

# PUTNAM COUNTY GROWTH

## Population

	<b>Putnam Co</b>	State of WV
1990	<b>42,835</b>	1,793,477
1994	<b>47,857</b>	1,818,619
1996	<b>49,449</b>	1,820,261
1998	<b>51,164</b>	1,811,156
2000	<b>51,589</b>	1,808,344
2001*	<b>51,730</b>	1,801,614
2002*	<b>52,309</b>	1,804,884
2003*	<b>53,033</b>	1,810,354
2004*	<b>53,836</b>	1,815,354
2005*	<b>54,443</b>	1,816,856
2006*	not available as of 1/1/2007	
Gain in Population since 1990	<b>increase of 11,608</b>	increase of 23,379
	<b>27.1%</b>	1.3%

\* estimates

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Website

Putnam County continues its growth and development between the two largest cities in West Virginia. Populations for both Charleston and Huntington have declined by 4.2% and 4.4% respectively from 2000 to 2005 according to the US Bureau of the Census. As the above table shows, Putnam County's population has grown by 27.1% since 1990 and 5.5% from 2000 to 2005.

Commercial/Industrial growth in Putnam County continues at a steady pace due to the rural land available for development and the continued expansion of infrastructure. Completion of the relocation of US35 in the very near future will provide further options for new commercial/industrial development, along with residential development. With current and future development, Putnam County is responsibly preserving the past and history of Putnam County.

As you read and browse through this report you will find that progressive development continued during 2006 in Historically Rich Putnam County.