

PUERTO RICO'S

Apparel and Textiles Manufacturing Profile 2025

NAICS 313, 314, 315

In 2025, Puerto Rico's apparel and textile industry stands at a pivotal intersection, balancing its historical legacy with emerging opportunities in a rapidly evolving global market. Today, the industry is characterized by a leaner but more agile ecosystem, **with a growing emphasis on nearshoring, sustainable production, and specialized manufacturing.** In fiscal year 2024, textile manufacturing in Puerto Rico contributed \$11.3 million to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP)¹. The industry reported 89 establishments and approximately 8,500 jobs, in 2024².

Puerto Rico's unique position as a U.S. territory **offers strategic advantages, including federal regulatory alignment, workforce development, proximity to North American supply chains, and an emerging culture of innovation.** These factors are increasingly attracting attention from brands seeking to reduce overseas dependencies and enhance supply chain resilience. Local small and medium-sized enterprises **SMEs now focus on fashion, artisanal production, and local designs**³. NAICS codes related to this industry are:

Textile Mills (NAICS 313) - This subsector includes establishments that transform natural or synthetic fibers into products like yarn or fabric, which are then made into items such as apparel, sheets, towels, and textile bags. Key processes include fiber preparation and spinning, fabric knitting or weaving, and textile finishing⁴.

Textile Product Mills (NAICS 314) - This subsector includes establishments that produce textile items, excluding apparel. They primarily use cut and sew processes to create products like sheets and towels from purchased fabric⁵.

Apparel Manufacturing (NAICS 315) - This subsector comprises establishments engaged in two primary processes: cutting and sewing fabric to create garments and knitting fabric before cutting and sewing it into garments. It includes manufacturers of ready-to-wear and custom apparel, contractors handling cutting or sewing for others, jobbers overseeing entrepreneurial aspects of apparel production, and tailors making custom garments for clients⁶.

¹ Source: Puerto Rico Planning Board, Economic Appendix to the Governor, 2025.

² Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages", 2025.

³ Source: Department of Economic Development and Commerce, 2025.

⁴ Source: <https://www.census.gov/naics/?input=313&year=2022&details=313>, 2025.

⁵ Source: <https://www.census.gov/naics/?input=314&year=2022&details=314>, 2025.

⁶ Source: <https://www.census.gov/naics/?input=315&year=2022&details=315>, 2025.

Employment - Establishments - Wages

Textile Mills (NAICS 313) (Years 2020 - 2024)

Years	Employees	Establishments	Average Weekly Wage (In US \$ dollars)	Average Annual Pay (In US \$ dollars)	Total Wages (In US \$ thousands of dollars)
2020	21	5	\$456	\$23,721	\$486
2021	24	5	\$519	\$27,000	\$655
2022	26	5	\$566	\$29,429	\$773
2023	23	4	\$461	\$23,956	\$547
2024	ND	4	ND	ND	ND

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), 2025. *ND - Not Disclosable

Textile Product Mills (NAICS 314) (Years 2020 - 2024)

Years	Employees	Establishments	Average Weekly Wage (In US \$ dollars)	Average Annual Pay (In US \$ dollars)	Total Wages (In US \$ thousands of dollars)
2020	135	17	\$334	\$17,350	\$2,342
2021	142	17	\$338	\$17,551	\$2,494
2022	158	20	\$364	\$18,947	\$2,986
2023	151	22	\$408	\$21,194	\$3,191
2024	156	21	\$448	\$23,310	\$3,636

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), 2025.

Apparel Manufacturing (NAICS 315) (Years 2020 - 2024)

Years	Employees	Establishments	Average Weekly Wage (In US \$ dollars)	Average Annual Pay (In US \$ dollars)	Total Wages (In US \$ thousands of dollars)
2020	7,167	64	\$283	\$14,714	\$105,450
2021	7,591	61	\$311	\$16,166	\$122,709
2022	7,637	69	\$334	\$17,353	\$132,524
2023	7,587	70	\$381	\$19,828	\$150,427
2024	8,238	64	\$421	\$21,914	\$180,530

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), 2025.

Apparel and Textiles Manufacturing in P.R. by Number and Percentage of Establishments

NAICS Codes	Business Description	Estimated Number of Establishments	Percentage of Establishments
313	Textile Mills	4	3.96%
314120	Curtain and Linen Mills	8	8.91%
314910	Textile Bag and Canvas Mills	7	7.92%
314999	All Other Miscellaneous Textile Product Mills	5	5.94%
315210	Cut and Sew Apparel Contractors	33	36.63%
315250	Cut and Sew Apparel Manufacturing (except Contractors)	29	32.67%
315990	Apparel Accessories and Other Apparel Manufacturing	3	2.97%

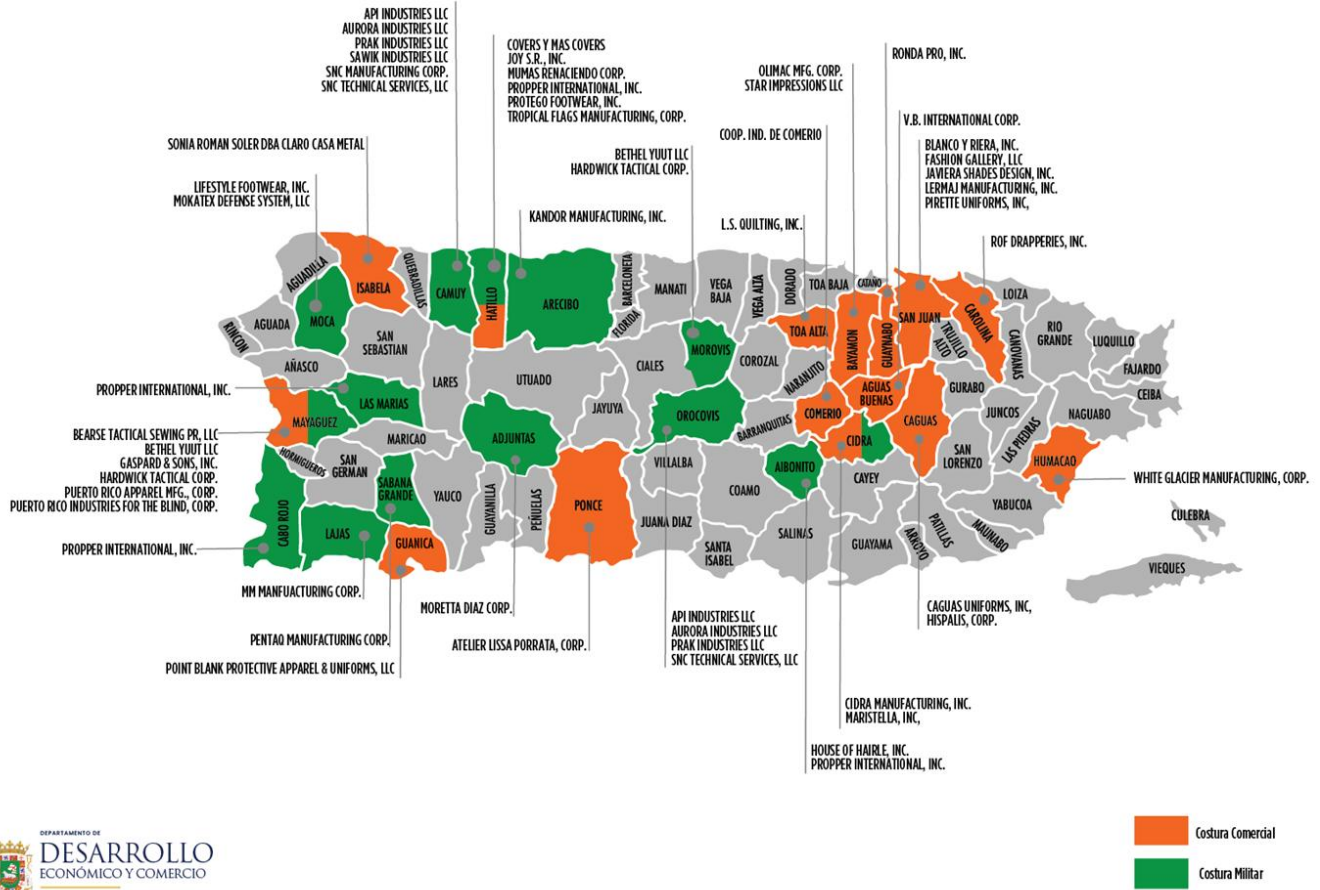
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages"; Department of Economic Development and Commerce Database, 2025.

Apparel and Textiles Manufacturing in P.R. by Number and Percentage of Employment

NAICS Codes	Business Description	Estimated Number of Employment	Percentage of Employment
313	Textile Mills	25	0.29%
314120	Curtain and Linen Mills	53	0.63%
314910	Textile Bag and Canvas Mills	31	0.37%
314999	All Other Miscellaneous Textile Product Mills	33	0.39%
315210	Cut and Sew Apparel Contractors	6,813	80.94%
315250	Cut and Sew Apparel Manufacturing (except Contractors)	1,154	13.71%
315990	Apparel Accessories and Other Apparel Manufacturing	309	3.68%

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages"; Department of Economic Development and Commerce Database, 2025.

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Comparison by State 2024 - Apparel Manufacturing (NAICS 315)

Data	Puerto Rico	Alabama	Florida	Iowa	Nebraska
Population	3,200,000	5,141,000	23,053,000	3,207,000	1,988,000
Employees	8,238	1,913	3,276	718	85
Number of Establishments	64	64	420	18	7
Average Annual Pay	\$21,914	\$36,438	\$68,382	\$51,174	\$37,606
Total Wages (in thousands)	\$180,530	\$69,717	\$224,041	\$36,764	\$3,187
Data	New York	Texas	Utah	Virginia	Wisconsin
Population	19,571,000	30,503,000	3,478,000	8,715,000	5,910,000
Employees	7,505	4,739	533	1,096	572
Number of Establishments	818	352	106	115	44
Average Annual Pay	\$70,241	\$52,013	\$43,296	\$49,088	\$39,997
Total Wages (in thousands)	\$527,175	\$246,475	\$23,077	\$53,789	\$22,878

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages", 2024; U.S. Census Bureau, 2024.

Federal Contracts

Top Agencies and Corporations with Federal Contracts Cut and Sew Apparel Manufacturing (NAICS 3152)

Agencies
U.S. Defense Logistic Agency
U.S. Coast Guard
U.S. Department of the Army
U.S. Federal Prison System/Bureau of Prisons
U.S. Defense Contract Management Agency

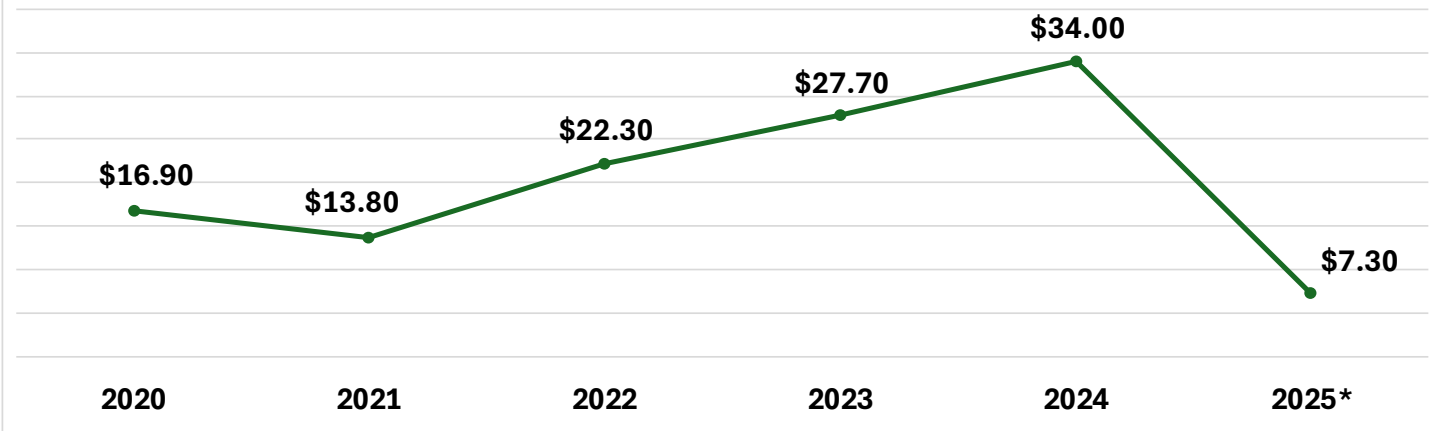


Source: Federal Procurement Data System. September 2025.

Corporations	Year of Incorporation	Origin
SNC Manufacturing, LLC	2005	Foreign For Profit
Aurora Industries, LLC	2006	Foreign For Profit
Propper International, Inc.	2004	Domestic For-Profit Corporation
M & M Manufacturing, LLC	2010	Domestic For-Profit
Puerto Rico Industries for the Blind, Corp.	2013	Domestic Non-Profit Corporation
Kandor Manufacturing, Inc.	1997	Domestic For-Profit Corporation
M M Manufacturing LLC	2010	Domestic For-Profit
Koman Propper Governmner Apparel, LLC	2013	Domestic For-Profit (Dissolved)
BlueWater Defense, Inc.	1987	Domestic For-Profit Corporation
Pentag Manufacturing, Corp.	2003	Domestic For-Profit Close Corporation

Source: Federal Procurement Data System. September 2025.

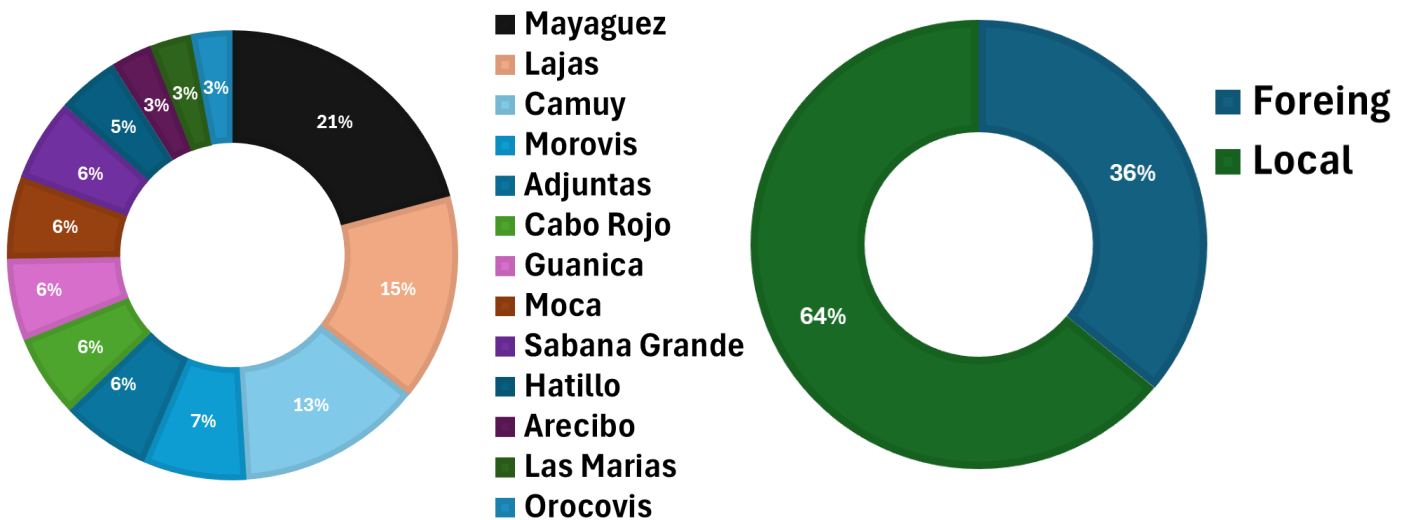
Contracts Awarded in Puerto Rico (in billions of dollars) (2020 - 2025)



Source: Federal Procurement Data System. September 2025.

*YTD 2025 include data from January 1 to June 30, 2025.

Puerto Rico's Manufacturing of Uniforms and Military Equipment PRIDCO Buildings 2025



Source: PRIDCO Database, 2025.

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Logistics, Infrastructure and Global Access

- Puerto Rico is a well-connected jurisdiction in the Caribbean.
- It allows for rapid access to North American, Latin American, and European markets, enabling reduced transit times and reliable supply chain operations.
- It has 11 airports of which 3 are major international airports overall, including Aguadilla's international airport which has the region's longest runway. Its port system is ranked among the top 20 in the U.S., moving over 1.4 million TEUs per year.
- In 2025, Puerto Rico secured a two-year exemption from federal air cabotage laws to increase its ability to transfer international cargo more flexibly and cost-effectively.
- 90% of Puerto Rico's air cargo consists of pharmaceutical and medical device products.
- Additional logistical and cost advantages are provided by facilities like Lufthansa Technik's MRO hub and the Free Trade Zone infrastructure⁷.

Advantages of Operating in Puerto Rico
U.S. Jurisdiction - FDA regulated, and protected by U.S. legal and intellectual property standards
Workforce & Talent Development - 2,500 post grads in STEM and health fields annually
Advanced Academic Community - Opportunities for collaborative research projects with local universities and research institutions
Organizational Support - PRiMEX has focused on increasing the competitiveness of PR's industrial base by bridging the productivity gap for companies, identifying opportunities for growth, and encouraging technology deployment.
More than 714 Free Trade Zones (FTZ) of qualified facilities and more than 50 FDA approved pharmaceutical plants

Source: https://www.investpr.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/IPR_Bioscience-Bifold-2024-Web_Final.pdf, <https://primexpr.org/>, 2025.

The **logistics sector** in Puerto Rico plays a critical role in facilitating the efficient movement of bioscience products and materials, supporting the island's bioscience industries, international trade, and supply chain operations. Puerto Rico is adopting advanced supply chain technologies such as **AI-driven predictive analytics, blockchain-based traceability platforms and temperature-controlled transportation solutions to optimize the storage, handling, and distribution of pharmaceuticals, medical devices, computer and electronics, research materials and agricultural biotech products, ensuring product integrity and regulatory compliance**⁸

⁷ Source: Department of Economic Development and Commerce (DEDC), 2025.

⁸ Source: <https://www.investpr.org/key-sectors/biosciences/>, 2025.

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