



ST. LOUIS FED EXAMINES ECONOMIC CONDITIONS
IN THE MISSISSIPPI DELTA REGION

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ST. LOUIS -- Many communities in the lower Mississippi Delta are lagging behind in economic growth and prosperity. Moreover, many tend to have higher rates of measurable poverty and unemployment when compared to other regions of the country, according to a recent study by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

For this to change, the study found that Delta communities need capital, improved infrastructure, better educational opportunities, wider access to quality health care, affordable housing, and adequate transportation systems.

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DELTA STUDY/2

The study contains statistical data, an assessment of rural economic development issues and examples of successful programs and development partnerships.

The Mississippi Delta encompass portions of Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Missouri, Tennessee, Kentucky and Illinois. For a free copy of the Delta study, call Jackie A. Himmelberg, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, (314) 444-8311.

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