

# Plan Service Report

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For Period Ended September 30, 2015

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2015

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## ***ICMA-RC's Mission and Values Statement***

**We help public employees build retirement security.**

We put clients first and serve them with excellence, integrity and leadership.

## ***ICMA-RC's Service Commitment***

At ICMA-RC, we recognize that our success is based on the quality of our relationships with employers and retirement plan participants. We know that the trust employers and their participants have in us is not to be taken lightly. Our customer-focused relationships are built on providing exceptional education, in good times and in bad, along with investment, retirement and plan administration solutions. We seek to maximize this experience by providing the best possible service, quality and value to plan sponsors and their employees as they build retirement security. We call this commitment Platinum Services.

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# I. Investment Due Diligence Review

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*Please read Making Sound Investment Decisions: A Retirement Investment Guide and the accompanying VantageTrust Fund Fees and Expenses document ("Guide") carefully for a complete summary of all fees, expenses, investment objectives and strategies, and risks before investing. For a current Guide, contact ICMA-RC by calling 800-669-7400 or log into your account at [www.icmarc.org](http://www.icmarc.org).*

## Economic Commentary

- U.S. economic growth was generally mixed in the third quarter of 2015. As measured by their respective ISM Indexes, U.S. manufacturing conditions weakened while U.S. nonmanufacturing conditions improved. Vehicle sales in the U.S. were stronger on average in the third quarter than in the second quarter. Despite a strong reading in July 2015, third quarter retail sales were lower than the second quarter. Also, new home sales, and existing home sales improved on average in the first two months of the third quarter compared to the second quarter. U.S. long term interest rates moved lower in the third quarter.
- U.S. real GDP rose in the second quarter by 3.9% on an annualized basis compared to growth of 0.3% in the nineteen Eurozone countries. China's GDP is reported on a year-over-year basis and its second quarter GDP growth was 7.0%.
- Nonfarm payrolls averaged 167,000 new jobs per month in the third quarter of 2015, down from the second quarter average of 230,667 new jobs. The unemployment rate was 5.1% at the end of the quarter, down from 5.3% at the end of the second quarter; however, the labor force participation rate fell to 62.4% from 62.6%.
- U.S. manufacturing conditions weakened in the third quarter of 2015, as the ISM Manufacturing Index averaged 51.3 in the quarter, down from 52.6 in the prior quarter as the weak global demand and the stronger U.S. dollar continue to be a drag on manufacturing. The ISM Nonmanufacturing Index rose in the third quarter of 2015, with an average of 58.7 for the quarter versus 56.5 in the prior quarter. Both indexes remain above a reading of 50, which generally indicates expansion; below 50 generally indicates contraction.
- Sales of existing homes averaged 5.45 million annualized units in the first two months of the third quarter versus an average of 5.30 million annualized units in the second quarter of 2015. Sales of new homes in the first two months of the quarter were stronger as well, averaging 537 thousand annualized units, up from the monthly average of 502 thousand annualized units sold in the prior quarter.
- Retail Sales were up an average of 0.3% in the third quarter, compared to the 0.4% average increase in the second quarter.
- U.S. vehicle sales averaged 17.83 million annualized units in the third quarter, up from the second quarter average of 17.17 million annualized units.
- The price of a barrel of West Texas Intermediate Crude Oil fell 24.24% during the quarter, closing at \$45.09 per barrel.

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## Domestic Equity Markets

- U.S. equity markets returns were negative in the third quarter. Volatility increased, as measured by the Chicago Board Options Exchange Volatility Index (“VIX”) which reached a multi-year high level in August 2015, in part due to concerns over China’s economy. Large-cap stocks outperformed mid-cap stocks and small-cap stocks. All three capitalization groups had negative results. Nine of the ten S&P sectors produced negative returns in the quarter.
- The S&P 500 Index (U.S. large-cap company stocks) fell 6.44% (with dividends included) in the quarter, closing at 1,920.03.
- The Russell Midcap Index fell 8.01% while the Russell 2000 Index (U.S. small-cap company stocks) fell 11.92%.
- U.S. growth stocks generally outperformed value stocks as represented by the all-cap Russell 3000 Growth index, which fell 5.93%, compared to an 8.59% decrease in the Russell 3000 Value index. Small- and mid-cap stock performance was mixed. The small-cap Russell 2000 Growth index fell 13.06% in the quarter, while the small-cap Russell 2000 Value index fell 10.73%. The Russell Mid-Cap Growth index performed slightly better than the Russell Mid-Cap Value index, as both fell by 7.99% and 8.04%, respectively. For large-cap stocks, the Russell 1000 Growth Index fell 5.29%, while the Russell 1000 Value Index fell 8.39%
- Nine of the ten S&P 500 sectors fell in the quarter, led by Energy, which fell 17.41% followed by Materials, which fell 16.90%. Utilities was the only sector with positive returns, rising 5.40%.

## Morningstar Returns for Domestic Equity Funds-- 3rd Quarter 2015\*

	Value	Blend	Growth
Large-Cap	-8.42%	-7.53%	-6.69%
Mid-Cap	-9.19%	-9.14%	-9.49%
Small-Cap	-10.32%	-10.90%	-11.98%

## Morningstar Returns for Domestic Equity Funds-- 1 Year Ending 9/30/2015\*

	Value	Blend	Growth
Large-Cap	-4.97%	-2.48%	1.36%
Mid-Cap	-3.16%	-2.41%	0.83%
Small-Cap	-2.99%	-1.11%	2.39%

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## Fixed Income Markets

The majority of the Barclays fixed income indexes posted positive returns in the third quarter of 2015 as interest rates generally fell. The Treasury yield curve flattened as rates on 2-year through 30-year U.S. Treasury notes fell. The 2-year rate fell from 0.64% to 0.63% and the 30-year rate fell from 3.12% to 2.85%. In its September 2015 statement, the U.S. Federal Reserve (“Fed”) stated that the current target rate range for the Fed Funds rate “remains appropriate.”

- At the end of the third quarter, the 10-year Treasury note yield was 2.04%, down from 2.35% at the end of the previous quarter.
- Barclays U.S. Treasury Long Index rose 5.08% in the quarter, reflecting the rise in long term bond prices as yields fell.
- Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index fell 4.86% in the quarter after flat returns in the second quarter. The Energy sector is a large issuer of High Yield bonds, and the fall in the price of oil during the quarter impacted high yield bond returns.
- Barclays U.S. Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (“TIPS”) fell 1.15% as inflation forecasts were lower than expected.
- The Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, a broad measure of the U.S. investment grade fixed income market, rose 1.23% in the quarter.

## Morningstar Returns for Domestic Fixed Income Funds--Period Ending 9/30/2015\*

Category	Quarter	Year
Ultrashort Bond	-0.13%	0.07%
Short Government Short-Term Bond	0.26% -0.14%	1.03% 0.53%
Inflation-Protected Bond	-1.84%	-2.51%
Intermediate Government Intermediate-Term Bond	0.94% 0.32%	2.41% 1.46%
Long Government Long-Term Bond	4.27% 1.79%	7.02% 3.21%
High Yield Bond	-4.46%	-3.61%

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## International Equity Markets

The stock markets of developed market countries outside of the U.S., as well as emerging market countries' stock markets, provided negative returns to U.S. dollar-based investors in the third quarter as concerns about China's economy, Eurozone growth, and U.S. interest rate policy impacted global markets. Non-U.S. developed market equities outperformed emerging market equities for the quarter.

- In the third quarter, the U.S. dollar rose 2.19% versus the Japanese Yen, fell 3.72% versus the British Pound and fell 0.27% versus the Euro. A stronger U.S. dollar generally reduces returns for U.S. dollar-based investors holding non-U.S. dollar denominated securities, and a weaker U.S. dollar generally increases the returns for U.S. dollar-based investors holding non-U.S. dollar denominated securities.
- For U.S. dollar-based investors, developed non-U.S. market equities as measured by the MSCI EAFE NR Index fell 10.23% in the quarter while emerging market equities as measured by the MSCI EM NR Index fell 17.90%.
- Among large developed non-U.S. markets as represented by MSCI EAFE, the worst performers were Hong Kong (-16.16%), Australia (-15.33%), Japan (-11.80%), and the UK (-10.02%).
- Among large emerging markets, Brazil (-33.60%), China (-22.71%), Russia (-14.80%), and India (-6.74%) all had negative returns.

## Morningstar Returns for International Equity Funds--1 Year Ending 9/30/2015\*

Category	Quarter	Year
Foreign Large Value	-10.68%	-10.40%
Foreign Large Blend	-10.34%	-8.06%
Foreign Large Growth	-9.36%	-4.95%
Foreign Small/Mid Value	-8.97%	-5.60%
Foreign Small/Mid Growth	-7.14%	-1.20%
Diversified Emerging Mkts	-15.87%	-18.77%
World Allocation	-6.72%	-6.23%

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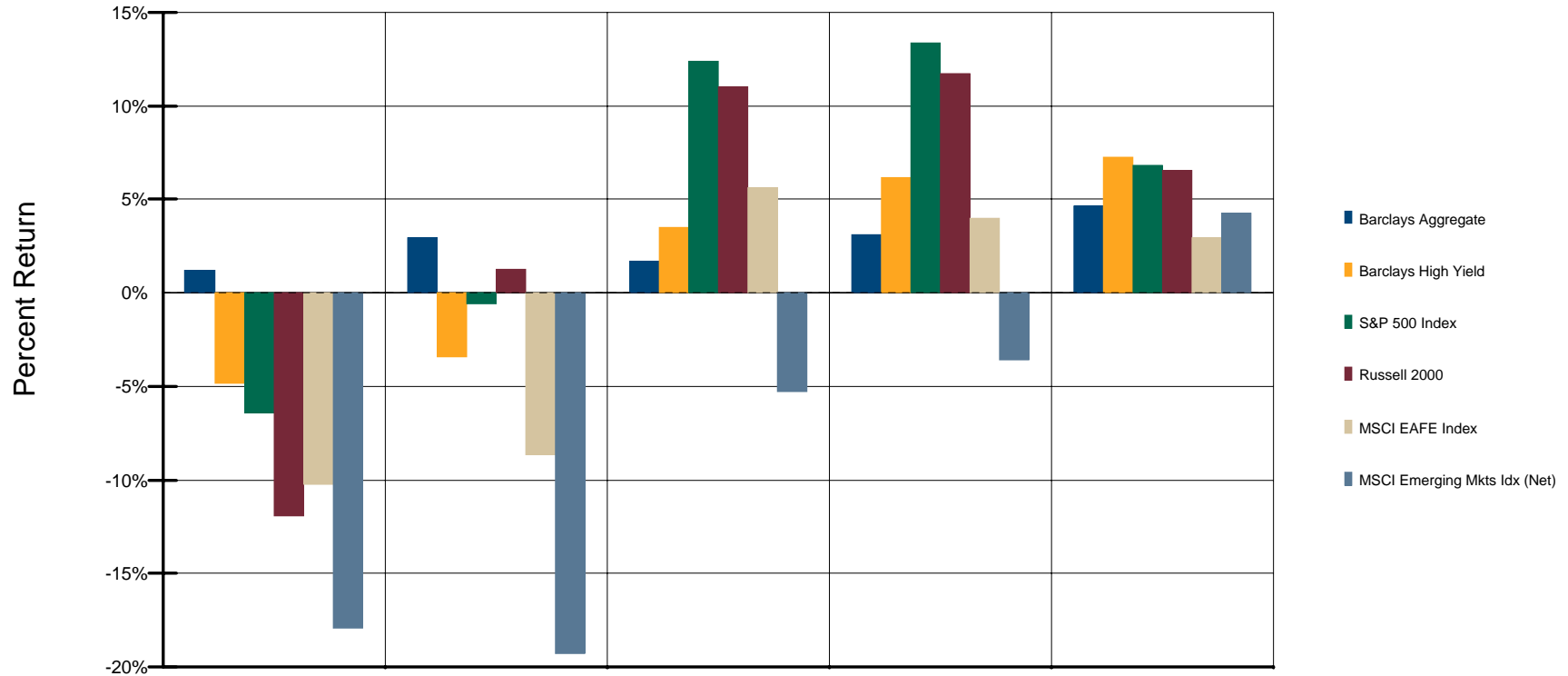
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# Capital Markets Returns

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	Q3 '15	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Barclays Aggregate	1.23%	2.94%	1.71%	3.10%	4.64%
Barclays High Yield	-4.86%	-3.43%	3.51%	6.15%	7.25%
S&P 500 Index	-6.44%	-0.61%	12.40%	13.34%	6.80%
Russell 2000	-11.92%	1.25%	11.02%	11.73%	6.55%
MSCI EAFE Index	-10.23%	-8.66%	5.63%	3.98%	2.97%
MSCI Emerging Mkts Idx (Net)	-17.90%	-19.28%	-5.27%	-3.58%	4.27%

Periods greater than one year represent annualized performance.

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## Retirement Focused Investing – RHS Plans

		U.S. STOCK			TARGET-RISK/TARGET-DATE
		Value	Blend	Growth	10 funds in asset category. See Fund Summary pages for names of all funds in asset category.
Large		--	--	--	
	Mid	--	--	--	
	Small	--	--	--	
		STABLE VALUE/CASH MANAGEMENT	BOND	INTERNATIONAL/GLOBAL STOCK	BALANCED
		--	--	--	--
					SPECIALTY
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# Vantagepoint Milestone Funds<sup>1,5,13</sup>

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Morningstar<sup>®,2</sup> Three- and Five-Year Rankings as of 9/30/2015

Vantagepoint Milestone Funds	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030	TxtMPNm6	TxtMPNm7	TxtMPNm8	TxtMPNm9
		◆ 10		◆ 10					◆ 11
1st quartile	◆ 31		◆ 24		◆ 19	◆ 20	◆ 18	◆ 19	◆ 18
2nd quartile		◆ 40		◆ 31	◆ 26	◆ 25			
Median Return									
3rd quartile									
4th quartile									
Morningstar <sup>®,2</sup> Category	Target Date 2000-2010	Target Date 2011-2015	Target Date 2016-2020	Target Date 2021-2025	Target Date 2026-2030	TxtMPCat6	TxtMPCat7	TxtMPCat8	TxtMPCat9
Funds Ranked in Category: 3-Year Period	117	127	203	156	203				
Funds Ranked in Category: 5-Year Period	107	112	171	124	171				

◆ 3-Year Rank  
◆ 5-Year Rank

Number next to each diamond represents a percentile rank within the appropriate Morningstar style category universe of funds. The percentile ranking is based on Total Return relative to funds in the same Morningstar category. The highest (or most favorable) percentile rank is 1 and the lowest (or least favorable) percentile rank is 100. The top-performing fund in a category will always receive a rank of 1. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Please be advised that with "Fund of Funds" arrangements such as the Vantagepoint Milestone Funds, additional underlying fees may apply. Please read Making Sound Investment Decisions: A Retirement Investment Guide ("Guide") carefully for a complete summary of all fees, expenses, investment objectives and strategies, and risks. Investors should carefully consider this information before investing.

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## Underlying Vantagepoint Fund Target Allocations as of 9/30/2015

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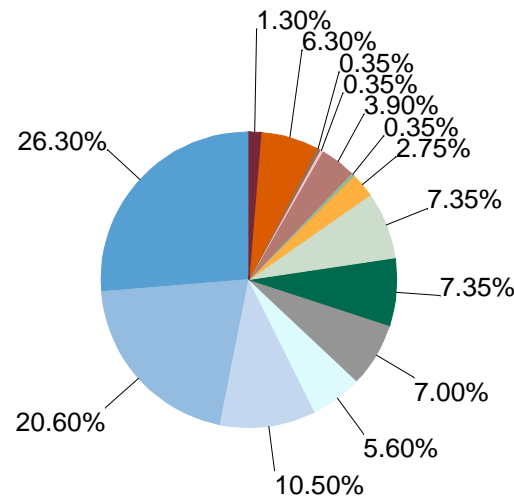
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- International
- Overseas Equity Index
- Discovery
- Aggressive Opportunities
- Mid/Small Company Index
- Select Value
- Growth
- Growth & Income
- Equity Income

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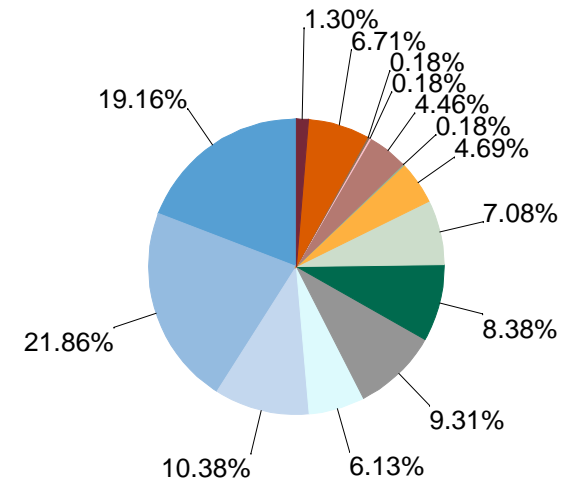
- Diversifying Strategies

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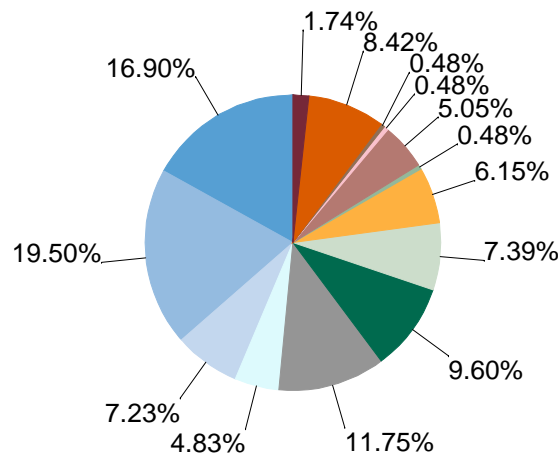
- High Yield Bond
- Inflation Focused
- Core Bond Index
- Low Duration Bond



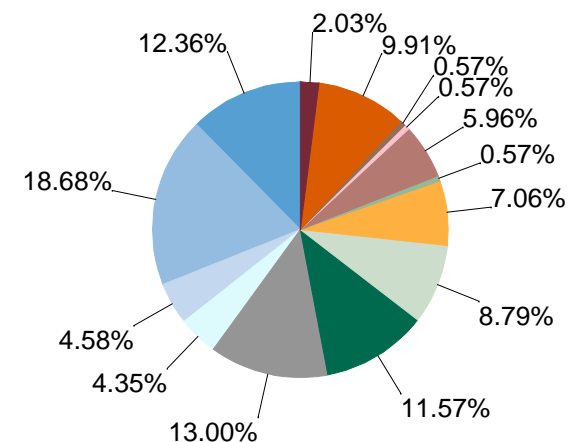
Retirement Income



2010



2015



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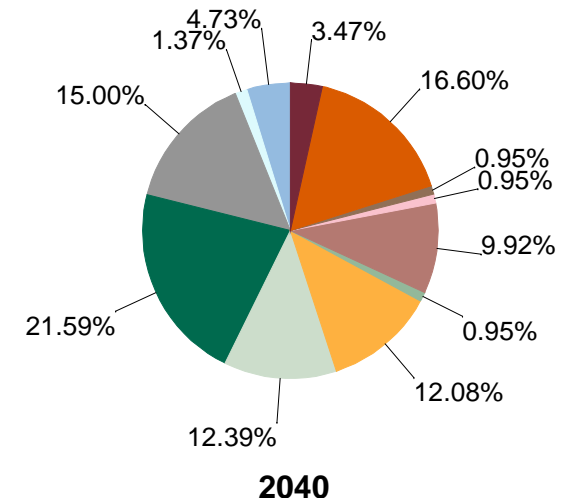
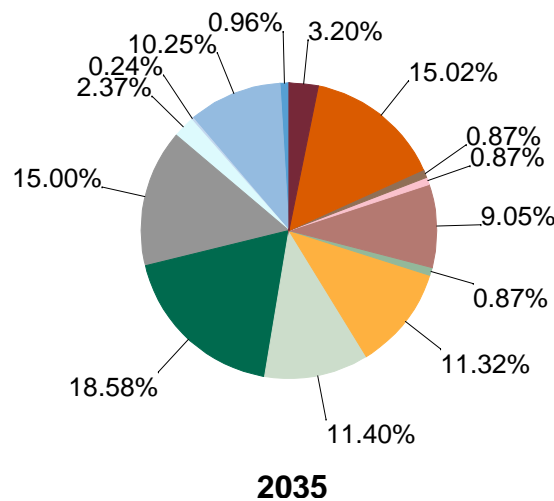
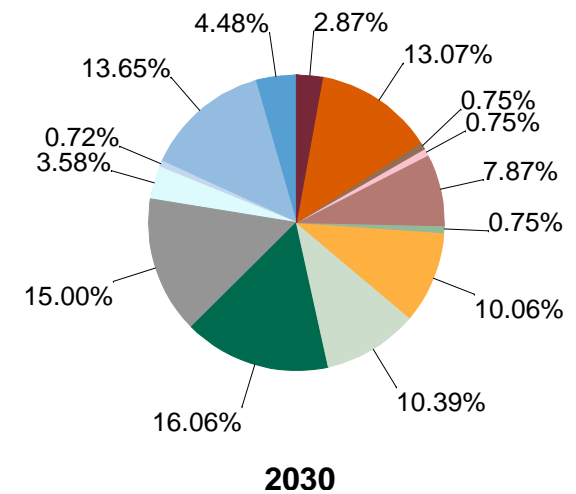
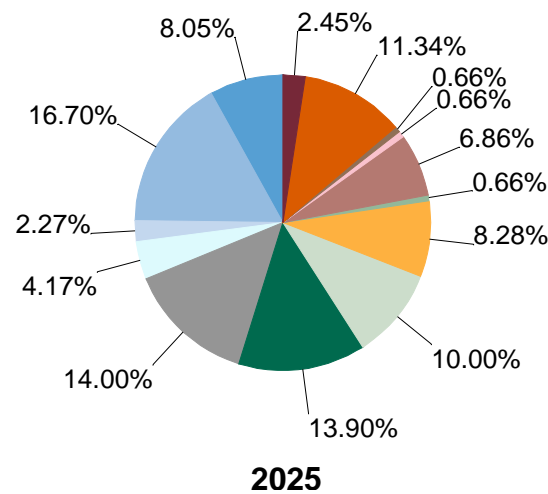
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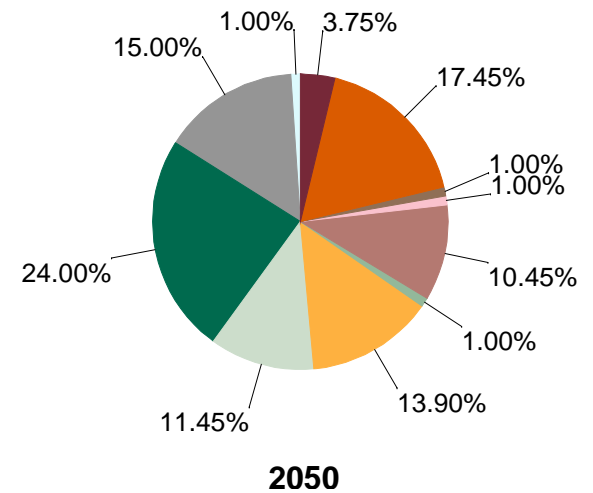
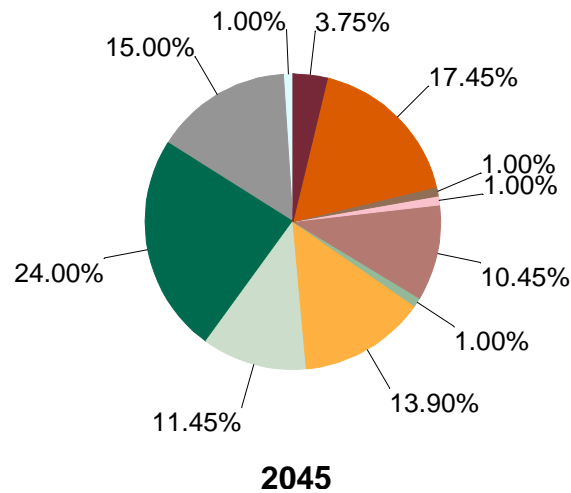
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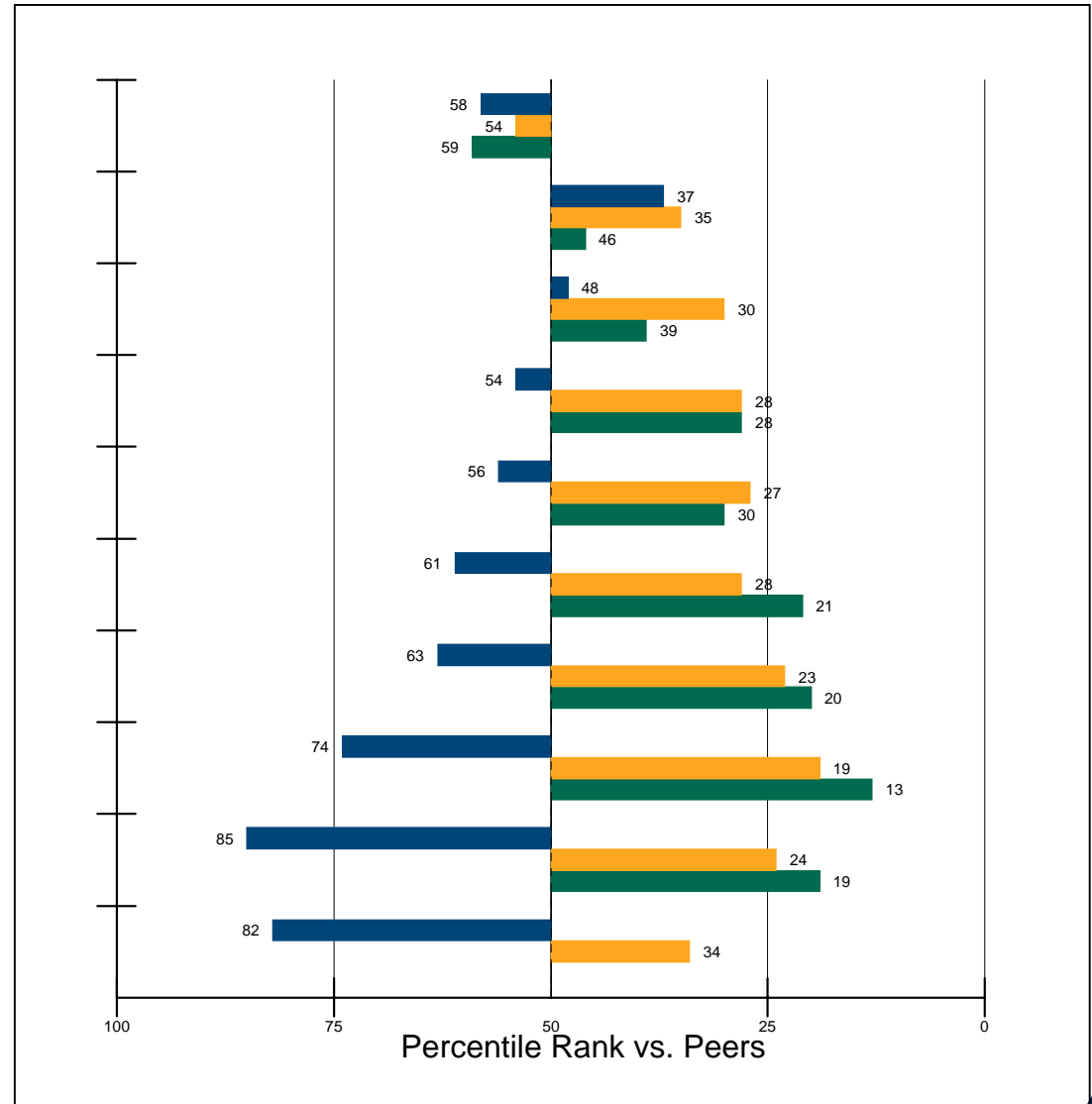
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# Morningstar Ratings vs. Peers<sup>1,2</sup>

Fund	Overall Morningstar Rating <sup>2</sup>	Asset Allocation (All Plans)	Participant Usage (All Plans)
Vantagepoint Milestone Ret Inc	☆☆☆	12.01%	13.67%
Vantagepoint Milestone 2010	☆☆☆☆	11.88%	10.99%
Vantagepoint Milestone 2015	☆☆☆	17.37%	16.33%
Vantagepoint Milestone 2020	☆☆☆☆	22.41%	19.61%
Vantagepoint Milestone 2025	☆☆☆☆	17.38%	17.40%
Vantagepoint Milestone 2030	☆☆☆☆	10.61%	11.23%
Vantagepoint Milestone 2035	☆☆☆☆	5.52%	6.44%
Vantagepoint Milestone 2040	☆☆☆☆	2.17%	3.14%
Vantagepoint Milestone 2045	☆☆☆☆	0.64%	1.17%
Vantagepoint Milestone 2050	☆☆☆	0.01%	0.02%



■ 1 Year ■ 3 Year ■ 5 Year

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# Fund Focus List<sup>1,2</sup>

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Criteria	Criterion Benchmark	Vantagepoint Milestone Ret Inc	Vantagepoint Milestone 2010	Vantagepoint Milestone 2015	Vantagepoint Milestone 2020	Vantagepoint Milestone 2025
% of Assets	--	12.01%	11.88%	17.37%	22.41%	17.38%
% of Participants	--	13.67%	10.99%	16.33%	19.61%	17.40%
Overall Morningstar Star Rating <sup>2</sup>	3 or higher	3	4	3	4	4
3-Year Morningstar Star Rating <sup>2</sup>	3 or higher	3	3	3	3	4
3-Year Performance Pct. Rank in Category <sup>2</sup>	75 <sup>th</sup> percentile or better	54%	35%	30%	28%	27%
1-Year Performance Pct. Rank in Category <sup>2</sup>	75 <sup>th</sup> percentile or better	58%	37%	48%	54%	56%
3-Month Performance Pct. Rank in Category <sup>2</sup>	75 <sup>th</sup> percentile or better for 5 of last 8 quarters	5	6	6	5	6
Manager Change	None in last 12 months	No	No	No	No	No
Morningstar Category Change	None in last 12 months	No	No	No	No	No
Metrics Met	--	<b>7 of 7</b>	<b>7 of 7</b>	<b>7 of 7</b>	<b>7 of 7</b>	<b>7 of 7</b>

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Criteria	Criterion Benchmark	Vantagepoint Milestone 2030	Vantagepoint Milestone 2035	Vantagepoint Milestone 2040	Vantagepoint Milestone 2045
% of Assets	--	10.61%	5.52%	2.17%	0.64%
% of Participants	--	11.23%	6.44%	3.14%	1.17%
Overall Morningstar Star Rating <sup>2</sup>	3 or higher	4	4	4	4
3-Year Morningstar Star Rating <sup>2</sup>	3 or higher	4	4	4	4
3-Year Performance Pct. Rank in Category <sup>2</sup>	75 <sup>th</sup> percentile or better	28%	23%	19%	24%
1-Year Performance Pct. Rank in Category <sup>2</sup>	75 <sup>th</sup> percentile or better	61%	63%	74%	85%
3-Month Performance Pct. Rank in Category <sup>2</sup>	75 <sup>th</sup> percentile or better for 5 of last 8 quarters	6	5	7	7
Manager Change	None in last 12 months	No	No	No	No
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## Fund Data

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# Fund Performance<sup>1,2</sup>

## Target-Risk/Target-Date Fund Returns

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Fund Name	Morningstar® Star Rating				1 Yr Return	3 Yr Return	5 Yr Return	10 Yr Return	Rtrn Since Inception	Inception Date
	Overall	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year						
<b>Vantagepoint Milestone Ret Inc<sup>5,12</sup></b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-1.40</b>	<b>2.52</b>	<b>3.67</b>	<b>3.82</b>	<b>3.76</b>	<b>1/3/2005</b>
Barclays U.S. Intermediate Aggregate Bond Index					2.95	1.64	2.69	4.37		
Milestone Ret Income Custom Benchmark Former Milestone Ret Income Custom Benchmark					0.26	4.31	5.60	4.95		
Morningstar Retirement Income					-1.35	2.44	3.88	3.71		
<b>Vantagepoint Milestone 2010<sup>5,12</sup></b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-1.50</b>	<b>4.22</b>	<b>5.37</b>	<b>4.50</b>	<b>4.45</b>	<b>1/3/2005</b>
Barclays U.S. Intermediate Aggregate Bond Index					2.95	1.64	2.69	4.37		
Milestone 2010 Custom Benchmark Former Milestone 2010 Custom Benchmark					0.26	6.05	7.45	5.77		
Morningstar Target Date 2000-2010					-1.74	3.65	4.98	3.72		
<b>Vantagepoint Milestone 2015<sup>5,12</sup></b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-1.80</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>6.04</b>	<b>4.69</b>	<b>4.70</b>	<b>1/3/2005</b>
Barclays U.S. Intermediate Aggregate Bond Index					2.95	1.64	2.69	4.37		
Milestone 2015 Custom Benchmark Former Milestone 2015 Custom Benchmark					-0.12	6.77	8.05	5.96		
Morningstar Target Date 2011-2015					-1.84	4.27	5.52	3.51		

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## Target-Risk/Target-Date Fund Returns

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Fund Name	Morningstar® Star Rating				1 Yr Return	3 Yr Return	5 Yr Return	10 Yr Return	Rtrn Since Inception	Inception Date
	Overall	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year						
<b>Vantagepoint Milestone 2020<sup>5,12</sup></b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-2.16</b>	<b>5.89</b>	<b>6.71</b>	<b>4.84</b>	<b>4.88</b>	<b>1/3/2005</b>
S&P 500 Index					-0.61	12.40	13.34	6.80		
Milestone 2020 Custom Benchmark					-0.40	7.66	8.68	6.13		
Former Milestone 2020 Custom Benchmark					1.38	8.17	9.29	6.16		
Morningstar Target Date 2016-2020					-2.12	4.51	5.79	4.04		
<b>Vantagepoint Milestone 2025<sup>5,12</sup></b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-2.60</b>	<b>6.66</b>	<b>7.41</b>	<b>5.01</b>	<b>5.06</b>	<b>1/3/2005</b>
S&P 500 Index					-0.61	12.40	13.34	6.80		
Milestone 2025 Custom Benchmark					-0.77	8.40	9.32	6.26		
Former Milestone 2025 Custom Benchmark					1.06	9.07	10.17	6.32		
Morningstar Target Date 2021-2025					-2.55	5.70	7.01	4.23		
<b>Vantagepoint Milestone 2030<sup>5,12</sup></b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-3.20</b>	<b>7.33</b>	<b>8.03</b>	<b>5.14</b>	<b>5.22</b>	<b>1/3/2005</b>
S&P 500 Index					-0.61	12.40	13.34	6.80		
Milestone 2030 Custom Benchmark					-1.20	8.98	9.84	6.39		
Former Milestone 2030 Custom Benchmark					0.72	9.97	11.05	6.46		
Morningstar Target Date 2026-2030					-3.02	5.87	6.85	4.21		
<b>Vantagepoint Milestone 2035<sup>5,12</sup></b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-3.72</b>	<b>8.00</b>	<b>8.65</b>	<b>5.31</b>	<b>5.40</b>	<b>1/3/2005</b>
S&P 500 Index					-0.61	12.40	13.34	6.80		
Milestone 2035 Custom Benchmark					-1.72	9.51	10.30	6.58		
Former Milestone 2035 Custom Benchmark					0.36	10.90	11.98	6.64		
Morningstar Target Date 2031-2035					-3.39	6.84	7.87	4.40		

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# Fund Performance<sup>1,2</sup>

## Target-Risk/Target-Date Fund Returns

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Fund Name	Morningstar® Star Rating				1 Yr Return	3 Yr Return	5 Yr Return	10 Yr Return	Rtrn Since Inception	Inception Date
	Overall	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year						
<b>Vantagepoint Milestone 2040<sup>5,12</sup></b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-4.44</b>	<b>8.40</b>	<b>9.05</b>	<b>5.44</b>	<b>5.52</b>	<b>1/3/2005</b>
S&P 500 Index					-0.61	12.40	13.34	6.80		
Milestone 2040 Custom Benchmark					-2.23	9.77	10.49	6.63		
Former Milestone 2040 Custom Benchmark					-2.14	11.12	11.56	6.15		
Morningstar Target Date 2036-2040					-3.65	6.66	7.42	4.39		
<b>Vantagepoint Milestone 2045<sup>5,12</sup></b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>-4.84</b>	<b>8.44</b>	<b>9.04</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>8.61</b>	<b>1/4/2010</b>
S&P 500 Index					-0.61	12.40	13.34	6.80		
Milestone 2045 Custom Benchmark					-2.60	9.75	10.48	--		
Former Milestone 2045 Custom Benchmark					-2.20	11.07	11.52	--		
Morningstar Target Date 2041-2045					-3.75	7.32	8.23	4.59		
<b>Vantagepoint Milestone 2050<sup>5,12</sup></b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>-4.92</b>	<b>8.22</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>8.29</b>	<b>9/10/2012</b>
S&P 500 Index					-0.61	12.40	13.34	6.80		
Milestone 2050 Custom Benchmark					-2.60	9.75	--	--		
Former Milestone 2050 Custom Benchmark					-2.20	11.07	--	--		
Morningstar Target Date 2046-2050					-3.79	6.97	7.64	4.57		

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# Fund Summary<sup>1,2</sup>

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## Summary Table

Plan Option	Morningstar® Category	Peer Ranking over last 3 years (Percentile)	Peer Ranking over last 5 years (Percentile)	Peer Ranking over last 10 years (Percentile)	Comparative Risk Relative to Funds in Category over last 3 years
Vantagepoint Milestone Ret Inc <sup>5,12</sup>	Retirement Income	82/150 (54%)	82/139 (59%)	32/69 (46%)	Average
Vantagepoint Milestone 2010 <sup>5,12</sup>	Target Date 2000-2010	41/117 (35%)	50/107 (46%)	8/65 (11%)	Average
Vantagepoint Milestone 2015 <sup>5,12</sup>	Target Date 2011-2015	38/127 (30%)	44/112 (39%)	4/31 (10%)	Average
Vantagepoint Milestone 2020 <sup>5,12</sup>	Target Date 2016-2020	57/203 (28%)	49/171 (28%)	11/77 (14%)	Average
Vantagepoint Milestone 2025 <sup>5,12</sup>	Target Date 2021-2025	43/156 (27%)	38/124 (30%)	7/35 (18%)	Average
Vantagepoint Milestone 2030 <sup>5,12</sup>	Target Date 2026-2030	57/203 (28%)	37/171 (21%)	10/77 (12%)	Average
Vantagepoint Milestone 2035 <sup>5,12</sup>	Target Date 2031-2035	36/156 (23%)	25/124 (20%)	8/35 (21%)	Average
Vantagepoint Milestone 2040 <sup>5,12</sup>	Target Date 2036-2040	38/202 (19%)	23/170 (13%)	7/72 (9%)	High
Vantagepoint Milestone 2045 <sup>5,12</sup>	Target Date 2041-2045	38/155 (24%)	24/123 (19%)	--	High
Vantagepoint Milestone 2050 <sup>5,12</sup>	Target Date 2046-2050	63/183 (34%)	--	--	High

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- <sup>1</sup> Morningstar places funds in certain categories based on the fund's historical portfolio holdings. Placement of a fund in a particular Morningstar category does not mean that the fund will remain in that category or that it will invest primarily in securities consistent with its Morningstar category. A fund's investment strategy and portfolio holdings are governed by its prospectus, guidelines or other governing documents, not its Morningstar category.

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# Disclosures

<sup>2</sup> Cont. The number of funds in Morningstar® categories as of 09/30/2015, is provided below:

Morningstar® Category	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Morningstar® Category	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
Aggressive Allocation	401	336	231	Moderate Allocation	838	722	481
Communications	35	35	21	Multisector Bond	225	169	101
Conservative Allocation	725	567	322	Natural Resources	132	108	52
Diversified Emerging Markets	561	376	168	Real Estate	239	203	151
Equity Precious Metals	71	71	51	Retirement Income	150	139	69
Financial	91	87	68	Short Government	113	107	92
Foreign Large Blend	685	594	336	Short-Term Bond	475	401	276
Foreign Large Growth	301	277	183	Small Blend	645	577	383
Foreign Large Value	289	256	127	Small Growth	653	579	408
Foreign Small/Mid Blend	77	61	24	Small Value	365	315	199
Foreign Small/Mid Growth	131	115	75	Target Date 2000 – 2010	117	107	65
Foreign Small/Mid Value	52	36	20	Target Date 2011 – 2015	127	112	31
Global Real Estate	192	154	48	Target Date 2016 – 2020	203	171	77
Health	122	119	98	Target Date 2021 – 2025	156	124	35
High Yield Bond	627	534	362	Target Date 2026 – 2030	203	171	77
Inflation-Protected Bond	196	174	103	Target Date 2031 – 2035	156	124	35
Intermediate Government	302	274	221	Target Date 2036 – 2040	202	170	72
Intermediate-Term Bond	945	831	589	Target Date 2041 – 2045	155	123	26
Large Blend	1,391	1,242	878	Target Date 2046 – 2050	183	141	16
Large Growth	1,519	1,339	929	Target Date 2051 +	114	50	N/A
Large Value	1,211	1,071	744	Technology	197	196	154
Long Government	30	30	19	Utilities	63	61	55
Long-Term Bond	16	12	5	World Allocation	465	346	178
Mid-Cap Blend	354	294	185	World Bond	316	236	137
Mid-Cap Growth	653	587	446	World Stock	1,001	758	393
Mid-Cap Value	425	368	250				

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<sup>7</sup> VT PLUS Fund return is annualized for all periods.

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- <sup>13</sup> Sector funds tend to be riskier and more volatile than the broad market because they are generally less diversified and more volatile than other mutual funds.
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# Plan Snapshot

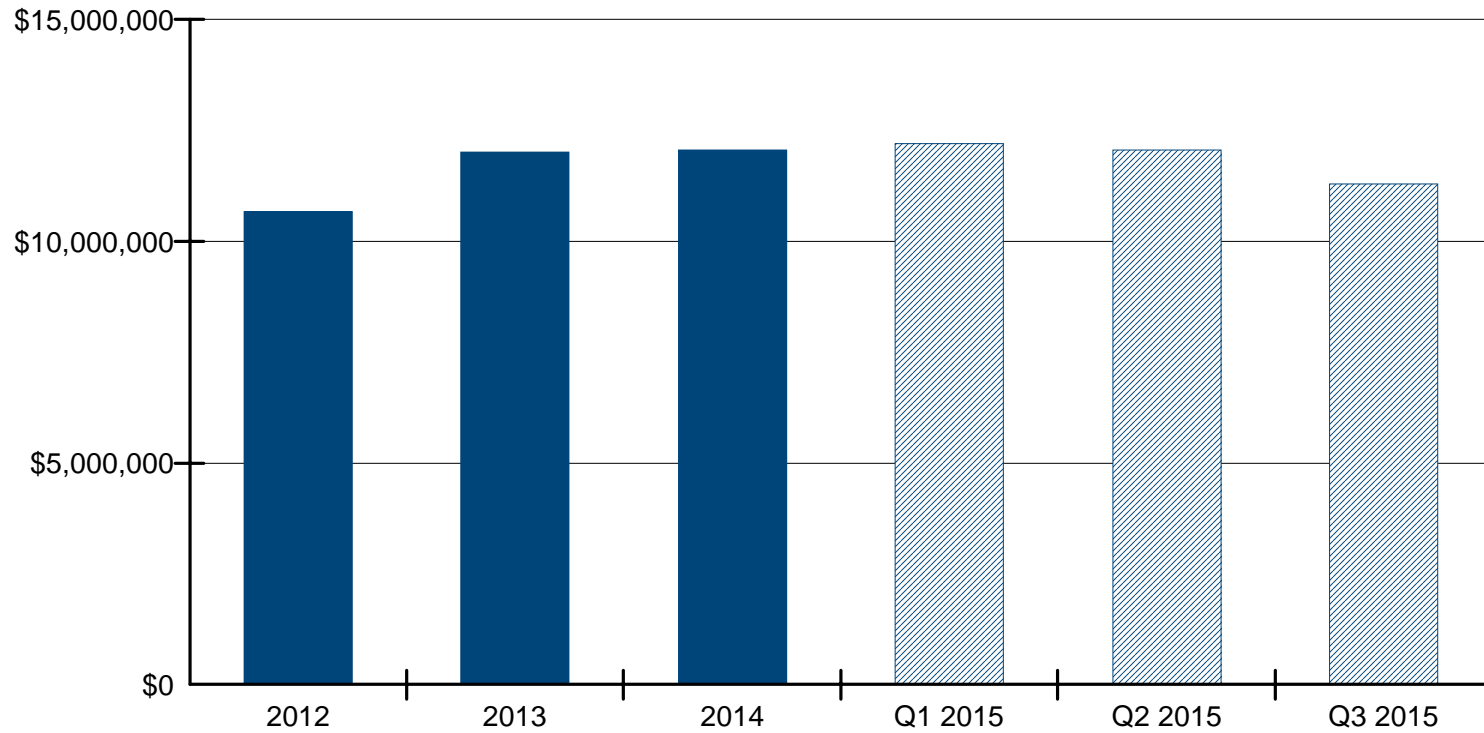
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RHS	801712	VMERS	\$11,286,439	4175
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$11,286,439</b>	<b>4175</b>

Data on all subsequent pages is aggregated by plan type for plans with five or more participants.

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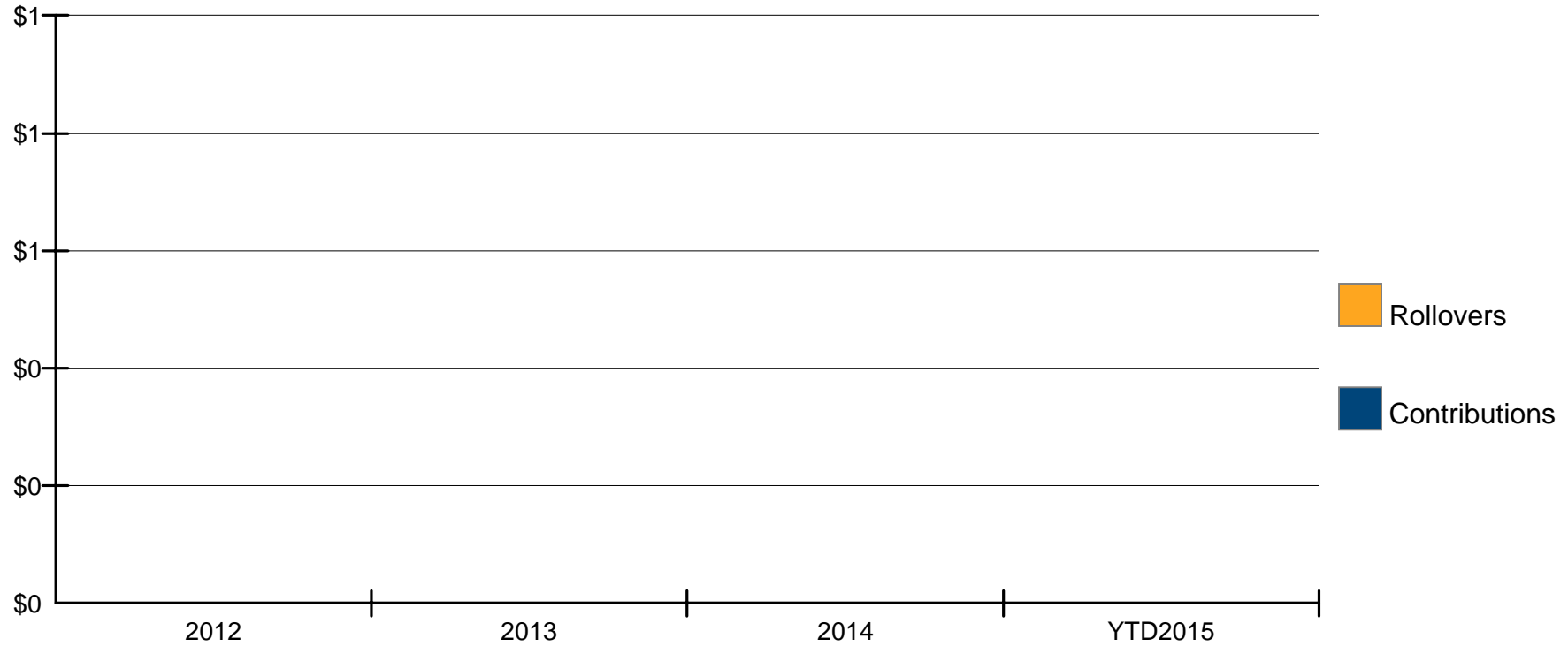
# RHS Plan Asset Trends *(as of September 30, 2015)*



Assets	\$10,666,695	\$12,011,534	\$12,055,221	\$12,210,072	\$12,063,328	\$11,286,439
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Since June 2015, the overall value of VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES RET SYSTEM's RHS plan saw a fall of 6.4% to \$11,286,439 from \$12,063,328. During the time period since December 31, 2012, assets have risen 5.8%.

# RHS Plan Contributions *(as of September 30, 2015)*



Contributions	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Rollovers	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Loan Repayments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Active Participants	0	0	0	NA
Average Contribution*	NA	NA	NA	NA

\*Please note that Rollovers are excluded from this calculation.

# RHS Plan Asset Allocation *(as of September 30, 2015)*

Your RHS Plan    Total ICMA-RC RHS Clients

September 30, 2014



Stable Value/Cash Management	0.00%	9.00%
Bond	0.00%	4.00%
Guaranteed Lifetime Income	0.00%	0.00%
Balanced/Asset Allocation	100.00%	73.00%
U.S. Stock	0.00%	12.00%
International/Global Stock	0.00%	2.00%
Specialty	0.00%	0.00%

September 30, 2015



Stable Value/Cash Management	0.00%	9.00%
Bond	0.00%	4.00%
Guaranteed Lifetime Income	0.00%	0.00%
Balanced/Asset Allocation	100.00%	73.00%
U.S. Stock	0.00%	12.00%
International/Global Stock	0.00%	2.00%
Specialty	0.00%	0.00%

Note: Asset allocation for all clients except Washington State.

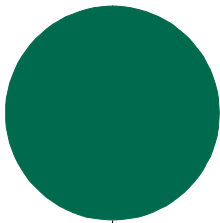
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# RHS Plan Asset Allocation by Age (as of September 30, 2015)

- Stable Value/Cash Management
- Bond
- Guaranteed Lifetime Income
- Balanced/Asset Allocation
- U.S. Stock
- International/Global Stock

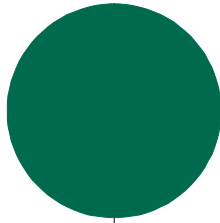
## 35 & Under



100.0%

21 Inactive  
21 Participants  
\$27,289 Total Assets  
\$1,299 Average Balance

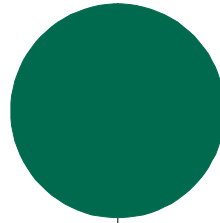
## 36 - 45



100.0%

291 Inactive  
291 Participants  
\$566,656 Total Assets  
\$1,947 Average Balance

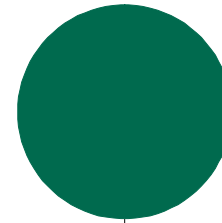
## 46 - 55



100.0%

972 Inactive  
972 Participants  
\$2,527,895 Total Assets  
\$2,601 Average Balance

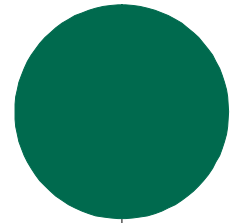
## 56 - 65



100.0%

1554 Inactive  
1554 Participants  
\$4,608,618 Total Assets  
\$2,966 Average Balance

## Over 65

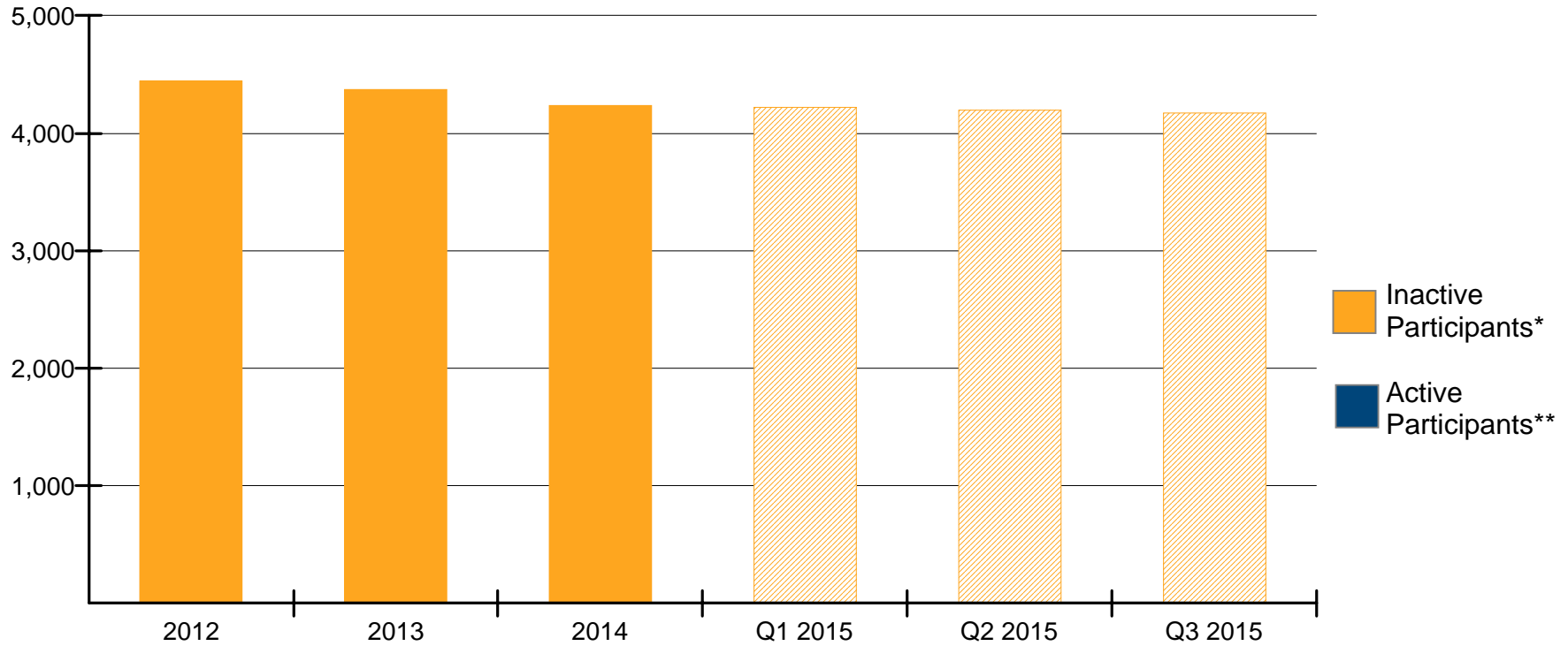


100.0%

1336 Inactive  
1336 Participants  
\$3,548,417 Total Assets  
\$2,656 Average Balance

Data for participants invested in one fund excludes funds in the Target Risk and Target Date category.

# RHS Plan Participation Trends *(as of September 30, 2015)*

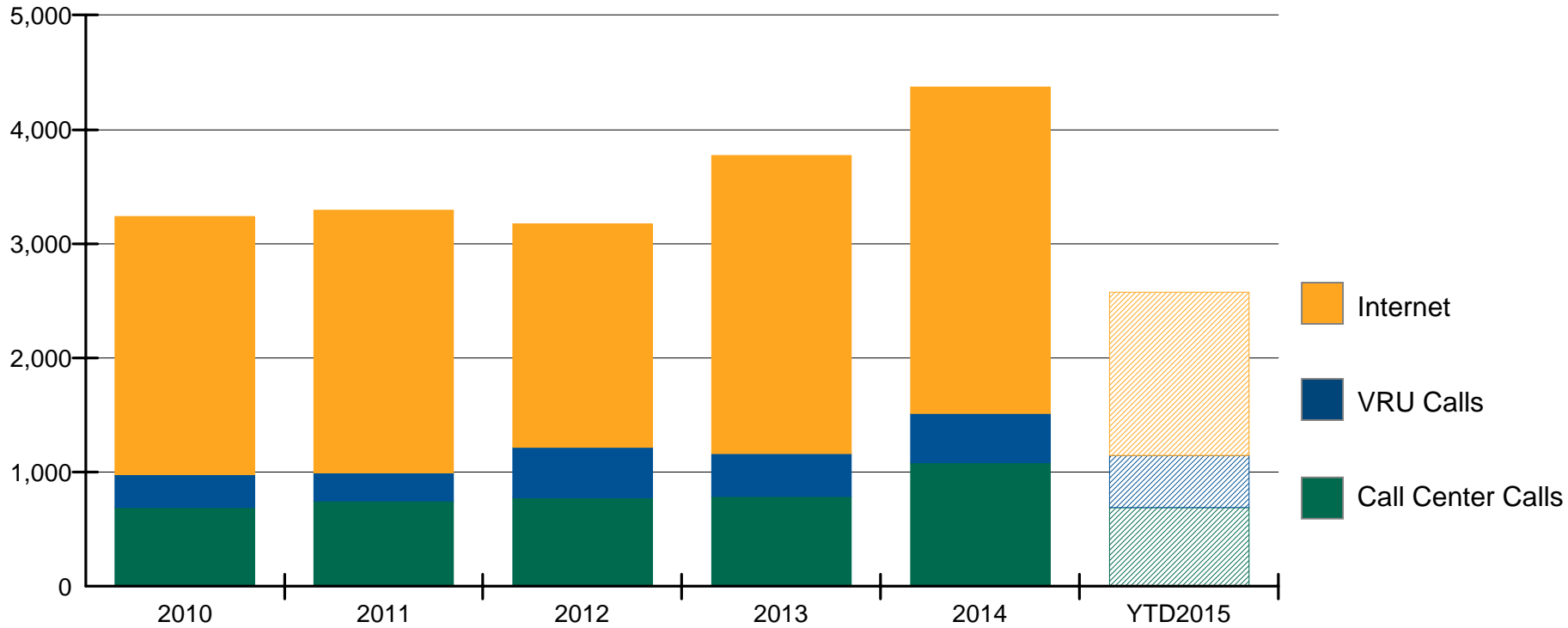


Inactive	4441	4369	4236	4220	4199	4175
Active	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	4441	4369	4236	4220	4199	4175

\*Inactive Participants--participants who have a balance and did not make a contribution to the plan within the last 12 months.

\*\*Active Participants--participants who have a balance and made a contribution to the plan within the last 12 months.

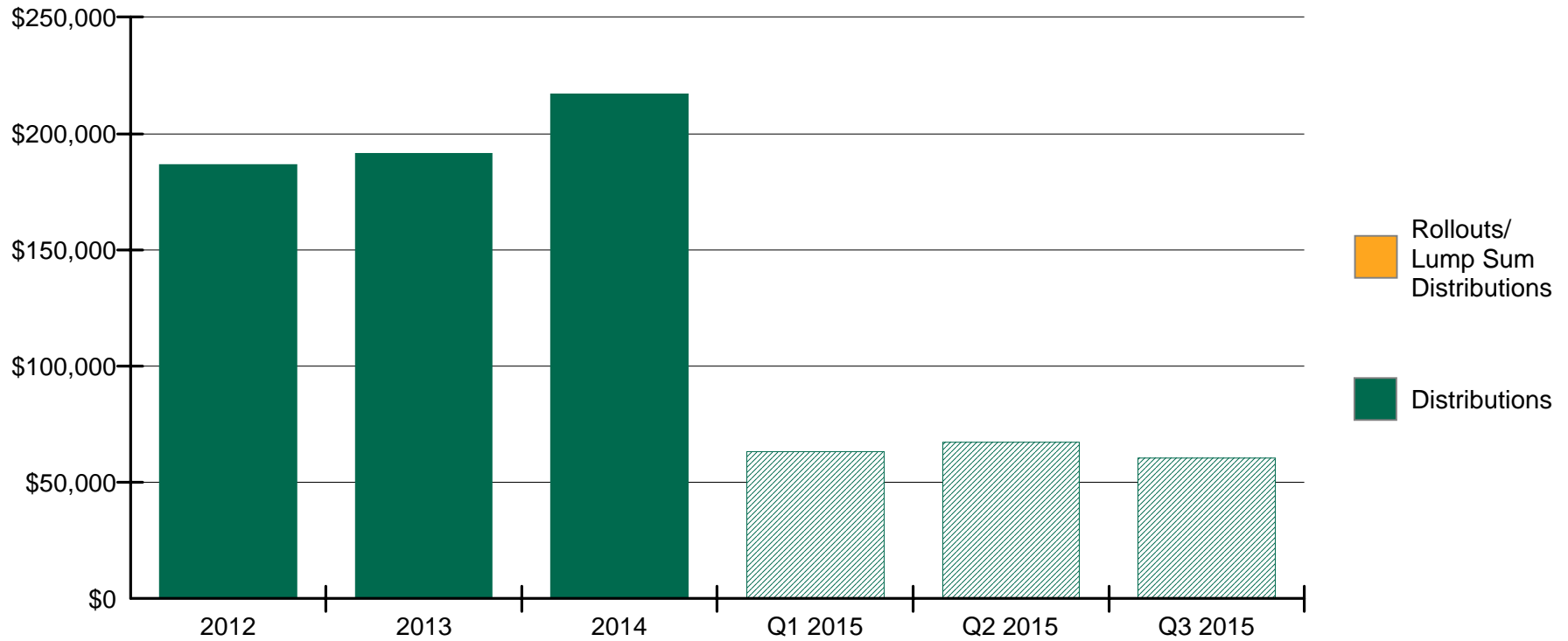
# RHS Plan Service Usage *(as of September 30, 2015)*



Internet	2265	2296	1954	2608	2860	1430
VRU	286	254	440	383	430	459
Call Center	690	741	780	781	1079	687
Total	3241	3291	3174	3772	4369	2576

The chart above provides the number of contacts made by your RHS plan participants to ICMA-RC using several media — online using our Account Access participant Web site, VantageLine voice response unit, or call center representatives.

# RHS Plan Withdrawal Trends *(as of September 30, 2015)*



Rollouts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Loans	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Distributions/ Lump Sum	\$186,474	\$191,466	\$216,846	\$63,092	\$67,015	\$60,306
Total	\$186,474	\$191,466	\$216,846	\$63,092	\$67,015	\$60,306
# of Rollouts	0	0	0	0	0	0
# of Distributions	534	563	624	179	187	191
Total	534	563	624	179	187	191

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VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES RET SYSTEM's RHS plan includes ten balanced funds for investment options. Over the last quarter, the plan's 4,175 participants contributed a total of \$10,828 with the largest amount, \$10,828 to its balanced funds. Overall, the plan has 100% in its balanced funds.

Over the last quarter with regard to market value, balanced funds declined by \$684,235. On a net cash flow basis (contribution, plus net transfers less withdrawals), balanced funds fell \$76,901. The total value of VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES RET SYSTEM's RHS plan fell to \$11,286,439 from \$12,063,328 since June 2015, a decline of 6.4%.

	Quarter Start Assets	Quarter Contributions	Quarter Withdrawals	Quarter Net Fund Transfers	Quarter Earnings	Quarter End Assets	Quarter End % of Assets	Quarter End Participants w/ Balance In Fund
Vantagepoint Milestone Ret Inc	\$1,430,657	\$10,828	-\$36,323	\$8,979	-\$53,868	\$1,355,700	12.01%	571
Vantagepoint Milestone 2010	1,418,064	-	-12,877	-2,857	-59,273	1,340,390	11.88%	459
Vantagepoint Milestone 2015	2,087,848	-	-23,384	-974	-100,638	1,960,134	17.37%	682
Vantagepoint Milestone 2020	2,702,726	-	-12,820	-5,386	-153,309	2,528,817	22.41%	819
Vantagepoint Milestone 2025	2,100,864	-	-2,324	239	-135,732	1,961,403	17.38%	727
Vantagepoint Milestone 2030	1,293,520	-	-	-	-94,749	1,197,785	10.61%	469
Vantagepoint Milestone 2035	678,922	-	-	-	-54,847	623,566	5.52%	269
Vantagepoint Milestone 2040	269,308	-	-	-	-24,142	244,964	2.17%	131
Vantagepoint Milestone 2045	80,289	-	-	-	-7,572	72,657	0.64%	49
Vantagepoint Milestone 2050	1,132	-	-	-	-107	1,023	0.01%	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,063,328</b>	<b>\$10,828</b>	<b>-\$87,729</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-\$684,235</b>	<b>\$11,286,439</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>4177</b>

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## Overview of Services Provided by ICMA-RC

ICMA-RC provides your RHS plan the following administration, record keeping and education services:

- Participant enrollment services
- Establishment/maintenance of participant accounts reflecting amounts contributed, income, gains/losses credited and amounts disbursed
- Maintenance of Website, electronic data transfer (from employers) media, as well as toll-free Call Center and VRU for the receipt of participant and employer instructions
- Allocation of plan contributions received in good order by 4:00pm ET according to participant instructions or to the default option selected by the employer for the plan
- Implementation of participant fund transfer instructions received in good order by 4:00 p.m. ET at the price as of the close of business
- Distribution of assets to participants and beneficiaries in accordance with Internal Revenue Code and plan document
- Implementation of daily net transactions with underlying and outside fund companies on an omnibus basis
- Maintenance of fund holdings and transaction activity on our system on an allocated basis
- Delivery of quarterly plan sponsor and participant statements by mail or online at the recipient's direction
- Online access to an extensive range of reports as well as transaction capabilities for plan sponsors and participants
- Provision of extensive online and hard copy educational materials
- Access to educational seminars and individual consultations by professional and knowledgeable representatives
- Administration of a fund lineup selected by the plan sponsor from the fund platform made available by ICMA-RC

## Statement Regarding Fiduciary/Investment Advisory Services

ICMA-RC generally acts in a non-fiduciary capacity as record keeper and administrator for the plans. The following are the only circumstances in which we act as a fiduciary:

### ICMA-RC Advisory Services under Guided Pathways Program

ICMA-RC acts as investment adviser under the Guided Pathways®<sup>2</sup> program, a platform for the delivery of a suite of advisory services available to Participants in retirement plans administered by ICMA-RC. These services include:

**Managed Accounts** – discretionary, on-going allocation of assets among mutual funds and other pooled investment vehicles available within a Participant's Retirement Plan;

**Fund Advice** – nondiscretionary, point-in-time, individualized recommendations to Participants looking for help in selecting specific mutual fund investments for their accounts from among the investment options made available through their Retirement Plan; and

**Asset Class Guidance** – nondiscretionary, point-in-time, individualized asset allocation recommendations for Participants looking for assistance in selecting Retirement Plan investments at the asset category level.

As part of Guided Pathways®<sup>2</sup>, ICMA-RC has entered into a contract with Ibbotson Associates, Inc. ("Ibbotson"), an SEC registered investment adviser and wholly owned subsidiary of Morningstar Associates, under which Ibbotson serves as the Independent Financial Expert ("IFE"). In its role as IFE, Ibbotson develops asset class allocation models. Furthermore, for each Plan, Ibbotson develops a fund-specific allocation model for each of the asset class allocation models.

For Participants who select Managed Accounts discretionary management, ICMA-RC, based on the recommendation of Ibbotson, determines which fund-specific asset allocation model is most appropriate given the Participant's financial situation, investment time horizon, and other relevant factors. For those opting for nondiscretionary Fund Advice, the service recommends the appropriate fund-specific asset allocation model, and Participants choose whether to implement the recommendation. For Asset Class Guidance, the service suggests the appropriate asset-class level allocation model, and Participants choose: (1) whether to implement the recommended asset-class level allocation; and (2) the specific funds to use to populate the recommended asset classes.



## Retirement Readiness Reports

At the request of a Plan Sponsor, ICMA-RC may provide Retirement Readiness Reports (“Reports”) to all full-time employees of the plan sponsor (both existing plan participants and non-participants). These Reports include: 1) a forecast of an employee’s income at retirement in relation to a retirement income objective provided by the plan sponsor; 2) a set of recommendations (including potential changes in savings rate) to help the employee reach this retirement income objective; and 3) an asset allocation recommendation based on certain employee specific data. For existing plan participants, the Report will also include a fund specific investment recommendation based on the available investment options in the plan. ICMA-RC has engaged Ibbotson<sup>2</sup> to generate the investment recommendations in the Report. Ibbotson uses the same investment methodologies and software to generate the Report that it uses for the Guided Pathways® program, described above.

## ICMA-RC Advisory Services to EIP Advisor Client

ICMA-RC offers non-discretionary investment advisory services to public employers who pre-fund their Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) such as post-employment healthcare. The advice is provided by ICMA-RC associates in our Investment Division who hold the Chartered Financial Analyst® designation and is limited to unaffiliated, third-party, registered mutual funds and exchange-traded funds. It includes assistance in drafting investment policy statements; recommendations regarding asset allocation; assistance in selecting investments in mutual funds; identification of investment benchmarks; portfolio performance analysis and reporting; and reviews of the performance of the investment manager(s) selected. The advice is tailored to the individual needs of each OPEB client as outlined in its investment policy statement. Each OPEB client is ultimately responsible for the selection of investments held in its portfolio and can impose restrictions on investing in these vehicles.

## ICMA-RC Advisory Services to Vantage Trust Company, LLC

ICMA-RC, in its capacity as an investment adviser registered with the SEC, provides investment advisory, management, and administrative services to Vantage Trust Company, LLC (“VTC”) in respect to the collective investment funds and other investment options it makes available to participants through VantageTrust. VTC is a New Hampshire non-depository trust company and a wholly-owned subsidiary of ICMA-RC. VTC is the sole trustee of VantageTrust, a trust established and maintained for the purpose of commingling assets of state and local government qualified retirement and deferred compensation plans.

## Vantagepoint Investment Advisers, LLC (“VIA”)

VIA, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ICMA-RC and also an SEC-registered investment adviser, serves as the investment adviser to The Vantagepoint Funds, the underlying funds of the VantageTrust Vantagepoint Funds available as investment options to qualified and deferred compensation plan participants through VantageTrust. The Vantagepoint Funds is an SEC-registered series investment company with each fund in the series having a different investment objective and strategy. Pursuant to its written advisory agreement with The Vantagepoint Funds, VIA, with the consent and approval of The Vantagepoint Funds’ Board of Directors, enters into agreements with subadvisers for the performance of some or all of VIA’s duties and responsibilities to the Funds. VIA retains the responsibility and authority to monitor and review the performance of each subadviser.

## Group Annuity Contract Separate Account

ICMA-RC provides investment advisory and management services with respect to the insurance company separate account that is the underlying investment of the group annuity contract issued to VantageTrust Company, LLC in connection with the VantageTrust Retirement Income Advantage Fund. ICMA-RC is responsible, among other things, for investing and reinvesting assets of the separate account in accordance with the investment guidelines; maintaining the separate account asset allocation within the specified target percentages and tolerances; voting all proxies and taking all other investor actions with respect to the securities in the separate account; and meeting with the independent insurance company to review the performance of the separate account and the underlying investments.

## Compensation Received by ICMA-RC

ICMA-RC receives compensation for the services it provides in the following manner:

**Fees Deducted from Participant Accounts:** ICMA-RC may be compensated for record keeping services with the following explicit fees deducted from participant accounts:

- **Per Participant fees** – A flat fee charged to each participant account with a balance in the plan for administration or record keeping services. Has a greater impact, as a fraction of account balance, on participants with smaller assets.
- **Administration fees** – An asset-based fee for record keeping services that may be deducted directly from participant accounts in certain plans administered by ICMA-RC.
- **Ancillary service fees** – Fees deducted from plan participant accounts to pay for services chosen by participants, including financial plans, loans, online investment advice, Managed Accounts<sup>2</sup> and self-directed brokerage accounts made available by ICMA-RC and the plan.

**Compensation Received from Funds Made Available by the Plan:** ICMA-RC and its affiliates may be compensated for record keeping and investment advisory services from the mutual funds it administers:

- **Record keeping fees** – Deducted from the assets of some mutual funds or collective investment funds, these 12b-1, shareholder servicing, transfer agency and/or administration fees are paid by VantageTrust Company, LLC, the fund or fund company to ICMA-RC for services rendered by ICMA-RC to the Fund and to the plans and participants that invest in the fund directly or through the VantageTrust Funds. The amounts listed for Vantagepoint and VantageTrust Funds, including the VantageTrust PLUS Fund, include all non-advisory compensation paid by a fund to ICMA-RC and/or its affiliates.
- **Investment advisory fees** – Consists of compensation paid to Vantagepoint Investment Advisers, LLC (“VIA”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of ICMA-RC and an SEC-registered investment adviser, which serves as the investment adviser to The Vantagepoint Funds, for which ICMA-RC is the sponsor, as well as compensation paid to Vantagepoint Transfer Agents, LLC (“VTA”) for other fund services. In addition, this includes compensation paid to ICMA-RC for investment advisory services provided to VantageTrust Company in respect to the collective investment funds and other investment options it makes available to participants through VantageTrust. Investment fees are deducted from fund assets and reflected in the Net Asset Values of the Vantagepoint Funds and the VantageTrust Funds.

# Fee and Revenue Summary (RHS Plan)

Your RHS Plans incur costs for services they receive, including revenue retained by ICMA-RC for record keeping and investment advisory services. As of September 30, 2015, the estimated annual cost to your plan is \$155,214 consisting of \$92,214 from fund fees and expenses (0.82% of plan assets) and \$63,001 of participant account fees.

Out of total estimated plan costs, ICMA-RC received the following estimated annual revenue:

Revenue Source	Record Keeping*	Investment Advisory**	Total
<b>Funds</b>	\$28,216 (0.25%)	\$31,602 (0.28%)	\$59,818 (0.53%)
<b>Participant Account Fees</b>	\$63,001	\$0	\$63,001
<b>Total</b>	\$91,217	\$31,602	\$122,819

\* Fees for record keeping, administration, and education services for participants and plan sponsors.

\*\* Fees paid to ICMA-RC or its affiliates for investment advisory services and other fund services.

## Methodology

ICMA-RC estimated its annual compensation as follows:

- Dollar values of record keeping and investment advisory revenue were estimated by multiplying the quarter-ending balance and the annualized percentage of assets each fund company has stated it intends to pay as compensation as of the date of the report. Results of this calculation for each fund were aggregated by product type to derive the total estimated revenue in dollars for the past 12 months.
- Estimated annual revenue as a percent of plan assets was calculated by dividing the total estimated dollar value by the quarter-ending balance for the plan as of the date of the report.

Participant usage fees were actual fees charged to participant accounts for the current quarter-ending period.

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# Fund Costs and ICMA-RC Revenue (RHS Plan)

Fund <sup>1</sup>	Morningstar Category <sup>16</sup>	Quarter-End Assets	Plan Expenses		Record Keeping <sup>*,3</sup>	ICMA-RC Gross Revenue		Estimated Annual Revenue
			Net Expense Ratio	Estimated Expense Cost		Estimated Annual Revenue	Investment Advisory <sup>**</sup>	
<b>Target-Risk/Target-Date</b>								
Vantagepoint Milestone Ret Inc <sup>9,12</sup>	Retirement Income	\$1,355,700	0.79%	\$10,710	0.25%	\$3,389	0.28%	\$3,796
Vantagepoint Milestone 2010 <sup>9,12</sup>	Target Date 2000-2010	\$1,340,390	0.80%	\$10,723	0.25%	\$3,351	0.28%	\$3,753
Vantagepoint Milestone 2015 <sup>9,12</sup>	Target Date 2011-2015	\$1,960,134	0.80%	\$15,681	0.25%	\$4,900	0.28%	\$5,488
Vantagepoint Milestone 2020 <sup>9,12</sup>	Target Date 2016-2020	\$2,528,817	0.81%	\$20,483	0.25%	\$6,322	0.28%	\$7,081
Vantagepoint Milestone 2025 <sup>9,12</sup>	Target Date 2021-2025	\$1,961,403	0.83%	\$16,280	0.25%	\$4,904	0.28%	\$5,492
Vantagepoint Milestone 2030 <sup>9,12</sup>	Target Date 2026-2030	\$1,197,785	0.84%	\$10,061	0.25%	\$2,994	0.28%	\$3,354
Vantagepoint Milestone 2035 <sup>9,12</sup>	Target Date 2031-2035	\$623,566	0.87%	\$5,425	0.25%	\$1,559	0.28%	\$1,746
Vantagepoint Milestone 2040 <sup>9,12</sup>	Target Date 2036-2040	\$244,964	0.88%	\$2,156	0.25%	\$612	0.28%	\$686
Vantagepoint Milestone 2045 <sup>9,12</sup>	Target Date 2041-2045	\$72,657	0.94%	\$683	0.25%	\$182	0.28%	\$203
Vantagepoint Milestone 2050 <sup>9,12</sup>	Target Date 2046-2050	\$1,023	1.10%	\$11	0.25%	\$3	0.28%	\$3
<b>Total Quarter-End Assets:</b>		<b>\$11,286,439</b>						
<b>Total Fees and Expenses to Plan:</b>			<b>0.82%</b>	<b>\$92,214</b>				
<b>Total Recordkeeping Revenue Retained by ICMA-RC:</b>					<b>0.25%</b>	<b>\$28,216</b>		
<b>Total Investment Advisory Revenue Retained by ICMA-RC:</b>							<b>0.28%</b>	<b>\$31,602</b>

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\* Fees for record keeping, administration and education services for participants and plan sponsors.

\*\*Fees paid to ICMA-RC or its affiliates for investment advisory and other fund services.

Dollar values of fees and expenses by fund are estimates derived by multiplying the quarter-ending balance and the annualized percentage of assets each fund company has stated it intends to pay as compensation as of the date of the report. This calculation is based on the aggregate data for plans with more than five participants that have the lowest administration fee. Disclosure of gross expenses, net expenses and waivers for each fund immediately follows this table.

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# Fund Costs (RHS Plan)

Fund <sup>1</sup>	Morningstar Category <sup>16</sup>	Gross Expense Ratio	Expense Waiver Amount	Waiver Expiration Date	Net Expense Ratio	Redemption Fee <sup>1</sup>	Trade Restriction <sup>1</sup>
<b>Target-Risk/Target-Date</b>							
Vantagepoint Milestone Ret Inc <sup>9,12</sup>	Retirement Income	0.79%	0.00%	NA	0.79%	None	None
Vantagepoint Milestone 2010 <sup>9,12</sup>	Target Date 2000-2010	0.80%	0.00%	NA	0.80%	None	None
Vantagepoint Milestone 2015 <sup>9,12</sup>	Target Date 2011-2015	0.80%	0.00%	NA	0.80%	None	None
Vantagepoint Milestone 2020 <sup>9,12</sup>	Target Date 2016-2020	0.81%	0.00%	NA	0.81%	None	None
Vantagepoint Milestone 2025 <sup>9,12</sup>	Target Date 2021-2025	0.83%	0.00%	NA	0.83%	None	None
Vantagepoint Milestone 2030 <sup>9,12</sup>	Target Date 2026-2030	0.84%	0.00%	NA	0.84%	None	None
Vantagepoint Milestone 2035 <sup>9,12</sup>	Target Date 2031-2035	0.87%	0.00%	NA	0.87%	None	None
Vantagepoint Milestone 2040 <sup>9,12</sup>	Target Date 2036-2040	0.88%	0.00%	NA	0.88%	None	None
Vantagepoint Milestone 2045 <sup>9,12</sup>	Target Date 2041-2045	0.94%	0.00%	NA	0.94%	None	None
Vantagepoint Milestone 2050 <sup>9,12</sup>	Target Date 2046-2050	1.11%	0.01%	4/30/2016	1.10%	None	None

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# ICMA-RC Participant Account Fees (RHS) Plans

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## Assessments from Participant Accounts in 12 months ending September 30, 2015

Service	Fee	Number of Assessments	Annual Cost
<b><u>Administration Fees (Benefits &amp; Non-Benefits Eligible)</u></b>			
Per Participant Fee	\$30 annual fee	3580	\$26,827
Administration	0.300% (annualized) on assets	16904	\$36,174
<b>Total Fees from Participant Accounts</b>			<b>\$63,001</b>

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**Ancillary Service Fee** – Fees deducted from plan participant accounts to pay for services chosen by participants that are made available by ICMA-RC and the plan

**Average Month-End Assets** – Average month-end assets in plans for the 12 month period ending on the date of this report.

**Administration Fee** – An asset-based fee for record keeping services that may be deducted directly from participant accounts in certain plans administered by ICMA-RC.

**Contingent Deferred Sales Charges (CDSCs)**: Some mutual funds may charge investors for marketing costs of up to 8% of assets either at the time an investment is made or when assets are redeemed. In the public sector retirement plan community, these “contingent deferred sales charges” can be charged when participants move to another plan administrator or when the plan sponsor terminates the plan administrator.

**Estimated Fund Expense Cost** – This simulation is designed to provide an estimate of the cost of fund expenses to your plan, not a calculation of actual expenses incurred. Annualized costs to your plan from fund expenses have been estimated by multiplying the average month-end balance in each fund with the net fund expense ratio as of the date of this report. Actual experience of the plan will vary based on assets in each fund over an annual period and changes that may occur in expense ratios over that period.

**Estimated Record Keeping Revenue** – This simulation is designed to provide an estimate of revenue received by ICMA-RC for plan and participant services, not a calculation of such revenue received. Annualized record keeping revenue received by ICMA-RC has been estimated by multiplying the average month-end balance in each fund with the annualized record keeping revenue anticipated to be received by ICMA-RC from fund companies based on current contracts with those companies as of the date of this report. Record keeping revenue is paid by fund companies based on calculation methodologies of each fund company. Actual fees and revenue of the plan will vary based on those differing methodologies.

**Estimated Investment Advisory Revenue** – This simulation is designed to provide an estimate of the investment advisory revenue received by ICMA-RC, not a calculation of actual revenue received. Annualized investment advisory revenue received by ICMA-RC has been estimated by multiplying the average month-end balance in each fund with the annualized investment advisory revenue anticipated to be received by ICMA-RC as of the date of this report. Actual experience of the plan will vary based on those differing methodologies, as well as on the assets in each fund over an annual period.

**Expense Waiver Amount** – The amount that a service provider or a mutual fund has agreed to waive in order to reduce or limit operating expenses for the fund. Fee waivers may not be available in the future.



**Gross Expense Ratio** – The annualized amount, expressed as a percentage of their total investment that investors will pay annually for the mutual fund's operating expenses and management fees before any waivers.

**Investment Advice Fee** – Annual dollar-based fee for access to independent online investment advice. Some vendors charge the plan a fee for each eligible participant, while other vendors charge a fee only when a participant uses the service.

**Investment Advisory Fees** – Consists of compensation paid to Vantagepoint Investment Advisers, LLC (“VIA”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of ICMA-RC and an SEC-registered investment adviser, which serves as the investment adviser to The Vantagepoint Funds, for which ICMA-RC is the sponsor, as well as compensation paid to Vantagepoint Transfer Agents, LLC (“VTA”) for other fund services. In addition, this includes compensation paid to ICMA-RC for investment advisory services provided to VantageTrust Company, LLC in respect to the collective investment funds and other investment options it makes available to participants through VantageTrust. Investment fees are deducted from fund assets and reflected in the Net Asset Values of the Vantagepoint Funds and the VantageTrust Funds.

**Loan Fees** – Fees assessed when a participant voluntarily takes a loan from his or her plan account. Vendors typically charge for establishing/re-amortizing loans and for maintaining loans. Fees are usually assessed on a flat dollar basis, with start-up fees assessed at the initiation or re-amortization of a loan and maintenance fees charged annually.

**Managed Accounts Fee** – An asset-based fee paid by participants who receive independent managed account services. Fee reductions may be provided when participant accounts reach certain asset levels. Fee is assessed on participant accounts and reported on participant statements.

**Morningstar Category** – Categories are from Morningstar® as of the date of this report for underlying funds where available. Category for the VT PLUS Fund was determined by ICMA-RC based on fund characteristics. Morningstar®, Inc. is a global investment research firm that is not affiliated with ICMA-RC. Morningstar® used as a source for some data.

**Net Expense Ratio** – The amount shown is the gross expense ratio less any expense waivers. The daily portion of this expense is deducted from the fund prior to the fund company's calculation of the daily price reported to the public.

**Per Participant Fee** – An explicit flat fee charged to each participant account with a balance in the plan for administration or record keeping services. Has a greater impact, as a fraction of account balance, on participants with smaller assets.

**Record keeping Fees** – Deducted from the assets of some mutual funds or collective investment trusts, these 12b-1, shareholder servicing, transfer agency and/or administration fees are paid by VantageTrust Company, LLC, the fund or fund company to ICMA-RC for services rendered by ICMA-RC to the Fund and to the plans and participants that invest in the fund directly or through the VantageTrust Funds. The amounts listed for Vantagepoint and VantageTrust Funds, including the VantageTrust PLUS Fund, include all non-advisory compensation paid by a fund to ICMA-RC and/or its affiliates.

**Redemption Fee** – To discourage frequent trading and reduce the cost of such activity to the fund and its investors, a fund may assess a redemption fee when fund shares, held for less than a minimum period of time, are sold or “redeemed.”

**Self-Directed Brokerage Fee** – Fee assessed when a participant voluntarily uses self-directed brokerage account services that provide access to a wide range of mutual funds and individual securities (if offered by plan). A fee for establishing the account or for maintaining the account may be assessed. The brokerage services vendor will assess additional fees.

**Total ICMA-RC Revenue** – Summation of all revenue received by ICMA-RC, including record keeping fees and investment advisory fees from proprietary funds managed by ICMA-RC.

**Trade Restrictions** – As an alternative to assessing redemption fees to discourage frequent trading, funds may require participants to wait a defined period after redeeming shares to transfer assets back into the fund.

**Waiver Expiration Date** – The date upon which the contractual obligation to provide the waiver lapses.

**Waiver Type** - Indicates whether the reduction in fund expense ratio is voluntary or contractual.

<sup>1</sup> Please read the fund's prospectus carefully for a complete summary of all fees, expenses, investment objectives and strategies, risks, financial highlights, and performance information. The prospectus contains this and other information about the investment company. Investing involves risk, including possible loss of the amount invested. Investors should carefully consider the information contained in the prospectus before investing. Investing involves risk, including possible loss of the amount invested. Investors should carefully consider the information contained in the prospectus before investing. You can obtain a prospectus, statement of additional information and other information about the Vantagepoint Funds online at [www.icmarc.org/vpprospecuts](http://www.icmarc.org/vpprospecuts), by calling 800-669-7400 or emailing [investorservices@icmarc.org](mailto:investorservices@icmarc.org). The Vantagepoint Funds are distributed by ICMA-RC Services LLC, a wholly owned broker-dealer subsidiary of ICMA-RC and member FINRA/SIPC.

Please read *Making Sound Investment Decisions: A Retirement Investment Guide* and the accompanying *VantageTrust Fund Fees and Expenses* document ("Guide") carefully for a complete summary of all fees, expenses, investment objectives and strategies, and risks. Investors should carefully consider this information before investing. For a current Guide, contact ICMA-RC by calling 800-669-7400 or log into your account at [www.icmarc.org](http://www.icmarc.org).

Please read the fund's prospectus carefully for a complete summary of all fees, expenses, investment objectives and strategies, risks, financial highlights, and performance information. Investing involves risk, including possible loss of the amount invested. Investors should carefully consider the information contained in the prospectus before investing. You may contact us to obtain a prospectus or to answer questions by calling 800-669-7400, emailing [investorservices@icmarc.org](mailto:investorservices@icmarc.org), or visiting [www.icmarc.org](http://www.icmarc.org)

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The revenue amounts listed for VT Vantagepoint Funds and the VT PLUS Fund include all compensation paid by the fund to ICMA-RC and/or its affiliates. This amount includes compensation for investment advisory, transfer agency, and plan/participant services that is included in the daily NAV calculation.

Revenue is subject to change at the discretion of the fund company and is received at various times throughout the course of a year based on the policies of the individual fund companies.

<sup>4</sup> VT PLUS Fund return is annualized for all periods.

Direct transfers from a stable value fund to competing funds are restricted. Competing funds may include, but are not limited to money market mutual funds, certificates of deposit, stable value funds, investment options that offer guarantees of principal or income, certain short-term bond funds and self-directed brokerage accounts. Certain restrictions may apply when you want to transfer money from a stable value fund to a competing fund. These restrictions generally include waiting periods before transfers can be made back into a stable value fund.

<sup>5</sup> *An investment in this Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Although the Fund seeks to preserve the value of your investment at \$1.00 per share, it is possible to lose money by investing in the Fund. The 7-Day Yield more closely reflects the Fund's current earnings than the quotation of total return.*

<sup>6</sup> *The VantageTrust Cash Management Fund is invested in a single registered mutual fund, the Dreyfus Cash Management Fund. Investments in the fund are not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Although the Dreyfus Cash Management Fund seeks to preserve the value of the fund at \$1.00 per share, it is possible to lose money by investing in the fund. The 7-Day Yield more closely reflects the Fund's current earnings than the quotation of total return.*

<sup>7</sup> CD Accounts are issued by Bank of America, N.A. ("Bank"), a member of the FDIC, and are available as VantageTrust investment options. CD Account deposits of up to \$250,000 are insured by the FDIC, subject to certain limitations. Amounts to be invested in CD Accounts are initially held in the Bank's Money Market Deposit Account ("MMDA") and earn the Bank's MMDA rate. At the end of the open investment window, assets are transferred to the CD Account where interest is credited daily and compounded monthly.

Certificate of Deposit Accounts (CD Accounts) Annual Percentage Rates (APRs) and Annual Percentage Yields (APYs) are valid for the purchases made within the related open investment window and assume principal and interest remain in the account until maturity. Withdrawals and penalties will reduce earnings on the account. Please be advised, there may be associated penalties for withdrawing from a CD Account prior to the maturity date. For more information regarding CD Accounts, please contact Investor Services at 800-669-7400.

<sup>8</sup> A fixed income fund is subject to credit risk and interest rate risk. Credit risk is when an issuer of a fixed income security may be unable or unwilling to make payments of principal or interest to the holders of these securities or may declare bankruptcy. Fixed income securities fluctuate in value as interest rates change. When interest rates rise, the market prices of fixed income securities will usually decrease; when interest rates fall, the market prices of fixed income securities usually will increase.

<sup>9</sup> The expense ratio for a "fund of funds" includes acquired fund fees and expenses, which are expenses incurred indirectly by the fund through its ownership in other mutual funds.

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<sup>12</sup> The fund is not a complete solution for all of your retirement savings needs. An investment in the fund includes the risk of loss, including near, at or after the target date of the fund. There is no guarantee that the fund will provide adequate income at and through an investor's retirement. Selecting the fund does not guarantee that you will have adequate savings for retirement.

<sup>13</sup> Funds that invest primarily in small-capitalization companies involve greater risk than is customarily associated with investments in larger, more established companies. Equity securities of small-capitalization companies are generally subject to greater price volatility than those of larger companies due to less certain growth prospects, the lower degree of liquidity in the markets for their securities, and the greater sensitivity of smaller companies to changing economic conditions. Also, small-capitalization companies may have more limited product lines, fewer capital resources and less experienced management than larger companies.

- <sup>14</sup> Funds that invest in foreign securities are exposed to the risk of loss due to political, economic, legal, regulatory, and operational uncertainties; differing accounting and financial reporting standards; limited availability of information; currency fluctuations; and higher transaction costs. Investments in foreign currencies or securities denominated in foreign currencies (including derivative instruments that provide exposure to foreign currencies) may experience gains or losses solely based on changes in the exchange rate between foreign currencies and the U.S. dollar. The risk of investing in foreign securities may be greater with respect to securities of companies located in emerging market countries. The value of developing or emerging market currencies may fluctuate more than the currencies of companies with more mature markets.
- <sup>15</sup> Sector funds tend to be riskier and more volatile than the broad market because they are generally less diversified and more volatile than other mutual funds.
- <sup>16</sup> Morningstar places funds in certain categories based on the fund's historical portfolio holdings. Placement of a fund in a particular Morningstar category does not mean that the fund will remain in that category or that it will invest primarily in securities consistent with its Morningstar category. A fund's investment strategy and portfolio holdings are governed by its prospectus, guidelines or other governing documents, not its Morningstar category.
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- <sup>18</sup> Participants can withdraw assets from a CD Account at any time, but withdrawals prior to the maturity date are subject to an early withdrawal penalty equal to 180 days of interest on the amount withdrawn, unless one of the exceptions identified below applies. The interest penalty is calculated as the gross rate of the CD Account (i.e., the net rate plus the Annual CD Administrative Fee).

Transfers from the VT PLUS Fund to CD Accounts are prohibited. Assets must be invested outside of the VT PLUS Fund in a non-competing fund for a period of at least 90 days before being transferred to CD Accounts. ICMA-RC will limit each participant's aggregate investment in CD Accounts to an amount less than \$250,000. This limit includes principal, accrued interest, future interest, and any previously purchased VantageTrust CD Accounts issued by Countrywide Bank or MBNA. If an individual's total investment in CD Accounts exceeds the \$250,000 limit, ICMA-RC will transfer the excess amounts to the Plan's designated maturity fund. Note that ICMA-RC can only limit a participant's aggregate investment in CD Accounts through Plans administered by ICMA-RC.

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- <sup>20</sup> Underlying mutual fund expenses and plan administration fees still apply. Please read the current applicable prospectus and the VantageTrust Fund Fees and Expenses document accompanying the Making Sound Investment Decisions: A Retirement Investment Guide for a description of these fees and expenses.

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- <sup>22</sup> Funds that invest primarily in mid-capitalization companies involve greater risk than is customarily associated with investments in larger, more established companies. Equity securities of mid-capitalization companies generally trade in lower volume and are generally subject to greater and less predictable price changes than the securities of larger companies.

- <sup>23</sup> Funds that invest primarily in high yield bonds (bonds that are rated below investment grade and also known as "junk bonds") are subject to additional risk as these high yield bonds are considered speculative and involve a greater risk of default than "investment grade" securities. The values of these securities are particularly sensitive to changes in interest rates, issuer creditworthiness, and economic and political conditions. The market prices of these securities may decline significantly in periods of general economic difficulty, may be harder to value, and may be less liquid than higher rated securities.

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<sup>24</sup> Certain funds may be subject to style risk, which is the possibility that the investment style of its investment adviser will trail the returns of the overall market. In the past, different types of securities have experienced cycles of outperformance and underperformance in comparison to the market in general. For example, growth stocks have performed best during the later stages of economic expansion and value stocks have performed best during periods of economic recovery. Both styles may go in and out of favor. When the investing style used by a fund is out of favor, that fund is likely to underperform other funds that use investing styles that are in favor.