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Take the Federal Reserve Banks' annual Small Business Credit Survey to provide timely insights on small business conditions to policymakers, service providers, and lenders. Link to the survey in this article.



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Tune in to the latest episode of the *Access* podcast to discover how local food systems can create economic opportunity and drive economic activity in rural communities. This article provides further details.



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Join experts from the Federal Reserve, nclMPACT, and Public Health Dayton and Montgomery County as they discuss the opioid epidemic and its impact on the economy. Register for the session in this piece.



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## Small Business Owners: Make Your Voices Heard!

Join the thousands of small businesses that take the Federal Reserve Banks' Small Business Credit Survey to share information on the current business climate and firms' financing needs and credit experiences. [Take the survey today!](#)

This survey is a platform to share small business stories. It is designed to track business conditions and bring them to the attention of service providers, lenders, and policymakers. Individual responses are confidential. Visit [FedSmallBusiness.org](#) to view survey results and reports from previous years.

The survey closes December 8, 2018. Questions? Please contact [ATLFedSmallBusiness@atl.frb.org](mailto:ATLFedSmallBusiness@atl.frb.org).

Do you have a network of small business contacts? Join a diverse network of more than 400 small business organizations that collaborate with the Federal Reserve Banks and help them collect information on small business conditions. [Become a partner today.](#)





## Economic Benefits of Local Food Systems

The latest episode of the [Access](#) podcast is now available online. This podcast gives voice to community members and organizations across the United States about successful programs that help provide access to opportunity for low- and moderate-income individuals and families.

[This episode of Access](#) discusses how local food systems can create opportunity and drive economic activity in rural communities. It features interviews with the director of public affairs for Organic Valley and with the executive director of a Texas-based organization that provides technical assistance to regional agricultural enterprises that create jobs in rural areas. It also spotlights a public school district that has benefited from these food enterprises.



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## Webinar Will Explore the Opioid Epidemic

Join this free Connecting Communities® webinar to learn about the opioid epidemic and its impact on the economy, specifically labor force participation. Examples of local models and practices used to address aspects of the opioid epidemic will be shared.

Speakers include:

- *Barbara Marsh*, Public Health Dayton and Montgomery County
- *Anita Brown-Graham*, nclIMPACT
- *Kyle Fee*, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland
- *Jeanne Milliken Bonds*, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond
- *Meredith Covington*, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (moderator)

[Register](#) for the October 18 session, which takes place at 3:00 p.m. ET. Participation is free, but preregistration is required.

The Connecting Communities® webinar series is a Federal Reserve System initiative providing a national audience with timely information on emerging and important community and economic development topics. All sessions are recorded and archived on the [Connecting Communities® website](#).





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