In January 1993, the first issue of the Regional Economist debuted. The three articles focused on health insurance, the business cycle and exports from our District. The editor then was James Bullard, now president and CEO of the St. Louis Fed.

The issue you are reading is the 100th of this quarterly publication. Much has changed over the past 25 years—the magazine is bigger, readership has mushroomed (thanks largely to our web presence), the topics span from the local to the international, and all articles are now written by our economists (but still in layman’s language).

To prepare RE for its next 100 issues, we’re introducing some changes in the coming year:

- Articles will be published online (www.stlouisfed.org/re) as they are finished—one every two weeks or so. This will ensure that they don’t become outdated while waiting for the next quarter’s release. We think online readers will also appreciate the one-article-at-a-time approach. (Print subscribers will continue to receive this magazine—with all of the articles—in their mailbox four times a year.)
- The online version of RE will be redesigned to reflect our new approach of continuous publishing. Check it once in a while to see what’s new. (Readers who already subscribe to receive an email when a new issue is published will receive in the future an email when each new article is posted. Sign up for this email newsletter at www.stlouisfed.org/subscribe/re.)
- The print version of RE will also be redesigned—the first new look since 2008.

We hope you like the changes.

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