

Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-Protected Securities Index Fund

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Fund facts

Risk level Low <-----> High	Total net assets	Expense ratio as of 01/31/24	Ticker symbol	Turnover rate	Inception date	Fund number
1 2 3 4 5	\$20,951 MM	0.04%	VTSPX	28.0%	10/17/12	1867

Investment objective

Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-Protected Securities Index Fund seeks to track the performance of a benchmark index that measures the investment return of inflation-protected public obligations of the U.S. Treasury with remaining maturities of less than five years.

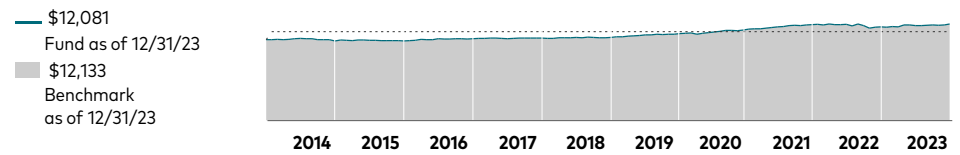
Investment strategy

The fund employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS) 0-5 Year Index. The index is a market-capitalization-weighted index that includes all inflation-protected public obligations issued by the U.S. Treasury with remaining maturities of less than five years. The fund attempts to replicate the target index by investing all, or most, of its assets in the securities that make up the index, holding each security in approximately the same proportion as its weighting in the index.

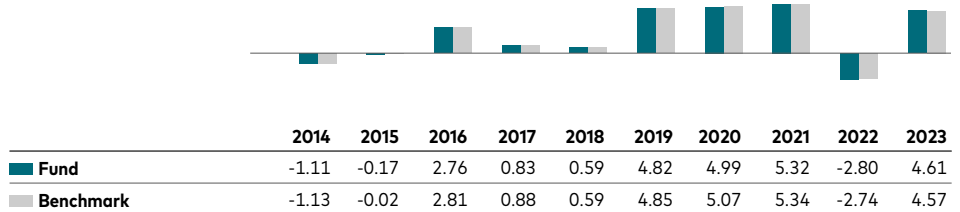
Benchmark

Bloomberg US 0-5 Year TIPS Index

Growth of a \$10,000 investment: January 31, 2014–December 31, 2023



Annual returns



Total returns

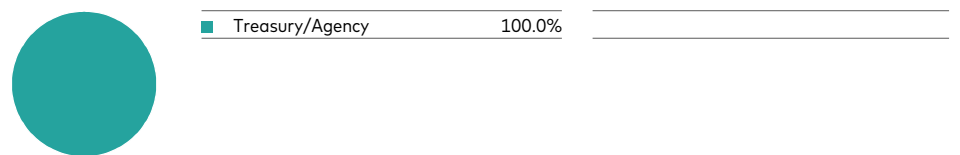
Periods ended September 30, 2024

	Quarter	Year to date	One year	Three years	Five years	Ten years
Fund	2.50%	4.85%	7.53%	2.54%	3.56%	2.40%
Benchmark	2.48%	4.80%	7.53%	2.55%	3.60%	2.42%

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Figures for periods of less than one year are cumulative returns. All other figures represent average annual returns. Performance figures include the reinvestment of all dividends and any capital gains distributions. All returns are net of expenses.

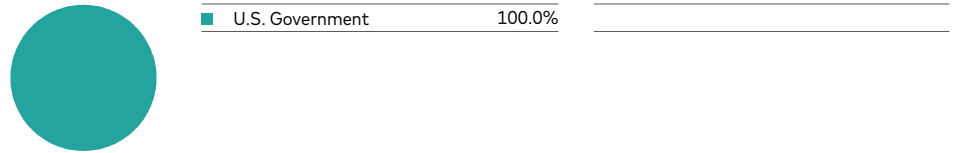
Distribution by issuer—bonds



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Distribution by credit quality*



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Plain talk about risk

An investment in the fund could lose money over short or even long periods. You should expect the fund's share price and total return to fluctuate within a wide range, like the fluctuations of the overall bond market. The fund's performance could be hurt by:

Income fluctuations: The fund's quarterly income distributions are likely to fluctuate considerably more than the income distributions of a typical bond fund. Income fluctuations associated with changes in interest rates are expected to be low; however, income fluctuations associated with changes in inflation are expected to be high. Overall, investors can expect income fluctuations to be high for the fund.

Interest rate risk: The chance that the value of a bond will fluctuate due to a change in the level of interest rates. Although inflation-indexed bonds seek to provide inflation protection, their prices may decline when interest rates rise and vice versa. Because the fund's dollar-weighted average maturity is expected to be 5 years or less, interest rate risk is expected to be low for the fund.

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