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## **SURVEY INDICATES DECLINE IN LMI COMMUNITY MODERATES**

Most indicators of economic and financial conditions in the Tenth Federal Reserve District's low- to moderate-income (LMI) community were flat or modestly improved in the fourth quarter, according to the [Kansas City Fed's quarterly LMI Survey](#). The results indicate that the pace of decline in the LMI community continues to moderate.

The quarterly survey measures the economic conditions of LMI populations and the organizations that serve them in the Kansas City Fed's seven-state District. Results from the survey are used to construct five indicators of economic conditions in LMI communities and two indicators of the conditions of LMI-focused organizations. LMI populations are those with incomes of less than 80 percent of an area's median income.

The survey's broadest measures of the financial status of the District's LMI population, the LMI Financial Condition Index and the LMI Service Needs Index, stayed below neutral, suggesting that economic recovery remains elusive in the LMI community. Unemployment, rising fuel prices, continuing foreclosure activity and tight credit were among the concerns cited by survey respondents. However, many respondents reported stabilization in the job market, and expectations were neutral regarding jobs and affordable housing.

Among organizations responding to the survey, demand for services was flat in the fourth quarter, but some reported an increase in demand due to weather-related issues, including utility bill assistance, shelter assistance and recovery from house fires in urban areas. LMI organizations have also reported declines in financial resources since the second quarter of 2010, but so far, most have been able to maintain staffing levels and other nonfinancial resources.

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