

# 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*	<b>54,982</b>	1,818,470
2007*	not available as of 1/21/07	
Gain in Population since 1990	<b>increase of 12,147</b>	increase of 24,993
	<b>28.4%</b>	1.4%

\* estimates

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Website

Putnam County continues its growth and development between the two largest cities in West Virginia, Charleston and Huntington. Populations for both Kanawha and Cabell Counties, homes of Charleston and Huntington, have declined by 3.8% and 3.0% respectively from 2000 to 2006 according to the US Bureau of the Census. As the above table shows, Putnam County's population has grown by 28.4% since 1990 and 6.6% from 2000 to 2006.

Commercial/Industrial growth in Putnam County continues at a steady pace due to the rural land available for development. Completion of the relocation of US35 in the very near future will provide further options for new commercial/industrial development, along with residential development.

As you read and browse through this report you will find that development in Putnam County continued during 2007 at a steady pace.