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# Our Work. Our People.

Our mission is to promote stable prices, encourage maximum sustainable economic growth and support financial stability. We approach this mission from a variety of directions.

For example, our economists conduct regional, national and international economic research. Other staff members supervise financial institutions to help ensure their safety and soundness. Financial services are provided to the District's banks and to the U.S. Treasury to keep the nation's payment system running efficiently. The Bank develops financial and economic education curricula and programs for pre-K through college and beyond. The St. Louis Fed also works within communities to foster innovation and partnerships in community development.

The numbers that follow provide a glimpse of our work and our people over the past year.

*All numbers are as of Dec. 31, 2015.*



**1,212** employees, the majority of them at the District's headquarters in St. Louis and most of the rest at the three branches, in Little Rock, Ark., Louisville, Ky., and Memphis, Tenn.

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Supervisor of **128** state-chartered banks, as well as **522** bank and savings and loan holding companies.

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**1.1 billion** singles, fives, tens and other currency notes were inspected to ensure fitness for circulation — **128,480** pounds of which were no longer fit and shredded.

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As fiscal agent to the U.S. Treasury and its Do Not Pay program, the St. Louis Fed helped federal agencies identify **\$7,260,123** of improper payments, helping eliminate payment error, waste, fraud and abuse.

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The call-in and in-person information sessions hosted by the St. Louis Fed on recent financial and regulatory developments attracted a total audience of more than **15,000** bankers, regulators and other industry participants.

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**3,299** pieces of currency were removed from circulation by the Bank because they were suspected of being counterfeit.

Our economic database—Federal Reserve Economic Data, better known as FRED®—grew to **294,000** data series, available free of charge to all.

People from **194** countries used FRED in 2015.



The St. Louis Fed's economic research division was ranked:

**No. 5** among research departments at all central banks around the world;

**No. 31** among all research institutions around the U.S.; and

**No. 53** among all research institutions around the world.

**2 million**

items of economic research from around the world that anyone can access at any time for free via IDEAS, the world's largest bibliographic database dedicated to economics

*IDEAS is a RePEc (Research Papers in Economics) service hosted by the research division of the St. Louis Fed.*

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**709,000** enrollments in the Bank's online economic education courses

**459,975** students were reached through educators who attended our economic education programs.



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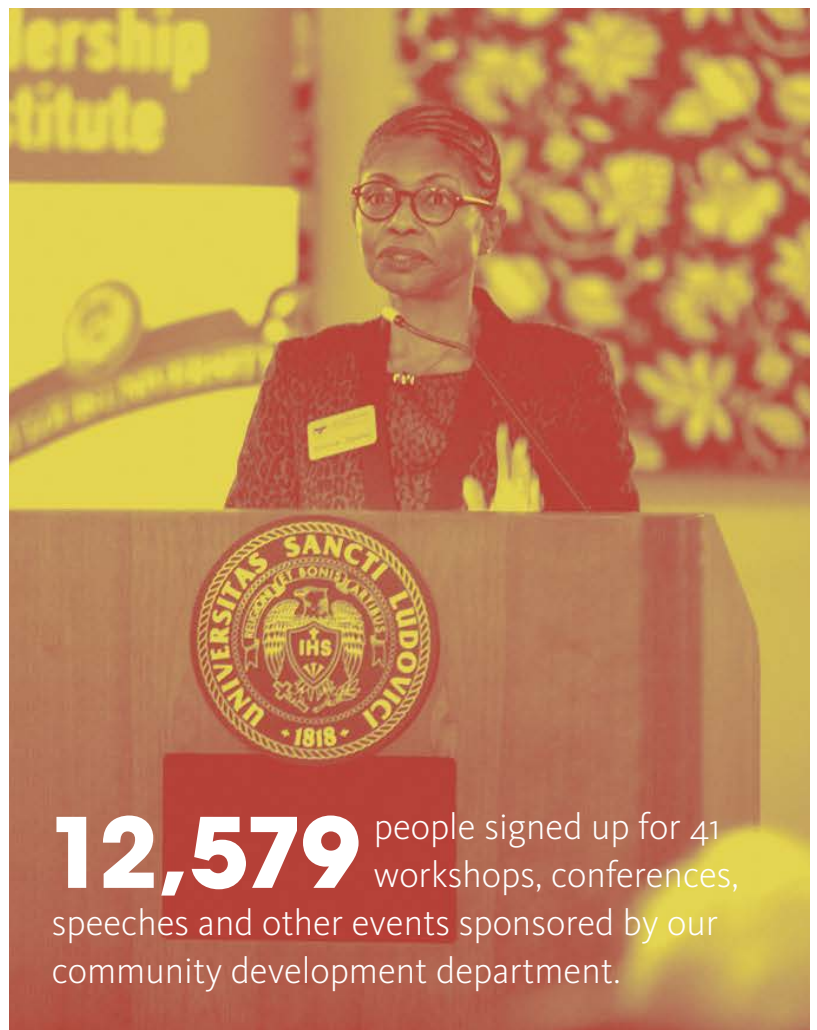
**40.7** million pageviews of the St. Louis Fed's websites (start at [stlouisfed.org](http://stlouisfed.org))

**177,719** pageviews of our St. Louis Fed On the Economy blog

**55,094** followers on Twitter  
[@stlouisfed](https://twitter.com/stlouisfed) 

**35,161** subscribers to our online and print publications

**92,934** pageviews of The FRED Blog



**12,579** people signed up for 41 workshops, conferences, speeches and other events sponsored by our community development department.

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**465** people attended Dialogue with the Fed events, our evening lecture series for the public.

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**12,700** people visited the *Inside the Economy*<sup>®</sup> Museum at the St. Louis Fed in its first full year of operation. The museum received the Association of Midwest Museums' 2015 *Best Practices Award*.



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More than

**10,000**

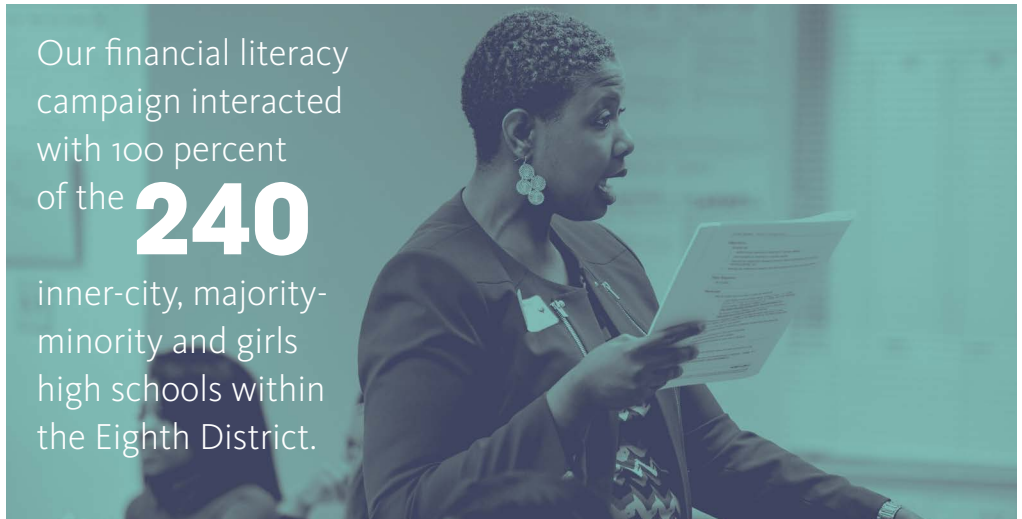
people across the country signed up for the new *myRA* (My Retirement Account), which the U.S. Treasury Department launched in late 2015 with the help of the St. Louis Fed's Treasury Relations and Support Office.



Our financial literacy campaign interacted with 100 percent of the

**240**

inner-city, majority-minority and girls high schools within the Eighth District.



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**12,723**

people attended **127** presentations sponsored by our public speakers bureau.

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**180 tons**

of various kinds of waste that in the past would have gone to landfills were recycled or composted.

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**\$211,920**

donated by employees to the United Way of Greater St. Louis.

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**\$33,300**

raised by employees to help support food banks and feeding programs for the needy in the St. Louis area.

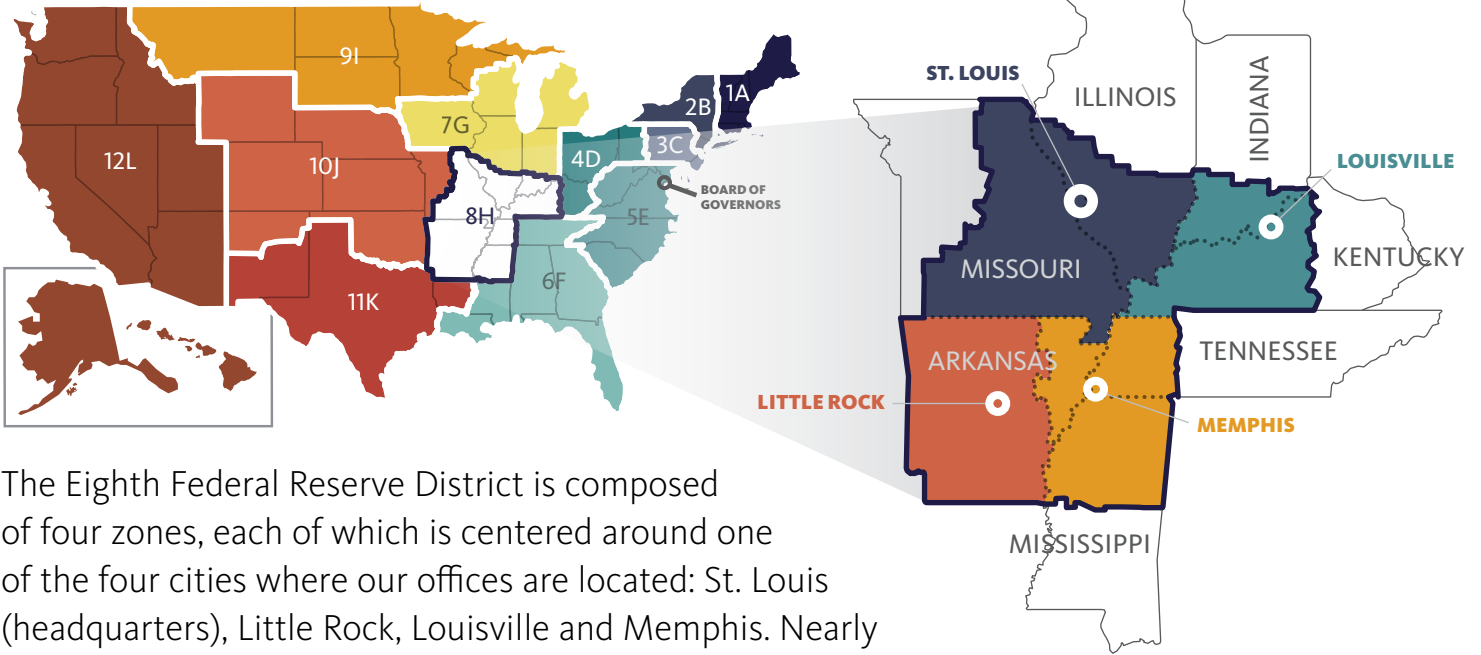
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**27,630**

hours spent by internal auditors reviewing St. Louis Fed operations.

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# THE Eighth District—8H



The Eighth Federal Reserve District is composed of four zones, each of which is centered around one of the four cities where our offices are located: St. Louis (headquarters), Little Rock, Louisville and Memphis. Nearly 15 million people live in the Eighth Federal Reserve District.



*Louisville—Churchill Downs*



*Little Rock—Clinton Presidential Center*



*Memphis—Orpheum Theatre*