



Russell 2500 Defensive Index

About the index

The Russell 2500™ Defensive Index® measures the performance of more stable, defensive US SMID cap stocks. The index is reconstituted fully in June to ensure accurate representation of defensive US SMID cap companies, with updates for parent index membership changes in December and quarterly IPO inclusions in March and September.

Index characteristics

(As of 4/30/2026)

	Russell 2500™ Defensive	Russell 2500™
Price/Book	2.20	2.83
Dividend Yield	1.94	1.24
P/E Ex-Neg Earnings	18.44	21.80
EPS Growth - 5 Years	11.81	10.88
Number of Holdings	1,112	2,411

Market capitalization (in billions USD)

(As of 4/30/2026)

	Russell 2500™ Defensive	Russell 2500™
Average Market Cap (\$-WTD)	\$8.720	\$15.685
Median Market Cap	\$1.866	\$1.686
Largest Stock by Market Cap	\$64.915	\$161.809

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.

Tickers

Russell 2500™ Defensive

Bloomberg	Net	RU25DFNR
Bloomberg	PR	RU2500DF
Bloomberg	TR	RU25DFTR
Reuters	Net	.RU25DFNR
Reuters	PR	.RU2500DF
Reuters	TR	.RU25DFTR

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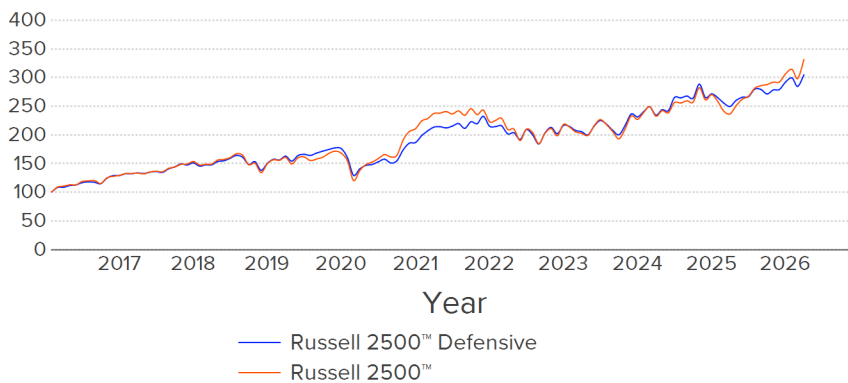
Performance

	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Russell 2500™ Defensive	22.13	14.05	7.39	10.87	25.29	-13.07	17.06	12.09	5.30	9.20
Russell 2500™	40.10	17.82	6.90	11.60	18.18	-18.37	17.42	12.00	11.91	13.41

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Total return

Total return(%)



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Annualized risk - Standard Dev (%)

	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr
Russell 2500™ Defensive	11.37	15.89	16.65	16.61
Russell 2500™	13.14	18.08	19.04	19.37

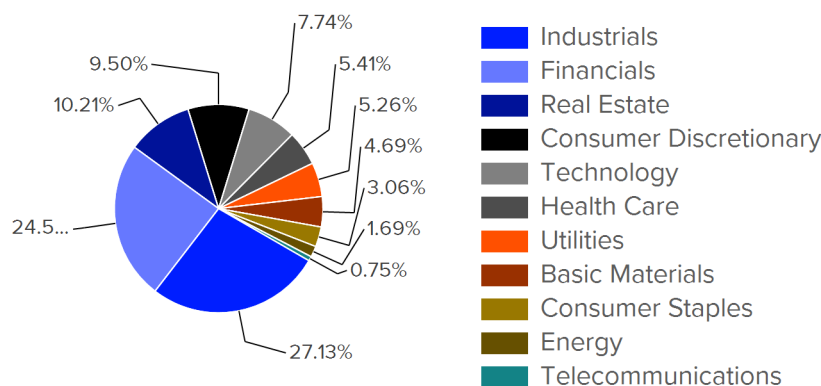
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Sharpe Ratio

	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr
Russell 2500™ Defensive	1.47	0.61	0.30	0.57
Russell 2500™	2.36	0.74	0.26	0.55

As of April 30, 2026

ICB Industry



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Top ten index constituents

Company	Industry
Caseys General Stores	Consumer Staples
Emcor Group Inc	Industrials
Fabrinet	Technology
United Therapeutics	Health Care
Curtiss Wright Corp	Industrials
Snap On Inc	Industrials
Packaging Corp Of Amer	Industrials
F5 Inc	Technology
Reliance Inc	Basic Materials
Itt Inc	Industrials

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