

Tenth District Services Growth Eased Slightly in May

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. - The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City released the May Services Survey today. According to Chad Wilkerson, senior vice president at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, the survey revealed that Tenth District growth eased slightly in May, and expectations for the future cooled somewhat.

"Growth in regional services activity slowed slightly in May but remained positive," said Wilkerson. "Expectations for future activity also eased, and a majority of firms are expecting cost increases to be similar to or slightly less than last year."

A summary of the survey is attached. Historical data, results from past surveys and release dates for future surveys are available at www.kansascityfed.org/surveys/services-survey/.

The Kansas City Fed's monthly Survey of Tenth District Services provides information on several indicators of activity including sales, revenue, employment and capital spending, while identifying changes in prices of input materials and selling prices. Survey participants represent a variety of industries, including retail and wholesale trade, automobile dealers, transportation, information, high-tech and professional services, real estate, education, restaurants, health services, tourism and other services firms.

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