What does the Boston Fed do?

We serve the public by promoting a strong, resilient, and inclusive economy and financial system for New England and the nation. We are one of 12 regional Reserve Banks spread across the country that, along with the Board of Governors in Washington, D.C., make up the Federal Reserve System – the United States’ central bank. Our work is guided by a Congressional mandate, which is to promote the goals of stable prices and maximum employment to foster a healthy U.S. economy.

First District
Connecticut (except Fairfield County)  Maine  Massachusetts  New Hampshire  Rhode Island  Vermont

Impactful Research & Analysis
We conduct impactful research and analysis on a wide range of economic, financial, and behavioral topics and policies. Our research informs the Bank president’s participation with the Federal Open Market Committee and supports the overall health of the economy.
Economic Opportunity
We promote economic opportunity in communities of all sizes through on-the-ground initiatives that bring together the public, private, nonprofit, and philanthropic sectors to develop solutions to economic challenges impacting underserved populations in the New England states.

Behind-the-Scenes Payments Infrastructure
We ensure that the country’s behind-the-scenes payments infrastructure meets the public’s needs today and tomorrow. From ensuring the availability of cash to financial institutions to modernizing how Americans send and receive funds, our work contributes to a secure, reliable, and accessible U.S. payments system.

Safety and Soundness of the Nation’s Financial System
We maintain the safety and soundness of the nation’s financial system by supervising certain financial institutions across New England. With the support of other federal and state regulators, we make sure these institutions operate effectively and provide fair and equitable consumer services.

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