

# Short-Term Bond Fund - I Class

## (TBSIX)

As of December 31, 2025



T. Rowe Price

Portfolio Management	Managed Since	Joined Firm
Michael Reinartz	2015	1996
Steve Kohlenstein	2023	2010

### Investment Objective

The fund seeks a high level of income consistent with minimal fluctuation in principal value and liquidity.

### General Information

CUSIP	77957P402
Inception Date	December 17, 2015
Benchmark	Bloomberg 1-3 Yr US Gov/Credit Index
Expense Information (as of the most recent Prospectus)	0.33%

### Market Commentary

The U.S. investment-grade (IG) fixed income market, as measured by the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, delivered modestly negative returns in December, ending a four-month winning streak; however, the benchmark finished with gains for both the quarter and the calendar year. Higher yields at the long end of the U.S. Treasury curve weighed on results in December, although credit sectors remained resilient and posted positive excess returns.

The Treasury yield curve steepened during the month as another Federal Reserve rate cut pushed shorter-maturity yields lower while longer-term yields increased amid positive economic data and lingering fiscal concerns. The yield of the benchmark 10-year Treasury note rose from 4.02% to 4.18% by month-end.

A divided Fed announced at its December meeting that it would lower its target range for the federal funds rate by 25 basis points to the 3.50%-3.75% range, marking the third consecutive meeting at which it cut rates. Three policymakers dissented from the decision, with two officials favoring no change to the policy rate and one preferring a 50-basis-point cut. Meanwhile, in the central bank's revised Summary of Economic Projections, the median forecast pointed to only one cut in 2026, and market-based indicators were signaling a pause at the Fed's upcoming January meeting.

Despite the increase in longer-term Treasury yields, most credit sectors delivered positive total returns for the month, aided by tighter spreads and coupon payments, although IG corporates produced negative total returns due to the sector's longer duration profile. Excess returns were positive for all the major credit sectors in the benchmark, led by agency mortgage-backed securities, which benefited from lower rate volatility and manageable supply. IG corporates also delivered solid excess returns, while commercial mortgage-backed securities and asset-backed securities produced more muted gains.

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

	1m	3m	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10yrs	15yrs	30-Day SEC Yield
Short-Term Bond Fund - I Class (TBSIX)	0.38	1.33	5.82	5.41	2.25	2.51	2.04	4.05
Bloomberg 1-3 Year U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index (L13GC)	0.34	1.16	5.35	4.77	1.97	2.09	1.72	N/A

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

The T. Rowe Price Fund shares the portfolio of an existing fund (the original share class of the fund is referred to as the "investor class"). The total return figures for this I Class have been calculated using the performance data of the Investor Class (incepted 3/2/84) up to the inception date of the I Class (12/17/15) and the actual performance results of the I Class since that date. Because the I Classes are expected to have lower expenses than the Investor Classes, the I Class performance, had it existed over the periods shown, would have been higher.

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.

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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>
Short-Term Bond Fund - I Class	2.10	0.26	0.98	0.90	0.49	-0.50	0.58
Bloomberg 1-3 Yr US Gov/Credit Index	2.02	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	-0.66	0.00

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**Portfolio Characteristics**

	<b>Fund</b>	<b>L13GC</b>
Number of Holdings	934	2,028
Weighted Average Maturity	2.18 years	1.90 years
Weighted Average Effective Duration	1.88 years	1.79 years
Weighted Average Coupon	4.41%	3.29%
Yield to Maturity	4.31%	3.63%
Total Assets (all share classes)	\$4,811,872,372	N/A
Percent of Portfolio in Cash	3.6%	N/A

**Sector Diversification (%)**

	<b>Fund</b>	<b>L13GC</b>
Corporate Bond Notes	40.9	22.3
Asset-Backed Securities	19.2	0.0
US Treasury Bonds Notes	18.6	72.3
Mortgage-Backed Securities	13.8	0.0
CMBS	3.3	0.0
Government Related	2.4	5.5
Reserves	1.2	0.0
TIPS	0.5	0.0

Credit Quality Diversification (%)	Fund	L13GC
U.S. Treas	19.1	72.3
U.S. Govt Ag	8.2	1.1
AAA	16.0	3.3
AA	8.9	5.1
A	18.7	10.3
BBB	26.6	8.0
BB	0.3	0.0
Not Rated	1.1	0.0
Reserves	1.2	0.0

Maturity Diversification (%)	Fund
0-1 Year	19.6
1-3 Years	58.8
3-5 Years	15.7
5-7 Years	3.3
7-10 Years	2.6

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