Putnam County
Community Profile

33rd in order of county creation
December 10, 1807

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Putnam County Total Population

- **2030 OPB Proj.**: 22,052
- **2020 OPB Proj.**: 21,873
- **2015 Estimate**: 21,353
- **2010 Est. Base**: 21,218
- **2000**: 18,812
- **1990**: 14,137
- **1980**: 10,295
- **1970**: 8,394
- **1960**: 7,798
- **1950**: 7,731
- **1940**: 8,514
- **1930**: 8,367

**Primary data sources:** U.S. Census Bureau, decennial censuses and estimates; GA Office of Planning & Budget projections (2015 series).
Population Composition by Age
Putnam County

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2015 Median Age
Putnam Co. = 45.7 yrs.  GA = 35.3 yrs.

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
## 2015 County Population Comparisons

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<th>County</th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>Total Rank</th>
<th>Density per sq.mi.</th>
<th>% Chg. 2010-15</th>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/16)
Population Change: 1930-2010

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Censuses
Population Change: 2010-2015

- LOSS
- Gain < US
- Gain > US but < GA
- Gain > GA
- Gain > 2x GA

Avg. GA County = 0.8%

GA = 5.4%
US = 4.1%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (1/17)
## Components of Population Change

### Natural Increase & Net Migration*

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<td><strong>Avg. County</strong></td>
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<td>1,883</td>
<td>1,368</td>
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<td>299,340</td>
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<td>5.3</td>
<td>6.2</td>
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* Numerical change includes “residual” not represented in either NI or NM.

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/16)
Selected Vital Statistics

2015 Rates

- Total births per 1,000 pop: Putnam Co. 11.3, Georgia 12.9
- Unwed per 100 total births: Putnam Co. 48.3, Georgia 45.1
- Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19: Putnam Co. 18.8, Georgia 16.9
- Deaths per 1,000 pop: Putnam Co. 7.8, Georgia 12.6
- **ITOP per 1,000 females age 10-55: Putnam Co. 7.1, Georgia 9.1
- Low birth weight per 100 births: Putnam Co. 9.7, Georgia 9.5
- Infant deaths per 1,000 births: Putnam Co. 7.9, Georgia 7.4

2015 Putnam Co. Natality Data
- 242 total births, 117 unwed births
- 35 induced terminations
- 22 teen pregnancies
- 19 low birth weight babies

2015 Putnam Co. Mortality Data
- 270 total deaths
- 2 infant deaths

Primary data source: GA Dept. Public Health, OASIS
**ITOP—Induced Terminations of Pregnancy
Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2011-2015
5 Yr. Avg. – American Community Survey

- Grad or Prof Degree: 5.1% (Putnam Co.), 10.7% (Georgia)
- Bachelor’s degree: 8.9% (Putnam Co.), 12.4% (Georgia)
- Associate degree: 7.2% (Putnam Co.), 19.1% (Georgia)
- Some college, no degree: 19.1% (Putnam Co.), 21.0% (Georgia)
- HS Grad: 28.4% (Putnam Co.), 28.4% (Georgia)
- 9th-12th no diploma: 9.5% (Putnam Co.), 9.2% (Georgia)
- <9th grade: 6.0% (Putnam Co.), 5.4% (Georgia)

Putnam Co.
Not completing HS = 15.5%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 17.5%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Selected Public School Statistics
School Year 2015-16

- Teachers with Adv Degrees: Putnam Co. 67.9%, Georgia 65.5%
- HOPE Eligible: Putnam Co. 32.4%, Georgia 43.0%
- Class '16 Grad Rate: Putnam Co. 91.8%, Georgia 79.4%
- Students with Disabilities: Putnam Co. 11.5%, Georgia 15.5%
- Limited English Proficiency: Putnam Co. 7.0%, Georgia 8.0%
- Gifted: Putnam Co. 7.1%, Georgia 11.5%
- Free/Reduced Lunch: Putnam Co. 62.0%, Georgia 74.0%
- Absent >15 Days: Putnam Co. 11.0%, Georgia 10.1%
- Retained in Grade: Putnam Co. 3.8%, Georgia 2.6%
- HS Dropout Rate: Putnam Co. 1.4%, Georgia 3.6%

Primary data source:
Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Putnam Co.
K12 enrollment = 2,722
HS dropouts = 11
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $10,284
# Per Capita Income: 2015

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<th>County</th>
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<th>% PCI of GA Total</th>
<th>% Change in PCI 2011-2015</th>
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<td>GA Avg. Co.</td>
<td>$48,112</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (1/17)
Per Capita Income: 2011-2015
Percentage Change

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (1/17)
Per Capita Income: 2011-2015

2015 PCI
Putnam Co. = $32,497
US = $48,112

Georgia = $40,306

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (1/17)
Median Household Income
2015 Model-Based Estimates

- US: $55,775
- GEORGIA: $51,225
- GA Avg. Co.: $42,510
- PUTNAM: $44,323
- BALDWIN: $38,015
- GREENE: $43,326
- HANCOCK: $28,328
- JASPER: $46,398
- JONES: $52,777
- MORGAN: $51,081

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (1/17)
Personal Current Transfer Receipts: 2015
Putnam Co. Total = $206,957,000

- Retirement/Disab: 43.2%
- Medicare: 26.9%
- Pub Med Assist: 13.7%
- Supp Sec Inc: 3.7%
- EI Tax Cred: 3.7%
- SNAP: 2.9%
- Other Inc Maint: 2.6%
- Unemployment: 0.6%
- Vet Benefits: 2.9%
- Edu/Train Assist: 1.0%
- All Other: 5.1%

Putnam Co. 
$9,692 per capita transfer receipts
29.8% of total personal income
4.9% change in total 2014-15

Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (1/17)
Transfer Receipts as a Percentage of Total Personal Income 2010-2015

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (1/17)
### Persons Living Below Poverty Level
#### 2015 Model-Based Estimates

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<td>GA Avg. Co.</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (1/17)
Persons Living Below the Poverty Level
2015 Model-Based Estimates

6.3 – 15.3%
15.3 – 20.3%
20.3 – 24.1%
24.1 – 27.5%
27.5 – 42.0%

Weighted average poverty threshold for a family household of 4 persons in 2015 = $24,257

Georgia
1,705,831 Persons
17.2%
US = 14.7%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (1/17)
Civilian Labor Force Average Annual Unemployment Rates

Putnam Co. Georgia U. S.

2015 Rates
Putnam Co. = 8.0  GA = 5.9  US = 5.3
Avg. GA County = 6.7

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
## Establishments, Employment & Wages: 2015 Averages

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Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (7/16)
Employment Comparisons by Industry Group: 2015

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<th>Avg. GA County</th>
<th>Georgia</th>
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<td>Government</td>
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Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (7/16)
Components of 2015 Property Tax Gross Digest
Putnam County

- Mobile Home: 0.3%
- Motor Vehicle: 2.6%
- Public Utility: 10.9%
- Industrial: 2.8%
- Commercial: 7.4%
- Ag-Preferential-Environ-Conserv: 9.0%
- Timber *: 0.2%
- Heavy Equipment: 0.001%
- Residential: 66.8%

40% Assessment Value of Property
Gross Digest = $1,518,719,113
Homestead & Property Exemptions = $183,058,726
Net M&O Digest = $1,335,660,387
Value of exempt property = $54,718,032

* Timber taxed at 100% based on previous year sales

Primary data source:
GA Dept. of Revenue
Data downloaded 7/16
### Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax Rate

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<th>Putnam Co. Tax Districts</th>
<th>2015 Millage Rates</th>
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<th>Sales Tax Rate as of 1/1/2017</th>
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<td>MORGAN $22,448,740</td>
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No Bonds

Taxes levied, but not necessarily collected. L=Local Option, H=Homestead, S=Special Purpose, E=Educational, T=Transportation

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
2015 Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group
Putnam Co. Total Value = $106,941,071

- Poultry-Egg: 47.3%
- Livestock: 36.3%
- Row-Forage crops: 4.4%
- Forestry: 2.8%
- Ornamental Horticulture: 1.9%
- Veges: 0.3%
- Fruits-Nuts: 0.3%
- Ag Tourism & Other Inc.: 6.6%

Primary data source: UGA Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development
http://farmgate.caes.uga.edu/TotalValueReport.aspx
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.

Commuting to Work: 2011-2015
5 Yr. Average – American Community Survey

Percentage of:
- Residents working in county: 49.5%
- Residents working out of county: 50.5%
- Residents driving to work alone: 80.5%
- Residents carpooling: 12.3%
- Residents working at home: 3.6%

Putnam Co.
Resident workers 16+ = 9,205

Travel time to work for residents not working at home:
- < 10 min. = 15.6%
- 60+ min. = 9.5%

Mean travel time to work = 25.9 minutes

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (1/17)
This study was developed to assist community leadership with their future planning and decision making.

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