

Principal Tax-Exempt Bond Fund

Second quarter 2026

Fund overview

The Fund seeks to provide a high level of income that is exempt from federal income tax while protecting investors' capital.

Morningstar overall rating:



Overall Morningstar RatingTM as of 06/30/2026 among 256 Muni National Intermediate Funds

Morningstar ratings may vary between share classes, are based on historical risk-adjusted total returns and are subject to change.

Ticker

Class I: PITEX Class C: PTBCX
Class A: PTEAX

Portfolio management

James Welch

38 years of experience

Jim Noble, CFA

34 years of experience

Fund information

	Fund	Index
Fund AUM	\$510.0M	—
Number of holdings	207	66,594
Modified duration to worst	5.7	5.7
Weighted average life to worst	7.6	7.4
Beta (3-year)	0.9	—
Standard deviation (3-year)	5.1	5.6
Sharpe ratio (3-year)	-0.1	-0.1

Source: Aladdin[®] by BlackRock[®] and Morningstar

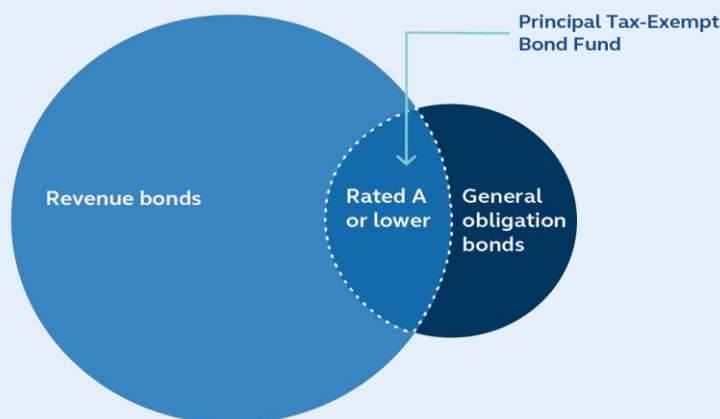
Duration: The sensitivity of a fixed-income investment's principal value to interest rate changes. **Weighted average life:** The average number of years for which each dollar of unpaid principal on a fixed-income security remains outstanding. **Beta:** Measures a portfolio's sensitivity to market movements. **Standard deviation:** Measures how widely portfolio returns have varied. **Sharpe ratio:** Measures how an investment balances risks and rewards. The higher the Sharpe ratio, the better the investment's historical risk-adjusted performance. **Alpha:** The difference between an investment's actual returns and its expected performance, given its level of risk (as measured by beta).

Attractive tax-free income, singularly focused on mid-quality municipal credit

- Active management seeks the optimal spot on the yield curve and higher exposure to bonds rated A and BBB, in an effort to maximize yield.
- Preference for revenue bonds that provide attractive relative yield and less sensitivity to business cycles.
- Ability to participate in large and small issues, exploiting market and sector dislocations, through credit research.

Tax-Exempt Bond Fund opportunity set

Seeking yield opportunities through managed exposure to bonds rated A or lower.



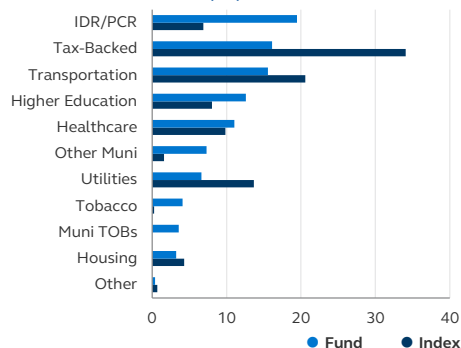
Source: Principal Global Investors.

Allocations and investment guidelines are subject to change and may not reflect current holdings.

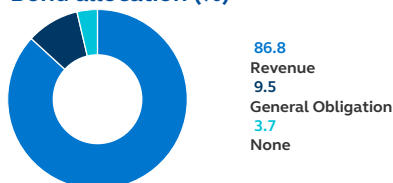
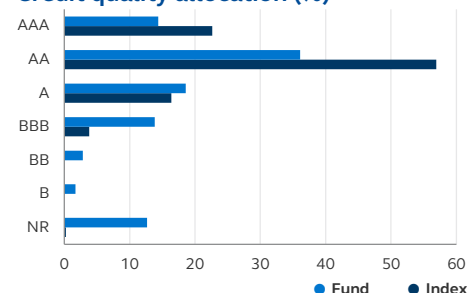
Why allocate to a portfolio:

- Municipal bonds have provided attractive tax-equivalent yields and lower default rates than traditional investment-grade bonds.
- Municipal bonds can help lower overall portfolio volatility through historically lower correlations to other asset classes.
- Principal Fixed Income's actively managed approach to municipal investing taps multiple sources of alpha, resulting in what we believe is a unique set of portfolio characteristics within the peer group.

Past performance does not guarantee future results. Asset allocation and diversification do not ensure a profit or protect against a loss. Principal Fixed Income is an investment team within Principal Global Investors.

Sector allocation (%)¹

¹ Source: Aladdin® by BlackRock®. Fund holdings and allocations shown are unaudited and may not be representative of current or future investments. Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding and/or inclusion or exclusion of cash.

Bond allocation (%)¹Credit quality allocation (%)^{1,2}

² Represents the higher of Fitch, Moody's and S&P ratings. The ratings are an indication of an issuer's credit worthiness and typically range from AAA or Aaa(highest) to D (lowest). The NR category consists of rateable securities that have not been rated by a Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization.

Performance, rankings, & ratings

Average annual total returns (%)										Yields (%) ¹⁰			
	3-month	Year-to-date	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year	Since inception ⁸ (05/18/2015)	Expense ratio ⁹ (net/gross)	Expense limit expiration date	30-Day SEC (Unsubsidized/ subsidized)	12-month distribution		
Class I ³	2.68	2.13	6.75	3.84	0.59	2.12	4.84	0.64/0.72	02/28/2027	3.65/3.74	4.09		
Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index ^{4,5}	2.50	2.32	7.03	3.76	1.05	2.15	–	–	–	–	–		
Morningstar Category Average	2.11	1.99	6.18	3.86	1.09	1.86	–	–	–	–	–		
Morningstar rankings and ratings	3-month	Year-to-date	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year	Overall						
Category and number of funds in category: Muni National Intermediate	286	286	276	256	239	177	256						
Class I percentile rankings ⁶	–	–	27	50	88	28	–						
Class I ratings ⁷	–	–	–	★★★★	★★★	★★★★★ ★	★★★★						
Calendar year returns (%)				2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Class I ³				-0.65	6.84	0.69	9.08	5.04	2.99	-11.51	6.94	2.13	4.03
Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index ^{4,5}				0.25	5.45	1.28	7.54	5.21	1.52	-8.53	6.40	1.05	4.25
Morningstar Category Average				-0.20	4.61	0.78	6.91	4.51	1.67	-8.23	5.61	1.89	4.36

Morningstar percentile rankings are based on total returns. Morningstar ratings are based on risk-adjusted returns.

Returns represent past performance and do not guarantee future results. Share price, principal value, and return will vary and you may have a gain or loss when shares are sold. Current performance may be lower or higher than quoted. For the most recent month-end performance, visit www.PrincipalAM.com/mutual.

³ Performance assumes reinvestment of all dividends and capital gains.

⁴ Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index represents the long-term, investment-grade tax-exempt bond market.

⁵ Index performance information reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes. Indices are unmanaged and individuals cannot invest directly in an index.

⁶ Morningstar percentile rankings are based on total returns and do not reflect the inclusion of sales charges. If sales charges were reflected, rankings could be lower.

⁷ The Morningstar Rating™ for funds, or "star rating," is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds, variable annuity and variable life subaccounts, exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds, and separate accounts) with at least a three-year history. Exchange traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its three-, five-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. The weights are: 100% three-year rating for 36-59 months of total returns, 60% five-year rating/40% three-year rating for 60-119 months of total returns, and 50% 10-year rating/30% five-year rating/20% three-year rating for 120 or more months of total returns. While the 10-year overall star rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10-year period, the most recent three-year period actually has the greatest impact because it is included in all three rating periods. Morningstar ratings do not reflect the inclusion of sales charges. If sales charges were reflected, ratings could be lower.

⁸ Class I shares were first sold on 05/18/2015. Returns for Class I shares prior to 05/18/2015, including since inception performance, are based on performance of the Class A shares adjusted to reflect the fees and expenses of Class I shares. Class A shares were first sold 01/03/1977.

⁹ The net expense ratio reflects contractual expense limits, if any, which may lower net expenses and cause the gross and net expense ratios to differ. In such cases a date is listed through which expense limits are expected to apply; however, Principal Funds and the investment adviser may mutually agree to terminate the expense limits prior to the end of the period. Returns displayed are based on net total investment expense.

¹⁰ 30-Day SEC yield represents net investment income earned by a fund over a 30-day period, stated as an annual percentage. Unsubsidized yield reflects the SEC yield when some fund expenses are not waived. Subsidized yield reflects a fund's yield when all expense waivers are included. 12-month yield is based on actual distributions paid over a trailing 12-month period, stated as an annual percentage.

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