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.

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

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.

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.

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.
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.

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

709,000 enrollments in the Bank’s online economic education courses.

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40.7 million pageviews of the St. Louis Fed’s websites (start at stlouisfed.org)

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

55,094 followers on Twitter @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.

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

12,700 people visited the Inside the Economy® 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.
Our financial literacy campaign interacted with 100 percent of the 240 inner-city, majority-minority and girls high schools within the Eighth District.

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.

12,723 people attended 127 presentations sponsored by our public speakers bureau.

$211,920 donated by employees to the United Way of Greater St. Louis.

$33,300 raised by employees to help support food banks and feeding programs for the needy in the St. Louis area.

27,630 hours spent by internal auditors reviewing St. Louis Fed operations.

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