

# Putnam Tax Exempt Income Fund

**Class Y: PTEYX Class A: PTAEX Class C: PTECX Class R6: PEXTX**

**Municipals | Factsheet as of September 30, 2025**

## Investment Overview

The fund seeks as high a level of current income exempt from federal income tax as the portfolio managers believe to be consistent with preservation of capital by investing in municipal bonds selected from many states and market sectors.

## Average Annual Total Returns (%)

	Without Sales Charges					With Sales Charges					Inception Date
	1-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr	10-Yr	Inception	1-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr	10-Yr	Inception	
Class Y	0.47	5.50	1.16	2.50	5.76	0.47	5.50	1.16	2.50	5.76	12/31/1976
Class A	0.21	5.24	0.91	2.26	5.67	-3.80	3.82	0.08	1.85	5.58	12/31/1976
Class C	-0.53	4.45	0.16	1.65	5.53	-1.50	4.45	0.16	1.65	5.53	12/31/1976
Class R6	0.49	5.53	1.18	2.51	5.76	0.49	5.53	1.18	2.51	5.76	12/31/1976
Benchmark	1.39	4.74	0.86	2.34	—	1.39	4.74	0.86	2.34	—	—

## Cumulative Total Returns (% Without Sales Charge)

	3-Mo	YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Class Y	3.09	1.88	2.61	7.57	-10.41	2.39	4.83	8.37	0.91	6.09	0.60	2.86
Class A	3.03	1.69	2.35	7.31	-10.57	2.13	4.48	8.15	0.70	5.88	0.38	2.65
Class C	2.83	1.12	1.58	6.50	-11.30	1.36	3.76	7.29	-0.09	5.04	-0.41	1.84
Class R6	3.10	1.90	2.50	7.61	-10.29	2.41	4.74	8.39	0.92	6.09	0.60	2.86
Benchmark	3.00	2.64	1.05	6.40	-8.53	1.52	5.21	7.54	1.28	5.45	0.25	3.30

**Performance data quoted represents past performance, which does not guarantee future results.** Current performance may be lower or higher than the figures shown. Principal value and investment returns will fluctuate, and investors' shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost. Performance would have been lower if fees had not been waived in various periods. Total returns assume the reinvestment of all distributions and the deduction of all fund expenses. Returns with sales charge reflect a deduction of the stated maximum sales charge. An investor cannot invest directly in an index, and unmanaged index returns do not reflect any fees, expenses or sales charges. Returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. All classes of shares may not be available to all investors or through all distribution channels. For current month-end performance, please visit [franklintempleton.com](http://franklintempleton.com).

The fund began offering Class Y shares on 1/2/2008, the fund began offering Class C shares on 7/26/1999, and the fund began offering Class R6 shares on 5/22/2018. Performance quotations have been calculated as follows: (a) Class Y periods prior to 1/2/2008 are based on the fund's Class A performance, which has not been adjusted for the lower operating expenses; had it been adjusted, performance would be higher; for Class C periods prior to 7/26/1999, a restated figure is used based on the fund's Class A performance; for Class R6 periods prior to 5/22/2018 are based on the fund's Class Y performance, which has not been adjusted for the lower operating expenses; had it been adjusted, performance would be higher; The restated performance for Class C was adjusted to take into account differences in class-specific operating expenses and maximum sales charges. (b) For periods after the share class offering, performance for the specific share class is used, reflecting the expenses and maximum sales charges applicable to that class. Class C share performance reflects conversion to class A shares after eight years.

## Share Class Details

	CUSIP	Ticker	Sales Charges (%)		Expenses (%)		Taxable Equivalent Yield			
			Max	CDSC	Gross	Net	30-Day SEC Yield (%)		Without Waiver	With Waiver
							Without Waiver	With Waiver		
Class Y	746870500	PTEYX	0.00	—	0.67	0.67	3.81	3.81	6.44	6.44
Class A	746870104	PTAEX	4.00	—	0.92	0.92	3.57	3.57	6.03	6.03
Class C	746870401	PTECX	0.00	1.00	1.67	1.67	2.81	2.81	4.75	4.75
Class R6	746870708	PEXTX	0.00	—	0.64	0.64	3.84	3.84	6.49	6.49

Gross expenses are the fund's total annual operating expenses as of the fund's prospectus available at the time of publication. Net expenses are capped under a contractual agreement, which cannot be terminated prior to 01/30/2026 without Board consent. Actual expenses may be higher and may impact portfolio returns. There is a 1% CDSC on any Class C shares you sell within 12 months of purchase.

## Morningstar Rating™

Overall Rating as of September 30, 2025

★★★★ Class Y

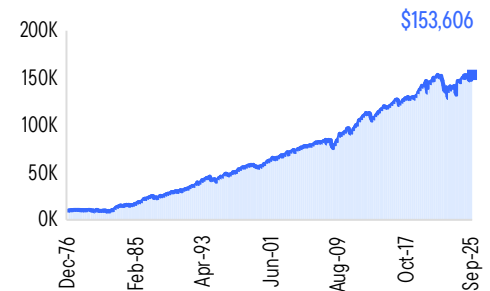
★★★ Class A

As of 09/30/2025 the fund's Class Y shares received a 4 star and Class A shares received a 3 star overall Morningstar rating™, measuring risk-adjusted returns against 162, 158 and 115 Muni National Long funds over the 3-, 5- and 10- year periods, respectively. A fund's overall rating is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its 3-, 5- and 10-year (if applicable) rating metrics.

## Growth of \$10,000

Class Y Shares—Inception through September 30, 2025

Excluding Effects of Sales Charges



## Fund Overview

Dividend Frequency, if any	Monthly
Morningstar Category	Muni National Long
Lipper Classification	General & Insured Municipal Debt
Turnover (fiscal yr)	35%

## Benchmark(s)

Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index

## Fund Characteristics

	Fund
Total Net Assets	\$518.32 Million
Weighted Average Maturity	18.00 Years
Effective Duration	7.46 Years
AMT Exposure	13.59%

## Risk Statistics (3-Year—Class Y)

	Fund
Beta	1.18
Standard Deviation (%)	7.55

Sector Allocation (% of Total)

	Fund
Housing	17.11
Transportation	15.85
Health Care	15.28
Education	11.30
Industrial Dev. Revenue and Pollution Control	9.36
Lease	7.77
Special Tax	6.70
Utilities	4.45
Local	3.24
State General Obligation	2.71
Refunded	0.72
Not Available	0.22
Exchange Traded	-0.04
Other Revenue Bonds	4.53
Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.81

State / U.S. Territory Allocation (% of Total)

	Fund
New York	8.51
Texas	8.22
Illinois	7.51
California	6.39
Wisconsin	4.67
District of Columbia	4.66
Pennsylvania	3.78
N/A	3.61
Other	51.82
Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.81

Credit Quality Allocation (% of Total)

	Fund
AAA	4.76
AA	35.16
A	24.93
BBB	16.19
BB	5.96
B	0.03
Refunded	0.72
NR	9.03
Not Applicable	2.41
Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.81

Portfolio Data Information

Ratings shown are assigned by one or more Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations ("NRSRO"), such as Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Fitch. When ratings from multiple agencies are available, the highest is used, consistent with the portfolio investment process. Ratings reflect an NRSRO's opinion of an issuer's creditworthiness and typically range from AAA (highest) to D (lowest). The Refunded category consists of refunded bonds secured by U.S. government or other high-quality securities. The Not Rated category consists of ratable securities that have not been rated by an NRSRO. The Not Applicable category consists of third-party ETFs and securities that only have a short-term rating and are not cash equivalents. Cash includes equivalents, which may be rated. **Please note, the fund itself has not been rated by an independent rating agency.**

Portfolio Management

	Years with Firm	Years of Experience		Years with Firm	Years of Experience
Benjamin C. Barber, CFA	13	34	Francisco Rivera	31	31
James Conn, CFA	33	38	Daniel Workman, CFA	22	22
Garrett L. Hamilton, CFA	8	19			

What should I know before investing?

**All investments involve risks, including possible loss of principal. Fixed income securities** involve interest rate, credit, inflation and reinvestment risks, and possible loss of principal. As interest rates rise, the value of fixed income securities falls. **Active management** does not ensure gains or protect against market declines. An investor may be subject to the federal **Alternative Minimum Tax**, and state and local taxes may apply. These and other risks are discussed in the fund's prospectus.

Glossary

**Beta:** A measure of the fund's volatility relative to the market, as represented by the stated Index. A beta greater than 1.00 indicates volatility greater than the market. **Standard Deviation:** Measure of the degree to which a fund's return varies from the average of its previous returns. The larger the standard deviation, the greater the likelihood (and risk) that a fund's performance will fluctuate from the average return. The **30-day SEC yield** is calculated using the net income (interest and dividends) per share earned over a trailing 30-day period (annualized), divided by the fund's share price at the end of that period. It may not equal the fund's actual income distribution rate, which reflects the fund's past dividends paid to shareholders. **Taxable Equivalent Yield:** The Taxable Equivalent Yield assumes the maximum regular federal income tax rate, maximum state personal income tax, and Medicare tax in effect on June 2025. **Turnover** is a measure of the fund's trading activity which represents the portion of the fund's holdings that has changed over a twelve-month period through the fiscal year end. There is no assurance that the fund will maintain its current level of turnover. **Weighted Average Maturity:** An estimate of the number of years to maturity for the underlying holdings. **Effective Duration** is a duration calculation for bonds with embedded options. Effective duration takes into account that expected cash flows will fluctuate as interest rates change. Duration measures the sensitivity of price (the value of principal) of a fixed-income investment to a change in interest rates. The higher the duration number, the more sensitive a fixed-income investment will be to interest rate changes. **AMT Exposure** measures the percentage of a fund's assets invested in bonds with income subject to the alternative minimum tax (AMT).

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