

# Baird Strategic Municipal Bond Fund

Investor Class Shares | BSNSX

Annual Shareholder Report | December 31, 2024



This annual shareholder report contains important information about the Baird Strategic Municipal Bond Fund (the “Fund”) for the period of January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. You can find additional information about the Fund at [www.bairdassetmanagement.com/funddocuments](http://www.bairdassetmanagement.com/funddocuments). You can also request this information by contacting us at 1-866-442-2473.

## WHAT WERE THE FUND COSTS FOR THE LAST YEAR? (based on a hypothetical \$10,000 investment)

Fund Share Class	Costs of a \$10,000 investment	Costs paid as a percentage of a \$10,000 investment
Investor Class Shares   BSNSX	\$56	0.55%

## WHAT IMPACTED FUND PERFORMANCE IN 2024?

The tax-exempt municipal bond market produced solid total returns for 2024 as elevated income levels more than offset the decline in bond prices as yields rose. The interest rate hikes by the Federal Reserve in 2022 and 2023, which sought to slow the economy and bring down the rate of inflation, helped produce the higher income levels that benefited investors in 2024. Also, the tightening of municipal credit spreads, as yields narrowed between lower-quality and higher-quality bonds, also contributed to the solid returns for the year.

The Investor Class Shares of the Strategic Municipal Fund (BSNSX) posted a net total return of 2.92% in 2024. The Bloomberg Municipal Index, a broad-based U.S. bond market index had a total return of 1.05% and the Fund’s primary benchmark, the Bloomberg 1-10 Year Municipal Blend Index, had a total return of 0.91%.

The Fund outperformed its primary benchmark in 2024. Drivers of Fund performance described below are relative to the Fund’s primary benchmark.

### Contributors to Performance

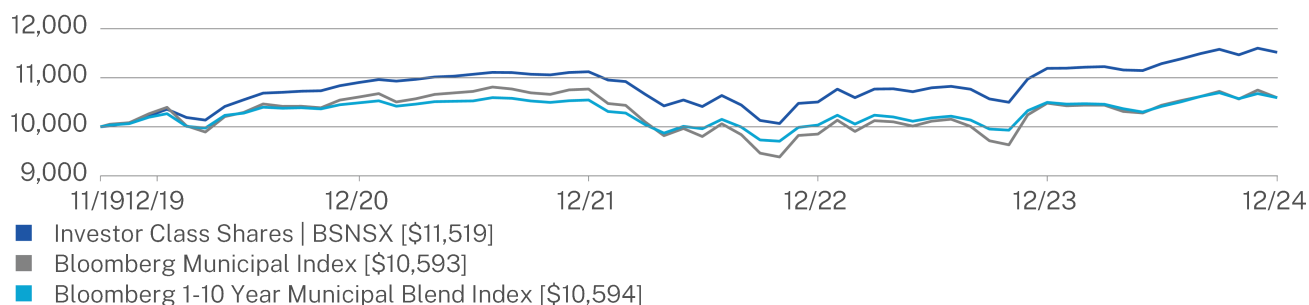
- Credit - Overweight to lower-quality and non-rated issues as spreads narrowed
- Sector - Overweight to revenue issues, most notably in the housing and hospital sectors
- Security selection - Multi-family housing and select high yield issues
- Curve - Barbell posture, overweight to maturities less than 1-year and greater than 15-years
- Pricing services – The Fund uses ICE to value its portfolio holdings, while the Fund’s primary benchmark index uses another pricing service to value its constituent holdings

### Detractors from Performance

- Duration - Modest overweight, particularly early in the year, as rates rose

## HOW HAS THE FUND PERFORMED SINCE INCEPTION?

### CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (based on a hypothetical initial investment of \$10,000 on 11/15/2019)



## AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (%)

(as of December 31, 2024)

	1 Year	5 Years	Since Inception (11/15/2019)
Investor Class Shares   BSNSX	2.92	2.69	2.80
Bloomberg Municipal Index	1.05	0.99	1.13
Bloomberg 1-10 Year Municipal Blend Index	0.91	1.03	1.13

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*The Fund's past performance is not a good predictor of how the Fund will perform in the future. The graph and table do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or redemption of Fund shares.*

## KEY FUND STATISTICS (as of December 31, 2024)

Net Assets	\$1,547,092,915
Number of Holdings	1,283
Net Advisory Fee Paid	\$3,134,492
Portfolio Turnover Rate	34%
Average Credit Quality	A+
Average Effective Duration	4.16 years
Average Effective Maturity	4.44 years
SEC 30-Day Yield	3.24%

## WHAT DID THE FUND INVEST IN? (% of total investments as of December 31, 2024)

### Security Type Breakdown

Revenue	73.1%
General Obligation	19.5%
Pre-Refunded ETM	5.8%
Money Market Funds	1.6%

### Credit Rating Breakdown\*

AAA	15.9%
AA	45.4%
A	20.8%
BBB	10.1%
Below BBB	1.4%
Not Rated	6.4%

\* The credit rating quality profile is calculated on a market value-weighted basis and includes accrued interest as of the end of the period using the highest credit quality rating for each security held by the Fund given by a Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization (NRSRO). NRSROs rate the credit quality of securities using a scale that generally ranges from AAA (highest) to D (lowest). For pre-refunded securities the reported credit quality reflects the highest reported rating from a NSRO for the underlying collateral.



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