

## Ameris Bancorp Announces Fourth Quarter And Full Year 2020 Financial Results

ATLANTA, Jan. 28, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- Ameris Bancorp (Nasdaq: ABCB) (the "Company") today reported net income of \$94.3 million, or \$1.36 per diluted share, for the quarter ended December 31, 2020, compared with \$61.2 million, or \$0.88 per diluted share, for the quarter ended December 31, 2019. The increase in net income is primarily attributable to increases in mortgage banking activity of \$62.0 million and net interest income of \$8.1 million, partially offset by an increase of \$22.8 million in salaries and employee benefits, compared with the fourth quarter of 2019. The Company reported adjusted net income of \$102.0 million, or \$1.47 per diluted share, for the quarter ended December 31, 2020, compared with \$66.6 million, or \$0.96 per diluted share, for the same period in 2019. Adjusted net income excludes after-tax merger and conversion charges, servicing right valuation adjustments, restructuring charges related to branch consolidations and efficiency initiatives, certain legal expenses, (gain) loss on sale of bank premises and expenses related to natural disasters and the COVID-19 pandemic.

For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Company reported net income of \$262.0 million, or \$3.77 per diluted share, compared with \$161.4 million, or \$2.75 per diluted share, for the year ended December 31, 2019. The Company reported adjusted net income of \$300.5 million, or \$4.33 per diluted share, for the year ended December 31, 2020, compared with \$222.9 million, or \$3.80 per diluted share, for the year ended December 31, 2019. Adjusted net income for the year excludes the same items listed above for the Company's fourth quarter.

Commenting on the Company's results, Palmer Proctor, the Company's Chief Executive Officer, said, "Last quarter, I commented on the optimistic outlook for the remainder of 2020 and we delivered on that optimism this quarter. Our team remained focused and we had many successes during the quarter, including reducing our NPAs down to 48bps of total assets, maintaining our margin and continuing to safely grow the balance sheet to over \$20 billion in assets for the first time in our history. While 2020 was not the year that we had anticipated, I am extremely pleased with the adaptability of our Ameris teammates, our ability to serve our customers and our record financial results this year. We are well positioned for 2021 and look forward to our continued success."

Significant items from the Company's results for the fourth quarter of 2020 include the following:

- Net income of \$94.3 million, or \$1.36 per diluted share, compared with \$116.1 million, or \$1.67 per diluted share, for the third quarter of 2020
- Tangible book value growth of \$1.23 per share, or 5.5%, to \$23.69 compared with \$22.46 last quarter
- Successfully negotiated the termination of our remaining loss-share agreements with the FDIC
- Net interest margin stable at 3.64%, compared with the third quarter of 2020
- Reduced exposure to hotel industry by \$87.5 million through the sale of selected notes
- Non-performing assets decreased to 0.48% of total assets at December 31, 2020, compared with 0.82% at September 30, 2020

Highlights of the Company's results for the full year 2020 include the following:

- Growth in net income of \$100.5 million, from \$161.4 million in 2019 to \$262.0 million in 2020
- Adjusted return on average assets of 1.56%, compared with 1.52% in 2019
- Improvement in adjusted efficiency ratio to 52.17% in 2020, compared with 55.67% in 2019
- Growth in tangible book value of 13.8%, from \$20.81 at the end of 2019 to \$23.69 at the end of 2020
- Organic growth in loans of \$1.66 billion, or 13.0% (and \$834.8 million, or 6.5%, exclusive of PPP loans)
- Improvement in deposit mix such that noninterest bearing deposits represent 36.27% of total deposits, up from 29.94% at December 31, 2019

Following is a summary of the adjustments between reported net income and adjusted net income:

### Adjusted Net Income Reconciliation

(dollars in thousands, except per share data)	Three Months Ended December 31,		Year Ended December 31,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Net income available to common shareholders	\$ 94,285	\$ 61,248	\$ 261,988	\$ 161,441
Adjustment items:				
Merger and conversion charges	—	2,415	1,391	73,105
Restructuring charges	—	—	1,513	245
Servicing right impairment	9,501	366	40,067	507
Gain on BOLI proceeds	—	752	(948)	(3,583)
Expenses related to SEC and DOJ investigation	53	463	3,058	463
Natural disaster and pandemic charges (Note 1)	235	—	3,296	(39)
(Gain) loss on sale of premises	(30)	1,413	624	6,021
Tax effect of adjustment items (Note 2)	(2,049)	(898)	(10,488)	(16,065)
After-tax adjustment items	7,710	4,511	38,513	60,654
Tax expense attributable to merger related compensation and acquired BOLI	—	849	—	849
Adjusted net income	\$ 101,995	\$ 66,608	\$ 300,501	\$ 222,944
Reported net income per diluted share	\$ 1.36	\$ 0.88	\$ 3.77	\$ 2.75
Adjusted net income per diluted share	\$ 1.47	\$ 0.96	\$ 4.33	\$ 3.80
Reported return on average assets	1.89 %	1.35 %	1.36 %	1.10 %
Adjusted return on average assets	2.04 %	1.47 %	1.56 %	1.52 %
Reported return on average common equity	14.30 %	9.97 %	10.35 %	8.19 %
Adjusted return on average tangible common equity	25.04 %	18.45 %	19.77 %	18.74 %

Note 1: Pandemic charges include "thank you" pay for certain employees, additional sanitizing expenses at our locations, protective equipment for our employees and branch locations, and additional equipment required to support our remote workforce.

Note 2: A portion of the merger and conversion charges are nondeductible for tax purposes.

### Net Interest Income and Net Interest Margin

Net interest income on a tax-equivalent basis for 2020 totaled \$642.9 million, compared with \$509.5 million for 2019. The Company's net interest margin was 3.70% for 2020, down from 3.88% reported for 2019. Accretion income for 2020 increased to \$27.4 million, compared with \$19.9 million for 2019. The decrease in net interest margin is primarily attributable to a decrease in the yield on earning assets resulting from declines in market interest rates, partially offset by a decrease in funding costs.

Net interest income on a tax-equivalent basis for the fourth quarter of 2020 totaled \$164.8 million, compared with \$163.9 million for the third quarter of 2020 and \$156.5 million for the fourth quarter of 2019. The Company's net interest margin was 3.64% for the fourth quarter of 2020, flat compared with 3.64% reported for the third quarter of 2020 and down from 3.86% reported for the fourth quarter of 2019. The stability in net interest margin in the current quarter is primarily attributable to continued focus on management of cost of funds as yields on earning assets decline. Contributing to net interest income for the fourth quarter of 2020 was \$6.3 million related to accelerated fee income on PPP loan forgiveness, partially offset by \$2.3 million in interest reversals related to the sale of certain hotel loans. Accretion income for the fourth quarter of 2020 decreased to \$4.7 million, compared with \$6.5 million for the third quarter of 2020 and \$9.7 million for the fourth quarter of 2019. The decrease in accretion income in the fourth quarter is primarily attributable to decreased accretion on payoffs compared with the third quarter of 2020.

Yields on loans decreased to 4.41% during the fourth quarter of 2020, compared with 4.42% for the third quarter of 2020 and 5.28% reported for the fourth quarter of 2019. Loan production in the banking division during the fourth quarter of 2020 totaled \$784.9 million, with weighted average yields of 3.86%, compared with \$869.0 million and 4.00%, respectively, in the third quarter of 2020 and \$1.1 billion and 4.70%, respectively, in the fourth quarter of 2019. Loan production in the lines of business (including retail mortgage, warehouse lending, SBA and premium finance) amounted to an additional \$7.7 billion during the fourth quarter of 2020, with weighted average yields of 3.25%, compared with \$7.7 billion and 3.33%, respectively, during the third quarter of 2020 and \$4.1 billion and 4.29%, respectively, during the fourth quarter of 2019.

Interest expense during the fourth quarter of 2020 decreased to \$15.3 million, compared with \$17.4 million in the third quarter of 2020 and \$38.7 million in the fourth quarter of 2019. The Company's total cost of funds moved five basis points lower to 0.36% in the fourth quarter of 2020 as compared with the third quarter of 2020. Deposit costs decreased eight basis points during the fourth quarter of 2020 to 0.22%, compared with 0.30% in the third quarter of 2020. Costs of interest-bearing deposits decreased during the quarter from 0.47% in the third quarter of 2020 to 0.34% in the fourth quarter of 2020.

## **Noninterest Income**

Noninterest income increased \$248.4 million, or 125.4%, to \$446.5 million for 2020, compared with \$198.1 million for 2019, as a result of increased mortgage banking activity. Mortgage banking activity increased \$254.7 million, or 213.3%, to \$374.1 million for 2020, compared with \$119.4 million for 2019, as a result of a production increase of \$5.44 billion, or 125.9%, over the same period. Gain on sale spreads increased to 3.79% in 2020 compared with 2.75% in 2019.

Noninterest income decreased \$46.9 million, or 29.5%, in the fourth quarter of 2020 to \$112.1 million, compared with \$159.0 million for the third quarter of 2020, primarily as a result of decreased mortgage banking activity.

Mortgage banking activity decreased \$43.4 million, or 31.3%, to \$95.2 million in the fourth quarter of 2020, compared with \$138.6 million for the third quarter of 2020. This decrease was a result of decreased production, increased servicing right impairment and a decline in the retail mortgage open pipeline, partially offset by an expansion in our gain on sale spread. Gain on sale spreads increased to 4.34% in the fourth quarter of 2020 from 3.92% for the third quarter of 2020. Total production in the retail mortgage division decreased to \$2.81 billion in the fourth quarter of 2020, compared with \$2.92 billion for the third quarter of 2020. Mortgage banking activity was negatively impacted during the fourth quarter of 2020 by a \$9.1 million servicing right impairment, compared with an impairment of \$1.1 million for the third quarter of 2020. The retail mortgage open pipeline was \$2.00 billion at the end of the fourth quarter of 2020, compared with \$2.71 billion at September 30, 2020.

Service charge revenue increased \$551,000, or 5.0%, to \$11.5 million in the fourth quarter of 2020, compared with \$10.9 million for the third quarter of 2020, resulting from an increase in volume. Other noninterest income decreased \$3.9 million, or 46.4%, to \$4.5 million for the fourth quarter of 2020, compared with \$8.4 million for the third quarter of 2020, primarily as a result of decreases in the gain on sales of SBA loans and SBA servicing right valuation adjustment of \$2.7 million and \$1.1 million, respectively.

## **Noninterest Expense**

Noninterest expense increased \$126.7 million, or 26.8%, to \$598.6 million in 2020, compared with \$471.9 million in 2019. During 2020, the Company recorded \$9.9 million of charges to earnings, the majority of which related to natural disaster and pandemic charges and certain legal expenses, compared with \$79.8 million in charges in 2019 that were principally related to merger and conversion charges and loss on sale of premises. Excluding these charges, adjusted expenses increased \$196.6 million, or 50.1%, to \$588.7 million in 2020, from \$392.1 million in 2019. The majority of this increase is attributable to the acquisition of Fidelity Bank and variable expenses related to increased mortgage production. The Company continues to focus on its operating efficiency ratio, such that the adjusted efficiency ratio improved from 55.67% in 2019 to 52.17% in 2020.

Noninterest expense decreased \$2.6 million, or 1.7%, to \$151.1 million during the fourth quarter of 2020, compared with \$153.7 million for the third quarter of 2020. During the fourth quarter of 2020, the Company recorded \$258,000 of charges to earnings, related to certain legal expenses, natural disaster and pandemic charges and (gain) loss on sale of premises, compared with \$647,000 in charges in the third quarter of 2020 that were related to the same items, in addition to merger and conversion charges and restructuring charges associated with branch consolidations and efficiency initiatives. Excluding these charges, adjusted expenses decreased approximately \$2.2 million, or 1.4%, to \$150.9 million in the fourth quarter of 2020, from \$153.0 million in the third quarter of 2020. The majority of this decrease is attributable to variable expenses related to decreased mortgage production. Also during the fourth quarter, the Company incurred a \$765,000 expense related to the final termination of the remaining loss-share agreements with the FDIC. The Company made a \$1.0 million donation to the Ameris Bank Foundation as well. The adjusted efficiency ratio was 52.67% in the fourth quarter of 2020, compared with 47.34% in the third quarter of 2020.

## **Income Tax Expense**

The Company's effective tax rate for the fourth quarter of 2020 was 25.2%, compared with 22.7% in the third quarter of 2020. The increased rate for the fourth quarter of 2020 was primarily a result of a large return to provision adjustment when the Company filed its 2019 income tax returns in the fourth quarter of 2020.

## **Balance Sheet Trends**

Total assets at December 31, 2020 were \$20.44 billion, compared with \$18.24 billion at December 31, 2019. Total loans, including loans held for sale, were \$15.65 billion at December 31, 2020, compared with \$14.48 billion at December 31, 2019. Total loans held for investment were \$14.48 billion at December 31, 2020, compared with \$12.82 billion at December 31, 2019, an increase of \$1.66 billion, or 13.0%. Loan production in the banking division during the fourth quarter of 2020 was down 10% from the third quarter of 2020 and 28% from the fourth quarter of 2019. Loan growth for the year ended December 31, 2020 was driven by PPP loan originations, which totaled \$827.6 million in outstanding balances at December 31, 2020, and increases in commercial real estate and warehouse lending.

At December 31, 2020, total deposits amounted to \$16.96 billion, or 96.8% of total funding, compared with \$14.03 billion and 90.1%, respectively, at December 31, 2019. At December 31, 2020, noninterest-bearing deposit accounts were \$6.15 billion, or 36.3% of total deposits, compared with \$4.20 billion, or 29.9% of total deposits, at December 31, 2019. Non-rate sensitive deposits (including noninterest-bearing, NOW and savings) totaled \$10.23 billion at December 31, 2020, compared with \$7.21 billion at December 31, 2019. These funds represented 60.3% of the Company's total deposits at December 31, 2020, compared with 51.4% at the end of 2019.

Shareholders' equity at December 31, 2020 totaled \$2.65 billion, an increase of \$177.5 million, or 7.2%, from December 31, 2019. The increase in shareholders' equity was primarily the result of earnings of \$262.0 million during 2020, partially offset by the CECL adoption impact of \$56.7 million and dividends declared. Tangible book value per share was \$23.69 at December 31, 2020, compared with \$20.81 at December 31, 2019. Tangible common equity as a percentage of tangible assets was 8.47% at December 31, 2020, compared with 8.40% at the end of the 2019.

## **Credit Quality**

Credit quality remains strong in the Company. During the fourth quarter of 2020, the Company reversed provision for credit losses of \$1.5 million, compared with a provision of \$17.7 million in the third quarter of 2020. This decrease in provision was primarily attributable to improvements in forecast economic conditions, particularly levels of unemployment and GDP, compared with forecast conditions during the third quarter of 2020. The Company has been prudently working with borrowers to support their credit needs during the challenging economic conditions and monitoring the level of modifications on an ongoing basis, such that loans remaining on deferral at the end of the fourth quarter of 2020 equaled approximately 2.9% of total loans, down from approximately 19.0% of total loans at the end of the second quarter of 2020. Nonperforming assets as a percentage of total assets decreased by 34 basis points to 0.48% during the quarter. The decrease in nonperforming assets is primarily attributable to decreased nonaccrual loans in the residential real estate and commercial real estate loan categories. The net charge-off ratio was 70 basis points for the fourth quarter of 2020, compared with 10 basis points in the third quarter of 2020 and nine basis points in the fourth quarter of 2019. The increase in net charge-offs for the fourth quarter of 2020 was primarily attributable to approximately \$17.2 million of charge-offs on certain hotel exposures sold during the quarter. The hotel loans sold were selected based on a number of factors, including the level of relationship with the borrower, tier of hotel brand underlying the property and market conditions in the area.

## **Conference Call**

The Company will host a teleconference at 9:00 a.m. Eastern time on Friday, January 29, 2021, to discuss the Company's results and answer appropriate questions. The conference call can be accessed by dialing 1-877-504-1190 (or 1-855-669-9657 for participants in Canada and 1-412-902-6630 for other international participants). The conference ID name is Ameris Bancorp ABCB. A replay of the call will be available one hour after the end of the conference call until February 12, 2021. To listen to the replay, dial 1-877-344-7529 (or 1-855-669-9658 for participants in Canada and 1-412-317-0088 for other international participants). The conference replay access code is 10151038. The conference call replay and the financial information discussed will also be available on the Investor Relations page of the Ameris Bank website at [ir.amerisbank.com](http://ir.amerisbank.com).

## **About Ameris Bancorp**

Ameris Bancorp is a bank holding company headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. The Company's banking subsidiary, Ameris Bank, had 164 locations in Georgia, Florida, South Carolina and Alabama at the end of the most recent quarter.

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Financial Highlights						Table	
(dollars in thousands except per share data)	Three Months Ended					Year Ended	
	Dec 2020	Sep 2020	Jun 2020	Mar 2020	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	Dec 2019
<b>EARNINGS</b>							
Net income	\$ 94,285	\$ 116,145	\$ 32,236	\$ 19,322	\$ 61,248	\$ 261,988	\$ 161,441
Adjusted net income	\$ 101,995	\$ 116,879	\$ 42,423	\$ 39,205	\$ 66,608	\$ 300,501	\$ 222,944
<b>COMMON SHARE DATA</b>							
Earnings per share available to common shareholders							
Basic	\$ 1.36	\$ 1.68	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.88	\$ 3.78	\$ 2.76
Diluted	\$ 1.36	\$ 1.67	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.88	\$ 3.77	\$ 2.75
Adjusted diluted EPS	\$ 1.47	\$ 1.69	\$ 0.61	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.96	\$ 4.33	\$ 3.80
Cash dividends per share	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.50
Book value per share (period end)	\$ 38.07	\$ 36.91	\$ 35.42	\$ 35.10	\$ 35.53	\$ 38.07	\$ 35.53
Tangible book value per share (period end)	\$ 23.69	\$ 22.46	\$ 20.90	\$ 20.44	\$ 20.81	\$ 23.69	\$ 20.81
Weighted average number of shares							
Basic	69,252,307	69,230,667	69,191,778	69,247,661	69,429,193	69,256,020	58,462,137
Diluted	69,493,105	69,346,141	69,292,972	69,502,022	69,683,999	69,426,185	58,614,151
Period end number of shares	69,541,481	69,490,546	69,462,782	69,441,274	69,503,833	69,541,481	69,503,833
Market data							
High intraday price	\$ 39.53	\$ 27.81	\$ 29.82	\$ 43.79	\$ 44.90	\$ 43.79	\$ 44.90
Low intraday price	\$ 22.37	\$ 19.91	\$ 17.12	\$ 17.89	\$ 38.34	\$ 17.12	\$ 31.27
Period end closing price	\$ 38.07	\$ 22.78	\$ 23.59	\$ 23.76	\$ 42.54	\$ 38.07	\$ 42.54
Average daily volume	394,641	359,059	470,151	461,692	353,783	420,874	389,112
<b>PERFORMANCE RATIOS</b>							
Return on average assets	1.89 %	2.33 %	0.67 %	0.43 %	1.35 %	1.36 %	1.10 %
Adjusted return on average assets	2.04 %	2.35 %	0.89 %	0.87 %	1.47 %	1.56 %	1.52 %
Return on average common equity	14.30 %	18.27 %	5.23 %	3.16 %	9.97 %	10.35 %	8.19 %
Adjusted return on average tangible common equity	25.04 %	30.53 %	11.66 %	10.98 %	18.45 %	19.77 %	18.74 %
Earning asset yield (TE)	3.98 %	4.02 %	4.32 %	4.56 %	4.82 %	4.21 %	4.88 %
Total cost of funds	0.36 %	0.41 %	0.52 %	0.91 %	1.00 %	0.54 %	1.05 %
Net interest margin (TE)	3.64 %	3.64 %	3.83 %	3.70 %	3.86 %	3.70 %	3.88 %
Noninterest income excluding securities transactions, as a percent of total revenue (TE)	38.37 %	46.72 %	39.35 %	22.83 %	22.02 %	37.90 %	23.60 %
Efficiency ratio	54.83 %	47.80 %	54.70 %	68.23 %	58.24 %	55.21 %	67.11 %
Adjusted efficiency ratio (TE)	52.67 %	47.34 %	51.08 %	59.87 %	55.61 %	52.17 %	55.67 %
<b>CAPITAL ADEQUACY (period end)</b>							
Shareholders' equity to assets	12.95 %	12.90 %	12.38 %	13.37 %	13.54 %	12.95 %	13.54 %
Tangible common equity to tangible assets	8.47 %	8.27 %	7.70 %	8.25 %	8.40 %	8.47 %	8.40 %
<b>EQUITY TO ASSETS RECONCILIATION</b>							
Tangible common equity to tangible assets	8.47 %	8.27 %	7.70 %	8.25 %	8.40 %	8.47 %	8.40 %
Effect of goodwill and other intangibles	4.48 %	4.63 %	4.68 %	5.12 %	5.14 %	4.48 %	5.14 %
Equity to assets (GAAP)	12.95 %	12.90 %	12.38 %	13.37 %	13.54 %	12.95 %	13.54 %
<b>OTHER DATA (period end)</b>							
Full time equivalent employees							
Banking Division	1,816	1,807	1,832	1,865	1,913	1,816	1,913
Retail Mortgage Division	748	734	692	689	690	748	690
Warehouse Lending Division	12	11	9	9	9	12	9
SBA Division	24	33	42	44	42	24	42
Premium Finance Division	71	71	70	72	68	71	68
Total Ameris Bancorp FTE headcount	2,671	2,656	2,645	2,679	2,722	2,671	2,722
Assets per Banking Division FTE	\$ 11,255	\$ 10,998	\$ 10,848	\$ 9,772	\$ 9,536	\$ 11,255	\$ 9,536
Branch locations	164	170	170	170	170	164	170
Deposits per branch location	\$ 103,401	\$ 94,493	\$ 91,705	\$ 81,439	\$ 82,512	\$ 103,401	\$ 82,512

**AMERIS BANCORP AND SUBSIDIARIES  
FINANCIAL TABLES**

Income Statement						Table	
(dollars in thousands except per share data)	Three Months Ended					Year Ended	
	Dec 2020	Sep 2020	Jun 2020	Mar 2020	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	Dec 2019
<b>Interest income</b>							
Interest and fees on loans	\$ 171,971	\$ 172,351	\$ 175,345	\$ 171,242	\$ 182,391	\$ 690,909	\$ 586,84
Interest on taxable securities	6,398	7,259	9,347	10,082	10,358	33,086	40,13
Interest on nontaxable securities	150	159	157	157	167	623	59
Interest on deposits in other banks	252	153	123	1,211	1,091	1,739	8,13
Interest on federal funds sold	12	12	46	76	69	146	67
<b>Total interest income</b>	<u>178,783</u>	<u>179,934</u>	<u>185,018</u>	<u>182,768</u>	<u>194,076</u>	<u>726,503</u>	<u>636,39</u>
<b>Interest expense</b>							
Interest on deposits	8,870	11,822	14,273	24,102	27,970	59,067	102,53
Interest on other borrowings	6,457	5,574	6,931	10,721	10,755	29,683	28,69
<b>Total interest expense</b>	<u>15,327</u>	<u>17,396</u>	<u>21,204</u>	<u>34,823</u>	<u>38,725</u>	<u>88,750</u>	<u>131,22</u>
<b>Net interest income</b>	<u>163,456</u>	<u>162,538</u>	<u>163,814</u>	<u>147,945</u>	<u>155,351</u>	<u>637,753</u>	<u>505,16</u>
Provision for loan losses	(6,700)	26,692	68,449	37,047	5,693	125,488	19,75
Provision for unfunded commitments	5,481	(10,131)	19,712	4,000	—	19,062	—
Provision for other credit losses	(291)	1,121	—	—	—	830	—
<b>Provision for credit losses</b>	<u>(1,510)</u>	<u>17,682</u>	<u>88,161</u>	<u>41,047</u>	<u>5,693</u>	<u>145,380</u>	<u>19,75</u>
<b>Net interest income after provision for credit losses</b>	<u>164,966</u>	<u>144,856</u>	<u>75,653</u>	<u>106,898</u>	<u>149,658</u>	<u>492,373</u>	<u>485,40</u>
<b>Noninterest income</b>							
Service charges on deposits accounts	11,465	10,914	9,922	11,844	13,567	44,145	50,79
Mortgage banking activity	95,192	138,627	104,925	35,333	33,168	374,077	119,40
Other service charges, commissions and fees	965	1,039	949	961	935	3,914	3,56
Gain (loss) on securities	—	—	14	(9)	(1)	5	13
Other noninterest income	4,521	8,438	5,150	6,250	7,444	24,359	24,20
<b>Total noninterest income</b>	<u>112,143</u>	<u>159,018</u>	<u>120,960</u>	<u>54,379</u>	<u>55,113</u>	<u>446,500</u>	<u>198,11</u>

<b>Noninterest expense</b>							
Salaries and employee benefits	92,466	96,698	95,168	75,946	69,642	360,278	223,93
Occupancy and equipment expenses	12,709	13,805	13,807	12,028	11,919	52,349	40,59
Data processing and telecommunications expenses	11,323	12,226	10,514	11,954	11,362	46,017	38,51
Credit resolution related expenses <sup>(1)</sup>	1,156	802	950	2,198	1,098	5,106	4,08
Advertising and marketing expenses	3,267	966	1,455	2,358	2,250	8,046	7,92
Amortization of intangible assets	4,190	4,190	5,601	5,631	5,741	19,612	17,71
Merger and conversion charges	—	(44)	895	540	2,415	1,391	73,10
Other noninterest expenses	26,005	25,049	27,378	27,398	18,137	105,830	66,06
<b>Total noninterest expense</b>	<b>151,116</b>	<b>153,692</b>	<b>155,768</b>	<b>138,053</b>	<b>122,564</b>	<b>598,629</b>	<b>471,93</b>
<b>Income before income tax expense</b>	<b>125,993</b>	<b>150,182</b>	<b>40,845</b>	<b>23,224</b>	<b>82,207</b>	<b>340,244</b>	<b>211,58</b>
<b>Income tax expense</b>	<b>31,708</b>	<b>34,037</b>	<b>8,609</b>	<b>3,902</b>	<b>20,959</b>	<b>78,256</b>	<b>50,14</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$ 94,285</b>	<b>\$ 116,145</b>	<b>\$ 32,236</b>	<b>\$ 19,322</b>	<b>\$ 61,248</b>	<b>\$ 261,988</b>	<b>\$ 161,44</b>
<b>Diluted earnings per common share</b>	<b>\$ 1.36</b>	<b>\$ 1.67</b>	<b>\$ 0.47</b>	<b>\$ 0.28</b>	<b>\$ 0.88</b>	<b>\$ 3.77</b>	<b>\$ 2.7</b>

(1) Includes expenses associated with problem loans and OREO, as well as OREO losses and writedowns.

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Period End Balance Sheet	Three Months Ended					Table
	Dec 2020	Sep 2020	Jun 2020	Mar 2020	Dec 2019	
<b>(dollars in thousands)</b>						
<b>Assets</b>						
Cash and due from banks	\$ 203,349	\$ 257,026	\$ 292,899	\$ 255,312	\$ 246,234	
Federal funds sold and interest-bearing deposits in banks	1,913,957	494,765	428,560	396,844	375,615	
Time deposits in other banks	249	249	249	249	249	
Investment securities available for sale, at fair value	982,879	1,117,436	1,238,896	1,353,040	1,403,403	
Other investments	28,202	47,329	76,453	81,754	66,919	
Loans held for sale, at fair value	1,167,659	1,414,889	1,736,397	1,398,229	1,656,711	
Loans, net of unearned income	14,480,925	14,943,593	14,503,157	13,094,106	12,818,476	
Allowance for credit losses	(199,422)	(231,924)	(208,793)	(149,524)	(38,189)	
Loans, net	14,281,503	14,711,669	14,294,364	12,944,582	12,780,287	
Other real estate owned	11,880	17,969	23,563	21,027	19,500	
Premises and equipment, net	222,890	231,278	230,118	231,347	233,102	
Goodwill	928,005	928,005	928,005	931,947	931,637	
Other intangible assets, net	71,974	76,164	80,354	85,955	91,586	
Cash value of bank owned life insurance	176,467	175,605	175,011	176,239	175,270	
Deferred income taxes, net	33,314	53,039	56,306	24,196	2,180	
Other assets	416,310	348,428	311,454	323,827	259,886	
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 20,438,638</b>	<b>\$ 19,873,851</b>	<b>\$ 19,872,629</b>	<b>\$ 18,224,548</b>	<b>\$ 18,242,579</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Deposits						
Noninterest-bearing	\$ 6,151,070	\$ 5,909,316	\$ 5,595,868	\$ 4,226,253	\$ 4,199,448	
Interest-bearing	10,806,753	10,154,490	9,993,950	9,618,365	9,827,625	
Total deposits	16,957,823	16,063,806	15,589,818	13,844,618	14,027,073	
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	11,641	9,103	12,879	15,160	20,635	
Other borrowings	425,155	875,255	1,418,336	1,543,371	1,398,709	
Subordinated deferrable interest debentures	124,345	123,860	123,375	122,890	127,560	
FDIC loss-share payable, net	—	19,476	18,903	18,111	19,642	
Other liabilities	272,586	217,668	249,188	243,248	179,378	
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>17,791,550</b>	<b>17,309,168</b>	<b>17,412,499</b>	<b>15,787,398</b>	<b>15,772,997</b>	
<b>Shareholders' Equity</b>						
Preferred stock	—	—	—	—	—	
Common stock	71,754	71,703	71,674	71,652	71,500	
Capital stock	1,913,285	1,911,031	1,909,839	1,908,721	1,907,108	
Retained earnings	671,510	587,657	481,948	460,153	507,950	
Accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax	33,505	37,252	39,613	39,551	17,995	
Treasury stock	(42,966)	(42,960)	(42,944)	(42,927)	(34,971)	
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>	<b>2,647,088</b>	<b>2,564,683</b>	<b>2,460,130</b>	<b>2,437,150</b>	<b>2,469,582</b>	
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>\$ 20,438,638</b>	<b>\$ 19,873,851</b>	<b>\$ 19,872,629</b>	<b>\$ 18,224,548</b>	<b>\$ 18,242,579</b>	
<b>Other Data</b>						
Earning assets	\$ 18,573,871	\$ 18,018,261	\$ 17,983,712	\$ 16,324,222	\$ 16,321,373	
Intangible assets	999,979	1,004,169	1,008,359	1,017,902	1,023,223	
Interest-bearing liabilities	11,367,894	11,162,708	11,548,540	11,299,786	11,374,529	
Average assets	19,876,338	19,810,084	19,222,181	18,056,445	17,998,494	
Average common shareholders' equity	2,622,942	2,529,471	2,478,373	2,456,617	2,437,272	

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Asset Quality Information	Three Months Ended					Year Ended
	Dec 2020	Sep 2020	Jun 2020	Mar 2020	Dec 2019	Dec 2020
<b>(dollars in thousands)</b>						<b>D 20</b>
<b>Allowance for Credit Losses</b>						
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 260,417	\$ 246,295	\$ 167,315	\$ 39,266	\$ 36,607	\$ 39,266
CECL adoption impact on allowance for loan losses	—	—	—	78,661	—	78,661
CECL adoption impact on allowance for unfunded commitments	—	—	—	12,714	—	12,714
Total CECL adoption impact	—	—	—	91,375	—	91,375
Acquired allowance for unfunded commitments	—	—	—	—	—	—

Provision for loan losses	(6,700)	26,692	68,449	37,047	5,693	125,488	19
Provision for unfunded commitments	5,481	(10,131)	19,712	4,000	—	19,062	
Provision for other credit losses	(291)	1,121	—	—	—	830	
Provision for credit losses	(1,510)	17,682	88,161	41,047	5,693	145,380	19
Charge-offs	29,094	7,370	11,282	6,718	5,664	54,464	19
Recoveries	3,292	3,810	2,101	2,345	2,630	11,548	9
Net charge-offs	25,802	3,560	9,181	4,373	3,034	42,916	10
Ending balance	<u>\$ 233,105</u>	<u>\$ 260,417</u>	<u>\$ 246,295</u>	<u>\$ 167,315</u>	<u>\$ 39,266</u>	<u>\$ 233,105</u>	<u>\$ 39</u>
Allowance for loan losses	\$ 199,422	\$ 231,924	\$ 208,793	\$ 149,524	\$ 38,189	\$ 199,422	\$ 38
Allowance for unfunded commitments	32,853	27,372	37,502	17,791	1,077	32,853	1
Allowance for other credit losses	830	1,121	—	—	—	830	
Total allowance for credit losses	<u>\$ 233,105</u>	<u>\$ 260,417</u>	<u>\$ 246,295</u>	<u>\$ 167,315</u>	<u>\$ 39,266</u>	<u>\$ 233,105</u>	<u>\$ 39</u>

#### Net Charge-off Information

<b>Charge-offs</b>							
Commercial, financial and agricultural	\$ 5,960	\$ 1,715	\$ 486	\$ 2,486	\$ 1,813	\$ 10,647	\$ 3
Consumer installment	2,861	677	962	1,142	1,586	5,642	5
Indirect automobile	658	697	1,016	1,231	939	3,602	1
Premium Finance	2,240	1,158	1,904	831	899	6,133	4
Real estate - construction and development	—	9	74	—	146	83	
Real estate - commercial and farmland	17,284	2,977	6,315	928	181	27,504	3
Real estate - residential	91	137	525	100	100	853	
Total charge-offs	29,094	7,370	11,282	6,718	5,664	54,464	19

#### Recoveries

Commercial, financial and agricultural	754	470	303	362	934	1,889	1
Consumer installment	480	516	436	321	461	1,753	1
Indirect automobile	637	317	359	344	241	1,657	
Premium Finance	605	1,224	676	684	358	3,189	2
Real estate - construction and development	125	182	168	342	430	817	1
Real estate - commercial and farmland	439	904	21	85	140	1,449	
Real estate - residential	252	197	138	207	68	794	
Total recoveries	3,292	3,810	2,101	2,345	2,632	11,548	9

<b>Net charge-offs</b>	<u>\$ 25,802</u>	<u>\$ 3,560</u>	<u>\$ 9,181</u>	<u>\$ 4,373</u>	<u>\$ 3,032</u>	<u>\$ 42,916</u>	<u>\$ 10</u>
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#### Non-Performing Assets

Nonaccrual loans	\$ 76,457	\$ 138,163	\$ 77,745	\$ 77,866	\$ 75,124	\$ 76,457	\$ 75
Other real estate owned	11,880	17,969	23,563	21,027	19,500	11,880	19
Reposessed assets	544	258	1,348	783	939	544	
Accruing loans delinquent 90 days or more	8,326	7,003	15,127	11,969	5,754	8,326	5
Total non-performing assets	<u>\$ 97,207</u>	<u>\$ 163,393</u>	<u>\$ 117,783</u>	<u>\$ 111,645</u>	<u>\$ 101,317</u>	<u>\$ 97,207</u>	<u>\$ 101</u>

#### Asset Quality Ratios

Non-performing assets as a percent of total assets	0.48 %	0.82 %	0.59 %	0.61 %	0.56 %	0.48 %	
Net charge-offs as a percent of average loans (annualized)	0.70 %	0.10 %	0.27 %	0.14 %	0.09 %	0.31 %	

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#### Loan Information

	Dec 2020	Sep 2020	Jun 2020	Mar 2020	Table 5 Dec 2019
<b>(dollars in thousands)</b>					
<b>Loans by Type</b>					
Commercial, financial and agricultural	\$ 1,627,477	\$ 1,879,788	\$ 1,839,921	\$ 827,392	\$ 802,171
Consumer installment	306,995	450,810	575,782	520,592	498,577
Indirect automobile	580,083	682,396	739,543	937,736	1,061,824
Mortgage warehouse	916,353	995,942	748,853	547,328	526,369
Municipal	659,403	725,669	731,508	749,633	564,304
Premium Finance	687,841	710,890	690,584	661,845	654,669
Real estate - construction and development	1,606,710	1,628,255	1,641,744	1,628,367	1,549,062
Real estate - commercial and farmland	5,300,006	5,116,252	4,804,420	4,516,451	4,353,039
Real estate - residential	2,796,057	2,753,591	2,730,802	2,704,762	2,808,461
<b>Total loans</b>	<u>\$ 14,480,925</u>	<u>\$ 14,943,593</u>	<u>\$ 14,503,157</u>	<u>\$ 13,094,106</u>	<u>\$ 12,818,476</u>

#### Troubled Debt Restructurings

<b>Accruing troubled debt restructurings</b>					
Commercial, financial and agricultural	\$ 521	\$ 459	\$ 591	\$ 575	\$ 516
Consumer installment	32	36	42	4	8
Indirect automobile	2,277	2,689	—	—	—
Mortgage warehouse	—	—	—	—	—
Municipal	—	—	—	—	—
Premium Finance	—	—	—	159	156
Real estate - construction and development	506	510	919	925	936
Real estate - commercial and farmland	36,707	56,417	5,252	5,587	6,732
Real estate - residential	38,800	28,777	30,253	22,775	21,261
<b>Total accruing troubled debt restructurings</b>	<u>\$ 78,843</u>	<u>\$ 88,888</u>	<u>\$ 37,057</u>	<u>\$ 30,025</u>	<u>\$ 29,609</u>
<b>Nonaccrual troubled debt restructurings</b>					
Commercial, financial and agricultural	\$ 849	\$ 1,002	\$ 1,034	\$ 334	\$ 335
Consumer installment	56	64	67	105	107
Indirect automobile	461	482	—	—	—
Mortgage warehouse	—	—	—	—	—
Municipal	—	—	—	—	—
Premium Finance	—	—	—	—	—
Real estate - construction and development	707	709	307	289	253
Real estate - commercial and farmland	1,401	19,942	1,878	2,415	2,071
Real estate - residential	2,671	4,477	2,231	3,078	2,857
<b>Total nonaccrual troubled debt restructurings</b>	<u>\$ 6,145</u>	<u>\$ 26,676</u>	<u>\$ 5,517</u>	<u>\$ 6,221</u>	<u>\$ 5,623</u>
<b>Total troubled debt restructurings</b>	<u>\$ 84,988</u>	<u>\$ 115,564</u>	<u>\$ 42,574</u>	<u>\$ 36,246</u>	<u>\$ 35,232</u>

#### Loans by Risk Grade

Grade 1 - Prime credit	\$ 1,368,661	\$ 1,845,900	\$ 1,789,709	\$ 774,956	\$ 587,877
Grade 2 - Strong credit	869,581	838,267	801,273	785,770	840,372
Grade 3 - Good credit	6,624,154	6,189,269	5,784,754	5,772,834	6,034,398

Grade 4 - Satisfactory credit	4,794,672	4,989,617	5,643,133	4,353,733	4,884,541
Grade 5 - Fair credit	452,350	643,502	212,667	1,131,128	233,020
Grade 6 - Other assets especially mentioned	108,541	151,501	108,704	106,885	86,412
Grade 7 - Substandard	262,947	285,537	162,917	168,561	151,846
Grade 8 - Doubtful	19	—	—	239	8
Grade 9 - Loss	—	—	—	—	2
<b>Total loans</b>	<b>\$ 14,480,925</b>	<b>\$ 14,943,593</b>	<b>\$ 14,503,157</b>	<b>\$ 13,094,106</b>	<b>\$ 12,818,476</b>

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**Average Balances**

(dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended					Year Ended	
	Dec 2020	Sep 2020	Jun 2020	Mar 2020	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	Dec 2019
<b>Earning Assets</b>							
Federal funds sold	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,004	\$ 24,265	\$ 27,380	\$ 23,104	\$ 22,896	\$ 31,104
Interest-bearing deposits in banks	879,481	467,188	398,284	419,260	304,427	541,776	358,104
Time deposits in other banks	249	249	249	249	401	249	31,104
Investment securities - taxable	1,024,335	1,160,585	1,281,980	1,359,651	1,426,062	1,206,014	1,341,104
Investment securities - nontaxable	20,112	21,619	21,576	22,839	23,580	21,533	21,104
Other investments	31,552	64,656	79,143	73,972	64,852	62,253	37,104
Loans held for sale	1,281,762	1,507,481	1,614,080	1,587,131	1,537,648	1,497,051	667,104
Loans	14,752,664	14,688,317	13,915,406	12,712,997	12,697,912	14,018,582	10,667,104
<b>Total Earning Assets</b>	<b>\$ 18,010,155</b>	<b>\$ 17,930,099</b>	<b>\$ 17,334,983</b>	<b>\$ 16,203,479</b>	<b>\$ 16,077,986</b>	<b>\$ 17,370,354</b>	<b>\$ 13,128,104</b>
<b>Deposits</b>							
Noninterest-bearing deposits	\$ 5,970,672	\$ 5,782,163	\$ 5,061,578	\$ 4,080,920	\$ 4,124,872	\$ 5,227,399	\$ 3,364,104
NOW accounts	2,968,596	2,718,315	2,441,305	2,287,947	2,204,666	2,605,349	1,831,104
MMDA	4,534,243	4,273,899	4,221,906	4,004,644	3,953,717	4,259,467	3,280,104
Savings accounts	793,414	749,314	692,382	643,422	649,118	719,916	529,104
Retail CDs	2,109,600	2,274,150	2,471,134	2,624,209	2,721,829	2,368,802	2,348,104
Brokered CDs	1,140	1,933	2,043	61,190	249,644	16,494	347,104
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>16,377,665</b>	<b>15,799,774</b>	<b>14,890,348</b>	<b>13,702,332</b>	<b>13,903,846</b>	<b>15,197,427</b>	<b>11,702,104</b>
<b>Non-Deposit Funding</b>							
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	9,929	10,483	12,452	15,637	17,088	12,115	14,104
FHLB advances	127,797	799,034	1,212,537	1,267,303	1,080,516	849,546	483,104
Other borrowings	376,295	272,443	269,300	269,454	234,001	297,023	186,104
Subordinated deferrable interest debentures	124,091	123,604	123,120	127,731	127,292	124,632	110,104
<b>Total Non-Deposit Funding</b>	<b>638,112</b>	<b>1,205,564</b>	<b>1,617,409</b>	<b>1,680,125</b>	<b>1,458,897</b>	<b>1,283,316</b>	<b>794,104</b>
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>\$ 17,015,777</b>	<b>\$ 17,005,338</b>	<b>\$ 16,507,757</b>	<b>\$ 15,382,457</b>	<b>\$ 15,362,743</b>	<b>\$ 16,480,743</b>	<b>\$ 12,497,104</b>

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**Interest Income and Interest Expense (TE)**

(dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended					Year Ended	
	Dec 2020	Sep 2020	Jun 2020	Mar 2020	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	Dec 2019
<b>Interest Income</b>							
Federal funds sold	\$ 13	\$ 13	\$ 45	\$ 76	\$ 69	\$ 147	\$ 676
Interest-bearing deposits in banks	251	152	122	1,210	1,089	1,735	8,068
Time deposits in other banks	1	1	1	1	2	4	71
Investment securities - taxable	6,398	7,260	9,346	10,082	10,358	33,086	40,138
Investment securities - nontaxable (TE)	190	202	198	199	212	789	751
Loans held for sale	9,705	10,365	14,053	13,637	14,330	47,760	25,003
Loans (TE)	163,532	163,352	162,617	158,636	169,119	648,137	566,037
<b>Total Earning Assets</b>	<b>\$ 180,090</b>	<b>\$ 181,345</b>	<b>\$ 186,382</b>	<b>\$ 183,841</b>	<b>\$ 195,179</b>	<b>\$ 731,658</b>	<b>\$ 640,744</b>
Accretion income (included above)	\$ 4,688	\$ 6,525	\$ 9,576	\$ 6,562	\$ 9,727	\$ 27,351	\$ 19,935
<b>Interest Expense</b>							
<b>Interest-Bearing Deposits</b>							
NOW accounts	\$ 1,091	\$ 1,394	\$ 1,265	\$ 2,774	\$ 2,728	\$ 6,524	\$ 9,940
MMDA	2,326	2,823	3,764	9,748	11,311	18,661	42,439
Savings accounts	143	112	94	210	233	559	669
Retail CDs	5,301	7,484	9,136	11,064	12,220	32,985	41,040
Brokered CDs	9	9	14	306	1,478	338	8,445
<b>Total Interest-Bearing Deposits</b>	<b>8,870</b>	<b>11,822</b>	<b>14,273</b>	<b>24,102</b>	<b>27,970</b>	<b>59,067</b>	<b>102,533</b>
<b>Non-Deposit Funding</b>							
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	8	9	25	40	41	82	86
FHLB advances	245	661	1,686	5,109	5,241	7,701	10,044
Other borrowings	4,635	3,558	3,487	3,511	3,358	15,191	11,127
Subordinated deferrable interest debentures	1,569	1,346	1,733	2,061	2,115	6,709	7,438
<b>Total Non-Deposit Funding</b>	<b>6,457</b>	<b>5,574</b>	<b>6,931</b>	<b>10,721</b>	<b>10,755</b>	<b>29,683</b>	<b>28,695</b>
<b>Total Interest-Bearing Funding</b>	<b>\$ 15,327</b>	<b>\$ 17,396</b>	<b>\$ 21,204</b>	<b>\$ 34,823</b>	<b>\$ 38,725</b>	<b>\$ 88,750</b>	<b>\$ 131,228</b>
<b>Net Interest Income (TE)</b>	<b>\$ 164,763</b>	<b>\$ 163,949</b>	<b>\$ 165,178</b>	<b>\$ 149,018</b>	<b>\$ 156,454</b>	<b>\$ 642,908</b>	<b>\$ 509,516</b>

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**Yields<sup>(1)</sup>**

	Three Months Ended					Year Ended	
	Dec 2020	Sep 2020	Jun 2020	Mar 2020	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	Dec 2019
<b>Earning Assets</b>							
Federal funds sold	0.26 %	0.26 %	0.75 %	1.12 %	1.18 %	0.64 %	2.17 %
Interest-bearing deposits in banks	0.11 %	0.13 %	0.12 %	1.16 %	1.42 %	0.32 %	2.25 %
Time deposits in other banks	1.60 %	1.60 %	1.62 %	1.62 %	1.98 %	1.61 %	1.92 %
Investment securities - taxable	2.48 %	2.49 %	2.93 %	2.98 %	2.88 %	2.74 %	2.99 %
Investment securities - nontaxable (TE)	3.76 %	3.72 %	3.69 %	3.50 %	3.57 %	3.66 %	3.46 %
Loans held for sale	3.01 %	2.74 %	3.50 %	3.46 %	3.70 %	3.19 %	3.75 %
Loans (TE)	4.41 %	4.42 %	4.70 %	5.02 %	5.28 %	4.62 %	5.31 %

<b>Total Earning Assets</b>	<del>3.98 %</del>	<del>4.02 %</del>	<del>4.32 %</del>	<del>4.56 %</del>	<del>4.82 %</del>	<del>4.21 %</del>	<del>4.88 %</del>
<b>Interest-Bearing Deposits</b>							
NOW accounts	0.15 %	0.20 %	0.21 %	0.49 %	0.49 %	0.25 %	0.54 %
MMDA	0.20 %	0.26 %	0.36 %	0.98 %	1.14 %	0.44 %	1.29 %
Savings accounts	0.07 %	0.06 %	0.05 %	0.13 %	0.14 %	0.08 %	0.13 %
Retail CDs	1.00 %	1.31 %	1.49 %	1.70 %	1.78 %	1.39 %	1.75 %
Brokered CDs	3.14 %	1.85 %	2.76 %	2.01 %	2.35 %	2.05 %	2.43 %
<b>Total Interest-Bearing Deposits</b>	0.34 %	0.47 %	0.58 %	1.01 %	1.13 %	0.59 %	1.23 %
<b>Non-Deposit Funding</b>							
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	0.32 %	0.34 %	0.81 %	1.03 %	0.95 %	0.68 %	0.61 %
FHLB advances	0.76 %	0.33 %	0.56 %	1.62 %	1.92 %	0.91 %	2.08 %
Other borrowings	4.90 %	5.20 %	5.21 %	5.24 %	5.69 %	5.11 %	5.96 %
Subordinated deferrable interest debentures	5.03 %	4.33 %	5.66 %	6.49 %	6.59 %	5.38 %	6.75 %
<b>Total Non-Deposit Funding</b>	4.03 %	1.84 %	1.72 %	2.57 %	2.92 %	2.31 %	3.61 %
<b>Total Interest-Bearing Liabilities</b>	0.55 %	0.62 %	0.75 %	1.24 %	1.37 %	0.79 %	1.44 %
<b>Net Interest Spread</b>	3.43 %	3.40 %	3.57 %	3.32 %	3.45 %	3.42 %	3.44 %
<b>Net Interest Margin <sup>(2)</sup></b>	3.64 %	3.64 %	3.83 %	3.70 %	3.86 %	3.70 %	3.88 %
<b>Total Cost of Funds <sup>(3)</sup></b>	0.36 %	0.41 %	0.52 %	0.91 %	1.00 %	0.54 %	1.05 %

(1) Interest and average rates are calculated on a tax-equivalent basis using an effective tax rate of 21%.  
(2) Rate calculated based on average earning assets.  
(3) Rate calculated based on total average funding including noninterest-bearing deposits.

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**Non-GAAP Reconciliations**

**Adjusted Net Income**

	Three Months Ended					
	Dec 2020	Sep 2020	Jun 2020	Mar 2020	Dec 2019	Dec 2020
<b>(dollars in thousands except per share data)</b>						
Net income available to common shareholders	\$ 94,285	\$ 116,145	\$ 32,236	\$ 19,322	\$ 61,248	\$ 261,98
Adjustment items:						
Merger and conversion charges	—	(44)	895	540	2,415	1,39
Restructuring charges	—	50	1,463	—	—	1,51
Servicing right impairment	9,501	412	7,989	22,165	366	40,06
(Gain) loss on BOLI proceeds	—	(103)	(845)	—	752	(94
Expenses related to SEC/DOJ Investigation	53	268	1,294	1,443	463	3,05
Natural disaster and pandemic charges (Note 1)	235	470	2,043	548	—	3,29
(Gain) loss on sale of premises	(30)	(97)	281	470	1,413	62
Tax effect of adjustment items (Note 2)	(2,049)	(222)	(2,933)	(5,283)	(898)	(10,48
After tax adjustment items	7,710	734	10,187	19,883	4,511	38,51
Tax expense attributable to acquisition related compensation and acquired BOLI	—	—	—	—	849	—
Adjusted net income	\$ 101,995	\$ 116,879	\$ 42,423	\$ 39,205	\$ 66,608	\$ 300,50
Weighted average number of shares - diluted	69,493,105	69,346,141	69,292,972	69,502,022	69,683,999	69,426,16
Net income per diluted share	\$ 1.36	\$ 1.67	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.88	\$ 3.7
Adjusted net income per diluted share	\$ 1.47	\$ 1.69	\$ 0.61	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.96	\$ 4.3
Average assets	\$ 19,876,338	\$ 19,810,084	\$ 19,222,181	\$ 18,056,445	\$ 17,998,494	\$ 19,240,49
Return on average assets	1.89 %	2.33 %	0.67 %	0.43 %	1.35 %	1.3
Adjusted return on average assets	2.04 %	2.35 %	0.89 %	0.87 %	1.47 %	1.9
Average common equity	\$ 2,622,942	\$ 2,529,471	\$ 2,478,373	\$ 2,456,617	\$ 2,437,272	\$ 2,531,41
Average tangible common equity	\$ 1,620,742	\$ 1,523,066	\$ 1,462,871	\$ 1,436,108	\$ 1,432,081	\$ 1,520,30
Return on average common equity	14.30 %	18.27 %	5.23 %	3.16 %	9.97 %	10.3
Adjusted return on average tangible common equity	25.04 %	30.53 %	11.66 %	10.98 %	18.45 %	19.1

Note 1: Pandemic charges include "thank you" pay for certain employees, additional sanitizing expenses at our locations, protective equipment for our employees and branch location equipment required to support our remote workforce.

Note 2: A portion of the merger and conversion charges for 1Q20, 4Q19 and both year-to-date periods are nondeductible for tax purposes.

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**Non-GAAP Reconciliations (continued)**

**Adjusted Efficiency Ratio (TE)**

	Three Months Ended					Year E
	Dec 2020	Sep 2020	Jun 2020	Mar 2020	Dec 2019	Dec 2020
<b>(dollars in thousands)</b>						
<b>Adjusted Noninterest Expense</b>						
Total noninterest expense	\$ 151,116	\$ 153,692	\$ 155,768	\$ 138,053	\$ 122,564	\$ 598,629
Adjustment items:						
Merger and conversion charges	—	44	(895)	(540)	(2,415)	(1,391)
Restructuring charges	—	(50)	(1,463)	—	—	(1,513)
Expenses related to SEC/DOJ Investigation	(53)	(268)	(1,294)	(1,443)	(463)	(3,058)
Natural disaster and pandemic charges	(235)	(470)	(2,043)	(548)	—	(3,296)
Gain (loss) on sale of premises	30	97	(281)	(470)	(1,413)	(624)
Adjusted noninterest expense	\$ 150,858	\$ 153,045	\$ 149,792	\$ 135,052	\$ 118,273	\$ 588,747
<b>Total Revenue</b>						
Net interest income	\$ 163,456	162,538	\$ 163,814	\$ 147,945	\$ 155,351	\$ 637,753
Noninterest income	112,143	159,018	120,960	54,379	55,113	446,500
Total revenue	\$ 275,599	\$ 321,556	\$ 284,774	\$ 202,324	\$ 210,464	\$ 1,084,253

<b>Adjusted Total Revenue</b>						
Net interest income (TE)	\$ 164,763	\$ 163,949	\$ 165,178	\$ 149,018	\$ 156,454	\$ 642,908
Noninterest income	112,143	\$ 159,018	120,960	54,379	55,113	446,500
Total revenue (TE)	276,906	\$ 322,967	286,138	203,397	211,567	1,089,408
Adjustment items:						
(Gain) loss on securities	—	—	(14)	9	(1)	(5)
(Gain) loss on BOLI proceeds	—	(103)	(845)	—	752	(948)
Servicing right impairment	9,501	412	7,989	22,165	366	40,067
Adjusted total revenue (TE)	\$ 286,407	\$ 323,276	\$ 293,268	\$ 225,571	\$ 212,684	\$ 1,128,522
<b>Efficiency ratio</b>	54.83 %	47.80 %	54.70 %	68.23 %	58.24 %	55.21 %
<b>Adjusted efficiency ratio (TE)</b>	52.67 %	47.34 %	51.08 %	59.87 %	55.61 %	52.17 %

#### Tangible Book Value Per Share

	Three Months Ended					Year E
	Dec 2020	Sep 2020	Jun 2020	Mar 2020	Dec 2019	Dec 2020
(dollars in thousands except per share data)						
Total shareholders' equity	\$ 2,647,088	\$ 2,564,683	\$ 2,460,130	\$ 2,437,150	\$ 2,469,582	\$ 2,647,088
Less:						
Goodwill	928,005	\$ 928,005	928,005	931,947	931,637	928,005
Other intangibles, net	71,974	\$ 76,164	80,354	85,955	91,586	71,974
Total tangible shareholders' equity	\$ 1,647,109	\$ 1,560,514	\$ 1,451,771	\$ 1,419,248	\$ 1,446,359	\$ 1,647,109
Period end number of shares	69,541,481	69,490,546	69,461,968	69,441,274	69,503,833	69,541,481
Book value per share (period end)	\$ 38.07	\$ 36.91	\$ 35.42	\$ 35.10	\$ 35.53	\$ 38.07
Tangible book value per share (period end)	\$ 23.69	\$ 22.46	\$ 20.90	\$ 20.44	\$ 20.81	\$ 23.69

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##### Segment Reporting

	Three Months Ended					Year Ended	
	Dec 2020	Sep 2020	Jun 2020	Mar 2020	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	Dec 2019
(dollars in thousands)							
<b>Banking Division</b>							
Net interest income	\$ 112,964	\$ 119,562	\$ 120,330	\$ 118,375	\$ 124,957	\$ 471,231	\$ 419,013
Provision for credit losses	1,847	487	86,805	35,997	4,741	125,136	12,654
Noninterest income	15,659	15,265	14,468	17,773	18,632	63,165	69,005
Noninterest expense							
Salaries and employee benefits	38,668	39,718	40,423	41,621	38,180	160,430	130,134
Occupancy and equipment expenses	10,958	11,955	11,679	10,347	10,216	44,939	35,281
Data processing and telecommunications expenses	9,608	9,716	8,919	10,797	10,156	39,040	34,934
Other noninterest expenses	25,806	21,517	27,997	30,645	23,176	105,965	149,919
Total noninterest expense	85,040	82,906	89,018	93,410	81,728	350,374	350,268
Income (loss) before income tax expense	41,736	51,434	(41,025)	6,741	57,120	58,886	125,096
Income tax expense (benefit)	13,992	13,453	(8,582)	275	15,412	19,138	31,609
Net income (loss)	\$ 27,744	\$ 37,981	\$ (32,443)	\$ 6,466	\$ 41,708	\$ 39,748	\$ 93,487
<b>Retail Mortgage Division</b>							
Net interest income	\$ 19,908	\$ 20,393	\$ 24,302	\$ 17,756	\$ 18,223	\$ 82,359	\$ 44,552
Provision for credit losses	(1,621)	15,051	423	1,997	1,237	15,850	3,472
Noninterest income	94,109	137,583	104,195	34,369	33,335	370,256	118,188
Noninterest expense							
Salaries and employee benefits	50,165	53,500	50,003	31,097	28,233	184,765	82,470
Occupancy and equipment expenses	1,577	1,676	1,953	1,504	1,544	6,710	4,666
Data processing and telecommunications expenses	1,534	2,349	1,406	986	1,034	6,275	2,418
Other noninterest expenses	7,442	7,889	6,949	5,875	4,553	28,155	12,536
Total noninterest expense	60,718	65,414	60,311	39,462	35,364	225,905	102,090
Income before income tax expense	54,920	77,511	67,763	10,666	14,957	210,860	57,178
Income tax expense	11,535	16,112	14,231	2,408	3,371	44,286	12,202
Net income	\$ 43,385	\$ 61,399	\$ 53,532	\$ 8,258	\$ 11,586	\$ 166,574	\$ 44,976
<b>Warehouse Lending Division</b>							
Net interest income	\$ 9,017	\$ 6,546	\$ 5,026	\$ 3,302	\$ 3,771	\$ 23,891	\$ 12,617
Provision for credit losses	1,673	495	403	(9)	67	2,562	67
Noninterest income	1,113	1,064	727	960	610	3,864	1,999
Noninterest expense							
Salaries and employee benefits	296	266	209	210	325	981	934
Occupancy and equipment expenses	1	1	1	1	1	4	5
Data processing and telecommunications expenses	101	73	55	41	47	270	156
Other noninterest expenses	26	28	88	34	53	176	223
Total noninterest expense	424	368	353	286	426	1,431	1,318
Income before income tax expense	8,033	6,747	4,997	3,985	3,888	23,762	13,231
Income tax expense	1,687	1,431	1,049	837	816	5,004	2,778
Net income	\$ 6,346	\$ 5,316	\$ 3,948	\$ 3,148	\$ 3,072	\$ 18,758	\$ 10,453

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	Three Months Ended					Year Ended	
	Dec 2020	Sep 2020	Jun 2020	Mar 2020	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	Dec 2019
(dollars in thousands)							
<b>SBA Division</b>							
Net interest income	\$ 14,909	\$ 8,966	\$ 7,034	\$ 2,181	\$ 2,190	\$ 33,090	\$ 7,031
Provision for credit losses	(2,997)	4,297	2,322	(903)	150	2,719	544
Noninterest income	1,247	5,106	1,570	1,277	2,536	9,200	8,915
Noninterest expense							
Salaries and employee benefits	1,233	1,572	2,612	1,476	1,336	6,893	4,783
Occupancy and equipment expenses	100	97	97	97	79	391	269
Data processing and telecommunications expenses	1	4	15	13	5	33	32
Other noninterest expenses	363	595	359	515	402	1,832	1,651
Total noninterest expense	1,697	2,268	3,083	2,101	1,822	9,149	6,735
Income before income tax expense	17,456	7,507	3,199	2,260	2,754	30,422	8,667
Income tax expense	3,666	1,577	671	475	578	6,389	1,820
Net income	\$ 13,790	\$ 5,930	\$ 2,528	\$ 1,785	\$ 2,176	\$ 24,033	\$ 6,847



<b>Premium Finance Division</b>							
Net interest income	\$ 6,658	\$ 7,071	\$ 7,122	\$ 6,331	\$ 6,210	\$ 27,182	\$ 21,953
Provision for credit losses	(412)	(2,648)	(1,792)	3,965	(502)	(887)	3,021
Noninterest income	15	—	—	—	—	15	6
Noninterest expense							
Salaries and employee benefits	2,104	1,642	1,921	1,542	1,568	7,209	5,617
Occupancy and equipment expenses	73	76	77	79	79	305	375
Data processing and telecommunications expenses	79	84	119	117	120	399	973
Other noninterest expenses	981	934	886	1,056	1,457	3,857	4,561
Total noninterest expense	3,237	2,736	3,003	2,794	3,224	11,770	11,526
Income (loss) before income tax expense	3,848	6,983	5,911	(428)	3,488	16,314	7,412
Income tax expense (benefit)	828	1,464	1,240	(93)	782	3,439	1,734
Net income (loss)	\$ 3,020	\$ 5,519	\$ 4,671	\$ (335)	\$ 2,706	\$ 12,875	\$ 5,678
<b>Total Consolidated</b>							
Net interest income	\$ 163,456	\$ 162,538	\$ 163,814	\$ 147,945	\$ 155,351	\$ 637,753	\$ 505,166
Provision for credit losses	(1,510)	17,682	88,161	41,047	5,693	145,380	19,758
Noninterest income	112,143	159,018	120,960	54,379	55,113	446,500	198,113
Noninterest expense							
Salaries and employee benefits	92,466	96,698	95,168	75,946	69,642	360,278	223,938
Occupancy and equipment expenses	12,709	13,805	13,807	12,028	11,919	52,349	40,596
Data processing and telecommunications expenses	11,323	12,226	10,514	11,954	11,362	46,017	38,513
Other noninterest expenses	34,618	30,963	36,279	38,125	29,641	139,985	168,890
Total noninterest expense	151,116	153,692	155,768	138,053	122,564	598,629	471,937
Income before income tax expense	125,993	150,182	40,845	23,224	82,207	340,244	211,584
Income tax expense	31,708	34,037	8,609	3,902	20,959	78,256	50,143
Net income	\$ 94,285	\$ 116,145	\$ 32,236	\$ 19,322	\$ 61,248	\$ 261,988	\$ 161,441

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