Minnesota Credit Unions: The Real Story

Tax-paying Minnesota 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 \$2.2 trillion industry, with many indistinguishable from banks. The BIG difference-they don't pay federal income taxes, depriving the U.S. Treasury of nearly \$3.1 billion every year.

Who Pays the Taxes?	
MN Credit Unions MN Banks* \$0 \$2,041,861,000 *Includes all applicable federal, state and local, and foreign income taxes	Wings Financial Credit Union would have paid \$19.5 million in taxes during 2022, had it paid its fair share.
Indistinguishable from Banks	Larger than Most Minnesota Banks
North Star Credit Union used its tax advantage to aggressively expand its business lending \$12.1M at an annual rate of 29% since 2012.	Wings Financial Credit Union, with \$7.8 billion in assets , is the largest credit union in Minnesota, larger than all but three Minnesota-headquartered banks.
\$4.2M \$978K	Minnesota Credit Unions Leverage Their Tax Exemption to Grow Deposits \$32.6 Billion Minnesota credit unions grew deposits at an annualized rate of 6.9% since 2012.
2012 2014 2016 2018 2020 2022	
Large Credit Union Auto Lenders	\$15.7 Billion
Four of the top five Minnesota- headquartered auto lenders are credit unions	
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