

Tourism

Since the 1970s, Puerto Rico has become a mecca for Caribbean tourism and, in turn, tourism has become one of its most valued industries. Reports indicate that during fiscal 1988 more than 3 million visitors came to the island, almost equalling Puerto Rico's 3.2 million population. These visitors yielded \$1 billion to the island's economy. This productive industry has generated 57 300 new service jobs in the last four years.

The U.S. dollar is the legal currency in Puerto Rico. North Americans have no difficulty with communication on the island because many Puerto Ricans speak English as well as Spanish.

Every hotel with more than 300 rooms can operate a casino. Casinos are controlled and supervised by the Government of Puerto Rico's Tourism Company. Earnings from the casinos are divided into three equal parts: one for the casino operator, one for the Tourism Company's coffers to promote more tourism and the third to the government treasury to be allotted for education.

Canadian Imports from Puerto Rico — 1989

Commodity	(C\$ 000)
Food preparations	56 715
Petroleum oils	31 854
Heterocyclic compounds with nitrogen	41 347
Parts, auto data processing equipment	16 905
Total*	340 251

* Figures do not total exactly.

Source: Statistics Canada.