

# Russell 2000 Defensive Index

## About the index

The Russell 2000® Defensive Index® measures the performance of the small-cap defensive segment of the US equity universe. It includes those Russell 2000 Index companies that are more stable and are less sensitive to economic cycles, credit cycles, and market volatility based on their stability variables. Stability is measured in terms of volatility (price and earnings), leverage, and return on assets. The Russell 2000® Defensive Index® is constructed to provide a comprehensive, unbiased and stable barometer for the small-cap defensive segment. The index is completely reconstituted annually to ensure that the included companies continue to reflect defensive characteristics.

## Index characteristics

(As of 6/30/2024)

	Russell 2000® Defensive	Russell 2000®
EPS Variability - 10 Years	106.31	152.22
Number of Holdings	982	1,921
Pretax Return on Assets - 5 Year Avg	7.49	2.93
Debt/Equity	0.56	0.64
Standard Deviation - 1 Yr	19.46	22.32
Standard Deviation - 5 Yr	20.43	23.51

## Market capitalization (in billions USD)

(As of 6/30/2024)

	Russell 2000® Defensive	Russell 2000®
Average Market Cap (\$-WTD)	\$4.231	\$4.527
Median Market Cap	\$1.283	\$0.900
Largest Stock by Market Cap	\$47.402	\$47.402

## Russell Stability Indexes give you more Style

### More than low volatility

Russell is one of the first to combine quality indicators (balance sheet and earnings related measures) and a stock market indicator, volatility. As a result, Russell Stability Indexes are more comprehensive than indexes that historically focus on single measures such as dividends or return volatility.

### Distinct from other asset classes including growth and value

In certain market conditions, the Russell Stability Indexes capture a different set of indicators that drive market and manager performance.

### Complete market coverage

Russell Stability Indexes are created from existing Russell Indexes that are split to form a Defensive half (more stable) and a Dynamic half (less stable). Taken together, these halves offer a more complete picture of market activity.

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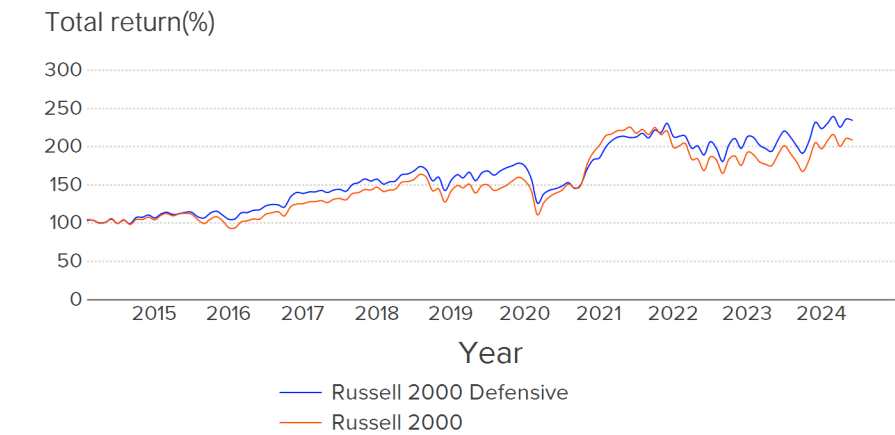
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Performance

	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Russell 2000 Defensive	12.29	3.47	7.20	8.34	25.17	2.36	26.18	-14.23	17.15	1.21
Russell 2000	10.06	-2.58	6.94	7.00	25.52	19.96	14.82	-20.44	16.93	1.73

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Total return



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Annualized risk - Standard Dev (%)

	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr
Russell 2000 Defensive	19.46	19.33	20.43	17.76
Russell 2000	22.32	21.63	23.51	20.31

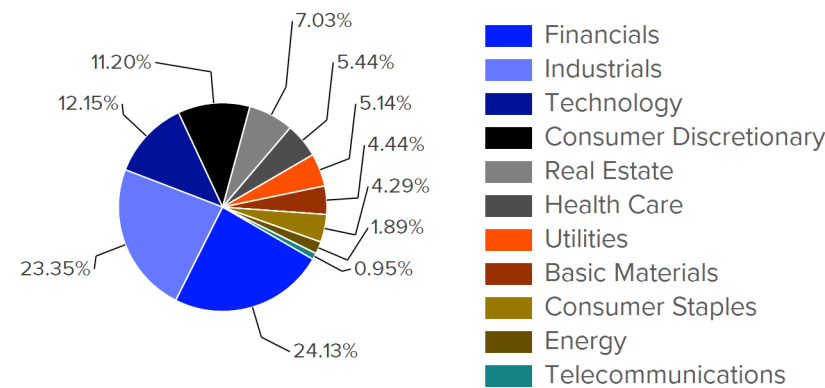
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Sharpe Ratio

	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr
Russell 2000 Defensive	0.41	0.11	0.34	0.46
Russell 2000	0.29	-0.16	0.31	0.37

As of June 30, 2024

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Top ten index constituents

Company	Industry
Super Micro Computer Inc	Technology
Comfort Systems Usa Inc	Industrials
Fabrinet	Technology
Sprouts Fmr's Mkt Inc	Consumer Staples
Onto Innovation Inc	Technology
Elf Beauty Inc	Consumer Discretionary
Applied Industrial Tech	Industrials
Simpson Manufacturing	Industrials
Sps Comm Inc	Technology
Ensign Group Inc	Health Care

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