewhat in favor	20%
Strongly in favor	14%
Skipped	1%

[Randomize to one of next four]

22. If a plebiscite were held today, how would
you vote?
[status24_1]
N = 347

Sovereignty in free association with the United States	36%
Statehood	41%
Independence	16%
Skipped	7%

23. If a plebiscite were held today with the
following question, how would you vote?
"Should Puerto Rico be immediately admitted
into the Union as a state?"
[status20_1]
N = 316

Yes	56%
No	36%
Skipped	8%

24. If a plebiscite were held today, how would
you vote? [status17_1]
N = 327

Statehood	31%
Free association/independence	23%
Current territorial status	39%
Skipped	8%

25. a. If a plebiscite were held today with the following question, how would you vote? "Do you agree with maintaining the current territorial political status?" [status12a_1] N = 277	Yes	57%
	No	42%
	Skipped	1%

26. b. Which of the following non-territorial options do you prefer? [status12b_1] N = 277	Statehood	38%
	Independence	14%
	Sovereignty in free association	45%
	Skipped	4%

27. Thinking about elections for offices such as governor and legislator, how important is their position on political status to you when deciding who to vote for? [status_import_1]	Not important	13%
	Slightly important	14%
	Somewhat important	26%
	Very important	45%
	Skipped	2%

Party Support

28. Generally speaking, which political party do you most identify with? [partido_1]	Popular Democratic Party	19%
	New Progressive Party	22%
	Puerto Rican Independence Party	7%
	Citizens' Victory Movement	3%
	Project Dignity	3%
	Another party	4%
	I don't identify with any party	42%
	Skipped	1%

29. [If selected party in previous question] Would you say that you identify strongly with [party]	Strongly	36%
	Moderately	57%
	Weakly	6%

selected in previous question], or not so strongly? [partido_strength_1]
N = 669

Skipped	<1%
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30. [If selected other and had text entry in previous question] Would you say that you identify strongly with [party selected in previous question], or not so strongly? [partido_other_strength_1]
N = 32

Strongly	71%
Moderately	28%
Weakly	1%
Skipped	0%

Populism

Now I would like to ask for your views on certain aspects of politics in Puerto Rico. First, I will read you a few statements, and for each one, I would like you to tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree.

31. The people, and not the politicians, should make the majority of public policy decisions. [pop_pueblo_1]

Strongly disagree	6%
Disagree somewhat	12%
Neither agree nor disagree	19%
Agree somewhat	28%
Strongly agree	35%
Skipped	1%

32. I would rather be represented by a citizen than by a career politician. [pop_ciudadano_1]

Strongly disagree	7%
Disagree somewhat	10%
Neither agree nor disagree	22%
Agree somewhat	28%
Strongly agree	32%
Skipped	1%

33. In a democracy, it is important to reach agreements among people with different points of view. [pop_acuerdos_1]	Strongly disagree	3%
	Disagree somewhat	3%
	Neither agree nor disagree	9%
	Agree somewhat	22%
	Strongly agree	62%
	Skipped	1%
34. Politicians must lead instead of following public opinion. [pop_liderar_1]	Strongly disagree	28%
	Disagree somewhat	21%
	Neither agree nor disagree	17%
	Agree somewhat	20%
	Strongly agree	15%
	Skipped	1%
35. Puerto Rico would be better governed if we left important decisions to successful businesspeople. [pop_empresa_1]	Strongly disagree	33%
	Disagree somewhat	18%
	Neither agree nor disagree	21%
	Agree somewhat	18%
	Strongly agree	10%
	Skipped	1%
36. Puerto Rico would be better governed if we left important decisions to the experts. [pop_expertos_1]	Strongly disagree	8%
	Disagree somewhat	9%
	Neither agree nor disagree	16%
	Agree somewhat	28%
	Strongly agree	38%
	Skipped	1%

Corruption

Among the following groups of people, how many do you think are involved in corruption? For each group, please tell me whether you think none of them are corrupt, some are, approximately half are, the majority are, or all of them are corrupt.

37. The police in Puerto Rico [cor_policia_1]	None are corrupt	5%
	Some are corrupt	58%
	Approximately half are corrupt	15%
	Most are corrupt	16%
	All are corrupt	5%
	Skipped	1%
38. Elected officials of Puerto Rico [cor_electos_pr_1]	None are corrupt	1%
	Some are corrupt	32%
	Approximately half are corrupt	15%
	Most are corrupt	35%
	All are corrupt	15%
	Skipped	2%
39. Elected officials of the federal government of the United States [cor_electos_us_1]	None are corrupt	6%
	Some are corrupt	49%
	Approximately half are corrupt	17%
	Most are corrupt	17%
	All are corrupt	9%
	Skipped	3%
40. Public School teachers [cor_maestros_1]	None are corrupt	34%
	Some are corrupt	53%
	Approximately half are corrupt	8%
	Most are corrupt	2%

All are corrupt	1%
Skipped	2%

Efficacy

Now I would like to ask for your views on other aspects of politics in Puerto Rico. I am going to read you a few statements, and for each one, I would like you to tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree.

41. The government of Puerto Rico addresses the needs of the Puerto Rican people. [eff_atiende_1]	Strongly disagree	39%
	Disagree somewhat	24%
	Neither agree nor disagree	16%
	Agree somewhat	15%
	Strongly agree	5%
	Skipped	<1%
42. I feel that my voice is heard in the decisions made by the government of Puerto Rico. [eff_voz_1]	Strongly disagree	50%
	Disagree somewhat	21%
	Neither agree nor disagree	15%
	Agree somewhat	10%
	Strongly agree	4%
	Skipped	1%
43. I feel I have a good understanding of the important political issues in Puerto Rico. [eff_entiendo_1]	Strongly disagree	10%
	Disagree somewhat	10%
	Neither agree nor disagree	23%
	Agree somewhat	32%
	Strongly agree	24%
	Skipped	1%

[Respondents were randomized to either Perceived Autonomy A or B]

Perceived Autonomy A

44. How much power does Puerto Rico's elected government have to make its own decisions without intervention from the United States federal government? [aut_sin_us_1]	Not at all powerful	3%
	Slightly powerful	33%
	Moderately powerful	31%
	Very powerful	7%
	Extremely powerful	25%
	Skipped	<1%
45. How much power does the government of Puerto Rico have to act against the interests of the United States federal government? [aut_contra_1]	No power	2%
	Little power	3%
	Moderate amounts of power	11%
	A lot of power	30%
	An immense amount of power	54%
	Skipped	<1%
46. How much control does the United States federal government have over Puerto Rico? [aut_control_1]	None	36%
	A little	38%
	A moderate amount	18%
	A lot	5%
	An immense amount	2%
	Skipped	1%

Perceived Autonomy B

47. Who has more power to decide the type of laws implemented in Puerto Rico: the United States federal government or the government of Puerto Rico? [aut_leyes_1]	The government of Puerto Rico has much more power	8%
	The government of Puerto Rico has a little more power	11%

The government of Puerto Rico and the federal government of the United States have the same amount of power	12%
The federal government of the United States has a little more power	21%
The federal government of the United States has much more power	47%
Skipped	1%

48. How much power does Puerto Rico's elected government have to make its own decisions without the intervention of the Financial Oversight and Management Board?
[aut_sin_Junta_1]

No power	36%
Little power	36%
Moderate amounts of power	17%
A lot of power	6%
An immense amount of power	2%
Skipped	2%

49. Who has more power to decide the type of laws implemented in Puerto Rico: the Financial Oversight and Management Board or the elected government of Puerto Rico?
[aut_mas poder_1]

The government of Puerto Rico has much more power	10%
The government of Puerto Rico has a little more power	12%
The government of Puerto Rico and the Financial Oversight and Management Board have the same amount of power	13%
The Financial Oversight and Management Board has a little more power	25%
The Financial Oversight and Management Board has much more power	37%
Skipped	2%

Perceived Autonomy - All

50. How much does Puerto Rico need the U.S. federal government in order to survive?

[aut_sobrevivir_1]

Immensely	39%
A lot	39%
Moderately	14%
A little	5%
None	2%
Skipped	1%

Supervision and Dependence

51. If things continue as they are, how much land and housing in Puerto Rico will Americans control over the next 50 years?

[sup_tierra_1]

All of it	24%
Most	43%
Half	19%
A little	10%
None of it	5%
Skipped	1%

52. In less than ten years, more than 400 public schools in Puerto Rico have closed, and the University of Puerto Rico's budget has been cut in half. To what extent has Puerto Rico's elected government been responsible for these cuts?

[sup_escuelas_1]

Not responsible at all	12%
A little responsible	8%
Moderately responsible	10%
Very responsible	24%
Completely responsible	45%
Skipped	<1%

Blame

[Randomize to one of following two Blame questions]

53. It was determined that Puerto Rico's educational curriculum had a very low success rate. To what extent is Puerto Rico's elected government responsible for this poor educational performance? [blame_edu_1] N = 627	Not responsible at all	7%
	A little responsible	13%
	Moderately responsible	15%
	Very responsible	22%
	Completely responsible	41%
	Skipped	2%

54. Further cuts to the healthcare system are anticipated. To what extent is Puerto Rico's government-elect responsible for these cuts? [blame_salud_1] N = 640	Not responsible at all	10%
	A little responsible	12%
	Moderately responsible	17%
	Very responsible	29%
	Completely responsible	31%
	Skipped	1%

Voting Behavior

55. There are many reasons why people might vote or not vote. To the best of your recollection, did you vote in the gubernatorial election in Puerto Rico last November 2024? [turnout24_1]	No, I did not vote	35%
	Yes, I voted	59%
	I don't know/don't remember	1%
	I would rather not answer	5%
	Skipped	<1%

56. [If voted] Who did you vote for in the gubernatorial election in November 2024? [vote_choice24_1] N = 814	Jenniffer González Colón	34%
	Juan Dalmau Ramírez	31%
	Jesús Manuel Ortiz González	18%
	Javier Jiménez Pérez	6%
	Javier Cordova Iturregui	<1%
	Otro candidato	4%
	Skipped	7%

57. How important do you think it is to vote in elections, if you consider it important at all? [voto_importa_1]	Not important	7%
	A little important	8%
	Somewhat important	16%
	Very important	69%
	Skipped	<1%
58. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Jenniffer González Colón is performing her job as governor? [jen_aprueba_1]	Strongly disapprove	50%
	Somewhat disapprove	13%
	Neither approve or disapprove	23%
	Somewhat approve	9%
	Strongly approve	4%
	Skipped	1%

Racial Identity

Now, to wrap up, we'd like to ask you a few demographic questions, and then we'll be finished.

[Randomize to one of following two race questions]

59. In Puerto Rico, there are many ways to describe race. How would you describe your racial identity? [Select all that apply] N = 630	Blanco(White)/Jincho [raza_blanco_1]	29%
	Negro(Black)/Prieto [raza_negro_1]	11%
	Trigueño [raza_trigueno_1]	39%
	Mulato [raza_mulato_1]	5%
	Mestizo [raza_mestizo_1]	16%
	Indio [raza_indio_1]	8%
	Jabao [raza_jabao_1]	5%

Moreno [raza_moreno_1]	6%
Use a different term [raza_closed_other_1]	10%
Skipped	1%

60. The United States Census, which is also administered in Puerto Rico, asks individuals to describe their racial identity. Given these options, which have you selected or would you select?
[Select all that apply]

White [raza_census_white_1]	43%
Black or African American [raza_census_black_1]	23%
American Indian or Alaskan Native [raza_census_native_1]	6%
Asian [raza_census_asian_1]	1%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander [raza_census_pisland_1]	2%
Some other race [raza_census_other_1]	30%
Skipped	5%