

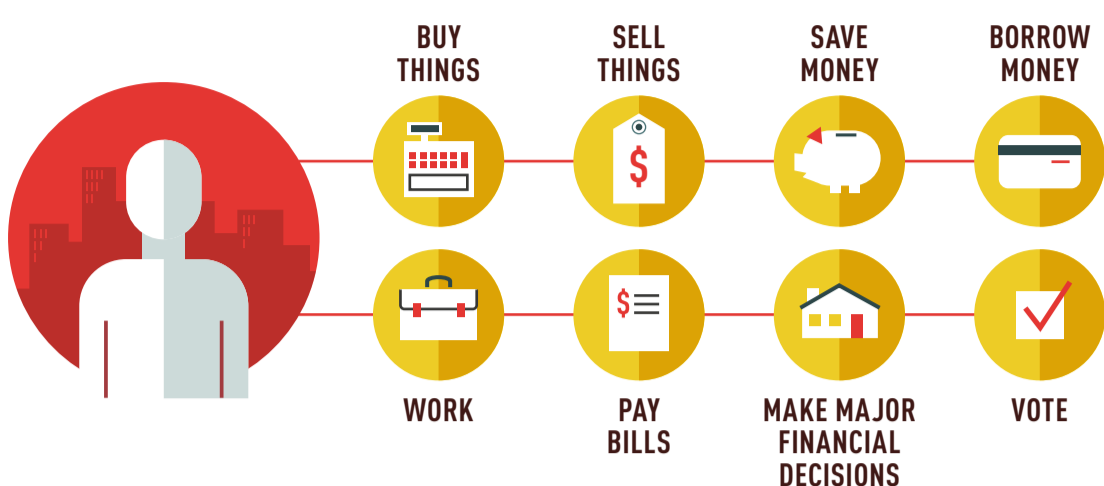
# YOUR CONNECTION TO THE ECONOMY AND THE FEDERAL RESERVE



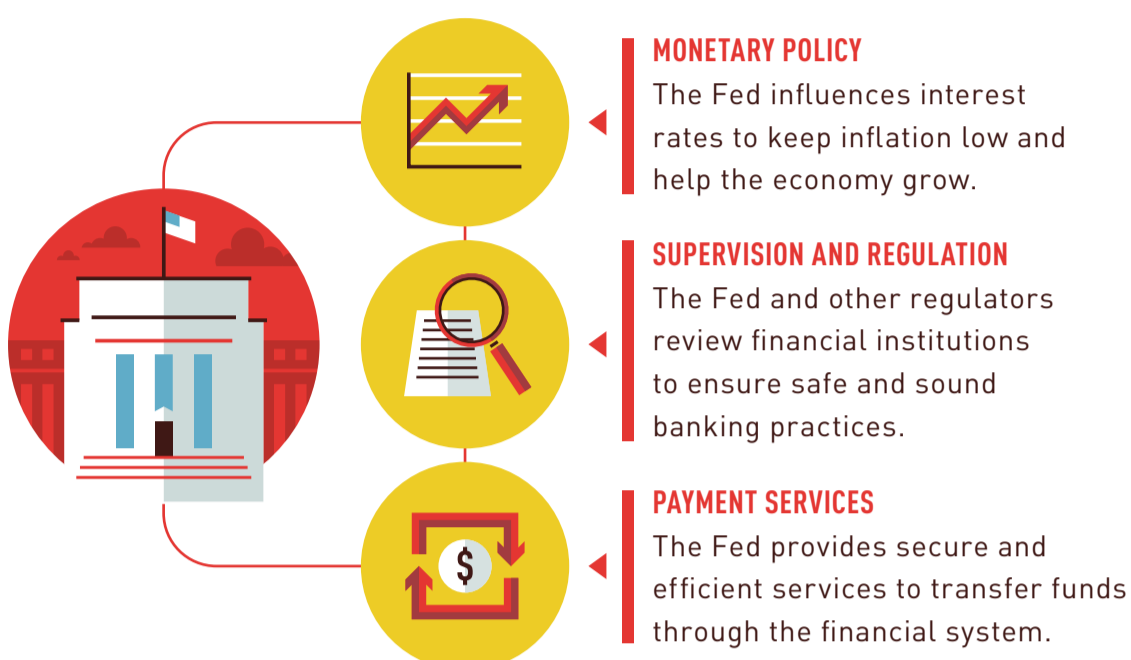
**YOU PLAY A BIG ROLE IN THE ECONOMY AND SO DOES THE FED.**

The Fed = The Federal Reserve

## YOUR ROLE IN THE ECONOMY



## THE FED'S ROLE IN THE ECONOMY



## SO, HOW DOES THE FED AFFECT YOU?

### THE PRICES YOU PAY

The Fed works to stabilize the average prices you pay for goods and services.

### THE PAYMENTS YOU MAKE

The Fed issues the currency you use and gets your payments from point A to B.

### THE MONEY YOU SAVE AND BORROW

The Fed affects interest rates that influence your spending and saving decisions.

### THE ECONOMY YOU WORK IN

The Fed helps promote a healthy overall job market for you and other workers.

### THE BANK YOU USE

The Fed (or other agency) checks to see that your bank is financially sound.

## THE FED IS CONNECTED TO YOUR COMMUNITY...

### COMMUNITY INPUT

The Fed gathers information on regional economic conditions from banks, businesses, and communities.



### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

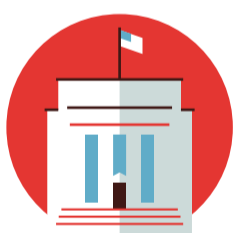
The Fed provides tools and resources to address issues affecting local communities and to help you make financial decisions.

## AND ACCOUNTABLE TO YOU.



Congress designed the Fed to ensure that it is accountable to the public but free from short-term political pressure.

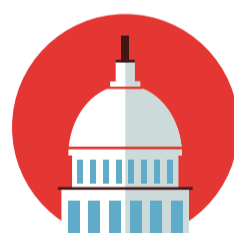
### FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM



Congress provides general oversight, and the Fed's operations are routinely audited.

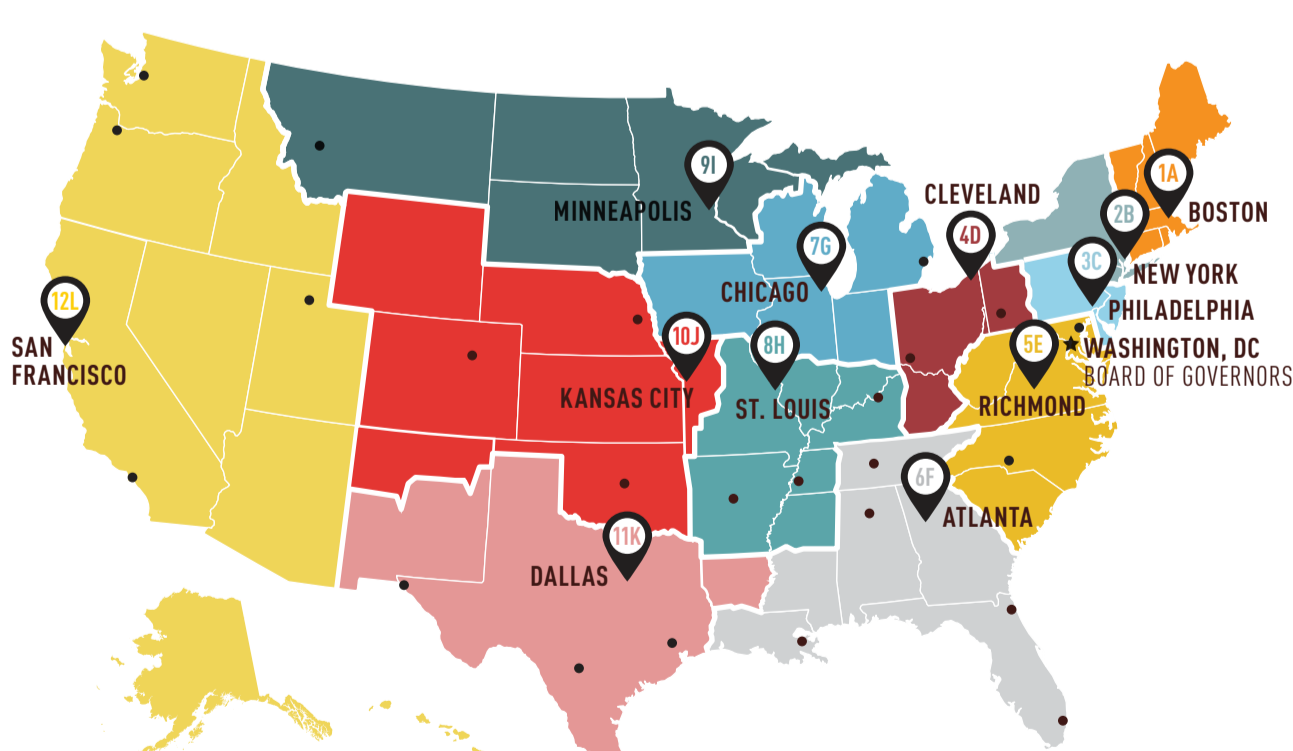
The Fed independently determines monetary policy and regularly reports to Congress.

### U.S. CONGRESS



## DID YOU KNOW THAT THE FED IS A DECENTRALIZED CENTRAL BANK?

### FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM



### ★ BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Board of Governors oversees the Federal Reserve System and writes rules and regulations for financial institutions to follow.

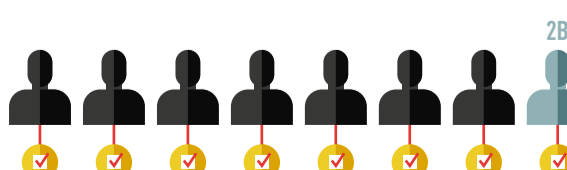
### 📍 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS

The Federal Reserve Banks and their branches serve their region and carry out the Fed's day-to-day operations, including bank supervision and payment services.

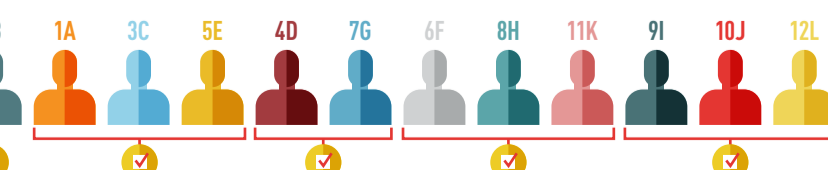
### FEDERAL OPEN MARKET COMMITTEE (FOMC)

The FOMC determines monetary policy, and its makeup ensures a diversity of views and perspectives.

#### BOARD OF GOVERNORS



#### REGIONAL RESERVE BANK PRESIDENTS



✓ The FOMC has 12 voting members—the 7 members of the Board of Governors, the president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (2B), and 4 of the remaining Reserve Bank Presidents who rotate within groups each year.



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