

Local Government Investment Pool Profile

VACo/VML Virginia Investment Pool (VIP) 1-3 Year High Quality Bond Fund

Sept. 30, 2025

*This report does not constitute a rating action*

About the pool	AA+f / S1
Last affirmation date	Sept. 30, 2025
Pool type	Variable NAV Government Investment Pool
Investment advisor	Public Trust Advisors, LLC
Custodian/administrator	Principal Financial Group Inc.
Pool inception date	Jan. 23, 2014
Pool rated since	Jan. 23, 2014

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Rationale

S&P Global Ratings rates the VACo/VML Virginia Investment Pool (VIP) 1-3 Year High Quality Bond Fund ‘AA+f / S1’.

- The 'AA+f' FCQ rating signifies that the credit quality of the pool's exposure is very strong.
- The ‘S1’ FVR signifies that the fund exhibits low volatility of returns comparable to a portfolio of short-duration government securities, typically maturing within one to three years and denominated in the base currency of the fund.

These ratings reflect the underlying credit strength of the pool’s portfolio holdings, as well its focus on limiting interest rate risk by maintaining an average duration of 1 - 2 years.

The Virginia Investment Pool Trust Fund (VIP), launched in 2013, enables political subdivisions within the Commonwealth of Virginia to pool their funds for professional investment management. This initiative was developed collaboratively with local treasurers and investment officers and is supported by the Virginia Municipal League (VML) and Virginia Association of Counties (VACo). VML/VACo Finance serves as the fund’s sponsor, while Public Trust Advisors (PTA), LLC, acts as the investment adviser. Our assessment indicates that PTA’s investment management team comprises experienced professionals with a strong background in public fund investments, particularly in providing short- and intermediate-term fixed income investment management and advisory services to institutional public funds. S&P Global Ratings has provided fund ratings for VIP since 2014.

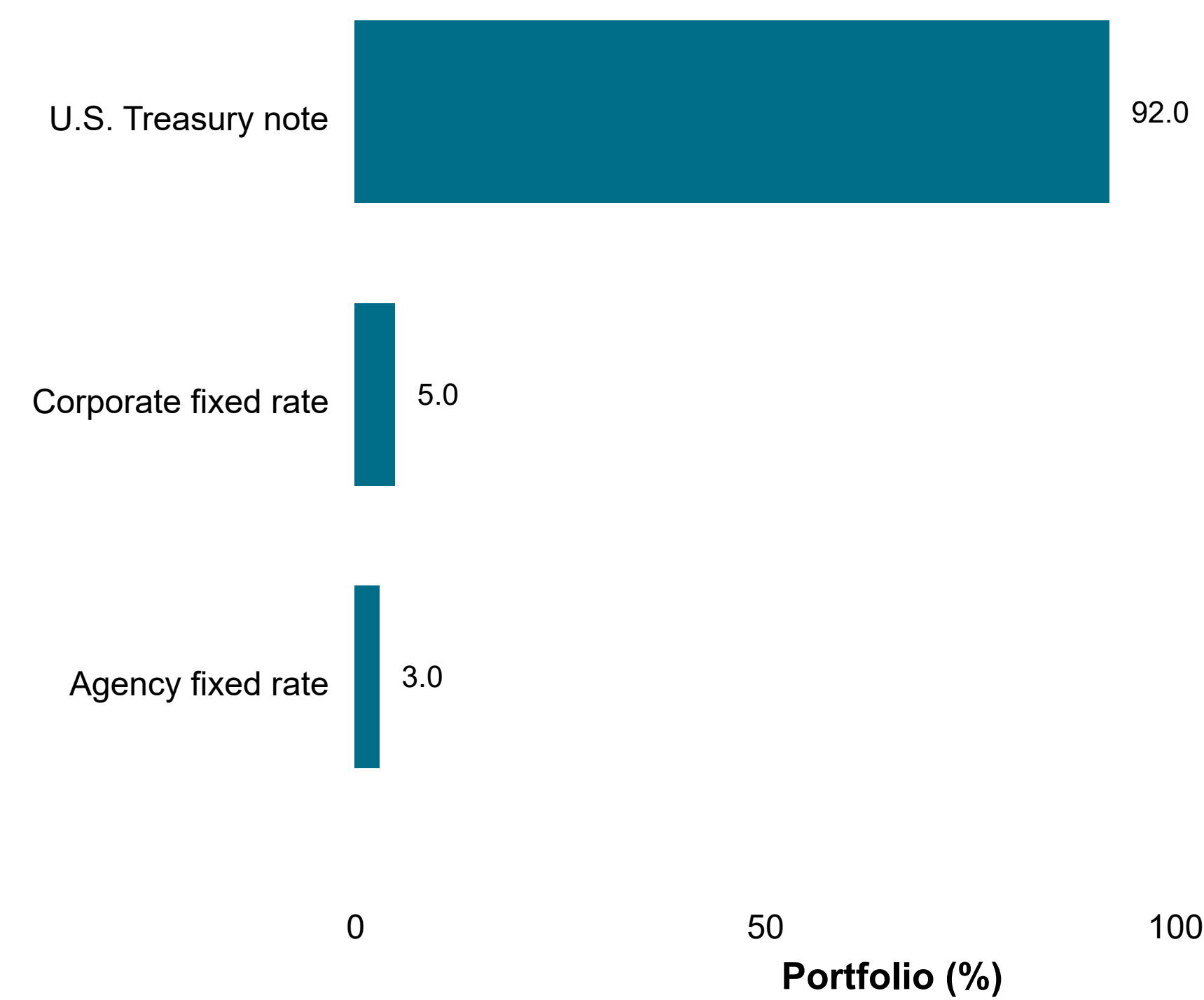
Fund statistics as of Sept. 30, 2025

Net assets (mil. \$)	30-day yield (%)	Effective duration
336.12	3.60	1.85

Portfolio Snapshot

Chart 1

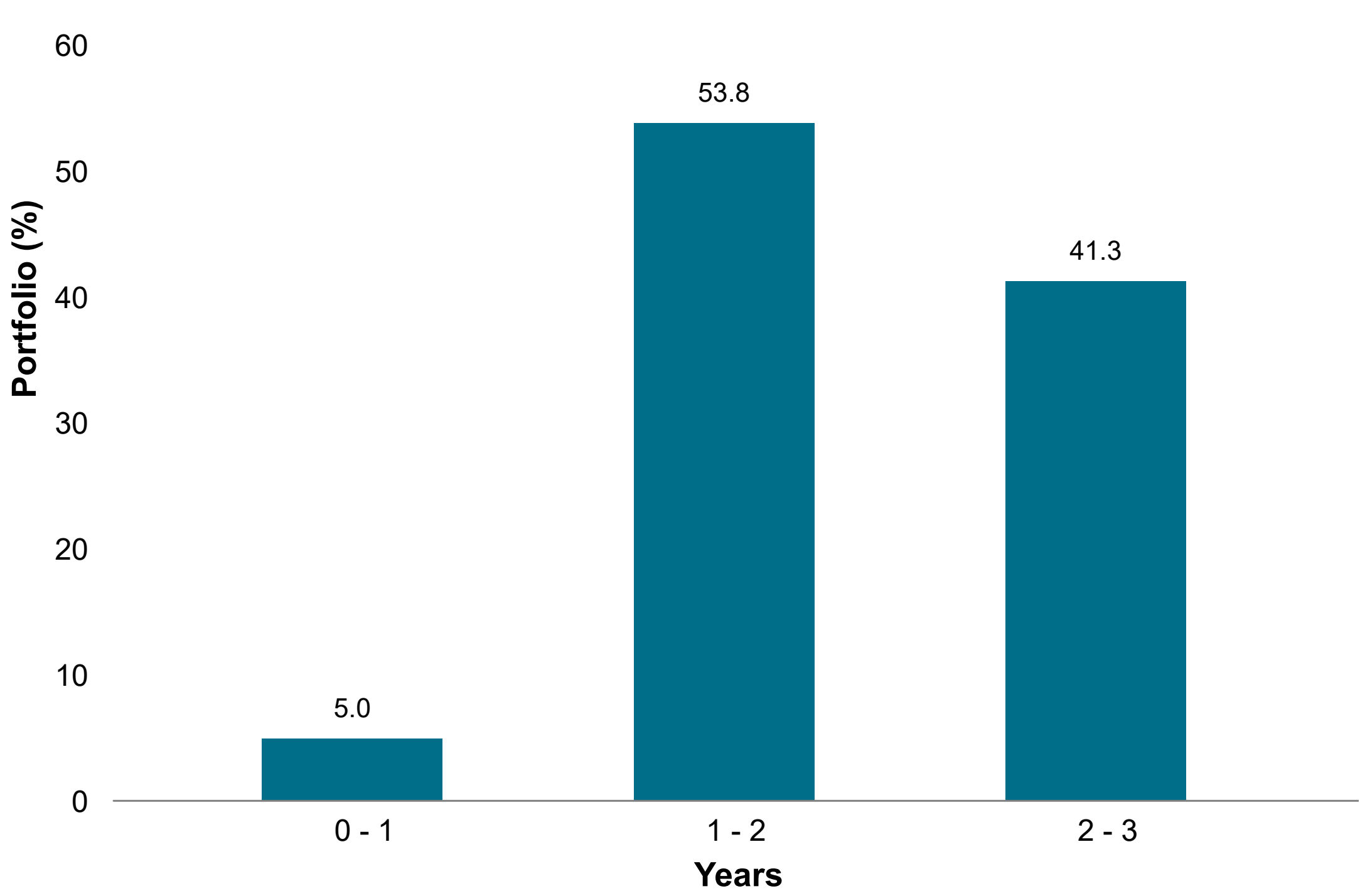
Portfolio composition



As of: September 2025

Chart 2

Average portfolio maturity distribution



As of: September 2025

Portfolio Assets

The Board of Trustees established the investment policy in conjunction with the §2.2-4514 of the Code of Virginia. The investment objective of VIP seeks to

- 1) exceed the return of the Bank of America Merrill Lynch One-to Three-Year U.S. Corporate & Government Index over three-year periods; and
- 2) preserve capital

VIP consists of a single portfolio and invests in securities with greater potential returns and risk than those offered by typical money-market instruments. VIP invests in various security types, including U.S. Treasury notes and U.S. government agency securities, corporate bonds, and commercial paper that are typically rated 'AA-' or higher and have an average maturity of approximately one to three years.

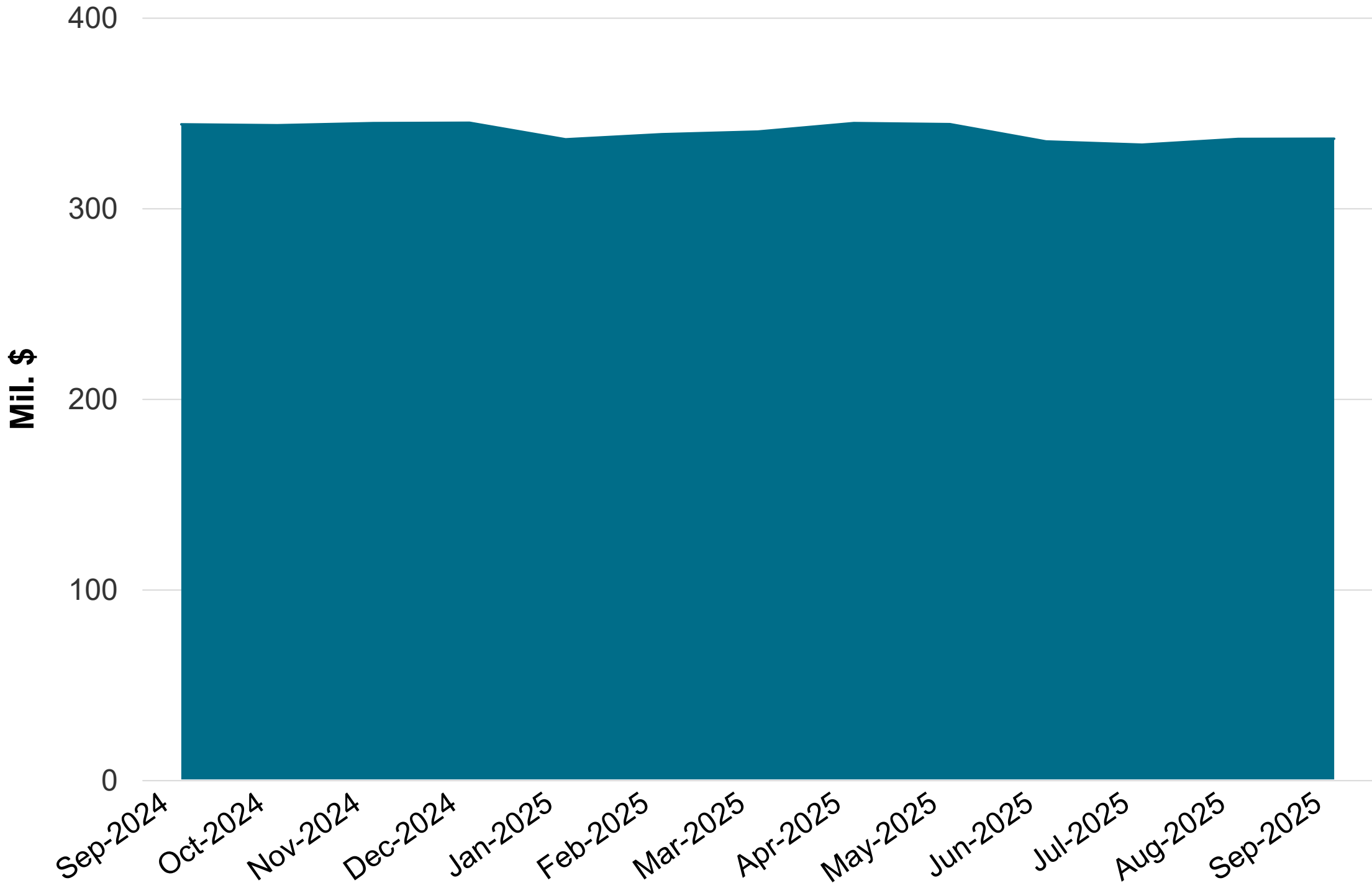
Each month S&P Global Ratings conducts portfolio surveillance on key metrics and investments of the pool to verify its portfolio credit quality. As of September 30, 2025, VIP had a weighted average maturity (WAM) measured at 1.87 years which is consistent with its current interest rate positioning and desire to outperform its stated performance benchmark. Approximately 95% of VIP's investment allocation was to U.S. Treasury Notes or U.S. Agencies, with an average monthly 5% exposure to high quality (rated) corporate bonds. The investment policy states that 'high quality shall be defined as corporate notes that have received at least two of the following ratings: at least AA by Fitch Investor's Services, Inc., at least AA by Standard, and Poor's, or at least Aa by Moody's Investors Service and a maturity of no more than five years.' This credit investment policy has seen the fund maintain its 'AA+f' fund credit quality during 2025.

History/Trends

As of September 30, 2025, VIP had total net assets of \$336m which is slightly below the 12-month average of \$339m. Participation in the Trust is limited to political subdivisions of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Portfolio is open twice a month to make redemptions which ensures that daily investment activities are not affected by regular redemption requests. In our view this is an enhancer to VIP’s performance trajectory but at the cost of the fund’s liquidity. As an alternative, qualified investors can access the VACo/VML Virginia Investment Pool (VIP) Stable NAV Liquidity Pool which is rated 'AAAm' by S&P Global Ratings and offers daily access for redemptions.

Chart 3

Net assets



Participants should consider the investment objectives, risks and charges and expenses of the pool before investing. The investing guidelines which can be obtained from your broker-deal, contain this and other information about the pool and should be read carefully before investing.



Related Criteria

- [Criteria | Financial Institutions | Fixed-Income Funds: Fund Credit Quality Ratings Methodology\\_](#), July 26, 2024
- [Criteria | Financial Institutions | Fixed-Income Funds: Fund Volatility Ratings Methodology\\_](#), June 26, 2017

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