

Share Class <b>Symbol</b>	<b>A</b> <b>INTAX</b>	Advisor <b>CATRX</b>	<b>C</b> <b>RTCEX</b>	Institutional <b>CATZX</b>	Institutional 2 <b>CADNX</b>	Institutional 3 <b>CATYX</b>
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10-Year Morningstar Rating™



Class A

Institutional Class

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Higher inflation data and an uncertain path for the Fed led to higher interest rates and a sell-off in the municipal market. While shorter maturities outperformed longer maturities, lower-rated bonds, with their attractive yields, performed well.

Fund strategy

- Invests opportunistically along the yield curve and credit spectrum, with the goal of optimizing performance and mitigating downside risk
- Aims to deliver a high level of tax-exempt income in all market environments
- Uses rigorous fundamental credit research and bottom-up security selection to identify potential risks and uncover attractive, undervalued investment opportunities across issuers, sectors, credit qualities and geographic locations

Expense ratio

Share class	No waiver (gross)	With waiver (net)
Institutional	0.55%	0.50%
A	0.80%	0.75%

From the fund's most recent prospectus. The investment manager and certain of its affiliates have contractually (for at least one year from the prospectus date) agreed to waive certain fees and/or to reimburse certain fund expenses.

# Columbia Strategic Municipal Income Fund

## Fund performance

- Institutional Class shares of Columbia Strategic Municipal Income Fund returned 0.52% for the three months ending March 31, 2024. For monthly performance information, please check online at [columbiathreadneedleus.com](http://columbiathreadneedleus.com).
- The fund's benchmark, the Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index, returned -0.39% for the same period.
- The fund outperformed its benchmark for the quarter, with its exposure to lower-rated bonds the major contributor to performance.

## Market overview

The municipal market experienced a selloff in the first quarter, with the Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index declining 0.39%. Inflation once again surprised to the upside, but under the surface, the trends were not as bad, and showed more encouraging (lower) trends outside of seasonality issues and a few other one-offs. Nevertheless, the narrative that the last mile of disinflation will be harder made a comeback. The key question is whether inflation can continue the trend toward 2% with an economy growing between 2% and 3% and the unemployment rate below 4%. Coming into the year, the market expected 150 basis points (bps) of federal funds cuts in 2024. (A basis point is 1/100 of one percent.) By the end of the quarter, expectations for cuts fell to 50–75 bps. Despite intensified upside risks to inflation, the Fed made it clear it would prefer to initiate cuts sooner rather than later. There will be zigs and zags in the data, but keep in mind, the decline in core Personal Consumption Expenditure (PCE) inflation only unwound 50% of the increase 18 months after it peaked. At this pace, the last half of the decrease will be faster than the first half if inflation falls to 2% before February 2025.

Municipal performance was mixed along the yield curve, with shorter-maturity bonds generally outperforming their longer-maturity counterparts. The Bloomberg 1-Year Municipal Index finished the quarter up 0.11%, while the Bloomberg Long Bond Municipal Index (22+ years) finished down 0.75%. In terms of credit, lower quality outperformed

### Average annual total returns (%) for period ending March 31, 2024

Columbia Strategic Municipal Income Fund	3-mon.	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year
Institutional Class	0.52	5.38	-1.27	1.31	3.05
Class A without sales charge	0.46	5.12	-1.53	1.10	2.79
Class A with 3.00% maximum sales charge	-2.58	1.95	-2.52	0.51	2.48
Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index	-0.39	3.13	-0.41	1.59	2.66
Bloomberg Municipal High Yield Index	1.51	7.91	0.55	3.03	4.55

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## Credit Quality (%) as of March 31, 2024

### Columbia Strategic Municipal Income Fund

AAA	7.3
AA	22.4
A	33.3
BBB	14.9
BB	5.0
B	0.3
Cash and Equivalents	-0.5
Non-rated	17.3

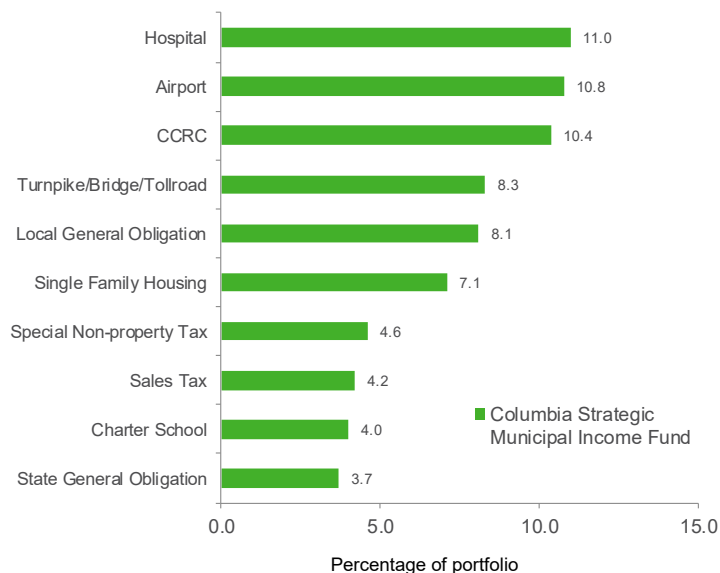
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Due to rounding, percentages may not add up to 100.

higher quality. The Bloomberg Municipal High Yield index, which has been boosted by demand for yield and a dearth of high-yield supply, finished the quarter up 1.51%. Given the strength of the economy, investors expressed more comfort with lower-rated sectors and reached for yield. The best-performing investment-grade sectors for the quarter included industrial development revenue bonds (IDR), tobacco and hospitals. The best-performing high-yield sectors were water and sewer, airlines and Puerto Rico.

Supply reached \$92.5 billion for the quarter, which was well over the \$61.4 billion supply seen in the first quarter of 2023. The increase in supply was met by strong investor demand, as fund flows turned positive after two years of outflows. Year to date, the municipal market has experienced inflows of \$6.2 billion, consisting of \$6.3 billion in mutual fund inflows and -\$0.1 billion of exchange traded fund (ETF) outflows. While some investors have commented on richer municipal/Treasury yield ratios, particularly in the belly of the curve, we believe this is largely driven by significant demand for separately managed accounts (SMAs), and we often find periods of municipal underperformance to be an attractive opportunity to capitalize on higher-than-average tax-equivalent yields.

Top sector weights (%)  
as of March 31, 2024



Source: PERFORM

### Quarterly portfolio recap

In a period when interest rates rose, the fund's longer duration posture modestly detracted from performance. (Duration is a measure of a bond's sensitivity to changes in interest rates.) While the fund's overweight to the long end of the curve was a detractor, it was more than offset by the lower-quality credit we owned in longer-maturity positions, particularly BBB and high yield. The fund's underweight to higher-quality AAA and AA bonds positively contributed to performance, as did overweights to the BBB, BB and the not-rated segments, as well as security selection in BBB bonds. In terms of sector allocation, the fund's overweight to continuing care retirement communities (CCRCs),

**Columbia Strategic  
Municipal Income Fund**

**Top holdings (% of net assets):  
as of March 31, 2024**

OH Buckeye Tob Settlement Fing 5.000 06/01/2055	1.79
MI St Trunk Line 5.250 11/15/2049	1.31
PR Sales Tax Restructured Cofina 0.000 07/01/2046	1.28
IL Chicago Ohare Intl Arpt Amt 5.000 01/01/2055	1.23
PR Sales Tax Restructured Cofina 5.000 07/01/2058	1.18
TX NTE Segment 3c Proj Toll Rd Amt 5.000 06/30/2058	1.17
NJ St Econ Dev Auth Rev 5.000 11/01/2052	1.01
VA Fairfax Cnty 4.000 10/01/2043	0.94
MI Strategic Fund 5.000 12/31/2043	0.91
NE Immanuel Retirement 4.000 01/01/2044	0.84

Top holdings exclude short-term holdings and cash, if applicable. Fund holdings are as of the date given, are subject to change at any time, and are not recommendations to buy or sell any security. Current and future bond holdings are subject to risk.

airport/airlines and charter schools contributed to returns. Security selection in hospitals detracted from returns, while security selection in CCRCs, special tax and charter schools contributed positively.

### Portfolio activity

With an uptick in supply and rising interest rates, we were disciplined with our cash allocation and looked to capitalize on higher-income opportunities. We aimed to increase the fund's dividend distribution by utilizing tax swaps in which we sold lower-book-yielding holdings and purchased higher-book yields. As the economy remained resilient and the likelihood of a soft landing increased, we added high-yield exposure at the margin. Purchases were made in several sectors including airports, charter schools and tolls. We also added to single-family housing exposure due to the uptick in supply, which allowed us to capitalize on high-quality opportunities at relatively attractive yields. Sales were made in numerous sectors including health care, ports, education and state appropriation. Additionally, we capitalized on strong bids in weaker credits due to the low inventory of high-yield paper.

### Outlook

Elevated cash levels on the sidelines and increased investor demand have been supportive of technicals. We expect the technical environment to remain favorable, and even strengthen, as the summer portends increased reinvestment of maturing and called bonds. With the resilient economic backdrop and the increased probability of a soft landing, our view on high yield remains neutral. Health care is one of the sectors we favor, which has not only returned to profitability post pandemic, but offers attractive spreads, as many SMAs and ETFs are unable to own the segment.

We will look to continue to capitalize on periods of market weakness before the summer seasonal period begins, which traditionally sees ratios and spreads driven tighter. We believe defaults could increase if we experience an economic slowdown or recession, albeit off very low levels, as municipalities have benefited from years of strong revenue and federal assistance. Internal credit research remains imperative to our investment process and the strategy.

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