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# Putnam 529 for America<sup>SM</sup> College Savings Plan Performance update

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## Putnam 529 for America — Age-based portfolios

Class A share total returns and expense ratios as of 9/30/17

Portfolios	Inception date	One year		Three years		Five years		Since inception		Total expense ratio
		Before sales charge	After sales charge	Before sales charge	After sales charge	Before sales charge	After sales charge	Before sales charge	After sales charge	
Putnam 529 Age-Based Graduate	10/1/10	1.06%	-4.75%	0.47%	-1.49%	1.62%	0.42%	1.92%	1.06%	0.96%
Putnam 529 Age-Based Graduate Index		3.27	—	2.43	—	2.71	—	2.90	—	—
Putnam 529 Age-Based 1996	10/1/10	1.09	-4.72	0.76	-1.21	2.91	1.70	3.76	2.89	0.98
Putnam 529 Age-Based 1996 Index		1.42	—	1.31	—	3.05	—	4.10	—	—
Putnam 529 Age-Based 1997	10/1/10	1.59	-4.25	1.17	-0.81	3.47	2.26	4.32	3.44	1.00
Putnam 529 Age-Based 1997 Index		1.77	—	1.69	—	3.58	—	4.65	—	—
Putnam 529 Age-Based 1998	10/1/10	2.27	-3.61	1.60	-0.38	4.10	2.87	4.89	4.00	1.03
Putnam 529 Age-Based 1998 Index		2.30	—	2.14	—	4.16	—	5.21	—	—
Putnam 529 Age-Based 1999	10/1/10	3.13	-2.80	2.13	0.14	4.74	3.51	5.47	4.58	1.04
Putnam 529 Age-Based 1999 Index		2.95	—	2.61	—	4.77	—	5.78	—	—
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2000	10/1/10	4.08	-1.91	2.66	0.65	5.38	4.14	6.03	5.13	1.07
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2000 Index		3.74	—	3.14	—	5.39	—	6.35	—	—
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2001	10/1/10	5.11	-0.93	3.25	1.23	6.06	4.81	6.58	5.68	1.08
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2001 Index		4.60	—	3.71	—	6.04	—	6.90	—	—
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2002	10/1/10	6.24	0.13	3.87	1.84	6.74	5.48	7.11	6.21	1.09
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2002 Index		5.57	—	4.32	—	6.70	—	7.44	—	—
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2003	10/1/10	7.59	1.41	4.53	2.48	7.40	6.14	7.63	6.72	1.10
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2003 Index		6.69	—	4.96	—	7.34	—	7.98	—	—
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2004	10/1/10	8.97	2.70	5.14	3.09	8.02	6.75	8.11	7.20	1.11
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2004 Index		7.87	—	5.55	—	7.94	—	8.46	—	—
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2005	10/1/10	10.28	3.94	5.65	3.58	8.58	7.30	8.51	7.59	1.12
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2005 Index		9.10	—	6.06	—	8.49	—	8.90	—	—
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2006	10/1/10	11.58	5.16	6.13	4.05	9.09	7.80	8.87	7.95	1.13
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2006 Index		10.34	—	6.54	—	9.00	—	9.29	—	—
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2007	10/1/10	12.52	6.05	6.43	4.35	9.46	8.18	9.13	8.21	1.13
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2007 Index		11.21	—	6.86	—	9.39	—	9.59	—	—
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2008	10/1/10	13.26	6.75	6.66	4.58	9.80	8.50	9.36	8.44	1.13
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2008 Index		11.98	—	7.12	—	9.73	—	9.85	—	—
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2009	10/1/10	13.94	7.39	6.88	4.79	10.06	8.77	9.58	8.65	1.14
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2009 Index		12.72	—	7.34	—	10.01	—	10.06	—	—
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2010	10/1/10	14.70	8.10	7.12	5.03	10.34	9.04	9.77	8.85	1.14
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2010 Index		13.45	—	7.57	—	10.27	—	10.26	—	—
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2011	1/3/11	15.38	8.75	7.31	5.22	10.55	9.25	9.17	8.22	1.14
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2011 Index		14.15	—	7.78	—	10.51	—	9.53	—	—
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2012	1/3/12	15.98	9.31	7.51	5.41	10.76	9.46	11.75	10.60	1.15
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2012 Index		14.78	—	7.99	—	10.72	—	11.69	—	—
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2013	1/2/13	16.35	9.66	7.63	5.53	—	—	11.13	9.76	1.15
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2013 Index		15.28	—	8.16	—	—	—	11.11	—	—
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2014	1/2/14	16.77	10.06	7.77	5.66	—	—	7.75	6.06	1.15
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2014 Index		15.69	—	8.29	—	—	—	7.96	—	—
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2015	1/2/15	16.99	10.26	—	—	—	—	7.24	4.96	1.16
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2015 Index		16.01	—	—	—	—	—	8.16	—	—
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2016	1/4/16	17.15	10.41	—	—	—	—	11.82	8.10	1.16
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2016 Index		16.25	—	—	—	—	—	13.63	—	—
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2017*	1/3/17	—	—	—	—	—	—	13.60	7.07	1.16
Putnam 529 Age-Based 2017 Index*		—	—	—	—	—	—	13.98	—	—

## Putnam 529 for America — Goal-based portfolios

Class A share total returns and expense ratios as of 9/30/17

Portfolios	Inception date	One year		Three years		Five years		Since inception		Total expense ratio
		Before sales charge	After sales charge	Before sales charge	After sales charge	Before sales charge	After sales charge	Before sales charge	After sales charge	
Balanced	10/1/10	13.00%	6.50%	6.58%	4.49%	8.89%	7.61%	8.61%	7.69%	1.12%
Balanced Index		11.65	—	7.03	—	8.83	—	8.98	—	—
Growth	10/1/10	17.29	10.54	7.91	5.80	11.07	9.76	10.32	9.39	1.16
Growth Index		16.50	—	8.56	—	11.17	—	10.93	—	—
Aggressive Growth	10/1/10	18.95	12.11	8.45	6.33	12.26	10.94	11.45	10.51	1.18
Aggressive Growth Index		19.14	—	9.39	—	12.57	—	12.06	—	—

Performance reflects ongoing fees and expenses, including an annualized 0.20% fee charged by the College Savings Plans of Nevada and the Nevada College Savings Trust Fund and the fees and other expenses of the Putnam Mutual Funds in which the plan invests.

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## Putnam 529 for America — Individual options

Class A share total returns and expense ratios as of 9/30/17

Portfolios	Inception date	One year		Three years		Five years		Since inception		Total expense ratio
		Before sales charge	After sales charge	Before sales charge	After sales charge	Before sales charge	After sales charge	Before sales charge	After sales charge	
Putnam Equity Income Fund	10/1/10	17.54%	10.79%	8.55%	6.43%	13.31%	11.98%	13.10%	12.14%	1.10%
Russell 1000 Value Index		15.12	—	8.53	—	13.20	—	13.15	—	—
Putnam Small Cap Value Fund	9/12/14	20.47	13.54	10.61	8.45	—	—	8.85	6.76	1.29
Russell 2000 Value Index		20.55	—	12.12	—	—	—	9.87	—	—
MFS Institutional International Equity Fund	10/1/10	20.07	13.17	5.92	3.85	8.32	7.04	7.09	6.19	1.10
MSCI EAFE Index (ND)		19.10	—	5.04	—	8.38	—	6.32	—	—
Putnam Growth Opportunities Fund	7/5/16	22.63	15.57	—	—	—	—	25.00	19.14	1.20
Russell 1000 Growth Index		21.94	—	—	—	—	—	21.85	—	—
Principal MidCap Fund	10/1/10	20.03	13.13	12.13	9.94	15.22	13.87	15.63	14.66	1.09
Russell Mid Cap Index		15.32	—	9.54	—	14.26	—	13.75	—	—
SSGA S&P 500 Index	6/27/12	17.88	11.11	10.20	8.04	13.55	12.21	14.63	13.34	0.55
S&P 500 Index		18.61	—	10.81	—	14.22	—	15.31	—	—
Putnam High Yield*†	4/21/17	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.40	-0.74	1.23
JPMorgan Developed High Yield Index*		—	—	—	—	—	—	3.75	—	—
Putnam Income Fund	10/1/10	2.72	-1.39	1.50	0.12	2.57	1.73	3.66	3.06	0.99
BBG Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index		0.07	—	2.71	—	2.06	—	2.96	—	—
Federated U.S. Government Securities Fund	10/1/10	-1.35	-5.29	0.29	-1.06	-0.23	-1.04	0.35	-0.23	0.97
BofA Merrill Lynch 3–5 Year Treasury Index		-0.46	—	1.80	—	1.13	—	1.68	—	—
Putnam Government Money Market Fund†	8/18/16	0.02	0.02	—	—	—	—	0.01	0.01	0.90
Lipper U.S. Government Money Market Funds Average		0.21	—	—	—	—	—	0.19	—	—
Absolute Return 100 Fund	10/1/10	3.35	2.32	1.27	0.93	1.35	1.15	1.09	0.95	0.80
BofA Merrill Lynch U.S. Treasury Bill Index		0.64	—	0.34	—	0.24	—	0.21	—	—
Absolute Return 300 Fund	10/1/10	6.10	5.04	1.11	0.78	2.27	2.06	1.78	1.63	0.98
BofA Merrill Lynch U.S. Treasury Bill Index		0.64	—	0.34	—	0.24	—	0.21	—	—
Absolute Return 500 Fund	10/1/10	5.14	-0.91	2.29	0.29	2.50	1.29	3.22	2.35	1.25
BofA Merrill Lynch U.S. Treasury Bill Index		0.64	—	0.34	—	0.24	—	0.21	—	—
Absolute Return 700 Fund	10/1/10	7.61	1.42	3.26	1.24	3.57	2.35	4.16	3.28	1.40
BofA Merrill Lynch U.S. Treasury Bill Index		0.64	—	0.34	—	0.24	—	0.21	—	—

\*“Since inception” performance is not annualized, but cumulative.

† You can lose money by investing in the fund. Although the fund seeks to preserve the value of your investment at \$1.00 per share, it cannot guarantee it will do so. An investment in the fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. The fund’s sponsor has no legal obligation to provide financial support to the fund, and you should not expect that the sponsor will provide financial support to the fund at any time.

‡ As of 5/8/17, the name of the underlying fund the portfolio invests in changed from Putnam High Yield Advantage to Putnam High Yield.

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## Indexes for age-based portfolios

The blended benchmark for the Age-Based Asset Allocation Investment Option is a blended customized index constructed by Putnam from up to eight unmanaged indexes that measure the markets in which the underlying investments invest. Indexes include the JPMorgan Developed High Yield Index, the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, the MSCI EAFE Index (ND), the MSCI Emerging Markets Index (ND), and the Russell 3000 Index. Indexes assume reinvestment of distributions and interest payments and do not include fees. Securities in the underlying investments do not match those in the indexes, and performance of the investment options will differ.

### **Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index**

is an unmanaged index of U.S. investment-grade fixed-income securities.

**BofA Merrill Lynch U.S. Treasury Bill Index** is an unmanaged index that tracks the performance of U.S. dollar denominated U.S. Treasury bills publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market. Qualifying securities must have a remaining term of at least one month to final maturity and a minimum amount outstanding of \$1 billion.

**BofA Merrill Lynch 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index** is an unmanaged index that seeks to measure the performance of U.S. Treasury bills available in the marketplace.

**BofA Merrill Lynch 3-5 Year U.S. Treasury Index** is an unmanaged index that measures the performance of Treasuries with maturities between three and five years.

**JPMorgan Developed High Yield Index** is an unmanaged index of high-yield fixed-income securities issued in developed countries.

**Lipper U.S. Government Money Market Funds Average** is an arithmetic average of the total return of all Lipper U.S. Government Money Market Funds.

**MSCI EAFE Index (ND)** is an unmanaged index of equity securities from developed countries in Western Europe, the Far East, and Australasia.

**MSCI Emerging Markets Index (ND)** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance in the global emerging markets.

**Russell 1000 Growth Index** is an unmanaged index of those companies in the large-cap Russell 1000 Index chosen for their growth orientation.

**Russell 1000 Value Index** is an unmanaged index of those companies in the large-cap Russell 1000 Index chosen for their value orientation.

**Russell 2000 Value Index** is an unmanaged index of those companies in the small-cap Russell 2000 Index chosen for their value orientation.

**Russell 3000 Index** is an unmanaged index that measures the performance of the largest 3,000 U.S. companies representing approximately 98% of the investable U.S. equity market.

**Russell Midcap Index** is an unmanaged index that measures the performance of the mid-cap segment of the U.S. equity universe. The Russell Midcap Index is a subset of the Russell 1000 Index.

**S&P 500 Index** is an unmanaged index of common stock performance.

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