

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%)^(a)

**Principal
amount**

Value