Cuba-Ricans: The Rise and Decline of the Cuban Community in Puerto Rico

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Main Objectives

- Estimate number of Cubans in P.R.
- Analyze their migration & settlement patterns
- Describe their modes of incorporation into P.R.
- Examine their cultural identities
- Assess notable contributions
Two Wings of the Same Bird?
The Postrevolutionary Cuban Exodus
Cubans Admitted to P.R. by Decade (Thousands)
Resettled Cuban Refugees, 1961–1966

New York, 37,345
New Jersey, 19,953
California, 14,194
Puerto Rico, 13,323
All other states, 45,784
The “Golden Exiles,”
1959–1962
The “Freedom Flights,”
1965–1973
Cubans In Puerto Rico Alarmed By Threats

SAN JUAN, P.R. (AP) - Members of the prosperous Cuban colony in Puerto Rico are alarmed by warnings to clear out of Puerto Rico by November 30, or face terrorist attacks.

The warnings, which reach the Cubans by mail and by communiques published by the so-called “Anti-Cuban Commandos” also warn against voting in the island’s upcoming November 7 general elections.

An estimated one-third of the 35,000 strong Cuban colony here group.

According to Commander Hector Lugo, head of the Detective Squad in the island’s capital city, the attacks against Cuban property “are isolated cases, not part of a organized plan.”

Another police officer, also assigned to investigative work, confirmed that “careful probes” have been made into the attack on Cuban property and that no evidence has come to light of any organized anti-Cuban group.
Recent Cuban Immigrants Arriving in Mona Island
Main Cuban Settlements in San Juan, 2010 (%)
Race of Puerto Rico’s Population, 2010

- Cubans
- Puerto Ricans

- White
- Black
- American Indian
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Some other race
- Two or more races
Occupation of Workers in P.R., 2010 (%)

- Managers & professionals: 47.6%
- Sales & office: 33.8%
- Production, transportation, & material moving: 6%
- Natural resources, construction & maintenance: 6%
- Service: 6.6%

Cubans: [Blue bar]
Puerto Ricans: [Pink bar]
### Industry of Workers in P.R., 2010 (%)

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- **Puerto Ricans**
Cuban-Owned Businesses in San Juan
President Obama at Kasalta
Cubans Naturalized as U.S. Citizens in P.R. by Decade (Thousands)
Cuban Exile Politics in P.R.
Casa Cuba
The “Apostle” José Martí
Cuban Carnival
Union of Cubans in Exile
The Virgin of Charity
Santería
Cuban Marriages in P.R. (%)
Second-Generation Cubans
The Next Generations

Los BorínCubanos

Cuba Puerto Rico
Prominent Cuba-Ricans: Sociologist Roberto Agramonte
Historian Leví Marrero
Attorney José Miró Cardona
Music Collector
Cristobal Díaz-Ayala
Singer Lissette Álvarez
Writer Mayra Montero
Baseball Player Jorge Posada
Reporter María Elvira Salazar
Actor & Singer Carlos Ponce
FIU Vice President
Dr. Irma Becerra-Fernández
Future Research

- Decreasing Cuban migration to P.R.
- Impacts on local economy & politics
- Caribbeanizing Puerto Rican culture
- Cultural identities of second generation
- Transnational ties to Cuba