

Module 9 — Handling Parish Access Limitations (Mayagüez Diocese)

Important Notice

The Diocese of Mayagüez restricts researcher access and prohibits digitization of parish registers within its jurisdiction.

This includes:

- Mayagüez
 - Rincón
 - Añasco
 - Surrounding municipalities
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Alternative Records

Civil Registration (Post-1885)

Available through: https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Puerto_Rico_Civil_Registration

1887 Census

https://censo.estadisticas.pr/sites/default/files/Decenal/INE_CensodePoblacionyVivienda_1887.pdf

1899 Military Census

<https://archive.org/details/reportoncensusof00unit>

Library of Congress Newspapers

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

Research Philosophy

When parish access is restricted:

- Expand horizontally to civil records.
 - Expand temporally to census substitutes.
 - Correlate sources using GPS standards.
 - Document negative searches.
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Worksheet Included

- Alternative Source Strategy Planner
- Negative Search Log