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THE BLACKROCK INCOME TRUST INC.  
ANNUAL REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS  
REPORT OF INVESTMENT ADVISOR

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November 30, 2001

Dear Shareholder:

Economic activity slowed significantly during the annual period ended October 31, 2001, continuing the downturn that began in March 2000. The September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon accelerated this decline. Inflation adjusted Gross Domestic Product (GDP) fell at a 0.4% annual rate during the third quarter, reaffirming that the economy is officially headed towards recession, which is defined as two consecutive quarters of negative growth as measured by GDP. In response to the dramatic slowdown in the U.S. economy, The Federal Reserve Board aggressively lowered interest rates over the period. In stark contrast to its three interest rate increases in February, March, and May of 2000, the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) has cut interest rates ten times in 2001. Year-to-date, the FOMC has reduced interest rates by 4.50%, bringing the current Federal Funds rate to 2.00%, its lowest level since September 1961.

The weakening U.S. economic environment and the accompanying Federal Reserve activity have had a positive effect on the fixed income markets. Virtually all sectors of the fixed income market, with the exception of high yield, posted double-digit returns over the annual period ended October 31, 2001. As short-term interest rates declined faster than long-term interest rates over the period, the yield curve reached historically steep levels, making it a very attractive time for leveraged bond funds. Because these funds borrow at short-term rates and invest in long-term securities, the amount they earn grows as the difference between short-term and long-term rates increases. Furthermore, inflation is anticipated to decline to multi-decade lows, which should support high-quality fixed income securities, especially those with longer maturities.

The rallies in the fixed income markets have barely offset the adverse impact of the deteriorating equity market. For the year ending October 31, 2001, the S&P 500 and Nasdaq fell 25.49% and 49.39%, respectively, and, while we believe that aggressive monetary and fiscal stimulus will help stabilize the economy, we expect growth to remain below potential for a more prolonged period. Consumption is unlikely to pick up significantly in the face of sizable job cuts, the likelihood that flexible compensation (bonus, profit sharing, options) will be sharply lower, and that state and local government spending may be significantly curtailed next year. In this environment, we expect a period of prolonged lower interest rates. Although somewhat discouraging for the American consumer, this low inflation/low interest rate environment should continue to benefit fixed income securities. We expect spread products like high quality corporates and mortgages to perform well relative to U.S. Treasuries.

This annual report contains a summary of market conditions during the annual period and a review of portfolio strategy by your Trust's managers in addition to the Trust's audited financial statements and a listing of the portfolio's holdings at October 31, 2001. Continued thanks for your confidence in BlackRock. We appreciate the opportunity to help you achieve your long-term investment goals.

Sincerely,

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/s/ LAURENCE D. FINK

/s/ RALPH L. SCHLOSSTEIN

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 Laurence D. Fink  
 Chairman

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 Ralph L. Schlosstein  
 President

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November 30, 2001

Dear Shareholder:

We are pleased to present the annual report for The BlackRock Income Trust Inc. ("The Trust") for the year ended October 31, 2001. We would like to take this opportunity to review the Trust's stock price and net asset value (NAV) performance, summarize market developments and discuss recent portfolio management activity.

The Trust is a diversified, actively managed closed-end bond fund whose shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "BKT". The Trust's investment objective is to provide high current income consistent with the preservation of capital. The Trust seeks this objective by investing primarily in mortgage-backed securities backed by U.S. Government agencies (such as Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac or Ginnie Mae) and, to a lesser extent, U.S. Government securities, asset-backed securities and privately issued mortgage-backed securities. At least 85% of the Trust's assets must be issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or its agencies or rated "AAA" by Standard & Poor's or "Aaa" by Moody's (up to 5% can be unrated and deemed by the Adviser to be of equivalent credit quality); the remaining 15% of the Trust's assets must be rated at least "AA" by Standard & Poor's or "Aa" by Moody's at the time of purchase.

The table below summarizes the changes in the Trust's stock price and NAV:

	10/31/01	10/31/00	CHANGE	HIGH	
STOCK PRICE	\$ 7.26	\$6.375	13.88%	\$7.72	\$6
NET ASSET VALUE (NAV)	\$ 8.06	\$7.23	11.48%	\$8.06	\$7
10-YEAR TREASURY NOTE	4.23%	5.75%	(26.43)%	5.86%	4

## THE FIXED INCOME MARKETS

Investor hopes for a soft landing quickly turned to fears of a recession as the U.S. economy rapidly deteriorated over the year. Prior to the events of September 11, our economic outlook envisioned an extended period of sluggish growth, with the risk of a more severe deterioration if consumer confidence and spending declined by any considerable degree. Economic data prior to the attacks suggests that the scenario of a more severe contraction may have been in the works. Year-over-year industrial production was down, 4.8% in August, the largest yearly decline since 1982. The unemployment rate had drifted up to 4.9%

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from a low of 3.9% in October of last year, and the four-week average of initial jobless claims rose to its highest level in nearly a decade. Consumer confidence was starting to wane, and consumer credit outstanding had begun to decline. The events of September 11 undoubtedly further weakened consumer sentiment. The Conference Board's consumer confidence index posted its biggest one-month decline since 1990. According to the minutes of the October 2, 2001 Federal Open Market Committee meeting, "The terrorist attacks have significantly heightened uncertainty in an economy that was already weak. Business and household spending as a consequence are being further damped. Nonetheless, the long-term prospects for productivity growth and the economy remain favorable and should become evident once the unusual forces restraining demand abate." During the fiscal year ended October 31, 2001, the Federal Reserve aggressively lowered the Federal Funds rate by a total of 4.00% to bring it to 2.50%. On November 6, 2001 the Federal Reserve announced another interest rate cut, bringing the current Fed Funds rate to 2.00%.

Over the course of the year, the U.S. Treasury yield curve steepened significantly as the bond market rallied in response to the slowing U.S. economy and the aggressive interest rate cuts by the Federal Reserve. U.S. Treasury yields on the short-end of the yield curve fell sharply from a 5.91% yield on 2-year U.S. Treasuries as of October 31, 2000 to a 2.42% yield on October 31, 2001 in reaction to the Federal Reserve cutting short-term rates by 4%. During the period, the yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury fell from 5.75% on October 31, 2000 to 4.23% on October 31, 2001. U.S. Treasury yields continue to fall due to further Federal Reserve easing and an anticipation of increased supply in order to raise capital to support programs implemented as a result of the tragic events that occurred on September 11, 2001. On October 31, 2001, the U.S. Treasury announced plans to stop selling 30-year U.S. Treasuries maintaining that the government does "not need the 30-year bond to meet [its] current financ-

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ing needs." On the news that the U.S. Treasury would discontinue a program that issued a total of \$600 billion in debt since its official inception in 1977, the 30-year bond price increased by more than 5% and yields, which react inversely to changes in price, fell over 36 basis points. As a result, the on-the-run curve, which measures yields on newly issued U.S. Treasuries, flattened 32 basis points.

For the annual period, the LEHMAN MORTGAGE INDEX returned 13.08% versus 14.56% for the LEHMAN AGGREGATE INDEX. The annual period began with an increase in prepayments and a shift in monetary policy, which contributed to increasing levels of volatility in the market. The beginning of 2001 saw the steepest yield curve since 1996, and, as the Federal Reserve continued to lower short-term rates throughout the year, refinancing activity surged toward historical highs and pass-through issuance continued to be very strong. Going forward, with mortgage rates at multi-year lows, the supply of new mortgages should continue to be at historically high levels. However, as the vast majority of these mortgages will have been the result of refinancing transactions, the demand from mortgage investors reinvesting prepayments should also be very large. Given current market conditions, the mortgage-backed securities sector is benefiting from its combination of liquidity, credit quality, and yield pickup versus Treasuries.

### THE TRUST'S PORTFOLIO AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY

BlackRock actively manages the Trust's portfolio holdings consistent with BlackRock's overall market outlook and the Trust's investment objectives. The Trust is managed to maintain an interest rate sensitivity (or duration)

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resembling that of the SALOMON BROTHERS MORTGAGE INDEX; this means that the portfolio's NAV will change similarly to the price of the Index given a change in interest rates.

Additionally, the Trust employs leverage to enhance its income by borrowing at short-term rates and investing the proceeds in longer maturity issues that have higher yields. The degree to which the Trust can benefit from its use of leverage may affect its ability to pay monthly income.

Midway through the fourth quarter of 2000, the Trust increased its allocation to U.S. Government securities. The increase in U.S. Government securities helped boost the Trust's overall liquidity to protect from the volatile market environment. The Trust purchased commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) early in the period as they offered the best value due to a combination of cash flow stability, quality, and wide spreads to swaps. Once the Trust's CMBS holdings reached full valuation, they were then sold in order to purchase more U.S. Government securities as well as inverse floating rate mortgages. The Trust reduced its allocation to agency multiple class mortgage pass-throughs over the period, as they underperformed given increased market volatility and faster prepayment speed assumptions.

The following chart compares the Trust's asset composition:

SECTOR BREAKDOWN		
COMPOSITION	OCTOBER 31, 2001	OCTOBER 31, 2000
Inverse Floating Rate Mortgages	31%	24%
Interest Only Mortgage-Backed Securities	17%	21%
U.S. Government Securities	17%	7%
Principal Only Mortgage-Backed Securities	12%	12%
FHA Project Loans	7%	9%
Mortgage Pass-Throughs	6%	8%
Agency Multiple Class Mortgage Pass-Throughs	5%	11%
Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities	3%	4%
Non-Agency Multiple Class Mortgage Pass-Throughs	2%	2%
Adjustable Rate Mortgages	--	2%

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We look forward to continuing to manage the Trust to benefit from the opportunities available to investors in the investment grade municipal market. We thank you for your investment and continued interest in The BlackRock Income Trust, Inc. Please feel free to call our marketing center at (800) 227-7BFM (7236) if you have any specific questions that were not addressed in this report.

Sincerely,

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/s/ ROBERT S. KAPITO	/s/ KEITH T. ANDERSON	/s/ MICHAEL P. LUSTIG
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Robert S. Kapito Vice Chairman and Portfolio Manager	Keith T. Anderson Managing Director and Chief Investment Officer--Fixed Income	Michael P. Lustig Managing Director and Portfolio Manager

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Symbol on New York Stock Exchange:	BKT
Initial Offering Date:	July 22, 1988
Closing Stock Price as of 10/31/01:	\$7.26
Net Asset Value as of 10/31/01:	\$8.06
Yield on Closing Stock Price as of 10/31/01 (\$7.26) (1):	7.75%
Current Monthly Distribution per Share(2):	\$0.046875
Current Annualized Distribution per Share(2):	\$0.562500

(1) Yield on Closing Stock Price is calculated by dividing the current annualized distribution per share by the closing stock price per share.

(2) Distribution is not constant and is subject to change.

PRIVACY PRINCIPLES OF THE TRUST

The Trust is committed to maintaining the privacy of shareholders and to safeguarding its non-public personal information. The following information is provided to help you understand what personal information the Trust collects, how we protect that information and why, in certain cases, we may share information with select other parties.

Generally, the Trust does not receive any non-public personal information relating to its shareholders, although certain nonpublic personal information of its shareholders may become available to the Trust. The Trust does not disclose any non-public personal information about its shareholders or former shareholders to anyone, except as permitted by law or as is necessary in order to service shareholder accounts (for example, to a transfer agent or third party administrator).

The Trust restricts access to non-public personal information about the shareholders to BlackRock employees with a legitimate business need for the information. The Trust maintains physical, electronic and procedural safeguards designed to protect the non-public personal information of its shareholders.

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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS  
OCTOBER 31, 2001

RATING* (UNAUDITED)	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000)	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (NOTE 1)
		LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS--122.5%	
		MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGHS--7.5%	
		Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.,	
\$ 893		6.50%, 5/01/29 - 5/01/30 .....	\$ 920,261
1,697		7.50%, 7/01/07 - 2/01/23 .....	1,806,438
456		8.00%, 11/01/15 .....	481,599
512		8.50%, 10/01/06 - 3/01/08, 15 Year .....	548,043
1,028		9.00%, 9/01/20 .....	1,113,752
		Federal National Mortgage Association,	
2,417@		5.50%, 12/01/13 - 2/01/14, 15 Year .....	2,459,140
6,963@		6.50%, 2/01/26 - 6/01/29 .....	7,174,005
5,110		7.00%, 6/01/26 - 9/01/29 .....	5,328,508
5,418		7.50%, 11/01/14, 18 Year Multifamily .....	5,673,402
63		7.50%, 9/01/23 .....	65,457
2,121		8.00%, 5/01/08 - 5/01/22, Multifamily .....	2,254,532
1,396		9.497%, 6/01/24, Multifamily .....	1,478,445
18		9.50%, 1/01/19 - 6/1/20 .....	18,843
		Government National Mortgage Association,	
408		7.00%, 10/15/17 .....	425,450
4,123		7.50%, 8/15/21 - 12/15/23 .....	4,333,666
3,420		8.00%, 10/15/22 - 2/15/29 .....	3,633,175
12		8.50%, 2/15/17 .....	12,688
290		9.00%, 6/15/18 - 9/15/21 .....	308,805
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			38,036,209
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		FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION--8.7%	
2,956		Beachtree, Series 87430, 10.25%, 6/01/32 .....	3,048,168
		GMAC,	
5,290		Series 33, 7.43%, 9/01/21 .....	5,246,314
2,010		Series 46, 7.43%, 3/01/22 .....	1,975,406
825		Series 48, 7.43%, 8/01/21 .....	813,379
1,152		Series 51, 7.43%, 2/01/23 .....	1,156,757
5,544		Series 56, 7.43%, 11/01/22 .....	5,562,343
1,058		Merrill, Series 54, 7.43%, 2/1/23 .....	1,052,258
3,903		Parkside, 7.30%, 3/01/13 .....	3,981,204
964		Reilly, Series 41, 8.767%, 12/1/18 .....	984,698
2,800		Tuttle Grove, 7.25%, 10/01/35 .....	2,904,189
		USGI,	
4,037		Polaris, Series 982, 7.43%, 11/01/21 .....	3,980,228
784		Series 87, 7.43%, 12/01/22 .....	793,907
3,211		Series 99, 7.43%, 10/01/23 .....	3,282,483
2,568		Series 6302, 7.43%, 12/01/21 .....	2,548,531
6,539		Yorkville, Series 6094, 7.43%, 6/01/21 .....	6,529,016
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		AGENCY MULTIPLE CLASS MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGHS--5.6%	
		Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., Multiclass Mortgage Participation Certificates,	
	\$12,894@	Series T-11, Class A-9, 1/25/28 .....	\$ 11,167,728
	3,121@	Series 1104, Class 1104-L, 6/15/21 .....	3,388,037
	1,063@	Series 1347, Class 1347-HC, 12/15/21 .....	1,071,109
	67	Series 1559, Class 1559-WA, 7/15/22 .....	67,581
		Federal National Mortgage Association, REMIC Pass-Through Certificates,	
	1,035@	Trust 1988-16, Class 16-B, 6/25/18 ....	1,148,107
	1,766@	Trust 1990-12, Class 12-G, 2/25/20 .....	1,782,800
	2,755	Trust 1992-43, Class 43-E, 4/25/22 .....	2,943,764
	6,797@	Trust 1996-14, Class 14-M, 10/25/21 .....	6,684,473
	204	Trust 1997-43, Class 43-G, 4/18/27 .....	203,768
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			28,457,367
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		NON-AGENCY MULTIPLE CLASS MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGHS--2.1%	
AAA	8,397	Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage Certificates, Series 2000-1, Class 2A, 3/15/15 .....	8,475,923
AAA	2,251	Summit Mortgage Trust, Series 2000-1, Class B1,** 12/28/12 .....	2,277,065
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			10,752,988
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		ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGES--1.0%	
		Federal National Mortgage Association, REMIC Pass-Through Certificates,	
	903	Trust 1991-38, Class 38-F, 4/25/21 .....	973,014
	2,017	Trust 1993-248, Class 248-FB, 9/25/23 .....	1,954,425
	2,147	Trust 1993-256, Class 256-F, 11/25/23 .....	1,889,219
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			4,816,658
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		INVERSE FLOATING RATE MORTGAGES--38.1%	
		Countrywide Funding Corp., Mortgage Certificates,	
AAA	\$ 3,394	Series 1993-10, Class A-8, 1/25/24 .....	\$ 3,463,494
AAA	6,202	Series 1994-9, Class A-16, 5/25/24 .....	6,338,142
		Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., Multiclass Mortgage Participation Certificates,	
	327	Series 1160, Class 1160-F, 10/15/21 .....	412,026
	8,223@	Series 1518, Class 1518-G, 5/15/23 .....	7,122,874
	4,257	Series 1526, Class 1526-SA, 6/15/23 .....	3,409,659
	2,458	Series 1570, Class 1570-SA, 8/15/23 .....	2,457,621
	3,000	Series 1577, Class 1577-SC, 9/15/23 .....	3,207,188
	2,269	Series 1580, Class 1580-SD, 9/15/08 .....	2,312,420
	13,281@	Series 1584, Class 1584-FB, 9/15/23 .....	13,163,810
	3,219	Series 1587, Class 1587-SE, 5/15/08 .....	3,318,527
	934	Series 1590, Class 1590-OA, 10/15/23 .....	948,683
	4,068	Series 1598, Class 1598-S, 10/15/08 .....	4,108,695
	2,169	Series 1601, Class 1601-SE, 10/15/08 .....	2,187,892
	2,954	Series 1604, Class 1604-MB, 11/15/08 .....	3,029,506
	1,457	Series 1616, Class 1616-SB, 11/15/08 .....	1,486,298
	4,785	Series 1625, Class 1625-SC, 12/15/08 .....	4,818,037
	3,640	Series 1627, Class 1627-S, 12/15/23 .....	3,729,928
	5,038	Series 1627, Class 1627-SC, 12/15/23 .....	3,379,408
	3,084	Series 1629, Class 1629-OD, 12/15/23 .....	3,076,681
	14,932@	Series 1637, Class 1637-UA, 12/15/23 .....	13,887,046
	5,000	Series 1649, Class 1649-S, 12/15/08 .....	5,106,250
	2,259	Series 1666, Class 1666-S, 1/15/24 .....	2,186,468
	2,250	Series 1688, Class 1688-S, 12/15/13 .....	2,272,500
	5,778	Series 1699, Class 1699-ST, 3/15/24 .....	4,573,439



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1,460	Series 2111, Class 2111-SX, 1/15/29 .....	1,350,956
3,962	Series 2190, Class 2190-S, 10/15/14 .....	4,241,639

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		Federal National Mortgage Association, REMIC Pass-Through Certificates,	
	\$ 199	Trust G93-27, Class 27-SB, 8/25/23 .....	\$ 176,655
	915	Trust 1991-38, Class 38-SA, 4/25/21 .....	946,434
	875	Trust 1991-87, Class 87-S, 8/25/21 .....	1,236,684
	588	Trust 1991-145, Class 145-S, 10/25/06 .....	727,176
	5,000	Trust 1993-79, Class 79-SE, 1/25/22 .....	5,278,125
	1,959	Trust 1993-93, Class 93-S, 5/25/08 .....	2,085,852
	2,388	Trust 1993-113, Class 113-SB, 7/25/23 .....	2,472,088
	328	Trust 1993-116, Class 116-SB, 7/25/23 .....	341,832
	374@	Trust 1993-129, Class 129-SE, 8/25/08 .....	365,621
	2,886	Trust 1993-147, Class 147-S, 8/25/23 .....	3,116,779
	104	Trust 1993-167, Class 167-SA, 9/25/23 .....	107,518
	2,701@	Trust 1993-170, Class 170-SC, 9/25/08 .....	2,775,138
	3,500	Trust 1993-179, Class 179-SB, 10/25/23 .....	3,762,500
	4,000	Trust 1993-196, Class 196-SC, 10/25/08 .....	4,337,080
	872	Trust 1993-201, Class 201-SA, 10/25/23 .....	760,980
	6,006	Trust 1993-214, Class 214-S, 12/25/08 .....	6,141,031
	1,494	Trust 1993-214, Class 214-SH, 12/25/08 .....	1,513,846
	1,598	Trust 1993-224, Class 224-SD, 11/25/23 .....	1,597,484
	2,562	Trust 1993-247, Class 247-SN, 12/25/23 .....	2,984,336
	1,144	Trust 1994-19, Class 19-SB, 1/25/24 .....	1,025,089
	323	Trust 1994-27, Class 27-SE, 3/25/23 .....	323,794
	1,000	Trust 1994-50, Class 50-S, 3/25/24 .....	1,025,840
	1,231	Trust 1996-21, Class 21-S, 5/25/11 .....	1,250,752
	2,101	Trust 1999-1, Class 1-S, 7/25/23 .....	2,135,233
	516	Trust 2000-40, Class 40-FC,	

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	6/25/29 .....	465,495
7,261	Trust 2001-11B, Class 11B-SB,	
	4/18/29 .....	7,548,390

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RATING* (UNAUDITED)	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000)	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (NOTE 1)
		INVERSE FLOATING RATE MORTGAGES (CONT'D)	
AAA	\$ 8,598	G. E. Capital Mortgage Services, Inc., REMIC Certificate 94-7, Class A-17, 2/25/09 .....	\$ 8,082,051
AAA	10,000	REMIC Certificate 94-16, Class A-13, 8/25/24 .....	9,676,564
AAA	716	REMIC Certificate 98-12, Class 4A-3, 7/25/28 .....	622,816
Aaa	2,519	Kidder Peabody Acceptance Corp., Series 1993-1, Class A-6, 8/25/23 .....	2,556,596
		Prudential Home Mortgage Securities Co., Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 1993-43, Class A-16, 10/25/23 .....	742,899
AAA	743		
AAA	2,500	Series 1993-48, Class A-8, 12/25/08 .....	2,403,125
AAA	8,929	Series 1993-50, Class A-12, 11/25/23 .....	7,684,209
AAA	1,000	Series 1993-54, Class A-28, 1/25/24 .....	963,125
			----- 192,822,324 -----
		INTEREST ONLY MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES--20.8%	
	711	American Housing Trust III, Senior Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 1, Class 4, (REMIC), 3/25/19 .....	214,978
	162	American Housing Trust VII, Senior Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series A, Class 2, 11/25/20 .....	678,000
	1,410	BA Mortgage Securities, Inc., Series 1997-1, Class X, 7/25/26 .....	94,282
	1,588	Series 1998-1, Class 2X, 5/28/13 .....	228,087
	114,166	Commercial Mortgage Acceptance Corp., Series 1997-ML1, Class IO, 12/15/30 .....	4,327,150
	13,149	Countrywide Funding Corp., Mortgage Certificates, Series 1997-8, Class A-5, 1/25/28 .....	26,709
	40,685	Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage Securities Corp. Trust, Series 1997-C1, Class C1-AX ,**	

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	6/20/29 .....	3,029,820
	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., Multiclass Mortgage Participation Certificates, Series G-13, Class 13-PP,	
22,066	5/25/21 .....	1,732,855
86,034	Series G-60, Class 60-HS, 4/25/24 .....	3,589,236
20,710	Series 204, Class 204-IO, 5/01/29 .....	3,805,543
6	Series 1238, Class 1238-J, 1/15/07 .....	54,465

RATING* (UNAUDITED)	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000)	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (NOTE 1)
\$	8,672	Series 1353, Class 1353-S, 8/15/07 .....	\$ 533,609
	17,343	Series 1377, Class 1377-S, 9/15/07 .....	1,238,413
	105	Series 1388, Class 1388-I, 6/15/07 .....	1,553,885
	2,617	Series 1397, Class 1397-IO, 10/15/22 .....	432,266
	200	Series 1494, Class 1494-PL, 3/15/22 .....	1,057,074
	1,104	Series 1632, Class 1632-S, 4/15/23 .....	33,642
	4,395	Series 1706, Class 1706-IA, 10/15/23 .....	633,115
	687	Series 1720, Class 1720-PK, 1/15/24 .....	134,614
	48,422	Series 1809, Class 1809-SC, 12/15/23 .....	2,723,228
	2,249	Series 1882, Class 1882-PJ, 4/15/22 .....	70,713
	4,053	Series 1900, Class 1900-SV, 8/15/08 .....	782,827
	38,564	Series 1914, Class 1914-PC, 12/15/11 .....	556,869
	2,716	Series 1917, Class 1917-AS, 5/15/08 .....	183,565
	17,938	Series 1946, Class 1946-SG, 3/15/24 .....	4,864,702
	15,106	Series 2002, Class 2002-HJ, 10/15/08 .....	1,177,911
	6,336	Series 2037, Class 2037-IB, 12/15/26 .....	389,231
	5,299	Series 2039, Class 2039-PI, 2/15/12 .....	408,985
	9,112	Series 2050, Class 2050-PI, 12/15/11 .....	1,173,163
	7,558	Series 2063, Class 2063-PI, 4/15/12 .....	831,418
	3,794	Series 2066, Class 2066-PJ, 12/15/26 .....	577,289
	18,000	Series 2080, Class 2080-PL, 1/15/27 .....	4,054,500

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32	Series 2099, Class 2099-JB, 9/15/22 .....	1,066,620
2,723	Series 2102, Class 2102-KI, 9/15/28 .....	411,789
9,137	Series 2103, Class 2103-PI, 5/15/12 .....	616,759
23,000	Series 2130, Class 2130-SC, 3/15/29 .....	2,314,375
8,504	Series 2140, Class 2140-UK, 9/15/11 .....	744,092
4,633	Series 2190, Class 2190-SC, 10/15/14 .....	448,110

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RATING* (UNAUDITED)	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000)	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (NOTE 1)
		INTEREST ONLY MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES (CONT'D)	
		Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., Multiclass Mortgage Participation Certificates, Series 2289, Class 2289-S, 2/15/31 .....	\$ 1,591,786
\$ 15,918		Series 2296, Class 2296-IO, 8/15/27 .....	1,490,734
15,049		Series 2296, Class 2296-SA, 3/15/16 .....	1,818,297
26,034		Series 2315, Class 2315-CF, 7/15/20 .....	869,955
8,592		Federal National Mortgage Association, REMIC Pass-Through Certificates, Trust G50, Class 50-G, 12/25/21 .....	106,600
5		Trust G92-5, Class 5-H, 1/25/22 .....	322,501
1,446		Trust G92-12, Class 12-C, 2/25/22 .....	77,056
4		Trust G92-60, Class 60-SB, 10/25/22 .....	126,386
5,214		Trust 301, Class 2, 4/01/29 .....	2,326,268
15,153		Trust 302, Class 2, 6/01/29 .....	7,601,807
40,781		Trust 1992-187, Class 187-JA, 10/25/06 .....	2
23		Trust 1993-46, Class 46-S, 5/25/22 .....	243,396
3,788		Trust 1993-199, Class 199-SB, 10/25/23 .....	657,437
7,150		Trust 1993-201, Class 201-JC, 5/25/19 .....	321,786
7,613		Trust 1993-202, Class 202-QA, 6/25/19 .....	48,272
1,385		Trust 1994-33, Class 33-SG, 3/25/09 .....	1,723,480
23,124		Trust 1995-26, Class 26-SW,	
11,816			

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	2/25/24 .....	1,430,454
12,371	Trust 1996-68, Class 68-SC, 1/25/24 .....	1,507,702
27,323	Trust 1997-37, Class 37-SE, 10/25/22 .....	383,015
7,097	Trust 1997-50, Class 50-SI, 4/25/23 .....	164,111
35,476	Trust 1997-65, Class 65-SB, 3/25/24 .....	1,682,393
27,000	Trust 1997-65, Class 65-SG, 6/25/23 .....	2,192,400
11,139	Trust 1997-76, Class 76-SP, 12/25/23 .....	1,926,104
51,000	Trust 1997-90, Class 90-M, 1/25/28 .....	14,139,750
6,733	Trust 1998-12, Class 12-PL, 7/18/19 .....	177,022

RATING* (UNAUDITED)	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000)	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (NOTE 1)
\$	5,725	Trust 1998-25, Class 25-PG, 3/18/22 .....	\$ 336,158
	6,579	Trust 1999-56B, Class 56B-SB, 10/25/29 .....	506,055
	5,230	Trust 1999-W4, Class W4-IO, 12/25/28 .....	913,628
	36,742	Trust 2000-2, Class 2-ID, 3/25/23 .....	264,081
	414	First Boston Mortgage Securities Corp., Series 1987-C, Class C-2, 4/25/17 .....	96,054
	41,543	GMAC Commercial Mortgage Securities, Inc., Trust 1997-C1, Class C1-X, 7/15/29 .....	2,881,010
	42,840	Goldman Sachs Mortgage Securities Corp., Mortgage Participation Certificates, Series 1998-5, Class 5-IO,** 6/19/27 .....	896,958
		Government National Mortgage Association, REMIC Pass-Through Certificates, Trust 1998-14, Class 14-PK, 11/20/26 .....	696,303
	13,478	Trust 1999-5, Class 5-S, 2/16/29 .....	673,881
	42,766	Trust 1999-8, Class 8-S, 3/16/29 .....	2,218,485
	27,298	Hanover Grantor Trust, Series 1999-A, Class A1-IO,** 8/28/27 .....	716,566
	26,582	Headlands Mortgage Securities, Inc., Mortgage Certificates, Series 1997-1, Class X-1, 3/25/27 .....	249,205
	499	Kidder Peabody Acceptance Corp.,	

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	Series B, Class A-2,	
	4/22/18 .....	99,994
11,907	Merrill Lynch Mortgage Investors, Inc., Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 95-C2, Class C2-IO,	
	6/15/21 .....	312,549
16,807	Morgan Stanley Capital 1, Inc., Series 1997-HF1, Class HF1-X,**	
	7/15/29 .....	997,843
90,574	Prudential Home Mortgage Securities Co., Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 1994-5, Class A-9,	
	2/25/24 .....	169,827
1	Prudential Securities, Inc., Trust 15, Class 1-G,	
	5/20/21 .....	93,728
8,826	Residential Funding Mortgage Securities I, Series 2001-S5, Class A-9, 3/25/31 .....	459,419

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RATING* (UNAUDITED)	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000)	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (NOTE 1)
		INTEREST ONLY MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES (CONT'D)	
\$	50,457	Small Business Administration, Series 2000-1, Class 1-IO, 4/01/15 .....	\$ 1,482,167
	8	Structured Asset Securities Corp., Series 1991-2, Class 2-GA, 12/20/21 .....	79,388
	387,146	United States Department of Veteran Affairs, Trust 1999-2, Class 2-1-IO, 5/15/29 .....	544,424
	8,596	Wells Fargo Mortgage Backed Securities Trust, Series 2001-15, Class 2-A9, 7/25/31 .....	1,165,790
			----- 105,576,116 -----
		PRINCIPAL ONLY MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES--14.5%	
Aaa	539	Chase Mortgage Finance Corp., Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 1994-A, Class AP, 1/25/10 .....	507,626
AAA	374	Collateralized Mortgage Obligation Trust, Trust 29, Class A, 5/23/17 .....	328,019
AAA	144	Drexel Burnham Lambert, Inc., Trust K, Class K-1, 9/23/17 .....	118,311
AAA	1,463	Trust V, Class V-1A,	

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	9/01/18 .....	1,390,028
	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., Multiclass Mortgage Participation Certificates,	
1,510	Series G-50, Class 50-AM, 4/25/24 .....	1,499,275
1,606	Series T-8, Class A-10, 11/15/28 .....	999,125
646	Series 1418, Class 1418-M, 11/15/22 .....	433,736
2,653	Series 1571, Class 1571-G, 8/15/23 .....	1,694,656
12,152	Series 1686, Class 1686-B, 2/15/24 .....	10,025,085
1,293	Series 1691, Class 1691-G, 3/15/24 .....	1,280,329
2,277	Series 1739, Class 1739-B, 2/15/24 .....	2,072,287
490	Series 1750, Class 1750-PC, 3/15/24 .....	473,458
1,101	Series 1857, Class 1857-PB, 12/15/08 .....	1,048,634
2,272	Series 1896, Class 1896-PA, 11/15/23 .....	2,067,145
5,500	Series 2009, Class 2009-HJ, 10/15/22 .....	4,862,330
8,019	Series 2082, Class 2082-PN, 1/15/24 .....	6,716,272

RATING* (UNAUDITED)	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000)	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (NOTE 1)
\$ 845		Series 2087, Class 2087-PO, 9/15/25 .....	\$ 606,388
1,469		Series 2131, Class 2131-PO, 3/15/29 .....	1,322,134
1,027		Series 2162, Class 2162-L, 6/15/29 .....	636,563
2,354		Series 2169, Class 2169-EA, 6/15/29 .....	1,592,246
2,730		Series 2298, Class 2298-PO, 3/15/31 .....	2,457,234
		Federal National Mortgage Association, REMIC Pass-Through Certificates,	
1,428		Trust G93-2, Class 2-KB, 1/25/23 .....	1,165,450
1,771		Trust 225, Class 225-1, 6/01/23 .....	1,588,675
1,495		Trust 279, Class 279-1, 7/01/26 .....	1,372,516
318		Trust 1991-7, Class 7-J, 2/25/21 .....	273,900
122		Trust 1994-9, Class 9-C, 8/25/23 .....	121,155
861		Trust 1996-5, Class 5-NH, 4/25/24 .....	717,382
530		Trust 1996-5, Class 5-PV, 11/25/23 .....	514,775
14,300		Trust 1996-14, Class 14-PE,	

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	8/25/23 .....		8,285,064
2,586	Trust 1996-38, Class 38-E,		
	8/25/23 .....		2,513,099
9,000	Trust 1998-26, Class 26-L,		
	3/25/23 .....		7,435,582
953	Trust 1998-48, Class 48-P,		
	8/18/28 .....		626,007
2,068	Trust 1999-W4, Class W4-PO,		
	2/25/29 .....		1,422,349
AAA	1,106 First Union Residential, Mortgage		
	Certificates, Series 1999-A,		
	Class A-1A-PO,		
	3/25/15 .....		932,349
AAA	13,000 FUND AMERICA INVESTORS CORP.,		
	Series 1993-C, Class B,		
	4/29/30 .....		2,559,882
1,156	Government National Mortgage		
	Association, REMIC Pass-Through		
	Certificates,		
	Trust 1999-40, Class 40-N,		
	6/20/27 .....		1,017,950
	Housing Securities, Inc.,		
AAA	115 Series 1992-EB, Class B-8,		
	9/25/22 .....		102,171
AAA	397 Series 1993-D, Class D-8,		
	6/25/23 .....		351,748
AAA	369 Structured Mortgage Asset Trust,		
	Series 1993-3C, Class CX,		
	4/25/24 .....		310,045
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			73,440,980
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RATING*	PRINCIPAL	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
(UNAUDITED)	AMOUNT		(NOTE 1)
	(000)		
		COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE-BACKED	
		SECURITIES--3.4%	
AAA	\$ 6,000	Merrill Lynch Mortgage Investors, Inc.,	
		Series 1996-C1, Class A-3,	
		7.42%, 4/25/28 .....	\$ 6,556,140
AAA	10,250	NYC Mortgage Loan Trust,	
		Series 1996, Class A-2,**	
		6.75%, 6/25/11 .....	10,736,055
			-----
			17,292,195
			-----
		U.S GOVERNMENT AND AGENCY	
		SECURITIES--20.8%	
8,238		Overseas Private Investment Corp.,	
		5.46%- 7.35%, 5/29/12 .....	8,987,751
3,706		Small Business Administration,	
		Series 1996-20E-1,	
		7.60%, 5/01/16 .....	4,049,340
3,650		Series 1996-20F-1,	
		7.55%, 6/01/16 .....	3,981,846



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	2,890	Series 1996-20G-1, 7.70%, 7/01/16 .....	3,170,289
	3,586	Series 1996-20H-1, 7.25%, 8/01/16 .....	3,862,464
	5,390	Series 1996-20K-1, 6.95%, 11/01/16 .....	5,753,848
	2,241	Series 1997-20C-1, 7.15%, 3/01/17 .....	2,409,998
	2,357	Series 1998-P10A-1, 6.12%, 2/01/08 .....	2,401,728
	176,000@	United States Treasury Bonds, Zero Coupon, 2/15/19 .....	70,827,680
			-----
			105,444,944
			-----
		COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATION RESIDUALS***	
AAA	45	FBC Mortgage Securities Trust 16, CMO, Series A-1, 7/01/17 .....	117,265
			-----
		Total long-term investments (cost \$566,619,164) .....	620,615,927
			-----
		SHORT-TERM INVESTMENT--0.2% DISCOUNT NOTE--0.2%	
	1,200	Federal Home Loan Bank, 2.46%, 11/01/01 (cost \$1,200,000) .....	1,200,000
			-----
		Total investments--122.7% (cost \$567,819,164) .....	621,815,927
			-----
		Liabilities in excess of other assets--(22.7)% .....	(115,051,479)
			-----
		NET ASSETS--100%	\$506,764,448
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\* Using the higher of Standard & Poors', Moody's or Fitch's rating.

\*\* Security is exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration to qualified institutional buyers.

\*\*\* Illiquid security representing 0.02% of net assets.

@ Entire or partial principal amount pledged as collateral for reverse repurchase agreements or financial futures contracts.

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KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS:

CMO -- Collateralized Mortgage Obligation.  
REMIC -- Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduit.  
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### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OCTOBER 31, 2001

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ASSETS	
Investments, at value (cost \$567,819,164) (Note 1) .....	\$621,815,927
Cash .....	315,125
Interest receivable .....	8,790,421
Interest rate swaps, at value (amortized cost \$(47,009), (Notes 1 & 3) .....	2,132,515
Due from broker-variation margin (Notes 1 & 3) .....	353,562
Receivable for investments sold .....	205,252
Interest rate caps, at value (amortized cost \$1,488,949) (Notes 1 & 3) .....	2,335
Other assets .....	84,208
	633,699,345
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LIABILITIES	
Reverse repurchase agreements (Note 4) .....	118,634,250
Due to broker-collateral on interest rate swaps .....	3,929,000
Interest rate floor, at value (proceeds \$1,132,875) (Notes 1 & 3) .....	3,646,864
Interest payable .....	77,385
Investment advisory fee payable (Note 2) .....	278,282
Administration fee payable (Note 2) .....	85,363
Deferred directors fees (Note 1) .....	40,853
Other accrued expenses .....	242,900
	126,934,897
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NET ASSETS .....	\$506,764,448
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Net assets were comprised of:	
Common stock, at par (Note 5) .....	\$ 628,499
Paid-in capital in excess of par .....	560,052,202
	560,680,701
Undistributed net investment income .....	9,030,291
Accumulated net realized loss .....	(115,122,228)
Net unrealized appreciation .....	52,175,684
	506,764,448
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Net assets, October 31, 2001 .....	\$506,764,448
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NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE:	
(\$506,764,448 / 62,849,878 shares of common stock issued and outstanding) .....	\$8.06
	\$8.06
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THE BLACKROCK INCOME TRUST INC.  
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS  
YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2001

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NET INVESTMENT INCOME

Income

Interest earned (net of discount/premium  
accretion/amortization of \$24,989,536  
and interest expense of \$7,081,137) ..... \$39,789,568  
-----

Operating expenses

Investment advisory ..... 3,064,600  
Administration ..... 942,954  
Reports to shareholders ..... 156,000  
Transfer agent ..... 141,000  
Custodian ..... 129,000  
Independent accountants ..... 103,000  
Directors ..... 76,000  
Legal ..... 54,000  
Registration ..... 51,000  
Miscellaneous ..... 148,714  
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Total operating expenses ..... 4,866,268  
-----

Net investment income ..... 34,923,300  
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REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)  
ON INVESTMENTS

Net realized gain (loss) on:

Investments ..... 5,728,857  
Interest rate swaps ..... 409,733  
Short sales ..... (1,402,553)  
Futures ..... (21,182,638)  
-----  
(16,446,601)  
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Net change in unrealized appreciation  
(depreciation) on:

Investments ..... 67,840,440  
Futures ..... 1,944,103  
Interest rate swaps ..... 1,446,063  
Interest rate caps ..... 430,319  
Short sales ..... (17,614)  
Interest rate floor ..... (2,513,989)  
-----  
69,129,322  
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Net gain on investments ..... 52,682,721  
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NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS

RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS ..... \$87,606,021  
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THE BLACKROCK INCOME TRUST INC.  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2001  
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RECONCILIATION OF NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS

RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS TO NET CASH	
FLOWS USED FOR OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations .....	\$ 87,606,021
Increase in investments .....	(57,820,537)
Net realized loss .....	16,446,601
Increase in unrealized appreciation .....	(69,129,322)
Decrease in interest rate caps .....	1,342,046
Increase in interest rate floor .....	3,646,864
Decrease in interest receivable .....	715,957
Decrease in due from broker-variation margin .....	359,936
Increase in other assets .....	(69,101)
Increase in receivable for investments sold .....	(160,344)
Decrease in payable for investments sold short .....	(25,815,571)
Increase in interest rate swaps .....	(1,540,081)
Decrease in interest payable .....	(2,785,997)
Decrease in deposits with brokers for securities sold short .....	26,204,231
Increase in due to broker--collateral on interest rate swaps .....	2,137,000
Increase in accrued expenses .....	229,412
Total adjustments .....	(106,238,906)
Net cash flows used for operating activities .....	\$ (18,632,885)

INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH

Net cash flows used for operating activities .....	\$ (18,632,885)
Cash flows provided by financing activities:	
Increase in reverse repurchase agreements .....	54,173,875
Cash dividends paid .....	(35,351,946)
Net cash flows provided by financing activities .....	18,821,929
Net increase in cash .....	189,044
Cash at beginning of year .....	126,081
Cash at end of year .....	\$ 315,125

THE BLACKROCK INCOME TRUST INC.  
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES  
IN NET ASSETS

YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31,

2001

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INCREASE (DECREASE)  
IN NET ASSETS

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Operations:		
Net investment income .....	\$ 34,923,300	\$ 31,851,763
Net realized loss .....	(16,446,601)	(725,982)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) .....	69,129,322	(662,263)
	-----	-----
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations .....	87,606,021	30,463,518
Dividends from net investment income .....	(35,351,946)	(35,352,025)
	-----	-----
Total increase (decrease) .....	52,254,075	(4,888,507)
NET ASSETS		
Beginning of year .....	454,510,373	459,398,880
	-----	-----
End of year (including undistributed net investment income of \$9,030,291 and \$9,458,937, respectively) .....	\$506,764,448	\$454,510,373
	=====	=====

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 THE BLACKROCK INCOME TRUST INC.  
 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS  
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	YEAR ENDED OCTOBER		
	2001	2000	1999
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PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE:			
Net asset value, beginning of year .....	\$ 7.23	\$ 7.31	\$ 7.94
	-----	-----	-----
Net investment income (net of interest expense of \$0.11, \$0.12, \$0.16, \$0.19 and \$0.18, respectively) ..	.56	.50	.73
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) .....	.83	(.02)	(.80)
	-----	-----	-----
Net increase (decrease) from investment operations .....	1.39	.48	(.07)

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Dividends from net investment income .....	----- (.56)	----- (.56)	----- (.56)
Net asset value, end of year* .....	----- \$ 8.06	----- \$ 7.23	----- \$ 7.31
Per share market value, end of year* .....	=====	=====	=====
	\$ 7.26	\$ 6.38	\$ 6.13
	=====	=====	=====
TOTAL INVESTMENT RETURN+ .....	23.23%	14.01%	(4.04%)
	=====	=====	=====
RATIOS TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS:			
Operating expenses .....	1.03%	1.05%	1.01%
Operating expenses and interest expense .....	2.54%	2.78%	3.03%
Net investment income .....	7.43%	7.11%	9.54%
SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:			
Average net assets (000) .....	\$470,185	\$448,027	\$482,685
Portfolio turnover .....	32%	114%	144%
Net assets, end of year (000) .....	\$506,764	\$454,510	\$459,399
Reverse repurchase agreements outstanding, end of year (000) .....	\$118,634	\$ 64,460	\$186,451
Asset coverage++ .....	\$ 5,272	\$ 8,095	\$ 3,478

\* Net asset value and market value are published in BARRON'S on Saturday and THE WALL STREET JOURNAL on Monday.

+ Total investment return is calculated assuming a purchase of common stock at the current market price on the first day and a sale at the current market price on the last day of the year reported. Dividends and distributions, if any, are assumed for purposes of this calculation, to be reinvested at prices obtained under the Trust's dividend reinvestment plan. Total investment return does not reflect brokerage commissions. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

++ Per \$1,000 of reverse repurchase agreement outstanding.

The information above represents the audited operating performance data for a share of common stock outstanding, total investment return, ratios to average net assets and other supplemental data for the years indicated. This information has been determined based upon financial information provided in the financial statements and market value data for the Trust's shares.

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THE BLACKROCK INCOME TRUST INC.  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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NOTE 1. ORGANIZATION  
& ACCOUNTING  
POLICIES

The BlackRock Income Trust Inc. (the "Trust"), a Maryland corporation, is a diversified closed-end management investment company. The investment objective of the Trust is to achieve high monthly income consistent with preservation of

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capital. The ability of issuers of debt securities held by the Trust to meet their obligations may be affected by economic developments in a specific industry or region. No assurance can be given that the Trust's investment objective will be achieved.

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Trust.

**SECURITIES VALUATION:** The Trust values mortgage-backed, asset-backed and other debt securities, interest rate swaps, caps, floors and non-exchange traded options on the basis of current market quotations provided by dealers or pricing services approved by the Trust's Board of Directors. In determining the value of a particular security, pricing services may use certain information with respect to transactions in such securities, quotations from dealers, market transactions in comparable securities, various relationships observed in the market between securities, and calculated yield measures based on valuation technology commonly employed in the market for such securities. Exchange-traded options are valued at their last sales price as of the close of options trading on the applicable exchanges. In the absence of a last sale, options are valued at the average of the quoted bid and asked prices as of the close of business. A futures contract is valued at the last sale price as of the close of the commodities exchange on which it trades. Short-term securities are valued at amortized cost. Any securities or other assets for which such current market quotations are not readily available are valued at fair value as determined in good faith under procedures established by and under the general supervision and responsibility of the Trust's Board of Directors.

**REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS:** In connection with transactions in repurchase agreements, the Trust's custodian takes possession of the underlying collateral securities, the value of which at least equals the principal amount of the repurchase transaction, including accrued interest. To the extent that any repurchase transaction exceeds one business day, the value of the collateral is marked-to-market on a daily basis to ensure the adequacy of the collateral. If the seller defaults and the value of the collateral declines or if bankruptcy proceedings are commenced with respect to the seller of the security, realization of the collateral by the Trust may be delayed or limited.

**OPTION SELLING/PURCHASING:** When the Trust sells or purchases an option, an amount equal to the premium received or paid by the Trust is recorded as a liability or an asset and is subsequently adjusted to the current market value of the option written or purchased. Premiums received or paid from writing or purchasing options which expire unexercised are treated by the Trust on the expiration date as realized gains or losses. The difference between the premium and the amount paid or received on effecting a closing purchase or sale transaction, including brokerage commissions, is also treated as a realized gain or loss. If an option is exercised, the premium paid or received is added to the proceeds from the sale or cost of the purchase in determining whether the Trust has realized a gain or a loss on investment transactions. The Trust, as writer of an option, may have no control over whether the underlying securities may be sold (call) or purchased (put) and as a result bears the market risk of an unfavorable change in the price of the security underlying the written option.

Options, when used by the Trust, help in maintaining a targeted duration. Duration is a measure of the price sensitivity of a security or a portfolio to relative changes in interest rates. For instance, a duration of "one" means that a portfolio's or a security's price would be expected to change by approximately one percent with a one percent change in interest rates, while a duration of five would imply that the price would move approximately five percent in relation to a one percent change in interest rates.

Option selling and purchasing is used by the Trust to effectively "hedge" positions, or collections of positions, so that changes in interest rates do not

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change the duration of the portfolio unexpectedly. In general, the Trust uses options to hedge a long or short position or an overall portfolio that is longer or shorter than the benchmark security. A call option gives the purchaser of the option the right (but not obligation) to buy, and obligates the seller to sell (when the option is exercised), the underlying position at the exercise price at any time or at a specified time during the option period. A put option gives the holder the right to sell and obligates the writer to buy the underlying position at the exercise price at any time or at a specified time during the option period. Put options can be purchased to effectively hedge a position or a portfolio against price declines if a portfolio is long. In the same sense, call options can be purchased to hedge a portfolio that is shorter than its benchmark against price changes. The Trust can also sell (or write) covered call options and put options to hedge portfolio positions.

The main risk that is associated with purchasing options is that the option expires without being exercised. In this case, the option expires worthless and the premium paid for the option is considered the loss. The risk associated with writing call options is that the Trust may forego the opportunity for a profit

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if the market value of the underlying position increases and the option is exercised. The risk in writing put options is that the Trust may incur a loss if the market value of the underlying position decreases and the option is exercised. In addition, as with futures contracts, the Trust risks not being able to enter into a closing transaction for the written option as the result of an illiquid market.

**INTEREST RATE SWAPS:** In a simple interest rate swap, one investor pays a floating rate of interest on a notional principal amount and receives a fixed rate of interest on the same notional principal amount for a specified period of time. Alternatively, an investor may pay a fixed rate and receive a floating rate. Interest rate swaps are efficient as asset/liability management tools. In more complex swaps, the notional principal amount may decline (or amortize) over time.

During the term of the swap, changes in the value of the swap are recognized as unrealized gains or losses by "marking-to-market" to reflect the market value of the swap. When the swap is terminated, the Trust will record a realized gain or loss equal to the difference between the proceeds from (or cost of) the closing transaction and the Trust's basis in the contract, if any.

The Trust is exposed to credit loss in the event of non-performance by the other party to the swap. However, the Trust closely monitors swaps and does not anticipate non-performance by any counterparty.

**SWAP OPTIONS:** Swap options are similar to options on securities except that instead of selling or purchasing the right to buy or sell a security, the writer or purchaser of the swap option is granting or buying the right to enter into a previously agreed upon interest rate swap agreement at any time before the expiration of the option. Premiums received or paid from writing or purchasing options are recorded as liabilities or assets and are subsequently adjusted to the current market value of the option written or purchased. Premiums received or paid from writing or purchasing options which expires unexercised are treated by the Trust on the expiration date as realized gains or losses. The difference between the premium and the amount paid or received on effecting a closing purchase or sale transaction, including brokerage commission, is also treated as a realized gain or loss. If an option is exercised, the premium paid or received is added to the proceeds from the sale or cost of the purchase in determining whether the Trust has realized a gain or loss on investment transactions.



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The main risk that is associated with purchasing swap options is that the swap option expires without being exercised. In this case, the option expires worthless and the premium paid for the swap option is considered the loss. The main risk that is associated with the writing of a swap option is the market risk of an unfavorable change in the value of the interest rate swap underlying the written swap option.

Swap options may be used by the Trust to manage the duration of the Trust's portfolio in a manner similar to more generic options described above.

**FINANCIAL FUTURES CONTRACTS:** A futures contract is an agreement between two parties to buy and sell a financial instrument for a set price on a future date. Initial margin deposits are made upon entering into futures contracts and can be either cash or securities. During the period the futures contract is open, changes in the value of the contract are recognized as unrealized gains or losses by "marking-to-market" on a daily basis to reflect the market value of the contract at the end of each day's trading. Variation margin payments are made or received, depending upon whether unrealized gains or losses are incurred. When the contract is closed, the Trust records a realized gain or loss equal to the difference between the proceeds from (or cost of) the closing transaction and the Trust's basis in the contract.

Financial futures contracts, when used by the Trust, help in maintaining a targeted duration. Futures contracts can be sold to effectively shorten an otherwise longer duration portfolio. In the same sense, futures contracts can be purchased to lengthen a portfolio that is shorter than its duration target. Thus, by buying or selling futures contracts, the Trust can effectively "hedge" positions so that changes in interest rates do not change the duration of the portfolio unexpectedly.

The Trust may invest in financial futures contracts primarily for the purpose of hedging its existing portfolio securities or securities the Trust intends to purchase against fluctuations in value caused by changes in prevailing market interest rates. Should interest rates move unexpectedly, the Trust may not achieve the anticipated benefits of the financial futures contracts and may realize a loss. The use of futures transactions involves the risk of imperfect correlation in movements in the price of futures contracts, interest rates and the underlying hedged assets. The Trust is also at the risk of not being able to enter into a closing transaction for the futures contract because of an illiquid secondary market. In addition, since futures are used to shorten or lengthen a portfolio's duration, there is a risk that the portfolio may have temporarily performed better without the hedge or that the Trust may lose the opportunity to realize appreciation in the market price of the underlying positions.

**SHORT SALES:** The Trust may make short sales of securities as a method of hedging potential price declines in similar securities owned. When the Trust makes a short sale, it may borrow the security sold short and deliver it to the broker-dealer through which it made the short sale as collateral for its oblig-

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ation to deliver the security upon conclusion of the sale. The Trust may have to pay a fee to borrow the particular securities and may be obligated to pay over any payments received on such borrowed securities. A gain, limited to the price at which the Trust sold the security short, or a loss, unlimited as to dollar amount, will be recognized upon the termination of a short sale if the market price is greater or less than the proceeds originally received.

**SECURITIES LENDING:** The Trust may lend its portfolio securities to qualified institutions. The loans are secured by collateral at least equal, at all times,

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to the market value of the securities loaned. The Trust may bear the risk of delay in recovery of, or even loss of rights in, the securities loaned should the borrower of the securities fail financially. The Trust receives compensation for lending its securities in the form of interest on the loan. The Trust also continues to receive interest on the securities loaned, and any gain or loss in the market price of the securities loaned that may occur during the term of the loan will be for the account of the Trust.

**INTEREST RATE CAPS:** Interest rate caps are similar to interest rate swaps, except that one party agrees to pay a fee, while the other party pays the excess, if any, of a floating rate over a specified fixed or floating rate.

Interest rate caps are intended to both manage the duration of the Trust's portfolio and its exposure to changes in short term rates. Owning interest rate caps reduces the portfolio's duration, making it less sensitive to changes in interest rates from a market value perspective. The effect on income involves protection from rising short term rates, which the Trust experiences primarily in the form of leverage.

The Trust is exposed to credit loss in the event of non-performance by the other party to the interest rate cap. However, the Trust does not anticipate non-performance by any counterparty.

Transactions fees paid or received by the Trust are recognized as assets or liabilities and amortized or accreted into interest expense or income over the life of the interest rate cap. The asset or liability is subsequently adjusted to the current market value of the interest rate cap purchased or sold. Changes in the value of the interest rate cap are recognized as unrealized gains and losses.

**INTEREST RATE FLOORS:** Interest rate floors are similar to interest rate swaps, except that one party agrees to pay a fee, while the other party pays the excess, if any, of a floating rate under a specified fixed or floating rate.

Interest rate floors are used by the Trust to both manage the duration of the portfolio and its exposure to changes in short-term interest rates. Selling interest rate floors reduces the portfolio's duration, making it less sensitive to changes in interest rates from a market value perspective. The Trust's leverage provides extra income in a period of falling rates. Selling floors reduces some of that advantage by partially monetizing it as an up front payment which the Trust receives.

The Trust is exposed to credit loss in the event of non-performance by the other party to the interest rate floor. However, the Trust does not anticipate non-performance by any counterparty.

Transactions fees paid or received by the Trust are recognized as assets or liabilities and amortized or accreted into interest expense or income over the life of the interest rate floor. The asset or liability is subsequently adjusted to the current market value of the interest rate floor purchased or sold. Changes in the value of the interest rate floor are recognized as unrealized gains and losses.

**SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS AND NET INVESTMENT INCOME:** Securities transactions are recorded on the trade date. Realized and unrealized gains and losses are calculated on the identified cost basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis, and the Trust accretes discount and amortizes premium on securities purchased using the interest method.

**FEDERAL INCOME TAXES:** It is the Trust's intention to continue to meet the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute sufficient amounts of its taxable income to

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shareholders. Therefore, no federal income tax provision is required.

**DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS:** The Trust declares and pays dividends and distributions monthly; first from net investment income, then from realized short-term capital gains and other sources, if necessary. Net long-term capital gains, if any, in excess of loss carryforwards are distributed at least annually. Dividends and distributions are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Income distributions and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with income tax regulations which may differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**ESTIMATES:** The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN:** Under a deferred compensation plan approved by the Board of Directors on February 24, 2000,

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non-interested Directors may elect to defer receipt of all, or a portion of their annual compensation.

Deferred amounts earn a return as though equivalent dollar amounts had been invested in common shares of other BlackRock funds selected by the Directors. This has the same economic effect as if the Directors had invested the deferred amounts in such other BlackRock funds.

The deferred compensation plan is not funded and obligations thereunder represent general unsecured claims against the general assets of the Trust. The Trust may, however, elect to invest in common shares of those funds selected by the Directors in order to match its deferred compensation obligations.

**RECLASSIFICATION OF CAPITAL ACCOUNTS:** The Trust accounts for and reports distributions to shareholders in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' Statement of Position 93-2:Determination, Disclosure, and Financial Statement Presentation of Income, Capital Gain, and Return of Capital Distributions by Investment Companies. The effect of applying this statement was to decrease accumulated net realized loss on investments by \$3,303,567 and decrease paid-in capital by \$3,303,567 due to the expiration of a portion of the capital loss carryforward and other book to tax differences. Net investment income, net realized gains and net assets were not affected by this change.

### NOTE 2. AGREEMENTS

The Trust has an Investment Advisory Agreement with BlackRock Advisors, Inc. (the "Advisor"), which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BlackRock, Inc., which in turn is an indirect, majority-owned subsidiary of PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. The Trust has an Administration Agreement with Prudential Investments Fund Management LLC ("PIFM"), an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of The Prudential Insurance Co. of America. Effective November 1, 2001, PIFM changed its name to Prudential Investments LLC.

The investment advisory fee paid to the Advisor is computed weekly and

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payable monthly at an annual rate of 0.65% of the Trust's average weekly net assets. The administration fee paid to PIFM is also computed weekly and payable monthly at an annual rate of 0.20% of the first \$500 million of the Trust's average weekly net assets and 0.15% of any excess.

Pursuant to the agreements, the Advisor provides continuous supervision of the investment portfolio and pays the compensation of officers of the Trust who are affiliated persons of the Advisor. PIFM pays occupancy and certain clerical and accounting costs of the Trust. The Trust bears all other costs and expenses.

### NOTE 3. PORTFOLIO SECURITIES

Purchases and sales of investment securities, other than short-term investments and dollar rolls, for the year ended October 31, 2001 aggregated \$329,978,572 and \$196,512,017, respectively.

The Trust may invest without limit in securities which are not readily marketable, including those which are restricted as to disposition under securities law ("restricted securities"). At October 31, 2001, the Trust held 3.7% of its net assets in securities restricted as to resale.

The Trust may from time to time purchase in the secondary market certain mortgage pass-through securities packaged or master serviced by PNC Mortgage Securities Corp. (or Sears Mortgage if PNC Mortgage Securities Corp. succeeded to rights and duties of Sears) or mortgage related securities containing loans or mortgages originated by PNC Bank or its affiliates, including Midland Loan Services, Inc. It is possible under certain circumstances, that PNC Mortgage Securities Corp. or its affiliates, including Midland Loan Services, Inc. could have interests that are in conflict with the holders of these mortgage-backed securities, and such holders could have rights against PNC Mortgage Securities Corp. or its affiliates, including Midland Loan Services, Inc.

The federal income tax basis of the Trust's investments at October 31, 2001 was \$568,380,764 and, accordingly, net unrealized appreciation for federal income tax purposes was \$53,435,163 (gross unrealized appreciation \$80,459,182; gross unrealized depreciation \$27,024,019).

For federal income tax purposes, the Trust has a capital loss carryforward at October 31, 2001 of approximately \$114,560,600 of which approximately \$23,358,000 will expire in 2002, approximately \$15,428,300 will expire in 2003, approximately \$27,373,200 will expire in 2004, approximately \$33,108,000 will expire in 2007, approximately \$1,352,200 will expire in 2008 and approximately \$13,940,900 will expire in 2009. During the fiscal year ended October 31, 2001, approximately \$3,440,300 expired unused. Accordingly, no capital gains distribution is expected to be paid to shareholders until net gains have been realized in excess of such amounts.

The Trust holds four interest rate caps. Under all agreements, the Trust receives the excess, if any, of a floating rate over a fixed rate. The Trust paid a transaction fee for each cap. Transaction fees are amortized through the termination of the agreement. Details of the caps at October 31, 2001 are as follows:

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NOTIONAL AMOUNT (000)	FIXED RATE	FLOATING RATE	TERMINATION DATE	VALUE AT AMORTIZED COST	OCTOBER 31, 2001	UNREALIZED DEPRECIATION
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\$ 50,000	6.00%	3 mth.	LIBOR 2/19/02	\$ 97,109	\$ 5	\$ (97,104)

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100,000	6.50%	3 mth.	LIBOR	4/4/02	302,772	10	(302,762)
100,000	7.25%	3 mth.	LIBOR	4/23/03	707,813	10	(707,803)
100,000	7.75%	3 mth.	LIBOR	5/4/03	381,255	2,310	(378,945)
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					\$1,488,949	\$ 2,335	\$(1,486,614)
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The Trust holds one interest rate floor. Under the agreement, the Trust pays the excess, if any, of a fixed rate over a floating rate. The Trust received a transaction fee for the floor. Transaction fee is amortized through the termination of the agreement. Details of the interest rate floor held at October 31, 2001 are as follows:

NOTIONAL AMOUNT (000)	FIXED RATE	FLOATING RATE	TERMINATION DATE	VALUE AT AMORTIZED COST	OCTOBER 31, 2001	UNREALIZED DEPRECIATION
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\$77,000	6.00%	1mth. LIBOR	1/25/05	\$(1,132,875)	\$(3,646,864)	\$(2,513,989)
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Details of open interest rate swaps at October 31, 2001 are as follows:

NOTIONAL AMOUNT (000)	FIXED RATE	FLOATING RATE	TERMINATION DATE	UNREALIZED APPRECIATION (DEPRECIATION)
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\$ 28,000	4.88% (a)	3 mth. LIBOR	5/22/03	\$ (952,227)
72,000	5.54% (b)	3 mth. LIBOR	5/1/04	2,880,000
24,000	5.71% (b)	3 mth. LIBOR	5/22/06	1,621,015
100,000	6.85% (b)	6 mth. LIBOR	9/6/02	3,863,191
50,000	6.95% (a)	6 mth. LIBOR	9/6/10	(7,772,365)
100,000	7.20% (b)	6 mth. LIBOR	6/16/02	3,003,276
20,000	7.50% (a)	1 mth. LIBOR	4/25/02	(463,366)
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				\$2,179,524
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(a) Trust receives floating interest rate and pays fixed rate.

(b) Trust pays floating interest rate and receives fixed rate.

**NOTE 4. BORROWINGS**

**REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS:** The Trust may enter into reverse repurchase agreements with qualified, third party broker-dealers as determined by and under the direction of the Trust's Board of Directors. Interest on the value of reverse repurchase agreements issued and outstanding is based upon competitive market rates at the time of issuance. At the time the Trust enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, it establishes and maintains a segregated account with the lender containing liquid investment grade securities having a value not less than the repurchase price, including accrued interest, of the reverse repurchase agreement.

The average daily balance of reverse repurchase agreements outstanding during the year ended October 31, 2001 was approximately \$148,203,645 at a weighted average interest rate of approximately 4.78%. The maximum amount of reverse repurchase agreements outstanding at any month-end during the period was \$210,995,500 as of February 28, 2001, which was 30.26% of total assets.

**DOLLAR ROLLS:** The Trust may enter into dollar rolls in which the Trust sells securities for delivery in the current month and simultaneously contracts to

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repurchase substantially similar (same type, coupon and maturity) securities on a specified future date. During the roll period the Trust forgoes principal and interest paid on the securities. The Trust will be compensated by the interest earned on the cash proceeds of the initial sale and by the lower repurchase price at the future date.

The Trust did not enter into any dollar roll transactions during the year ended October 31, 2001.

### NOTE 5. CAPITAL

There are 200 million shares of \$.01 par value common stock authorized. Of the 62,849,878 shares outstanding at October 31, 2001, the Advisor owned 10,753 shares.

### NOTE 6. DIVIDENDS

Subsequent to October 31, 2001, the Board of Directors of the Trust declared dividends from undistributed earnings of \$0.046875 per share payable November 30, 2001 to shareholders of record on November 15, 2001.

### NOTE 7. COMMITMENT

On October 9, 1997, the Trust entered into a commitment to purchase an aggregate of up to \$20,000,000 of Overseas Private Investment Corp. securities prior to the commitment expiration on September 30, 2003. To date, the Trust has purchased such securities with a market value of \$8,987,751 at October 31, 2001.

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THE BLACKROCK INCOME TRUST INC.  
REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS  
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To the Shareholders and Board of Directors of  
The BlackRock Income Trust Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of The BlackRock Income Trust Inc. (the "Trust"), including the portfolio of investments, as of October 31, 2001, and the related statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended. These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Trust's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial highlights based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of October 31, 2001, by correspondence with the custodian and brokers; where replies were not received from brokers, we performed other auditing procedures. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a

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reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The BlackRock Income Trust Inc. as of October 31, 2001, the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

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Boston, Massachusetts  
December 7, 2001

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THE BLACKROCK INCOME TRUST INC.  
TAX INFORMATION  
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We wish to advise you as to the federal tax status of dividends paid by the Trust during its fiscal year ended October 31, 2001.

During the fiscal year ended October 31, 2001, the Trust paid dividends of \$0.5625 per share from net investment income. For federal income tax purposes, the dividends you received are reportable in your 2001 federal income tax return as ordinary income. Further, we wish to advise you that your income dividends do not qualify for the dividends received deduction.

For the purpose of preparing your 2001 annual federal income tax return, however, you should report the amounts as reflected on the appropriate Form 1099 DIV which will be mailed to you in January 2002.

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DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN  
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Pursuant to the Trust's Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the "Plan"), shareholders may elect to have all distributions of dividends and capital gains reinvested by EquiServe Trust Company, N.A. (the "Plan Agent") in Trust shares pursuant to the Plan. Shareholders who do not participate in the Plan will receive all distributions in cash paid by check in United States dollars mailed directly to the shareholders of record (or if the shares are held in street or other nominee name, then to the nominee) by the transfer agent, as dividend disbursing agent.

The Plan Agent serves as agent for the shareholders in administering the Plan. After the Trust declares a dividend or determines to make a capital gain

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distribution, the Plan Agent will acquire shares for the participants' accounts, depending upon the circumstances described below, either (i) through receipt of unissued but authorized shares from the Trust ("newly issued shares") or (ii) by purchase of outstanding shares on the open market, on the New York Stock Exchange or elsewhere ("open-market purchases"). If, on the dividend payment date, the net asset value per share is equal to or less than the market price per share plus estimated brokerage commissions (such condition being referred to herein as "market premium"), the transfer agent will invest the dividend amount in newly issued shares on behalf of the participants. The number of newly issued shares to be credited to each participant's account will be determined by dividing the dollar amount of the dividend by the net asset value per share (but in no event less than 95% of the then current market price per share) on the date the shares are issued. If, on the dividend payment date, the net asset value per share is greater than the market value per share (such condition being referred to herein as "market discount"), the transfer agent will invest the dividend amount in shares acquired on behalf of the participants in open-market purchases.

Participants in the Plan may withdraw from the Plan upon written notice to the Plan Agent and will receive certificates for whole Trust shares and a cash payment will be made for any fraction of a Trust share.

The Plan Agent's fees for the handling of the reinvestment of dividends and distributions will be paid by the Trust. However, each participant will pay a pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred with respect to the Plan Agent's open market purchases in connection with the reinvestment of dividends and distributions. The automatic reinvestment of dividends and distributions will not relieve participants of any federal, state or local income taxes that may be payable on such dividends or distributions.

The Trust reserves the right to amend or terminate the Plan as applied to any dividend or distribution paid subsequent to written notice of the change sent to all shareholders of the Trust at least 90 days before the record date for the dividend or distribution. The Plan also may be amended or terminated by the Plan Agent upon at least 90 days' written notice to all shareholders of the Trust. All correspondence concerning the Plan should be directed to the Plan Agent at (800) 699-1BFM. The addresses are on the front of this report.

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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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There have been no material changes in the Trust's investment objectives or policies that have not been approved by the shareholders or to its charter or by-laws or in the principal risk factors associated with investment in the Trust. There have been no changes in the persons who are primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Trust's portfolio.

Quarterly performance and other information regarding the Trust may be found on BlackRock's website, which can be accessed at <http://www.blackrock.com/funds/cefunds.html>. This reference to BlackRock's website is intended to allow investors public access to quarterly information regarding the Trust and is not intended to incorporate BlackRock's website into this report.



THE TRUST'S INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The BlackRock Income Trust's investment objective is to manage a portfolio of high quality securities to maintain high monthly income consistent with preservation of capital. The Trust will seek to distribute monthly income that is greater than that obtainable on an annualized basis by investment in United States Treasury securities having the same maturity as the average dollar weighted maturity of the Trust's investments.

WHO MANAGES THE TRUST?

BlackRock Advisors, Inc. (the "Advisor") manages the Trust. The Advisor is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BlackRock, Inc. ("BlackRock"), which is one of the largest publicly traded investment management firms in the United States with \$226 billion of assets under management as of September 30, 2001. BlackRock manages assets on behalf of more than 3,300 institutions and 200,000 individuals worldwide through a variety of equity, fixed income, liquidity and alternative investment separate accounts and mutual funds, including BLACKROCK FUNDS and BLACKROCK PROVIDENT INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS. In addition, BlackRock provides risk management and investment system services to institutional investors under the BLACKROCK SOLUTIONS name. Clients are served from the company's headquarters in New York City, as well as offices in Wilmington, DE, San Francisco, Edinburgh, Scotland, Tokyo, Japan, and Hong Kong. BlackRock is a member of The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. (NYSE: PNC), one of the largest diversified financial services organizations in the United States, and is majority-owned by PNC and by BlackRock employees.

WHAT CAN THE TRUST INVEST IN?

The Trust will invest at least 65% of its assets in mortgage-backed securities. At least 85% of the Trust's assets must be rated at least "AAA" by Standard & Poor's or "Aaa" by Moody's at the time of purchase (up to 5% can be unrated but deemed by the Advisor to be of comparable quality). Additionally, 15% of the Trust's assets can be invested in securities rated at least "AA" by Standard & Poor's or "Aa" by Moody's at time of purchase. Under current market conditions, BlackRock expects that the primary investments of the Trust will be U.S. Government securities, securities backed by government agencies (such as mortgage-backed securities), privately issued mortgage-backed securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities and asset-backed securities.

WHAT IS THE ADVISOR'S INVESTMENT STRATEGY?

The Advisor will seek to meet the Trust's investment objective by managing the assets of the Trust so as to provide high monthly income consistent with the preservation of capital. The Trust will seek to provide monthly income that is greater than that which could be obtained by investing in U.S. Treasury securities with an average life similar to that of the Trust's assets. Under current market conditions, the average life of the Trust's assets is expected to be in the range of seven to ten years. Under other market conditions, the Trust's average life may vary and may not be predictable using any formula. In seeking the investment objective, the Advisor may actively manage among various types of securities in different interest rate environments.

Traditional mortgage pass-through securities make interest and principal payments on a monthly basis and can be a source of attractive levels of income to the Trust. While mortgage-backed securities in the Trust are of high credit quality, they typically offer a yield spread above Treasuries due to the uncertainty of the timing of their cash flows as they are subject to changes in the rate of prepayments when interest rates change and either a larger or smaller proportion of mortgage holders refinance their mortgages or move. While

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mortgage-backed securities offer the opportunity for attractive yields, they subject a portfolio to interest rate risk and prepayment exposure which result in reinvestment risk when prepaid principal must be reinvested.

Multiple-class mortgage pass-through securities, or collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs), are also an investment that may be used in the Trust's portfolio. These securities are issued in multiple classes each of which has a different coupon rate, stated maturity and prioritization on the timing of receipt of cash flows coming from interest and principal payments on the underlying mortgages. Principal prepayments can be allocated among the different classes of a CMO in a number of ways; for instance, they can be applied to each of the classes in the order of their respective stated maturities. This feature allows an investor to better plan the average life of their investment.

Additionally, in order to protect the portfolio from interest rate risk, the Advisor will attempt to locate securities with call protection, such as commercial mortgage-backed securities with prepayment penalties or lockouts. Securities with call protection should provide the portfolio with some degree of protection against reinvestment risk during times of lower prevailing interest rates.

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HOW ARE THE TRUST'S SHARES PURCHASED AND SOLD? DOES THE TRUST PAY DIVIDENDS REGULARLY?

The Trust's shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange which provides investors with liquidity on a daily basis. Orders to buy or sell shares of the Trust must be placed through a registered broker or financial advisor. The Trust pays monthly dividends which are typically paid on the last business day of the month. For shares held in the shareholder's name, dividends may be reinvested in additional shares of the Trust through the Trust's transfer agent, EquiServe Trust Company, N.A. Investors who wish to hold shares in a brokerage account should check with their financial advisor to determine whether their brokerage firm offers dividend reinvestment services.

LEVERAGE CONSIDERATIONS IN THE TRUST

Under current market conditions, leverage increases the income earned by the Trust. The Trust employs leverage primarily through the use of reverse repurchase agreements and dollar rolls. Leverage permits the Trust to borrow money at short-term rates and reinvest that money in longer-term assets which typically offer higher interest rates. The difference between the cost of the borrowed funds and the income earned on the proceeds that are invested in longer-term assets is the benefit to the Trust from leverage. In general, the portfolio is typically leveraged at approximately 331/3% of total assets.

Leverage also increases the duration (or price volatility of the net assets) of the Trust, which can improve the performance of the Trust in a declining rate environment, but can cause net assets to decline faster than the market in a rapidly rising rate environment. The Advisor's portfolio managers continuously monitor and regularly review the Trust's use of leverage and the Trust may reduce, or unwind, the amount of leverage employed should the Advisor consider that reduction to be in the best interests of the shareholders.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND RISK FACTORS RELEVANT TO THE TRUST

THE TRUST IS INTENDED TO BE A LONG-TERM INVESTMENT AND IS NOT A SHORT-TERM TRADING VEHICLE.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE. Although the objective of the Trust is to provide high

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monthly income consistent with preservation of capital, there can be no assurance that this objective will be achieved.

**DIVIDEND CONSIDERATIONS.** Dividends paid by the Trust are likely to vary over time as fixed income market conditions change. Future dividends may be higher or lower than the dividend the Trust is currently paying.

**INTEREST-ONLY SECURITIES (IO).** The yield to maturity on an IO class is extremely sensitive to the rate of principal payments (including prepayments) on the related underlying Mortgage Assets, and a rapid rate of principal payments may have a material adverse effect on such security's yield to maturity. If the underlying Mortgage Assets experience greater than anticipated prepayments of principal, the Trust may fail to recoup fully its initial investment in these securities even if the securities are rated AAA by S&P or Aaa by Moody's.

**INVERSE FLOATING RATE MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES.** ARMs with interest rates that adjust at periodic intervals in the opposite direction from the market rate of interest to which they are indexed. An inverse floater may be considered to be leveraged to the extent that its interest rate may vary by a magnitude that exceeds the magnitude of the change in the index rate of interest.

**LEVERAGE.** The Trust utilizes leverage through reverse repurchase agreements and dollar rolls, which involves special risks. The Trust's net asset value and market value may be more volatile due to its use of leverage.

**MARKET PRICE OF SHARES.** The shares of closed-end investment companies such as the Trust trade on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE symbol: BKT) and as such are subject to supply and demand influences. As a result, shares may trade at a discount or a premium to their net asset value.

**MORTGAGE-BACKED AND ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES.** The cash flow and yield characteristics of these securities differ from traditional debt securities. The major differences typically include more frequent payments and the possibility of prepayments which will change the yield to maturity of the security.

**CORPORATE DEBT SECURITIES.** The value of corporate debt securities generally varies inversely with changes in prevailing market interest rates. The Trust may be subject to certain reinvestment risks in environments of declining interest rates.

**ZERO COUPON SECURITIES.** Such securities receive no cash flows prior to maturity; therefore, interim price movement on the securities are generally more sensitive to interest rate movements than securities that make periodic coupon payments.

**ILLIQUID SECURITIES.** The Trust may invest in securities that are illiquid, although under current market conditions the Trust expects to do so to only a limited extent. These securities involve special risks.

**ANTITAKEOVER PROVISIONS.** Certain antitakeover provisions will make a change in the Trust's business or management more difficult without the approval of the Trust's Board of Directors and may have the effect of depriving shareholders of an opportunity to sell their shares at a premium above the prevailing market price.

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ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES (ARMS):	Mortgage instruments with interest rates that adjust at periodic intervals at a fixed amount over the market levels of interest rates as reflected in specified indexes. ARMS are backed by mortgage loans secured by real property.
ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES:	Securities backed by various types of receivables such as automobile and credit card receivables.
CLOSED-END FUND:	Investment vehicle which initially offers a fixed number of shares and trades on a stock exchange. The fund invests in a portfolio of securities in accordance with its stated investment objectives and policies.
COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATIONS (CMOS):	Mortgage-backed securities which separate mortgage pools into short-, medium-, and long-term securities with different priorities for receipt of principal and interest. Each class is paid a fixed or floating rate of interest at regular intervals. Also known as multiple-class mortgage pass-throughs.
COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE BACKED SECURITIES (CMBS):	Mortgage-backed securities secured or backed by mortgage loans on commercial properties.
DISCOUNT:	When a fund's net asset value is greater than its stock price the fund is said to be trading at a discount.
DIVIDEND:	Income generated by securities in a portfolio and distributed to shareholders after the deduction of expenses. This Trust declares and pays dividends on a monthly basis.
DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT:	Shareholders may elect to have all dividends and distributions of capital gains automatically reinvested into additional shares of the Trust.
FHA:	Federal Housing Administration, a government agency that facilitates a secondary mortgage market by providing an agency that guarantees timely payment of interest and principal on mortgages.
FHLMC:	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, a publicly owned, federally chartered corporation that facilitates a secondary mortgage market by purchasing mortgages from lenders such as savings institutions and reselling them to investors by means of mortgage-backed securities. Obligations of FHLMC are not guaranteed by the U.S. Government, however; they are backed by FHLMC's authority to borrow from the U.S. Government. Also known as Freddie Mac.
FNMA:	Federal National Mortgage Administration, a publicly owned, federally chartered corporation that facilitates a secondary mortgage market by

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purchasing mortgages from lenders such as savings institutions and reselling them to investors by means of mortgage-backed securities. Obligations of FNMA are not guaranteed by the U.S. Government, however; they are backed by FNMA's authority to borrow from the U.S. Government. Also known as Fannie Mae.

**GNMA:** Government National Mortgage Association, a U.S. Government agency that facilitates a secondary mortgage market by providing an agency that guarantees timely payment of interest and principal on mortgages. GNMA's obligations are supported by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Treasury. Also known as Ginnie Mae.

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**GOVERNMENT SECURITIES:** Securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, or one of its agencies or instrumentalities, such as GNMA, FNMA and FHLMC.

**INTEREST-ONLY SECURITIES:** Mortgage securities including CMBS that receive only the interest cash flows from an underlying pool of mortgage loans or underlying pass-through securities. Also known as a strip.

**INVERSE-FLOATING RATE MORTGAGE:** Mortgage instruments with coupons that adjust at periodic intervals according to a formula which sets inversely with a market level interest rate index.

**MARKET PRICE:** Price per share of a security trading in the secondary market. For a closed-end fund, this is the price at which one share of the fund trades on the stock exchange. If you were to buy or sell shares, you would pay or receive the market price.

**MORTGAGE DOLLAR ROLLS:** A mortgage dollar roll is a transaction in which the Trust sells mortgage-backed securities for delivery in the current month and simultaneously contracts to repurchase substantially similar (although not the same) securities on a specified future date. During the "roll" period, the Trust does not receive principal and interest payments on the securities, but is compensated for giving up these payments by the difference in the current sales price (for which the security is sold) and lower price that the Trust pays for the similar security at the end date as well as the interest earned on the cash proceeds of the initial sale.

**MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGHS:  
NET ASSET VALUE (NAV):** Mortgage-backed securities issued by Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac or Ginnie Mae. Net asset value is the total market value of all securities and other assets held by the Trust, plus income accrued on its investments, minus any liabilities including accrued expenses, divided by the total number of

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outstanding shares. It is the underlying value of a single share on a given day. Net asset value for the Trust is calculated weekly and published in BARRON'S on Saturday and THE WALL STREET JOURNAL on Monday.

- PRINCIPAL-ONLY SECURITIES: Mortgage securities that receive only the principal cash flows from an underlying pool of mortgage loans or underlying pass-through securities. Also known as strips.
- PROJECT LOANS: Mortgages for multi-family, low- to middle-income housing.
- PREMIUM: When a fund's stock price is greater than its net asset value, the fund is said to be trading at a premium.
- REMIC: A real estate mortgage investment conduit is a multiple-class security backed by mortgage-backed securities or whole mortgage loans and formed as a trust, corporation, partnership, or segregated pool of assets that elects to be treated as a REMIC for federal tax purposes. Generally, FNMA REMICs are formed as trusts and are backed by mortgage-backed securities.
- RESIDUALS: Securities issued in connection with collateralized mortgage obligations that generally represent the excess cash flow from the mortgage assets underlying the CMO after payment of principal and interest on the other CMO securities and related administrative expenses.
- REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS: In a reverse repurchase agreement, the Trust sells securities and agrees to repurchase them at a mutually agreed date and price. During this time, the Trust continues to receive the principal and interest payments from that security. At the end of the term, the Trust receives the same securities that were sold for the same initial dollar amount plus interest on the cash proceeds of the initial sale.
- STRIPPED MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES: Arrangements in which a pool of assets is separated into two classes that receive different proportions of the interest and principal distributions from underlying mortgage-backed securities. IO's and PO's are examples of strips.

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### TAXABLE TRUSTS

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PERPETUAL TRUSTS	STOCK SYMBOL -----	MATUR DAT ----
The BlackRock Income Trust Inc.	BKT	N/
The BlackRock North American Government Income Trust Inc.	BNA	N/
The BlackRock High Yield Trust	BHY	N/
BlackRock Core Bond Trust	BHK	N/
TERM TRUSTS		
The BlackRock Strategic Term Trust Inc.	BGT	12/
The BlackRock Investment Quality Term Trust Inc.	BQT	12/
The BlackRock Advantage Term Trust Inc.	BAT	12/
The BlackRock Broad Investment Grade 2009 Term Trust Inc.	BCT	12/

### TAX-EXEMPT TRUSTS

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PERPETUAL TRUSTS	STOCK SYMBOL -----	MATUR DAT ----
The BlackRock Investment Quality Municipal Trust Inc.	BKN	N/
The BlackRock California Investment Quality Municipal Trust Inc.	RAA	N/
The BlackRock Florida Investment Quality Municipal Trust	RFA	N/
The BlackRock New Jersey Investment Quality Municipal Trust Inc.	RNJ	N/
The BlackRock New York Investment Quality Municipal Trust Inc.	RNY	N/
The Blackrock Pennsylvania Strategic Municipal Trust	BPS	N/
The Blackrock Strategic Municipal Trust	BSD	N/
BlackRock California Municipal Income Trust	BFZ	N/
BlackRock Municipal Income Trust	BFK	N/
BlackRock New York Municipal Income Trust	BNY	N/
BlackRock New Jersey Municipal Income Trust	BNJ	N/
BlackRock Florida Municipal Income Trust	BBF	N/
TERM TRUSTS		
The BlackRock Municipal Target Term Trust Inc.	BMN	12/
The BlackRock Insured Municipal 2008 Term Trust Inc.	BRM	12/
The BlackRock California Insured Municipal 2008 Term Trust Inc.	BFC	12/
The BlackRock Florida Insured Municipal 2008 Term Trust	BRF	12/
The BlackRock New York Insured Municipal 2008 Term Trust Inc.	BLN	12/
The BlackRock Insured Municipal Term Trust Inc.	BMT	12/
BlackRock California Municipal 2018 Term Trust	BJZ	12/
BlackRock New York Municipal 2018 Term Trust	BLH	12/
BlackRock Municipal 2018 Term Trust	BPK	12/

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### AN OVERVIEW

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BlackRock Advisors, Inc. (the "Advisor") manages the Trust. The Advisor is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BlackRock, Inc. ("BlackRock"), which is one of the largest publicly traded investment management firms in the United States with \$226 billion of assets under management as of September 30, 2001. BlackRock manages assets on behalf of more than 3,300 institutions and 200,000 individuals worldwide through a variety of equity, fixed income, liquidity and alternative investment separate accounts and mutual funds, including BLACKROCK FUNDS and BLACKROCK PROVIDENT INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS. In addition, BlackRock provides risk management and investment system services to institutional investors under the BLACKROCK SOLUTIONS name. Clients are served from the company's headquarters in New York City, as well as offices in Wilmington, DE, San Francisco, Edinburgh, Scotland, Tokyo, Japan, and Hong Kong. BlackRock is a member of The PNC Financial Services Group (NYSE: PNC), one of the largest diversified financial services organizations in the United States, and is majority-owned by PNC and by BlackRock employees.

BlackRock's fixed income product was introduced in 1988 by a team of highly seasoned fixed income professionals. These professionals had extensive experience creating, analyzing and trading a variety of fixed income instruments, including the most complex structured securities. In fact, several individuals at BlackRock were responsible for developing many of the major innovations in the mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities markets, including the creation of the first CMO, the floating rate CMO, the senior/subordinated pass-through and the multi-class asset-backed security.

BlackRock is unique among asset management and advisory firms in the emphasis it places on the development of proprietary analytical capabilities. Over one quarter of the firm's professionals are dedicated to the design, maintenance and use of these systems, which are not otherwise available to investors. BlackRock's proprietary analytical tools are used for evaluating, and designing fixed income investment strategies for client portfolios. Securities purchased include mortgages, corporate bonds, municipal bonds and a variety of hedging instruments.

BlackRock has developed investment products that respond to investors' needs and has been responsible for several major innovations in closed-end funds. In fact, BlackRock introduced the first closed-end mortgage fund, the first taxable and tax-exempt closed-end funds to offer a finite term, the first closed-end fund to achieve a AAA rating by Standard & Poor's, and the first closed-end fund to invest primarily in North American Government securities. Currently, BlackRock's closed-end funds have dividend reinvestment plans, which are designed to provide ongoing demand for the stock in the secondary market. BlackRock manages a wide range of investment vehicles, each having specific investment objectives and policies.

In view of our continued desire to provide a high level of service to all our shareholders, BlackRock maintains a toll-free number for your questions. The number is (800) 227-7BFM (7236). We encourage you to call us with any questions that you may have about your BlackRock funds and we thank you for the continued trust that you place in our abilities.

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