

# North Carolina Small/Mid Cap Index Fund

A Custom Plan Investment Option

First Quarter 2021 Fund Fact Sheet

Key Facts		Description / Objective
Plan Sponsor	State of North Carolina	The North Carolina Small/Mid Cap Index Fund (the "Fund") is offered exclusively for participants in the NC 401(k) and NC 457 Plans. Effective 01/01/2016, the Fund is held in a group trust and you own units of the group trust. The Fund invests in the Russell 2500 Index Fund F collective investment trust ("C.I.T.") managed by BlackRock which attempts to replicate the composition and performance of the Russell 2500 Index. The Fund seeks to provide long-term growth of capital. There is no assurance the objective of the Fund or its underlying C.I.T. will be met. The inception date noted for the Fund in Key Facts is the inception date for the insurance company separate account.
Asset Class	Small Cap - Blend	
Primary Index	Russell 2500 Index	
Net Assets	\$414.2 Million	
Inception Date	03/06/2009	
Net Expense Ratio	0.05%	

Annual Performance		
	Fund	Primary Index
2020	19.80%	19.99%
2019	27.66%	27.77%
2018	-10.04%	-10.00%
2017	16.63%	16.81%
2016	17.70%	17.59%

**Net Assets Balance** data presented is the most current data available as of the end of the quarter. The data is deemed reliable, but the accuracy cannot be guaranteed. All balances are unaudited.

**Net Expense Ratio** for a fund includes the investment management fee and, if applicable, the trust fund expenses, the custodial fee, and the administrative fee.

Custodial and trust expenses are estimated. The actual Net Expense Ratio may vary due to actual versus estimated custodial and trust expenses, as well as rounding.

For additional information on expenses, see the North Carolina Supplemental Retirement Plans Fee Statement (available at [www.myNCRetirement.com](http://www.myNCRetirement.com)).

*North Carolina Supplemental Retirement Board of Trustees is solely responsible for:*  
 (1) the selection of the Fund and its Underlying Funds (including the selection of the asset allocation percentages for each underlying fund);  
 (2) decisions to offer Fund in the Plan; and  
 (3) the selection, monitoring and replacement of the Fund and its Underlying Funds, and if applicable, the Fund's investment advisor(s).

*Small and mid-sized companies may present greater opportunities for capital appreciation, but may also involve greater risks than larger companies. As a result, the value of stocks issued by these companies may fluctuate more than stocks of larger issuers.*

Performance (%)	Cumulative Returns		Average Annual Total Returns				
	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception
Fund	11.01	11.01	89.34	15.26	15.84	12.14	--
Primary Index	10.93	10.93	89.40	15.34	15.93	12.20	

**Performance Calculations/Fund Fees Reflected in Performance.** All performance results include the deduction of the Net Expense Ratio, which currently includes an investment management fee of 0.01% and an operating fee of 0.04% (inclusive of an administrative fee of 0.025%, trust expenses and custodial fees). Expenses are estimated and rounded, and actual expenses may vary. Performance results are net of trading costs incurred by the investment manager. Each plan charges a separate \$28 recordkeeping and communications fee per account that is not reflected in performance.

Prior to 1/1/2016, your Plan invested in units of an insurance company separate account established on 3/6/2009. The North Carolina Small/Mid Cap Index Fund was offered as an investment option under a group variable annuity contract issued by Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company, Hartford, CT ("PRIAC") which invested in the same C.I.T. as the Fund with the same investment manager(s) as of 01/01/2016 and the same investment strategy as the Fund. The PRIAC group annuity terminated on or about 1/1/2016. All performance results prior to 1/1/2016 reflect the performance of the insurance company separate account including the deduction of an investment management fee of 0.01% and an operating fee of 0.16% (inclusive of an administrative fee of 0.025%, recordkeeping fee of 0.079% and custodial fees).

**Performance Risks.** Before investing, investors should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of this Fund and other plan investment options. The performance quoted represents past performance. The investment value and return will fluctuate so that an investment, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than original cost. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. For performance data current to the most recent month end, please call 1-866-NC-PLANS (1-866-627-5267). It is possible to lose money investing in securities. Past performance is not indicative of future performance and short periods of performance may be particularly unrepresentative of long-term performance.

**Miscellaneous.** Frequent exchanging of investment options by participant may harm long-term investors. Your plan and/or the Fund may have policies to detect and deter potentially abusive exchanges. The policies may require us to modify or terminate investment exchange privileges. Indices are unmanaged and cannot be invested in directly. See User Guide for Index definitions.

**Prudential Retirement's Role.**

Prudential Retirement provides the communications and recordkeeping services for the NC 401(k) and NC 457 Plans and the NC 403(b) Program. With the exception of the NC Stable Value Fund and the NC Fixed Income Fund, the investments offered to you within the NC 401(k) and NC 457 Plans are not offered by or affiliated with Prudential Financial or any of its companies or businesses. Prudential Retirement is a Prudential Financial business.

For additional information about the investment options available through your plan, please call 1-866-NC-PLANS (1-866-627-5267).

Data presented is as of the end of the quarter, unless otherwise specified within a table heading. Data and expense ratios presented are the most current made available as of the end of the quarter. For mutual funds, the fund company may have more recent data available on its website.

Price corrections that impact performance data may occur after production of this material.