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PUERTO RICO

LOCATION:
Caribbean Sea, 1,000 miles from U.S. mainland

PHYSICAL SIZE
3,425 square miles

POPULATION SIZE IN 2019
3.2 million

GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT (GNP) IN 2019
$70.8 billion

PRIMARY INDUSTRY
Manufacturing, Services

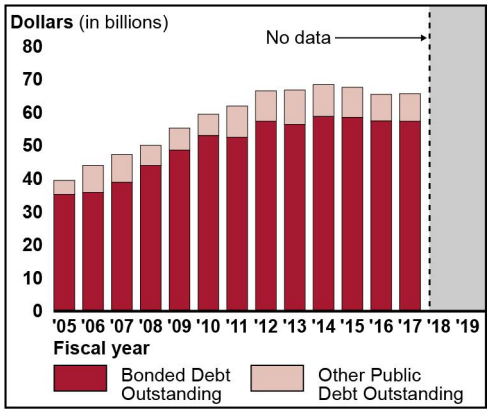
Source: GAO summary data. | GAO-21-508

KEY FINDINGS

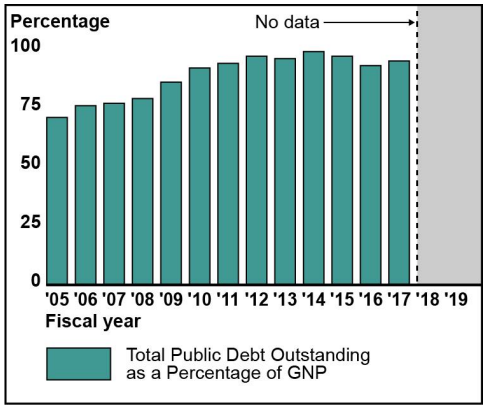
- Puerto Rico Remains in Default and Debt Restructuring Agreements Were Finalized without Audited Financial Statements
- Puerto Rico's Total Revenue Remained Constant between Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017
- Puerto Rico's Debt Repayment Depends on the Outcomes of Debt Restructuring, its Capacity for Economic Growth, and the Disbursement of Federal Funding

PUERTO RICO PUBLIC DEBT AND REVENUE, FISCAL YEARS 2005-2017

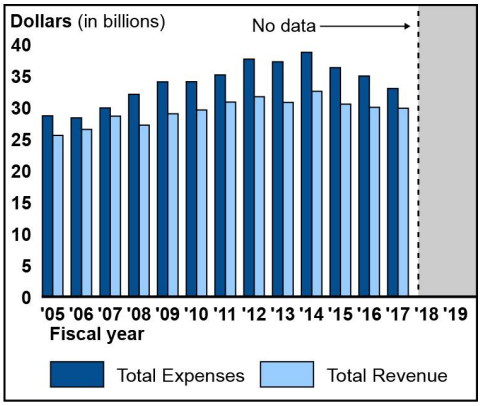
TOTAL PUBLIC DEBT OUTSTANDING



AS A SHARE OF GNP



REVENUE VS. EXPENSES



Source: GAO analysis of Puerto Rico financial statements and Puerto Rico Planning Board data for fiscal years 2005 - 2017. | GAO-21-508

Repayment of Public Debt

Two significant factors will determine Puerto Rico's future capacity for repaying its restructured debt: 1) the outcome of the ongoing debt restructuring process, and 2) Puerto Rico's ability to generate sustained economic growth. In addition, the disbursement of federal of federal funding will affect Puerto Rico's economic outlook.

Puerto Rico's future ability to repay its restructured debt will ultimately depend on the outcome of all outstanding debt restructuring agreements and on the terms of repayment established with creditors, including interest rates and debt repayment schedules. The impact of the pandemic on Puerto Rico's ability to generate sustained economic growth is uncertain. Puerto Rico's new fiscal plan projects a positive impact from federal funding equivalent to more than 100 percent of Puerto Rico's GNP. However, it is unclear when these additional federal funds will be disbursed. Further, Puerto Rico's ability to generate economic growth may be hampered by ongoing population loss and a reduction in tourism.

Puerto Rico's three main public pension systems are nearly insolvent and its primary government and component units reported a combined net pension liability of approximately $56.0 billion as of the end of fiscal year 2017, which was 81 percent of GNP in that year.

Total Public Debt Outstanding

Fiscal Year	Bonded Debt Outstanding	Other Public Debt Outstanding
2005	$34,974,430,000	$4,225,873,000
2006	$35,557,498,000	$8,142,151,000
2007	$38,561,212,000	$8,424,760,000
2008	$43,714,090,000	$6,053,789,000
2009	$48,305,441,000	$6,680,486,000
2010	$52,694,003,000	$6,464,451,000
2011	$52,227,172,000	$9,418,678,000
2012	$57,062,737,000	$9,193,604,000
2013	$56,092,087,000	$10,413,827,000
2014	$58,459,707,000	$9,665,139,000
2015	$58,170,197,000	$9,150,462,000
2016	$ 57,131,262,000	$8,024,764,000
2017	$57,066,485,000	$8,267,599,000
2018	n/a	n/a
2019	n/a	n/a

As a Share of GNP

Fiscal Year	Total Public Debt Outstanding as a Percentage of GNP
2005	71%
2006	76%
2007	77%
2008	79%
2009	86%
2010	92%
2011	94%
2012	97%
2013	96%
2014	99%
2015	97%
2016	93%
2017	95%
2018	n/a
2019	n/a

Revenue VS. Expenses

Fiscal Year	Total Expenses	Total Revenue
2005	$28,622,085,000	$25,535,314,000
2006	$28,299,308,000	$26,490,840,000
2007	$29,871,481,000	$28,582,047,000
2008	$32,015,958,000	$27,155,144,000
2009	$34,004,003,000	$28,964,389,000
2010	$34,033,625,000	$29,551,438,000
2011	$35,114,303,000	$30,812,187,000
2012	$37,595,932,000	$31,654,117,000
2013	$37,187,316,000	$30,756,761,000
2014	$38,689,382,000	$32,508,295,000
2015	$36,253,250,000	$30,490,075,000
2016	$34,927,393,000	$29,972,437,000
2017	$32,964,930,000	$29,830,730,000
2018	n/a	n/a
2019	n/a	n/a