




Puerto Rico

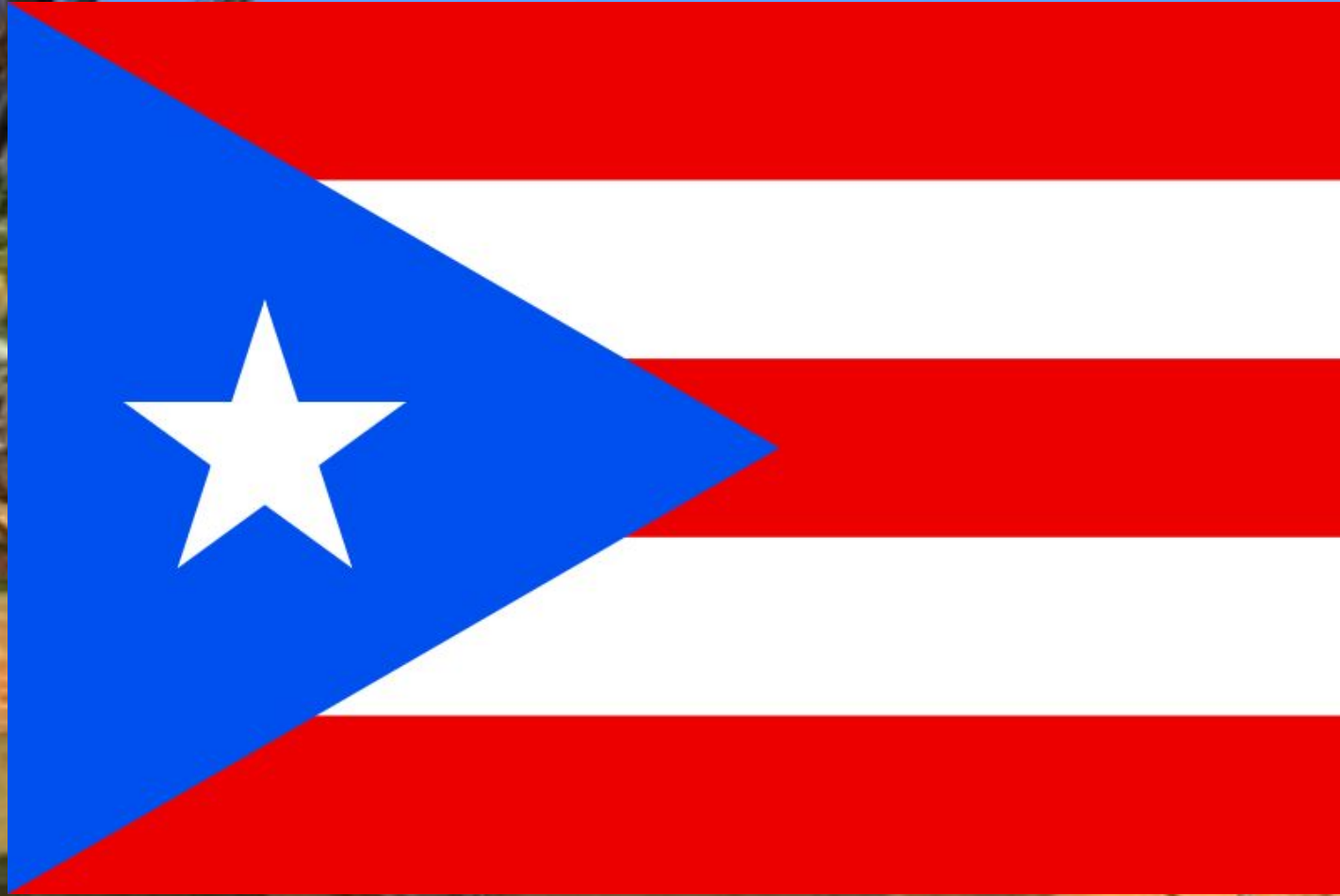
A tropical beach scene with a sandy shore in the foreground, turquoise water, and a blue sky with white clouds. The text is overlaid on the lower half of the image.

Puerto Rico is an unincorporated territory of the United States, located in the northeastern Caribbean east of the Dominican Republic and west of both the United States Virgin Islands and the British Virgin Islands.

Languages

The official languages of the executive branch of government of Puerto Rico are Spanish and English, with Spanish being the primary language. Spanish is, and has been, the only official language of the entire Commonwealth judiciary system, even despite a 1902 English-only language law.[All official business of the U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico is conducted in English. Although English is one of the two official languages in Puerto Rico, it is spoken by a small minority—less than 10%-- of the population. Spanish is the dominant language of business, education and daily life on the island, spoken by over 95% of the population. Public school instruction in Puerto Rico is conducted entirely in Spanish. There are, however, pilot programs in about a dozen of the over 1,400 public schools aimed at conducting instruction in English only. English is taught as a second language and is a compulsory subject from elementary levels to high school. The languages of the deaf community are American Sign Language and its local variant, Puerto Rican Sign Language.

Flag of Puerto Rico





Coat of Arms of the Commonwealth
of Puerto Rico



Motto:

☐ "Joannes Est Nomen Eius" (Latin)

☐ "Juan es su nombre" (Spanish)

☐ "John is his name"

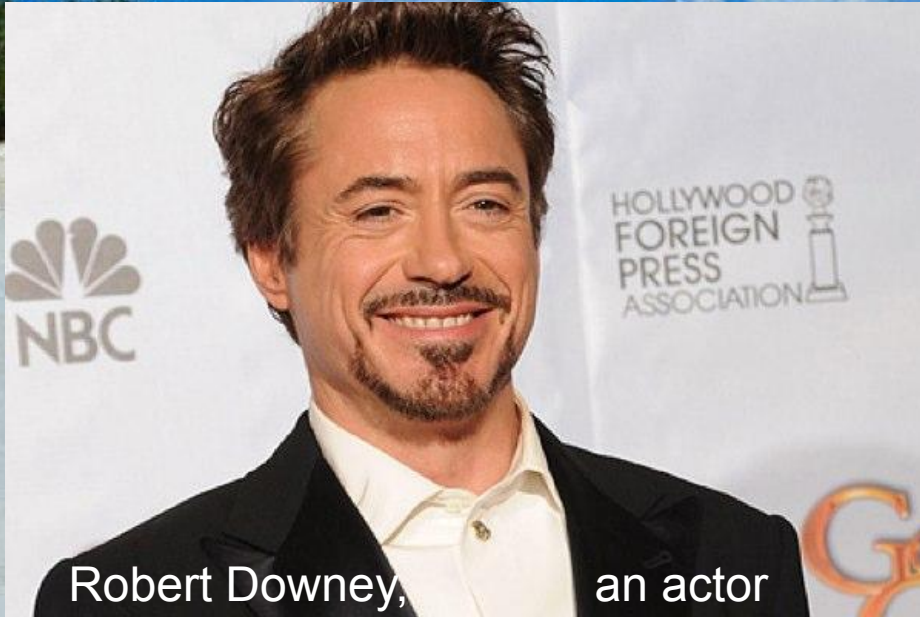
Puerto Rico on the globe



Anthem: *La Borinqueña*



Famous People from Puerto Rico



Robert Downey, an actor



Orlando Cruz



Jennifer Lopez, a singer



