

# Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-Protected Securities Index Fund

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#### **Fund facts**

Risk	level				Total net	Expense ratio	Ticker	Turnover	Inception	Fund
Low	$\leftarrow$	─────────────────────────────────────		High	assets	as of 02/03/25	symbol	rate	date	number
1	2	3	4	5	\$21,615 MM	0.03%	VTSPX	25.9%	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.

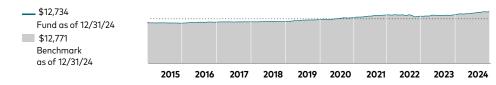
#### **Investment strategy**

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, 2015—December 31, 2024



#### **Annual returns**



#### **Total returns**

Periods ended March 31, 2025

	Quarter	Year to date	One year	Three years	Five years	Ten years
Fund	3.04%	3.04%	7.02%	3.25%	4.09%	2.81%
Benchmark	3.04%	3.04%	6.98%	3.24%	4.10%	2.84%

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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

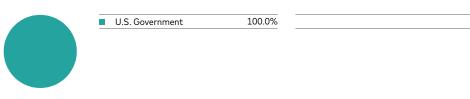
investment, as you cannot invest directly in an index.



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#### 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.

Index replicating risk, which is the chance that the fund may be prevented from holding one or more securities in the same proportion as in its target index.

Index-related risks: The fund is subject to risks associated with index investing, which include passive management risk, tracking error risk, and index provider risk. Passive management risk is the chance that the fund's use of an indexing strategy will negatively impact the fund's performance. Because the fund seeks to track the performance of its target index regardless of how that index is performing, the fund's performance may be lower than it would be if the fund were actively managed. Tracking error risk is the chance that the fund's performance will deviate from the performance of its target index. Tracking error risk may be heightened during times of increased market volatility or under other unusual market conditions. Index provider risk is the chance that the fund will be negatively impacted by changes or errors made by the index provider. Any gains, losses, or costs associated with or resulting from an error made by the index provider will generally be borne by the fund and, as a result, the fund's shareholders.

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