



What is the  
**FED?**

PROMOTING A STABLE ECONOMY

# The Federal Reserve

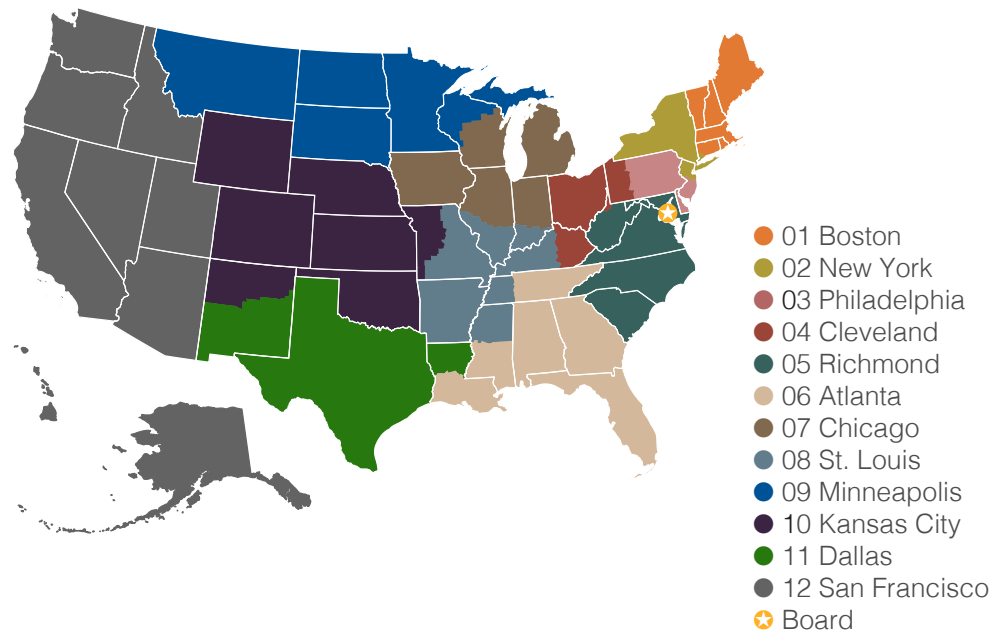
Serves the **public interest** as the nation's central bank by working to **promote prosperity** for people and businesses across America.

As a decentralized central bank, we can more closely **monitor economic conditions** and understand challenges facing communities and small businesses in different parts of the country.



**The Fed comprises 12 regional Reserve Banks** that operate independently and represent their respective areas' interests, with oversight from the Board of Governors in Washington DC. The Fed's responsibilities are

- Setting monetary policy
- Supervising and regulating banks and fostering financial stability
- Maintaining and ensuring the safety of the nation's payments system
- Conducting research and community outreach



## Why were we created?



The Federal Reserve serves America. The country needs an entity that can lend emergency funds to financial institutions, prevent bank runs, and keep money and credit flowing throughout the economy. Calls for financial reform in the early 1900s led Congress to write the Federal Reserve Act, which was signed into law by President Woodrow Wilson in 1913 and created the Federal Reserve.

## What are our goals?



Congress has given the Fed what's called a "dual mandate," and we pursue it mainly by influencing interest rates and financial conditions:

- **Price stability**, so that your dollar is worth about the same tomorrow as it is today
- **Maximum employment**, so that as many people who want jobs have jobs

## Board of Governors



- The main governing body of the Federal Reserve System
- Chair, Vice Chair, Vice Chair of Supervision, 4 Additional Governors
- The Board is a federal agency whose leaders are nominated by the president and confirmed by the Senate.
- It is accountable to Congress, which designed the Fed to carry out its responsibilities free from short-term political influence.

## FOMC | Federal Open Market Committee



The FOMC is the Fed's body for setting monetary policy. It comprises the Federal Reserve governors and the Reserve Bank presidents, who share insights into regional conditions in their Districts. The FOMC, which meets about 8 times a year,

- Reviews regional financial and economic conditions and releases economic projections
- Sets monetary policy by voting on key decisions about interest rates
- Issues public communications regarding its decisions

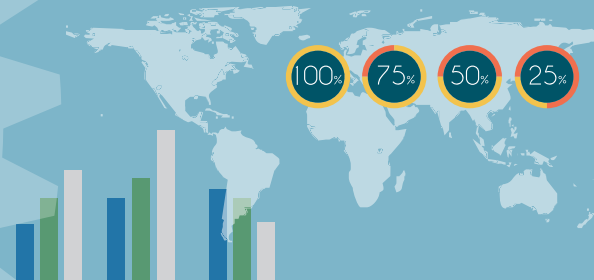
# THE CLEVELAND FED: who we are and what we do



**Banking Oversight** We promote financial stability and consumer protection through both the supervision of regional financial institutions and our financial market stress monitoring that keeps track of current risks. We also have a particular focus on combating cyber threats to the financial system.

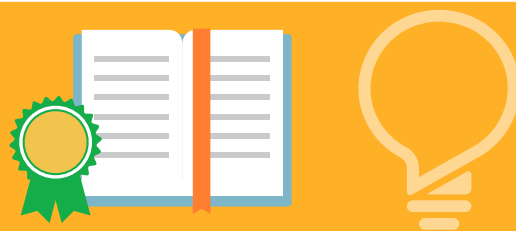


**Community and Economic Development** We conduct research, policy analysis, and community outreach to promote the resilience and mobility of low- and moderate-income communities. We partner with and bring together organizations within our region and across the nation.



**Economic Research** We study economic activity, inflation, banking and finance, and monetary policy to help inform policymakers, researchers, and the public.

**Center for Inflation Research** The center offers a combination of research, analyses, data, and background materials to improve understanding about inflation and the factors that influence it.



**Financial Education** Through our creative programs and interactive exhibits in our Learning Center and Money Museum, we develop relationships with regional civic, nonprofit, and education organizations to offer financial education to help students and adults think critically about money decisions.



**Financial Services** In addition to maintaining enough cash for public demand, we manage revenue collections for agencies of the US Treasury via phone, web, and mobile platforms built by our developers. Passport fees, taxes, and national park entrance tickets are just some of the payments the Cleveland Fed collects.

# OUR VALUES

## **Accountability**

We own our actions, deliver on our commitments, and actively support our Bank's goals

## **Excellence**

We perform our responsibilities with the highest standards of quality to achieve exceptional outcomes

## **Inclusion**

We embrace diverse talents and perspectives, support collaboration, and encourage the open exchange of ideas

## **Innovation**

We develop creative strategies and solutions in pursuit of continuous improvement

## **Integrity**

We are honest, respectful, and ethical in all aspects of our work

## **Service**

We commit to serve the public and to earn their trust and confidence every day



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