

# Vanguard Short-Term Federal Fund

Bond fund | Admiral™ Shares

#### **Fund facts**

| Risk l | evel         |   |                   |      | Total net  | Expense ratio  | Ticker | Turnover | Inception | Fund   |
|--------|--------------|---|-------------------|------|------------|----------------|--------|----------|-----------|--------|
| Low    | $\leftarrow$ |   | $\longrightarrow$ | High | assets     | as of 05/29/25 | symbol | rate     | date      | number |
| 1      | 2            | 3 | 4                 | 5    | \$4,031 MM | 0.10%          | VSGDX  | 403.2%   | 02/12/01  | 0549   |

## Investment objective

Vanguard Short-Term Federal Fund seeks to provide current income with limited price volatility.

## **Investment strategy**

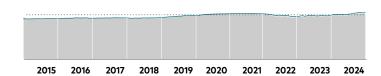
The fund invests at least 80% of its assets in short-term bonds issued or guaranteed by U.S. government agencies and instrumentalities, many of which are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. The fund is expected to maintain a dollar-weighted average maturity of 1–4 years.

## **Benchmark**

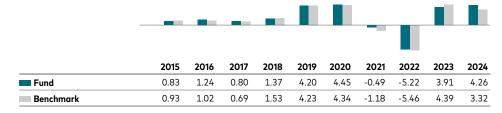
Bloomberg US 1-5 Yr Government Idx

#### Growth of a \$10,000 investment: January 31, 2015—December 31, 2024





#### **Annual returns**



#### **Total returns**

Periods ended June 30, 2025

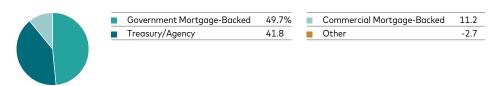
|           | Quarter | Year to date | One year | Three years | Five years | Ten years |
|-----------|---------|--------------|----------|-------------|------------|-----------|
| Fund      | 1.45%   | 3.45%        | 6.44%    | 3.34%       | 1.29%      | 1.78%     |
| Benchmark | 1.38%   | 3.45%        | 6.11%    | 3.25%       | 0.86%      | 1.59%     |

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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

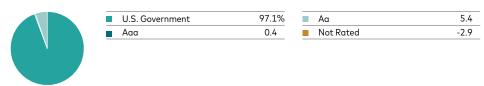
investment, as you cannot invest directly in an index.



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#### Distribution by credit quality<sup>†</sup>



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The fund is designed for investors with a low tolerance for risk; however, the fund's performance could be hurt by:

**Income risk:** The chance that the fund's income will decline because of falling interest rates. Income risk is generally high for short-term bond funds, so investors should expect the fund's monthly income to fluctuate accordingly.

Interest rate risk: The chance that bond prices will decline because of rising interest rates. Interest rate risk should be low for the fund because it invests primarily in short-term bonds, whose prices are much less sensitive to interest rate changes than are the prices of longer term bonds.

Manager risk: The chance that poor security selection will cause the fund to underperform relevant benchmarks or other funds with a similar investment objective.

**Derivatives risk:** The fund may invest in derivatives, which may involve risks different from, and possibly greater than, those of investments directly in the underlying securities or assets.

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