UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 26, 2021



Southern States Bancshares, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

26-2518085

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

36201

(Zip Code)

Alabama 001-40727 (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 615 Quintard Ave. Anniston, AL (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (256) 241-1092

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Trading Symbols(s) Title of each class The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC SSBK CommonStock, \$5.00 par value

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Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e 4(c))
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On October 26, 2021, Southern States Bancshares, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its financial results for the third quarter ended and nine months ended September 30, 2021 (the "Earnings Release"). A copy of the Earnings Release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K (this "Report").

The information set forth under Item 7.01 is also furnished pursuant to this Item 2.02

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

The Company has prepared a presentation of its results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2021 (the "Presentation") to be used from time to time during meetings with members of the investment community. A copy of the Presentation is furnished as Exhibit 99.2 to this Report. The Presentation will also be made available on the Company's investor relations website at ir.southernstatesbank.net under the Presentations section.

The information contained in Items 2.02 and 7.01, including Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 furnished herewith, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other documents pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or into any filing or other document pursuant to the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

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Description Earnings Release issued October 26, 2021 for the Third Quarter Ended and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2021. Southern States Bancshares. Inc. Presentation of Results for the Third Quarter Ended September 30, 2021. 99 1

• Certain schedules, exhibits and appendices have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(b)(5). We will furnish the omitted schedules exhibits and appendices to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request by the Commission.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: October 26, 2021

SOUTHERN STATES BANCSHARES, INC.

By: Name: /s/ Lynn Joyce

Lynn Joyce Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Title:



Southern States Bancshares, Inc. Announces Third Quarter 2021 Financial Results

Third Quarter 2021 Highlights

- · Linked quarter loan growth was 17.3% annualized, or 24.5% annualized, excluding the impact of Paycheck Protection Program ("PPP") loans
- Net income of \$4.9 million, or \$0.58 per diluted share; return on average assets ("ROAA") of 1.26%; return on average stockholders' equity ("ROAE") of 12.03%; and return on average tangible common equity ("ROATCE")(1) of 13.57%
- Core net income⁽¹⁾ of \$4.0 million, or \$0.48 per diluted share; core ROAA⁽¹⁾ of 1.04%; and core ROATCE⁽¹⁾ of 11.15%
- · Initial public offering completed on August 16, 2021

(1) See "Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures" below for reconciliation of non-GAAP financial measures to their most closely comparable GAAP financial measures.

ANNISTON, Ala., October 26, 2021 – Southern States Bancshares, Inc. (NASDAQ: SSBK) ("Southern States" or the "Company"), the holding company for Southern States Bank, an Alabama state-chartered commercial bank (the "Bank"), today reported net income of \$4.9 million, or \$0.58 diluted earnings per share, for the third quarter of 2021. This compares to net income of \$3.9 million, or \$0.50 diluted earnings per share, for the second quarter of 2021, and net income of \$3.2 million, or \$0.48 diluted earnings per share, for the third quarter of 2020. The Company reported core net income of \$4.0 million, or \$0.48 diluted core earnings per share, for the third quarter of 2021. This compares to net income of \$4.0 million, or \$0.50 diluted core earnings per share, for the second quarter of 2021, and core net income of \$2.7 million, or \$0.35 diluted core earnings per share, for the third quarter of 2020 (see "Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures").

Stephen Whatley, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Southern States, said, "Our third quarter results demonstrated exceptionally strong loan growth, healthy profitability, and impressive credit quality. By continuing to execute on our strategic plan that focuses on organic growth in our attractive markets, we are well positioned to continue growing our franchise while leveraging our recent investments in people, infrastructure, and technology."

"We are very pleased to have completed our initial public offering in August. Becoming a public company is an important next chapter in our history, but our focus remains squarely on understanding and valuing the needs of our clients. By remaining consistent with our core values and continuing to deliver high levels of personalized service, we believe that we will continue to enhance the value of our franchise over the long term," said Mr. Whatley.

Net Interest Income and Net Interest Margin

Net interest income for the third quarter of 2021 was \$13.6 million, an increase of 5.8% from \$12.9 million for the second quarter of 2021. The increase was primarily attributable to an increase in interest-earning assets.

Relative to the third quarter of 2020, net interest income increased \$2.7 million, or 24.2%. The increase was substantially the result of an increase in interest-earning assets.

Net interest margin for the third quarter of 2021 was 3.77%, compared to 3.75% for the second quarter of 2021. The increase was primarily the result of a decline in the cost of funds that more than offset a decline in the yield on interest-earning assets.

Relative to the third quarter of 2020, net interest margin increased from 3.71%. The increase was primarily due to a decline in the cost of funds that more than offset a decline in the yield on interest-earning assets.

Noninterest Income

Noninterest income for the third quarter of 2021 was \$2.5 million, an increase of 22.7% from \$2.0 million for the second quarter of 2021. Third quarter 2021 results included a bank owned life insurance ("BOLI") death benefit claim of \$742,000 and \$189,000 net gain on securities.

Relative to the third quarter of 2020, noninterest income increased 2.5% from \$2.4 million. In comparing the quarters, there was a decline in swap fees from the third quarter of 2020 that was more than offset by a net gain on securities and a larger BOLI claim in the third quarter of 2021 compared to the claim in the second quarter of 2020.

Noninterest Expense

Noninterest expense for the third quarter of 2021 was \$9.2 million, up from \$9.1 million for the second quarter of 2021. The increase was primarily attributable to increased public company expenses in the third quarter.

Relative to the third quarter of 2020, noninterest expense increased 13.5% from \$8.1 million. The increase was primarily attributable to higher salaries and employee benefits expense as production personnel were added in the Georgia market. These hires contributed to the growth in loans and profitability.

Loan Portfolio

Total loans outstanding, before allowance for loan losses, were \$1.1 billion at September 30, 2021, compared with \$1.1 billion at June 30, 2021 and \$1.0 billion at September 30, 2020. The \$47.9 million increase in loans from June 30, 2021 was primarily attributable to an increases in construction and development loans that more than offset a decrease in PPP loans.

PPP loans outstanding were \$20.3 million at September 30, 2021, compared to \$37.8 million and \$71.7 million at June 30, 2021 and September 30, 2020, respectively. Excluding the impact of PPP loans forgiven by the SBA, total gross loans increased during the third quarter by \$65.2 million, or 24.5% annualized, to \$1.1 billion.

Deposits

Total deposits were \$1.3 billion at September 30, 2021, compared with \$1.3 billion at June 30, 2021 and \$1.1 billion at September 30, 2020. The \$23.7 million increase in total deposits from June 30, 2021 was due to increases of \$10.6 million in noninterest-bearing and \$13.1 million in interest-bearing accounts.

Asset Quality

Nonperforming loans totaled \$3.3 million, or 0.29% of gross loans, at September 30, 2021, compared with \$2.2 million, or 0.20% of gross loans, at June 30, 2021, and \$10.9 million, or 1.09% of gross loans, at September 30, 2020. The \$1.2 million increase in nonperforming loans from June 30, 2021 was primarily attributable to construction and development loans associated with one borrower. The \$7.6 million reduction in nonperforming

loans from September 30, 2020 was primarily attributable to two properties that were foreclosed and moved to other real estate owned ("OREO").

The Company recorded a provision for loan losses of \$750,000 for the third quarter of 2021, unchanged from the second quarter of 2021. The provision was primarily due to loan growth.

Net recoveries for the third quarter of 2021 were \$8,000, or 0.00% of average loans on an annualized basis, compared to net charge-offs of \$16,000, or 0.00% of average loans on an annualized basis, for the second quarter of 2021, and net recoveries of \$14,000, or 0.00% of average loans on an annualized basis, for the third quarter of 2020.

The Company's allowance for loan losses was 1.23% of total loans and 426.15% of nonperforming loans at September 30, 2021, compared with 1.22% of total loans and 619.27% of nonperforming loans at June 30, 2021.

About Southern States Bancshares, Inc.

Headquartered in Anniston, Alabama, Southern States Bancshares, Inc. is a bank holding company that operates primarily through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Southern States Bank. The Bank is a full service community banking institution, which offers an array of deposit, loan and other banking-related products and services to businesses and individuals in its communities. The Bank operates 15 branches in Alabama and Georgia and a loan production office in Atlanta.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws, which reflect our current expectations and beliefs with respect to, among other things, future events and our financial performance. These forward-looking statements are not historical facts, and are based on current expectations, estimates and projections about our industry, management's beliefs and certain assumptions made by management, many of which, by their nature, are inherently uncertain and beyond our control. This may be especially true given the current COVID-19 pandemic and uncertainty about its continuation. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable as of the dates made, we cannot give any assurance that such expectations will prove correct and actual results may prove to be materially different from the results expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements are set forth in the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2021 under the section entitled "Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" and "Risk Factors". Accordingly, we caution you that any such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to risks, assumptions and uncertainties that are difficult to predict.

These statements are often, but not always, made through the use of words or phrases such as "may," "can," "should," "could," "to be," "predict," "potential," "believe," "will likely result," "expect," "continue," "will," "likely," "anticipate," "seek," "estimate," "intend," "plan," "target," "project," "would" and "outlook," or the negative version of those words or other similar words or phrases of a future or forward-looking nature. Forward-looking statements appear in a number of places in this earnings release and may include statements about business strategy and prospects for growth, operations, ability to pay dividends, competition, regulation and general economic conditions

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	Septembe	r 30, 2021 (Unaudited)	June 30, 2021 (Unaudited)	Decem	ber 31, 2020 (Audited)	September 3	30, 2020 (Unaudited)
<u>Assets</u>							
Cash and due from banks	\$	19,000	\$ 17,95	3 \$	23,229	\$	16,718
Interest-bearing deposits in banks		114,800	131,16	9	51,503		24,121
Federal funds sold		44,022	39,02	21	10,175		66,389
Total cash and cash equivalents		177,822	188,14	13	84,907		107,228
Securities available for sale, at fair value		113,317	105,63	.7	114,001		98,155
Securities held to maturity, at amortized cost		19,678	19,68	3	_		_
Other equity securities, at fair value		9,227	8,98		5,017		_
Restricted equity securities, at cost		2,600	2,78	88	3,224		3,137
Loans held for sale		2,097	2,76	57	5,696		3,575
Loans, net of unearned income		1,145,447	1,097,55	i9	1,030,115		1,001,853
Less allowance for loan losses		14,097	13,33	89	11,859		12,116
Loans, net	<u></u>	1,131,350	1,084,22	20	1,018,256		989,737
Premises and equipment, net		25,916	25,01		24,426		24,890
Accrued interest receivable		3,933	3,72	25	4,243		4,471
Bank owned life insurance		22,081	22,71	.0	22,458		22,328
Annuities		12,968	12,94	1	12,903		12,976
Foreclosed assets		10,146	10,14	16	10,224		7,582
Goodwill		16,862	16,86	52	16,862		16,862
Core deposit intangible		1,566	1,63	32	1,764		1,830
Other assets		9,499	9,20	06	8,525		7,269
Total assets	\$	1,559,062	\$ 1,514,43	86 \$	1,332,506	\$	1,300,040
<u>Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity</u>							
Liabilities:							
Deposits:							
Noninterest-bearing	\$	380,111	\$ 369,47	9 \$	290,867	\$	285,467
Interest-bearing		956,211	943,13	31	848,794		828,143
Total deposits		1,336,322	1,312,63	.0	1,139,661		1,113,610
Other borrowings		12,498	12,49	00	7,975		8,000
FHLB advances		26,900	31,90	00	30,900		28,850
Subordinated notes				_	4,493		4,490
Accrued interest payable		125	17	' 5	278		406
Other liabilities		8,996	8,35	8	8,543		7,318
Total liabilities		1,384,841	1,365,53	33	1,191,850		1,162,674

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION (In thousands, except share amounts)

	Septembe	r 30, 2021 (Unaudited)	June 30, 2021 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2020 (Audited)	September 30, 2020 (Unaudited)
Stockholders' equity:					
Common stock		45,064	38,582	38,391	38,374
Capital surplus		80,547	65,978	65,327	65,197
Retained earnings		46,611	42,385	34,183	31,482
Accumulated other comprehensive income		2,600	2,683	3,194	2,805
Unvested restricted stock	-	(601)	(725)	(439)	(492)
Total stockholders' equity		174,221	148,903	140,656	137,366
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	1,559,062	\$ 1,514,436	\$ 1,332,506	\$ 1,300,040
Shares issued and outstanding		9,012,857	7,716,428	7,678,195	7,674,756

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (UNAUDITED)

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

		For the Three Months Ended		For the Nine Months Ended			
	Sept	ember 30, 2021	June 30, 2021	September 30, 2020	September 30, 2021	September 30, 2020	
Interest income:							
Loans, including fees	\$	13,923				\$ 35,577	
Taxable securities		402	332	346	1,134	940	
Nontaxable securities		266	255	178	729	454	
Other interest and dividends		143	124	67	315	489	
Total interest income		14,734	14,195	12,899	42,607	37,460	
Interest expense:							
Deposits		1,034	1,131	1,694	3,355	6,491	
Other borrowings		60	171	220	435	642	
Total interest expense		1,094	1,302	1,914	3,790	7,133	
Net interest income		13,640	12,893	10,985	38,817	30,327	
Provision for loan losses		750	750	1,600	2,250	2,700	
Net interest income after provision for loan losses		12,890	12,143	9,385	36,567	27,627	
Noninterest income:							
Service charges on deposit accounts		403	337	356	1,101	1,089	
Swap fees		101	279	419	938	1,063	
SBA/USDA fees		130	439	124	3,434	709	
Mortgage origination fees		393	396	410	1,196	1,220	
Net gain (loss) on securities		189	27	-	(17)	742	
Other operating income		1,293	567	1,139	2,399	2,093	
Total noninterest income		2,509	2,045	2,448	9,051	6,916	
Noninterest expenses:							
Salaries and employee benefits		5,517	5,530	4,629	16,104	13,801	
Equipment and occupancy expenses		908	909	949	2,697	2,760	
Data processing fees		524	527	468	1,565	1,340	
Regulatory assessments		248	221	210	689	523	
Other operating expenses		1,988	1,919	1,834	5,768	5,315	
Total noninterest expenses	-	9,185	9,106	8,090	26,823	23,739	
Total Hollinterest expenses	-	·	<u> </u>		·	20,700	
Income before income taxes		6,214	5,082	3,743	18,795	10,804	
Income tax expense		1,293	1,176	549	4,287	2,012	
Net income	\$	4,921	\$ 3,906	\$ 3,194	\$ 14,508	\$ 8,792	
Basic earnings per share	\$	0.59	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.42	\$ 1.84	\$ 1.15	
Diluted earnings per share	\$	0.58	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.41	\$ 1.82	\$ 1.13	
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The following table provides an analysis of the allowance for loan losses as of the dates indicated.

		Three Months Ended						Nine Months Ended			
		September 30, 2021		June 30, 2021		September 30, 2020		September 30, 2021		September 30, 2020	
	· <u></u>					(Dollars in thousands)					
Average loans, net of unearned income	\$	1,122,741	\$	1,091,139	\$	994,066	\$	1,093,684	\$	936,500	
Loans, net of unearned income	\$	1,145,447	\$	1,097,559	\$	1,001,853	\$	1,145,447	\$	1,001,853	
Allowance for loan losses at beginning of the period	\$	13,339	\$	12,605	\$	10,502	\$	11,859	\$	9,265	
Charge-offs:											
Construction and development		_		_		_		_		_	
Residential		_		28		1		44		48	
Commercial		_		_		_		_		_	
Commercial and industrial		_		_		_		_		_	
Consumer and other		_		_		4		2		15	
Total charge-offs		_		28		5		46		63	
Recoveries:											
Construction and development		_		_		_		_		_	
Residential		7		3		7		12		9	
Commercial		_		_		_		_		_	
Commercial and industrial		1		2		10		14		122	
Consumer and other		_		7		2		8		83	
Total recoveries		8		12		19		34		214	
Net charge-offs (recovery)	\$	(8)	\$	16	\$	(14)	\$	12	\$	(151)	
Provision for loan losses	\$	750	\$	750	\$	1,600	\$	2,250	\$	2,700	
Balance at end of period	\$	14,097	\$	13,339	\$	12,116	\$	14,097	\$	12,116	
Ratio of allowance to end of period loans		1.23 %		1.22 %		1.21 %		1.23 %		1.21 %	
Ratio of net charge-offs (recovery) to average loans		0.00 %		0.00 %		0.00 %		0.00 %		(0.02)%	

The following table sets forth the allocation of the Company's nonperforming assets among different asset categories as of the dates indicated. Nonperforming assets consist of nonperforming loans plus OREO and repossessed property. Nonperforming loans include nonaccrual loans and loans past due 90 days or more.

	5	September 30, 2021		June 30, 2021		December 31, 2020		September 30, 2020
				(Dollars in	thousands)			
Nonaccrual loans	\$	3,308	\$	2,010	\$	3,418	\$	10,905
Past due loans 90 days or more and still accruing interest		_		144		91		21
Total nonperforming loans		3,308		2,154		3,509		10,926
OREO	-	10,146		10,146		10,224		6,582
Repossessed equipment ⁽¹⁾		_						1,000
Total nonperforming assets	\$	13,454	\$	12,300	\$	13,733	\$	18,508
Troubled debt restructured loans – nonaccrual ⁽²⁾		1,041		695		479		593
Troubled debt restructured loans - accruing		1,085		1,096		1,275		1,270
Total troubled debt restructured loans	\$	2,126	\$	1,791	\$	1,754	\$	1,863
Allowance for loan losses	\$	14,097	\$	13,339	\$	11,859	\$	12,116
Gross loans outstanding at the end of period	\$	1,149,340	\$	1,101,677	\$	1,033,733	\$	1,005,980
Allowance for loan losses to gross loans		1.23 %		1.21 %		1.15 %		1.20 %
Allowance for loan losses to nonperforming loans		426.15 %		619.27 %		337.96 %		110.89 %
Nonperforming loans to gross loans		0.29 %		0.20 %		0.34 %		1.09 %
Nonperforming assets to gross loans and OREO		1.16 %)	1.11 %		1.32 %		1.83 %
Nonaccrual loans by category: Real Estate:								
Construction & Development	\$	1,972	\$	84	\$	977	\$	1,144
Residential Mortgages	•	339	•	250	•	857	•	913
Commercial Real Estate Mortgages		690		1,347		1,478		8,751
Commercial & Industrial		300		316		84		91
Consumer and other		7		13		22		6
	\$	3,308	\$	2,010	\$	3,418	\$	10,905

⁽¹⁾ Repossessed equipment was sold in October 2020.
(2) Troubled debt restructured loans are excluded from nonperforming loans unless they otherwise meet the definition of nonaccrual loans or are more than 90 days past due.

The following tables show the average outstanding balance of each principal category of our assets, liabilities and stockholders' equity, together with the average yields on our assets and average costs of our liabilities for the periods indicated. Yields and costs are calculated by dividing the annualized income or expense by the average daily balances of the corresponding assets or liabilities for the same period.

					1	Three I	Months Ended					
		Septe	mber 30, 2021			Jun	e 30, 2021		September 30, 2020			
	Average Balance		Interest	Yield/Rate	Average Balance		Interest	Yield/Rate	Average Balance		Interest	Yield/Rate
					(L	Dollars	in thousands)					
Assets:												
Interest-earning assets:												
Gross loans, net of unearned income(1)	\$ 1,122,741		13,923	4.92 %	\$ 1,091,139	\$	13,484	4.96 %	\$ 994,066		12,308	4.93 %
Taxable securities	76,612		402	2.08 %	67,785		332	1.96 %	66,903		346	2.07 %
Nontaxable securities	48,162	\$	266	2.20 %	44,991		255	2.28 %	25,577		178	2.76 %
Other interest-earnings assets	189,131	\$	143	0.30 %	176,542		124	0.28 %	91,757	\$	67	0.29 %
Total interest-earning assets	\$ 1,436,646	\$	14,734	4.07 %	\$ 1,380,457	\$	14,195	4.12 %	\$ 1,178,303	\$	12,899	4.36 %
Allowance for loan losses	(13,645)				(12,869)				(10,755)			
Noninterest-earning assets	 125,870				123,784				116,122			
Total Assets	\$ 1,548,871				\$ 1,491,372				\$ 1,283,670			
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity:												
Interest-bearing liabilities:												
Interest-bearing transaction accounts	98,203		24	0.10 %	97,202		24	0.10 %	85,482		49	0.23 %
Savings and money market accounts	565,861		665	0.47 %	501,155		713	0.57 %	381,431		677	0.71 %
Time deposits	290,460		345	0.47 %	317,522		394	0.50 %	351,278		968	1.10 %
FHLB advances	31,520		34	0.43 %	31,900		35	0.44 %	29,207		57	0.77 %
Other borrowings	6,652		26	1.57 %	12,535		136	4.36 %	12,488		163	5.20 %
Total interest-bearing liabilities	\$ 992,696	\$	1,094	0.44 %	\$ 960,314	\$	1,302	0.54 %	\$ 859,886	\$	1,914	0.89 %
Noninterest-bearing liabilities:												
Noninterest-bearing deposits	\$ 384,207				\$ 374,166				\$ 279,164			
Other liabilities	9,663				9,409				8,295			
Total noninterest-bearing liabilities	\$ 393,870				\$ 383,575				\$ 287,459			
Stockholders' Equity	162,305				147,483				136,325			
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 1,548,871				\$ 1,491,372				\$ 1,283,670			
Net interest income		\$	13,640			\$	12,893			\$	10,985	
Net interest spread(2)				3.63 %				3.58 %				3.47 %
Net interest margin(3)				3.77 %				3.75 %				3.71 %

Includes nonaccrual loans.
 Net interest spread is the difference between interest rates earned on interest earning assets and interest rates paid on interest-bearing liabilities.
 Net interest margin is a ratio of net interest income to average interest earning assets for the same period.

Nine Months Ended

	September 30, 2021					September 30, 2020				
	Average Balance		Interest	Yield/Rate		Average Balance		Interest	Yield/Rate	
Assets:				(Dollars in	thousar	nds)				
Assets: Interest-earning assets:										
Gross loans, net of unearned income(1)	\$ 1.093.68	4 ¢	40,429	4.94 %	•	936.500	¢	35.577	5.07 %	
Taxable securities	74,24		1,134	2.04 %	J.	57,733	Φ	940	2.17 %	
Nontaxable securities	42.19		729	2.31 %		19,665		454	3.08 %	
Other interest-earnings assets	148,34		315	0.28 %		107,271		489	0.61 %	
Total interest-earning assets	\$ 1,358,46		42,607	4.19 %	\$	1,121,169	\$	37,460	4.46 %	
Allowance for loan losses	(12,89		,			(10,173)				
Noninterest-earning assets	124,53	9				109,346				
Total Assets	\$ 1,470,11	7			\$	1,220,342				
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity:										
Interest-bearing liabilities:										
Interest-bearing transaction accounts	94,69		66	0.09 %		81,168		131	0.22 %	
Savings and money market accounts	503,06		2,056	0.55 %		360,736		2,288	0.85 %	
Time deposits	310,75		1,233	0.53 %		359,069		4,072	1.52 %	
FHLB advances	32,21		120	0.50 %		20,522		126	0.82 %	
Other borrowings	10,62		315	3.96 %		12,478		516	5.52 %	
Total interest-bearing liabilities	\$ 951,35	8 \$	3,790	0.53 %	\$	833,973	\$	7,133	1.14 %	
Noninterest-bearing liabilities:										
Noninterest-bearing deposits	\$ 358,55				\$	247,192				
Other liabilities	9,20	_				6,951				
Total noninterest-bearing liabilities	\$ 367,76				\$	254,143				
Stockholders' Equity	150,99	_				132,226				
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 1,470,11	7			\$	1,220,342				
Net interest income		\$	38,817				\$	30,327		
Net interest spread(2)				3.66 %					3.32 %	
Net interest margin(3)				3.82 %					3.61 %	

Includes nonaccrual loans.
 Net interest spread is the difference between interest rates earned on interest earning assets and interest rates paid on interest-bearing liabilities.
 Net interest margin is a ratio of net interest income to average interest earning assets for the same period.

Per Share Information			Three Months Ended				Nine Mo	nths E	Ended
	 September 30, 2021		June 30, 2021		September 30, 2020		September 30, 2021		September 30, 2020
			(Dolla	rs in the	ousands, except share and per sha	re amo	unts)		
Net income	\$ 4,921	\$	3,906	\$	3,194	\$	14,508	\$	8,792
Earnings per share - basic	\$ 0.59	\$	0.51	\$	0.42	\$	1.84	\$	1.15
Earnings per share - diluted	\$ 0.58	\$	0.50	\$	0.41	\$	1.82	\$	1.13
Weighted average shares outstanding	8,354,860		7,691,084		7,666,336		7,861,780		7,666,336
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	8,467,460		7,810,952		7,767,976		7,980,159		7,761,695
Shares issued and outstanding	9,012,857		7,716,428		7,674,756		9,012,857		7,674,756
Total stockholders' equity	\$ 174,221	\$	148,903	\$	137,366	\$	174,221	\$	137,366
Book value per share	\$ 19.33	\$	19.30	\$	17.90	\$	19.33	\$	17.90
Performance Ratios			Three Months Ended				Nine Mo	nths E	Ended
	September 30, 2021		June 30, 2021		September 30, 2020	_	September 30, 2021	_	September 30, 2020
Net interest margin	3.77 %		3.75 %		3.71 %		3.82 %)	3.61 %
Net interest spread	3.63 %		3.58 %		3.47 %		3.66 %)	3.32 %
Efficiency ratio	57.55 %		61.07 %		60.23 %		56.02 %		65.04 %
Return on average assets	1.26 %		1.05 %		0.99 %		1.32 %		0.96 %
Return on average stockholders' equity	12.03 %		10.62 %		9.32 %		12.85 %)	9.22 %
Core and PPP Loans	Septemb	er 30	, 2021 Jui	ne 30,	2021 Dece	mber	31, 2020 Sep	embe	er 30, 2020

(Dollars in thousands)

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\$

1,129,075 \$ 20,265 (3,893)

1,145,447 (14,097) 1,131,350

Core loans
PPP loans
Unearned income
Loans, net of unearned income
Allowance for loan losses

Loans, net

Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In addition to reporting GAAP results, the Company reports non-GAAP financial measures in this earnings release and other disclosures. Our management believes that these non-GAAP financial measures and the information they provide are useful to investors since these measures permit investors to view our performance using the same tools that our management uses to evaluate our performance. While we believe that these non-GAAP financial measures are useful in evaluating our performance, this information should be considered as supplemental in nature and not as a substitute for or superior to the related financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP. Additionally, these non-GAAP financial measures may differ from similar measures presented by other companies.

The following table provides a reconciliation of the non-GAAP financial measures to their most directly comparable financial measure presented in accordance with GAAP.

Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

	Three Months Ended					Nine Months Ended					
	S	eptember 30, 2021		June 30, 2021		September 30, 2020	S	eptember 30, 2021	September 30, 2020		
				(Dollars in	thousa	nds, except share and per	share am	ounts)			
Net income	\$	4,921	\$	3.906	\$	3.194	\$	14,508	\$	8.792	
Add: Net OREO write-downs (gains)				(8)		219		(8)		793	
Less: Gain on sale of USDA loan		_				_		2,806		_	
Less: BOLI death benefits		742		_		615		742		615	
Less: Gain (loss) on securities		189		27		_		(17)		742	
Less: Tax effect		(52)		(9)		56		(730)		12	
Core net income	\$	4,042	\$	3,880	\$	2,742	\$	11,699	\$	8,216	
Average assets	\$	1,548,871	\$	1,491,372	\$	1,283,670	\$	1,470,117	\$	1,220,342	
Core return on average assets		1.04 %		1.04 %		0.85 %		1.06 %	_	0.90 %	
Net income	\$	4,921	\$	3,906	\$	3,194	\$	14,508	\$	8,792	
Add: Net OREO write-downs (gains)		· —		(8)		219		(8)		793	
Add: Provision		750		750		1,600		2,250		2,700	
Less: Gain on sale of USDA loan		_		_		_		2,806		_	
Less: BOLI death benefits		742		_		615		742		615	
Less: Gain (loss) on securities		189		27		_		(17)		742	
Add: Income taxes		1,293		1,176		549		4,287		2,012	
Pretax pre-provision core net income	\$	6,033	\$	5,797	\$	4,947	\$	17,506	\$	12,940	
Average assets	\$	1,548,871	\$	1,491,372	\$	1,283,670	\$	1,470,117	\$	1,220,342	
Pretax pre-provision core return on average assets	_	1.55 %		1.56 %	_	1.53 %	_	1.59 %	_	1.42 %	
Total stockholders' equity	\$	174,221	\$	148,903	\$	137,366	\$	174,221	\$	137,366	
Less: Intangible assets		18,428		18,494		18,692		18,428		18,692	
Tangible common equity	\$	155,793	\$	130,409	\$	118,674	\$	155,793	\$	118,674	
Core net income	\$	4,042	\$	3,880	\$	2,742	\$	11,699	\$	8,216	
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding		8,467,460		7,810,952		7,767,976		7,980,159		7,761,695	
Diluted core earnings per share	\$	0.48	\$	0.50	\$	0.35	\$	1.47	\$	1.06	
Common shares outstanding at year or period end		9,012,857		7,716,428		7,674,756		9,012,857		7,674,756	
Tangible book value per share	\$	17.29	\$	16.90	\$	15.46	\$	17.29	\$	15.46	

Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

	Three Months Ended						Nine Months Ended				
	Sep	tember 30, 2021		June 30, 2021	Sep	otember 30, 2020	Sep	tember 30, 2021	September 30, 2020		
				(Dollars in	thousands	, except share and per s	hare amo	unts)			
Total assets at end of period	\$	1,559,062	\$	1,514,436	\$	1,300,040	\$	1,559,062	\$	1,300,040	
Less: Intangible assets		18,428		18,494		18,692		18,428		18,692	
Adjusted assets at end of period	\$	1,540,634	\$	1,495,942	\$	1,281,348	\$	1,540,634	\$	1,281,348	
Tangible common equity to tangible assets		10.11 %	_	8.72 %		9.26 %		10.11 %		9.26 %	
Total average stockholders' equity	\$	162,305		147,483	\$	136,325	\$	150,996	\$	132,226	
Less: Average intangible assets		18,470		18,535		18,732		18,535		18,797	
Average tangible common equity	\$	143,835	\$	128,948	\$	117,593	\$	132,461	\$	113,429	
Net income to common shareholders	\$	4,921	\$	3,906	\$	3,194	\$	14,508	\$	8,792	
Return on average tangible common equity		13.57 %		12.15 %		10.81 %		14.64 %		10.35 %	
Average tangible common equity	\$	143,835	\$	128,948	\$	117,593	\$	132,461	\$	113,429	
Core net income	\$	4,042	\$	3,880	\$	2,742	\$	11,699	\$	8,216	
Core return on average tangible common equity		11.15 %		12.07 %		9.28 %		11.81 %		9.68 %	
Net interest income	\$	13,640	\$	12,893		10,985		38,817		30,327	
Add: Noninterest income		2,509		2,045		2,448		9,051		6,916	
Less: Gain on sale of USDA loan		_		_		_		2,806		_	
Less: BOLI death benefits		742		_		615		742		615	
Less: Gain (loss) on securities		189		27				(17)		742	
Operating revenue	\$	15,218	\$	14,911	\$	12,818	\$	44,337	\$	35,886	
Expenses:											
Total noninterest expense	\$	9,185	\$	9,106	\$	8,090	\$	26,823	\$	23,739	
Less: Net OREO write-down (gains)				(8)		219		(8)		793	
Adjusted noninterest expenses	\$	9,185	\$	9,114	\$	7,871	\$	26,831	\$	22,946	
Core efficiency ratio		60.36 %		61.12 %		61.41 %		60.52 %		63.94 %	



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Q3 2021 Results Highlights

Operating Results



- Net income of \$4.9 million, or \$0.58 per diluted share and core net income of \$4.0 million (1), or \$0.48 per diluted share (1)
- ROA of 1.26% and ROAE of 12.03%; Core ROAA of 1.04% (1) and Core ROATCE of 11.15% (1)
- · Net interest margin of 3.77%
- Core efficiency ratio of 60.36% (1)

Loans



- Loan growth of 6.2% excluding Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans from Q2 2021
- Loan portfolio of \$1.1 billion, an increase of 4.4% from Q2 2021
- Average yield on loans of 4.92%, compared to 4.96% in Q2 2021
- · Loans (excluding PPP loans) / deposits ratio of 84.2%, compared to 80.7% in Q2 2021

Deposits



- Deposits of \$1.3 billion, an increase of 1.8% from Q2 2021
- Average cost of total deposits decreased to 0.31% from 0.35% in Q2 2021
- Noninterest-bearing deposits comprised 28.4% of total deposits

Asset Quality



- Nonperforming loans to gross loans of 0.29%
- Net recoveries of \$8,000 or 0.00% of average loans
- Allowance for loan losses to gross loans of 1.23%

Capital



- · Announced quarterly dividend of \$0.09 per share
- Tangible common equity to tangible assets of 10.11% (1)
- Tangible book value per share of \$17.29 (1) increased from \$16.90 (1) in Q2 2021



(1) Please refer to non-U.S. GAAP reconciliation in the appendix

Overview of Southern States Bancshares, Inc.

- Southern States Bancshares (Nasdaq: SSBK) was founded in August 2007 by current CEO and Chairman, Steve Whatley, and a group of organizing directors and priced its IPO on August 11,
- Management team with 200 years of collective experience in the banking industry and deep ties to local markets
- History of solid growth, top-tier profitability and a strong credit culture
- Bifurcated growth strategy through organic growth and disciplined M&A
- Focused on being a dominant bank in our smaller markets and a competitive player in the larger metropolitan areas
- Diversified loan portfolio complemented by low-cost, core funding base



		Q3 '21	Financi	al Highlights ———			
Assets (\$B):	\$1.6	YoY Asset Growth:	19.9%	NPLs / Loans:	0.29%	Core Net Income(1)(\$M):	\$4.0
Gross Loans (\$B):	\$1.1	YoY Loan Growth:	14.3%	LLR / Loans:	1.23%	Core ROAA(1):	1.04%
Deposits (\$B):	\$1.3	YoY Deposit Growth:	20.0%	YTD NCOs / Avg. Loans:	0.00%	NIM:	3.77%
Loans / Deposits(2):	84.2%	YoY Core Deposit Growth:	21.0%	TCE / TA ⁽¹⁾ :	10.11%	Core Efficiency Ratio(1):	60.36%

Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence; Company Documents
Financial data as of the three months ended 9/30/21 unless otherwise noted
Note: Core Deposits defined as total deposits less jumbo time deposits; jumbo time deposits classified as deposits larger than \$250,000
(1) Please refer to non-U.S. GAAP reconciliation in the appendix
(2) Excludes PPP loans

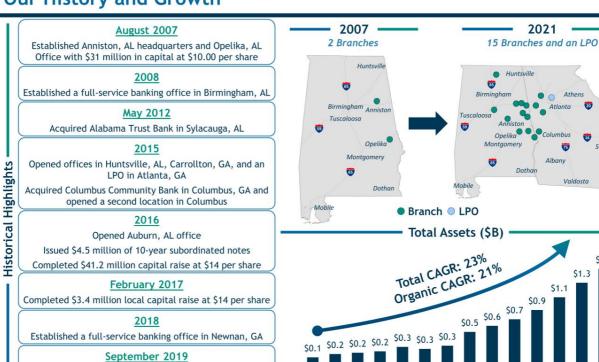




Our History and Growth

Closed acquisition of Small Town Bank in Wedowee, AL

2020 through 2021 Hired 4 commercial bankers in Georgia franchise Priced initial public offering





\$1.6

\$1.3

\$0.9

2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 Q3

2021

Robust Market Dynamics Creates Growth Opportunities

Market Highlights Atlanta, GA 9th largest Metro Area in the USA Voted 3rd metro area for corporate headquarters Ranked 13th Best Places for Business and Careers 16 Fortune 500 companies headquartered in Atlanta Birmingham, AL - Largest market in Alabama One of the lowest costs of living in America A top 10 moving destination for new college graduates University of Alabama Birmingham serves as an international leader in healthcare Huntsville, AL Voted 3rd best place to live in the country by US News Highest concentration of engineers in the US A Top 10 best city for jobs in STEM NASA Home of the Redstone Arsenal which includes the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, and the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command



- One of the fastest growing MSAs in the Southeast
 - Auburn University contributes \$5.6 billion annually and 27,000 jobs to the Alabama economy
- A U.S. city with most job growth per USA Today
- Ranked 4th MSA for migration growth

Columbus, GA

Fort Benning Military Base

- U.S. Army Infantry and Armor Training Post
- Columbus Chamber of Commerce estimates annual economic impact of \$4.8 billion
- Major companies headquartered include Aflac and Total Systems Services, Inc.

'21 - '26 Projected Median HHI (\$M) \$85.7 \$73.1 \$69.8 \$67.8 \$56.7

\$56.4 Auburn-Opelika MSA Huntsville MSA Atlanta MSA Columbus MSA National Average

'21 - '26 Projected Population Growth (%)



Major Employers -































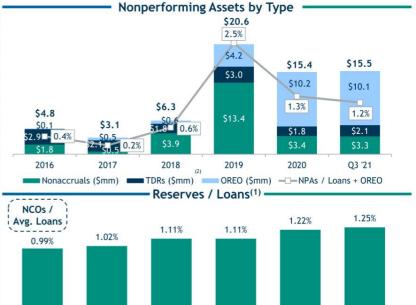
⁶ Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; S&P Global Market Intelligence; Forbes; Money.com; Business Facilities; USA Today; Smartasset Financial Technology; US News; Auburn.edu

Balance Sheet Growth



Asset Quality

- Comprehensive and conservative underwriting process
- Highly experienced bankers incentivized with equity ownership
- Commitment to a diverse loan portfolio while maintaining strong asset quality metrics
- Proactively manage loan concentrations with all collateral types capped at 50% of risk-based
 - Hospitality capped in January 2020
 - Multifamily capped in September 2020
- Proactive approach to managing problem credits
- Legacy Credit Issues:
 - OREO: Shopping Center with three outparcels in Oxford, AL on balance sheet for \$7.1 million and an appraised value of \$7.6 million
 - OREO: Two-story multi-use facility in Birmingham, AL on balance sheet for \$2.9 million and an appraised value of \$3.9 million



2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 (0.05%)0.10% 0.02% 0.57% 0.07%

3Q '21

0.00%

Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence; Company Documents
Dollars in millions
Excludes PPP loans
TDRs reflect COVID-19 relief under the CARES Act and bank regulatory COVID-19 relief in 2020 and 2021

Building Shareholder Value

Our Strategic Focus

- Maintain focus on strong, profitable organic growth without compromising our credit quality
- Expand into new markets by hiring commercial bankers
- Focus on high growth markets and further scaling our Atlanta franchise
- Evaluate strategic acquisition opportunities
- Further grow our core deposit franchise
- Continue implementing technology to optimize customer service and provide efficient opportunities to scale the business
- Prudently manage capital between balance sheet growth and return to shareholders

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Near-Term Outlook

- Loan balances (excluding the impact of PPP loans) are expected to continue to grow supported by a robust pipeline
 - As of September 30, 2021, \$20.3 million of PPP loans remained outstanding
 - Loan growth is aided by recent opportunistic commercial banker hirings driven by talent dislocation from bank consolidation in our markets
- Net interest income is expected to increase incrementally from growth
 - Net interest margin (excluding the impact of PPP loans) is expected to decrease modestly
 - Deferred origination fees on PPP loans are expected to continue through 2021
- Core noninterest income is expected to remain relatively stable
 - 3Q '21 reported noninterest income benefited from BOLI death benefits of \$742 thousand
- Quarterly adjusted noninterest expense is expected to increase modestly to reflect ongoing costs associated with public listing
- Continued strong credit metrics are expected to allow for only modest provision levels
- Balanced approach to capital deployment with flexibility to support strong organic loan growth trajectory and cash dividend
- Well-positioned to capitalize on additional accretive acquisition opportunities

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Appendix



Non-GAAP Financial Measures Reconciliations

(\$000)	September 30,	June 30,
	2021	2021
Net income	\$4,921	\$3,906
Add: Net OREO write-downs		-8
Less: BOLI death benefits	742	
Less: Gain (loss) on securities	189	27
Less: Tax effect	(52)	(9)
Core net income	\$4,042	\$3,880
Average assets	\$1,548,871	\$1,149,372
Core return on average assets	1.04%	1.04%
Total stockholders' equity	\$174,221	\$148,903
Less: Intangible assets	18,428	18,494
Tangible common equity	\$155,793	\$130,409
Core net income	\$4,042	\$3,880
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	8,467,460	7,810,952
Diluted core earnings per share	\$0.48	\$0.50
Common shares outstanding at period end	9,012,857	7,716,428
Tangible book value per share	\$17.29	\$16.90



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Non-GAAP Financial Measures Reconciliations

(\$000)	September 30,	June 30,
	2021	2021
Total assets at end of period	\$1,559,062	\$1,514,436
Less: Intangible assets	18,428	18,494
Adjusted assets at end of period	\$1,540,634	\$1,495,942
Tangible common equity to tangible assets	10.11%	8.72%
Total average stockholders' equity	\$162,305	\$147,483
Less: Average intangible assets	18,470	18,535
Average tangible common equity	\$143,835	\$128,948
Net income to common shareholders	\$4,921	\$3,906
Return on average tangible common equity	13.57%	12.15%
Core net income	\$4,042	\$3,880
Core return on average tangible common equity	11.15%	12.07%
Net interest income	\$13,640	\$12,893
Add: Noninterest income	2,509	2,045
Less: BOLI death benefits	742	
Less: Gain (loss) on securities	189	27
Operating revenue	\$15,218	\$14,911
Expenses:		
Total noninterest expense	\$9,185	\$9,106
Less: Net OREO write-down (gains)		(8)
Adjusted noninterest expenses	\$9,185	\$9,114
Core efficiency ratio	60.36%	61.12%



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