

Poverty isn't a **LINE**.
It's a **TIGHT KNOT** of social maladies.


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POVERTY, BY AMERICA

PUERTO RICO

RED FLAG

More than half of all children in Puerto Rico live in poverty

PUERTO RICO		NATIONAL	
	EDUCATION		
Preschool enrollment:	38 %	48 %	
Public high school graduation rate:	77 %	86 %	
Avg. student loan debt:	\$28K	\$43K	

HEALTH			
Uninsured (<i>medical</i>):	7.8 %	9.2 %	
Food assistance recipients:	1 in 2	1 in 9	
Food assistance \$ per person (<i>monthly</i>):	\$87	\$121	


FINANCE			
Poverty rate:	40.5 %	11.9 %	
Child poverty rate:	57 %	16 %	
Minimum wage:	\$7.25	\$7.25	
Median income:	\$21.9K	\$70.7K	
Unemployment rate:	5.8 %	3.5 %	
Unbanked households:	36 %	5.4 %	


HOUSING			
Median home value:	\$100.1K	\$245K	
Homelessness rate:	0.1 %	0.18 %	
Avg. housing voucher wait list time:	20 mos.	28 mos.	
Renters paying 30%+ income on rent:	51.7 %	49.6 %	

CONSIDER THESE SELECT


ANTIPOVERTY POLICIES

DOES YOUR STATE...

have expanded Medicaid coverage for additional populations? 

protect housing voucher holders from discrimination? 

prohibit or highly regulate payday lending? 

spend above the national average of its TANF funds on basic assistance? 

have a progressive tax rate? 

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