

Arkansas Credit Unions: The Real Story

Tax-paying Arkansas 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 \$2.3 trillion industry, with many indistinguishable from banks. The BIG difference—they don't pay federal income taxes, depriving the U.S. Treasury of nearly \$3.25 billion every year.

Who Pays the Taxes?

Taxes Paid in 2024

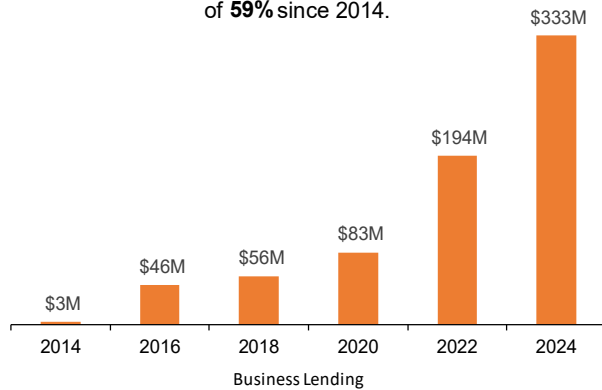
AR Credit Unions	AR Banks
\$0	\$483,072,000

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

Arkansas Federal Credit Union would have paid **\$4.6 million in taxes** during 2024, had it paid its fair share.

Indistinguishable from Banks

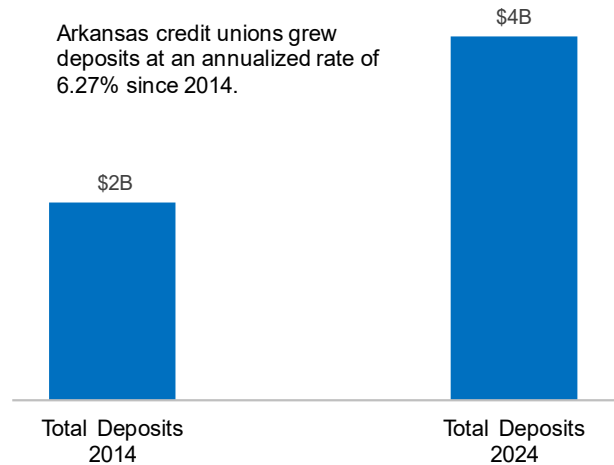
Arkansas Federal Credit Union used its tax advantage to **aggressively expand** its business lending at an annual rate of **59%** since 2014.



Arkansas Federal Credit Union, with \$2.7 billion in assets, is the largest credit union in Arkansas, larger than 88% of Arkansas headquartered banks.

Arkansas Credit Unions Leverage Their Tax Exemption to Grow Deposits

Arkansas credit unions grew deposits at an annualized rate of 6.27% since 2014.



Large Credit Union Auto Lenders

Four of the top five Arkansas-headquartered auto lenders are credit unions.

Institution	Auto Loans (\$000)
Arvest Bank	1,473,671
Arkansas Federal Credit Union	1,138,714
Success Federal Credit Union	61,114
Mil-Way Federal Credit Union	48,040
Telcoe Federal Credit Union	41,752