

South Carolina Credit Unions: The Real Story

Tax-paying South Carolina banks compete head to head with tax-exempt credit unions. Although they portray themselves as mom and pop shops for people of modest means, today credit unions are a \$1 trillion industry, with many indistinguishable from banks. The BIG difference—they don't pay federal income taxes, depriving the U.S. Treasury of nearly \$2 billion every year.

Who Pays the Taxes?

Taxes Paid in 2015

SC Credit Unions
\$0

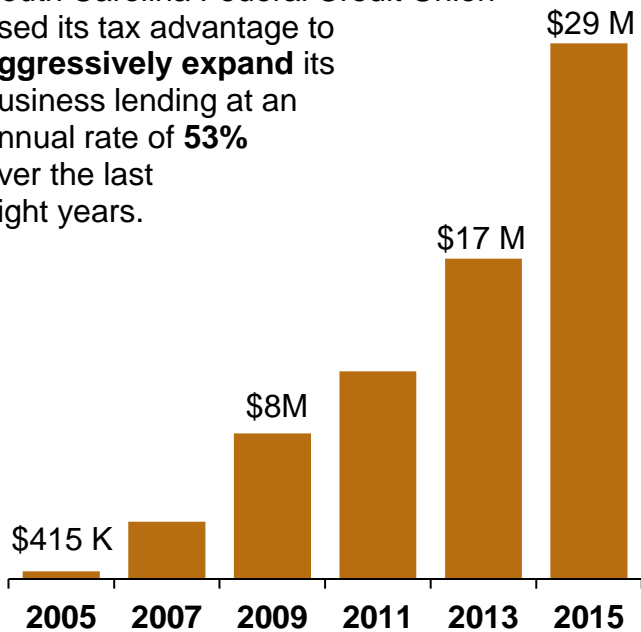
SC Banks*
\$97,323,000

*Includes all applicable federal, state and local, and foreign income taxes

Founders Federal Credit Union would have paid **\$3.9 million in taxes** during 2015, had it paid its fair share.

Indistinguishable from Banks

South Carolina Federal Credit Union used its tax advantage to **aggressively expand** its business lending at an annual rate of **53%** over the last eight years.

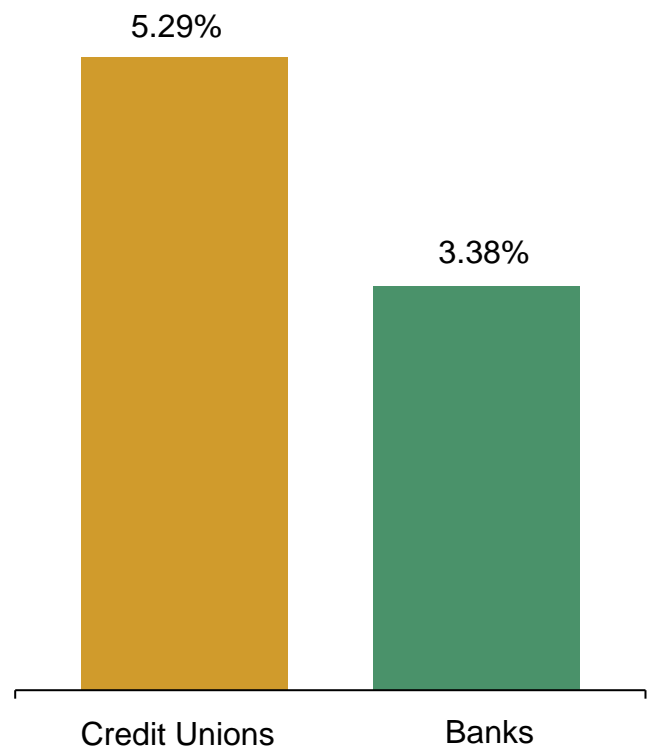


Larger than Most South Carolina Banks

Founders Federal Credit Union with **\$1.9 billion in assets** is the largest credit union in South Carolina, **larger all but one** South Carolina-headquartered banks.

South Carolina Credit Unions Leverage Their Tax Exemption to Grow Deposits

(Annualized Growth June 2005 - June 2015)



Large Credit Union Deposits

Safe Federal Credit Union is the **second largest** South Carolina-headquartered depository institution in its market.

Institution	Deposits (\$000)
South State Bank	1,022,997
Safe Federal Credit Union	822,379
First Community Bank	443,272
First Palmetto Bank	308,909
Citizens Bank	276,930