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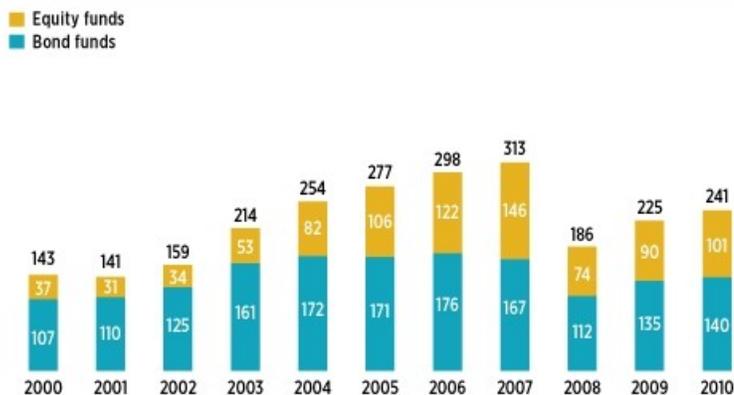
Closed-End Fund Assets Up 7 Percent in 2010

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Total closed-end fund assets were \$241 billion at year-end 2010, up 7 percent from year-end 2009, according to our recently released [annual research report](#) on the closed-end fund market. On net, closed-end fund assets increased by \$16 billion during 2010.

Closed-End Fund Total Net Assets Increased to \$241 Billion

Closed-end fund total net assets by investment objective, billions of dollars, year-end, 2000–2010



Note: Components may not add to the total because of rounding.

Source: Investment Company Institute

The report contains much more detail, but here are a few key findings:

- **Bond closed-end funds accounted for more than half of all closed-end fund assets.** Bond funds have traditionally accounted for a majority of closed-end fund assets. At year-end 2010, bond closed-end fund assets were \$140 billion, or 58 percent of closed-end fund assets. However, assets in equity closed-end funds grew from 26 percent a decade ago to 42 percent of all closed-end fund assets at year-end 2010.
- **At year-end 2010, there were 624 closed-end funds.** The number of closed-end funds has decreased since 2007, after several years of steady increases. Two-thirds of closed-end funds were bond funds at year-end 2010.
- **Closed-end fund investors tended to have above-average household incomes and financial assets.** An estimated 2.1 million U.S. households held closed-end funds in 2010. Households that owned closed-end funds tended to include affluent, experienced investors who owned a range of equity and fixed-income investments.

Besides reading the full report, those interested in closed-end funds can find more information in our [closed-end funds FAQs](#). On our [stats page](#), we provide [quarterly updates](#) on closed-end assets data.

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