

Welcome to the Atlanta Research Data Center (ARDC)

Congratulations on obtaining approval to undertake research in the Atlanta Census Research Data Center!

The ARDC is located at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (FRBA), which is at the corner of Peachtree St. and 10th St. in Midtown, Atlanta. This packet contains the following information:

- (1) Information about the process of obtaining regular access to the Federal Reserve Bank building,
- (2) Rules pertaining to your access to and time spent inside the Federal Reserve Bank building, and
- (3) Local information about parking, hotels, and restaurants.

If you have any questions as you review the attached information, please do not hesitate to email Julie Hotchkiss, Executive Director of the ARDC (julie.L.Hotchkiss@atl.frb.org).

Access to the Federal Reserve Building

In addition to your Census badge, which you must have to gain access to the RDC physical space, you will also need a Federal Reserve ARDC badge which will grant you access to the Fed building 24/7. When you schedule your orientation for doing research in the ARDC, you will also have your photo taken for your Fed badge. This all should be able to take place on your first visit to the RDC.

Wireless Access while at the Fed

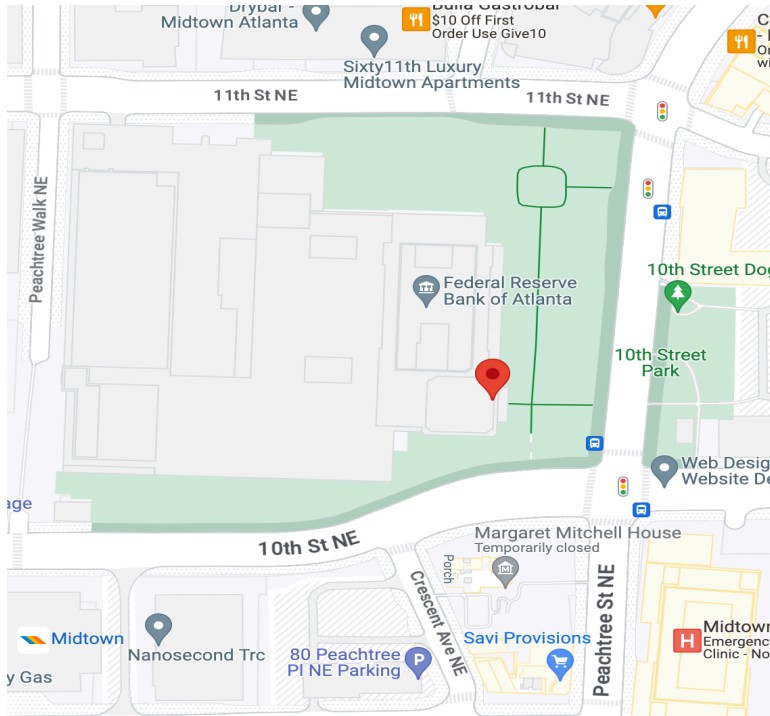
There are workstations outside of the secure space where researchers can use their laptop computers to access the internet and do other work. There are no PCs set up for use; anyone wanting to do work outside the secure space is expected to bring their own laptop. The desktop computer in the lobby is for the use of the ARDC Research Assistance.

The guest wireless network at the Fed is called "Edwin." You will receive an email with your guest WiFi credentials. If you don't receive this, please tell the RDC Administrator on your first visit. There are lockers outside of the secure space in which laptops and other personal items can be stored.

Rules and Regulations

1. Identification Badges: Occupants are required to wear and display Fed issued photo identification badge at all times while in the Building.
2. To be somewhat consistent with the Federal Reserve Bank's dress code, we encourage researchers to dress business casual when working in the RDC. Denim is acceptable. Shorts are not.
3. Sound Devices: Occupants are not permitted to operate any musical or sound producing instrument or device inside or outside the ARDC which may be heard outside the ARDC, or operate any electrical device from which may emanate electrical waves which may interfere with or impair radio or television broadcasting or reception from or in the building or elsewhere.
4. Intoxication: The Fed reserves the right to exclude or expel from the ARDC or the building any person who, in the judgment of Fed Law Enforcement, is intoxicated or under the influence of liquor or other drugs, or who shall in any manner do any act in violation of any of the rules and regulations. Except in approved areas designated by the Fed, no open liquor is permitted in or about the Building.
5. Toilet Rooms: The toilet rooms, urinals, wash bowls and the other bathroom apparatus shall not be used for any purpose other than that for which they were constructed, and no foreign substance of any kind whatsoever shall be thrown therein.
6. Smoking: Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the building except in designated areas. Outside of the Building, smoking is not permitted in the courtyards adjacent to the cafeteria, the plazas in front of the building, the rear lobby entrance, and the MARTA entrance. The only designated smoking area is the smoking room located on the 3rd floor, at the end of the hallway through the cafeteria, near the emergency exits.
7. Emergency Drills: The Fed may, from time to time, conduct emergency drills, such as emergency fire drills. All occupants at the time of the drill shall cooperate with Fed Law Enforcement and participate in any emergency drills conducted.
8. Non-Public Areas: Tenant shall not go onto the roof of the Building or any other non-public areas of the Building.
9. Publicity and Photography: Occupants shall not use the name, pictures, or drawings of the Building in advertising or other publicity. No photography is permitted in the Building.
10. No one is permitted to bring weapons, explosives, illegal or hazardous substances or chemical or biological agents into the building or onto the property. The Fed's Law Enforcement personnel may decide in their sole discretion whether any items fit this description or may otherwise be prohibited from the building.
11. Food preparation: Occupants shall not cook or otherwise prepare any food in the ARDC, including the use of coffee pots or microwaves. Occupants have full access to the Fed cafeteria (which has microwaves and vending machines) and the Fed café located on the 3rd floor of the building.
12. Once Law Enforcement clears your security status, access to the FRBA will be available for an indefinite amount of time, but can be revoked at any time.

Main Entrance to the Federal Reserve Bank



Bank
Entrance
facing
Peachtree St.

Atlanta Research Data Center (ARDC) is located on the 2nd floor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta building

A NOTE ABOUT BANK SECURITY PROCEDURES

All visitors must pass through a metal detector and have any bags, purses, or briefcases examined by x-ray machine when entering either the front or rear lobby. Bags or purses may be searched by hand at the discretion of the law enforcement officers on duty. No firearms or cameras are allowed inside the building. Taking photographs inside the bank is strictly prohibited. Cell phones are permitted, but they may not be used to capture still or video photographic images.

Directions to the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

1000 Peachtree Street, Midtown Atlanta

From Interstate 75 South

Take exit #250 (10th/14th/16th Streets). Follow the exit lane to the second traffic light (10th Street), and turn left onto 10th Street. Cross Williams Street and Spring Street, and turn left at the third traffic light onto West Peachtree Street. Turn right at the first light onto 11th Street. Follow 11th Street up a slight incline; the Federal Reserve Bank is on the right.

From Interstate 85 South

Take exit #84 (10th/14th Streets). Stay in the far left exit lane to the traffic light at 10th Street, and turn left onto 10th Street. Cross Williams Street and Spring Street, and turn left at the third traffic light onto West Peachtree Street. Turn right at the first light onto 11th Street. Follow 11th Street up a slight incline; the Federal Reserve Bank is on the right.

From Interstate 75/85 North

Take exit #250 (14th/10th Streets), and turn right onto 10th Street, heading east (toward Peachtree Street). Cross Spring Street, and turn left at the next traffic light onto West Peachtree Street. Turn right at the next light onto 11th Street. Follow 11th Street up a slight incline; the Federal Reserve Bank is on the right.

From Interstate 20, East or West

Exit onto Interstate 75/85 North, and take exit #250 (14th/10th Streets). Turn right onto 10th Street, heading east (toward Peachtree Street). Cross Spring Street, and turn left at the next traffic light onto West Peachtree Street. Turn right at the next light onto 11th Street. Follow 11th Street up a slight incline; the Federal Reserve Bank is on the right.

MARTA

Depart MARTA at the Midtown Station. Exit using the Federal Reserve Bank access at the north end of the station, taking the stairs or elevator to street level near the bank's rear entrance. (Unaccompanied visitors cannot use this entrance.) Turn left on 10th Street and walk east toward Peachtree Street. Visitors may enter the bank's front entrance, which faces Peachtree Street.

On-Site Parking: After Hours Only

Parking is not available at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta during normal business hours, unless special arrangements are made. However, your Fed access badge should allow you to park on-site in evenings and weekends; please let Julie Hotchkiss know if you have tried to park after hours but were turned away.

NOTE: "After Hours" means between 4pm and 5am (out by 5am) weekdays, and weekends/holidays.

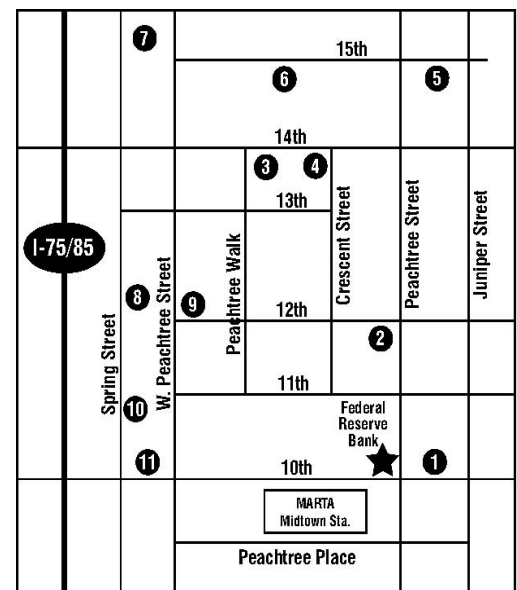
Off-Site Parking (parking rates are typically \$7-\$10/day)

The bank does not have public parking. Paid parking is available at the following nearby parking garages, decks, and open lots:

- 1) 1100 Peachtree Bldg.—entrance on Crescent St., **AAA Parking**
- 2) 14th St. between W. Peachtree and Crescent St. (**222 14th St NE Garage**)
- 3) 14th St. at Crescent St.,
- 4) 15th St. east of Peachtree (Colony Square), **Colony Square Parking**
- 5) 15th St. between W. Peachtree and Peachtree, **Promenade Parking**
- 6) W. Peachtree and 15th St. **LAZ Parking**
- 7) W. Peachtree between 11th St. and 14th St. **Parking Company of America**
- 8) W. Peachtree and 12th St. Intersection,
- 9) W. Peachtree and 11th St. **LAZ parking**
- 10) 10th St. between W. Peachtree and Spring St., **Lanier Parking**

You may also find it useful to sort options based on price and distance using the following third-party tools:

- [Spot hero](#)
- <https://www.parkwhiz.com/federal-reserve-bank-of-atlanta-parking/>
- Street parking is available. Please use the mobile app, parkmobile to pay by plate.



Hotels and Restaurants in Midtown

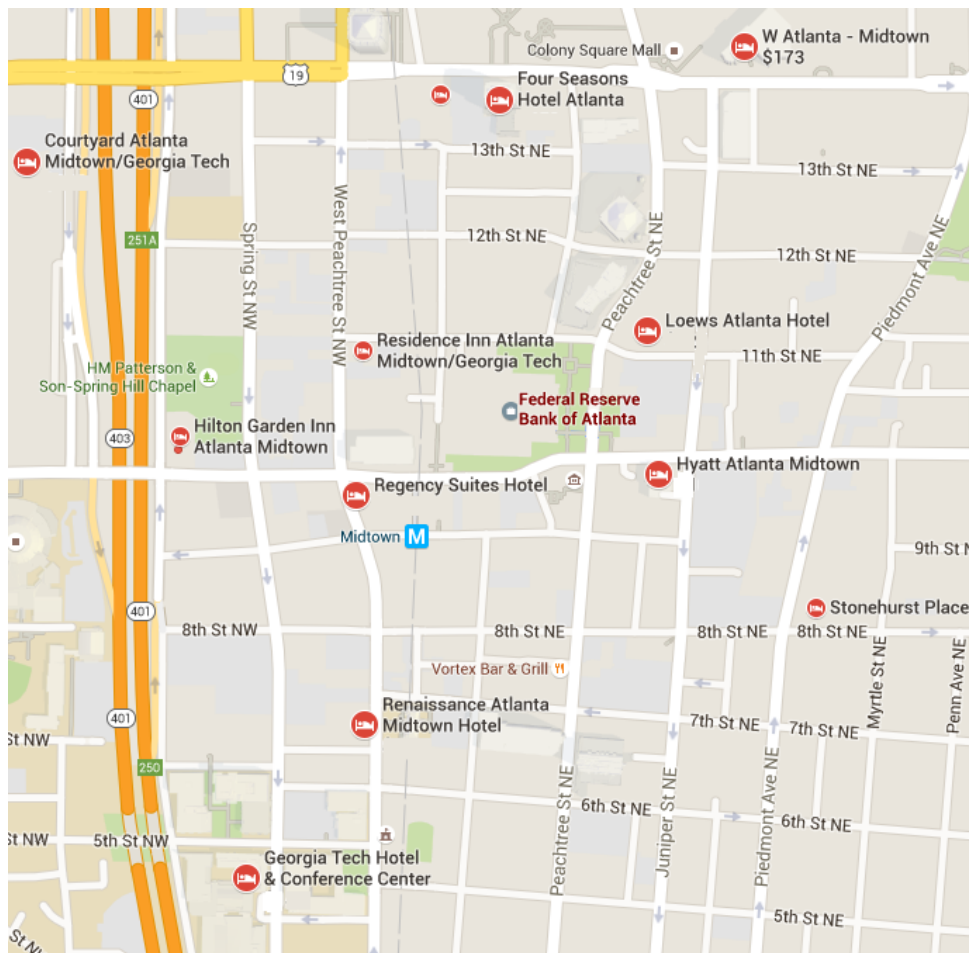
For breakfast and lunch the Fed cafeteria (open 7:30am-10am, 11am-1:30pm) and Midtown Grounds (open 7am-2:30pm), both located on the 3rd floor, are available for purchasing food. (Note, these dining facilities are cash only but an ATM is located across from the cafeteria entrance.) After hours, there are vending machines available near the cafeteria. In addition, Atlanta, and the Midtown area in particular, have a variety of dining options. For a quick bite the following vicinities are suggested (see red arrows on map below):

- (1) Directly across 11th St. from the Fed,
- (2) Across 11th St. and down Crescent St.,
- (3) In the area of 10th St. and Piedmont Ave., and
- (4) Going South on Peachtree St. toward downtown.

Please use common sense and vigilance when making your way around Midtown and downtown Atlanta, especially after business hours, when foot traffic is significantly diminished.

A terrific interactive web site that allows you to find restaurants, hotels, etc. in the Midtown area is:
<http://midtownatl.com/>

Here is a yelp collection for nearby restaurants and cafes:
https://www.yelp.com/collection/s24qrJDUGVjsm2Zf_6wQA/Near-the-Fed



A helpful link for hotel options (also see map below for the close options):

https://www.tripadvisor.com/HotelsNear-g60898-d527259-Federal_Reserve_Bank_of_Atlanta-Atlanta_Georgia.html

HOTEL OPTIONS

Hyatt Atlanta Midtown

Loews Atlanta Hotel

Residence Inn Atlanta
Midtown/Historic

Four Seasons Hotel Atlanta

Regency Suites Hotel

Renaissance Atlanta
Midtown Hotel

Stone Hurst Place Luxury
B&B

Georgia Tech Hotel and
Conference

W Atlanta – Midtown

Hilton Garden Inn Atlanta
Midtown

COFFEE:

Generic coffee is available in the Cafeteria and Starbucks products are available in Midtown Grounds (see previous page for hours of operation). There are outside options for coffee if you need an excuse to get out and stretch your legs

- **Caribou Coffee** (corner of 10th St. and Piedmont, 2 blocks away, open until 11:00pm)
- **Starbucks** (corner of Peachtree and 7th St., 3 blocks away, open until 11:30pm)
- **Dancing Goats Midtown** (corner of Peachtree and Peachtree Pl., 2 blocks away, open until 7pm)
- **WFM Coffee Bar** (corner of 14th and W Peachtree, Open until 5pm but WF has seating upstairs until close)

SHOPPING:

Colony Square (located in Midtown at Peachtree and 14th Streets)

<http://www.colonysquaremall.com/>

Atlantic Station (located in Midtown on 17th Street across the expressway)

<http://www.atlanticstation.com/>

Free shuttle available from MARTA Arts Center station on 14th Street (Walk to the MARTA bus bay; find designated stop for the 37 Ferry Road/Atlantic Station bus line)

Lenox Square (located in Buckhead -- will require MARTA or taxi)

<http://www.simon.com/Mall/?id=207>

Ponce City Market (located in Poncey-Highland—will require MARTA or taxi)

<https://www.poncecitymarket.com/>

Ansley Mall(s) (Located about a mile from the Fed-Good restaurants and bars as well as a few shops)

<https://seligenterprises.com/>

OUTDOOR AND OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Piedmont Park (located in Midtown at Piedmont and 14th Streets)

<http://www.piedmontpark.org/>

Atlanta beltline (walkable and accessible via Piedmont Park) **Just expanded all the way to I-85!**

<https://beltline.org/>

Atlanta Botanical Gardens (located in Midtown adjacent to Piedmont Park)

<http://www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org/>

Margaret Mitchell House (located in Midtown directly across 10th St. from the Fed)

www.atlantahistorycenter.com/explore/destinations/margaret-mitchell-house

Here is a [frequently updated list](#) by the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau