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Does your organization work to help low- and moderate-income populations? The Kansas City Fed seeks your help in understanding the economic conditions of the populations you serve. Sign up to take the Community Conditions Survey - just four times over two years - and you can help inform national monetary policy decisions.

The survey tracks low- and moderate-income community conditions. We share the results with the Kansas City Fed president and incorporate them into the Beige Book, which characterizes regional economic conditions based on mostly qualitative information. The Kansas City Fed also releases the survey results and uses what you tell us to create and adjust our own community development programming.

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Steven Howland is an associate economist in the community development department of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. Howland performs analyses on various surveys, such as the Community Insights Survey, and those at the System level to provide insight on the conditions of LMI communities in the Kansas City District. He also conducts independent research that gives more insight into issues affecting LMI communities. Howland joined the Kansas City Fed in August 2020 after a career as a college instructor and researcher. Howland has undergraduate and graduate degrees in urban and environmental planning from Arizona State University and has a doctorate in urban studies from Portland State University. Howland enjoys reading both academic works and sci-fi/fantasy novels as well as playing video and board games. Post-pandemic, he looks forward to getting on some roller coasters and visiting craft breweries. Highlights of his work include: “I should have moved somewhere else’: The impacts of gentrification on transportation and social support for Black working-poor families in Portland, Oregon” “Evictions and the pandemic economy in the Tenth District” To learn more about Steven: Howland researches issues facing disadvantaged populations - Federal Reserve Bank of 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 / entrepreneurism, and workforce development.

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