

# **High Yield Municipal Fund**



As of 09/30/2021 | Class K: MKYHX | Institutional: MAYHX | Investor A: MDYHX | Investor C: MCYHX

# A Source of Tax-Advantaged High Income

High yield municipal bonds have offered investors high levels of income on a tax-equivalent basis when compared to other income producing asset classes.

#### **Commitment to Credit Research**

Backed by a team of 17 credit research specialists, credit research has been at the center of municipal investing for the last 30 years and has uniquely prepared BlackRock for today's market.

#### **Seeks to Outperform**

The fund seeks to provide investors with attractive yield and returns versus its peer group.



Morningstar has awarded the Fund a Silver medal (Effective 11/02/2020).† Rated against 185 High Yield Muni Funds, as of 09/30/2021 based on risk adjusted total return. Overall Ratings are determined monthly and subject to change. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a fund is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its 3-, 5- and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics.††

#### ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE

With Sales Charge	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Investor A	7.94	5.67	4.21	5.78
Without Sales Charge	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Investor A	12.73	7.21	5.12	6.24
Benchmark	11.33	7.44	6.00	6.68
Morningstar Average	8.33	5.71	4.19	5.52

#### CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE

Without Sales Charge	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	YTD	3Q2021
Investor A	0.66	8.79	1.99	9.64	4.38	7.42	0.00
Benchmark	0.77	4.95	1.36	7.26	4.95	6.53	0.38
Morningstar Average	0.90	7.38	2.11	9.12	3.45	4.24	-0.33

Performance data shown represents past performance which is no guarantee of future results. Investment returns and principal values may fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than that shown. All returns assume reinvestment of all dividend and capital gain distributions. Refer to blackrock.com for current month-end performance. Index performance is shown for illustrative purposes only. It is not possible to invest directly in an unmanaged index. Returns with sales charge reflect the deduction of current maximum initial sales charge of 4.25%. The calendar year performance shown does not reflect the deduction of the sales load. If reflected, the performance would have been lower. Please see the fund prospectus for more details.

#### **MORNINGSTAR RANKINGS**

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Morningstar Ranking	7/196	14/185	23/153	23/104
Quartile Rank	1	1	1	1

Rankings based on total return excluding sales charges, independently calculated and not combined to create an overall ranking. For periods not shown, Morningstar does not provide rankings based on synthetic performance.

Key Risks: The fund is actively managed and its characteristics will vary. Bond values fluctuate in price so the value of your investment can go down depending on market conditions. Fixed income risks include interest-rate and credit risk. Typically, when interest rates rise, there is a corresponding decline in bond values. Credit risk refers to the possibility that the bond issuer will not be able to make principal and interest payments. Non-investment-grade debt securities (high-yield/junk bonds) may be subject to greater market fluctuations, risk of default or loss of income and principal than higher rated securities. There may be less information on the financial condition of municipal issuers than for public corporations. The market for municipal bonds may be less liquid than for taxable bonds. Some investors may be subject to Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT). Capital gains distributions, if any, are taxable. The fund may use derivatives to hedge its investments or to seek to enhance returns. Derivatives entail risks relating to liquidity, leverage and credit that may reduce returns and increase volatility.

#### **KEY FACTS**

Size of Fund (Millions)

Fund Launch Date

O7/31/2006

Share Class Launch Date

Morningstar Category

Number of Issuers

BBG Municipal High Yield Bond

Index (Risk Basis: MUNI)

#### **ANNUAL EXPENSES**

Gross Expense Ratio 0.93%
Net Expense Ratio 0.90%

The Net Expense Ratio excluding Investment Related Expenses is 0.78% Investment Related Expenses include acquired fund fees of 0.01%, and interest expense (cost of borrowing securities to seek to enhance return or reduce risk) of 0.11%, and certain other expenses, if applicable. Expenses stated as of the fund's most recent prospectus. The difference between gross and net expense ratios are due to contractual and/or voluntary waivers, if applicable. This share class has a contractual waiver with an end date of 10/31/2021 terminable upon 90 days' notice. BlackRock may agree to voluntarily waive certain fees and expenses, which the adviser may discontinue at any time without notice.

# PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

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#### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Effective Duration Weighted Average	9.06 yrs 19.73 yrs
Life	
Percent AMT Bonds	9.09%
30-Day SEC Yield	1.62%
Unsubsidized 30-	1.61%
Day SEC Yield	
Tax Equivalent	2.74%
Yield**	
Unsubsidized Tax-	2.72%
Equivalent Yield	

### TOP SECTORS (%)<sup>2</sup>

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	Fund	Benchmark	Active
Education	18.1	8.6	9.6
Health	14.5	16.1	-1.6
Other Industries	13.8	8.2	5.7
Corporate Muni	9.1	7.3	1.8
State Tax-Backed - Dedicated Tax	9.0	11.3	-2.4
Utility	8.0	6.3	1.7
Housing	7.9	3.8	4.1
Transportation	6.4	8.9	-2.5
Tobacco	6.0	7.1	-1.2
State Tax-Backed - General Obligation	3.7	5.2	-1.4
Cash	2.7	0.1	2.6
Other	0.8	17.1	-16.3

# CREDIT RATINGS BREAKDOWN (%)23

	Fund	Benchmark	Active
Cash	2.7	0.1	2.6
Net Derivatives	-6.6	0.0	-6.6
AAA Rated	2.4	4.7	-2.4
AA rated	11.7	10.7	1.0
A Rated	12.9	5.2	7.6
BBB Rated	16.0	19.5	-3.6
BB Rated	11.1	17.1	-5.9
B Rated	4.9	4.5	0.4
CCC Rated	0.1	2.3	-2.3
CC Rated	0.0	0.2	-0.2
C Rated	0.1	0.1	0.0
D Rated	3.1	0.0	3.1
Not Rated	41.8	35.6	6.2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>% of net assets represents the Fund's exposure based on the economic value of securities and is adjusted for futures, options, swaps, and convertible bonds. Allocations subject to change.

Effective Duration: Measures the sensitivity of the price of a bond with embedded options to changes in interest rates, taking into account the likelihood of the bond being called, put and/or sunk prior to its final maturity date. BlackRock uses a proprietary duration model which employs certain assumptions and may differ from other fund complexes. Effective Duration is measured at the portfolio level and adjusted for leverage, hedging transactions and non-bond holdings, including derivatives. Tax Equivalent Yield: Tax equivalent yield is used by investors to compare yields on taxable and tax-exempt securities after accounting for taxes. TEY represents the yield a taxable bond would have to earn in order to match, after taxes, the yield available on a tax-exempt municipal bond. TEY assumes a Federal tax rate of 40.8% and does not take into account any other taxes. Each individual's tax burden will vary. 30-day SEC Yield: A standard calculation of yield introduced by the SEC to provide fairer comparison among funds. This yield reflects the interest earned after deducting the fund's expenses during the most recent 30-day period by the average investor in the fund. Unsubsidized SEC Yield: Represents what a fund's 30-Day SEC Yield would have been had no fee waivers or expense reimbursement been in place over the period. Negative 30-Day SEC Yield results when accrued expenses of the past 30 days exceed the income collected during the past 30 days. Weighted Average Life: The average number of years for which each dollar of unpaid principal on a loan or mortgage remains outstanding. Once calculated, WAL tells how many years it will take to pay half of the outstanding principal.

You should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of the fund carefully before investing. The prospectus and, if available, the summary prospectus contain this and other information about the fund and are available, along with information on other BlackRock funds, by calling 800-882-0052 or from your financial professional. The prospectus should be read carefully before investing. Investing involves risks including possible loss of principal.

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†† The Morningstar RatingTM 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 (excluding any applicable sales charges) 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. The fund was rated against the following numbers of U.S.-domiciled High Yield Muni funds over the following time periods: 185 in the last 3 years, 153 in the last 5 years and 104 in the last 10 years. With respect to these High Yield Muni funds, the fund received a Morningstar Rating of 4, 4 and 4 stars for the 3-, 5- and 10-year periods, respectively. Other classes may have different performance characteristics.

The Standard & Poor's Municipal Bond Index measures U.S. municipal market performance of bonds issued by states or municipalities and exempt from federal income and alternative minimum tax.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The fund itself has not been rated by an independent rating agency. Credit quality ratings on underlying securities of the fund are received from S&P, Moody's and Fitch and converted to the equivalent S&P major rating category. This breakdown is provided by BlackRock and takes the median rating of the three agencies when all three agencies rate a security the lower of the two ratings if only two agencies rate a security and one rating if that is all that is provided. Unrated securities do not necessarily indicate low quality. Below investment-grade is represented by a rating of BB and below. Ratings and portfolio credit quality may change over time.