

This annual shareholder report contains important information about Vanguard Utilities Index Fund (the "Fund") for the period of September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2024. You can find additional information about the Fund at <https://personal1.vanguard.com/ngf-next-gen-form-webapp/fund-literature>. You can also request this information by contacting us at 800-662-7447.

What were the Fund costs for the last year?

(based on a hypothetical \$10,000 investment)

Share Class Name	Costs of a \$10,000 investment	Costs paid as a percentage of a \$10,000 investment
ETF Shares	\$11	0.10%

How did the Fund perform during the reporting period?

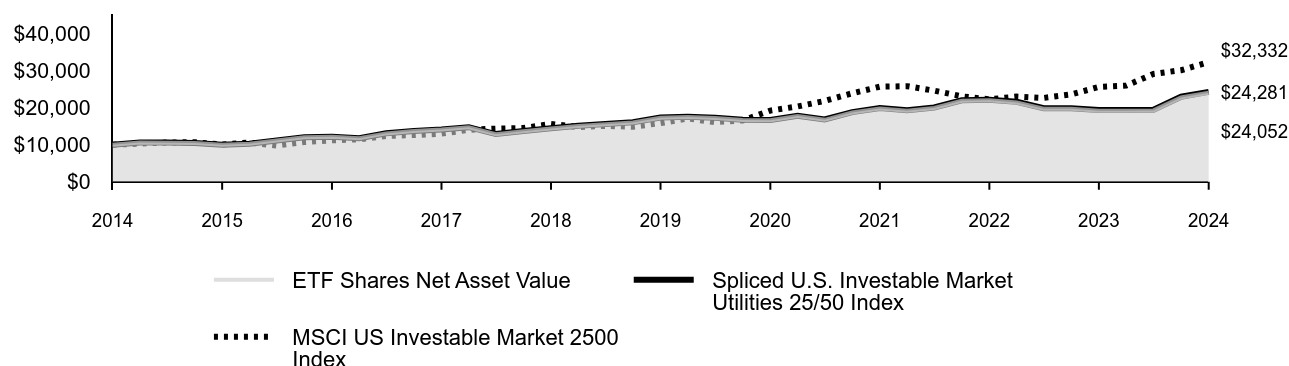
- For the 12 months ended August 31, 2024, the Fund performed roughly in line with its expense-free benchmark.
- U.S. economic growth hovered around 3% on a year-over-year basis during the 12 months, quelling recession fears. The Federal Reserve kept its target for short-term interest rates above 5%, and the year-over-year rate of consumer price inflation eased to around 3%. The CRSP US Total Market Index of stocks returned 26.17%.
- Constellation Energy (+90%), NextEra Energy (+24%), and Southern (+32%) were the top contributors to the result of the Fund's benchmark over the 12 months. They accounted for about 25% of the index's weighting at the end of the reporting period and added about 8.6 percentage points to its result.
- NextEra Energy Partners (−43%), Exelon (−1%), and Sunnova Energy (−20%) were the top detractors.
- Sector-focused investments are high in risk, and Fund shareholders should not expect the performance of the reporting period to persist. Periods of lower returns and falling share prices should be expected.

How did the Fund perform over the past 10 years?

Keep in mind that the Fund's past performance does not indicate how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available on our website at vanguard.com/performance or by calling Vanguard toll-free at 800-662-7447. The graph and returns shown do not reflect taxes that a shareholder would pay on fund distributions or on the sale of fund shares.

Cumulative Performance: August 31, 2014, Through August 31, 2024

Initial investment of \$10,000



Average Annual Total Returns

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
ETF Shares Net Asset Value	25.31%	6.80%	9.17%
ETF Shares Market Price	25.35%	6.81%	9.18%
Spliced U.S. Investable Market Utilities 25/50 Index	25.43%	6.93%	9.28%
MSCI US Investable Market 2500 Index	26.15%	15.34%	12.45%

Fund Statistics (as of August 31, 2024)	
Fund Net Assets (in millions)	\$7,996
Number of Portfolio Holdings	70
Portfolio Turnover Rate	5%
Total Investment Advisory Fees (in thousands)	\$132

This table reflects the Fund's investments, including short-term investments, derivatives and other assets and liabilities.

Portfolio Composition % of Net Assets (as of August 31, 2024)	
Electric Utilities	62.7%
Gas Utilities	4.0%
Independent Power and Renewable Electricity Producers	4.2%
Multi-Utilities	24.9%
Water Utilities	3.8%
Other Assets and Liabilities—Net	0.4%

Where can I find additional information about the Fund?

Additional information about the Fund, including its prospectus, financial information, holdings, and proxy voting information is available at <https://personal1.vanguard.com/ngf-next-gen-form-webapp/fund-literature>.

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