

POPULATION COUNT

- In 2021, the city of Waterbury had the fourth largest population in the state, with a population size of 113,783.
- There were 26,296 Puerto Ricans and comprised 23% of the city’s overall population. Waterbury has the third highest population count of Puerto Ricans in Connecticut.

RACE/ETHNICITY

- About 52% of the Puerto Rican population identified with two races followed by 46% who identified with one race, and 2% with three or more races.

HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN

- About 63% of the Hispanic/Latino population in Waterbury were Puerto Ricans followed by Dominicans (17%), Other Hispanic or Latino (12%), South Americans (8%), Central Americans (5%), and Mexicans (1%).

Puerto Rican	63%
Dominican	17%
Other Hispanic or Latino	12%
South American	8%
Central American	5%
Mexicans	1%

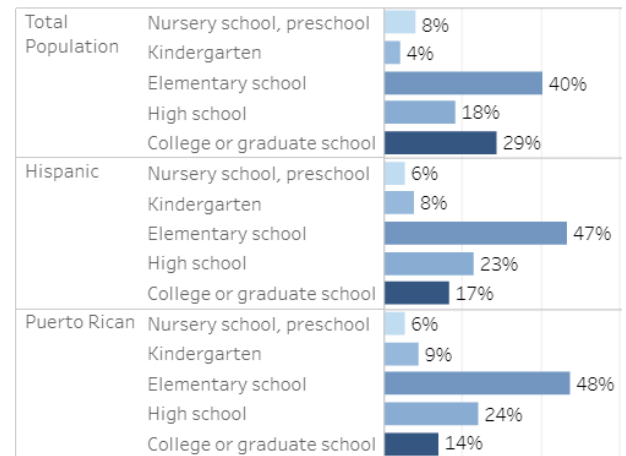
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

- In 2021, about half of the Puerto Ricans (49%) accounted for the highest rate of those with ‘less than a high school education’ compared to Hispanics/Latinos (30%) and overall population (19%) in the city of Waterbury.
- Puerto Ricans (24%) in Waterbury had slightly higher rates of those with a ‘high school education’ than Hispanics/Latinos (23%) and the total population (18%).
- In 2021, Puerto Ricans (3%) in Waterbury had the lowest educational attainment rates of those with a ‘bachelor’s degree or more’ compared to Hispanics/Latinos (13%) and the total population (18%).

Group	Education Level	Percentage
Total Population	Less than H.S.	19%
	High school	18%
	Some College	27%
	BA or more	18%
Hispanic	Less than H.S.	30%
	High school	23%
	Some College	31%
	BA or more	13%
Puerto Rican	Less than H.S.	49%
	High school	24%
	Some College	19%
	BA or more	3%

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

- Pre-K to Kindergarten and high school school enrollment of Puerto Ricans was consistent with the school enrollment of the total and Hispanic populations in Waterbury.
- College or graduate school enrollment was the lowest among Puerto Ricans (14%) and Hispanic/Latinos (17%) compared to the total population (29%).



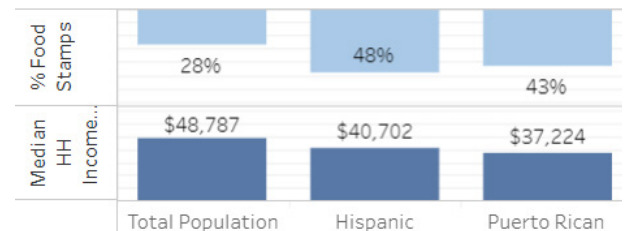
POVERTY STATUS

- In 2021, at least 36% of the Puerto Rican population lived below the poverty line in the city of Waterbury.
- The poverty rate of Puerto Ricans (36%) in Waterbury was higher than that of Hispanics/Latinos (32%) and the total population (22%).
- At least 46% of Puerto Rican children (under 18) lived in poverty in 2021. This rate was higher than the rate of Hispanic/Latino children (41%) and the total population (32%) in the city of Waterbury.
- At least 68% of Hispanic/Latina female headed households with children under 18 lived below poverty followed by Puerto Ricans (55%) and total population (46%) in the city of Waterbury.

	All People	Child (under 18)	Female HH w/ Children (Unde..
Total Popul..	22%	32%	46%
Hispanic	32%	41%	68%
Puerto Rican	36%	46%	55%

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME/ FOOD STAMPS

- Hispanics' (48%) reliance on food stamps was higher than Puerto Ricans (43%) and total population (28%).
- The median household income for Puerto Ricans (\$37,224) living in the city of Waterbury was lower than Hispanics/Latinos (\$40,702) and the total population (\$48,787).



EMPLOYMENT STATUS

- The employment status of Puerto Ricans (55%) was slightly lower compared to the Hispanic/Latino (58%) and the total (56%) populations in the city of Waterbury.

	Total Popula..	Hispanic	Puerto Rican
In Labor Force	62%	65%	63%
Not in Labor Force	38%	35%	37%
Employed	56%	58%	55%
Unemployed	6%	7%	7%

HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

- Homeownership rates among Puerto Ricans (33%), Hispanic/Latino (31%) was lower than the city's overall population (46%).
- Mortgage burden, or those who paid at least 30% or more of their income towards mortgage payments, was higher among Hispanics (44%) and Puerto Ricans (43%) than the total population (37%).
- The median monthly mortgage payment was higher among Puerto Ricans (\$1,779) followed by Hispanics/Latinos (\$1,721) and total population (\$1,134).
- Overall, renters outpaced home ownership in the city of Waterbury. The rate of Puerto Rican (67%) renters was consistent with Hispanics/Latinos (69%), but higher than the total population (54%).
- Rent burden, also known as tenants paying at least 30% or more of their incomes towards rents, was higher among Puerto Ricans (57%) and Hispanics/Latinos (57%) than the city's total population (49%).
- The median rent was slightly higher among Hispanic/Latinos (\$1,100) than the overall (\$1,042) and Puerto Rican (\$1,036) populations.

	Total Popul..	Hispanic	Puerto Rica
Renters	54%	69%	67%
Median Rent	\$1,042	\$1,100	\$1,036
Rent Burden	49%	57%	57%
Owners	46%	31%	33%
Mortgage Burden	37%	44%	43%
Median Mortgage	\$1,134	\$1,721	\$1,779

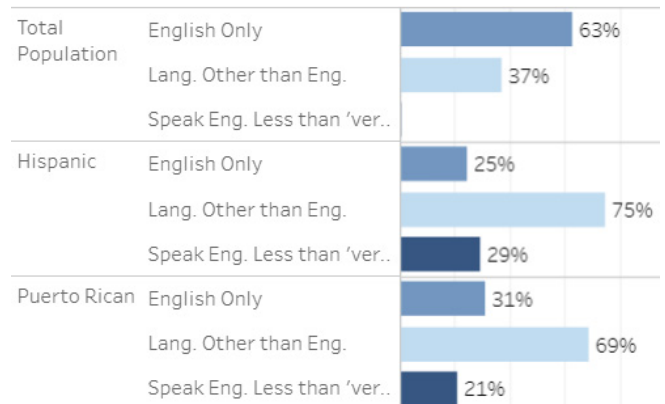
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

- In the city of Waterbury, 57% of the Puerto Rican population relied on public insurance coverage, this was higher than the city's overall population (56%) and Hispanic/Latinos (51%).
- The percentage of Puerto Ricans (8%) and total populations (8%) without health insurance was lower compared to Hispanic/Latinos (11%).

Total Population	No health insurance	8%
	Private insurance	46%
	Public insurance	56%
Hispanic	No health insurance	11%
	Private insurance	40%
	Public insurance	51%
Puerto Rican	No health insurance	8%
	Private insurance	40%
	Public insurance	57%

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME

- A majority of Puerto Ricans (69%) residing in the city of Waterbury spoke a language other than English in their households.



WHERE DID WE GET THIS INFORMATION FROM?

We employ the 2021 Census Bureau's American Community Survey (1-year estimates) to examine the general trends of the entire population, including Puerto Rican and Hispanic/Latino communities. Additionally, in geographies with unavailable data, we estimate the Puerto Rican population using the harmonized 2006-2021 microdata provided by IPUMS USA (5-year estimates).

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The Puerto Rican Studies Initiative for Community Engagement and Public Policy (PRSI) is a research initiative that can help document and support the Puerto Ricans' vital economic, intellectual, and cultural contributions to Connecticut and provide research-based support for the development of public policies addressing the needs of Puerto Ricans in the State of Connecticut.

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