

Sample: 803 voters island-wide
Interviewing dates: February 18-24, 2020

PUERTO RICO ISLAND-WIDE ~ INITIAL TOPLINE RESULTS

1. When Puerto Rico holds elections, would you say that you:

Always vote	73%
Almost always	8
Only vote sometimes	19
Rarely or never vote	-
(Not sure / Refused)	-

2. What is your zip code? [RECORD. RECODE TO REGION]

San Juan	13%
Bayamon	13
Arecibo	13
Mayaguez	14
Ponce	11
Guayama	12
Humacao	12
Carolina	12

POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT

3. Do you feel things in Puerto Rico are generally getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

	Feb 2020
Getting better	8%
Getting worse	60
Staying about the same	29
(Not sure / Refused)	3

[IF GETTING WORSE OR STAYING THE SAME IN Q3]

4. Do you think improving things in Puerto Rico will require minor changes or major changes?

	Feb 2020
Minor changes	5%
Major changes	93
(Not sure / Refused)	2

[IF MAJOR CHANGE IN Q4]

5. What major changes do you think Puerto Rico needs? **[RECORD VERBATIM]**

Government/Administration	35%
Politics/Politicians	18
Education/Schools	13
Healthcare	11
Economy/Poverty/Cost of living	11
Corruption	10
Political Status	10
Utilities/Roads/Infrastructure	8
Jobs/Wages	8
Safety/Crime/Criminal Justice/Police	8
Financial aid	4
Budget/Fiscal Spending/Debt	3
Housing	3
Elderly treatment	2
Our youth	1
People need to vote smartly	1
Agriculture/Food availability	1
Values and beliefs/Social issues	1
Tourism	1
Business investments	1
Puerto Ricans to be hardworking	1
Immigration	*
Public transportation	*
Everything -- Unspecified	3
Other response	2
Don't know	2

6. What do you think is the biggest issue facing Puerto Rico these days – the one that is most important for you and your family? **[RECORD VERBATIM]**

Economy/Poverty/Cost of living	19%
Corruption	12
Government/Administration	11
Safety/Crime/Criminal Justice	11
Politics/Politicians	8
Jobs/Wages	7
Healthcare	6
Education/Schools	5
Natural disasters	4
Political Status	2
Budget/Fiscal Spending/Debt	2
Financial aid	2
Infrastructure/Roads/Utilities	2
Lack of values/Social Issues	2
Taxes are too high	1
Housing	1
Elderly assistance	1
Laziness	*
Nothing	2
Everything -- Unspecified	*
Other response	2
Don't know	1

7. On a scale of excellent, good, only fair and poor, how would you rate economic conditions in Puerto Rico these days?

Excellent	1%
Good	7
Only fair	19
Poor	72
(Not sure / Refused)	1

8. For you and your family, was the recent earthquake:

A major problem	33%
A minor problem	37
Not much of a problem at all	29
(Not sure / Refused)	1

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Wanda Vazquez Garced is doing as Governor?
[IF APPROVE / DISAPPROVE: Is that strongly (approve/disapprove), or only somewhat?]

	<u>Feb 2020</u>
TOTAL APPROVE	44%
TOTAL DISAPPROVE	45
Strongly approve	20%
Somewhat approve	24
Somewhat disapprove	13
Strongly disapprove	32
(Not sure / Refused)	10

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Jenniffer González is doing as Resident Commissioner? **[IF APPROVE / DISAPPROVE: Is that strongly (approve/disapprove), or only somewhat?]**

TOTAL APPROVE	51%
TOTAL DISAPPROVE	39
Strongly approve	31%
Somewhat approve	20
Somewhat disapprove	13
Strongly disapprove	26
(Not sure / Refused)	10

I'm going to read you the names of some items. Please tell me whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each one. If you've never heard of one, please just say so. **[IF FAVORABLE / UNFAVORABLE: Is that strongly or only somewhat (favorable/unfavorable)?]**
[RANDOMIZE]

		-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----				(Not
		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Strongl</u>	<u>Some-</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>what</u>	<u>Strongl</u>	<u>Never</u>	sure /
			<u>y</u>	<u>what</u>			<u>y</u>	<u>heard of</u>	<u>Ref.)</u>
11.	The fiscal control board created by PROMESA to improve gov't finances and the economy								
	February 2020	30%	14	16	60	11	49	2	7

		-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----				(Not
		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Strongl</u>	<u>Some-</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>what</u>	<u>Strongl</u>	<u>Never</u>	sure /
			<u>y</u>	<u>what</u>			<u>y</u>	<u>heard of</u>	<u>Ref.)</u>
12.	The Partido Nuevo Progresista								
	February 2020	36%	18	18	51	10	41	2	11

13.	The Partido Popular Democrático								
	February 2020	35%	17	18	52	14	38	2	11

14.	Efforts to make Puerto Rico a state								
	February 2020	48%	34	14	43	13	30	2	7

15.	Efforts to make Puerto Rico independent								
	February 2020	18%	10	8	73	9	64	1	7

16.	Efforts to maintain Puerto Rico's current territorial status								
	February 2020	46%	25	21	42	11	31	4	8

17. Besides the PNP, are you aware of groups in Puerto Rico that advocate for statehood?

Yes	15%
No	80
(Not sure / Refused)	5

[IF YES IN Q17]

18. Which ones come to mind? **[RECORD VERBATIM]**

PNP	10%
Statehood movement	9
PPD	8
Republicans	7

PIP	6
Religious groups	5
Victoria Ciudadana	3
The U.S.	3
Partido Dignidad	2
Youth groups	2
La Palma	1
Democrats	1
Other response	22
Don't Know/Refused	32

19. Do you favor or oppose seeking statehood for Puerto Rico? **[IF FAVOR / OPPOSE: Is that strongly or just somewhat (favor/oppose)?]**

	-----Favor-----			-----Oppose-----			(Not	
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>what</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>what</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	sure)	(Ref.)
February 2020	57%	47	10	33	8	25	9	1

On another subject...

20. Do you support or oppose eliminating the fiscal control board? **[IF SUPPORT / OPPOSE: Is that strongly (support / oppose), or only somewhat?]**

	<u>Feb 2020</u>
TOTAL SUPPORT	57%
TOTAL OPPOSE	30
Strongly support	46%
Somewhat support	11
Somewhat oppose	11
Strongly oppose	19
(Not sure / Refused)	12

2020 ELECTIONS

21. As you may know, the Democratic presidential primary election in Puerto Rico will be held at the end of March. How likely are you to vote in that election?

Definitely will vote	23%
Probably will vote	23
Probably will not vote	10
Definitely will not	34
(Not sure / Refused)	9

[Q22-Q23 IF DEFINITELY OR PROBABLY WILL VOTE IN Q21]

22. If the Democratic primary for president was today, who would you vote for if the candidates were: **[RANDOMIZE]**

Michael Bloomberg	38%
Bernie Sanders	16
Joe Biden	5
Elizabeth Warren	4
Pete Buttigieg	1
Tom Steyer	1
Tulsi Gabbard	*
Amy Klobuchar	*
(Other)	1
(None of the above)	-
(Not sure / Refused)	33

23. How important is it to you that the Democratic presidential nominee supports statehood for Puerto Rico?

Extremely important	46%
Very important	25
Somewhat important	9
Not very important	7
Not important at all	10
(Not sure / Refused)	3

24. When it comes to political parties, do you consider yourself a: **[IF SOMETHING ELSE / NOT SURE: Is there a political party that you tend to agree with most of the time?]** **[IF REFUSED: Please be assured that your responses to this survey will be kept confidential. You don't have to answer this question, but it will be helpful for analytical purposes only.]**

	<u>PNP</u>	<u>PPD</u>	<u>PIP</u>	Something (Not sure / <u>else</u>	<u>Refused)</u>
February 2020	26%	25	3	17	29

[IF SOMETHING ELSE, NOT SURE, REFUSED]

25. Has there been a time in the past when you agreed with a political party? **[IF YES: Which one?]**

Yes, PNP	28%
Yes, PPD	23
Yes, PIP	6
Yes, Victoria Ciudadana	3
Yes, something else	3
No	27
(Not sure / Refused)	9

[IF PPD IN Q24]

26. If the PPD primary for governor were today, who would you vote for if the candidates were: **[RANDOMIZE]**

Eduardo Bhatia	42%
Charlie Delgado Altieri	21
Carmen Yulín Cruz	12
(None of the above)	11
(Not sure / Refused)	14

[IF PNP IN Q24]

27. If the PNP primary for governor were today, who would you vote for if the candidates were: **[RANDOMIZE]**

Pedro Pierluisi	61%
Wanda Vazquez Garced	28
(Not sure / Refused)	11

28. If the next general election for governor were today, would you vote for: **[RANDOMIZE]**

PNP Pedro Pierluisi	29%
PPD Eduardo Bhatia	20
Victoria Ciudadana- Alexandra Lúgaro	8
PIP Juan Dalmau	5
Someone else	9
Or, would you not vote	15
(Not sure / Refused)	14

29. If the next general election for governor were today, would you vote for:
[RANDOMIZE]

PNP Wanda Vázquez Garced	25%
PPD Carmen Yulín Cruz	12
Victoria Ciudadana- Alexandra Lúgaro	9
PIP Juan Dalmau	6
Someone else	13
Or, would you not vote	21
(Not sure / Refused)	13

30. If the next general election for governor were today, would you vote for:
[RANDOMIZE]

PNP Pedro Pierluisi	31%
PPD Charlie Delgado Altieri	13
Victoria Ciudadana- Alexandra Lúgaro	9
PIP Juan Dalmau	6
Someone else	10
Or, would you not vote	17
(Not sure / Refused)	14

31. If the next general election for governor were today, would you vote for:
[RANDOMIZE]

PNP Wanda Vázquez Garced	25%
PPD Charlie Delgado Altieri	14
Victoria Ciudadana- Alexandra Lúgaro	9
PIP Juan Dalmau	6
Someone else	12
Or, would you not vote	21
(Not sure / Refused)	13

32. If the next general election for governor were today, would you vote for:
[RANDOMIZE]

PNP Wanda Vázquez Garced	26%
PPD Eduardo Bhatia	20
Victoria Ciudadana- Alexandra Lúgaro	9
PIP Juan Dalmau	4
Someone else	11
Or, would you not vote	18
(Not sure / Refused)	11

33. If the next general election for governor were today, would you vote for:
[RANDOMIZE]

PNP Pedro Pierluisi	28%
PPD Carmen Yulín Cruz	11
Victoria Ciudadana- Alexandra Lúgaro	9
PIP Juan Dalmau	6
Someone else	13
Or, would you not vote	20
(Not sure / Refused)	13

34. How important will the candidate's position on the issue of statehood be in deciding your vote for governor?

The single most important factor	24%
One of several important factors	36
Not very important	13
Not important at all	16
(Not sure / Refused)	10

35. If the next general election for resident commissioner were today, would you vote for:
[RANDOMIZE]

PNP Jenniffer González	39%
PPD Aníbal Acevedo Vilá	22
Victoria Ciudadana-Zayira Jordán Conde	5
Someone else	9
Or, would you not vote	16
(Not sure / Refused)	9

36. If the election for Puerto Rico's Legislature were held today, would you vote for
[ROTATE] the PNP candidate in your district or the PPD candidate in your district?

PNP candidate	32%
PPD candidate	28
Victoria Ciudadana	4
PIP	2
(Someone else)	6
(Wouldn't vote)	12
(Not sure / Refused)	16

STATUS PLEBISCITE

There may also be a status plebiscite at the same time as the other elections this November...

37. If there is a status plebiscite, would you plan to vote in the plebiscite or not vote?

	<u>Feb 2020</u>
Would vote	54%
Would not	30
(Depends)	8
(Not sure / Refused)	8

38. If there is a status plebiscite and the options are voting YES, in favor of statehood for Puerto Rico, or NO, against statehood for Puerto Rico, which would you choose?

	<u>Feb 2020</u>
Yes	53%
No	29
(Would not vote)	9
(Not sure)	8
(Refused)	1

[IF YES IN Q38]

39. What is the main reason you would vote YES if there was a status plebiscite in November? [RECORD VERBATIM]

Things would improve/Would help PR/For the benefits and opportunities	35%
In favor of Statehood	16
For equality/To have more representation and more voting rights	13
To have change	10
To decide status once and for all	6
Because I am an American citizen	3
Because of the relationship with the U.S.	2
To exercise my right/Always vote	2
Too dependent on the US to survive alone	2
It is the only course of action	*
Other response	5
Don't Know/Refused	5

[IF NO IN Q38]

40. What is the main reason you would vote NO if there was a status plebiscite in November?
[RECORD VERBATIM]

Don't believe in Statehood	20%
It's a waste of time and nothing will happen regardless of the outcome/There are other priorities/It's wasting money	14
Things are fine as they are	10
It wouldn't be beneficial for us	9
Prefer Independence	7
The U.S. doesn't want us	5
Taxes would increase	4
Don't want to lose our culture or identity	3
Because of all the fraud and corruption	3
Other response	15
Don't Know/Refused	10

[IF WOULDN'T VOTE IN Q38]

41. What is the main reason you would not vote if there was a status plebiscite in November?
[RECORD VERBATIM]

Is a waste of time/Nothing comes from it/Waste of money/There are other priorities	29%
I'm not interested	18
Want all 3 options present/Prefer Independence	10
I don't vote in plebiscites	7
Happy with how things are	6
Because of all the fraud and corruption	6
Against my religion	4
Not approved by the U.S.	3
Due to age or bad health	3
Other response	6
Don't Know/Refused	6

[IF NOT SURE OR REFUSED IN Q38]

42. Is there any additional information would you want to help you decide on your vote in the plebiscite? **[RECORD VERBATIM]**

No	53%
Would like to know what their motives are	12
See the benefits it would bring	8
Need more honesty	7
Define it well	4
That the U.S. approved of the measure	3
Other response	10
Don't Know/Refused	10

43. Do you think the outcome of the plebiscite will help to resolve the status issue, or will nothing change regardless of the outcome?

Will help resolve issue	33%
Nothing will change	56
(Not sure / Refused)	12

44. How important is the status issue to you personally?

	<u>Extremely</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Not very</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>(NS/Ref)</u>
February 2020	29%	34	14	11	10	4

45. If the U.S. Congress offered Puerto Rico statehood now, would you vote to accept statehood?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(NS/Ref)</u>
February 2020	65%	27	8

46. How important is it to you that Puerto Ricans living on the island get the same treatment from the federal government as U.S. citizens living in other states?

	<u>Feb 2020</u>
TOTAL IMPORTANT	91%
TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT	8
Very important	84%
Somewhat important	7
Not very important	4
Not important at all	4
(Not sure / Refused)	2

47. Do you believe Puerto Ricans living on the island get the same treatment as U.S. citizens living in other states?

	<u>Feb 2020</u>
Yes	14%
No	80
(Not sure / Refused)	6

To what extent do you think becoming a state would help [INSERT ITEM]. Would it help a great deal, only somewhat, or not at all? [RANDOMIZE]

	<u>A</u>	<u>Only</u>	<u>(Not sure /</u>	<u>Refused)</u>
	<u>great deal</u>	<u>somewhat</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>Refused)</u>
48. Control political corruption February 2020	62%	16	17	4
49. Create jobs February 2020	70%	16	8	5
50. Improve the economy February 2020	68%	20	9	2
51. Fight crime and drug abuse February 2020	57%	21	17	5
52. Improve education February 2020	74%	14	9	3
53. Improve power and water infrastructure February 2020	71%	15	10	4
54. Hold down taxes February 2020	49%	21	20	9
55. Help with the recovery from natural disasters February 2020	68%	18	12	2
<i>* Wording: "Help with the recovery from hurricanes and other disasters"</i>				
56. Ensure Puerto Ricans get the same treatment from the federal government as U.S. citizens living on the mainland February 2020	66%	19	10	5
57. Which of the following statements comes closer to your opinion? [ROTATE]				
Puerto Rico needs new leaders to offer new	55%			

solutions to our problems Puerto Rico needs experienced leaders to provide a steady hand in these difficult times	41
(Not sure / Refused)	4

58. Which of the following statements comes closer to your opinion? **[ROTATE]**

The PNP is the best organization to lead the fight for statehood	24%
It is time for new voices to lead the fight for statehood	54
(Not sure / Refused)	22

59. Would you be more or less enthusiastic about statehood if you heard that leading Democratic candidates for president were in favor of Puerto Rican statehood? **[IF MORE / LESS: Is that much (more/less), or only somewhat?]**

TOTAL MORE ENTHUSIASTIC	66%
TOTAL LESS ENTHUSIASTIC	18
Much more enthusiastic	46%
Somewhat more enthusiastic	20
(No difference)	11
Somewhat less enthusiastic	4
Much less enthusiastic	14
(Not sure / Refused)	5

DEMOGRAPHICS

Finally, I'd like to ask you a few questions for classification purposes only.

60. In which of the following categories is your age?

18-21	3%
22-26	5
27-32	6
33-40	9
41-52	23
53-63	23
64+	30
(Refused)	1

61. What is the highest level of formal education you have completed?

Less than high school	29%
High school	25
Some college or vocational training beyond	21

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| | high school | |
| | College graduate | 22 |
| | (Not sure / Refused) | 3 |
62. As you might remember, the most recent referendum on status was in June 2017, and many people did not vote. As best you can remember, did you vote in that referendum, or not?
- | | | |
|--|----------------------|-----|
| | Yes, voted | 48% |
| | No, did not | 44 |
| | (Not sure / Refused) | 7 |
63. What television station do you watch most often for news about Puerto Rican affairs?
[DO NOT READ LIST]
- | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----|
| | (Canal 2 – Telenoticias) | 25% |
| | (Canal 4 – Noticentro) | 41 |
| | (Canal 6 – Notiseis) | 2 |
| | (Canal 11 – Las Noticias Univision) | 2 |
| | (Canal 40 – Sistema TV) | * |
| | (Cable TV) | 3 |
| | (Other) | 15 |
| | (Don't watch TV) | 9 |
| | (Not sure / Refused) | 3 |
64. Which radio station do you turn to for news? **[DO NOT READ LIST]**
- | | | |
|--|------------------------------|-----|
| | (WUNO Noti Uno – 630 AM) | 22% |
| | (WKAQ Radio Reloj – 580 AM) | 17 |
| | (WSKN Radio Isla – 1320 AM) | 6 |
| | (WAPA Noti Radio – 680 AM) | 3 |
| | (Other) | 13 |
| | (Don't listen to radio news) | 35 |
| | (Not sure / Refused) | 5 |
65. Do you read a daily newspaper on a regular basis? **[IF YES: What is your favorite newspaper?] [DO NOT READ LIST]**
- | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|-----|
| | (El Nuevo Día) | 27% |
| | (El Vocero) | 10 |
| | (Primera Hora) | 10 |
| | (Other) | 3 |
| | No – Do not read newspaper regularly | 47 |
| | (Not sure / Refused) | 2 |
66. Are you an active Twitter user, an occasional Twitter user, or are you not on Twitter?

Active Twitter user	7%
Occasional Twitter user	10
Not on Twitter	78
(Not sure / Refused)	5

67. Are you an active Facebook user, an occasional Facebook user, or are you not on Facebook?

Active Facebook user	40%
Occasional Facebook user	23
Not on Facebook	34
(Not sure / Refused)	3

[SKIP AND CODE AS YES IF PHONE NUMBER DIALED IS A CELLPHONE]

68. Do you, personally, own a working cellphone?

Yes	88%
No	11
(Not sure / Refused)	1

69. In which of the following categories is your personal income?

Under \$5,000 per year	16%
\$5,000 to \$9,999	13
\$10,000 to \$11,999	9
\$12,000 to \$17,999	10
\$18,000 to \$19,999	6
\$20,000 to \$29,999	12
\$30,000 to \$49,999	10
\$50,000 to \$89,999	6
\$90,000 and over	3
(Not sure)	9
(Refused)	7

70. Sex **[OBSERVATION ONLY, DO NOT ASK]**

Male	48%
Female	52



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