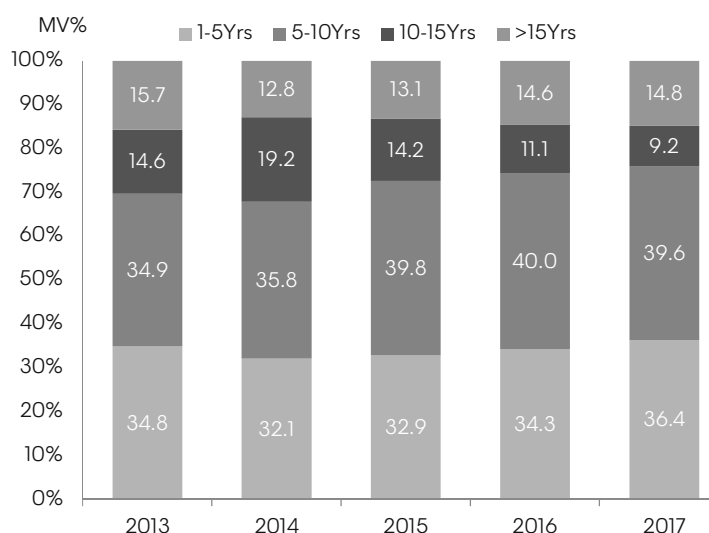


# US Government Inflation-Linked Bond Index

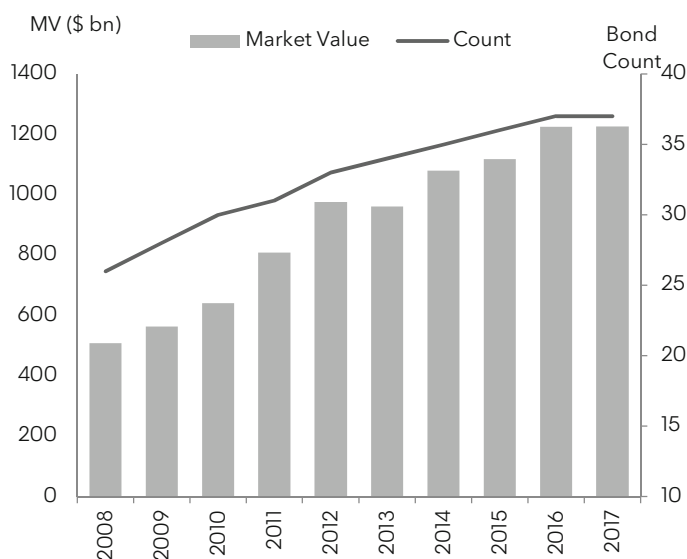
The Bloomberg Barclays US Government Inflation-Linked Bond Index measures the performance of the US Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (TIPS) market. The US Government Inflation-Linked Bond Index is subset of the flagship Bloomberg Barclays World Government Inflation-Linked Bond (WGILB) index and US TIPS represent the largest component of the WGILB Index. The Bloomberg Barclays US Government Inflation-Linked Bond Index belongs to the Series-B index family and includes the total amount outstanding of each TIPS and does not adjust for amounts held in the Federal Reserve System Open Market (SOMA) Account.

The US Government Inflation-Linked Bond Index was launched in May 2002 with daily history backfilled to February 1997. The index is available in local currency and in 13 major currencies on a hedged and un-hedged basis. Sub-indices are also available.

**Historical Composition by Maturity (MV%) -Trailing 5 Years\***



**Historical Market Value and number of TIPS issued**



\*Note: 2013 - 2017 data are as of year-end; 2017 data as of 31 Jan 2017

## Rules for Inclusion

**Country Eligibility**

Only includes TIPS issued by United States.

**Quality**

Securities must be rated investment grade (Baa3/BBB-/BBB- or higher) using the middle rating of Moody's, S&P and Fitch; when a rating from only two agencies is available, the lower is used; when only one agency rates a bond, that rating is used. In cases where explicit bond level ratings may not be available, other sources may be used to classify securities by credit quality:

- Local currency Treasury issues are classified using the middle issuer level rating from each agency for all outstanding bonds, even if bond level ratings are available.

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## Rules for Inclusion

<b>Amount Outstanding</b>	USD500mn minimum par amount outstanding.	
<b>Eligible Currencies</b>	Principal and interest must be inflation-linked and denominated in USD.	
<b>Coupon</b>	Fixed-rate coupon.	
<b>Maturity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• At least 1 year until final maturity.</li><li>• Sub-indices based on maturity are inclusive of lower bounds. 1–10 year maturity bands include bonds with maturities of 1 to 9.9999 years. 10+ year maturity bands include maturities of 10 years or greater.</li></ul>	
<b>Security Types</b>	<b>Included</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Eligible bonds must be capital-indexed and linked to a commonly used domestic inflation index</li></ul>	<b>Excluded</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nominal bonds and floating-rate bonds</li><li>• Non-government inflation-linked bonds</li><li>• STRIPS, Treasury bills, bellwethers</li><li>• Private placements, retail bonds</li></ul>

## Rebalancing Rules

<b>Frequency</b>	The index is rebalanced on the last calendar day of each month. Bloomberg publishes a Forward Index Report (FIR) each day that is a projection of the index composition for the following month.
<b>Index Changes</b>	During the month, indicative changes to securities (credit rating change, sector reclassification, amount outstanding changes, corporate actions, and ticker changes) are reflected daily in the Projected and Returns Universe of the index. These changes may cause bonds to enter or fall out of the Projected Universe of the index on a daily basis, but will affect the composition of the Returns Universe at month-end only, when the index is next rebalanced.
<b>Reinvestment of Cash Flows</b>	Intra-month cash flows from interest and principal payments contribute to monthly index returns but are not reinvested at a short-term reinvestment rate between rebalance dates. At each rebalancing, cash is effectively reinvested into the returns universe for the following month so that index results over two or more months reflect monthly compounding.
<b>New Issues</b>	Qualifying securities issued, but not necessarily settled on or before the month-end rebalancing date, qualify for inclusion in the following month's index if the required security reference information and pricing are readily available.

## Pricing and Related Issues

<b>Sources &amp; Frequency</b>	All index-eligible bonds are priced daily by BVAL.
<b>Pricing Quotes</b>	The index uses mid-market prices according to local market quote conventions.
<b>Timing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3pm (New York Time);</li><li>• On early market close, prices are taken as of 1pm on early close, unless otherwise noted.</li><li>• If the last business day is a public holiday, prices from the previous business day are used.</li></ul>
<b>Bid or Offer Side</b>	Bonds in the index are priced on the mid side.
<b>Settlement Assumptions</b>	The index uses standard local settlement (T+1).

## Pricing and Related Issues

<b>Verification</b>	Daily price moves for each security are analyzed by the index pricing team. Index users may also challenge price levels, which are then reviewed and updated as needed using input from various sources.
<b>Currency Hedging</b>	Returns hedged to various currencies are published for multi-currency indices. The indices' FX hedging methodology takes rolling one-month forward contracts that are reset at the end of each month and hedges each non-reporting currency-denominated bond in the index into the reporting currency terms. No adjustment is made to the hedge during the month to account for price movements of constituent securities in the returns universe of the index.
<b>Calendar</b>	The US Government Inflation-Linked Index is calculated daily and has a value for each calendar day. On US bond market holidays (BMA) the index will still be generated using prices from previous business day.

## Monthly Returns in USD, 2006-2017 (%)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
<b>2006</b>	0.10	-0.04	-2.15	-0.19	0.33	0.28	1.57	1.77	0.20	-0.18	1.22	-2.36	0.49
<b>2007</b>	0.12	2.10	0.21	0.72	-1.24	-0.16	2.28	0.92	1.26	1.16	4.01	-0.07	11.78
<b>2008</b>	3.70	1.35	0.01	-2.12	0.18	1.66	-0.67	1.00	-3.94	-8.28	1.24	4.83	-1.71
<b>2009</b>	0.83	-1.93	5.88	-1.93	2.08	0.50	0.13	0.81	2.12	1.22	2.79	-2.20	10.48
<b>2010</b>	1.59	-1.19	0.14	2.44	-0.04	1.44	0.14	1.78	0.58	2.69	-1.73	-1.56	6.33
<b>2011</b>	0.14	0.88	1.02	2.57	0.28	0.83	4.05	0.90	-0.17	1.87	0.80	0.06	13.98
<b>2012</b>	2.35	-0.38	-1.13	2.12	1.85	-0.59	2.02	-0.36	0.52	0.95	0.49	-0.72	7.26
<b>2013</b>	-0.76	0.02	0.25	0.96	-4.67	-3.77	0.68	-1.49	1.47	0.58	-1.22	-1.52	-9.26
<b>2014</b>	2.17	0.48	-0.45	1.46	2.25	0.30	0.11	0.55	-2.69	0.97	0.30	-1.02	4.43
<b>2015</b>	3.31	-1.30	-0.49	0.69	-0.92	-1.09	0.31	-0.85	-0.68	0.31	-0.09	-0.85	-1.72
<b>2016</b>	1.54	1.18	1.88	0.39	-0.75	2.18	1.00	-0.43	0.50	-0.48	-2.02	-0.15	4.85
<b>2017</b>	0.87	0.54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.34

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BCITAT	US Govt Inflation-Linked 1-3Yrs	BCIT7T	US Govt Inflation-Linked >15Yrs
BCIT9T	US Govt Inflation-Linked 1-5Yrs	BXIIUL05	US TIPS On The Run 5 Year
BCIT3T	US Govt Inflation-Linked 1-10Yrs	BXIIUL10	US TIPS On The Run 10 Year
BCITBT	US Govt Inflation-Linked 3-5Yrs	BXIIUL20	US TIPS On The Run 20 Year
BCITCT	US Govt Inflation-Linked 5-7Yrs	BXIIUL30	US TIPS On The Run 30 Year
BCIT8T	US Govt Inflation-Linked 5-10Yrs	MTIPTRUU	US TIPS Mirror Future Index
BCIT5T	US Govt Inflation-Linked 7-10Yrs	DTIPTRUU	US TIPS Duration Hedged Index
BCIT6T	US Govt Inflation-Linked 10-15 Year	DTI5TRUU	US TIPS DHI - 50% Hedged Index
BCIT2T	US Govt Inflation-Linked >5 Year	BCIW1T	World Government Inflation-Linked All Maturities Index

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