

# Vanguard Utilities ETF | VPU

As of March 31, 2025

# **Investment approach**

- Seeks to track the performance of the MSCI US Investable Market Utilities 25/50 Index.
- Multicapitalization equity in the utilities sector.
- The fund employs a passively managed, full-replication strategy when possible.
- If regulatory constraints prevent full replication, the fund uses a sampling strategy to approximate the index's key characteristics.
- · The fund remains fully invested.
- Low expenses minimize net tracking error.

### About the benchmark

- The MSCI US Investable Market Utilities 25/50 Index includes stocks of U.S. companies within the utilities sector.
- The sector is made up of electric, gas, and water utility companies as well as companies that operate as independent producers and/or distributors of power.
- Uses GICS methodology and clearly classified sectors.
- Offers broad representation of the target sector across large-, medium-, and small-cap companies.

## **Performance history**

Total returns 2 for period ended March 31, 2025

		Year to					Since
VPU (Inception 2004-01-26)	Quarter	date	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	inception
Net asset value (NAV) return <sup>3</sup>	5.21%	5.21%	23.51%	5.19%	10.41%	9.27%	9.57%
Market price return <sup>4</sup>	5.29	5.29	23.55	5.19	10.44	9.27	9.58
Spliced U.S. Investable Market Utilities 25/50 Index	5.24	5.24	23.63	5.30	10.54	9.37	9.73

MSCI US Investable Market Utilities Index through February 28, 2010; MSCI US Investable Market Utilities 25/50 Index thereafter.

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### **Quick facts**

Benchmark	MSCI US IMI/Utilities 25/50
Expense ratio <sup>1</sup>	0.09%
Dividend schedule	Quarterly
ETF total net assets	\$6,792 million
Fund total net assets	\$8,497 million
Inception date	2004-01-26

### **Trading information**

Ticker symbol	VPU
CUSIP number	92204A876
IIV (intra-day ticker)	VPU.IV
Index ticker (Bloomberg)	M5US5UTI
Exchange	NYSE Arca

ETF attributes		MSCI US IMI/Utilities
	Utilities ETF	25/50
Number of stocks	69	69
Median market cap	\$40.7B	\$40.7B
Price/earnings ratio	20.2x	20.2x
Price/book ratio	2.2x	2.2x
Return on equity	9.5%	9.5%
Earnings growth rate	5.0%	5.0%
Turnover rate <sup>5</sup>	5.2	_
Standard deviation	16.92%	16.92%



<sup>1.</sup> As reported in the most recent prospectus. A fund's current expense ratio may be lower or higher than the figure reported in the prospectus.

<sup>2.</sup> Figures for periods of less than one year are cumulative returns. All other figures represent average annual returns. Fund performance figures assume the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains distributions; the figures are pre-tax and net of expenses. The above widely used comparative index represents unmanaged or average returns on various financial assets that can be compared with the fund's total returns for the purpose of measuring relative performance.

<sup>3.</sup>As of 4 p.m., Eastern time, when the regular trading session of the New York Stock Exchange typically closes.

<sup>4.</sup> Effective July 15, 2024, the market price returns are calculated using the official closing price as reported by the ETF's primary exchange. Prior to July 15, 2024, the market price returns were calculated using the midpoint between the bid and ask prices as of the closing time of the New York Stock Exchange (typically 4 p.m., Eastern time). The returns shown do not represent the returns you would receive if you traded shares at other times.

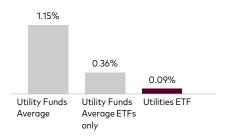
<sup>5.</sup> For most recent fiscal year. Turnover rate excludes the value of portfolio securities received or delivered as a result of in-kind purchases or redemptions of the fund's capital shares, including Vanguard ETF Creation Units.

<sup>6.</sup>A measure of the volatility of a fund—based on the fund's last three years of monthly returns—used to indicate the dispersion of past returns. A higher standard deviation means a greater potential for volatility. For funds with less than 36 months of performance history, standard deviation is not calculated.

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### Expense ratio comparison<sup>1</sup>



## Ten largest holdings and % of total net assets <sup>2</sup>

NextEra Energy Inc.	10.9%
Southern Co.	7.6
Duke Energy Corp.	7.1
Constellation Energy Corp.	4.7
American Electric Power Co. Inc.	4.4
Exelon Corp.	3.5
Sempra	3.4
Dominion Energy Inc.	3.1
Public Service Enterprise Group Inc.	3.1
Xcel Energy Inc.	3.0
Top ten as % of total net assets	50.8%

## Market capitalization breakdown

Large Cap	25.7%
Medium/Large Cap	0.0
Medium Cap	58.1
Medium/Small Cap	6.9
Small Cap	9.3

### Subindustry diversification as % of common stock 3

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Electric Utilities	61.6%
Multi-Utilities	25.1
Gas Utilities	4.8
Independent Power Producers & Energy Tra	4.2
Water Utilities	3.6
Renewable Electricity	0.7

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<sup>1.</sup> Represents the expense ratio for the Vanguard ETF as reported in the most recent prospectus. There are material differences between mutual funds and ETFs. Unlike mutual funds, ETFs are priced continuously and bought and sold throughout the day in the secondary market (at a premium or discount to net asset value) with the assistance of a stockbroker, which entails paying commissions. Sources: Lipper, a Thomson Reuters Company, and Vanguard, December 31, 2024.

<sup>2.</sup> The holdings listed exclude any temporary cash investments and equity index products.

<sup>3.</sup> Sector categories are based on the Global Industry Classification Standard ("GICS"), except for the "Other" category (if applicable), which includes securities that have not been provided a GICS classification as of the effective reporting period.