



Staff at the Omaha Branch focus on economic research, public outreach, community development, bank supervision, information technology and financial services. The Omaha Branch serves as Nebraska's connection to the nation's central bank through relationships with businesses and communities across the state who have insights into local economic conditions and concerns.

Branch Focus Areas

- Provide ongoing information and analysis on Nebraska's economy.
- Lead research on the agricultural economy for the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City and the Federal Reserve System.
- Build relationships, coordinate public outreach, and promote economic and financial education and greater knowledge of the Federal Reserve.
- Support community development through research, resources and relationships with organizations working to support lower income communities.
- Promote a safe, stable and competitive banking system through the supervision and regulation of financial institutions while also providing proactive outreach to state member banks and bank holding companies.
- Provide high-quality operational and support services to the U.S. Treasury.

Nebraska Engagement

- Host events and speak to groups across the state to provide updates on the regional and national economy.
- Meet with business and community leaders to learn about local economic conditions and gather wide-ranging perspectives on the economy.
- Assist communities throughout the state and region explore ways to increase economic opportunity for lower income populations.
- Work with all financial institutions to provide a comprehensive suite of financial services to meet their operational needs.
- Collaborate with Nebraska schools and partner organizations to help support understanding of economic, financial, and career topics.

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Nate Kauffman

Senior Vice President and
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In his role as the Bank's lead economist and representative in the state of Nebraska, Nate Kauffman provides strategic direction and oversight for the Omaha Branch, regional research, and economic outreach throughout the state.

In addition, Nate is the Kansas City Fed's principal expert in agricultural economics. He is a leading voice on the agricultural economic throughout the seven states of the Tenth Federal Reserve District and the broader Federal Reserve System.



About the Federal Reserve System

The Federal Reserve Act of 1913 established the Federal Reserve System as the central bank of the United States to provide the nation with a safer, more flexible, and more stable monetary and financial system. The Federal Reserve System includes the Board of Governors, located in Washington, D.C., 12 regional Federal Reserve Banks located around the nation, and the Federal Open Market Committee, which sets U.S. monetary policy.

About the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City

The more than 2,000 employees of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City serve the public across a seven-state region that includes Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Wyoming, northern New Mexico and western Missouri. Headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, the Kansas City Fed also has Branch offices in Denver, Oklahoma City and Omaha.

About the Omaha Branch Board of Directors

Each Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City has its own seven-member board of directors. Four directors are appointed by the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, and three are appointed by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in Washington, D.C. Branch directors serve three-year terms and provide their respective Branch executives with insight on regional economic conditions as well as offer advice and counsel.

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