

US Government Index

The Bloomberg US Government Bond Index comprised of the US Treasury and US Agency Indices. The index includes US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate, nominal US Treasuries and US agency debentures (securities issued by US government owned or government sponsored entities, and debt explicitly guaranteed by the US government). The US Government Index is a component of the US Government/Credit and US Aggregate Indices, and eligible securities also contribute to the multi-currency Global Aggregate Index. The US Government Index has an inception date of January 1, 1973.

Rules for Inclusion

Sectors	US Treasury and US agency (government owned, government sponsored and government guaranteed) bonds are included.
Eligible Currencies	Principal and interest must be denominated in USD.
Quality	<p>Securities must be rated investment grade (Baa3/BBB-/BBB- or higher) using the middle rating of Moody's, S&P and Fitch; when a rating from only two agencies is available, the lower is used; when only one agency rates a bond, that rating is used. In cases where explicit bond level ratings may not be available, other sources may be used to classify securities by credit quality:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local currency treasury and hard currency sovereign issues are classified using the middle issuer level rating from each agency for all outstanding bonds, even if bond level ratings are available. Expected ratings at issuance may be used to ensure timely index inclusion or to properly classify split-rated issuers. Unrated securities may use an issuer rating for index classification purposes if available. Unrated subordinated securities are included if a subordinated issuer rating is available.
Amount Outstanding/Minimum Issue Size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All securities must have USD300mn minimum par amount outstanding. US Treasuries held in the Federal Reserve SOMA account (both purchases at issuance and net secondary market transactions) are deducted from the total amount outstanding. New issuance bought at auction by the Federal Reserve does not enter the index. Net secondary market purchases/sales are adjusted at each month-end with a one-month lag.¹
Coupon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fixed-rate coupon. Original zero-coupon issues are included.

¹ All float adjustment updates to the US Treasury amount outstanding in the Projected Universe are made on or prior to T-3 (3 business days before month-end using the U.S. calendar). Further details about indices' treatment of SOMA holdings of US Treasuries can be found in this note.

Maturity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least one year until final maturity, regardless of optionality. • Bonds that convert from fixed to floating rate, including fixed-to-float perpetual, will exit the index one year prior to conversion to floating-rate. Fixed-rate perpetuals are not included. • Sub-indices based on maturity are inclusive of lower bounds. Intermediate maturity bands include bonds with maturities of 1 to 9.9999 years. Long maturity bands include maturities of 10 years or greater. 	
Taxability	Only fully taxable issues are eligible.	
Market of Issue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEC-registered securities, bonds exempt from registration at the time of issuance and SEC Rule 144A securities with registration rights are eligible. A security with both SEC Regulation-S (Reg-S) and SEC Rule 144A tranches is treated as one security for index purposes. The 144A tranche is used to prevent double-counting and represents the combined amount outstanding of the 144A and Reg-S tranches. • Global bonds are included. 	
Seniority of Debt	Senior and subordinated issues are included.	
Security Types	Included	Excluded
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bullet, putable, sinkable/amortizing and callable bonds • Original issue zero coupon bonds • Certificates of deposit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Securities issued by non-US agencies, sovereigns, supnationals and local authorities • US Treasuries held in the Federal Reserve SOMA account • Inflation-linked bonds, floating-rate issues • Treasury bills, strips • Private placements, retail bonds • Structured notes, pass-through certificates • Illiquid securities with no available internal or third-party pricing source

Rebalancing Rules

Frequency	For each index, Bloomberg maintains two universes of securities: the Returns (Backward) and the Projected (Forward) Universes. The composition of the Returns Universe is rebalanced at each month-end and represents the fixed set of bonds on which index returns are calculated for the next month. The Projected Universe is a forward-looking projection that changes daily to reflect issues dropping out of and entering the index but is not used for return calculations. On the last business day of the month (the rebalancing date), the composition of the latest Projected Universe becomes the Returns Universe for the following month.
Index Changes	During the month, indicative changes to securities (credit rating change, sector reclassification, amount outstanding changes, corporate actions, and ticker changes) are reflected daily in the Projected and Returns Universe of the index. These changes may cause bonds to enter or fall out of the Projected Universe of the index on a daily basis, but will affect the composition of the Returns Universe at month-end only, when the index is next rebalanced.

Reinvestment of Cash Flows Intra-month cash flows from interest and principal payments contribute to monthly index returns but are not reinvested at a short-term reinvestment rate between rebalance dates. At each rebalancing, cash is effectively reinvested into the Returns Universe for the following month so that index results over two or more months reflect monthly compounding.

New Issues Qualifying securities issued, but not necessarily settled on or before the month-end rebalancing date, qualify for inclusion in the following month's index if the required security reference information and pricing are readily available.

Pricing and Related Issues

Sources & Frequency Index-eligible bonds are priced on a daily basis by Bloomberg's evaluated pricing service, BVAL.

Pricing Quotes Bonds are quoted as percentage of par.

Timing

- Prior to January 14, 2021, bonds are priced at 3 p.m. (New York time). On early market closes, prices are taken as of 1 p.m. (New York time), unless otherwise noted.
- From January 14, 2021, and onwards, bonds are priced at 4 p.m. (New York time). On early market closes, prices are taken as of 2 p.m. (New York time), unless otherwise noted.
- If the last business day of the month is a public holiday, prices from the previous business day are used.

Bid or Offer Side Bonds in the index are priced on the bid side.

Settlement Assumptions T+1 calendar day settlement basis for all bonds. At month-end, settlement is assumed to be the first calendar day of the following month, even if the last business day is not the last day of the month, to allow for one full month of accrued interest to be calculated.

Verification Daily price moves for each security are analyzed by the index pricing team to identify outliers. Index users may also challenge price levels, which are then reviewed and updated as needed using input from various sources.

Currency Hedging Returns hedged to various non-USD currencies are published for the US Government Index. The indices' FX hedging methodology takes rolling one-month forward contracts that are reset at the end of each month and hedges each non-reporting currency-denominated bond in the index into the reporting currency terms. No adjustment is made to the hedge during the month to account for price movements of constituent securities in the returns universe of the index.

Calendar The US Government Index follows the US bond market holiday schedule.

Index History

January 14, 2021	Pricing time moved from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. EST for USD prices. For early close days, prices are snapped at 2 p.m. EST.
April 1, 2017	Liquidity constraint raised to USD300mn from USD250mn.
July 1, 2005	Fitch ratings added to Moody's and S&P to determine index eligibility based on the middle rating of each agency.
July 1, 2004	Liquidity constraint raised to USD250mn from USD200mn. Discontinued the implied Aaa+ rating for US Treasuries.
October 1, 2003	Liquidity constraint raised to USD 200mn from USD150mn. Started using the most conservative rating of Moody's and S&P to determine index eligibility instead of Moody's only for split-rated securities.
July 1, 1999	Liquidity constraint raised to USD150mn from USD100mn.
January 1, 1998	Removed US TIPS from US Government Index.
January 1, 1990	Liquidity constraint raised to USD100mn from USD25mn.
August 1, 1988	Liquidity constraint raised to USD25mn from USD1mn.
January 1, 1973	Inception date of the US Government Index.

Sub-indices and Index Customizations

Bloomberg publishes numerous sub-indices of flagship indices and bespoke benchmarks created for specific index users. Several types of bespoke indices are available to select or customize the most appropriate benchmark for specific portfolio needs:

Sub-Index Type	Description	Examples
Enhanced Constraint	Applies a more or less stringent set of constraints to any existing index.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US Government 1-3 Year
Composites	Investors assign their own weights to sectors or other index sub-components within an overall index.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% US Government; 50% US Credit
Issuer Constrained	Indices that cap issuer exposure to a fixed percentage. Options available for applying issuer caps and redistributing excess MV to other issuers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US Credit 2% Issuer Capped Index
Float Adjusted	Adjusts par amount outstanding of bonds for holdings of central governments that are publicly available.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US Government Float Adjusted
Mirror Futures Index (MFI)	An index consisting of 14 funded futures contracts weighted to match closely the beginning-of-month OAD of the index.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US Treasury Mirror Future
Duration Hedged	Indices constructed to reflect the underlying return of an index with its duration fully or partially hedged using its MFI.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US Treasury Duration Hedged

Accessing Index Data

- Bloomberg Terminal®** Bloomberg benchmarks are the global standard for capital markets investors.
- INDE<GO> - The Bloomberg Indices dashboard page, which contains daily, monthly, and year-to-date index returns for key indices from each index family as well as a link to index publications.
 - IN<GO> - The Bloomberg Index Browser displays the latest performance results and statistics for the indices as well as history. IN presents the indices that make up Bloomberg's global, multi-asset class index families into a hierarchical view, facilitating navigation and comparisons. The "My Indices" tab allows a user to focus on a set of favorite indices.
 - DES<GO> - The index description page provides transparency into an individual index including membership information, aggregated characteristics and returns, and historical performance.
 - INP<GO> - The Bloomberg Indices Publications page, which includes methodologies, factsheets, monthly reports, announcements and technical notes. A user may also subscribe to index publications via the "Actions" button.
 - PORT<GO> - Bloomberg's Portfolio & Risk Analytics solution includes tools to analyze the risk, return, and current structure of indices. Analyze the performance of a portfolio versus a benchmark or use models for performance attribution, tracking error analysis, value-at-risk, scenario analysis, and optimization.

- Bloomberg Indices Website**
(www.bloomberg.com/indices)
- The index website makes available limited index information including:
- Index methodology and factsheets
 - Current performance numbers for select indices

- Data Distribution**
- Index subscribers may choose to receive index data in files. Files may include:
- Index level and/or constituent level returns and characteristics for any indices
 - Automatic delivery of files via email or SFTP following the completion of the index production process after market close
 - Clients may receive standard files or may customize file contents
 - Index data is also available via authorized redistributors

- Index Ticker**
- LUAGTRUU: Total Return USD Unhedged

Index Licensing

Bloomberg requires index data licenses for services and products linked to the Indices

- Index or Constituent-Level Redistribution
- Exchange Traded Notes (ETNs)
- OTC Derivative Products
- Bond Pricing Service
- Index-Linked Insurance Products
- Custom Index Solutions
- Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs)
- Mutual Funds
- Separately Managed Accounts (SMAs)

Disclaimer

BLOOMBERG, BLOOMBERG INDICES and Bloomberg Fixed Income Indices (the "Indices") are trademarks or service marks of Bloomberg Finance L.P. Bloomberg Finance L.P. and its affiliates, including Bloomberg Index Services Limited, the administrator of the Indices (collectively, "Bloomberg") or Bloomberg's licensors own all proprietary rights in the Indices. Bloomberg does not guarantee the timeliness, accuracy or completeness of any data or information relating to the Indices. Bloomberg makes no warranty, express or implied, as to the Indices or any data or values relating thereto or results to be obtained therefrom, and expressly disclaims all warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose with respect thereto. It is not possible to invest directly in an Index. Back-tested performance is not actual performance. Past performance is not an indication of future results. To the maximum extent allowed by law, Bloomberg, its licensors, and its and their respective employees, contractors, agents, suppliers and vendors shall have no liability or responsibility whatsoever for any injury or damages - whether direct, indirect, consequential, incidental, punitive or otherwise - arising in connection with the Indices or any data or values relating thereto - whether arising from their negligence or otherwise. This document constitutes the provision of factual information, rather than financial product advice. Nothing in the Indices shall constitute or be construed as an offering of financial instruments or as investment advice or investment recommendations (i.e., recommendations as to whether or not to "buy", "sell", "hold", or to enter or not to enter into any other transaction involving any specific interest or interests) by Bloomberg or a recommendation as to an investment or other strategy by Bloomberg. Data and other information available via the Indices should not be considered as information sufficient upon which to base an investment decision. All information provided by the Indices is impersonal and not tailored to the needs of any person, entity or group of persons. Bloomberg does not express an opinion on the future or expected value of any security or other interest and do not explicitly or implicitly recommend or suggest an investment strategy of any kind. Customers should consider obtaining independent advice before making any financial decisions. © 2021 Bloomberg. All rights reserved. This document and its contents may not be forwarded or redistributed without the prior consent of Bloomberg.

The BLOOMBERG TERMINAL service and Bloomberg data products (the "Services") are owned and distributed by Bloomberg Finance L.P. ("BFLP") except (i) in Argentina, Australia and certain jurisdictions in the Pacific islands, Bermuda, China, India, Japan, Korea and New Zealand, where Bloomberg L.P. and its subsidiaries distribute these products, and (ii) in Singapore and the jurisdictions serviced by Bloomberg's Singapore office, where a subsidiary of BFLP distributes these products.

Take the next step.

For additional information,
email indexhelp@bloomberg.net
or press the <HELP> key twice
on the Bloomberg Terminal*

[bloomberg.com/indices](https://www.bloomberg.com/indices)

Beijing +86 10 6649 7500	Hong Kong +852 2977 6000	New York +1 212 318 2000	Singapore +65 6212 1000
Dubai +971 4 364 1000	London +44 20 7330 7500	San Francisco +1 415 912 2960	Sydney +61 2 9777 8600
Frankfurt +49 69 9204 1210	Mumbai +91 22 6120 3600	São Paulo +55 11 2395 9000	Tokyo +81 3 4565 8900