

Puerto Rico: People, History and Culture

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Where to find...

General Reference Resources on Caribbean and U.S. Latino Studies

Acuña, Rodolfo. *U.S. Latino Issues*. Westport: Greenwood Press, 2003. 2003. (Ref E 184 S75 A67 2003)

Iberia, the Caribbean, and Latin America. Portals to the World. Compiled by Hispanic Division, Library of Congress.

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/international/hispanic/countries/countries.html>

LACS/CELAC Cyberproject

http://albany.edu/latin_american/index.html

LANIC: Latin American Network Information Center.

<http://www1.lanic.utexas.edu/>

Oboler, Suzanne, and Deena J. González, eds. *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Latinos and Latinas in the United States*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005. 4 v. (Ref E 184 S75 O97 2005)

Stavans, Ilan, ed. *Encyclopedia Latina: History, Culture, and Society in the United States*. Danbury: Glolier Academic Reference, 2005. 4 v. (Ref E184 S75 E587 2005)

Reference Resources on Puerto Rican Studies

Acosta-Belén, Edna and Carlos E. Santiago. *Puerto Ricans in the United States: a contemporary portrait*. Boulder : Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2006. (E 184 P85 A23 2006)

Toro Sagrañes, José A. *Diccionario de la Historia y la Cultura de Puerto Rico*. Hato Rey, P.R.: Lector, 1996. 2 v. (Ref F 1954 T66X 1996)

Centro de Estudios Puertorriqueños, Hunter College, CUNY

<http://www.centropr.org/>

Gobierno del Estado Asociado de Puerto Rico (in Spanish)

<http://www.gobierno.pr/>

Statistics

U.S. Census Bureau

<http://www.census.gov/> Go to the *Population Finder* and select *Puerto Rico* in the pull-down menu.

The Hispanic Databook: Detailed Statistics and Rankings on the Hispanic Population, Including 23 Ethnic Backgrounds from Argentinian to Venezuelan, for 1,266 U.S. Counties and Cities. Millerton: Grey House Pub., 2004. (Ref E 184 S75 H5673 2004)



Tips to search in online catalogs and databases

Keywords are terms considered to be “key” to finding information. **You might find them useful for your catalog and database searches.** Some examples:

- **Keywords in different languages.** Puerto Ricans, Puertorriqueños
- **Synonyms.** Puerto Ricans in New York, nuyoricans
- **Related keywords.** boricuas

EXPAND your search by using

- **Keyword searches** for quick searches on broad topics
- **Boolean operators** (OR)
- **Truncation.** A symbol at the end of a word to retrieve variants of that word. For example: searching for **hispan*** would find "hispano", "hispanic", "hispanism".
- **Wildcards.** A symbol to be embedded within a word to replace a single character or a string of characters. For example: searching for **wom?n** will find “woman” and “women”.

	Truncation	Wildcard
Minerva (Online Catalog)	?	! (for a single character) # (for several characters)
EBSCO	*	?
HAPI	Just leave the word root	Not available

NARROW DOWN/LIMIT your search by using

- **Subject searches** for a more controlled search
- **Boolean operators** (AND, NOT)
- **Limits** (by date, language, format, specific field, electronic full-text availability...)



Books, Journals, Audiovisual Materials, Microforms, and other formats EXCEPT journal articles

University at Albany Online Catalog (MINERVA)

<http://minerva.albany.edu>

► **Subject Heading Search**

The following Library of Congress Subject Headings are useful for searching resources by subject in our online catalog. This list only includes some examples of subject headings that might be useful for your research.

Puerto Rico Economic conditions	Puerto Rico Population
Puerto Ric Emigration and immigration	Puerto Rico Relations United States
Puerto Rico History	Puerto Ricans United States
Puerto Rico Politics and Government	Puerto Ricans New York (State) New York



Where to find...

Research and News Articles



All databases Accessible via the Library Website (Databases & Indexes) <http://library.albany.edu/databases/search.asp>

Chicano Database

Description: This bibliographic database is specialized in U.S. Latino issues. It provides access to bibliographic information on journal articles, books, book chapters, newspaper articles and anthologies.

Coverage: Date coverage varies depending on individual titles. 1960s + (with some older coverage)

Fulltext? Links to electronic full-text journals subscribed by the library.

Truncation: The symbol * is used as a right-handed truncation character only; it will find all forms of a word. For example, searching for **latin*** will find "latino", "latinos", "latinas", etc.

Hispanic American Periodicals Index (HAPI)

Description: Provides access to bibliographic information of scholarly articles and book reviews from key journals worldwide primarily on Latin American and U.S. Latino topics.

Coverage: 1970- . Indexing of book reviews 1970-2001

Fulltext? You can limit your searches to citations to full-text only. Links would take you to either journals the library subscribes to or to freely available articles on the web.

Truncation: *No symbol is needed to truncate.* For example, searching for **hispan** will find "hispano", "hispanic", "hispanism", etc.

Digital Collections: Puerto Rican Studies	
The Archives of the Puerto Rican Diaspora http://www.centropr.org/lib-arc/idprog/index.cfm	Puerto Rican Writers and Migration: Folklore, Autobiography and History http://www.centropr.org/prwriters/index.html
Puerto Rico at the Dawn of the Modern Age http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/puertorico	The World of 1898: The Spanish-American War http://www.loc.gov/rr/hispanic/1898/

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