

ABOUT THIS REPORT

This report shows the migration trends of Puerto Rican, Hispanic/Latino and Latin American immigrants to the state of Connecticut between 2006 and 2021. We note that there has been an increase of South American immigrants and a slowing down of Puerto Rican migrants to the state of Connecticut.

POPULATION COUNTS IN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Puerto Rican population increased from 7.4% in 2010 to 8% in 2021. Other Hispanic or Latino population increased from 4.5% in 2010 to 11.3% in 2021. The South American population increased from 2.1% in 2010 to 2.9% in 2021.

Table 1: Puerto Rican, Latin American Populations in Connecticut, 2010-2021

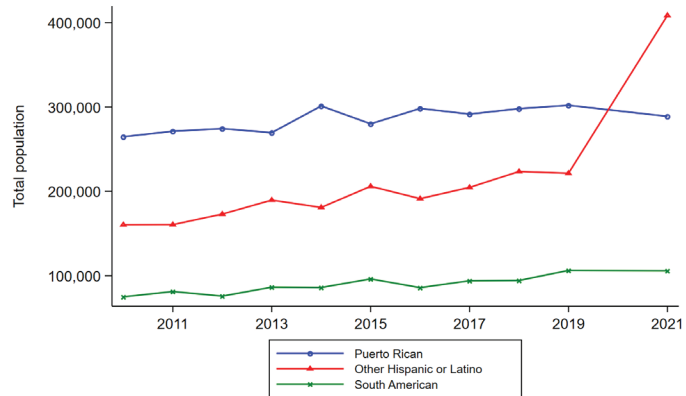
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021
Population											
Number of people (Millions)											
State	3.58	3.58	3.59	3.60	3.60	3.59	3.58	3.59	3.57	3.57	3.61
Puerto Rican	0.26	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.30	0.28	0.30	0.29	0.30	0.30	0.29
Other Hispanic/Latino	0.16	0.16	0.17	0.19	0.18	0.21	0.19	0.20	0.22	0.22	0.41
South American	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.11	0.11
Percentage of population (%)											
Puerto Rican	7.40	7.58	7.64	7.50	8.37	7.80	8.34	8.13	8.34	8.47	8.01
Other Hispanic or Latino	4.48	4.48	4.82	5.27	5.03	5.73	5.35	5.70	6.26	6.21	11.33
South American	2.10	2.27	2.11	2.40	2.39	2.68	2.40	2.62	2.64	2.98	2.94
Foreign born											
Number of people (Millions)											
Latin America	0.21	0.20	0.20	0.23	0.21	0.22	0.22	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.25
Caribbean	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.09	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.10
Central America								0.07	0.06		0.06
South America	0.08	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09
Percentage of population (%)											
Latin America	5.73	5.47	5.50	6.26	5.72	6.20	6.13	6.67	6.71	6.70	7.01
Caribbean	2.08	1.93	1.89	2.40	1.97	2.30	2.36	2.45	2.48	2.47	2.86
Central America								1.82	1.75		1.74
South America	2.15	2.04	2.12	2.16	2.18	2.30	2.05	2.40	2.47	2.65	2.41

TRENDS IN PUERTO RICAN MIGRANT AND LATIN AMERICAN IMMIGRANT POPULATION GROWTH IN CONNECTICUT

The population of Puerto Ricans has remained around 300,000, while the South American population and that of other regions has increased steadily. The population from South America increased from 74,964 in 2010 to 105,846 in 2021 and the population from other regions in Latin America increased from 160,406 in 2010 to 408,557 in 2021.

Source: American Community Survey (Table S0201). Own elaboration.

Figure 1: Population Growth Trends, 2010-2021

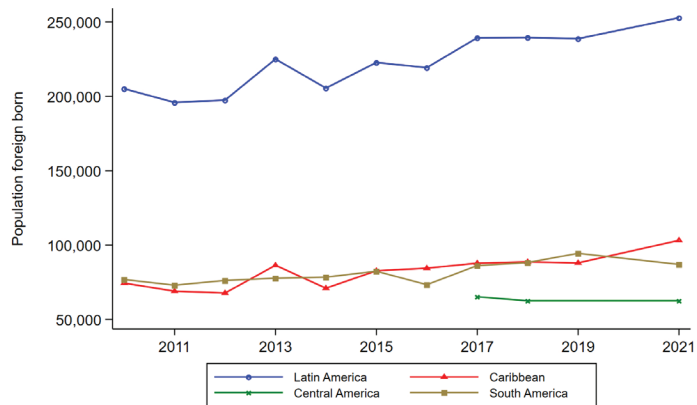


LATIN AMERICAN IMMIGRATION TO CONNECTICUT, 2010-2021

The foreign-born Latin American population, which includes both naturalized citizens and non-U.S. citizen immigrants, increased by 23.26% or from 205,127 in 2010 to 252,841 in 2021. The population South American population increased by 13.26% or from 76,867 in 2010 to 87,061 in 2021. Caribbean immigration also increased from 74,454 in 2010 to 103,194 in 2021. However, available data suggests that Central American immigration has not changed.

Source: American Community Survey (Table S0201). Own elaboration.

Figure 2: Trends in Foreign-Born Latin American Immigration to the State of Connecticut, 2010-2021

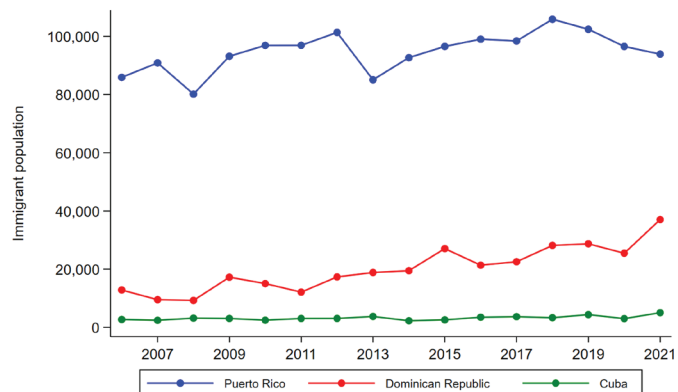


CARIBBEAN MIGRATION TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, 2010-2021

The largest proportion of Caribbean population comes from Puerto Rico (85,908 in 2006 and 93,883 in 2021). However, the migrant population from Puerto Rico began to decrease since 2018, while immigrant populations from the Dominican Republic and Cuba are growing.

Source: American Community Survey (IPUMS USA). Own elaboration.

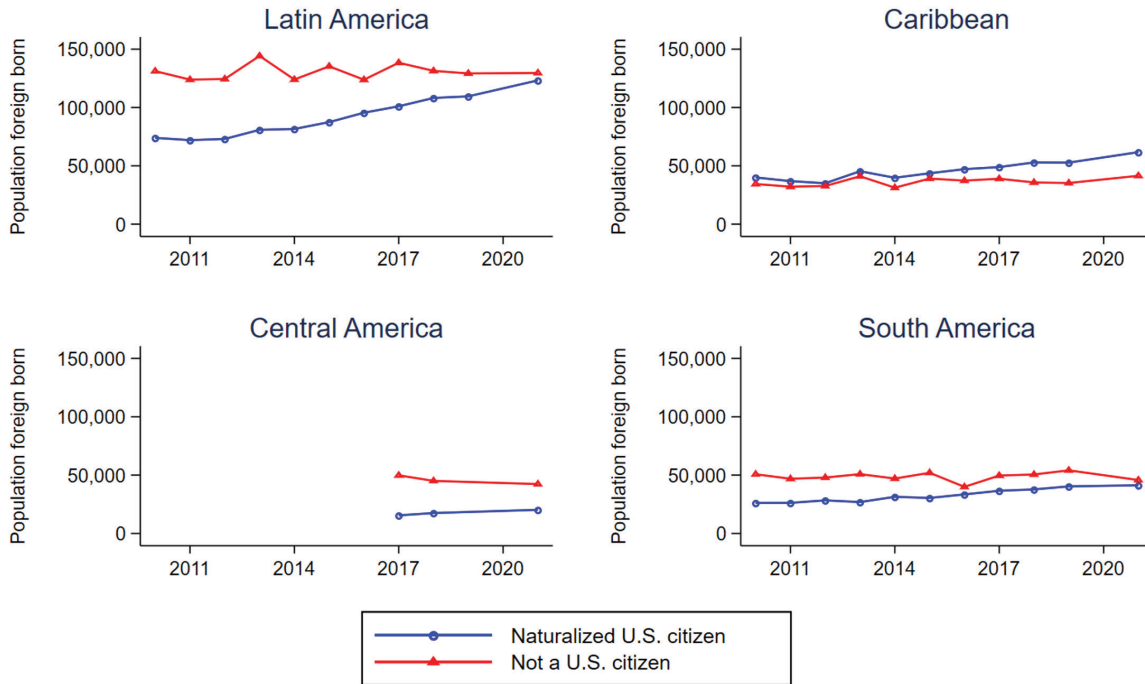
Figure 3: Puerto Rican Migrant and Caribbean Immigrant Population, 2010-2021



PUERTO RICAN MIGRATION AND LATIN AMERICAN IMMIGRATION TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

The number of Latin Americans migrants who are naturalized U.S. citizens (blue line) increased between 2010 and 2021, while the number of foreign-born immigrants who are not U.S. citizens (red line) has remained stable.

Figure 4: Trends in Puerto Rican and Latin American Migration By Citizenship Status

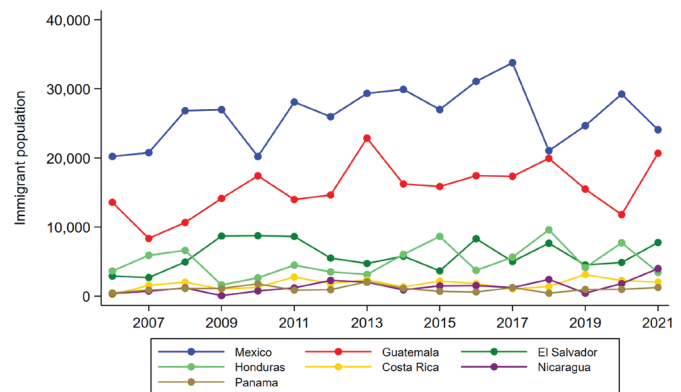


Source: American Community Survey (IPUMS USA). Own elaboration.

MEXICAN AND CENTRAL AMERICAN IMMIGRATION TO CONNECTICUT

Mexican immigration grew between 2006 from 20,215 to 24,075 in 2021. The largest Central American migration arrived from Guatemala (13,571 in 2006 and 20,680 in 2021). The immigrant population from El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Panama was lower than 10,000 people but demonstrates a growth trend since 2019.

Figure 5: Mexican and Central American Immigration to Connecticut, 2010-2021



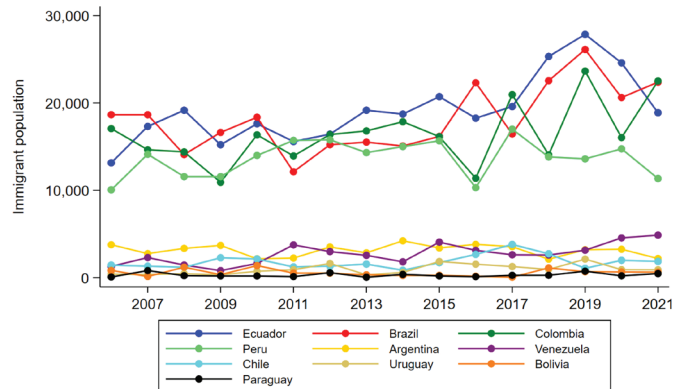
Source: American Community Survey (IPUMS USA). Own elaboration.

SOUTH AMERICAN IMMIGRATION TO CONNECTICUT

The largest proportion of the South American immigrant population is primarily traveling from Ecuador (13,141 in 2006 and 18,880 in 2021), Brazil (18,649 in 2006 and 22,378 in 2021), Colombia (17,062 in 2006 and 22,507 in 2021), and Peru (10,054 in 2006 and 11,349 in 2021). Immigration from other countries show a decreasing trend since 2019.

Source: American Community Survey (IPUMS USA). Own elaboration.

Figure 6: South American Immigration to Connecticut, 2010-2021



WHERE DID WE GET THIS INFORMATION FROM?

We use macrodata and microdata from the American Community Survey for the period 2006-2021. First, we use macrodata estimated by the U.S. Census Bureau to analyze the general dynamics of the Puerto Rican and Hispanic/Latino population and the Latin American population born outside the United States. Second, we use microdata harmonized by IPUMS USA to estimate the Puerto Rican and Latin American immigration statistics per country in the state of Connecticut.

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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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