A Bional Perspective of Puerto Rican-Origin Children’s Living Arrangements: A Decade of Change and Migration in Puerto Rico and the United States, 2006 and 2015

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**Big Changes for Puerto Ricans**

- Puerto Rican-Origin children are living in both Puerto Rico and the United States.
- The number of Puerto Rican-Origin children has decreased since 2006.
- The decrease is more pronounced in Puerto Rico than in the United States.
- A significant number of Puerto Rican-Origin children live in families with grandparents present.

**Puerto Rican-Origin Children’s Living Arrangements and Families**

- In 2015, 48% of Puerto Rican-Origin children live with both parents.
- In 2015, 58% of Puerto Rican-Origin children live with their grandparents.
- In the United States, more children in long-term immigrant families live with their grandparents.
- In Puerto Rico, children in recent immigrant families also live with their grandparents.

**Family Migration**

We combined information on the birth and residence years of the household head with Puerto Rican-Origin children’s past and present household characteristics to develop a migration category called within-category migration.

**Conclusions**

Along with the great increase in Puerto Rican-Origin children living in the United States, there has been a similar decline in the number of Puerto Rican-Origin children in Puerto Rico. This is a result of the recent economic recession that has led Puerto Ricans to seek opportunities abroad. Additionally, Puerto Rican-Origin children have been observed living in families with grandparents, which may indicate a trend of intergenerational living arrangements.

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