

# 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 \$2.1 trillion industry, with many indistinguishable from banks. The BIG difference—they don't pay federal income taxes, depriving the U.S. Treasury of nearly \$4.5 billion every year.

## Who Pays the Taxes?

### Taxes Paid in 2021

**AR Credit Unions**  
\$0

**AR Banks\***  
\$552,936,000

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

Arkansas Federal Credit Union would have paid **\$5.9 million in taxes** during 2021, had it paid its fair share.

## Indistinguishable from Banks

**Seven of the top ten** Arkansas-headquartered auto lenders are credit unions.

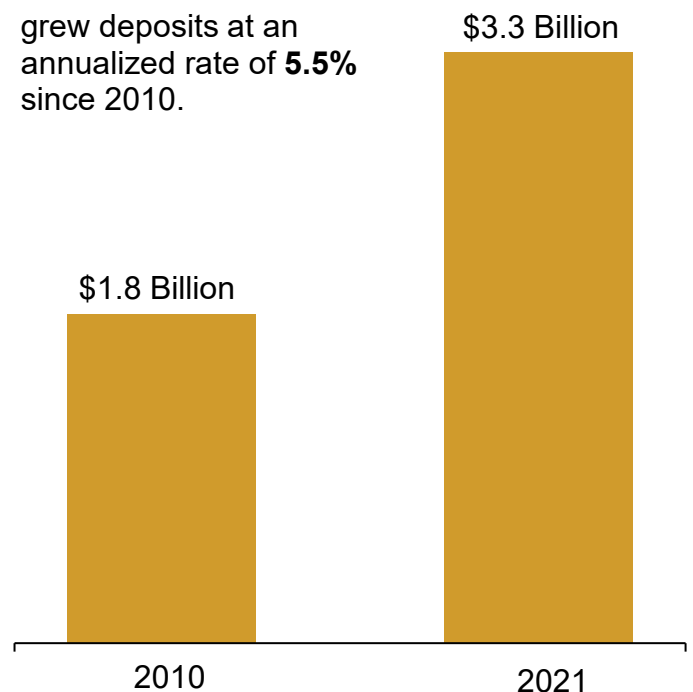
Institution	Auto Loans (\$000)
Arkansas FCU	867,713
Arvest Bank	767,618
Success FCU	59,537
Mil-Way FCU	50,865
Simmons Bank	48,547
Telcoe FCU	40,216
Arkansas Best FCU	39,449
UARK FCU	30,681
Arkansas Superior FCU	28,242
The Peoples Bank	27,984

## Larger than Most Arkansas Banks

Arkansas Federal Credit Union, with **\$1.7 billion in assets**, is the largest credit union in Arkansas, **larger than 87%** of Arkansas-headquartered banks.

## Arkansas Credit Unions Leverage Their Tax Exemption to Grow Deposits

Arkansas credit unions grew deposits at an annualized rate of **5.5%** since 2010.



## No "Common Bond" Among Members

**Northeast Arkansas Federal Credit Union** is among the largest Arkansas-headquartered depository institutions in its market.

It has an **ever-expanding field of membership** including over 350 select employee groups with little in common.