Mickey Ricans?
The Recent Puerto Rican Diaspora to Florida

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Main Objectives

- Analyze changing Puerto Rican settlement patterns
- Describe socioeconomic profile of Puerto Ricans in Florida
- Compare Puerto Ricans in Florida and elsewhere in the U.S.
- Assess “Puerto Ricanization” of Florida’s culture
Changing Settlement Patterns
Puerto Ricans in Five States (Thousands)

- New York
- New Jersey
- Illinois
- Pennsylvania
- Florida
Puerto Ricans in the U.S., 2010

987 – 46,323
71,800 – 189,945
252,972 – 434,092
847,550 – 1,070,558
Persons of Puerto Rican Origin Residing in Florida, 2010

- 112 – 2,453
- 2640 – 9,854
- 11,672 – 24,503
- 27,679 – 39,529
- 72,986 – 14,9457
Main Counties of Residence for Puerto Ricans in Florida, 2010 (Thousands)

Orange
Miami-Dade
Hillsborough
Broward
Osceola
Leading Metropolitan Areas with Puerto Rican Residents, 2010 (Thousands)
Main Puerto Rican Destinations, 2000-09 (Thousands)

- Orange, FL
- Hampden, MA
- Miami-Dade, FL
- Bronx, NY
- Philadelphia, PA
- Hartford, CT
- Broward, FL
- Hillsborough, FL
- Osceola, FL
- Seminole, FL
“Mickey Ricans”
Profile of Puerto Rican Florida
Race of Puerto Ricans, 2006-10

Florida

Florida

United States

Puerto Rico

0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

White

Black or African American

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian/Pacific Islander

Some other race

Two or more races
Puerto Rican Families in Florida
Puerto Rican College Graduates, by State, 2010 (%)

- Texas: 26.8%
- California: 23.7%
- Florida: 20.2%
- Illinois: 17.1%
- New York: 15.2%
- New Jersey: 12.5%
- Massachusetts: 11.1%
- Connecticut: 8.7%
- Pennsylvania: 6.4%
- Ohio: 5.6%
Median Household Income of Puerto Ricans, by State, 2010 (Thousands of Dollars)

- California
- Texas
- New Jersey
- Illinois
- Florida
- New York
- Connecticut
- Pennsylvania
- Ohio
- Massachusetts
Poverty Rate of Puerto Ricans, by State, 2010 (%)
The Many Faces of Puerto Ricans in Florida
Hispanic College Graduates in Florida, 2010 (%)

- South American
- Cuban
- Puerto Rican
- Central American
- Mexican
Occupational Distribution of Hispanics in Florida, 2010 (%)

Managers & professionals
Sales & office
Construction & maintenance
Production & transportation
Service

Puerto Ricans
Cubans
Mexicans
Median Household Income in Florida, 2010 (Thousands of Dollars)

- Asians
- Non-Hispanic Whites
- All Hispanics
- Puerto Ricans
- Non-Hispanic Blacks

Income levels: 0 - 60 Thousands of Dollars
Puerto Rican-Owned Businesses in Orlando
Cultural Practices of Puerto Ricans in Florida
Orlando’s Puerto Rican Parade
Beauty Pageants
Puerto Rican Cuisine
Social Clubs
Folk Arts
Music and Dance
The Catholic Church
Protestant Churches
Popular Pastimes
Conclusions

Orlando, the new Puerto Rican “Mecca”

Differences from previous migrant waves

A distinct path from other communities

A “brain drain”?  

Expanding Orlando’s cultural diversity