

2025 Year End Report

Puerto Rico Statehood Council

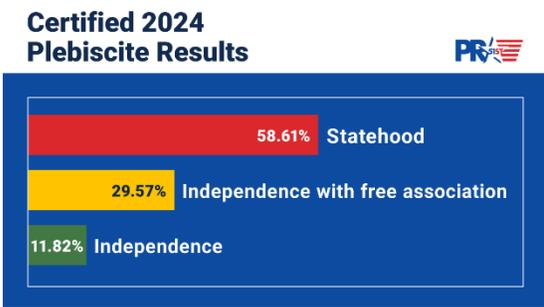
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As 2025 comes to an end, we want to take a moment to reflect on all that we've accomplished this year, to give thanks to everyone who has contributed to our efforts, and to set our intentions for 2026.

Major Accomplishments of 2025

Despite significant challenges this year, we have advanced the cause of statehood for Puerto Rico in many significant ways.

- Continued Advocacy Initiatives in Congress and Stateside:** After the 2024



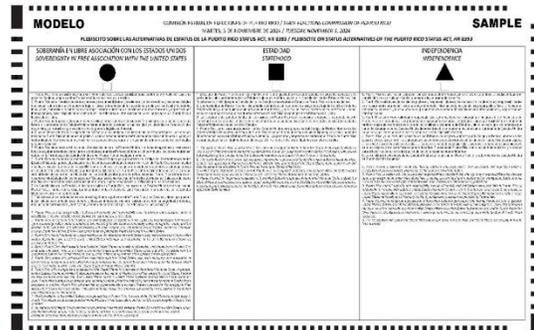
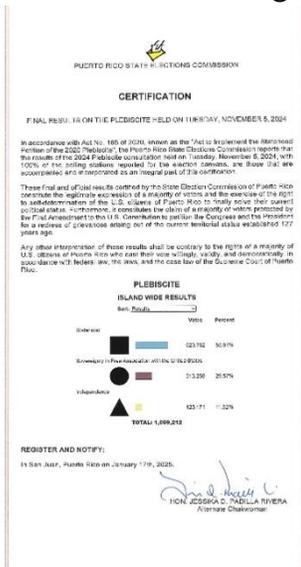
plebiscite in Puerto Rico, in which [58.6%](#) of the island's voters reaffirmed their choice of statehood as their future political status, the Puerto Rico Statehood Council (PRSC) has continued to advocate for the island's decolonization through a binding offer of statehood from Congress. PRSC has worked to maintain momentum and

bipartisan support toward finally resolving Puerto Rico's political status, ensuring that the island's 3.2 million U.S. citizens receive the equality and sovereignty they deserve.

These advocacy initiatives include informing congressional offices and other federal level entities about the status issue in general, the non-

territorial options on the [2024 plebiscite ballot](#), the [certified results of the 2024 plebiscite](#),

and the need for Congress to legislate a process to definitively end the island's undemocratic status after 127 years of territorial colonialism. PRSC has continued to educate and remind congressional offices that the options presented to voters during the 2024 plebiscite were based on the historic *Puerto Rico Status Act* (PRSA), [H.R. 8393](#), which [passed the House](#) in the 117th Congress, and was reintroduced in the 118th Congress as [H.R. 2757](#) in the House and [S. 3231](#) in the Senate.





In March 2025, PRSC participated as a lead sponsor of the first [Puerto Rico Equality and Statehood Summit](#), hosted by the Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration (PRFAA) and the Governor of Puerto Rico Hon. Jenniffer González-Colón. During the Summit,

PRSC along with 57 organizations and over 200 activists from Puerto Rico and across the U.S. mainland held over 80 congressional meetings and sent a [joint letter](#) to the committees of jurisdiction in the House and Senate. It informed them of the 2024 plebiscite results and urged them to advance binding legislation with an offer of statehood to definitively resolve Puerto Rico's political status.



During the Summit, PRSC trained attendees on best practices for advocacy in Congress. The training provided in-depth strategies on how to contact members of Congress and the best ways to urge for Puerto Rico's admission as a state. [PRSC's Congressional Advocacy Training](#) presentation had previously been offered on

virtual basis, but the Summit became the first time it was delivered to a live audience. The training also served as the kickoff to PRFAA's Equality and Statehood Summit helping prepare advocates for their Hill meetings to maximize impact and track outcomes.





Additionally, PRSC also hosted a bipartisan panel consisting of D.C. insiders that included a former White House Chief of Staff, a current House Chief of Staff, and a former Senate Policy Advisor who now consults on Puerto Rico statehood issue.

The panel explored the political and

partisan considerations shaping the 119th Congress, focusing on effective strategies for engaging with congressional offices and useful tools to build support for Puerto Rico statehood. During the summit PRSC also hosted a reception in the House Natural Resources Committee to bring together advocates, congressional staff, members of Congress and Puerto Rico elected officials.



During 2025, PRSC held over 50 meetings with congressional offices and other federal officials on the issue of Puerto Rico's political status and statehood for the island. Additionally, PRSC sponsored and participated in multiple events honoring the contributions of Puerto Ricans to the U.S. mainland and bringing attention to the need to resolve the island's political



status. This included PRSC's sponsorship and participation at Florida's 26th [Puerto Rico Day at the Capitol](#), in Tallahassee. During the event, PRSC was recognized and awarded the "Helping Hands Award" for the support PRSC provides to groups and individuals stateside fighting for the equality of Puerto Ricans on the island.



PRSC also participated in other key events including the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 2025 Legislative Summit, the Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute Gala, the Congressional Puerto Rican Coffee Showcase, the presentation of the book *José Celso Barbosa: Un encuentro con la historia* in Puerto Rico's Capitol Building in San Juan and the Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration hosted by the Governor of Virginia, Hon. Glenn Youngkin.





While federal legislation with a binding offer of statehood has yet to be introduced during the 119th Congress, PRSC continues to inform Congress and the public about the will of voters on the island, dispel disinformation spread by opponents of statehood, and expand bipartisan support to push for the enactment of federal legislation with a binding offer of statehood for Puerto Rico.

- **Grassroots Impact:** The [Puerto Rico Statehood Action Network](#) (PRSAN), which



consists of 28 civil rights and advocacy organizations in Puerto Rico and throughout the U.S. mainland, continues to highlight the work of citizen activists in support of statehood for Puerto Rico. The PRSAN connects activists to each other across the island and the U.S. mainland, to empower them in coordinating actions to create and share advocacy opportunities. With the participation from



members of the PRSAN and [Puerto Rico's Extended Congressional Delegation](#) (Extended Delegation), grassroots citizen advocacy efforts across the country further increased citizen engagement and provided greater educational opportunities to the general public and members of Congress.



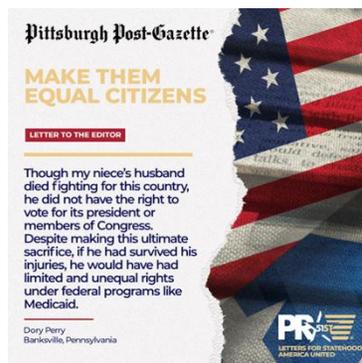
In October 2025, PRSC sponsored the [Florida Equality Summit 2025](#), organized and hosted by the Extended Delegation's Florida Chapter. During the Summit in Lake Mary, Florida, participants coordinated strategy sessions, shared educational materials, and helped attract media attention to the event. Moreover, PRSC's ongoing advocacy initiatives—including the production of educational content—were recognized at the Summit as a valued asset in the fight for full equality for Puerto Rico's U.S. citizens.

This year, PRSC also participated in the [Cross Territorial Coalition](#) which is convened and facilitated by [Right to Democracy](#). The coalition gathered community organizations from all 5 U.S. territories and their stateside allies to challenge the colonial framework in U.S. by embracing common ground while respecting differences in order to avoid divisions that have historically held back such efforts.



PRSC is always developing new ways to empower our supporters to make your voices heard. This year we launched the [Letters for](#)

[Statehood: America United Campaign](#). Through this initiative we identified supporters willing to make a public statement in support of statehood for Puerto Rico by helping you publish opinion editorials and letters to the editor in newspapers stateside. Over **400 supporters signed up** for this campaign hailing



from states across the U.S. and multiple letters to the editor and opinion editorials were published helping our supporters share their stories and perspectives to increase national awareness about the need to resolve Puerto Rico's political status.



- **Launched a New Organization Focused on Activism in Puerto Rico:**



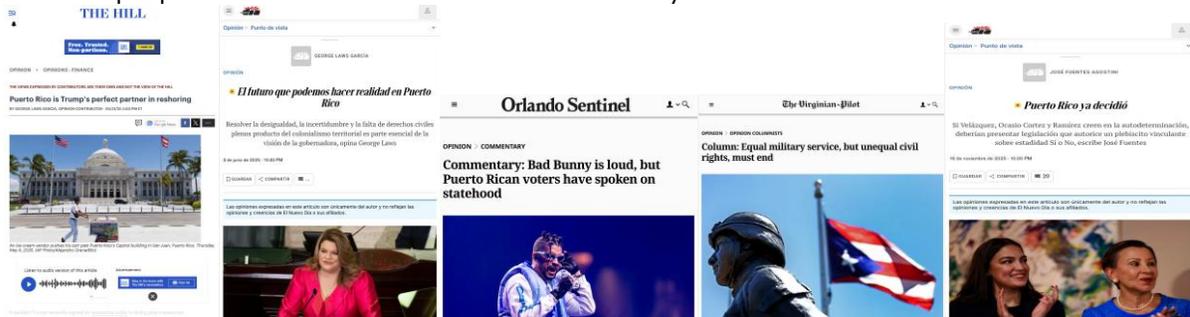
Recognizing the need for ongoing engagement of Puerto Rico statehood supporters on the island, this year we helped launch [PRO Statehood](#), a new 501(c)4 focused on educating, organizing and mobilizing to envision and build a future of equality for Puerto Rico within the American Union. The organization has held multiple events on the island effectively reaching out to youth, veterans, elderly, communities of faith and not just promoting statehood, but also listening and learning to develop the movement's collective intelligence.

- Spread the Message of Equality & Democracy Through



Statehood: Through PRSC’s website PR51st and our social media presence, PRSC has informed, engaged, and activated support for the Puerto Rico statehood movement in ways that are compelling,

interactive, fact-based, and easy to share. Through the PR51st website PRSC welcomed over **240,000 visitors** by December 15, 2025. Throughout 2025, PRSC’s online content generated of **159 blog posts** and **1,716 social media posts** across multiple social media platforms which created over **340,000 views**. This wide presence allowed PRSC to reach hundreds of thousands of people from across the U.S. and the world, leading to PR51st ranking above all other online entities on the issue of Puerto Rico statehood. To continue advancing the need to resolve Puerto Rico’s political status in a time where Congress has not introduced legislation, PRSC also wrote and published **seven opinion articles** in newspapers with island and nationwide syndication.



PRSC has also obtained media coverage with **18 interviews** for print, television, radio and [nationally syndicated podcasts](#) to raise [awareness](#) about the cause. Through our [communications efforts](#), PRSC has also

obtained significant coverage both on the island, in the [states](#) and in the [DC](#) press that is most read by Congress.



Additionally, to keep Congress directly informed and engaged on the need to resolve Puerto Rico’s political status, PRSC has continued to publish its Capitol Hill email newsletter, the “PR 51st Star.”



The newsletter, which reached over **40,000 email opens** and an **average open rate of 54%**, featured expert commentary on how Puerto Rico’s political status connects with issues of national political importance ensuring that statehood remains a priority, while providing congressional staffers a direct insight as to how the undemocratic territorial status of Puerto Rico negatively impacts the islands U.S. citizens.



- Engaging Digital Media Platforms & Content:** This year the PRSC published and finalized the first season of its podcast, [Mano a Mano: U.S. & Puerto Rico Journey Toward a More Perfect Union](#), where we amplified the voices of leaders, thinkers, activists, and allies from across the political spectrum who support Puerto Rico’s fight for full democracy and self-determination. Through the [podcast’s 23 episode run](#), PRSC was able to inform about the latest political developments, in-depth history, and ongoing advocacy efforts surrounding Puerto Rico’s statehood movement on the island and throughout the 50 states.



Additionally, PRSC has continued to produce and publish a series of [educational videos](#) regarding Puerto Rico’s journey towards statehood. Throughout the video series, PRSC has effectively dispelled disinformation, explored social and cultural issues, and explained the legal and policy ramifications surrounding the island’s political status. This included an in depth analysis of [Puerto Rico’s 2024 Plebiscite](#), the options presented on the ballot, and the



significance of the 58.6% in favor of statehood. PRSC's high-quality media content has led to **over 79,000 views** in 2025, with a notable increase in regular viewer retention, further growing our audience and building support for Puerto Rico's admission as a state both on the island and stateside.



Gratitude & Appreciation

Advancing the cause of full equality and democracy for Puerto Rico through statehood is a team effort, so we want to thank everyone who has helped during this year.

- **Members of Congress:** While this has been a tumultuous year in Congress, it has also brought new opportunities. Puerto Rico has been recognized as the national security asset it has always been within the halls of Congress. Additionally, the statehood movement has gained and reinforced support from influential members of Congress and national political parties for Puerto Rico's admission as a state of the Union.



- **Citizen Activists & Advocates:** This year the citizen activists of the Puerto Rico statehood movement took center stage again to demand full rights and equality for the people of Puerto Rico. We thank all of the activists who held hundreds of advocacy meetings with congressional offices and coordinated [events and outreach efforts](#) in numerous states increasing the visibility of the Puerto Rico statehood movement at the national level. We also thank all of the activists and advocates who had the courage to share your stories as part of the [Voices for Statehood campaign](#).



- **You, Our Supporters:** We must also thank you and each of the tens of thousands of supporters of [PR51st](#) and the Puerto Rico statehood movement. Your advocacy and calls for the equality of Puerto Ricans living on the island continue pushing Congress to recognize the inherently unjust and undemocratic territorial status of Puerto Rico, and the need to definitively resolve the island's political status. Last year alone you sent over **3,600 messages to Congress**, signed over **1,800 petitions**, opened over **369,000 emails**, and added **thousands of new supporters** from across the U.S.



grow to the next level.

Additionally, thanks to your support and donations, we were able to raise funds for the Puerto Rico statehood cause and dedicated those resources to [supporting pro-statehood organizations](#) in their grassroots efforts to raise awareness and pressure Congress to [TAKE ACTION](#) and end the colony. Your ongoing support and engagement will continue to allow the Puerto Rico statehood movement to

Our Intention for the New Year

Looking forward to 2026 we are excited to set clear intentions for advancing the Puerto Rico statehood cause.

- **Introduce and Advance legislation that includes a binding offer of statehood for Puerto Rico:** We will ramp up our efforts in 2026 by reinforcing strong support for decolonizing Puerto Rico and gaining greater bipartisan backing by addressing disinformation and elevating the urgency of ending the island's undemocratic territorial status. Our goal for the next Congress is to introduce federal legislation in both the House and Senate that will bring an end to Puerto Rico's undemocratic territorial status through a binding offer of statehood. We will urge Congress to act as soon as possible to ensure that Puerto Rico can decide its own political future beyond its colonial territorial status.

- **Continue growing & empowering the Puerto Rico statehood movement:** We will develop new tools and ideas to help grow, train, and empower the Puerto Rico statehood movement so that Congress can see and feel the broad support that exists for our cause from diverse organizations and individuals within Puerto Rico and across the states.



- **Help Puerto Rico reach its full potential while making America a More Perfect Union:** The only way for Puerto Rico to fully recover and prosper is by resolving the uncertainty, inequality and disenfranchisement of the current territory status. We will advance the resolution of Puerto Rico's colonial status to not only empower the island and its people, but also to help America become a *more perfect Union* by living up to its highest ideals of democracy and justice.

Thank you for joining us in this journey as we work to advance the noble cause of full democracy and equality for Puerto Rico through statehood. We greatly appreciate your support, engagement and efforts, and look forward to all the progress we can and will make working together in 2026.

Sincerely,



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