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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

FORM N-1A

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933
PRE-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO.
POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 32 (X)**

and/or

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940
POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 33 (X)**

Check appropriate box or boxes

Prudential Total Return Bond Fund, Inc.
Exact name of registrant as specified in charter

**Gateway Center Three, 4th floor
100 Mulberry Street
Newark, New Jersey 07102**
Address of Principal Executive Offices including Zip Code

(973) 367-7521
Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code

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Name and Address of Agent for Service

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 on (date) pursuant to paragraph (a)(2) of Rule 485

If appropriate, check the following box:

- this post-effective amendment designates a new effective date for a previously filed post-effective amendment.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act and the Investment Company Act, the Fund certifies that it meets all of the requirements for effectiveness of this Post-Effective Amendment to the Registration Statement under Rule 485(b) under the Securities Act and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment to the Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, duly authorized, in the City of Newark, and State of New Jersey, on the 10th day of January, 2013.

Prudential Total Return Bond Fund, Inc.

*

Stuart S. Parker, President

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Post-Effective Amendment to the Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
* _____ Kevin J. Bannon	Director	
* _____ Scott E. Benjamin	Director	
* _____ Linda W. Bynoe	Director	
* _____ Michael S. Hyland	Director	
* _____ Douglas H. McCorkindale	Director	
* _____ Stephen P. Munn	Director	
* _____ Stuart S. Parker	Director and President, Principal Executive Officer	
* _____ Richard A. Redeker	Director	
* _____ Robin B. Smith	Director	
* _____ Stephen Stoneburn	Director	
* _____	Treasurer, Principal Financial and Accounting	

Grace C. Torres

Officer

*By: /s/ Jonathan D. Shain

Attorney-in-Fact

January 10, 2013

Jonathan D. Shain

POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned Directors, Trustees and Officers of the Prudential Investments Mutual Funds, the Target Funds and The Prudential Variable Contract Accounts 2, 10 and 11 (collectively, the "Funds"), hereby constitute, appoint and authorize each of, Andrew French, Claudia DiGiacomo, Deborah A. Docs, Katherine P. Feld, Raymond O' Hara, Amanda Ryan, and Jonathan D. Shain, as true and lawful agents and attorneys-in-fact, to sign, execute and deliver on his or her behalf in the appropriate capacities indicated, any Registration Statements of the Funds on the appropriate forms, any and all amendments thereto (including pre- and post-effective amendments), and any and all supplements or other instruments in connection therewith, including Form N-PX, Forms 3, 4 and 5, as appropriate, to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and the securities regulators of appropriate states and territories, and generally to do all such things in his or her name and behalf in connection therewith as said attorney-in-fact deems necessary or appropriate to comply with the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933, section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, all related requirements of the SEC and all requirements of appropriate states and territories. The undersigned do hereby give to said agents and attorneys-in-fact full power and authority to act in these premises, including, but not limited to, the power to appoint a substitute or substitutes to act hereunder with the same power and authority as said agents and attorneys-in-fact would have if personally acting. The undersigned do hereby approve, ratify and confirm all that said agents and attorneys-in-fact, or any substitute or substitutes, may do by virtue hereof.

/s/ Kevin J. Bannon

Kevin J. Bannon

/s/ Stuart S. Parker

Stuart S. Parker

/s/ Scott E. Benjamin

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/s/ Richard A. Redeker

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/s/ Linda W. Bynoe

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/s/ Robin B. Smith

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/s/ Michael S. Hyland

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/s/ Stephen Stoneburn

Stephen Stoneburn

/s/ Douglas H. McCorkindale

Douglas H. McCorkindale

/s/ Grace C. Torres

Grace C. Torres

/s/ Stephen P. Munn

Stephen P. Munn

Dated: June 6, 2012

Exhibit Index

Exhibit No.	Description
EX-101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
EX-101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
EX-101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase
EX-101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase
EX-101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels Linkbase
EX-101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase

Label	Element	Value
Risk/Return:	rr_RiskReturnAbstract	
Registrant Name	dei_EntityRegistrantName	PRUDENTIAL TOTAL RETURN BOND FUND, INC.
Prospectus Date	rr_ProspectusDate	Dec. 31, 2012
PRUDENTIAL TOTAL RETURN BOND FUND, INC.		
Risk/Return:	rr_RiskReturnAbstract	
Risk/Return [Heading]	rr_RiskReturnHeading	PRUDENTIAL TOTAL RETURN BOND FUND, INC.
Objective [Heading]	rr_ObjectiveHeading	FUND SUMMARY
Objective, Primary [Text Block]	rr_ObjectivePrimaryTextBlock	INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE
Expense [Heading]	rr_ExpenseHeading	The investment objective of the Fund is total return .
Expense Narrative [Text Block]	rr_ExpenseNarrativeTextBlock	FUND FEES AND EXPENSES
Shareholder Fees Caption [Text]	rr_ShareholderFeesCaption	The tables below describe the sales charges, fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. You may qualify for sales charge discounts if you and an eligible group of investors purchase, or agree to purchase in the future, \$50,000 or more in shares of the Fund or other funds in the Prudential Investments family of funds. More information about these discounts is available from your financial professional and is explained in Reducing or Waiving Class A's Initial Sales Charge on page 31 of the Fund's Prospectus and in the Fund's Statement of Additional Information (SAI), in Rights of Accumulation on page 53.
Operating Expenses Caption [Text]	rr_OperatingExpensesCaption	Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)
Fee Waiver or Reimbursement over Assets, Date of Termination	rr_FeeWaiverOrReimbursementOverAssetsDateOfTermination	Annual Fund Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)
Portfolio Turnover [Heading]	rr_PortfolioTurnoverHeading	February 28, 2014
Portfolio Turnover [Text Block]	rr_PortfolioTurnoverTextBlock	Portfolio Turnover.
Portfolio Turnover, Rate	rr_PortfolioTurnoverRate	The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund's performance. During the Fund's most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 256% of the average value of its portfolio.
Expense Breakpoint Discounts [Text]	rr_ExpenseBreakpointDiscounts	256.00%
Expense Breakpoint, Minimum Investment Required [Amount]	rr_ExpenseBreakpointMinimumInvestmentRequiredAmount	You may qualify for sales charge discounts if you and an eligible group of investors purchase, or agree to purchase in the future, \$50,000 or more in shares of the Fund or other funds in the Prudential Investments family of funds.
Expense Example [Heading]	rr_ExpenseExampleHeading	Example.
Expense Example Narrative [Text Block]	rr_ExpenseExampleNarrativeTextBlock	The following hypothetical example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. It assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then, except as indicated, redeem all your shares at the end of those periods. It assumes a 5% return on your investment each year, that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same and that all dividends and distributions are reinvested. Your actual costs may be higher or lower.
Expense Example by,	rr_ExpenseExampleByYearCaption	If Shares Are Redeemed

[Year_Caption](#)

[\[Text\]](#)

[Expense](#)

[Example_No](#)

[Redemption_By_Year_Caption](#) rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionByYearCaption

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[Example](#)

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[Risk Narrative](#)

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If Shares Are Not Redeemed

° The manager of the Fund has contractually agreed, through February 28, 2014, to reimburse and/or waive fees so that the net annual Fund operating expenses (exclusive of distribution and service (12b-1) fees, extraordinary expenses and certain other expenses such as taxes, interest and brokerage commissions) do not exceed .60% of the Fund's average daily net assets. This waiver may not be terminated prior to February 28, 2014. The decision on whether to renew, modify or terminate the waiver is subject to review by the manager and the Fund's Board of Directors.

° The distributor of the Fund has contractually agreed to limit its distribution and service (12b-1) fees through February 28, 2014 for Class A and Class R shares to .25% and .50%, respectively, of the average daily net assets of the Class A and Class R shares. This agreement may not be terminated prior to February 28, 2014. The decision on whether to renew, modify or terminate the agreement is subject to review by the distributor and the Fund's Board of Directors.

INVESTMENTS, RISKS AND PERFORMANCE

Principal Investment Strategies.

The Fund will seek to achieve its objective through a mix of current income and capital appreciation as determined by the Fund's investment subadviser. The Fund invests, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of the Fund's investable assets in bonds. For purposes of this policy, bonds include all fixed-income securities, other than preferred stock, with a maturity at date of issue of greater than one year. The term "investable assets" refers to the Fund's net assets plus any borrowings for investment purposes. The Fund's investable assets will be less than its total assets to the extent that it has borrowed money for non-investment purposes, such as to meet anticipated redemptions. The Fund will provide 60 days' prior written notice to shareholders of a change in the 80% policy stated above.

The Fund's investment subadviser allocates assets among different debt securities, including (but not limited to) U.S. Government securities, mortgage-related and asset-backed securities, corporate debt securities and foreign securities. The Fund may invest up to 50% of its investable assets in high risk, below investment-grade securities having a rating of not lower than CCC. These securities are also known as high-yield debt securities or junk bonds. The Fund may invest up to 45% of its investable assets in foreign debt securities.

Some (but not all) of the U.S. Government securities and mortgage-related securities in which the Fund will invest are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, which means that payment of interest and principal is guaranteed, but yield and market value are not. These include obligations of the Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA or "Ginnie Mae"), the Farmers Home Administration and the Export-Import Bank. Securities issued by other government entities, like obligations of the Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA or "Fannie Mae"), the Student Loan Marketing Association (SLMA or "Sallie Mae"), the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC or "Freddie Mac"), the Federal Home Loan Bank, the Tennessee Valley Authority and the United States Postal Service are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. However, these issuers have the right to borrow from the U.S. Treasury to meet their obligations. In contrast, the debt securities of other issuers, like the Farm Credit System, depend entirely upon their own resources to repay their debt obligations.

While we make every effort to achieve our objective, we can't guarantee success.

Principal Risks of Investing in the Fund.

All investments have risks to some degree. Please remember that an investment in the Fund is not guaranteed to achieve its investment objective; is not a deposit with a bank; is not insured, endorsed or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency; and is subject to investment risks, including possible loss of your original investment.

Recent Market Events. The financial crisis that began in 2008 has caused a significant decline in the value and liquidity of many securities. In response to the crisis, the U.S. and other governments and U.S. and foreign central banks have taken steps to support financial markets. The withdrawal of this support, failure of efforts in response to the crisis, or investor perception that such efforts are not succeeding could negatively affect financial markets generally as well as the value and liquidity of certain securities. In addition, policy and legislative changes in the United States and other countries are changing many aspects of financial regulation. The impact of these changes on the markets, and the practical implications for market participants, may not be fully known for some time.

Risk of Increase in Expenses. Your actual cost of investing in the Fund may be higher than the expenses shown in the expense table for a variety of reasons. For example, expense ratios may be higher than those shown if average net assets decrease. Net assets are more likely to decrease and Fund expense ratios are more likely to increase when markets are volatile.

Fixed Income Obligations Risk. As with credit risk, market risk and interest rate risk, the Fund's holdings, share price, yield and total return may fluctuate in response to bond market movements. The value of bonds may decline for issuer-related reasons, including management performance, financial leverage and reduced demand for the issuer's goods and services. Certain types of fixed income obligations also may be subject to call and redemption risk, which is the risk that the issuer may call a bond held by the Fund for redemption before it matures and the Fund may lose income.

Currency Risk. The Fund's net asset value could decline as a result of changes in the exchange rates between foreign currencies and the U.S. dollar. Certain foreign countries may impose restrictions on the ability of issuers of foreign securities to make payment of principal and interest or dividends to investors located outside the country, due to blockage of foreign currency exchanges or otherwise.

Derivatives Risk. The Fund will engage in a variety of transactions using "derivatives," such as futures, options, forwards and swaps. Derivatives are financial instruments whose value depends upon, or is derived from, the value of something else, such as one or more underlying investments, indexes or currencies. Derivatives may be traded on organized exchanges, or in individually negotiated transactions with other parties (these are known as "over-the-counter" derivatives). The Fund will use derivatives both for hedging purposes (to seek to reduce risk) and for non-hedging purposes (to seek to increase return consistent with the Fund's investment objective). Although the Fund has the flexibility to make use of derivatives, it may choose not to for a variety of reasons, even under very volatile market conditions.

Derivatives involve special risks and costs and may result in losses to the Fund. The successful use of derivatives requires sophisticated management, and, to the extent that derivatives are used, the Fund will depend on the investment subadviser's ability to analyze and manage derivatives transactions. The prices of derivatives may move in unexpected ways, especially in abnormal market conditions. Some derivatives are "leveraged" and therefore may magnify or otherwise increase investment losses to the Fund. The Fund's use of derivatives may also increase the amount of taxes payable by shareholders.

Other risks arise from the potential inability to terminate or sell derivatives positions. A liquid secondary market may not always exist for the Fund's derivatives positions at any time. In fact, many over-the-counter derivative instruments will not have liquidity beyond the counterparty to the instrument. Over-the-counter derivative instruments also involve the risk that the other party will not meet its obligations to the Fund.

Recent legislation calls for new regulation of the derivatives markets. The extent and impact of the regulation is not yet known and may not be known for some time. New regulation of derivatives may make them more costly, may limit their availability, or may otherwise adversely affect their value or performance.

Credit Risk. This is the risk that the issuer, the guarantor or the insurer of a fixed-income security, or the counterparty to a contract, may be unable or unwilling to make timely principal and interest payments or to otherwise honor its obligations. Additionally, the securities could lose value due to a loss of confidence in the ability of the issuer, guarantor, insurer or counterparty to pay back debt. The longer the maturity and the lower the credit quality of a bond, the more sensitive it is to credit Risk.

Market Risk. The securities markets are volatile and the market prices of the Fund's securities may decline generally. Securities fluctuate in price based on changes in a company's financial condition and overall market and economic conditions. If the market prices of the securities owned by the Fund fall, the value of your investment in the Fund will decline.

Interest Rate Risk. The value of your investment may go down when interest rates rise. A rise in rates tends to have a greater impact on the prices of longer term or duration securities. When interest rates fall, the issuers of debt obligations may prepay principal more quickly than expected, and the Fund may be required to reinvest the proceeds at a lower interest rate. This is referred to as "prepayment Risk." When interest rates rise, debt obligations may be repaid more slowly than expected, and the value of the Fund's holdings may fall sharply. This is referred to as "extension Risk."

U.S. Government and Agency Securities Risk. U.S. Government and agency securities are subject to market risk, interest rate risk and credit Risk. In addition, to the extent the Fund invests in such securities, its potential for capital appreciation

may be limited. Not all U.S. Government securities are insured or guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government; some are only insured or guaranteed by the issuing agency, which must rely on its own resources to repay the debt. The maximum potential liability of the issuers of some U.S. Government securities held by the Fund may greatly exceed their current resources, including their legal right to support from the U.S. Treasury. It is possible that these issuers will not have the funds to meet their payment obligations in the future. In September 2008, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were placed into a conservatorship by their regulator, the Federal Housing Finance Agency ("FHFA"). It is unclear what effect this conservatorship will have on securities issued or guaranteed by these entities. Although the U.S. Government has provided support to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, there can be no assurance that it will support these or other government-sponsored enterprises in the future.

Junk Bonds Risk. High-yield, high-risk bonds have predominantly speculative characteristics, including particularly high credit risk. Junk bonds tend to be less liquid than higher-rated securities. The liquidity of particular issuers or industries within a particular investment category may shrink or disappear suddenly and without warning. The non-investment grade bond market can experience sudden and sharp price swings and become illiquid due to a variety of factors, including changes in economic forecasts, stock market activity, large sustained sales by major investors, a high profile default or a change in the market's psychology.

Active Trading Risk. The Fund actively and frequently trades its portfolio securities. High portfolio turnover results in higher transaction costs, which can affect the Fund's performance and have adverse tax consequences.

For more information on the risks of investing in this Fund, please see How the Fund Invests—Investment Risks in the Prospectus and Investment Risks and Considerations in the SAI.

and is subject to investment risks, including possible loss of your original investment.

Please remember that an investment in the Fund is not guaranteed to achieve its investment objective; is not a deposit with a bank; is not insured, endorsed or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency;

The Fund's Past Performance.

The following bar chart shows the Fund's performance for the indicated share class for each full calendar year of operations or for the last 10 calendar years, whichever is shorter. The bar chart and Average Annual Total Returns table demonstrate the risk of investing in the Fund by showing how returns can change from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual total returns for the share class compare with a broad-based securities market index and a group of similar mutual funds.

Past performance (before and after taxes) does not mean that the Fund will achieve similar results in the future. Updated Fund performance information is available online at www.prudentialfunds.com.

The bar chart and Average Annual Total Returns table demonstrate the risk of investing in the Fund by showing how returns can change from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual total returns for the share class compare with a broad-based securities market index and a group of similar mutual funds.

www.prudentialfunds.com

Past performance (before and after taxes) does not mean that the Fund will achieve similar results in the future.

Annual Total Returns (Class A Shares)¹

These annual total returns do not include sales charges. If the sales charges were included, the annual total returns would be lower than those shown.

Best Quarter:		Worst Quarter:	
7.82%	3 rd Quarter 2009	-2.69%	2 nd Quarter 2004

Average Annual Total Returns % (including sales charges)(as of 12-31-11)

After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes.

[Risk Lose Money \[Text\]](#) rr_RiskLoseMoney

[Risk Not Insured Depository Institution \[Text\]](#) rr_RiskNotInsuredDepositoryInstitution

[Bar Chart and Performance Table \[Heading\]](#) rr_BarChartAndPerformanceTableHeading

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[Performance Information Illustrates Variability of Returns \[Text\]](#) rr_PerformanceInformationIllustratesVariabilityOfReturns

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[Bar Chart Does Not Reflect Sales Loads \[Text\]](#) rr_BarChartDoesNotReflectSalesLoads

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[Performance Table Uses Highest Federal Rate](#) rr_PerformanceTableUsesHighestFederalRate

[Highest Federal Rate Performance Table Not Relevant to Tax Deferred Performance Table One Class of after Tax Shown \[Text\] Performance Table Narrative](#)

rr_PerformanceTableNotRelevantToTaxDeferred

After-tax returns shown are not relevant to investors who hold their Fund shares through tax-deferred arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

rr_PerformanceTableOneClassOfAfterTaxShown

After-tax returns are shown only for the indicated share class. After-tax returns for other classes will vary due to differing sales charges and expenses.

rr_PerformanceTableNarrativeTextBlock

° After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on an investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown. After-tax returns shown are not relevant to investors who hold their Fund shares through tax-deferred arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. After-tax returns are shown only for the indicated share class. After-tax returns for other classes will vary due to differing sales charges and expenses.

PRUDENTIAL
 TOTAL
 RETURN
 BOND FUND,
 INC. | Class A

Risk/Return: rr_RiskReturnAbstract

[Maximum sales charge \(load\) imposed on purchases \(as a percentage of offering price\)](#)

rr_MaximumSalesChargeImposedOnPurchasesOverOfferingPrice

4.50%

[Maximum deferred sales charge \(load\) \(as a percentage of the lower of original purchase price or sale proceeds\)](#)

rr_MaximumDeferredSalesChargeOverOther

1.00%

[Maximum sales charge \(load\) imposed on reinvested dividends and other distributions](#)

rr_MaximumSalesChargeOnReinvestedDividendsAndDistributionsOverOther

none

[Redemption fees](#)

rr_RedemptionFeeOverRedemption

none

[Exchange fee](#)

rr_ExchangeFeeOverRedemption

none

[Maximum account fee \(accounts under \\$10,000\)](#)

rr_MaximumAccountFee

15

[Management fees](#)

rr_ManagementFeesOverAssets

0.48%

[+ Distribution and service \(12b-1\) fees](#)

rr_DistributionAndService12b1FeesOverAssets

0.30%

[+ Other expenses](#)

rr_OtherExpensesOverAssets

0.15%

[= Total annual Fund operating expenses](#)

rr_ExpensesOverAssets

0.93%

[- Fee waiver or expense reimbursement](#)

rr_FeeWaiverOrReimbursementOverAssets

(0.08%)

[= Net annual Fund operating expenses](#)

rr_NetExpensesOverAssets

0.85%

[1 Year](#)

rr_ExpenseExampleYear01

533

[3 Years](#)

rr_ExpenseExampleYear03

725

[5 Years](#)

rr_ExpenseExampleYear05

934

[10 Years](#)

rr_ExpenseExampleYear10

1,535

[1 Year](#)

rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear01

533

3 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear03	725	
5 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear05	934	
10 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear10	1,535	
2002	rr_AnnualReturn2002	6.38%	[1]
2003	rr_AnnualReturn2003	6.18%	[1]
2004	rr_AnnualReturn2004	4.87%	[1]
2005	rr_AnnualReturn2005	2.50%	[1]
2006	rr_AnnualReturn2006	4.39%	[1]
2007	rr_AnnualReturn2007	5.42%	[1]
2008	rr_AnnualReturn2008	(3.55%)	[1]
2009	rr_AnnualReturn2009	19.68%	[1]
2010	rr_AnnualReturn2010	9.73%	[1]
2011	rr_AnnualReturn2011	7.57%	[1]
Year to Date Return, Label	rr_YearToDateReturnLabel	The total return for Class A shares from 1-1-12 through 9-30-12	
Bar Chart, Year to Date Return, Date	rr_BarChartYearToDateReturnDate	Sep. 30, 2012	
Bar Chart, Year to Date Return	rr_BarChartYearToDateReturn	7.91%	
Highest Quarterly Return, Label	rr_HighestQuarterlyReturnLabel	Best Quarter:	
Highest Quarterly Return, Date	rr_BarChartHighestQuarterlyReturnDate	Sep. 30, 2009	
Highest Quarterly Return	rr_BarChartHighestQuarterlyReturn	7.82%	
Lowest Quarterly Return, Label	rr_LowestQuarterlyReturnLabel	Worst Quarter:	
Lowest Quarterly Return, Date	rr_BarChartLowestQuarterlyReturnDate	Jun. 30, 2004	
Lowest Quarterly Return	rr_BarChartLowestQuarterlyReturn	(2.69%)	
One Year	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01	2.73%	
Five Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear05	6.52%	
Ten Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear10	5.68%	
PRUDENTIAL			
TOTAL			
RETURN			
BOND FUND,			
INC. Class B			
Risk/Return:	rr_RiskReturnAbstract		
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	rr_MaximumSalesChargeImposedOnPurchasesOverOfferingPrice	none	
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the lower of original purchase price or sale proceeds)	rr_MaximumDeferredSalesChargeOverOther	5.00%	
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on reinvested dividends and other distributions	rr_MaximumSalesChargeOnReinvestedDividendsAndDistributionsOverOther	none	
Redemption fees	rr_RedemptionFeeOverRedemption	none	

Exchange fee	rr_ExchangeFeeOverRedemption	none
Maximum account fee (accounts under \$10,000)	rr_MaximumAccountFee	15
Management fees	rr_ManagementFeesOverAssets	0.48%
+ Distribution and service (12b-1) fees	rr_DistributionAndService12b1FeesOverAssets	1.00%
+ Other expenses	rr_OtherExpensesOverAssets	0.15%
= Total annual Fund operating expenses	rr_ExpensesOverAssets	1.63%
- Fee waiver or expense reimbursement	rr_FeeWaiverOrReimbursementOverAssets	(0.03%)
= Net annual Fund operating expenses	rr_NetExpensesOverAssets	1.60%
1 Year	rr_ExpenseExampleYear01	663
3 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear03	811
5 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear05	984
10 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear10	1,656
1 Year	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear01	163
3 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear03	511
5 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear05	884
10 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear10	1,656
One Year	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01	2.03%
Five Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear05	6.81%
Ten Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear10	5.50%
PRUDENTIAL		
TOTAL		
RETURN		
BOND FUND,		
INC. Class C		
Risk/Return:	rr_RiskReturnAbstract	
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	rr_MaximumSalesChargeImposedOnPurchasesOverOfferingPrice	none
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the lower of original purchase price or sale proceeds)	rr_MaximumDeferredSalesChargeOverOther	1.00%
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on reinvested dividends and other distributions	rr_MaximumSalesChargeOnReinvestedDividendsAndDistributionsOverOther	none
Redemption fees	rr_RedemptionFeeOverRedemption	none
Exchange fee	rr_ExchangeFeeOverRedemption	none
Maximum account fee (accounts under \$10,000)	rr_MaximumAccountFee	15
Management fees	rr_ManagementFeesOverAssets	0.48%
+ Distribution and service (12b-1) fees	rr_DistributionAndService12b1FeesOverAssets	1.00%
+ Other expenses	rr_OtherExpensesOverAssets	0.15%

= Total annual Fund operating expenses	rr_ExpensesOverAssets	1.63%
- Fee waiver or expense reimbursement	rr_FeeWaiverOrReimbursementOverAssets	(0.03%)
= Net annual Fund operating expenses	rr_NetExpensesOverAssets	1.60%
1 Year	rr_ExpenseExampleYear01	263
3 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear03	511
5 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear05	884
10 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear10	1,930
1 Year	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear01	163
3 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear03	511
5 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear05	884
10 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear10	1,930
One Year	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01	5.81%
Five Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear05	6.92%
Ten Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear10	5.63%
PRUDENTIAL		
TOTAL		
RETURN		
BOND FUND,		
INC. Class Q		
Risk/Return:	rr_RiskReturnAbstract	
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	rr_MaximumSalesChargeImposedOnPurchasesOverOfferingPrice	none
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the lower of original purchase price or sale proceeds)	rr_MaximumDeferredSalesChargeOverOther	none
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on reinvested dividends and other distributions	rr_MaximumSalesChargeOnReinvestedDividendsAndDistributionsOverOther	none
Redemption fees	rr_RedemptionFeeOverRedemption	none
Exchange fee	rr_ExchangeFeeOverRedemption	none
Maximum account fee (accounts under \$10,000)	rr_MaximumAccountFee	none
Management fees	rr_ManagementFeesOverAssets	0.48%
+ Distribution and service (12b-1) fees	rr_DistributionAndService12b1FeesOverAssets	none
+ Other expenses	rr_OtherExpensesOverAssets	0.06%
= Total annual Fund operating expenses	rr_ExpensesOverAssets	0.54%
- Fee waiver or expense reimbursement	rr_FeeWaiverOrReimbursementOverAssets	none
= Net annual Fund operating expenses	rr_NetExpensesOverAssets	0.54%
1 Year	rr_ExpenseExampleYear01	55
3 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear03	173
5 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear05	302

10 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear10	677
1 Year	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear01	55
3 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear03	173
5 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear05	302
10 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear10	677
One Year	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01	7.94%
Five Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear05	
Ten Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear10	
Since Inception	rr_AverageAnnualReturnSinceInception	8.43%
Inception Date	rr_AverageAnnualReturnInceptionDate	Dec. 27, 2010
PRUDENTIAL		
TOTAL		
RETURN		
BOND FUND,		
INC. Class R		
Risk/Return:	rr_RiskReturnAbstract	
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	rr_MaximumSalesChargeImposedOnPurchasesOverOfferingPrice	none
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the lower of original purchase price or sale proceeds)	rr_MaximumDeferredSalesChargeOverOther	none
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on reinvested dividends and other distributions	rr_MaximumSalesChargeOnReinvestedDividendsAndDistributionsOverOther	none
Redemption fees	rr_RedemptionFeeOverRedemption	none
Exchange fee	rr_ExchangeFeeOverRedemption	none
Maximum account fee (accounts under \$10,000)	rr_MaximumAccountFee	none
Management fees	rr_ManagementFeesOverAssets	0.48%
+ Distribution and service (12b-1) fees	rr_DistributionAndService12b1FeesOverAssets	0.75%
+ Other expenses	rr_OtherExpensesOverAssets	0.15%
= Total annual Fund operating expenses	rr_ExpensesOverAssets	1.38%
- Fee waiver or expense reimbursement	rr_FeeWaiverOrReimbursementOverAssets	(0.28%)
= Net annual Fund operating expenses	rr_NetExpensesOverAssets	1.10%
1 Year	rr_ExpenseExampleYear01	112
3 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear03	409
5 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear05	729
10 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear10	1,633
1 Year	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear01	112
3 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear03	409
5 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear05	729
10 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear10	1,633
One Year	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01	7.37%
Five Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear05	
Ten Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear10	
Since Inception	rr_AverageAnnualReturnSinceInception	7.65%

Inception Date	rr_AverageAnnualReturnInceptionDate	Jan. 14, 2008
PRUDENTIAL		
TOTAL		
RETURN		
BOND FUND,		
INC. Class X		
Risk/Return:	rr_RiskReturnAbstract	
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	rr_MaximumSalesChargeImposedOnPurchasesOverOfferingPrice	none
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the lower of original purchase price or sale proceeds)	rr_MaximumDeferredSalesChargeOverOther	6.00%
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on reinvested dividends and other distributions	rr_MaximumSalesChargeOnReinvestedDividendsAndDistributionsOverOther	none
Redemption fees	rr_RedemptionFeeOverRedemption	none
Exchange fee	rr_ExchangeFeeOverRedemption	none
Maximum account fee (accounts under \$10,000)	rr_MaximumAccountFee	15
Management fees	rr_ManagementFeesOverAssets	0.48%
+ Distribution and service (12b-1) fees	rr_DistributionAndService12b1FeesOverAssets	1.00%
+ Other expenses	rr_OtherExpensesOverAssets	0.15%
= Total annual Fund operating expenses	rr_ExpensesOverAssets	1.63%
- Fee waiver or reimbursement	rr_FeeWaiverOrReimbursementOverAssets	(0.03%)
= Net annual Fund operating expenses	rr_NetExpensesOverAssets	1.60%
1 Year	rr_ExpenseExampleYear01	763
3 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear03	911
5 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear05	1,184
10 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear10	1,930
1 Year	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear01	163
3 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear03	511
5 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear05	884
10 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear10	1,930
One Year	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01	1.62%
Five Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear05	
Ten Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear10	
Since Inception	rr_AverageAnnualReturnSinceInception	7.11%
Inception Date	rr_AverageAnnualReturnInceptionDate	Mar. 05, 2007
PRUDENTIAL		
TOTAL		
RETURN		
BOND FUND,		
INC. Class Z		
Risk/Return:	rr_RiskReturnAbstract	
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed	rr_MaximumSalesChargeImposedOnPurchasesOverOfferingPrice	none

on purchases (as a percentage of offering price) Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the lower of original purchase price or sale proceeds) Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on reinvested dividends and other distributions	rr_MaximumDeferredSalesChargeOverOther	none
Redemption fees	rr_RedemptionFeeOverRedemption	none
Exchange fee	rr_ExchangeFeeOverRedemption	none
Maximum account fee (accounts under \$10,000)	rr_MaximumAccountFee	none
Management fees	rr_ManagementFeesOverAssets	0.48%
+ Distribution and service (12b-1) fees	rr_DistributionAndService12b1FeesOverAssets	none
+ Other expenses	rr_OtherExpensesOverAssets	0.15%
= Total annual Fund operating expenses	rr_ExpensesOverAssets	0.63%
- Fee waiver or reimbursement	rr_FeeWaiverOrReimbursementOverAssets	(0.03%)
= Net annual Fund operating expenses	rr_NetExpensesOverAssets	0.60%
1 Year	rr_ExpenseExampleYear01	61
3 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear03	199
5 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear05	348
10 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear10	783
1 Year	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear01	61
3 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear03	199
5 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear05	348
10 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear10	783
One Year	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01	7.78%
Five Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear05	7.76%
Ten Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear10	6.42%

PRUDENTIAL
TOTAL
RETURN
BOND FUND,
INC. | Return
After Taxes on
Distributions |
Class A

Risk/Return:	rr_RiskReturnAbstract	
One Year	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01	0.83%
Five Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear05	4.71%
Ten Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear10	3.89%

PRUDENTIAL
TOTAL
RETURN
BOND FUND,
INC. | Return
After Taxes on
Distributions
and Sale of

Fund Shares |
Class A

Risk/Return:	rr_RiskReturnAbstract	
One Year	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01	1.95%
Five Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear05	4.52%
Ten Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear10	3.80%

PRUDENTIAL

TOTAL

RETURN

BOND FUND,

INC. | Barclays

U.S. Aggregate

Bond Index

(reflects no

deduction for

fees, expenses

or taxes)

Risk/Return:	rr_RiskReturnAbstract	
One Year	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01	7.84%
Five Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear05	6.50%
Ten Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear10	5.78%

PRUDENTIAL

TOTAL

RETURN

BOND FUND,

INC. | Lipper

Intermediate

Investment-

Grade Debt

Funds Average

(reflects no

deduction for

fees, expenses

or taxes)

Risk/Return:	rr_RiskReturnAbstract	
One Year	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01	6.22%
Five Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear05	5.57%
Ten Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear10	5.13%

[1] These annual total returns do not include sales charges. If the sales charges were included, the annual total returns would be lower than those shown. Without the management fee waiver and the distribution and service (12b-1) fee waiver, the annual returns would have been lower, too. The total return for Class A shares from 1-1-12 through 9-30-12 was 7.91%.

PRUDENTIAL TOTAL RETURN BOND FUND, INC.
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FUND SUMMARY

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The investment objective of the Fund is **total return**.

FUND FEES AND EXPENSES

The tables below describe the sales charges, fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. You may qualify for sales charge discounts if you and an eligible group of investors purchase, or agree to purchase in the future, \$50,000 or more in shares of the Fund or other funds in the Prudential Investments family of funds. More information about these discounts is available from your financial professional and is explained in Reducing or Waiving Class A's Initial Sales Charge on page 31 of the Fund's Prospectus and in the Fund's Statement of Additional Information (SAI), in Rights of Accumulation on page 53.

Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

Shareholder Fees PRUDENTIAL TOTAL RETURN BOND FUND, INC. (USD \$)	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class Q	Class R	Class X	Class Z
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	4.50%	none	none	none	none	none	none
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the lower of original purchase price or sale proceeds)	1.00%	5.00%	1.00%	none	none	6.00%	none
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on reinvested dividends and other distributions	none	none	none	none	none	none	none
Redemption fees	none	none	none	none	none	none	none
Exchange fee	none	none	none	none	none	none	none
Maximum account fee (accounts under \$10,000)	15	15	15	none	none	15	none

Annual Fund Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Annual Fund Operating Expenses PRUDENTIAL TOTAL RETURN BOND FUND, INC.	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class Q	Class R	Class X	Class Z
Management fees	0.48%	0.48%	0.48%	0.48%	0.48%	0.48%	0.48%
+ Distribution and service (12b-1) fees	0.30%	1.00%	1.00%	none	0.75%	1.00%	none
+ Other expenses	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%	0.06%	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%
= Total annual Fund operating expenses	0.93%	1.63%	1.63%	0.54%	1.38%	1.63%	0.63%
- Fee waiver or expense reimbursement	(0.08%)	(0.03%)	(0.03%)	none	(0.28%)	(0.03%)	(0.03%)
= Net annual Fund operating expenses	0.85%	1.60%	1.60%	0.54%	1.10%	1.60%	0.60%

Example.

The following hypothetical example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. It assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then, except as indicated, redeem all your shares at the end of those periods. It assumes a 5% return on your investment each year, that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same and that all dividends and distributions are reinvested. Your actual costs may be higher or lower.

If Shares Are Redeemed

Expense Example PRUDENTIAL TOTAL RETURN BOND FUND, INC. (USD \$)	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Class A	533	725	934	1,535
Class B	663	811	984	1,656
Class C	263	511	884	1,930
Class Q	55	173	302	677
Class R	112	409	729	1,633
Class X	763	911	1,184	1,930
Class Z	61	199	348	783

If Shares Are Not Redeemed

Expense Example, No Redemption PRUDENTIAL TOTAL RETURN BOND FUND, INC. (USD \$)	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Class A	533	725	934	1,535
Class B	163	511	884	1,656
Class C	163	511	884	1,930
Class Q	55	173	302	677
Class R	112	409	729	1,633
Class X	163	511	884	1,930
Class Z	61	199	348	783

° The manager of the Fund has contractually agreed, through February 28, 2014, to reimburse and/or waive fees so that the net annual Fund operating expenses (exclusive of distribution and service (12b-1) fees, extraordinary expenses and certain other expenses such as taxes, interest and brokerage commissions) do not exceed .60% of the Fund's average daily net assets. This waiver may not be terminated prior to February 28, 2014. The decision on whether to renew, modify or terminate the waiver is subject to review by the manager and the Fund's Board of Directors.

° The distributor of the Fund has contractually agreed to limit its distribution and service (12b-1) fees through February 28, 2014 for Class A and Class R shares to .25% and .50%, respectively, of the average daily net assets of the Class A and Class R shares. This agreement may not be terminated prior to February 28, 2014. The decision on whether to renew, modify or terminate the agreement is subject to review by the distributor and the Fund's Board of Directors.

Portfolio Turnover.

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund's performance. During the Fund's most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 256% of the average value of its portfolio.

INVESTMENTS, RISKS AND PERFORMANCE

Principal Investment Strategies.

The Fund will seek to achieve its objective through a mix of current income and capital appreciation as determined by the Fund's investment subadviser. The Fund invests, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of the Fund's investable assets in bonds. For purposes of this policy, bonds include all fixed-income securities, other than preferred stock, with a maturity at date of issue of greater than one year. The term "investable assets" refers to the Fund's net assets plus any borrowings for investment purposes. The Fund's investable assets will be less than its total assets to the extent that it has borrowed money for non-investment purposes, such as to meet anticipated redemptions. The Fund will provide 60 days' prior written notice to shareholders of a change in the 80% policy stated above.

The Fund's investment subadviser allocates assets among different debt securities, including (but not limited to) U.S. Government securities, mortgage-related and asset-backed securities, corporate debt securities and foreign securities. The Fund may invest up to 50% of its investable assets in high risk, below investment-grade securities having a rating of not lower than CCC. These securities are also known as high-yield debt securities or junk bonds. The Fund may invest up to 45% of its investable assets in foreign debt securities.

Some (but not all) of the U.S. Government securities and mortgage-related securities in which the Fund will invest are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, which means that payment of interest and principal is guaranteed, but yield and market value are not. These include obligations of the Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA or "Ginnie Mae"), the Farmers Home Administration and the Export-Import Bank. Securities issued by other government entities, like obligations of the Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA or "Fannie Mae"), the Student Loan Marketing Association (SLMA or "Sallie Mae"), the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC or "Freddie Mac"), the Federal Home Loan Bank, the Tennessee Valley Authority and the United States Postal Service are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. However, these issuers have the right to borrow from the U.S. Treasury to meet their obligations. In contrast, the debt securities of other issuers, like the Farm Credit System, depend entirely upon their own resources to repay their debt obligations.

While we make every effort to achieve our objective, we can't guarantee success.

Principal Risks of Investing in the Fund.

All investments have risks to some degree. Please remember that an investment in the Fund is not guaranteed to achieve its investment objective; is not a deposit with a bank; is not insured, endorsed or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency; and is subject to investment risks, including possible loss of your original investment.

Recent Market Events. The financial crisis that began in 2008 has caused a significant decline in the value and liquidity of many securities. In response to the crisis, the U.S. and other governments and U.S. and foreign central banks have taken steps to support financial markets. The withdrawal of this support, failure of efforts in response to the crisis, or investor perception that such efforts are not succeeding could negatively affect financial markets generally as well as the value and liquidity of certain securities. In addition, policy and legislative changes in the United States and other countries are changing many aspects of financial regulation. The impact of these changes on the markets, and the practical implications for market participants, may not be fully known for some time.

Risk of Increase in Expenses. Your actual cost of investing in the Fund may be higher than the expenses shown in the expense table for a variety of reasons. For example, expense ratios may be higher than those shown if average net assets decrease. Net assets are more likely to decrease and Fund expense ratios are more likely to increase when markets are volatile.

Fixed Income Obligations Risk. As with credit risk, market risk and interest rate risk, the Fund's holdings,

share price, yield and total return may fluctuate in response to bond market movements. The value of bonds may decline for issuer-related reasons, including management performance, financial leverage and reduced demand for the issuer's goods and services. Certain types of fixed income obligations also may be subject to call and redemption risk, which is the risk that the issuer may call a bond held by the Fund for redemption before it matures and the Fund may lose income.

Currency Risk. The Fund's net asset value could decline as a result of changes in the exchange rates between foreign currencies and the U.S. dollar. Certain foreign countries may impose restrictions on the ability of issuers of foreign securities to make payment of principal and interest or dividends to investors located outside the country, due to blockage of foreign currency exchanges or otherwise.

Derivatives Risk. The Fund will engage in a variety of transactions using "derivatives," such as futures, options, forwards and swaps. Derivatives are financial instruments whose value depends upon, or is derived from, the value of something else, such as one or more underlying investments, indexes or currencies. Derivatives may be traded on organized exchanges, or in individually negotiated transactions with other parties (these are known as "over-the-counter" derivatives). The Fund will use derivatives both for hedging purposes (to seek to reduce risk) and for non-hedging purposes (to seek to increase return consistent with the Fund's investment objective). Although the Fund has the flexibility to make use of derivatives, it may choose not to for a variety of reasons, even under very volatile market conditions.

Derivatives involve special risks and costs and may result in losses to the Fund. The successful use of derivatives requires sophisticated management, and, to the extent that derivatives are used, the Fund will depend on the investment subadviser's ability to analyze and manage derivatives transactions. The prices of derivatives may move in unexpected ways, especially in abnormal market conditions. Some derivatives are "leveraged" and therefore may magnify or otherwise increase investment losses to the Fund. The Fund's use of derivatives may also increase the amount of taxes payable by shareholders.

Other risks arise from the potential inability to terminate or sell derivatives positions. A liquid secondary market may not always exist for the Fund's derivatives positions at any time. In fact, many over-the-counter derivative instruments will not have liquidity beyond the counterparty to the instrument. Over-the-counter derivative instruments also involve the risk that the other party will not meet its obligations to the Fund.

Recent legislation calls for new regulation of the derivatives markets. The extent and impact of the regulation is not yet known and may not be known for some time. New regulation of derivatives may make them more costly, may limit their availability, or may otherwise adversely affect their value or performance.

Credit Risk. This is the risk that the issuer, the guarantor or the insurer of a fixed-income security, or the counterparty to a contract, may be unable or unwilling to make timely principal and interest payments or to otherwise honor its obligations. Additionally, the securities could lose value due to a loss of confidence in the ability of the issuer, guarantor, insurer or counterparty to pay back debt. The longer the maturity and the lower the credit quality of a bond, the more sensitive it is to credit Risk.

Market Risk. The securities markets are volatile and the market prices of the Fund's securities may decline generally. Securities fluctuate in price based on changes in a company's financial condition and overall market and economic conditions. If the market prices of the securities owned by the Fund fall, the value of your investment in the Fund will decline.

Interest Rate Risk. The value of your investment may go down when interest rates rise. A rise in rates tends to have a greater impact on the prices of longer term or duration securities. When interest rates fall, the issuers of

debt obligations may prepay principal more quickly than expected, and the Fund may be required to reinvest the proceeds at a lower interest rate. This is referred to as “prepayment Risk.” When interest rates rise, debt obligations may be repaid more slowly than expected, and the value of the Fund's holdings may fall sharply. This is referred to as “extension Risk.”

U.S. Government and Agency Securities Risk. U.S. Government and agency securities are subject to market risk, interest rate risk and credit Risk. In addition, to the extent the Fund invests in such securities, its potential for capital appreciation may be limited. Not all U.S. Government securities are insured or guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government; some are only insured or guaranteed by the issuing agency, which must rely on its own resources to repay the debt. The maximum potential liability of the issuers of some U.S. Government securities held by the Fund may greatly exceed their current resources, including their legal right to support from the U.S. Treasury. It is possible that these issuers will not have the funds to meet their payment obligations in the future. In September 2008, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were placed into a conservatorship by their regulator, the Federal Housing Finance Agency (“FHFA”). It is unclear what effect this conservatorship will have on securities issued or guaranteed by these entities. Although the U.S. Government has provided support to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, there can be no assurance that it will support these or other government-sponsored enterprises in the future.

Junk Bonds Risk. High-yield, high-risk bonds have predominantly speculative characteristics, including particularly high credit Risk. Junk bonds tend to be less liquid than higher-rated securities. The liquidity of particular issuers or industries within a particular investment category may shrink or disappear suddenly and without warning. The non-investment grade bond market can experience sudden and sharp price swings and become illiquid due to a variety of factors, including changes in economic forecasts, stock market activity, large sustained sales by major investors, a high profile default or a change in the market's psychology.

Active Trading Risk. The Fund actively and frequently trades its portfolio securities. High portfolio turnover results in higher transaction costs, which can affect the Fund's performance and have adverse tax consequences.

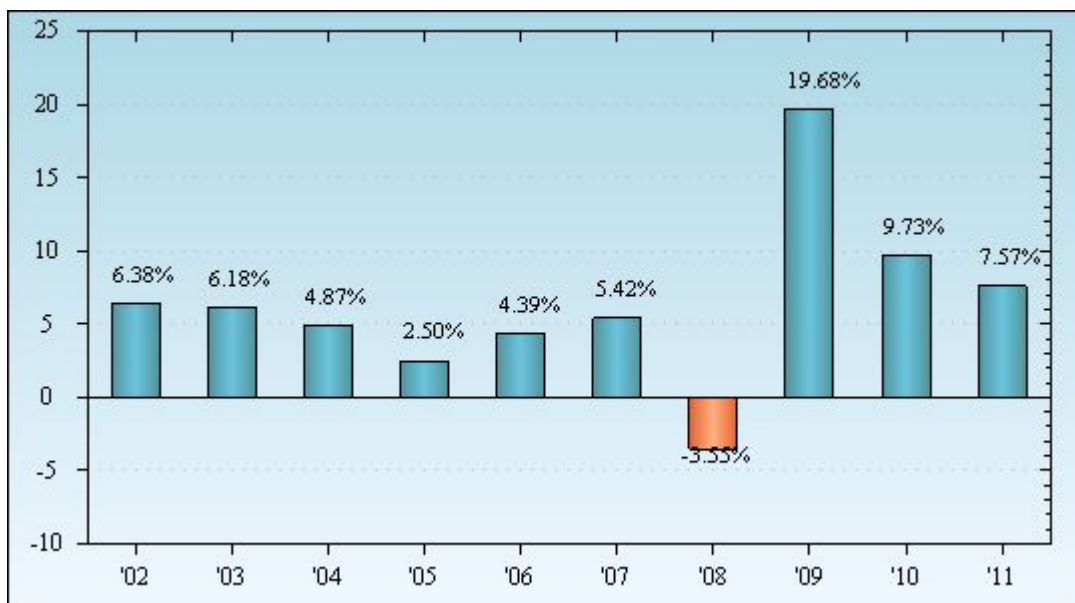
For more information on the risks of investing in this Fund, please see How the Fund Invests—Investment Risks in the Prospectus and Investment Risks and Considerations in the SAI.

The Fund's Past Performance.

The following bar chart shows the Fund's performance for the indicated share class for each full calendar year of operations or for the last 10 calendar years, whichever is shorter. The bar chart and Average Annual Total Returns table demonstrate the risk of investing in the Fund by showing how returns can change from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual total returns for the share class compare with a broad-based securities market index and a group of similar mutual funds.

Past performance (before and after taxes) does not mean that the Fund will achieve similar results in the future. Updated Fund performance information is available online at www.prudentialfunds.com.

Annual Total Returns (Class A Shares)¹



[1] These annual total returns do not include sales charges. If the sales charges were included, the annual total returns would be lower than those shown. Without the management fee waiver and the distribution and service (12b-1) fee waiver, the annual returns would have been lower, too. The total return for Class A shares from 1-1-12 through 9-30-12 was 7.91%.

Best Quarter:		Worst Quarter:	
7.82%	3 rd Quarter 2009	-2.69%	2 nd Quarter 2004

Average Annual Total Returns % (including sales charges)(as of 12-31-11)

Average Annual Total Returns PRUDENTIAL TOTAL RETURN BOND FUND, INC.

	One Year	Five Years	Ten Years	Since Inception	Inception Date
Class B Shares	2.03%	6.81%	5.50%		
Class C Shares	5.81%	6.92%	5.63%		
Class Q Shares	7.94%		8.43%		Dec. 27, 2010
Class R Shares	7.37%		7.65%		Jan. 14, 2008
Class X Shares	1.62%		7.11%		Mar. 05, 2007
Class Z Shares	7.78%	7.76%	6.42%		
Class A Shares	2.73%	6.52%	5.68%		
Class A Shares Return After Taxes on Distributions	0.83%	4.71%	3.89%		
Class A Shares Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	1.95%	4.52%	3.80%		
Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	7.84%	6.50%	5.78%		
Lipper Intermediate Investment-Grade Debt Funds Average (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	6.22%	5.57%	5.13%		

° After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on an investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown. After-tax returns shown are not relevant to investors who hold their Fund shares through tax-deferred arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. After-tax returns are shown only for the indicated share class. After-tax returns for other classes will vary due to differing sales charges and expenses.

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