

“Puerto Rican Sign Language [psl] (A language of [Puerto Rico](#))

- **Alternate Names:** PRSL
- **Population:** 8,000–40,000 deaf persons (Van Cleve 1986).
- **Location:** Scattered.
- **Language Status:** 6b (Threatened).
- **Dialects:** None known. Related to American Sign Language [[ase](#)].
- **Language Use:** Signs introduced in 1907 by Catholic nuns. Some home signs also used.
- **Other Comments:** Although some form of PRSL may still be used in the lower populated areas in the western and central parts of the country, it appears that ASL [[ase](#)] is becoming the sole sign language of the Puerto Rican deaf community.”

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