

Federal Reserve System Information

The Federal Reserve System produces a huge amount of public information. This handout is intended to give a broad overview of the sources available, but should not be considered exhaustive or authoritative.

Individual sources and datasets are intended to provide a small sample of well-known or notable information. Because datasets often shift in name, scope, or availability over time, users are advised to start at Bank websites and navigate from there. Some long-running or particularly useful sources have been linked to individually.

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Understanding the Fed

- The Fed Explained [federalreserve.gov/aboutthefed/the-fed-explained.htm](https://www.federalreserve.gov/aboutthefed/the-fed-explained.htm)
- In Plain English video and guide stlouisfed.org/in-plain-english
- Federal Reserve History [federalreservehistory.org](https://www.federalreservehistory.org)
- Federal Reserve District shapefiles (2019 paper; District boundaries last updated in 1996) kansascityfed.org/Technical%20Briefings/documents/4988/tb-Federal%20Reserve%20District%20County%20Shapefiles.pdf
- Audited financial statements [federalreserve.gov/aboutthefed/audited-annual-financial-statements.htm](https://www.federalreserve.gov/aboutthefed/audited-annual-financial-statements.htm)
- Monetary policy reports to Congress [federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/publications/mpr_default.htm](https://www.federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/publications/mpr_default.htm)
- Federal Reserve Act – section by section full text of the Act, with lists of amending laws [federalreserve.gov/aboutthefed/fract.htm](https://www.federalreserve.gov/aboutthefed/fract.htm)

Official web sites

- Board of Governors [federalreserve.gov/](https://www.federalreserve.gov/)
 - Federal Reserve System advisory councils
[federalreserve.gov/aboutthefed/advisorydefault.htm](https://www.federalreserve.gov/aboutthefed/advisorydefault.htm)
 - Board photos, usually public domain [flickr.com/photos/federalreserve/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/federalreserve/)
 - FOIA policies and requests
 - [federalreserve.gov/foia/recordsmanagement.htm](https://www.federalreserve.gov/foia/recordsmanagement.htm)
 - [federalreserve.gov/foia/fomc/servicecenter.htm](https://www.federalreserve.gov/foia/fomc/servicecenter.htm)

- Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) [federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/fomc.htm](https://www.federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/fomc.htm)
 - Historical materials from FOMC creation in 1936
[federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/fomc_historical.htm](https://www.federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/fomc_historical.htm)

- Federal Reserve Banks
 - All linked at [federalreserve.gov/aboutthefed/structure-federal-reserve-banks.htm](https://www.federalreserve.gov/aboutthefed/structure-federal-reserve-banks.htm)
 - Most now follow the pattern [city]fed.org, except for San Francisco at frbsf.org
 - Web archive of the Federal Reserve System archive-it.org/collections/15262
 - Museums and Visitor Centers
 - Atlanta museums and tours atlantafed.org/education/visit.aspx
 - Chicago Money Museum chicagofed.org/education/money-museum/index
 - Detroit Branch Visitors Center chicagofed.org/education/money-museum/branch-visitor-center/index
 - Cleveland Money Museum clevelandfed.org/education/visit-money-museum
 - Dallas Fed museum and tours, including Houston and El Paso branches
dallasfed.org/fed/tours
 - Kansas City Money Museum kansascityfed.org/moneymuseum
 - Denver Branch Money Museum kansascityfed.org/denver-money-museum
 - New York Museum & Learning Center newyorkfed.org/aboutthefed/museum-and-learning-center-visits
 - Economics and Fed comic books newyorkfed.org/outreach-and-education/comic-books
 - St. Louis Economy Museum museum.stlouisfed.org

- Special sites
 - Fed Communities – fedcommunities.org – Learn about Federal Reserve resources promoting people, place, policy and practice, and small business.
 - Consumer Help [federalreserveconsumerhelp.gov](https://www.federalreserveconsumerhelp.gov) – Contact the Fed for help related to a complaint or question about a bank or other financial institution.
 - Discount Window – frbdiscountwindow.org – Learn about the Fed’s practices lending to depository institutions.
 - Fed Small Business – fedsmallbusiness.org — Browse small business research and analysis by the 12 Reserve Banks of the Federal Reserve System.

- Federal Reserve Services – frbservices.org – Fed services for bankers and the U.S. Treasury.
- FedNow – explore.fednow.org – New instant payments processing service (2023)
- Partnership for Progress fedpartnership.gov – Resources to support minority-owned banking institutions.
- Federal Reserve Education federalreserveeducation.org –Free educational resources for teachers and students, created by curriculum specialists across the Fed.
- Fed in Print – fedinprint.org – An index of current and historical publications from the Federal Reserve System.
- FRED – fred.stlouisfed.org – Download, graph, and track more than 800,000 U.S. and international time series from 110 sources.
- FRASER – fraser.stlouisfed.org – Online library of U.S. economic, financial, and banking history, particularly the history of the Federal Reserve System.

Social media and subscriptions

Note that not all official Fed accounts are verified, but watch out for squatters/impostors too

- Twitter – All Banks and the Board have official accounts; some have separate accounts for specific functions
 - Research
 - Board of Governors Research @FedResearch
 - @ClevFedResearch, @PhilFedResearch, @RichFedResearch, @STLFedResearch
 - New York: @NYFedResearch
 - Liberty Street Economics blog @LibertyStEcon
 - FRASER @FedFRASER
 - @FedHistory
 - Minneapolis Fed Opportunity & Inclusive Growth Institute @OIGInstitute
 - Money Smart Week (Chicago Fed) @moneysmartweek
- Facebook – all Banks and the Board have at least a placeholder account
- Instagram – all Banks but New York have accounts; the Board does not
 - St. Louis Fed Inside the Economy museum @economymuseum
- LinkedIn – all Banks and the Board
- Pinterest – (often teacher-focused, with museum or education materials)
 - Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Kansas City, Richmond, St. Louis
 - Generally easy to identify, but Richmond is @fedexperience
- Newsletters and RSS feeds
 - Fed in Print – RSS by Bank and keyword topic fedinprint.org/rss
 - FRASER Features, Inside FRASER blog, and What's New RSS
 - Newsletters and blogs from all Banks and the Board

Information by Institution

Board of Governors – federalreserve.gov

- Data federalreserve.gov/data.htm
 - Data Download Program federalreserve.gov/data.htm
- Monetary Policy & FOMC federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy.htm
- Public Communications
 - Speeches federalreserve.gov/newsevents/speeches.htm
 - Testimony federalreserve.gov/newsevents/testimony.htm

Atlanta – atlantafed.org

- Americas Center – financial institutions and markets in Latin America, the Caribbean and Spain
- Center for Financial Innovation and Stability (CenFIS)
- Center for Quantitative Economic Research (CQER) produces GDPNow
- Economic Survey Research Center
- Labor Market Initiative
- Dataset: Career Ladder Identifier and Financial Forecaster (CLIFF)
- Dataset: Chief Financial Officer Survey (with Richmond Fed and Duke U)
- Dataset: China Macroeconomic Time Series Data
- Dataset: Market Probability Tracker (Three month average Fed Funds rate)
- Dataset: Wage Growth Tracker, Jobs Calculator and Labor Market Distributions
- Dataset: Wu-Xia Shadow Federal Funds Rate

Boston – bostonfed.org

- FedNow information and data bostonfed.org/payments-innovation.aspx
- New England Public Policy Center
- Summary of National Economic Data interactive tool nationaleconomicsummary.bostonfed.org

Chicago – chicagofed.org

- Peer City Identification Tool
- Dataset: Advance Retail Trade Summary (CARTS)
- Dataset: Commercial Bank data 1976-2021 chicagofed.org/banking/financial-institution-reports/commercial-bank-data
- Dataset: National Activity Index (CFNAI)
- Dataset: National Financial Conditions Index (NFCI)
- Dataset: Survey of Economic Conditions (CFSEC)

Cleveland – clevelandfed.org

- Center for Inflation Research
- Dataset: Credit Easing
- Dataset: Inflation Nowcasting
- Dataset: Systemic Risk Indicator
- Dataset: Survey of Firms' Inflation Expectations
- Home Mortgage Explorer (partnership with Philadelphia Fed)

Dallas – dallasfed.org

- Energy data
 - Dataset: Dallas Fed Energy Survey
 - Dataset: Index of Global Real Economic Activity
- Globalization Institute
- Specialty indexes, surveys, and datasets dallasfed.org/research/econdata
 - Trimmed Mean PCE, Market Value of Government Debt, International House Price Database, and Trade-Weighted Value of the Dollar

Kansas City – kansascityfed.org

- Agriculture
 - Agricultural Credit Survey
 - Agricultural Finance Updates
 - Annual Ag Symposium
- Data and Research: Energy Survey
- Dataset: Financial Stress Index (FSI)
- Dataset: Interchange Fees
- Center for Advancement of Data and Research in Economics (CADRE) cps.kansascityfed.org
- Current Population Survey featuring CADRE and Data Curation Initiative
- Jackson Hole Symposium (annual policy conference for central bankers) kansascityfed.org/research/jackson-hole-economic-symposium

Philadelphia – philadelphiafed.org

- Consumer Finance Institute (formerly Payments Cards Center)
- Dataset: Consumer Credit and Payments Statistics
- Dataset: Manufacturing Business Outlook Survey (since 1968) philadelphiafed.org/surveys-and-data/regional-economic-analysis/manufacturing-business-outlook-survey
- Dataset: The Livingston Survey, the oldest continuous survey of economists' expectation philadelphiafed.org/surveys-and-data/real-time-data-research/livingston-survey
- Home Mortgage Explorer (partnership with Cleveland Fed)
- Real-Time Data Center

Minneapolis – minneapolisfed.org

- Beige Book archive (1970-present) minneapolisfed.org/region-and-community/regional-economic-indicators/beige-book-archive
- Center for Indian Country Development
- Dataset: Market-Based Probabilities
- Dataset: Recession in Perspective
- Inflation Calculator – relative worth 1913-present via CPI and inflation rates 1800-1912
- Opportunity & Inclusive Growth Institute
- Minneapolis Fed research publication, conference proceedings, and datasets researchdatabase.minneapolisfed.org

New York – newyorkfed.org

- Applied Macroeconomics & Econometrics Center (AMEC)
- Center for Microeconomic Data

- The New York Fed operates the System’s markets trading desk and provides most markets data:
 - Markets Data Hub newyorkfed.org/markets/data-hub
 - Dataset: Survey of Primary Dealers
 - Dataset: Survey of Market Participants
 - Dataset: System Open Market Account (SOMA) Portfolio
- Liberty Street Economics blog libtystreeteconomics.newyorkfed.org

Richmond – richmondfed.org

- Richmond specializes in predominantly internal-facing services
- Dataset: Chief Financial Officer Survey (with Atlanta Fed and Duke U)
- Dataset: Hornstein-Kudlyak-Lange Non-Employment Index
- Dataset: Non-Employment Index
- Quantitative Supervision & Regulation

San Francisco – frbsf.org

- Center for Pacific Basin Studies
- Data Explorer interactive tool frbsf.org/economic-research/sf-fed-data-explorer
- Dataset: Treasury Yield Premiums
- Wage Rigidity Meter and Weather-Adjusted Non-Farm Employment Change
- China Cyclical Activity Tracker
- Technology data

St. Louis – stlouisfed.org

- CASSIDI – Competitive Analysis and Structure Source Instrument for Depository Institutions (Banking market data) cassidi.stlouisfed.org
- The Econ Lowdown – Interactive site with large collection of pre-K-16 economics, personal finance, economic history education materials from St. Louis and across the Fed econlowdown.org
- Fed in Print index of Fed publications fedinprint.org
- Federal Reserve History encyclopedia-style overview of the Fed federalreservehistory.org
- FRED data aggregator and ALFRED time series archive fred.stlouisfed.org
- FRASER fraser.stlouisfed.org
- Institute for Economic Equity
- Native Economic and Financial Education Empowerment
- Women in Economics podcast series and annual conference for students

Fed Partners, Collaborations, and Related Sites

- Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (Federal Reserve, FDIC, National Credit Union Association, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and Consumer Financial Protection Bureau) – ffiec.gov
 - FFIEC National Information Center (NIC) – ffiec.gov/npw
 - Federal regulators banking data – cdr.ffiec.gov/CDR
- Consumer Finance Protection Bureau – consumerfinance.gov

Information by Topic

Banking and Payments

- Overview [federalreserve.gov/paymentsystems.htm](https://www.federalreserve.gov/paymentsystems.htm)
- Banking supervision & regulation letters [federalreserve.gov/supervisionreg/srletters/srletters.htm](https://www.federalreserve.gov/supervisionreg/srletters/srletters.htm)
- Community Banking Research Conference (Fed, FDIC, and Conference of State Bank Supervisors) [communitybanking.org](https://www.communitybanking.org)
- Call Reports (Reports of condition and income)
 - 1916-1959 via FRASER (scanned page images)
 - 1976-2021 via Chicago Fed (tabular data)
 - 2021- via FFIEC National Information Center (NIC) (tabular data)
- CASSIDI – Competitive Analysis and Structure Source Instrument for Depository Institutions [cassidi.stlouisfed.org](https://www.cassidi.stlouisfed.org)
- Center for Financial Innovation and Stability (CenFIS) hosts Financial Markets Conference Dataset: Atlanta Survey of Consumer Payment Choice
- Dataset: Kansas City Financial Stress Index (FSI)
- Dataset: Kansas City Interchange Fees
- Dataset: Philadelphia Consumer Credit and Payments Statistics.
- Federal Reserve Services [frbservices.org](https://www.frbservices.org)
 - Treasury Services [frbservices.org/treasury-services](https://www.frbservices.org/treasury-services)
 - Webinars and education for the financial sector [frbservices.org/education/webinars](https://www.frbservices.org/education/webinars)
- FedNow [frbservices.org/financial-services/fednow](https://www.frbservices.org/financial-services/fednow)
 - FedNow information and data [bostonfed.org/payments-innovation.aspx](https://www.bostonfed.org/payments-innovation.aspx)
- U.S. Treasury services [frbservices.org/treasury-services](https://www.frbservices.org/treasury-services)

Community and Economic Development

- Community Development: [fedcommunities.org](https://www.fedcommunities.org)
- Center for Indian Country Development (Minneapolis)
- Central Bank Network for Indigenous Inclusion <https://www.rbnz.govt.nz/regulation-and-supervision/cross-sector-oversight/our-relationship-with-other-financial-regulators/central-bank-network-for-indigenous-inclusion>
- Fed, FDIC, and CSBS Community Banking Research Conference [communitybanking.org](https://www.communitybanking.org)
- Community Banking Connections – supervision and regulation information for community banks [communitybankingconnections.org](https://www.communitybankingconnections.org)
- Native Economic and Financial Education Empowerment (NEFEE) (St. Louis) [stlouisfed.org/en/education/native-economic-and-financial-education-empowerment](https://www.stlouisfed.org/en/education/native-economic-and-financial-education-empowerment)
- Consumer Finance Institute (Philadelphia)
- Consumer Finance Protection Bureau [consumerfinance.gov](https://www.consumerfinance.gov)
- Federal Reserve Education [federalreserveeducation.org](https://www.federalreserveeducation.org)
- Home Mortgage Disclosure Act data [federalreserve.gov/foia/rr_hmda.htm](https://www.federalreserve.gov/foia/rr_hmda.htm)
- Home Mortgage Explorer (Philadelphia and Cleveland)
- [Native American] Reservation Profiles (Minneapolis)
- Partnership for Progress – Minority-owned banks [fedpartnership.gov](https://www.fedpartnership.gov)
- Peer City Identification Tool (Chicago)
- Small Business: [fedsmallbusiness.org](https://www.fedsmallbusiness.org)

Macroeconomy, including Employment, Labor and Wages

- Applied Macroeconomics and Econometrics Center (New York) newyorkfed.org/research/amec
- Beige Book archive (1970-present) minneapolisfed.org/region-and-community/regional-economic-indicators/beige-book-archive
- Center for Inflation Research (Cleveland) clevelandfed.org/center-for-inflation-research
- Dataset: GDPNow (Atlanta) atlantafed.org/cqer/research/gdpnow
- Dataset: Hornstein-Kudlyak-Lange Non-Employment Index (Richmond) richmondfed.org/research/national_economy/non_employment_index
- Dataset: Livingston Survey of economists' expectations philadelphiafed.org/surveys-and-data/real-time-data-research/livingston-survey
- Dataset: Nowcast (New York) newyorkfed.org/research/policy/nowcast
- Dataset: SF Fed [Labor] Data Explorer frbsf.org/economic-research/sf-fed-data-explorer
- Dataset: Weather-Adjusted Non-Farm Employment Change (San Francisco) frbsf.org/economic-research/indicators-data/weather-adjusted-employment-change

International Economics and Finance

- Americas Center (Atlanta) tracks financial institutions and markets in Latin America, the Caribbean and Spain.
- Center for Pacific Basin Studies (San Francisco)
- Dataset: China's Macroeconomy (Atlanta)
- Dataset: China Cyclical Activity Tracker (San Francisco)
- Globalization Institute (Dallas) provides Global Economic Indicators, International House Price Database and Real-Time Historical Dataset for the OECD

Markets

- Overview: Open Market Operations federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/openmarket.htm
- The New York Fed operates the System's Open Market Trading Desk and provides most markets data:
 - Markets and Policy Implementation newyorkfed.org/markets
 - Markets Data Hub newyorkfed.org/markets/data-hub
 - Dataset: Survey of Primary Dealers
 - Dataset: Survey of Market Participants
 - Dataset: System Open Market Account (SOMA) Portfolio
 - Blog post (August 2013): Transparency and Sources of Information on the Federal Reserve's Operations, Income, and Balance Sheet libertystreeteconomics.newyorkfed.org/2013/08/transparency-and-sources-of-information-on-the-federal-reserves-operations-income-and-balance-sheet
- Dataset: Market Probability Tracker (Atlanta)
- Dataset: Market-Based Probabilities (Minneapolis)
- Dataset: Treasury Yield Premiums (San Francisco)

Monetary and Economic Policy

- Overview [federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy](https://www.federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy)
- Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) [federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/fomc.htm](https://www.federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/fomc.htm)
 - Historical materials starting with the FOMC's first modern meeting in 1936 [federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/fomc_historical.htm](https://www.federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/fomc_historical.htm)
 - Search across all publicly released FOMC materials, including memos and other materials released by FOIA request that are not part of the regular individual meeting collections [fedsearch.org/fomc-docs/search](https://www.fedsearch.org/fomc-docs/search)
 - Materials from FOMC predecessor groups on FRASER
 - Open Market Investment Committee (OMIC) (1923-1930) [fraser.stlouisfed.org/title/minutes-meetings-open-market-investment-committee-5187](https://www.fraser.stlouisfed.org/title/minutes-meetings-open-market-investment-committee-5187)
 - Open Market Policy Conference (OMPC) (1930-1933) [fraser.stlouisfed.org/title/minutes-meetings-open-market-policy-conference-5188](https://www.fraser.stlouisfed.org/title/minutes-meetings-open-market-policy-conference-5188)
 - Monetary policy materials released under FOIA [federalreserve.gov/foia/fomc/readingrooms.htm](https://www.federalreserve.gov/foia/fomc/readingrooms.htm)
- Twice-annual monetary policy reports to Congress [federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/publications/mpr_default.htm](https://www.federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/publications/mpr_default.htm)
- Jackson Hole annual policy conference (hosted by Kansas City) [kansascityfed.org/research/jackson-hole-economic-symposium/](https://www.kansascityfed.org/research/jackson-hole-economic-symposium/)
- Tools for teaching the new tools of monetary policy [stlouisfed.org/en/education/teaching-new-tools-of-monetary-policy](https://www.stlouisfed.org/en/education/teaching-new-tools-of-monetary-policy)
- How to read an FOMC statement <https://www.stlouisfed.org/open-vault/2019/may/how-read-fomc-statement>

Research, Data, and Other Information

- Board of Governors data and statistical publications [federalreserve.gov/data.htm](https://www.federalreserve.gov/data.htm)
 - Statistical Supplement to the Federal Reserve Bulletin (discontinued 2008) [federalreserve.gov/pubs/supplement/default.htm](https://www.federalreserve.gov/pubs/supplement/default.htm)
- Board of Governors FOIA policies and requests
 - [federalreserve.gov/foia/recordsmanagement.htm](https://www.federalreserve.gov/foia/recordsmanagement.htm)
 - [federalreserve.gov/foia/fomc/servicecenter.htm](https://www.federalreserve.gov/foia/fomc/servicecenter.htm)
- Federal Reserve Act and its amendments [federalreserve.gov/aboutthefed/fract.htm](https://www.federalreserve.gov/aboutthefed/fract.htm)
- Federal Reserve System Annual Audited Financial Statements [federalreserve.gov/aboutthefed/audited-annual-financial-statements.htm](https://www.federalreserve.gov/aboutthefed/audited-annual-financial-statements.htm)
- Federal Reserve FAQs [federalreserve.gov/faqs/allfaq.htm](https://www.federalreserve.gov/faqs/allfaq.htm)
- Federal Reserve History [federalreservehistory.org](https://www.federalreservehistory.org)
- Federal Reserve Office of Minority and Women Inclusion (OMWI) information and data [federalreserve.gov/aboutthefed/omwi-regulated-entities-self-assessments.htm](https://www.federalreserve.gov/aboutthefed/omwi-regulated-entities-self-assessments.htm)

- Federal Reserve System publications index [fedinprint.org](https://www.fedinprint.org)
 - FRASER Blog: Federal Reserve Research Publications (March 2018 overview) fraser.stlouisfed.org/blog/2018/03/federal-reserve-research-publications
 - FRASER: Economic Review Publications of Federal Reserve Banks (as of 2019) fraser.stlouisfed.org/files/docs/EconomicReviews-HistoryAndAvailability.pdf
- Federal Reserve System records
 - Records of the Federal Reserve System [archives.gov/research/guide-fed-records/groups/082.html](https://www.archives.gov/research/guide-fed-records/groups/082.html)
 - Hyperlinked Finding Aid to Record Group 82 at the National Archives and Records Administration fraser.stlouisfed.org/archival-collection/records-federal-reserve-system-1344/records-federal-reserve-system-469170
- Beyond the Numbers (BTN) Conference for librarians and other information professionals (St. Louis) research.stlouisfed.org/conferences/beyond-the-numbers
- Center for Advancement of Data and Research in Economics (CADRE) Current Population Survey data (Kansas City) cps.kansascityfed.org
- Research Database, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis researchdatabase.minneapolisfed.org
- FRED data aggregator includes data from the Board and most Banks along with federal, international, and academic data fred.stlouisfed.org