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

Year:
- 1960
- 1980
- 2000

Thousands:
- 0
- 400
- 800
- 1,200
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)

- New York City
- Orlando
- Philadelphia
- Miami
- Chicago
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

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: 27%
- California: 22%
- Florida: 18%
- Illinois: 15%
- New York: 14%
- New Jersey: 10%
- Massachusetts: 10%
- Connecticut: 9%
- Pennsylvania: 8%
- Ohio: 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: 35%
- Cuban: 25%
- Puerto Rican: 20%
- Central American: 15%
- Mexican: 10%
Occupational Distribution of Hispanics in Florida, 2010 (%)

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

Puerto Ricans
Cubans
Mexicans
Puerto Rican-Owned Businesses in Orlando
Cultural Practices of Puerto Ricans in Florida
Orlando’s Puerto Rican Parade
Beauty Pageants
Puerto Rican Cuisine
Folk Arts
Music and Dance
The Catholic Church
Protestant Churches
Popular Pastimes
Sports
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