



About the Omaha Branch

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The Omaha Branch is one of three branches of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. Staff at the Omaha Branch focus on economic research, public outreach, community development, bank supervision, information technology and financial services.

We support the Federal Reserve's roles in:

- Monetary policy, including reporting on local and state-wide economic conditions
- Bank supervision and regulation of Nebraska financial institutions
- Financial services including work for the U.S. Treasury

We work to understand the region's economy and serve as a resource to Nebraska businesses and communities. Our staff:

- Provide insight 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 economic development](#) through research, resources and relationships with organizations working to support low- and moderate-income and disadvantaged 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.
- Host [Economic Forums](#) and speak to groups across the state to provide insights on the regional and national economy.
- Meet with community and business leaders to learn about local [economic conditions](#) and gather diverse perspectives on the economy.
- Provide high-quality operational and support services to the U.S. Treasury.

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Omaha Branch Board of Directors

Each Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City has its own seven-member Board of Directors. The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City appoints four of these directors, while the Board of Governors in Washington, D.C. appoints the other three directors. Branch directors serve three-year terms and provide Omaha Branch Executive [Nate Kauffman](#) with insight on regional economic conditions as well as advice and counsel.

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Omaha Branch Executive Nate Kauffman visits Conestoga Elementary School in Omaha as part of Teach Children to Save Day in 2019.



Omaha Branch Executive Nate Kauffman shares an update on Nebraska's Economy during an Economic Forum in Kearney, Nebraska.



The Omaha Branch Board of Directors, Kansas City Fed leadership, and R&R Realty Group leadership during a tour of the Waterford Building in 2023.