

# Russell 2500 Defensive Index

## About the index

The Russell 2500™ Defensive Index® measures the performance of the small to mid-cap defensive segment of the US equity universe. It includes those Russell 2500 Index companies with relatively stable business conditions which 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 2500 Defensive Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive, unbiased, and stable barometer of the small to mid-cap defensive market. The Index is completely reconstituted annually to ensure larger stocks do not distort the performance and characteristics of the true small to mid-cap opportunity set and that the represented companies continue to reflect defensive characteristics.

## Index characteristics

(As of 4/30/2025)

	Russell 2500™ Defensive	Russell 2500™
Price/Book	2.03	2.15
Dividend Yield	1.96	1.63
P/E Ex-Neg Earnings	17.84	18.54
EPS Growth - 5 Years	11.51	12.58
Number of Holdings	1,084	2,431

## Market capitalization (in billions USD)

(As of 4/30/2025)

	Russell 2500™ Defensive	Russell 2500™
Average Market Cap (\$-WTD)	\$6.949	\$7.950
Median Market Cap	\$1.501	\$1.202
Largest Stock by Market Cap	\$29.650	\$52.322

## 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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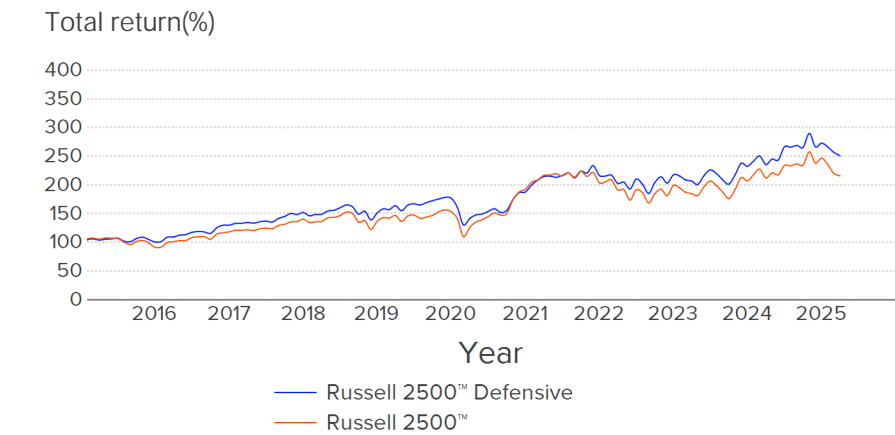
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Performance

	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Russell 2500™ Defensive	6.51	7.36	12.13	9.23	4.59	25.29	-13.07	17.06	12.09	-5.85
Russell 2500™	1.70	4.12	11.37	7.43	19.99	18.18	-18.37	17.42	12.00	-9.41

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Total return



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Annualized risk - Standard Dev (%)

	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr
Russell 2500™ Defensive	16.95	18.67	17.36	16.67
Russell 2500™	17.57	21.14	20.00	19.48

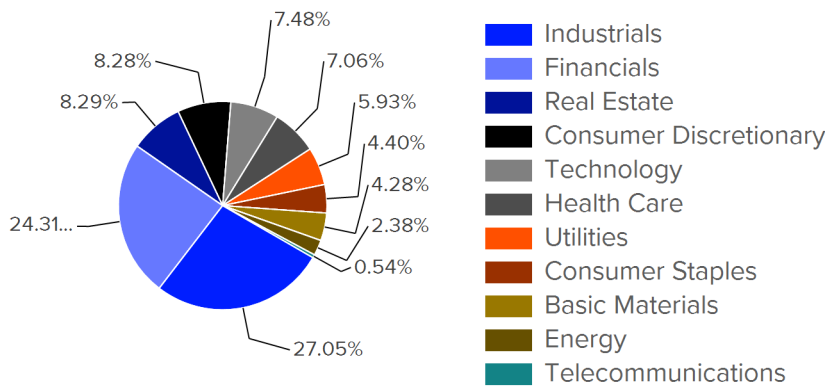
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Sharpe Ratio

	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr
Russell 2500™ Defensive	0.16	0.24	0.59	0.50
Russell 2500™	-0.10	0.09	0.50	0.37

As of April 30, 2025

ICB Industry



As of April 30, 2025

Top ten index constituents

Company	Industry
Sprouts Fmrns Mkt Inc	Consumer Staples
Packaging Corp Of Amer	Industrials
Factset Research Systems	Financials
Snap On Inc	Industrials
Caseys General Stores	Consumer Staples
Watsco Inc	Industrials
Reliance Inc	Basic Materials
F5 Inc	Technology
Lennox International Inc	Industrials
Avery Dennison Corp	Basic Materials

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