

COUNTIES

Puerto Rico has 78 municipios. There are 3071 counties in the United States. Counties are the primary legal divisions of most states and generally are functioning governmental units. They are known as "parishes" in Louisiana. In Alaska, Census Areas are used for statistical purposes, while the principal governmental units are boroughs. In Puerto Rico they are municipios. Maryland, Missouri, Nevada, and Virginia also have independent cities, government units outside the jurisdiction of any county.

