

# New Jersey Tax-Free Bond Fund (NJTFX)

As of December 31, 2025



# T. Rowe Price

Portfolio Management	Managed Since	Joined Firm
Tim Taylor	2023	1996
Austin Applegate	2025	2011

## Investment Objective

The fund seeks to provide, consistent with prudent portfolio management, the highest level of income exempt from federal and New Jersey state income taxes by investing primarily in investment-grade New Jersey municipal bonds.

## General Information

CUSIP	77957R507
Inception Date	April 30, 1991
Benchmark	Bloomberg Muni Index
Expense Information (as of the most recent Prospectus) <sup>(1)</sup>	0.63%(Gross) 0.57%(Net)

<sup>(1)</sup>The Fund operates under a contractual expense limitation that expires on April 30, 2027.

## Market Commentary

U.S. municipal bonds delivered modestly positive returns in December 2025, extending their winning streak to five consecutive months as measured by the Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index. Munis finished both the quarter and the calendar year in positive territory. In December, the asset class demonstrated resilience by outperforming U.S. Treasuries, which faced headwinds from rising intermediate- and long-term yields and a steepening yield curve.

The Federal Reserve's monetary policy decisions continued to influence market dynamics, with policymakers delivering their third consecutive 25-basis-point rate cut, lowering the federal funds rate to the 3.50%-3.75% range. However, the decision revealed growing division within the Fed, as three officials dissented—two favoring no change and one preferring a larger 50-basis-point reduction. Looking ahead, the central bank's revised economic projections suggest a more cautious approach, with only one additional cut anticipated for 2026, based on the median forecast.

Municipal bond performance varied across different segments. Shorter-maturity bonds delivered the strongest results, benefiting from the Fed's rate cuts, while longer-duration securities generally struggled amid rising long-term yields. In terms of credit quality, investment-grade municipals outperformed their high-yield counterparts, which posted negative returns. Within investment-grade bonds, higher-rated securities outpaced lower-rated alternatives.

Sector performance was mixed, with prerefunded securities leading gains and general obligation bonds narrowly edging out revenue-backed debt. Among revenue bonds, electric utilities, special tax, and housing showed strength, while tobacco bonds—particularly high-yield tobacco—underperformed alongside industrial revenue bonds.

Technical factors provided some support, as new issuance volume moderated in December despite year-to-date levels reaching a new record. Issuance totaled \$580.4 billion in 2025, up from the previous record of \$513.6 billion recorded in 2024. Municipal bond funds experienced positive overall flows, with ETF inflows offsetting outflows from open-end funds, according to preliminary LSEG Lipper data.

## Performance (%) (NAV, total return Performance > 1yr is Annualized)

	1m	3m	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10yrs	15yrs	30-Day SEC Yield	30-Day SEC Yield w/o Waiver <sup>(2)</sup>
New Jersey Tax-Free Bond Fund (NJTFX)	0.21	1.74	3.78	4.43	1.11	2.38	3.42	3.29	3.23
Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index (LBMBI)	0.09	1.56	4.25	3.88	0.80	2.34	3.34	N/A	N/A

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The Fund's total return figures reflect the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, if any.

<sup>(2)</sup>Excludes the effect of contractual expense limitation arrangements. If the expense waiver was not in effect for the 30-Day period shown, there may not be a difference in the 30-day SEC yields shown above.

The fund(s) may have other share classes available that offer different investment minimums and fees. See the prospectus for details.

**Risks: Interest rates:** A rise in interest rates typically causes the price of a fixed rate debt instrument to fall and its yield to rise. Conversely, a decline in interest rates typically causes the price of a fixed rate debt instrument to rise and the yield to fall. **State-specific focus:** Because the fund focuses its investments on securities issued by New Jersey and its municipalities, it is more susceptible to unfavorable developments in New Jersey than funds that invest in municipal securities of many states. **Taxes:** Some income may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax. Income earned by non-New Jersey residents will be subject to applicable state and local taxes. Capital gains, if any, are generally taxable. See the prospectus for more detail on the fund's principal risks.

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**Risk Return Characteristics** (Five Years ended December 31, 2025)

	<b>Annualized Std. Deviation (%)</b>	<b>Alpha (%)</b>	<b>Beta</b>	<b>R-Squared</b>	<b>Information Ratio</b>	<b>Sharpe Ratio</b>	<b>Tracking Error (%)</b>
New Jersey Tax-Free Bond Fund	6.13	0.26	0.98	0.97	0.30	-0.36	1.01
Bloomberg Muni Index	6.16	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	-0.40	0.00

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**Top 10 Guarantors (%)**

	Fund
State of New Jersey	10.1
New Jersey Turnpike Authority	7.8
Port Authority of New York & New Jersey	5.9
NJ HSG SF&Other Excpt MF	3.7
RWJ Barnabas Health Obligated Group	3.7
Nynj Link Borrower LLC	3.6
Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corp Sales Tax Revenue	3.3
Stevens Institute of Technology International Inc	3.1
NJ HSG MF 2005 Res	2.8
Inspira Health Obligated Group	2.5

Comprising 46.5% of total net assets.

**Portfolio Characteristics**

	Fund	LBMBI
Number of Holdings	217	63,991
Weighted Average Maturity	17.27 years	13.43 years
Weighted Average Effective Duration	6.15 years	6.07 years
Weighted Average Coupon	4.42%	4.65%
Yield to Maturity	4.51%	3.93%
Total Assets (all share classes)	\$365,373,858	N/A
Percent of Portfolio in Cash	3.0%	N/A

**Industry Diversification (%)**

	Fund	LBMBI
Education	19.5	7.0
Transportation	17.2	14.7
Health Care	13.9	9.2
Leasing	11.0	6.4
Housing	9.1	4.1
GO-Local	7.9	16.0
Ind Dev Rev / Pollut Ctrl Rev	5.7	6.4
Special Tax	3.5	9.9
Reserves	3.0	0.0
GO-State	1.9	10.8
Other	7.4	14.8

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Credit Quality Diversification (%)	Fund	LBMBI
AAA	9.1	22.8
AA	47.3	56.9
A	17.2	16.3
BBB	14.9	3.8
BB	1.6	0.0
B	1.2	0.0
D	0.5	0.0
Not Rated	8.2	0.2
Reserves	0.0	0.0

Maturity Diversification (%)	Fund
0-1 Year	3.8
1-3 Years	2.9
3-5 Years	4.0
5-7 Years	4.6
7-10 Years	5.3
10-20 Years	43.2
20-30 Years	30.1
30+ Years	6.2

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Source for Industry Diversification: Bloomberg Index Services Ltd.

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