



About the LMI Economic Conditions Report

Tenth District LMI Economic Conditions

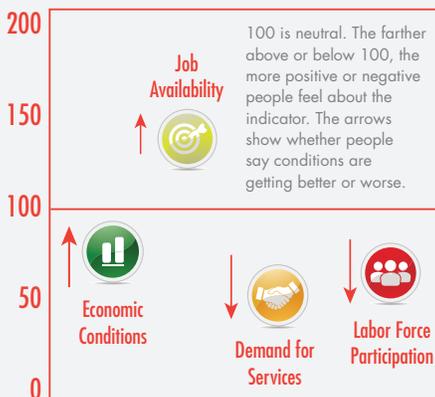
assesses the economic health of low- and moderate-income (LMI) people and communities in the Tenth District.

“LMI” means a person’s income is below 80 percent of the area median household income. The household income amount varies from **\$61,053** in Denver to **\$49,270** in Kansas City and to **\$40,041** in rural Oklahoma.



About the surveys

The Kansas City Fed surveys people who work in organizations that directly serve LMI people. The survey, sent twice a year, asks if conditions are getting better or worse in general and for certain indicators. The report also includes research on a special topic. In this issue, it is the impact of the partial shutdown of the federal government on housing assistance programs.



LMI economic conditions may be stabilizing



The index is approaching neutral (100) for the first time since the survey began in 2009, suggesting that the LMI community may be stabilizing after a decade of sluggishness. The index jumped from 73.2 in July 2018, to 93.1 in January 2019, the latest survey.



The LMI job availability index advanced to its highest level since the survey started in 2009. It rose from 130.8 to 135.7 in the January survey.

Issues, however, linger



The demand for services like food assistance, shelter and indigent health care is expected to increase for the LMI population.

A higher demand for services is associated with poorer financial conditions. The index for expectations fell sharply to 47.2 from 56.9.



Labor force participation rate is 44 percent for those in LMI households, down from 44.6 percent in December 2017. The rate is much lower than the non-LMI District rate of 64.7 percent.

38.2%

of survey respondents said affordable housing had become less available.

“We are seeing more low-income families doubling up in housing due to the lack of housing, especially safe, affordable housing.”

- Survey respondent