Putnam County
Community Profile

#33 in order of county creation
Dec. 10, 1807

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Total Population
Putnam County

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Primary data sources: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial censuses and estimates; GA Office of Planning & Budget projections (2012 series).
Population Composition by Age
Putnam County

2012 Median Age
Putnam Co. = 44.1 yrs.   GA = 35.7 yrs.

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
### 2012 County Population Comparisons

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<th>County</th>
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<th>% Chg. 2010-12</th>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/13)
Population Change: 1930-2010

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Population Change: 2000-2010

Avg. GA County = 14.2%
GA = 18.3%
US = 9.7%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (3/11)
## Components of Population Change
### Natural Increase & Net Migration*

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<th>Area</th>
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<th>4/1/2010-7/1/2012 # Net Migration</th>
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* Numerical change includes “residual” not represented in either NI or NM.

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/13)
2011 Rates

Total births per 1,000 pop

- Putnam Co.: 12.2
- Georgia: 13.5

Unwed per 100 total births

- Putnam Co.: 48.3
- Georgia: 45.1

Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19

- Putnam Co.: 26.1
- Georgia: 25.5

Deaths per 1,000 pop

- Putnam Co.: 9.8
- Georgia: 7.2

Induced terminations per 1,000 females age 15-44

- Putnam Co.: 13.1
- Georgia: 14.7

Low birth weight per 100 births

- Putnam Co.: 9.7
- Georgia: 9.4

Infant deaths per 1,000 births

- Putnam Co.: 8.8
- Georgia: 7.9

10-yr. rates 2002-2011

2011 Putnam Co. Natality Data
261 total births, 126 unwed births
53 induced terminations
31 teen pregnancies
24 low birth weight babies

2011 Putnam Co. Mortality Data
209 total deaths
0 infant deaths

Primary data source: GA Dept. Public Health, OASIS
Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2008-2012
American Community Survey 5-Yr. Average

Grad or Prof Degree: 7.1% (Putnam Co.); 9.8% (Georgia)
Bachelor's degree: 11.7% (Putnam Co.); 17.7% (Georgia)
Associate degree: 7.5% (Putnam Co.); 6.6% (Georgia)
Some college, no degree: 20.1% (Putnam Co.); 20.5% (Georgia)
HS Grad: 29.4% (Putnam Co.); 35.5% (Georgia)
9th-12th no diploma: 12.2% (Putnam Co.); 10.1% (Georgia)
< 9th grade: 5.9% (Putnam Co.); 5.9% (Georgia)

Percent of Persons Age 25+

Putnam Co.
Not completing HS = 18.1%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 18.8%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Selected Public School Statistics: 2012-13

- **Teachers w/ adv degrees**: Putnam Co. 68.5%, Georgia 68.3%
- **Class '13 Grad Rate**: Putnam Co. 72.3%, Georgia 71.5%
- **Black Enrollment**: Putnam Co. 37.0%, Georgia 42.0%
- **Hispanic Enrollment**: Putnam Co. 11.3%, Georgia 9.6%
- **White Enrollment**: Putnam Co. 45.0%, Georgia 44.0%
- **Limited English Proficiency**: Putnam Co. 2.6%, Georgia 7.0%
- **Special Ed**: Putnam Co. 16.1%, Georgia 10.6%
- **Gifted**: Putnam Co. 8.1%, Georgia 11.3%
- **Students w/ disability**: Putnam Co. 10.6%, Georgia 16.1%
- **Eligible for Free/Red Lunch**: Putnam Co. 81.8%, Georgia 60.0%
- **Absent >15 days**: Putnam Co. 7.3%, Georgia 9.6%
- **HS Dropout rate**: Putnam Co. 2.5%, Georgia 3.6%

**Putnam Co.**
- K-12 enrollment = 2,695
- HS dropouts (Gr. 9-12) = 18
- General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $7,684

Primary data source:
Governor’s Office of Student Achievement
## Per Capita Income: 2011

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Primary data source: U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/13)
Per Capita Income: 2007-2011
Percentage Change

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/13)
Per Capita Income: 2007-2011

2011 PCI
Putnam Co. = $32,005

Georgia = $35,979
US = $41,560

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/13)
Transfer Receipts: 2011
Putnam Co. Total = $183,567,000

- Retirement/Disab: $39.1 billion (32.0% of total)
- Medicare: $26.4 billion (21.9% of total)
- Pub Med Assist: $13.9 billion (10.3% of total)
- Supp Sec Inc: $2.2 billion
- Family Assist: $0.5 billion
- SNAP: $4.7 billion
- Other Inc Maint: $8.0 billion
- Unemp: $4.1 billion
- Veteran Benefit: $3.8 billion
- All Other: $8.6 billion

Putnam Co.
$8,600 per capita transfer receipts
26.9% of total personal income
3.4% change in total 2010-11

Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/13)
Median Household Income
2012 Model-Based Estimates

- US: $51,371
- GEORGIA: $47,125
- GA Avg. Co.: $39,549
- PUTNAM: $40,644
- BALDWIN: $35,412
- GREENE: $43,406
- HANCOCK: $25,416
- JASPER: $41,842
- JONES: $51,941
- MORGAN: $46,445

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (12/13)
## Persons Living Below Poverty Level
### 2012 Model-Based Estimates

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Persons Living Below the Poverty Level
2012 Model-Based Estimates

Weighted average poverty threshold for a family household of 4 persons in 2012 = $23,492

Georgia
1,852,459 Persons
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19.2%

US = 15.9%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (12/13)
Civilian Labor Force Average Annual Unemployment Rates

2012 Rates
- Putnam Co. = 10.7
- GA = 9.0
- US = 8.1
- Avg. GA County = 10.1

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
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Employment Comparisons by Industry Group: 2012

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Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (7/13)
Components of 2012 Property Tax Gross Digest
Putnam County

- Residential: 64.3%
- Agricultural-Preferential-Environment-Conserv: 10.2%
- Industrial: 2.3%
- Commercial: 7.6%
- Motor Vehicle: 4.1%
- Mobile Home: 0.3%
- Timber: 0.1%
- Heavy Equipment: 0.003%
- Public Utility: 11.2%

40% Assessment Value of Property
Gross Digest = $1,580,022,571
Homestead & Property Exemptions = $208,994,193
Net M&O Digest = $1,371,028,378
Value of exempt property = $54,539,008

* Timber taxed at 100% based on previous year sales

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
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<th>2011 Taxes Levied* ($000)</th>
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*Countywide Includes .250 state millage. Taxes levied, but not necessarily collected. L=Local Option, S=Special Purpose, E=Educational, T=Transportation

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2012
Putnam Co. Total Value = $73,940,915

- Poultry-Egg: 55.4%
- Livestock: 26.1%
- Forestry: 6.0%
- Row-Forage crops: 3.1%
- Ornamental Horticulture: 3.7%
- Fruits-Nuts: 0.2%
- AgTourism: 3.7%
- Other: 3.1%
- Veges: 0.4%

Primary data source: Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA (12/13)
1% Sales & Use Tax Distributions: 2012
Putnam Co. = $3,755,413

A “pull factor” of 1.0 means that the county’s sales are what would be expected based upon the number of residents and their relative wealth.

Primary data sources: Georgia Dept. of Revenue, Sales & Use Tax Unit. Pull factors calculated.
Commuting to Work: 2008-2012
American Community Survey 5-Yr. Average
Putnam Co. Resident Workers = 8,839

Percentage of:
- Residents working in county: 47.7%
- Residents working out of county: 50.4%
- Residents driving to work alone: 78.9%
- Residents carpooling: 13.1%
- Residents working at home: 4.2%

Travel time to work for residents not working at home:
- < 20 min. = 43.9%
- 45+ min. = 17.4%

Mean travel time to work = 28.4 minutes

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
This study was developed to assist community leadership with their future planning and decision making.

Special Area Report
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