

# Battelle Stable Value Fund

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Fund facts	Total net assets	Expense ratio as of 12/31/19	Inception date	Fund number
	\$472 MM	0.23%	06/30/96	4791

## Investment objective

The Battelle Stable Value Fund seeks to provide current and stable income while maintaining a stable share value of \$1.

## Investment strategy

The fund invests primarily in synthetic investment contracts backed by high-credit-quality fixed income investments and traditional investments issued by insurance companies and banks.

The fund seeks to achieve its objective by diversifying among high-credit-quality investments and investment contracts that are structured to smooth market gains and losses over time. The two broad categories of investment contracts, traditional and synthetic, are discussed in the glossary of investment terms.

## General note

### Fund management:

The Battelle Stable Value Fund is a blended separate account consisting of (1) two investment contracts issued by Nationwide and (2) an account managed by Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company. Nationwide and Vanguard are not affiliated and manage their portions of the portfolio independently.

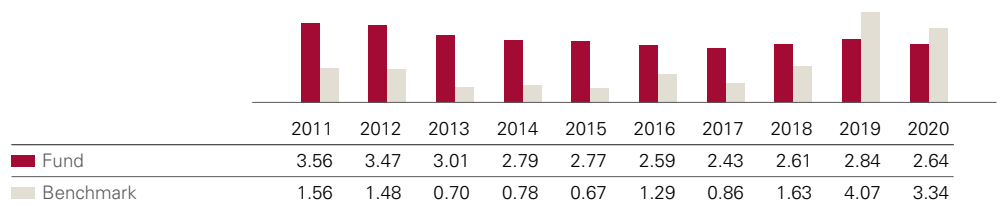
### Fees:

The expense ratio includes a 0.07% fee (\$0.70 per \$1,000 invested) paid to the issuers of synthetic investment contracts (also known as "wrap agreements"). The fund performance results are net of these benefit responsive contract costs.

## Benchmark

ICE BofAML 1-3 Year US Corp/Gov Ind

## Annual returns



## Total returns

Periods ended September 30, 2021

	Quarter	Year to date	One year	Three years	Five years	Ten years
Fund	0.53%	1.60%	2.24%	2.60%	2.55%	2.76%
Benchmark	0.09%	0.12%	0.35%	2.89%	1.92%	1.51%

**The performance data shown represent past performance, which is not a guarantee of future results. Investment returns will fluctuate. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data cited. For performance data current to the most recent month-end, visit our website at [vanguard.com/performance](https://www.vanguard.com/performance).**

Figures for periods of less than one year are cumulative returns. All other figures represent average annual returns. Performance figures include the reinvestment of all dividends and any capital gains distributions. All returns are net of expenses.

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### Plain talk about risk

A stable value fund investment does not constitute a balanced investment program. Although highly rated investments are selected for the fund, the contracts held by the fund are not guaranteed by the U.S. government, Vanguard, the trustee, or your retirement plan. The fund will seek to invest with a diversified selection of contract issuers. A stable value fund is designed as a low-risk investment but you could still lose money by investing in it. The primary risks of investing in the fund are:

**Credit risk:** The chance that an issuer will fail to pay interest and principal in a timely manner. Credit risk should be low for the fund because it invests mainly in investments that are considered high-quality.

**Event Risk:** The chance that a synthetic or traditional contract issuer will pay participant benefits at a value less than book value because of the occurrence of an event or condition which is outside the normal operation of the plan (for example, layoffs, plan amendments, sale of a division, participant withdrawals due to the plan sponsor's insolvency or bankruptcy).

**Income Risk:** The possibility that a fund's income will decline as a result of falling interest rates. Investments are generally made for terms of at least two to five years, on average, producing a rate of fund income that will be higher than that earned on shorter-maturity money market funds. But because it is influenced by average interest rates over a period of several years, the fund's income yield may remain above or stay below current market yields during some time periods. Income risk will be moderately high for the fund.

**Inflation Risk:** The chance that fund returns will not keep pace with the cost of living.

**Market risk:** The chance that the fund's price per share will change as a result of movements in market interest rates, resulting in gains or losses on investments made in the fund. The risk is minimized by investing primarily in investment contracts that enable the fund, under present accounting standards, to value its assets at book value. Most often associated with stock mutual funds, short-term market risk is low.

**Note: An investment in the fund is neither insured nor guaranteed by the U.S. government. There is no assurance that the fund will be able to maintain a stable net asset value of \$1 a share, and it is possible to lose money by investing in the fund.**

**The fund is not a mutual fund. It is a separately managed investment fund available only to tax-qualified plans and their eligible participants. For information on the fund's operations, expenses, fees and investment policies, contact The Vanguard Group, P.O. Box 2900, Valley Forge, PA 19482-2900; call 800-523-1188; or visit [vanguard.com](https://www.vanguard.com).**

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