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Russell 2000 Defensive Index

About the index

The Russell 2000® Defensive Index® measures the performance of more stable, defensive US small cap stocks. The index is reconstituted fully in June to ensure accurate representation of defensive US small cap companies, with updates for parent index membership changes in December and quarterly IPO inclusions in March and September.

Index characteristics

(As of 9/30/2026)

	Russell 2000® Defensive	Russell 2000®
EPS Variability - 10 Years	111.30	154.75
Number of Holdings	1,030	1,974
Pretax Return on Assets - 5 Year Avg	6.49	1.72
Debt/Equity	0.56	0.62
Standard Deviation - 1 Yr	14.01	16.01
Standard Deviation - 5 Yr	18.53	20.65

Market capitalization (in billions USD)

(As of 9/30/2026)

	Russell 2000® Defensive	Russell 2000®
Average Market Cap ($-WTD)	$3.863	$3.875
Median Market Cap	$1.368	$1.061
Largest Stock by Market Cap	$10.849	$12.637

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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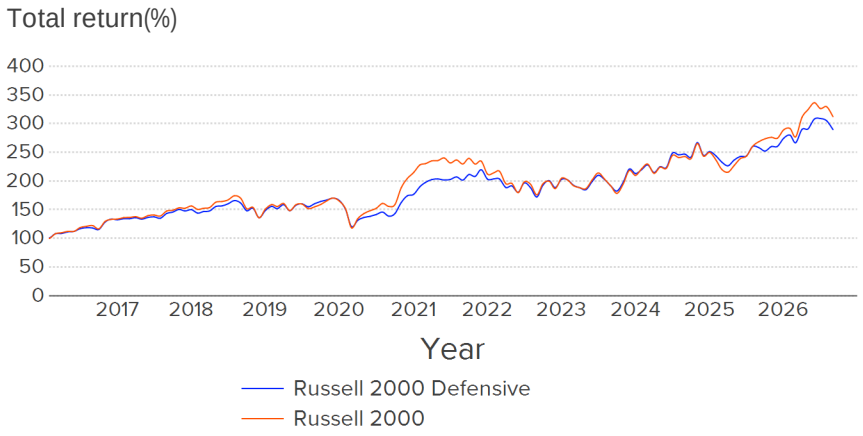
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Performance

	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Russell 2000 Defensive	12.23	14.82	7.53	9.40	26.18	-14.23	17.15	10.89	6.36	11.26
Russell 2000	16.20	17.72	6.34	9.84	14.82	-20.44	16.93	11.54	12.81	13.71

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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	14.01	17.30	18.53	18.37
Russell 2000	16.01	19.27	20.65	20.81

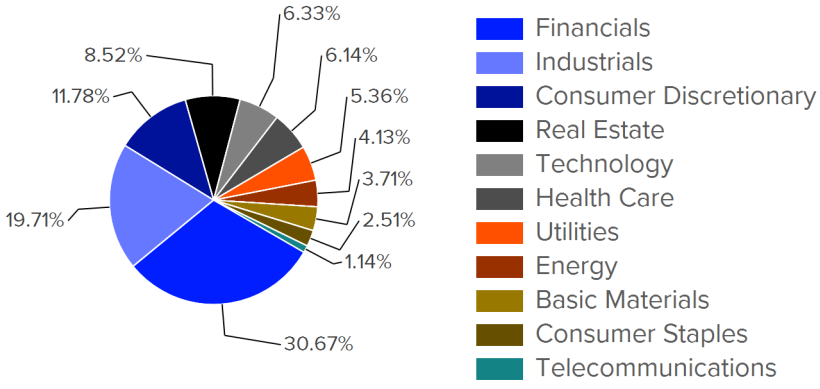
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Sharpe Ratio

	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr
Russell 2000 Defensive	0.62	0.62	0.28	0.45
Russell 2000	0.78	0.71	0.22	0.44

As of September 30, 2026

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Top ten index constituents

Company	Industry
Moog Inc	Industrials
Umb Financial Corp	Financials
Caretrust Reit Inc	Real Estate
Old National Bancorp	Financials
Firstcash Holdings Inc	Financials
Interdigital Inc	Telecommunications
Ryman Hospitality Pptys	Real Estate
Healthequity Inc	Health Care
Arcosa	Industrials
Plexus Corp	Technology

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