## **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 <b>aggressively</b> <b>expand</b> its business lending \$12.1M at an annual rate of <b>29%</b> since 2012.	Wings Financial Credit Union, with <b>\$7.8 billion in</b> <b>assets</b> , is the largest credit union in Minnesota, <b>larger than all but three</b> 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	
InstitutionAuto Loans (\$000)U.S. Bank464,820,641Wings Financial CU823,847Affinity Plus FCU790,673SPIRE Credit Union557,951	
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