

PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST  
Form N-Q  
December 28, 2012

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM N-Q**

**QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF  
REGISTERED  
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY**

Investment Company Act file number: (811-05452)

Exact name of registrant as specified in charter: Putnam Premier Income Trust

Address of principal executive offices: One Post Office Square, Boston, Massachusetts 02109

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 292-1000

Date of fiscal year end: July 31, 2013

Date of reporting period: October 31, 2012

Item 1. Schedule of Investments:

## Putnam Premier Income Trust

The fund's portfolio  
10/31/12 (Unaudited)

**MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES (48.6%)<sup>(a)</sup>**

**Principal  
amount**

**Value**