

44.8% Growth in Distributors — ALEX Intelligence 2026

Puerto Rico Leads U.S. in Distributor Growth

44.8% surge since 2019 — a hidden shift in AI hardware logistics

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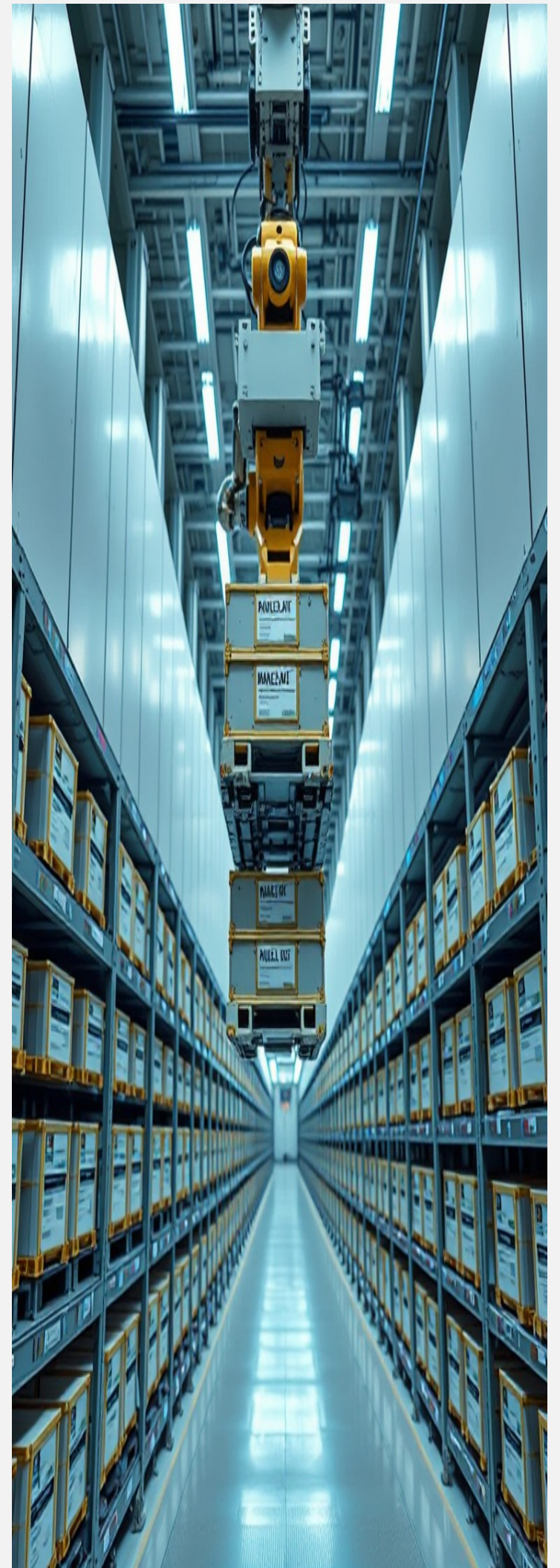
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Change in Electronic Parts Distributors Since 2019

Puerto Rico saw the highest growth rate among all U.S. states in electronic parts distribution between 2019 and 2022.

This 44.8% increase reflects a strategic realignment in the semiconductor supply chain, where Puerto Rico is emerging as a critical node for regional distribution of AI hardware components. The growth suggests a deliberate shift away from traditional continental hubs, likely driven by tax incentives, logistics efficiency, and proximity to Latin American markets.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns 2019 and 2022, NAICS 423690 (Other electronic parts and equipment merchant wholesalers) • ALEX Intelligence computation
<https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-09-18-ai-semis-igrow-423690-state>



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Supply Chain Resilience Is Now Strategic

Puerto Rico's dominance in electronic parts distribution is not a fluke—it's a calculated move to diversify the U.S. semiconductor supply chain. With geopolitical tensions affecting mainland ports and trade routes, decentralized distribution centers in island territories offer faster, more secure access to critical AI hardware components. This shift underscores that resilience is no longer just about fabrication capacity, but about distribution density and redundancy.



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The Physical Layer Is Now Geopolitical

The data reveals that the physical layer of AI infrastructure—components, packaging, and distribution—is increasingly subject to strategic positioning. Puerto Rico’s rise signals a broader trend: the U.S. is building a distributed, multi-node supply chain that prioritizes speed, security, and redundancy over centralized control. This reconfiguration isn’t just economic—it’s a national security imperative in the age of AI-driven infrastructure.

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