

Portfolio Managers

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Objective

The fund seeks as high a level of current income exempt from federal income tax as the managers believe is consistent with preservation of capital.

Morningstar category

Muni National Short

Lipper category

Short Municipal Debt

Fund symbols

Class A	PSMEX
Class B	PSMFX
Class C	PSMTX
Class M	PSMMX
Class Y	PSMYX

This fund may be appropriate for:

- Investors seeking tax-advantaged income
- Investors who wish to have less interest-rate risk than that of longer-maturity municipal bonds
- Investors in a laddered municipal bond portfolio who want to use a diversified mutual fund for the short end of their portfolio

Credit qualities are shown as a percentage of the fund's net assets. A bond rated BBB or higher (SP-3 or higher, for short-term debt) is considered investment grade. This chart reflects the highest security rating provided by one or more of Standard & Poor's, Moody's, and Fitch. Ratings may vary over time. Cash and net other assets, if any, represent the market value weights of cash, derivatives, and short-term securities in the portfolio. **The fund itself has not been rated by an independent rating agency.**

Putnam Short-Term Municipal Income Fund

A national portfolio of short-term municipal bonds seeking tax-free income with lower interest-rate sensitivity

Tax-advantaged income

Pursues income free from federal income tax with a portfolio of municipal bonds selected from many states and market sectors.

Focus on total return

Seeks to offer a competitive yield and the potential for price appreciation while striving to protect investors' capital through prudent security selection and active risk management.

High-quality, short-term portfolio

The national portfolio features a range of high-quality, short-term bonds that seek to provide tax-free income with lower interest-rate sensitivity.

Fund description

The fund offers investors a national portfolio of short-term municipal bonds (maturities of under 3 years on average) that help provide high current income exempt from federal income tax (but that may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax).

The fund's managers will combine fundamental research and risk management to construct a portfolio that generally will seek a high rate of tax-free income with less volatility than longer-maturity

Portfolio quality

AAA	15.5%
AA	27.6
A	37.2
BBB	13.9
BB	1.8
Not rated	0.9
Cash and net other assets	3.1

The fund invests 94.2% of its assets in investment-grade tax-exempt bonds.

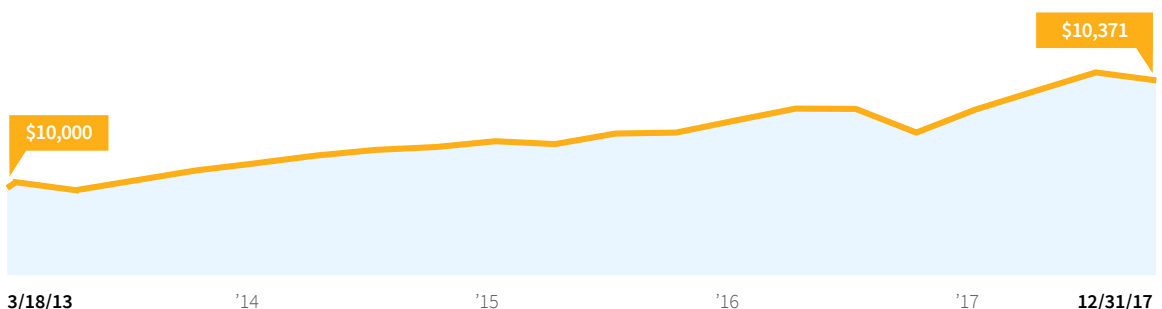
Sector weightings

Local debt	18.2%
Utilities	17.0
Transportation	11.3
Health care	10.8
State debt	8.4
Education	7.6
Housing	5.5
Financials	3.1
Other sectors	14.9
Cash and net other assets	3.1

Sectors represent 100% of the portfolio and will vary over time.

Growth of a \$10,000 investment

With dividends reinvested, the fund has returned an average of 0.8% annually since inception.



Current performance may be lower or higher than the quoted past performance, which cannot guarantee future results. Share price, principal value, and return will vary, and you may have a gain or a loss when you sell your shares. Performance of class Y shares assumes reinvestment of distributions and does not account for taxes. Class Y shares, available to investors through an asset-based fee program or for institutional clients, are sold without an initial sales charge and have no CDSC. For the most recent month-end performance, please visit putnam.com.

**Not FDIC insured
May lose value
No bank guarantee**

Lipper rankings

(Y shares, based on total return)

1 year	22% (23/107)
3 years	21% (19/93)

Expense ratio

(Y shares)

Total expense ratio
1.37%

What you pay

0.35%

"What you pay" reflects Putnam Management's decision to contractually limit expenses through 3/30/18.

Number of holdings

110

Net assets

\$15.82M

Dividend frequency

Monthly

Maturity breakdown

0 to 60 days	6.35%
2 months–6 months	8.67%
6 months–1 year	9.49%
1–2 years	28.44%
2–3 years	13.68%
More than 3 years	33.37%

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Option adjusted duration

1.94

Duration to worst

1.85

Average stated maturity

9.07

Average effective maturity

2.81

AMT exposure

8.30%

Top 10 state allocations

TX	13.62%
NY	13.44%
CA	7.87%
NJ	6.39%
IL	6.23%
PA	5.25%
CO	4.97%
GA	4.53%
VA	3.71%
WA	3.21%

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Annual performance at net asset value (all distributions reinvested)

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Y shares	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.8%	0.5%	0.0%	1.8%
BBG Barclays 3-year Municipal Bond Index	5.5%	5.8%	1.8%	3.5%	1.9%	1.3%	1.2	1.2	0.1	1.6

Annualized total return performance

Inception 3/18/13	Class Y shares	BBG Barclays 3-year Municipal Bond Index
1 year	1.77%	1.56%
3 years	0.75	0.94
Life of fund	0.77	1.01

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Attractive yield

	Net asset value
Current 30-day SEC yield* (without subsidy)	0.44%
Current 30-day SEC yield* (with subsidy)	1.42%
Taxable equivalent [†]	2.51%

* Based only on investment income, calculated using the maximum offering price in accordance with SEC guidelines..

[†] Assumes a maximum 43.40 % combined federal and state tax rate inclusive of the 3.80% Medicare surtax.

The Bloomberg (BBG) Barclays 3-year Municipal Bond Index is a subset of the Bloomberg (BBG) Barclays Municipal Bond Index that measures the performance of investment-grade issues with remaining maturities of two to four years. You cannot invest directly in an index.

Lipper rankings for class Y shares are based on total return without sales charge relative to all share classes of funds with similar objectives as determined by Lipper.

Option adjusted duration is the duration of a bond adjusting for any embedded optionality under multiple interest-rate scenarios. **Duration to worst** is the duration of a bond computed assuming the bond is called at the worst possible time and uses the date associated with the lowest yield. Depending on the interest-rate environment and structure of the bond, there may be scenarios in which the worst possible time for the bond to be paid off is the maturity date. **Average stated maturity** is determined based on the legal final maturity of a bond. **Average effective maturity** takes into account the likelihood of the bond being called.

Tax-free funds may not be suitable for IRAs and other non-taxable accounts.

Not all share classes are available on all platforms.

Consider these risks before investing: Bond prices may fall or fail to rise over time for several reasons, including general financial market conditions, changing market perceptions (including perceptions about the risk of default and expectations about monetary policy or interest rates), changes in government intervention in the financial markets, and factors related to a specific issuer or industry. These and other factors may lead to increased volatility and reduced liquidity in the fund's portfolio holdings. Bond investments are subject to interest-rate risk (the risk of bond prices falling if interest rates rise) and credit risk (the risk of an issuer defaulting on interest or principal payments). Interest-rate risk is greater for longer-term bonds, and credit risk is greater for below-investment-grade bonds. Interest the fund receives might be taxable. Unlike bonds, funds that invest in bonds have fees and expenses. Tax-exempt bonds may be issued under the Internal Revenue Code only by limited types of issuers for limited types of projects. As a result, the fund's investments may be focused in certain market segments and be more vulnerable to fluctuations in the values of the securities it holds than a more broadly invested fund. Capital gains, if any, are taxed at the federal and, in most cases, state levels. For some investors, investment income may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax. You can lose money by investing in the fund.

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