Introduction

For more than two hundred years, the population in the Caribbean was constantly in migration, suggesting no specific push and pull forces that made them move from one place to another (Duany, 2005). However, due to political changes, poverty and economic stagnation the region began to suffer around the 1960’s, transforming the population perspective into a more emigration-oriented society. The geographical position and the Role of Puerto Rico in the region as a US territory, the high economic development, and similar history, language and culture, with Cuba and Dominican Republic, made this country a primary destination for these immigrants (Funkehouse, 1993).

Research Questions

Is there any socioeconomic difference between the native-born Puerto Ricans and the foreign-born in San Juan?

• Is the SES of one group better than the other?

• Are the income differences or the education attainment related with the nationality?

• Are all three ethnic groups spatially segregated in San Juan?

• Are settlement patterns related to their income?

Literature Review

Movement of people to gateways cities creates changes and tensions in the socioeconomic, cultural and political life of the city (Price et al 2006)

Immigrants’ socio-ecommercials (residential and ethnic commercial areas) have a concrete spatial implication on cities and are not always welcomed by natives residents (Price et al 2008). The pull of forces and the push of forces accentuate the high wave of migration from Cuba, Puerto Rico’s economy was booming and more receptive of labor force, no matter their status (Duany, 1989).

Puerto Ricans and the foreign illegals contribute to the large population of both groups lives in Santurce, Cubans are located barrios like Miramar, Condado, Ocean Park. In the other hand Portuguese influence also exists in other parishes such as Parada No 15, Villa Palmetas and Barrio Obrero (Picture 1, 2). Cubans and Dominicans are located the principal low and middle low areas. This could be clearly observed on the maps.

Cubans and Dominicans’ income in San Juan are considered “black” or “mulatos” by the Puerto Rican standards (Duany, 2005)

Differences between US legal status (Duany, 2005).

• Cubans are US refugees

• Cubans are considered US refugees

• Cubans are recognized illegals.

Null Hypotheses

H03: There is not a significant difference between Puerto Ricans, Cubans and Dominicans’ income in San Juan.

H02: Cubans’ household incomes are not significantly higher than Dominicans’ household income in San Juan.

H01: Cubans and Dominicans’ do not significantly differ in their education attainment.

H04: Cubans and Dominicans’ do not significantly differ in their occupation distribution.

H05: Cubans and Dominicans’ settlements in San Juan do not significantly differ from each other.

H06: Cubans and Dominicans’ settlements in San Juan are not significantly related to their economic status.

Data and Method

H03. Differences between groups’ income in Puerto Rico.

H02. Cubans’ and Dominicans’ Education Attainment in 2005-2009

H01. Cubans and Dominicans’ Occupation Distribution in Puerto Rico as been different across the years (1985-1990)

H04. Cubans and Dominicans’ Occupation Distribution in Puerto Rico, 2005 - 2009

H05. Cubans and Dominican’s Education Attainment in 2005-2009

Discussion

The results shows that there is a significant difference between Puerto Ricans and Cubans in San Juan. This is also supported by the map that shows a higher presence of Cubans in areas above the median $23,478 (+/- $483) (American Fact Finder, 2010).

Although the strength is weak, the results show that Cubans in San Juan are related in a significant way with have a high education attainment. The negative direction suggests that Cubans have less education attainment in San Juan.

There is an empirically evidence that Cubans and Dominicans have different settlement patterns at the census tract level. Even when a large population of both groups lives in Santurce, Cubans are located in sub-barrios like Miramar, Condado, Ocean Park. In the other hand Dominicans are located in downtown Parada No 15, Villa Palmetas and Barrio Obrero (Picture 1, 2). Cubans and Dominicans are located the principal low and middle low areas. This could be clearly observed on the maps.

Results and Analysis

Differences between groups’ income in Puerto Rico.

Cubans and Dominicans’ income in Puerto Rico.

Puerto Rican’s racial perception and area of residence.

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