



Black History Month tools and resources from the Kansas City Fed

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Review a collection of research and publications developed by the Kansas City Fed to help commemorate Black History Month.

In honor of Black History Month, the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City has curated a variety of tools and resources that can help individuals, households and classrooms commemorate this important time of year. Explore the materials, developed by experts in economic research, history and education, below.

Historical publications and perspectives

- **A Great Moral and Social Force: A History of Black Banks**

This latest historical publication from the Kansas City Fed is a reference on Black community banks in the United States and serves as a guide to help all Americans think differently about our relationships with banks.

- **Let Us Put Our Money Together: The Founding of America's First Black Banks**

This book explores the history of black-owned and run financial institutions throughout the United States that provided financial opportunities for individuals and businesses within minority communities. A virtual Money Museum exhibit gives an overview of the book [here](#).

- **Progress Through Parity: How Minority Banks Changed the Financial Landscape**

This material examines primary source documents and recently published non-fictional text about the history and unique role of the first Black-owned and operated financial institutions in the U.S. in this classroom-ready lesson.

- **The past, present and future of Black Wall Street**

This edition of the *Oklahoma Economist* reviews the history of Black Wall Street, its economy in recent years and current efforts that hold promise for its future.

Banking and Payments research and resources

- **Inside the rise of Black consumer cryptocurrency ownership**

Historical factors and forward-looking views help explain why cryptocurrency has become especially popular among Black consumers. Historical factors and forward-looking views help explain why cryptocurrency has become especially popular among Black consumers.

- **Promoting Payment Inclusion in the United States**

In recent decades, entities in both the public and private sectors have worked to promote payment inclusion in the United States, whether by expanding the supply of transaction accounts or boosting consumer demand for them. However, more research and data collection are needed to better define and measure payment inclusion as well as evaluate how effective efforts have been to improve it.

Interested in finding mission driven lenders, including Minority Depository Institutions (MDI) and Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI)? See [MDI and CDFI locations in your area](#). Additional information is available through our [Community Development Investments Resource Guide](#).

Classroom tools

- **Negro Leagues Microlessons**

Engage students in the history and economics of Negro Leagues Baseball through inquiry-based, skill-building activities that also promote diversity. Click [here](#) to see the virtual Money Museum exhibit exploring the economic impact of the leagues.

- **Culturally relevant resources**

Explore these standards-based resources for educators to incorporate cultural relevance into the classroom for a variety of students.

- **Black Women Business Startups**

Access recent research and video testimonials focused on black female business owners and the unprecedented growth their startups have experienced over the past two decades, including a summary of national data and first-person interviews about their motivation, challenges, and support systems.

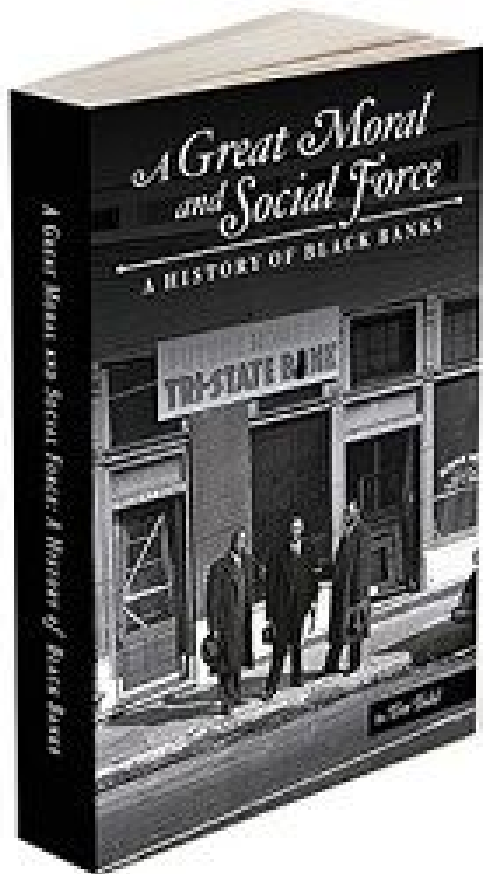
Entrepreneurship and small-business development

- **Small Businesses of Color Recovery Guide**

As the nation continues to work toward economic equity, and the demographics of the United States continue to change, the necessity of supporting the recovery of Small Businesses of Color (SBOCs) becomes imperative. The purpose of this guide is to help support the recovery of these businesses by providing readers with a range of ideas in the areas of small business credit and capital, education and training, policy recommendations, and community support.

- **Building Entrepreneurship Ecosystems in Communities of Color**

This guide gives ecosystem builders and local developers an overview of key concepts, and general recommendations on how to use entrepreneurship ecosystem building to develop high-growth entrepreneurship in communities of color.



Click [here](#) for a complimentary copy of the latest historical publication for the Kansas City Fed.

Triple Play: Economic Impact

Bob Kendrick, President of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, explains the history and impact of Black baseball.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LBJ_SXbckBY&t=19s