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— about the Friday collapse of Silicon Valley Bank, the largest bank failure in the U.S. since 2008 (and the second-biggest in the nation's history). If you're confused about what happened — or worried about what it might mean for your money — you're not alone.

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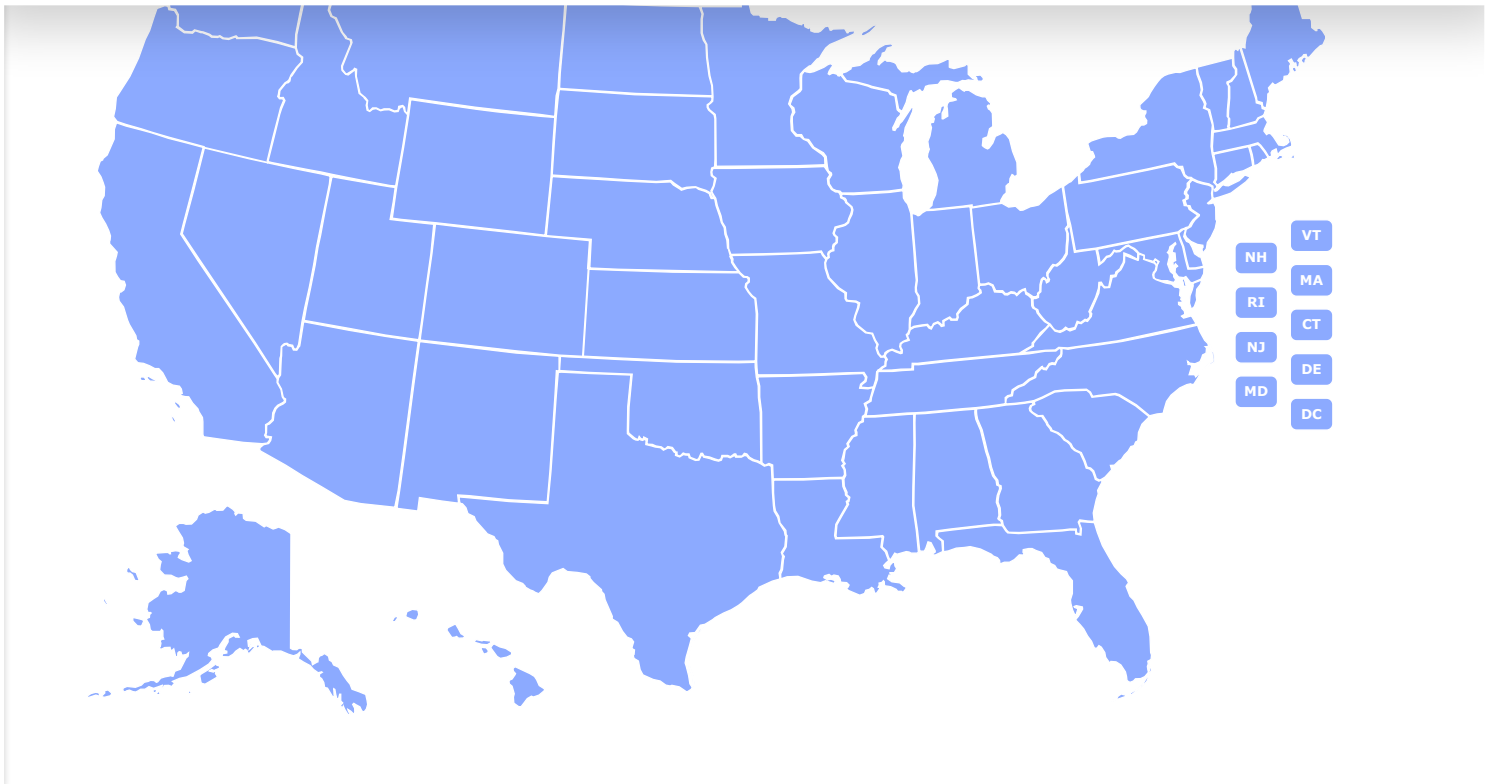
Those investments dropped in value amid the Federal Reserve's interest rate hikes. A combination of that decline in value and depositors attempting to pull out their money as funding for startups receded meant that the bank had to sell its

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for individuals, economy and markets overall may be limited.

"The good news is that this seems to be an isolated incident, or at least a problem that may be limited to some smaller banks," Jurrien Timmer, director of global macro at Fidelity Investments, said in a **blog post**.

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like checking, savings and money market accounts, but not investments like those in stocks and bonds.

One of the initial issues with Silicon Valley Bank was that the vast majority of its deposits — over 90%, by one count — were

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money beginning Monday and that the losses associated with the resolution of Silicon Valley Bank will be borne by the taxpayer." The same goes for depositors of Signature Bank.

Ideally, the move will prevent any widespread fallout from the bank's

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Your bank is probably not at risk

Companies like Roku and Roblox were holding cash at SVB, which means you're likely hearing of ripple effects even if you're not a Silicon Valley Bank customer yourself. For example, The Verge **reported**

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tested, has added meaningful liquidity and capital over the past decade, and has worked to manage balance sheets conservatively," wrote Matt Reed, manager of the Fidelity Select Financial Services Portfolio. "While markets are likely to worry, it doesn't look like there is

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INVESTORS SHOULD STAY THE COURSE

U.S. banks stocks immediately fell on Friday as the news of SVB's collapse triggered serious concern throughout the financial industry, with some regional bank stocks **logging** their worst week in years.

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But while some stocks will likely suffer in the short term, there isn't a ton of concern at the moment for long-term investors.

“The best strategy at the moment is probably to do nothing,” Mike Bailey, director of research at FBB Capital

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hikes

Market experts quickly tried to understand what the recent events could mean for the Federal Reserve's next actions regarding interest rates. The Fed has been hiking interest rates for about a year in an attempt to tamp down inflation, and those hikes

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hike rates at its March meeting due to SVB-related uncertainty in the financial services sector.

Not everyone is on the same page.

"While the Fed has historically cut interest rates following major negative financial events, such as a bank failure, efforts by

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...the Fed will do later this month. But you can bet investors will be digesting the SVB news and attempting to forecast the central bank's moves until the meeting.

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