

South Carolina Credit Unions: The Real Story

Tax-paying South Carolina 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?

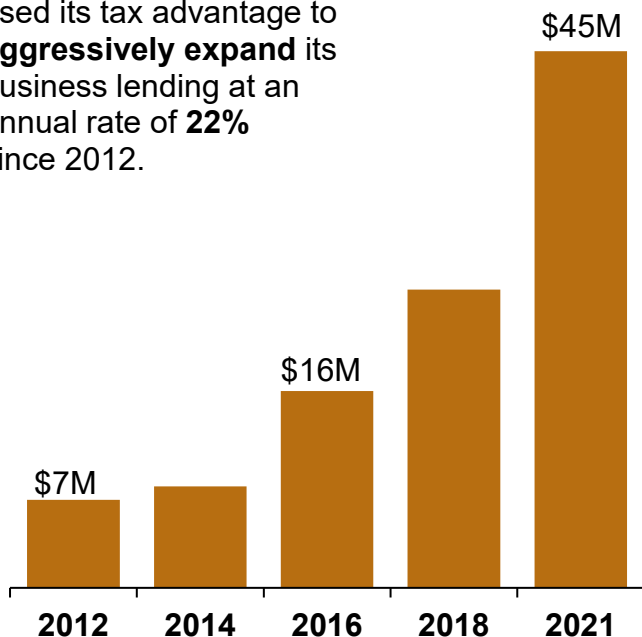
Taxes Paid in 2021	
SC Credit Unions	SC Banks*
\$0	\$74,003,000

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

Founders Federal Credit Union would have paid **\$11 million in taxes** during 2021, had it paid its fair share.

Indistinguishable from Banks

South Carolina Federal Credit Union used its tax advantage to **aggressively expand** its business lending at an annual rate of **22%** since 2012.

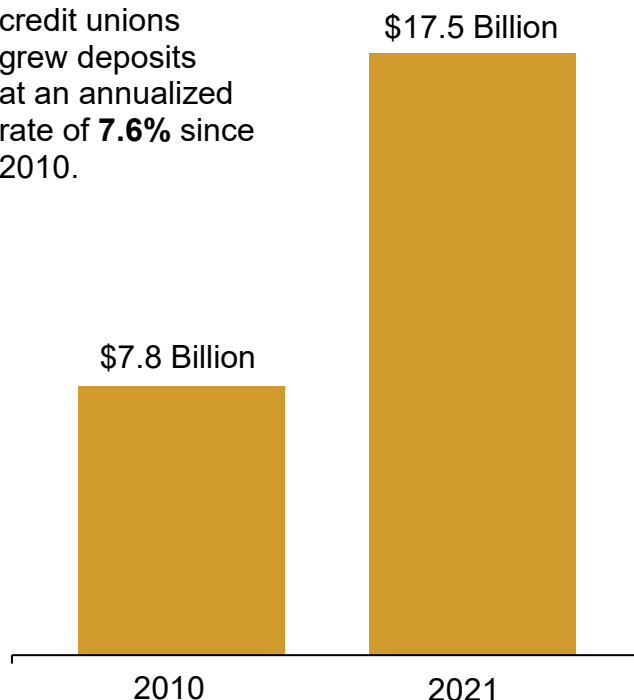


Larger than Most South Carolina Banks

Founders Federal Credit Union, with **\$3.6 billion in assets**, is the largest credit union in South Carolina, **larger than all but one** South Carolina-headquartered banks.

South Carolina Credit Unions Leverage Their Tax Exemption to Grow Deposits

South Carolina credit unions grew deposits at an annualized rate of **7.6%** since 2010.



Large Credit Union Deposits

Founders Federal Credit Union is the **largest** South Carolina-headquartered depository institution in its market.

Institution	Deposits (\$000)
Founders FCU	3,039,834
South Carolina FCU	1,980,202
Southern First Bancshares	1,967,242
CNB Corp	1,405,643
Sharonview FCU	1,330,994