
The Bond Fund of America A

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Hypothetical Illustration

Important Information

Figures shown are past results and are not predictive of results in future periods. Current and future results may be lower or higher than those shown. Share prices and returns will vary, so investors may lose money. Investing for short periods makes losses more likely. Investments are not FDIC-insured, nor are they deposits of or guaranteed by a bank or any other entity, so they may lose value. For more current information and month-end results, visit americanfunds.com.

Regular investing does not ensure a profit or protect against loss. Investors should consider their willingness to keep investing when share prices are declining. Indexes are unmanaged and, therefore, have no expenses. Results for the Lipper indexes do not reflect sales charges. There have been periods when the fund has lagged the index. While it is not possible to invest directly in an index, you can invest in an index fund.

This illustration must be preceded or accompanied by the fund's current summary prospectus or prospectus, which details charges, expenses, investment objectives and operating policies. The American Funds are distributed by American Funds Distributors, Inc.

Investment results assume all distributions are reinvested and reflect applicable fees and expenses. The investment adviser for the Target Date Retirement Series is currently waiving its management fee of 0.10%. After December 31, 2012, the adviser may modify or terminate the waiver, but only with fund board approval. From September 1, 2004, through December 31, 2008, the investment adviser to the American Funds and the business manager for The Tax-Exempt Fund of Maryland, The Tax-Exempt Fund of Virginia and Washington Mutual Investors Fund waived a portion of their management fees. The investment adviser has also reimbursed expenses for some funds and share classes. Investment results shown reflect the waiver and reimbursements, without which the results would have been lower. The waiver may be adjusted or discontinued by the investment adviser, subject to any limitations in the fund's prospectus. The expense ratios are as of each fund's prospectus available at the time of publication. The Target Date Retirement Series include the weighted average expenses of the underlying funds. Please see the funds most recent prospectus for details.

Standardized Average Annual Total Returns for Quarter Ended 3/31/2013

Returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized.

Security Name	Inception Date	Max. Initial Sales Charge/CDSC	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
The Bond Fund of America A	5/28/1974	3.75% Front	0.49%	3.54%	4.20%	8.15%

Gross Charges and Expenses

Fund Name	Sales Charge	Max CDSC	Max Redem Fee	Mgmt Fee	Distribution (12b-1) Fee	Other Expenses	Total Gross Operating Expense
The Bond Fund of America A	3.75%	1.00%	-	0.19%	0.24%	0.17%	0.60%

The fund does not assess redemption fees. However, shareholders redeeming shares may be subject to the fund's Purchase Blocking Policy as described in the prospectus.

Investors should carefully consider investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses. This and other important information is contained in the fund prospectuses, summary prospectuses and CollegeAmerica Program Description, which can be obtained from a financial professional and should be read carefully before investing.

The illustration included herein does not reflect the effects of taxes in some or all of the investments.

If the results shown on the following pages do not reflect deduction of an initial sales charge (i.e. they are at net asset value), please note that they would have been lower if the sales charge had been deducted.

Class A shares are subject to an up-front maximum sales charge (5.75% for equity and target date funds, 3.75% for most bond funds, and 2.50% for Intermediate Bond Fund of America, Short-Term Bond Fund of America, American Funds Short-Term Tax-Exempt Bond Fund, and Limited Term Tax-Exempt Bond Fund of America). The sales charge declines for accounts and aggregated investments (\$25,000 for equity and target date funds, \$100,000 for most bond funds, and \$500,000 for Intermediate Bond Fund of America, Short Term Bond Fund of America, American Funds Short-Term Tax-Exempt Bond Fund, and Limited Term Tax-Exempt Bond Fund of America). There is no initial sales charge on purchases of \$1 million or more. A 1% contingent deferred sales charge (CDSC) may be assessed if a redemption occurs within one year of purchase. Results on the following pages reflect deduction of the CDSC if the investment is \$1 million or more and a withdrawal is selected within one year of purchase. Illustrations run after January 26, 2010 use data and calculations provided by Lipper; therefore, results may differ from previous illustrations. Certain withdrawals before age 59 1/2 may be subject to income tax and, if applicable, to a 10% federal penalty. For current information and month-end results, visit americanfunds.com.

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The return of principal for bond funds and for funds with significant underlying bond holdings is not guaranteed. Fund shares are subject to the same interest rate, inflation and credit risks associated with the underlying bond holdings.

Investing outside the United States involves additional risks, such as currency fluctuations, periods of illiquidity and price volatility, as more fully described in the prospectus. These risks may be heightened in connection with investments in developing countries.

Higher yielding, higher risk bonds can fluctuate in price more than investment-grade bonds, so investors should maintain a long-term perspective.

- The A/529A share 1, 5, and 10-year return for each fund is based on the MOP value.
- The "Average annual return on the investment" is based on the initial investment and the breakpoint chosen.
- Cumulative Volume Discount Reflected Where Applicable in This Illustration.
- NOTE: Systematic Accumulation Plans cannot assure a profit or protect against loss in declining markets.

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Date	Initial Investment	Initial Sales Charges	Net Amount Invested	Shares Purchased
3/31/1993	200,000.00	3.50%	192,938.04	13,324.450

\$200,000 initial investment on 3/31/1993. Dividends and capital gains are reinvested. Withdrawals of 4.00% annually from 04/1993 to 03/2013 every three months, on the first day of the month, increasing by 3.00%, every twelve months, as long as funds are available. The Initial investment is subject to a 3.50% sales charge. The effects of income and capital gains taxes are not demonstrated.

Date	Investment(s)	Withdrawal	Dividend Income	Cumulative Dividend Income	Capital Gains	Shares Held	Total Value
12/31/1993	200,000	5,935	10,732	10,732	4,889	13,988	202,121
12/31/1994	0	7,875	14,835	25,568	0	14,519	184,245
12/31/1995	0	8,189	15,331	40,899	0	15,045	208,819
12/31/1996	0	8,995	15,367	56,266	0	15,514	213,312
12/31/1997	0	9,658	15,233	71,499	0	15,914	222,794
12/31/1998	0	10,338	15,231	86,731	2,270	16,438	223,716
12/31/1999	0	10,469	15,327	102,058	0	16,809	218,176
12/31/2000	0	10,651	16,154	118,212	0	17,246	220,582
12/31/2001	0	11,229	15,438	133,650	0	17,564	224,642
12/31/2002	0	11,469	14,599	148,250	0	17,814	226,243
12/31/2003	0	12,478	12,466	160,715	0	17,810	240,612
12/31/2004	0	13,162	11,236	171,951	0	17,667	241,159
12/31/2005	0	13,407	11,781	183,732	0	17,551	232,028
12/31/2006	0	13,390	11,323	195,055	0	17,390	231,639
12/31/2007	0	13,804	11,996	207,051	0	17,258	225,390
12/31/2008	0	13,244	12,719	219,770	0	17,269	185,815
12/31/2009	0	12,154	8,871	228,641	0	16,967	200,207
12/31/2010	0	13,344	7,666	236,307	0	16,493	201,048
12/31/2011	0	13,530	6,750	243,058	0	15,937	200,014
12/31/2012	0	13,913	5,141	248,198	0	15,246	197,434
3/31/2013	0	3,462	1,020	249,219	0	15,058	193,944
Total	200,000	230,696	249,219	249,219	7,159	15,058	193,944

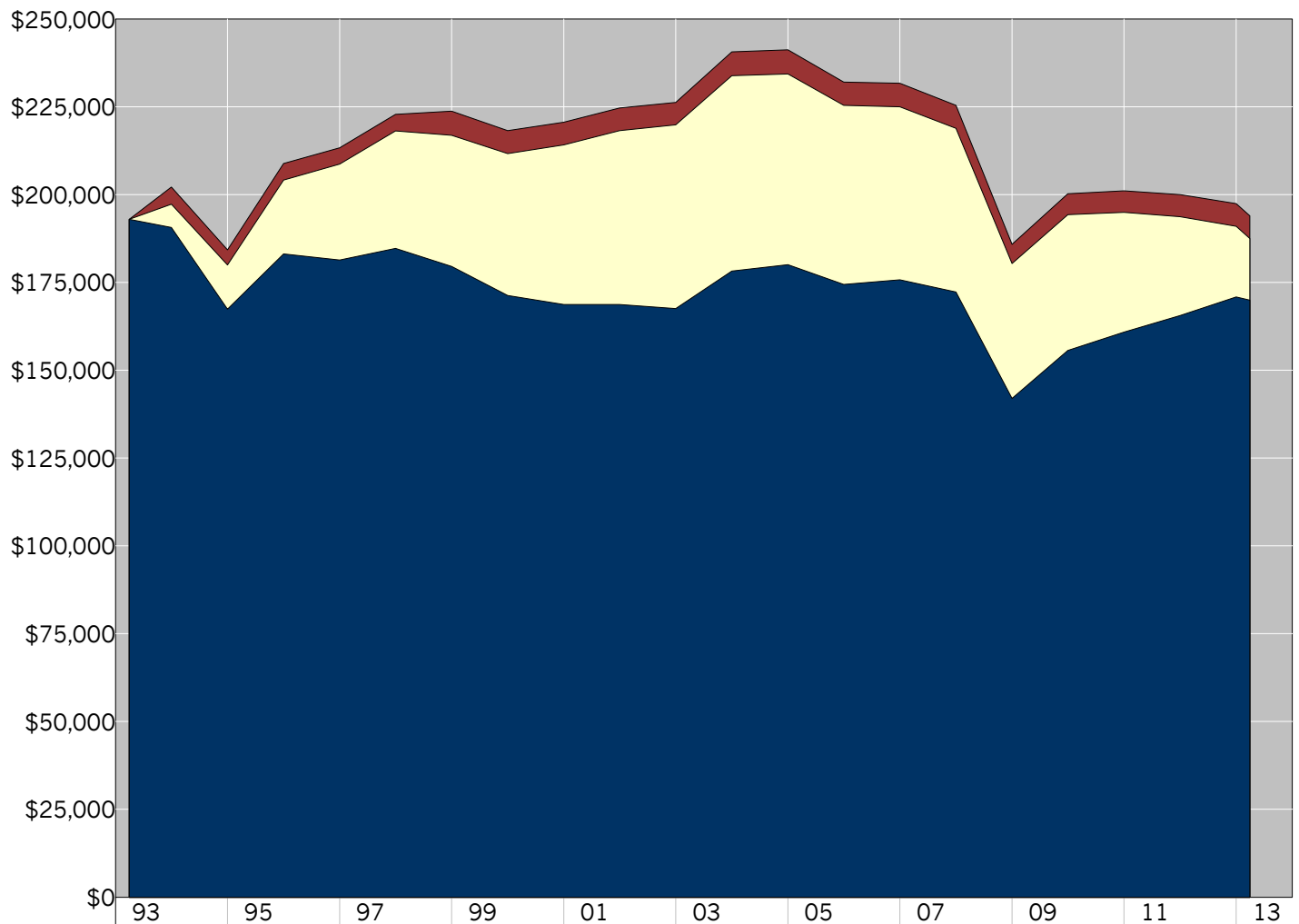
Average Annual Return on the investment for the period of 3/31/1993 - 3/31/2013 : 5.57%

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3/31/1993 - 3/31/2013

Total Ending Amount= \$193,944

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- Capital Gains (Ending Amount: \$6,478)
- Income (Ending Amount: \$17,564)
- Principal (Ending Amount: \$169,903)

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