

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK of KANSAS CITY

OMAHA BRANCH



For nearly 100 years, the Omaha Branch has served as a local connection to the nation's central bank. Located in downtown Omaha, the Branch has approximately 50 employees working in the areas of economic research, public outreach, community development, bank supervision, information technology and payments.

Branch Focus Areas:

- Provide insight and analysis on Nebraska's economy.
- Lead agricultural research 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 bankers, economic developers and small business owners.
- 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.

Nebraska Engagement:

- Work closely with Nebraska schools to equip educators with appropriate resources and training to teach economic and personal finance concepts.
- Assist communities throughout the state and region explore the benefits of entrepreneurship-based economic development.
- Host Economic Forums and speak to groups across the state to provide updates on the regional and national economy.
- Meet with business and community leaders to learn about local economic conditions and gather diverse perspectives on the economy.

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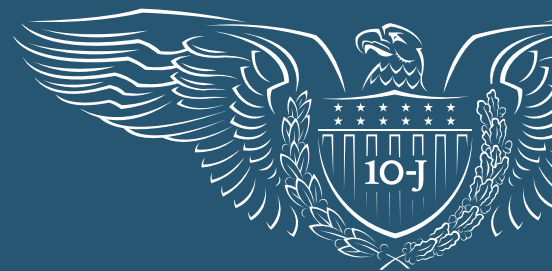
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Assistant Vice President
Branch Executive

Nathan Kauffman is assistant vice president and Omaha Branch Executive. In this role, he is the Kansas City Fed's regional economist and lead officer in the state of Nebraska. He is responsible for briefing the Kansas City Fed's president on business activity in the state.

Nathan is also the Kansas City Fed's lead expert in agricultural economics. He oversees several Bank and Federal Reserve System initiatives to track agricultural and rural economies.



About the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City

The Federal Reserve Act in 1913 established a framework for a decentralized central bank, one that included a regional structure of 12 Reserve Banks around the country. The Act also extended that regional presence by providing for Branch offices. The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City serves seven states: Kansas, western Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Colorado and northern New Mexico. There are three Branches in the Tenth District in Denver, Oklahoma City and Omaha.

Esther George is president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. She serves on the Federal Open Market Committee, which has authority over U.S. monetary policy.

Omaha Branch Board of Directors

Serving on the Branch Board

Each Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City has its own seven-member Board of Directors. Four of these directors are appointed by the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City while three are appointed by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in Washington, D.C. Branch directors serve three-year terms and provide their respective Branch executives with insight on regional economic conditions as well as offer advice and counsel.

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