



Kansas City Fed seeks thoughts on housing

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Housing workers are invited to take our survey to help the Kansas City Fed respond to housing challenges in the Tenth District.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City launched a survey on housing, open through April 28. It asks people to rank the importance of various challenges to housing and to answer a few open-ended questions. The survey takes less than 10 minutes to complete.

We are looking for a mix of knowledgeable opinions. What we learn will help the Kansas City Fed help communities respond to housing challenges in the Tenth District. The District includes Colorado, Kansas, western Missouri, Nebraska, northern New Mexico, Oklahoma and Wyoming.

There are many challenges. From rising materials costs to low wages, the racial wealth gap to unfair lease provisions – and more – these challenges mean a safe and affordable place to live is [increasingly out of reach](#).

We want to hear from affordable housing funders, builders and providers, groups that work with tenants and homeowners, elected officials, business and neighborhood leaders, and more.

We plan to release the survey results this summer. The results will guide us as we conduct research, help shape policy and engage stakeholders.

If your work connects with housing, please use <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/housing-kcfed> to give us your opinion by 5 p.m., April 28, 2021. If you would be willing to share with other individuals or groups involved in housing in your area, we would appreciate it.

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Jennifer Wilding, a community development specialist for the Kansas City Fed, provides communications, engagement, and research for the community development department. Wilding edits the Kansas City Fed's community development newsletter, "[Community Connections](#)" and takes on special projects. For example, she serves as project director for a community-engaged research partnership. The Kansas City Fed, a nonprofit and a neighborhood organization joined together to hear from neighborhood residents about broadband internet. The report will be shared nationwide. Before joining the Kansas City Fed in 2018, she was executive director of Consensus KC, a nonprofit consulting firm specializing in public policy and civic engagement. She worked on philanthropically funded projects in metro Kansas City, and for clients here and around the U.S. Wilding holds a B.A. in urban affairs from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Her hobby is letterpress printing, using a 1,500-pound cast-iron press from the late 1800s. Highlights of her work include: [Getting to 'We Have a Deal.'](#) The three-part article shares how Investment Connection bridges bankers and community-based organizations. The article is on [Fed Communities](#), the national website about the Fed's work in communities. [Disconnected: Seven lessons on fixing the digital divide.](#) A layperson's guide to putting broadband, devices and training within reach of a community. [Focus groups with unemployed individuals](#) and with people from nonprofits that serve them, held in Chicago, Detroit, Denver and Kansas City. **About the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City** The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City is one of 12 regional Reserve Banks that, along with the Board of Governors in Washington, D.C., make up our nation's central bank. We work in the public's interest by supporting economic and financial stability. The Kansas City Fed's territory includes Colorado, Kansas, western Missouri, Nebraska, northern New Mexico, Oklahoma and Wyoming. Our headquarters is in Kansas City, with branch offices in Denver, Omaha and Oklahoma City. The Kansas City Fed Community Development Department promotes economic development and public understanding that leads to progress for lower-income individuals and communities. Our focus areas include community development investments, digital inclusion, small business / entrepreneurship, and workforce development.