

## PUERTO RICO



### 1896 -10 CENTAVOS - OBVERSE

PUERTO RICO, SPANISH COLONY of  
MADRID MINT

10 CENTAVOS DE PESO 18MM .835 FINE 2.5 GRAMS

1896 700,000

^OV: Boy head of Alfonso XIII, facing left ALFONSO XIII P.L.G.D.D. REY C. DE ESPANA (Alfonso XIII POR LA GRACIA DE DIOS REY CONSTITUCIONAL DE ESPANA = Alfonso XIII by the Grace of God, Constitutional King of Spain) around / B.M. under bust / ★ 1896 ★ (5 point stars mintmark) below.

▼RV: Arms of Spain, ISLA DE PUERTO RICO (Island of Puerto Rico) above / P • G 10 CENTAVOS • V • below.

EDGE: Reeded

MINT: ★ (5 point stars) = MADRID

ENGRAVER: B.M. = Bartolome Maura Montaner

ASSAYER: P • G = Felix M. Peiro Rodrigo and Antonio Garcia Gonzalez

WEIGHTMASTER: • V • = Remigio Vega Y Vega

REFERENCE: Y-2, V-8047, KM-16

POPULATION: Porto Rico - 1899 - 953,243 with capital San Juan de Porto Rico with 32,048 inhabitants.



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FOOTNOTE: In the Decree of November 29, 1884 all foreign holed silver coinage was required be taken to the Custom House, there to be counter-stamped with a Fleur-de-lis. After April 1, 1885, holed coins not stamped were to be refused by the government. The Decree of March 17, 1894 stipulated that all pre-1885 coinage, counter-stamped or not was to be exchanged for Mexican pesos. Mexican money was then used as the money of Puerto Rico until 1895. These coins were then sent back to the Madrid mint to be recoined into the new 1896 series. A five peseta piece was coined as a peso with subsidiary coinage of 40, 20, 10 and 5 centavos. 1 peso = 100 centavos. The coins were superseded by the American dollar after the cession of Puerto Rico to the United States in 1898.

FOOTNOTE: The population of Puerto Rico includes 364,000 negroes, descended from former slaves. The blacks live in miserable bamboo huts, and have little disposition to work. Slavery had existed from the first settlement, and was abolished in 1873. *Natural Complete Geography* by J.W.Redway and R.Hinman, New York, 1902.



Girls sorting coffee