

Vanguard Institutional Target Retirement 2040 Fund

Balanced fund (stocks and bonds) | Institutional Shares

Fund facts

Risk level Low ← → High					Total net assets	Expense ratio as of 09/30/20	Ticker symbol	Turnover rate as of 09/30/20	Inception date	Fund number
1	2	3	4	5	\$38,670 MM	0.09%*	VIRSX	14.6%	06/26/15	1668

Investment objective

Vanguard Institutional Target Retirement 2040 Fund seeks to provide capital appreciation and current income consistent with its current asset allocation.

Investment strategy

The fund invests in other Vanguard mutual funds according to an asset allocation strategy designed for investors planning to retire and leave the workforce in or within a few years of 2040 (the target year). The fund's asset allocation will become more conservative over time, meaning that the percentage of assets allocated to stocks will decrease while the percentage of assets allocated to bonds and other fixed income investments will increase. Within seven years after 2040, the fund's asset allocation should become similar to that of the Institutional Target Retirement Income Fund. The underlying funds are: Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund, Vanguard Total Bond Market II Index Fund, Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund, Vanguard Total International Bond Index Fund/Vanguard Total International Bond II Index Fund, and Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-Protected Securities Index Fund.

The fund's indirect bond holdings are a diversified mix of short-, intermediate-, and long-term U.S. government, U.S. agency, and investment-grade U.S. corporate bonds; inflation-protected public obligations issued by the U.S. Treasury; mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities; and government, agency, corporate, and securitized investment-grade foreign bonds issued in currencies other than the U.S. dollar (but hedged by Vanguard to minimize foreign currency exposure). The fund's indirect stock holdings are a diversified mix of U.S. and foreign large-, mid-, and small-capitalization stocks.

For the most up-to-date fund data, please scan the QR code below.



Benchmark

Target Retirement 2040 Composite Ix

Growth of a \$10,000 investment : June 30, 2015—December 31, 2020



Annual returns

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015**	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Fund	—	—	—	—	-5.76	8.81	20.73	-7.31	23.93	15.44
Benchmark	—	—	—	—	-5.34	8.98	20.86	-7.23	24.19	16.31

Total returns

	Periods ended March 31, 2021					
	Quarter	Year to date	One year	Three years	Five years	Since inception
Fund	3.85%	3.85%	46.63%	11.46%	12.40%	9.70%
Benchmark	3.84%	3.84%	46.93%	11.90%	12.68%	—

The performance data shown represent past performance, which is not a guarantee of future results. Investment returns and principal value will fluctuate, so investors' shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data cited. For performance data current to the most recent month-end, visit our website at vanguard.com/performance.

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.

* The acquired fund fees and expenses based on the fees and expenses of the underlying funds.

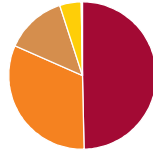
** Partial return since fund started, June 26, 2015.

Target Retirement 2040 Composite Ix: Derived by applying the fund's target asset allocation to the results of the following benchmarks: for international stocks of developed markets, the MSCI EAFE Index through December 15, 2010, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013, and the FTSE Global All Cap ex US Index thereafter; for emerging-market stocks, the Select Emerging Markets Index through August 23, 2006, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index through December 15, 2010, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013, and the FTSE Global All Cap ex US Index thereafter; for U.S. bonds, the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index through December 31, 2009, and the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index thereafter; for international bonds, the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate ex-USD Float Adjusted RIC Capped Index Hedged beginning June 3, 2013; and for U.S. stocks, the MSCI US Broad Market Index through June 2, 2013, and the CRSP US Total Market Index thereafter. International stock benchmark returns are adjusted for withholding taxes.

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Allocation of underlying funds†



Total Stock Market Index	49.6%
Total Intl Stock Idx Fund	32.0
Total Bond Mkt II Inx Fund	13.4

Total Intl Bond Idx Fund	4.7
Total Intl Bnd II	0.3

†Fund holdings are subject to change.

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Plain talk about risk

The fund is subject to the risks of its underlying funds. As the underlying funds invest in stocks and bonds the fund is subject to several stock and bond market risks, any of which could cause an investor to lose money. However, based on the fund's current allocation between stocks and the less volatile asset class of bonds, the fund's overall level of risk should be higher than those funds that invest the majority of their assets in bonds, but lower than those investing entirely in stocks. As the fund's allocation among underlying funds gradually changes, the fund's overall level of risk also will decline. In addition to the risks inherent in the asset classes of the underlying funds, the fund also is subject to asset allocation risk, which is the chance that the selection of underlying funds and the allocation of fund assets will cause the fund to underperform other funds with a similar investment objective. Investments in Target Retirement Funds are subject to the risks of their underlying funds. The year in the fund name refers to the approximate year 2040 when an investor in the fund would retire and leave the workforce. The fund will gradually shift its emphasis from more aggressive investments to more conservative ones based on its target date. An investment in the Target Retirement 2040 Fund is not guaranteed at any time, including on or after the target date. For further details on all risks, please refer to the fund's prospectus.

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