

Michigan Credit Unions: The Real Story

Tax-paying Michigan 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?

Taxes Paid in 2022

MI Credit Unions
\$0

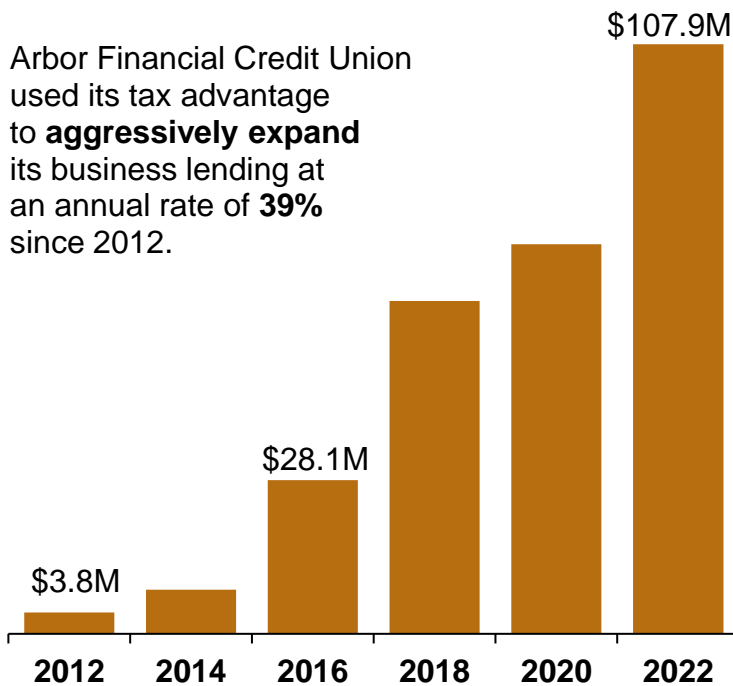
MI Banks*
\$178,148,000

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

Lake Michigan Credit Union would have paid **\$35.6 million in taxes** during 2022, had it paid its fair share.

Indistinguishable from Banks

Arbor Financial Credit Union used its tax advantage to **aggressively expand** its business lending at an annual rate of **39%** since 2012.

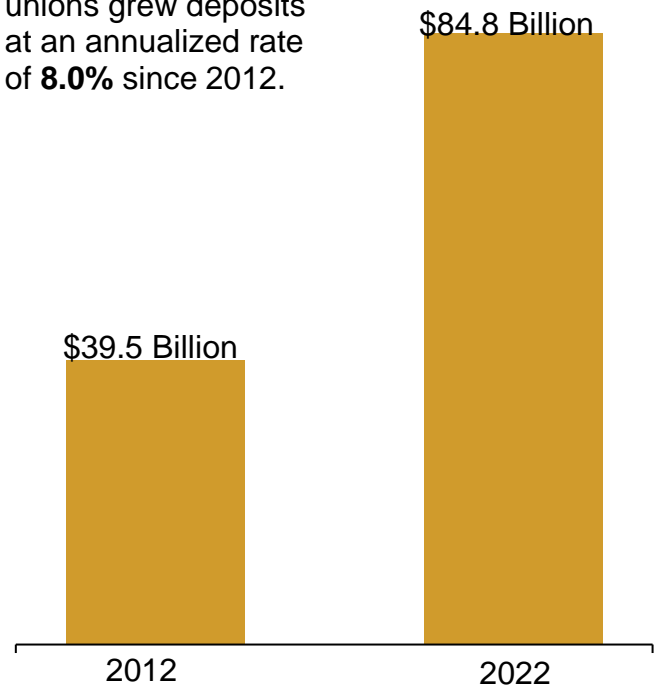


Larger than Most Michigan Banks

Lake Michigan Credit Union, with **\$11.7 billion in assets**, is the largest credit union in Michigan, **larger than all but one** Michigan-headquartered banks.

Michigan Credit Unions Leverage Their Tax Exemption to Grow Deposits

Michigan credit unions grew deposits at an annualized rate of **8.0%** since 2012.



Large Credit Union Deposits

Credit Unions are the **three of the top five largest** MI headquartered depository institutions.

Institution	Deposits (\$000)
Lake Michigan CU	10,305,309
Michigan State University FCU	5,938,472
DFCU Financial	5,681,707
Independent Bank	4,445,539
Mercantile Bank	3,731,443