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## Putnam County

A FLORIDA COUNTY GUIDE · NORTH FLORIDA & FIRST COAST

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### REGION

**North Florida & First Coast**

### COMMUNITIES TO START WITH

**Palatka, Crescent City, Interlachen**

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The St. Johns River, lakes, trails and historic Palatka define a lower-density county between Gainesville and the Atlantic Coast.

**Lifestyle:** River life · Trails · Small city

## Putnam County by the numbers

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|-------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Population<br>Census estimate             | <b>75,164</b>    | At the last full count<br>2020 Census | <b>73,321</b>       |
| Median age                                | <b>45.0</b>      | Aged 65 and over                      | <b>23.8%</b>        |
| Under 18                                  | <b>21.2%</b>     | Median household income               | <b>\$47,934</b>     |
| Median home value<br>what owners estimate | <b>\$160,300</b> | Homeownership                         | <b>75.4%</b>        |
| People per household                      | <b>2.35</b>      | Average commute                       | <b>29.6 minutes</b> |

U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, published January 2026, read September 19, 2026. Survey figures are estimates; median home value is what owners estimate their home is worth, not a sale price.

## Communities to compare

### Palatka

Start with Palatka to understand the established center, nearby services and everyday rhythm within Putnam County.

### Interlachen

Walk or drive through Interlachen at different times of day to judge traffic, neighborhood character and access to outdoor space.

### Crescent City

Use Crescent City to compare housing patterns, main-road access and the shopping or medical stops used during a normal week.

# Places that reveal the county

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## Ravine Gardens State Park

Fifty-nine acres of steep ravine in Palatka, planted with azaleas by the Works Progress Administration in the 1930s.

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## Palatka Historic District

Two National Register districts covering the old heart of Palatka, both listed on the same day in November 1983.

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## Welaka State Forest

A 2,287-acre state forest on the east bank of the St. Johns River above Welaka, with a short trail to a boil in the woods.

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## St. Johns River Center

A free interpretive center on the Palatka riverfront explaining the St. Johns, and the welcome station for the Bartram Trail in this region.

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## Welaka National Fish Hatchery

A federal fish hatchery on the St. Johns River, running since 1926, with a public aquarium and two pond systems.

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## Dunns Creek State Park

Over 6,300 acres on the creek that drains Crescent Lake into the St. Johns River, fifteen miles south of Palatka.

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## Crescent Lake

A 15,960-acre lake shaped like its name, thirteen miles long and two wide, straddling the Putnam and Flagler county line.

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## Rodman Recreation Area

The dam and reservoir left behind by the abandoned Cross Florida Barge Canal, and one of the more productive bass waters in the state.

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## Bronson-Mulholland House

An 1854 Southern Colonial house at Sunny Point in Palatka, built by a federal judge who died a year after finishing it.

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## Palatka Mural Tour

More than thirty painted murals across downtown Palatka, telling the town's river history on the walls of its buildings.

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# Where to check

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**Florida disaster preparedness maps** · Official evacuation-zone, route and storm-surge planning maps.

[floridadisaster.org](https://floridadisaster.org)

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**Florida school accountability reports** · Current state school and district accountability information.

[fldoe.org](https://fldoe.org)

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**Florida community health data** · County-level public health indicators and community reports.

[flhealthcharts.gov](https://flhealthcharts.gov)

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**Florida housing resources** · State resources for homebuyers, renters and local assistance programs.

[floridahousing.org](https://floridahousing.org)

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