

2018 ECONOMIC FORECAST

Location:

Baker College of Flint Center
for Business, 1050 W. Bristol
Road, Flint.

Room 101/103

Date/Time Information:

Tuesday, February 13,
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Fees/Admission:

The event is free and open to
the public; registration is not
required.

State of Michigan – Economic Outlook

Two economists from the Detroit branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago will present an economic forecast for 2018.

The presenters, Paul Traub, senior business economist; and Martin Lavelle, business economist, will look at what 2018 may hold economically for the state of Michigan, the region and nation.

**About the Presenters:**

Paul Traub is responsible for research and current analysis at the Detroit branch. Prior to joining the Fed, he was president of Scenario Economics LLC and senior economist for Americas Commercial Transportation Research Company LLC. In 2008, he retired from the position of corporate economist after 25 years of service at Chrysler Group LLC. He worked in the Chrysler corporate economist office for more than 17 of those years, where his responsibilities included tracking the economy and forecasting its impact on North American auto sales, supporting new product development, and speaking to auto dealers and numerous professional organizations.

Traub is a member of the Baker College of Flint Board of Regents, Detroit Association of Business Economists Board of Directors, the National Association of Business Economists and the Detroit Economic Club. He also serves on advisory boards for the Baker College of Flint Center for Business, Lawrence Technological University's College of Management and the U.S. Army TACOM LCMC, and has served as adjunct faculty at Oakland University's School of Business. He earned a bachelor degree in business administration from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and an MBA from Oakland University.

Martin Lavelle is responsible for economic research, education and outreach at the Detroit branch. His research topics include the auto industry, consumer spending, business activity, the U.S.-Canada border and how they impact Michigan's economy as well as the Fed's Chicago District and national economies. In addition to work at the Fed, Lavelle teaches managerial economics at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and volunteers with Junior Achievement teaching high school students about entrepreneurship. He holds a bachelor degree in business and a master degree in economics from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

About the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago is one of 12 regional Fed banks across the country that, together with a board of governors in Washington, D.C., serves as the central bank for the United States. The Chicago Fed serves the Seventh Federal Reserve District, which includes Iowa and most of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin.