Putnam County
Community Profile

33rd in order of county creation
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Total Population
Putnam County

2020 OPB Proj. 24,855
2015 OPB Proj. 23,023
2009 Estimate 20,495
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 & estimate; GA Office of Planning & Budget projections.
Population Composition by Age
Putnam County

Change in proportion 2000-2009

- 65+
- 45-64
- 20-44
- 5-19
- < 5

2009 Estimated Median Age
Putnam Co. = 43.4 yrs.  GA = 34.9 yrs.

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
## 2009 County Population Comparisons

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<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<th>Density per sq.mi.</th>
<th>% Chg. 2000-09</th>
<th>Rank of % Chg.</th>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/09)
# Components of Population Change

## Natural Increase & Net Migration*

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<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>2000-2009 Numerical Change*</th>
<th>2000-2009 # Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)</th>
<th>2000-2009 # Net Migration</th>
<th>2008-09 1-yr Natural Increase Rate</th>
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* Numerical change includes “residual” not represented in either NI or NM.

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Selected Vital Statistics

2007 Rates

- Total births per 1,000 pop: Putnam Co. 13.4, Georgia 15.8
- Unwed per 100 total births: Putnam Co. 55.4, Georgia 43.8
- Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19: Putnam Co. 36.5, Georgia 35.3
- Deaths per 1,000 pop: Putnam Co. 9.9, Georgia 7.1
- Induced terminations per 1,000 females age 15-44: Putnam Co. 13.1, Georgia 14.9
- Low birth weight per 100 births: Putnam Co. 9.1, Georgia 9.1
- Infant deaths per 1,000 births: Putnam Co. 8.4, Georgia 12.4

10-yr. rates 1998-2007

- 2007 Putnam Co. Natality Data: 271 total births, 150 unwed births, 47 induced terminations, 41 teen pregnancies, 22 low birth weight babies
- 2007 Putnam Co. Mortality Data: 200 total deaths, 3 infant deaths

Primary data source: GA Dept. Public Health, OASIS
Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2000

- Grad or Prof Degree: 5.8% (Putnam Co.), 8.3% (Georgia)
- Bachelor's degree: 4.4% (Putnam Co.), 5.2% (Georgia)
- Associate degree: 5.2% (Putnam Co.), 4.4% (Georgia)
- Some college, no degree: 16.1% (Putnam Co.), 20.4% (Georgia)
- HS Grad: 13.8% (Putnam Co.), 28.7% (Georgia)
- 9th-12th no diploma: 7.9% (Putnam Co.), 16.6% (Georgia)
- < 9th grade: 7.6% (Putnam Co.), 7.6% (Georgia)

Putnam Co.
Not completing HS = 24.5%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 14.4%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Selected Public School Statistics
School Year 2008-09

- Teachers w/adv degrees: Georgia 56.5, Putnam Co. 59.5
- College prep certif: Georgia 56.5, Putnam Co. 59.5
- HOPE Eligible: Georgia 23.0, Putnam Co. 28.9
- Class '09 Grad Rate: Georgia 75.0, Putnam Co. 78.9
- Gifted: Georgia 9.3, Putnam Co. 14.8
- Special Ed: Georgia 14.8, Putnam Co. 10.6
- Econ Disadvantaged: Georgia 53.9, Putnam Co. 71.5
- Retained in grade: Georgia 3.8, Putnam Co. 3.4
- Absent >15 days: Georgia 8.7, Putnam Co. 9.0
- HS Dropout rate: Georgia 3.8, Putnam Co. 3.9

Primary data source:
Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Putnam Co.
K12 enrollment = 2,654
HS dropouts = 31
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $7,540
Per Capita Income: 2003-2008

2008 PCI
Putnam Co. = $34,248
Georgia = $34,849
US = $40,166

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/10)
Per Capita Income: 2003-2008
Percentage Change

Putnam Co.

Georgia

US

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/10)
## Per Capita Income: 2008

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<th>County</th>
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<th>% PCI of GA Total</th>
<th>% Change in PCI 2003-2008</th>
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<td>GA Avg. Co.</td>
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<td>81.9</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/10)
Median Household Income
2009 Model-Based Estimates

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/10)
Persons Living Below the Poverty Level
2009 Model-Based Estimates

Georgia
1,585,116 Persons
16.6%

Weighted average poverty threshold for a family household of 4 persons in 2009 = $21,954

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (12/10)
Transfer Receipts: 2008
Putnam Co. Total = $148,108,000

- Retirement/Disab: 33.3% (Putnam Co.), 39.9% (Georgia)
- Medicare: 23.1% (Putnam Co.), 26.5% (Georgia)
- Pub Med Assist: 10.8% (Putnam Co.), 15.5% (Georgia)
- Supp Sec Inc: 2.2% (Putnam Co.), 1.6% (Georgia)
- Family Assist: 0.4% (Putnam Co.), 0.4% (Georgia)
- Food Stamps: 2.7% (Putnam Co.), 2.0% (Georgia)
- Other Inc Maint: 6.2% (Putnam Co.), 6.8% (Georgia)
- Unemp: 2.6% (Putnam Co.), 3.3% (Georgia)
- Veteran Benefit: 2.3% (Putnam Co.), 3.4% (Georgia)
- All Other: 10.0% (Putnam Co.), 7.0% (Georgia)

$7,242 per capita transfer receipts
21.6% of total personal income
12.8% change in total 2007-08

Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/10)
## Persons Living Below Poverty Level
### 2009 Model-Based Estimates

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<td>GA Avg. Co.</td>
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**Primary data source:** U. S. Census Bureau (12/10)
Unemployment Rates

2009 Rates

Putnam Co. = 10.5
GA = 9.6
US = 9.3

Avg. GA County = 10.5

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
## Establishments, Employment & Wages: 2009 Averages

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<td>TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING</td>
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<td>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</td>
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<td>TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES</td>
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Employment Comparisons by Industry Group: 2009

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<th>Avg. GA County</th>
<th>Georgia</th>
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Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (8/10)
Components of 2009 Property Tax Gross Digest
Putnam County

- Mobile Home: 0.3%
- Heavy Equipment: 0.01%
- Timber *: 0.1%
- Motor Vehicle: 3.8%
- Public Utility: 7.6%
- Industrial: 2.4%
- Commercial: 7.7%
- Ag-Preferential-Environ-Conserv: 8.7%
- Residential: 69.4%

40% Assessment Value of Property
Gross Digest = $1,781,271,534
Homestead & Property Exemptions = $246,123,679
Net M&O Digest = $1,535,147,855
Value of exempt property = $52,283,841

* Timber taxed at 100% based on previous year sales

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
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<th>County</th>
<th>'09 County-wide Millage*</th>
<th>'09 School Millage*</th>
<th>'08 Taxes Levied* ($000)</th>
<th>Sales Tax Rate as of 10/10</th>
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*Countywide Includes .250 state millage. School includes bonds, if any. Taxes levied, but not necessarily collected. Sales Tax: 4% State not included; L=Local Option, S=Special Purpose, E=Educational

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2009
Putnam Co. Total Value = $82,224,281

- Poultry-Egg: 52.1%
- Livestock: 27.4%
- Forestry: 6.3%
- Row-Forage crops: 5.3%
- Ornamental Horticulture: 0.8%
- Veges-Fruits-Nuts: 0.6%
- Other: 7.4%

Primary data source: Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA (5/10)
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.

Putnam County
Mean travel time to work = 26.5 min.
Ratio of IN to OUT = 0.57

Resident workers 16+ = 8,055
Residents working in county = 4,479
Residents working out of county = 3,576
Total working in county = 6,513
Workers commuting into county = 2,034

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

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