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 21, 2024



Southern States Bancshares, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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

26-2518085 (IRS Employer

36201

(Zip Code)

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

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

Title of each class Common Stock, \$5.00 par value Trading Symbols(s) SSBK

Name of exchange on which registered The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- □ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
 □ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

□ 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 chapter).

Emerging growth company III

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. 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 21, 2024, Southern States Bancshares, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2024 (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.

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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

The Company has prepared a presentation of its results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2024 (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

Exhibit	
Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Earnings Release issued October 21, 2024 for the Third Quarter Ended September 30, 2024.
99.2	Southern States Bancshares, Inc. Presentation of Results for the Third Quarter Ended Sentember 30, 2024

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 22, 2024

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 2024 Financial Results

Third Quarter 2024 Performance and Operational Highlights • Net income of \$7.4 million, or \$0.76 per diluted share

- Core net income⁽¹⁾ of \$8.7 million, or \$0.89 per diluted share⁽¹⁾
- Core pretax pre-provision net income⁽¹⁾ of \$13.8 million
- Net interest income of \$24.2 million, an increase of \$2.7 million from the prior quarter
- Net interest margin ("NIM") of 3.65%, up 9 basis points from the prior quarter
- NIM of 3.66% on a fully-taxable equivalent basis ("NIM FTE")⁽¹⁾
- Return on average assets ("ROAA") of 1.05%; return on average stockholders' equity ("ROAE") of 11.89%; and return on average tangible common equity ("ROATCE")(1) of 13.35%
- Core ROAA $^{(1)}$ of 1.24%; and core ROATCE $^{(1)}$ of 15.74%
- Efficiency ratio of 52.79%; and core efficiency ratio of 46.96%
- Linked-quarter loans grew 36.3% annualized; and legacy loans grew 10.3% annualized
- Linked-quarter total deposits grew 44.8% annualized
- · Linked-quarter total deposits, excluding brokered deposits, grew 71.5% annualized; and legacy total deposits, excluding brokered deposits grew 9.6% annualized

(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 21, 2024 — 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 \$7.4 million, or \$0.76 diluted earnings per share, for the third quarter of 2024. This compares to net income of \$8.2 million, or \$0.90 diluted earnings per share, for the second quarter of 2024, and net income of \$6.6 million, or \$0.73 diluted earnings per share, for the third quarter of 2023. The Company reported core net income of \$8.7 million, or \$0.89 diluted core earnings per share, for the third quarter of 2024. This compares to orde net income of \$9.6 million, or \$1.00 diluted core earnings per share, for the third quarter of 2023 (see "Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures").

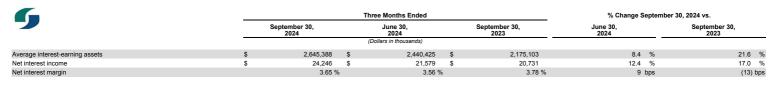
CEO Commentary

Mark Chambers, Chief Executive Officer and President of Southern States said, "The top highlight of our third quarter was the completion of the CBB Bancorp acquisition on August 1 as planned. I want to welcome our new colleagues who contributed to a seamless integration between two organizations that share a common culture. Our combination with Century Bank has strengthened our platform to drive loan and deposit growth across growing and attractive Georgia markets."

"Net interest income for the third quarter increased more than 12.4% to \$24.2 million for the quarter largely reflecting the contribution from Century Bank. Net interest margin also increased 9 basis points to 3.65% from 3.56% quarter-over-quarter, which further reflects Century Bank's contribution."

"Finally, we were pleased to be recognized in Piper Sandler's Sm-All Stars: Class of 2024 for the third year in a row. The Sm-All Stars' objective is to identify the top performing U.S. small-cap banks and thrifts based or growth, profitability, credit quality, and capital strength. Our objective is to run a highly efficient bank, consistently deliver the highest level of customer satisfaction and increase value for our shareholders."

Net Interest Income and Net Interest Margin



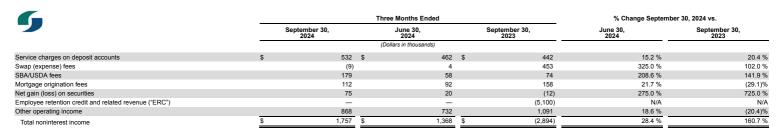
Net interest income for the third quarter of 2024 was \$24.2 million, an increase of 12.4% from \$21.6 million in the second quarter of 2024. The increase was substantially due to the acquisition of Century Bank.

Relative to the third quarter of 2023, net interest income increased \$3.5 million, or 17.0%. The increase was mainly driven by significant growth, partially as a result of the acquisition of Century Bank, which offset the decline in net interest margin.

Net interest margin for the third quarter of 2024 was 3.65%, compared to 3.56% for the second quarter of 2024. The increase was primarily due to a slight increase in the yield on interest-earning assets, coupled with a decrease in the cost of interest-bearing deposits. The acquisition of Century Bank had a positive impact and helped lift the margin for third quarter of 2024.

Relative to the third quarter of 2023, net interest margin decreased from 3.78%. The decrease was primarily the result of the increase in interest rates, which accelerated the cost of interest-bearing liabilities at a greater pace than the yield received on interest-earning assets. The acquisition of Century Bank resulted in a positive impact to the net interest margin, effectively helping to reduce the cost of interest-bearing liabilities.

Noninterest Income



Noninterest income for the third quarter of 2024 was \$1.8 million, an increase of 28.4% from \$1.4 million in the second quarter of 2024. The acquisition of Century Bank on July 31, 2024 resulted in additional noninterest income during the third quarter of 2024. Apart from the acquisition, the increase was also due to increased SBA/USDA fees primarily resulting from the sales of loans during the third quarter of 2024, along with a larger realized net gain on securities during the third quarter of 2024 compared to the second quarter of 2023.

Relative to the third quarter of 2023, noninterest income increased 160.7% from a noninterest net expense of \$2.9 million. The third quarter of 2023 included a \$5.1 million payment to the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") for the return of the ERC, which was received during the second quarter of 2023. The IRS revised eligibility guidelines during the third quarter of 2023, and the Company applied for the Voluntary Disclosure Program and removed this from income and recorded a payable. The acquisition of Century Bank on July 31, 2024 resulted in additional noninterest income during the third quarter of 2024. The increase was partially offset by a decline in swap fees during the third quarter of 2024, substantially as a result of the Company not participating in any swap transactions.

Noninterest Expense

6				% Change September 30, 2024 vs.			
		September 30, 2024		June 30, 2024	September 30, 2023	June 30, 2024	September 30, 2023
				(Dollars in thousands)			
Salaries and employee benefits	\$	6,876	\$	6,112	\$ 5,752	12.5 %	19.5 %
Equipment and occupancy expenses		814		667	718	22.0 %	13.4 %
Data processing fees		781		686	650	13.8 %	20.2 %
Regulatory assessments		414		375	322	10.4 %	28.6 %
Professional fees related to ERC		_		_	(1,243)	N/A	N/A
Merger-related expenses		1,511		_	_	N/A	N/A
Other operating expenses		3,291		3,571	2,370	(7.8)%	38.9 %
Total noninterest expenses	\$	13,687	\$	11,411	\$ 8,569	19.9 %	59.7 %

Noninterest expense for the third quarter of 2024 was \$13.7 million, an increase of 19.9% from \$11.4 million in the second quarter of 2024. The acquisition of Century Bank on July 31, 2024 resulted in merger-related expenses of \$1.5 million, of which \$961,000 was not deductible for taxes. Also there were additional noninterest expenses related to Century Bank during the third quarter of 2024, primarily in salaries and employee benefits. The acquisition also gave rise to a \$106,000 increase in amortization expense associated with the core deposit intangible. Also included in the third quarter of 2024 was approximately \$250,000 in expenses associated with calling brokered deposits and collection expenses related to a problem loan.

Relative to the third quarter of 2023, noninterest expense increased 59.7% from \$8.6 million. The acquisition of Century Bank on July 31, 2024 resulted in merger-related expenses of \$1.5 million, along with additional noninterest expense during the third quarter of 2024. Salaries and employee benefits increased as a result of the acquisition and from a legacy standpoint. The third quarter of 2023 included a \$1.2 million refund of professional fees related to the aforementioned return of ERC.

Loans and Credit Quality

				Three Months Ended			% Change September 30, 2024 vs.		
•	September 30, 2024			June 30, 2024		September 30, 2023	June 30, 2024	September 30, 2023	
				(Dollars in thousands)				,	
Gross loans	\$	2,205,747	\$	2,021,877	\$	1,779,846	9.1 %	23.9 %	
Unearned income		(6,536)		(6,443)		(5,698)	1.4 %	14.7 %	
Loans, net of unearned income ("Loans")		2,199,211		2,015,434		1,774,148	9.1 %	24.0 %	
Average loans, net of unearned ("Average loans")	\$	2,134,318	\$	1,987,533	\$	1,740,582	7.4 %	22.6 %	
Nonperforming loans ("NPL")	\$	7,868	\$	3,784	\$	1,082	107.9 %	627.2 %	
Provision for credit losses	\$	2,583	\$	1,067	\$	773	142.1 %	234.2 %	
Allowance for credit losses ("ACL")	\$	28,061	\$	25,828	\$	22,181	8.6 %	26.5 %	
Net charge-offs (recoveries)	\$	350	\$	383	\$	(23)	(8.6)%	1621.7 %	
NPL to gross loans		0.36 %		0.19 %		0.06 %			
Net charge-offs (recoveries) to average loans ⁽¹⁾		0.07 %		0.08 %		(0.01)%			
ACL to loans		1.28 %		1.28 %		1.25 %			
(1) Ratio is annualized.									

Loans, net of unearned income, were \$2.2 billion at September 30, 2024, up \$183.8 million from June 30, 2024 and up \$425.1 million from September 30, 2023. The acquisition of Century Bank resulted in additional loans of \$131.7 million at September 30, 2024. Apart from the acquired loans, the linked-quarter increase in loans was primarily attributable to new business growth across our footprint.

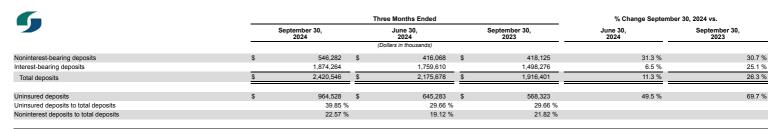
Nonperforming loans totaled \$7.9 million, or 0.36% of gross loans, at September 30, 2024, compared with \$3.8 million, or 0.19% of gross loans, at June 30, 2024, and \$1.1 million, or 0.06% of gross loans, at September 30, 2023. The \$4.1 million net increase in nonperforming loans in the third quarter of 2024 was primarily attributable to a significant commercial and industrial loan that was added to nonaccrual status and partially offset by a commercial and industrial loan that was charged-off. The \$6.8 million net increase in nonperforming loans from September 30, 2023, was primarily attributable to one significant commercial and industrial loan and one commercial real estate loan that were added to nonaccrual status. Significant collection efforts have been made on the large commercial and industrial loan and no loss is anticipated.

The Company recorded a provision for credit losses of \$2.6 million for the third quarter of 2024, compared to \$1.1 million for the second quarter of 2024. Provision in the third quarter of 2024 included a "Day 2" \$1.7 million provision as a result of the acquisition as well as additional provisions based on growth.

Net charge-offs for the third quarter of 2024 were \$350,000, or 0.07% of average loans on an annualized basis, compared to net charge-offs of \$383,000, or 0.08% of average loans on an annualized basis, for the second quarter of 2024, and net recoveries of \$23,000, or (0.01)% of average loans on an annualized basis, for the third quarter of 2023. The charge-offs recorded during the the second and third quarters of 2024 were substantially related to a purchased pool of consumer loans for which the borrower filed for bankruptcy. The loan was fully charged-off as of September 30, 2024.

The Company's allowance for credit losses was 1.28% of total loans and 356.65% of nonperforming loans at September 30, 2024, compared with 1.28% of total loans and 682.56% of nonperforming loans at June 30, 2024. Allowance for credit losses on unfunded commitments was \$1.4 million at September 30, 2024.

Deposits



Total deposits were \$2.4 billion at September 30, 2024, up from \$2.2 billion at June 30, 2024 and \$1.9 billion at September 30, 2023. The \$244.9 million increase in total deposits in the third quarter was due to an increase of \$130.2 million in noninterest-bearing deposits, and a \$114.7 million increase in interest-bearing deposits. The acquisition of Century Bank resulted in additional deposits of \$304.4 million at September 30, 2024, or \$183.4 million in interest-bearing deposits, none of which were brokered deposits, and \$121.7 total brokered deposits were \$194.2 million at September 30, 2024, compared to \$288.3 million at June 30, 2024. The Company used cash from the acquisition of Century Bank to call \$52.3 million of brokered deposits, while another \$41.9 million matured and were repaid.

Capital							
6	September 3 2024	30,	June 30, 2024		September 30, 2023		
	Company	Bank	Company	Bank	Company	Bank	
Tier 1 capital ratio to average assets	8.64 %	11.48 %	8.72 %	11.52 %	8.70 %	11.71 %	
Risk-based capital ratios:							
Common equity tier 1 ("CET1") capital ratio	9.36 %	12.43 %	9.54 %	12.61 %	9.32 %	12.55 %	
Tier 1 capital ratio	9.36 %	12.43 %	9.54 %	12.61 %	9.32 %	12.55 %	
Total capital ratio	14.18 %	13.59 %	14.50 %	13.77 %	14.60 %	13.67 %	

As of September 30, 2024, total stockholders' equity was \$271.4 million, up from \$230.6 million at June 30, 2024. The increase of \$40.8 million was substantially due to the issuance of \$31.5 million in common stock for the acquisition of Century Bank.

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 two loan production offices 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 recent events and trends in the banking industry. 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 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 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 press release and may include statements about our acquisition of Century Bank of Georgia, business strategy and prospects for growth, operations, ability to pay dividends, competition, regulation and general economic conditions.

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		1	Three Months Ended				Nine Mo	nths Er	nded	
9	 September 30, 2024		June 30, 2024		September 30, 2023		September 30, 2024		September 30, 2023	
Results of Operations										
Interest income	\$ 45,068	\$	41,007	\$	35,204	\$	124,811	\$	96,088	
Interest expense	 20,822		19,428		14,473		58,147		36,379	
Net interest income	24,246		21,579		20,731		66,664		59,709	
Provision for credit losses	 2,583		1,067		773		4,885		3,511	
Net interest income after provision	21,663		20,512		19,958		61,779		56,198	
Noninterest income	1,757		1,368		(2,894)		4,393		5,755	
Noninterest expense	13,687		11,411		8,569		35,473		32,159	
Income tax expense	 2,380		2,271		1,866		7,029		6,738	
Net income	\$ 7,353	\$	8,198	\$	6,629	\$	23,670	\$	23,056	
Core net income ⁽¹⁾	\$ 8,675	\$	9,058	\$	9,563	\$	25,862	\$	23,901	
Share and Per Share Data										
Shares issued and outstanding	9,882,350		8,908,130		8,834,168		9,882,350		8,834,168	
Weighted average shares outstanding:										
Basic	9,608,868		8,957,608		8,846,018		9,161,622		8,791,007	
Diluted	9,725,884		9,070,568		9,040,687		9,297,778		9,016,603	
Earnings per share:										
Basic	\$ 0.76	\$	0.91	\$	0.75	\$	2.58	\$	2.62	
Diluted	0.76		0.90		0.73		2.54		2.56	
Core - diluted ⁽¹⁾	0.89		1.00		1.06		2.78		2.65	
Book value per share	27.46		25.88		22.86		27.46		22.86	
Tangible book value per share ⁽¹⁾	23.38		23.91		20.84		23.38		20.84	
Cash dividends per common share	0.09		0.09		0.09		0.27		0.27	
Performance and Financial Ratios										
ROAA	1.05 %		1.29 %		1.15 %		1.22 %		1.41 %	
ROAE	11.89 %		14.55 %		12.96 %		13.70 %		15.85 %	
Core ROAA ⁽¹⁾	1.24 %		1.43 %		1.66 %		1.33 %		1.47 %	
ROATCE ⁽¹⁾ Core ROATCE ⁽¹⁾	13.35 %		15.79 %		14.21 % 20.50 %		15.05 % 16.45 %		17.47 %	
NIM	15.74 % 3.65 %		17.44 % 3.56 %		3.78 %		3.60 %		18.11 % 3.85 %	
NIM - FTE ⁽¹⁾	3.66 %		3.56 %		3.78 %		3.60 %		3.85 %	
Net interest spread	2.66 %		2.59 %		2.84 %		2.63 %		3.00 %	
Yield on loans	7.21 %		7.17 %		6.86 %		7.15 %		6.62 %	
Yield on interest-earning assets	6.78 %		6.76 %		6.42 %		6.74 %		6.20 %	
Cost of interest-bearing liabilities	4.12 %		4.17 %		3.58 %		4.11 %		3.20 %	
Cost of funds ⁽²⁾	3.31 %		3.41 %		2.80 %		3.33 %		2.48 %	
Cost of interest-bearing deposits	4.03 %		4.07 %		3.43 %		4.01 %		3.02 %	
Cost of total deposits	3.19 %		3.27 %		2.63 %		3.20 %		2.29 %	
Noninterest deposits to total deposits	22.57 %		19.12 %		21.82 %		22.57 %		21.82 %	
Core deposits to total deposits	86.30 %		81.78 %		86.58 %		86.30 %		86.58 %	
Uninsured deposits to total deposits	39.85 %		29.66 %		29.66 %		39.85 %		29.66 %	
Total loans to total deposits	90.86 %		92.63 %		92.58 %		90.86 %		92.58 %	
Efficiency ratio	52.79 %		49.78 %		48.01 %		49.98 %		49.47 %	
Core efficiency ratio ⁽¹⁾	46.96 %		44.75 %		42.79 %		46.23 %		47.06 %	

(1) See "Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures" below for reconciliation of non-GAAP financial measures to their most closely comparable GAAP financial measures. (2) includes total interest-bearing liabilities and noninterest deposits.

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			Three Months Ended		Nine Mor	nths E	nded
"	_	September 30, 2024	June 30, 2024	September 30, 2023	September 30, 2024		September 30, 2023
Financial Condition (ending)							
Total loans	\$	2,199,211	\$ 2,015,434	\$ 1,774,148	\$ 2,199,211	\$	1,774,148
Total securities		217,692	204,131	189,496	217,692		189,496
Total assets		2,841,440	2,572,011	2,296,527	2,841,440		2,296,527
Total noninterest-bearing deposits		546,282	416,068	418,125	546,282		418,125
Total core deposits ⁽¹⁾		2,088,993	1,779,253	1,659,291	2,088,993		1,659,291
Total deposits		2,420,546	2,175,678	1,916,401	2,420,546		1,916,401
Total borrowings		121,083	136,873	146,573	121,083		146,573
Total liabilities		2,570,070	2,341,430	2,094,603	2,570,070		2,094,603
Total shareholders' equity		271,370	230,581	201,924	271,370		201,924
Financial Condition (average)							
Total loans	\$	2,134,318	\$ 1,987,533	\$ 1,740,582	\$ 2,013,157	\$	1,676,134
Total securities		223,750	210,678	201,830	214,494		197,005
Total other interest-earning assets		287,320	242,214	232,691	247,035		199,379
Total interest-earning assets		2,645,388	2,440,425	2,175,103	2,474,686		2,072,518
Total assets		2,777,215	2,553,010	2,282,217	2,593,175		2,180,851
Total noninterest-bearing deposits		490,450	420,885	448,616	442,667		442,149
Total interest-bearing deposits		1,874,861	1,729,682	1,472,024	1,746,420		1,395,529
Total deposits		2,365,311	2,150,567	1,920,640	2,189,087		1,837,678
Total borrowings		134,035	143,189	129,882	141,970		122,156
Total interest-bearing liabilities		2,008,896	1,872,871	1,601,906	1,888,390		1,517,685
Total shareholders' equity		246,081	226,527	202,955	230,799		194,430
Asset Quality							
Nonperforming loans	\$	7,868	\$ 3,784	\$ 1,082	\$ 7,868	\$	1,082
Other real estate owned ("OREO")	\$	33	\$ 33	\$ 2,903	\$ 33	\$	2,903
Nonperforming assets ("NPA")	\$	7,901	\$ 3,817	\$ 3,985	\$ 7,901	\$	3,985
Net charge-offs to average loans ⁽²⁾		0.07 %	0.08 %	(0.01)%	0.08 %		0.02
Provision for credit losses to average loans ⁽²⁾		0.48 %	0.22 %	0.18 %	0.32 %		0.28
ACL to loans		1.28 %	1.28 %	1.25 %	1.28 %		1.25
ACL to gross loans		1.27 %	1.28 %	1.25 %	1.27 %		1.25
ACL to NPL		356.65 %	682.56 %	2050.00 %	356.65 %		2050.00
NPL to loans		0.36 %	0.19 %	0.06 %	0.36 %		0.06
NPL to gross loans		0.36 %	0.19 %	0.06 %	0.36 %		0.06
NPA to gross loans and OREO		0.36 %	0.19 %	0.22 %	0.36 %		0.22
NPA to total assets		0.28 %	0.15 %	0.17 %	0.28 %		0.17
Regulatory and Other Capital Ratios							
Total shareholders' equity to total assets		9.55 %	8.97 %	8.79 %	9.55 %		8.79
Tangible common equity to tangible assets ⁽³⁾		8.25 %	8.34 %	8.08 %	8.25 %		8.08
Tier 1 capital ratio to average assets		8.64 %	8.72 %	8.70 %	8.64 %		8.70
Risk-based capital ratios:							
CET1 capital ratio		9.36 %	9.54 %	9.32 %	9.36 %		9.32
Tier 1 capital ratio		9.36 %	9.54 %	9.32 %	9.36 %		9.32
Total capital ratio		14.18 %	14.50 %	14.60 %	14.18 %		14.60

⁽¹⁾ We define core deposits as total deposits excluding brokered deposits and time deposits greater than \$250,000.
(2) Ratio is annualized.
(3) See "Reconcilation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures" below for reconciliation of non-GAAP financial measures to their most closely comparable GAAP financial measures.

	CONSO	LIDATED STATEMENTS (Dollars in the	S OF FINANCIAL CONDITION housands)				
	Se	eptember 30, 2024	June 30, 2024		December 31, 2023		September 30, 2023
	-	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)		(Audited)		(Unaudited)
Assets Cash and due from banks	s	24.225 \$	21.598	\$	19,710	\$	31.047
Interest-bearing deposits in banks	Ψ	182,559	140,440	Ψ	134,846	Ψ	103,646
Federal funds sold		71,072	76,334		96,095		81,487
Total cash and cash equivalents		277,856	238,372		250,651		216,180
Securities available for sale, at fair value		198,076	184,510		179,000		169,859
Securities held to maturity, at amortized cost		19,616	19,621		19,632		19,637
Other equity securities, at fair value		3,733	3,658		3,649		3,654
Restricted equity securities, at cost		4,418	4,633		5,684		4,971
Loans held for sale		415	1,716		450		1,799
Loans, net of unearned income		2,199,211	2,015,434		1,884,508		1,774,148
Less allowance for credit losses		28,061	25,828		24,378		22,181
Loans, net	·	2,171,150	1,989,606		1,860,130		1,751,967
Premises and equipment, net		32,319	26,192		26,426		26,694
Accrued interest receivable		10,114	9,654		8,711		8,321
Bank owned life insurance		39,159	33,000		29,884		29,697
Annuities		16,843	15,918		15,036		15,266
Foreclosed assets		33	33		33		2,903
Goodwill		30,980	16,862		16,862		16,862
Core deposit intangible		9,338	735		899		981
Other assets		27,390	27,501		29,616		27,736
Total assets	\$	2,841,440 \$	2,572,011	\$	2,446,663	\$	2,296,527
<u>Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity</u>							
Liabilities:							
Deposits:	•	540.000 A	440.000	•	107.050	•	440.405
Noninterest-bearing	\$	546,282 \$		\$	437,959	\$	418,125
Interest-bearing Total deposits		1,874,264 2,420,546	1,759,610 2,175,678		1,580,230 2,018,189		1,498,276 1,916,401
Total deposits		2,420,340	2,173,070		2,010,109		
Other borrowings		7,976	8,000		26,994		4,991
FHLB advances		22,000	42,000		70,000		55,000
Subordinated notes		91,107	86,873		86,679		86,582
Accrued interest payable		2,214	2,024		1,519		1,280
Other liabilities		26,227	26,855		28,318		30,349
Total liabilities		2,570,070	2,341,430		2,231,699	-	2,094,603
Stockholders' equity:							
Common stock		49,684	44,813		44,479		44,307
Capital surplus		106,046	79,248		78,361		77,671
Retained earnings		123,783	117,233		102,523		94,429
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(5,866)	(8,333)		(8,379)		(13,126)
Unvested restricted stock		(723)	(826)		(466)		(580)
Vested restricted stock units		(1,554)	(1,554)		(1,554)		(777)
Total stockholders' equity		271,370	230,581		214.964		201,924

2,841,440 \$

Total liabilities and stockholders' equity

2,572,011 \$

2,296,527

2,446,663 \$

	С		ATEMENTS OF INCOME except per share amounts)				
			Nine Mon	Nine Months Ended			
7	•	tember 30, 2024 Jnaudited)	June 30, 2024 (Unaudited)	September 30, 2023 (Unaudited)	September 30, 2024 (Unaudited)	September 30, 2023 (Unaudited)	
Interest income:							
Loans, including fees	\$	38,690 \$	35,421				
Taxable securities		2,205	2,039	1,796	6,225	4,819	
Nontaxable securities		243	231	227	704	747	
Other interest and dividends		3,930	3,316	3,097	10,143	7,473	
Total interest income		45,068	41,007	35,204	124,811	96,088	
Interest expense:							
Deposits		18,990	17,511	12,732	52,407	31,498	
Other borrowings		1,832	1,917	1,741	5,740	4,881	
Total interest expense		20,822	19,428	14,473	58,147	36,379	
Net interest income		24,246	21,579	20,731	66,664	59,709	
Provision for credit losses		2,583	1,067	773	4,885	3,511	
Net interest income after provision for credit losses		21,663	20,512	19,958	61,779	56,198	
Noninterest income:							
Service charges on deposit accounts		532	462	442	1,458	1,348	
Swap (expenses) fees		(9)	4	453	10	622	
SBA/USDA fees		179	58	74	302	274	
Mortgage origination fees		112	92	158	300	446	
Net gain (loss) on securities		75	20	(12)	83	457	
Employee retention credit and related revenue		_	_	(5,100)	_	_	
Other operating income		868	732	1,091	2,240	2,608	
Total noninterest income		1,757	1,368	(2,894)	4,393	5,755	
Noninterest expenses:							
Salaries and employee benefits		6,876	6,112	5,752	19,219	19,926	
Equipment and occupancy expenses		814	667	718	2,170	2,095	
Data processing fees		781	686	650	2,110	1,889	
Regulatory assessments		414	375	322	1,149	844	
Professional fees related to ERC		_	_	(1,243)	_	_	
Merger-related expenses		1,511	_	_	1,511	_	
Other operating expenses		3,291	3,571	2,370	9,314	7,405	
Total noninterest expenses		13,687	11,411	8,569	35,473	32,159	
Income before income taxes		9,733	10,469	8,495	30,699	29,794	
Income tax expense		2,380	2,271	1,866	7,029	6,738	
Net income	\$	7,353 \$	8,198	\$ 6,629	\$ 23,670	\$ 23,056	

0.76 \$

Basic earnings per share

Diluted earnings per share

0.91 \$

0.76 \$ 0.90 \$ 0.73 \$

0.75 \$

2.62

2.56

2.58 \$

2.54 \$

AVERAGE BALANCE SHEET AND NET INTEREST MARGIN

_				Th	ree Months Ended				
		September 30, 2024			June 30, 2024		:	September 30, 2023	
	Average Balance	Interest	Yield/Rate	Average Balance	Interest	Yield/Rate	Average Balance	Interest	Yield/Rate
Assets:									
Interest-earning assets:									
Loans, net of unearned income(1)	\$ 2,134,318		7.21 %			7.17 % \$	1,740,582		6.86 %
Taxable securities	177,164	2,205	4.95 %	165,141	2,039	4.97 %	156,364	1,796	4.56 %
Nontaxable securities	46,586	243	2.08 %	45,537	231	2.04 %	45,466	227	1.98 %
Other interest-earnings assets	 287,320	3,930	5.44 %	242,214	3,316	5.51 %	232,691	3,097	5.28 %
Total interest-earning assets	\$	\$ 45,068	6.78 %		\$ 41,007	6.76 % \$	2,175,103	\$ 35,204	6.42 %
Allowance for credit losses	(27,253)			(25,332)			(21,606)		
Noninterest-earning assets	159,080			137,917			128,720		
Total Assets	\$ 2,777,215			\$ 2,553,010		\$	2,282,217		
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity:									
Interest-bearing liabilities:									
Interest-bearing transaction accounts	95,040	30	0.13 %	85,976	21	0.10 %	88,668	20	0.09 %
Savings and money market accounts	1,042,661	10,264	3.92 %	929,930	9,229	3.99 %	867,066	7,767	3.55 %
Time deposits	737,160	8,696	4.69 %	713,776	8,261	4.65 %	516,290	4,945	3.80 %
FHLB advances	36,130	455	5.01 %	48,374	596	4.96 %	43,261	514	4.72 %
Other borrowings	97,905	1,377	5.59 %	94,815	1,321	5.60 %	86,621	1,227	5.62 %
Total interest-bearing liabilities	\$ 2,008,896	\$ 20,822	4.12 %	\$ 1,872,871	\$ 19,428	4.17 % \$	1,601,906	\$ 14,473	3.58 %
Noninterest-bearing liabilities:									
Noninterest-bearing deposits	\$ 490,450			\$ 420,885		\$	448,616		
Other liabilities	31,788			32,727			28,740		
Total noninterest-bearing liabilities	\$ 522,238			\$ 453,612		\$	477,356		
Stockholders' Equity	246,081			226,527			202,955		
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 2,777,215			\$ 2,553,010		\$	2,282,217		
Net interest income		\$ 24,246			\$ 21,579			\$ 20,731	
Net interest spread ⁽²⁾			2.66 %			2.59 %			2.84 %
Net interest margin ⁽³⁾			3.65 %			3.56 %			3.78 %
Net interest margin - FTE(4)(5)			3.66 %			3.57 %			3.79 %
Cost of funds ⁽⁶⁾			3.31 %			3.41 %			2.80 %
Cost of interest-bearing deposits			4.03 %			4.07 %			3.43 %
Cost of total deposits			3.19 %			3.27 %			2.63 %

⁽¹⁾ Includes nonaccrual loans.
(2) Net interest spread is the difference between interest rates earned on interest-earning assets and interest rates paid on interest-bearing liabilities.
(3) Net interest margin is a ratio of net interest income to average interest-earning assets for the same period.
(4) Net interest margin is a ratio of fully-taxable equivalent net interest income to average interest-earning assets for the same period. It assumes a 24.0% tax rate.
(5) Refet or *Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures**
(6) Includes total interest-bearing liabilities and noninterest deposits.

AVERAGE BALANCE SHEET AND NET INTEREST MARGIN

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2023 September 30, 2024 Average Balance Average Balance Yield/Rate Interest Yield/Rate Assets: Interest-earning assets: Loans, net of unearned income⁽¹⁾ 7.15 % \$
4.93 %
2.05 %
5.48 %
6.74 % \$ 6.62 % 4.32 % 2.08 % 5.01 % 2,013,157 \$ 1,676,134 \$ 107,739 83,049 Taxable securities 6.225 4.819 Nontaxable securities
Other interest-earnings assets
Total interest-earning assets
Allowance for credit losses 45,833 247,035 704 10,143 47,947 199,379 747 7,473 2.474.686 124.811 2.072.518 \$ 96.088 6.20 % (25,638) 144,127 (20,750) 129,083 Noninterest-earning assets Total Assets 2,593,175 2,180,851 Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity: Interest-bearing liabilities:
Interest-bearing transaction accounts
Savings and money market accounts 0.12 % 3.94 % 4.59 % 4.97 % 5.60 % 0.09 % 3.13 % 3.39 % 4.50 % 5.69 % 88,980 958,625 78 28,296 91,602 839,827 59 19,679 Time deposits
FHLB advances
Other borrowings
Total interest-bearing liabilities 698,815 24,033 464,100 11,760 45,840 96,130 1,888,390 \$ 1,706 4,034 58,147 35,703 86,453 1,517,685 \$ 1,202 3,679 4.11 % \$ 36,379 Noninterest-bearing liabilities: Noninterest-bearing deposits
Other liabilities
Total noninterest-bearing liabilities 442,667 442,149 26,587 468,736 194,430 31,319 473,986 Stockholders' Equity 230,799 Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity Net interest income Net interest spread⁽²⁾ Net interest margin⁽³⁾ 66 664 59.709 3.00 % 3.85 %

3.60 %

3.61 % 3.33 % 4.01 % 3.20 %

3.87 % 2.48 % 3.02 % 2.29 %

Net interest margin - FTE⁽⁴⁾⁽⁶⁾
Cost of funds⁽⁶⁾
Cost of interest-bearing deposits
Cost of total deposits

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.

Net interest margin - FTE is a ratio of fully-taxable equivalent net interest income to average interest-earning assets for the same period. It assumes a 24.0% tax rate.

Refer to "Reconciliation of Non-GAP Financial Measures" includes total interest-bearing liabilities and noninterest deposits.

			LOAN COMPO (Dollars in thous						
6	 September 30, 2024		June 202		December 2023		September 30, 2023		
	 Amount	% of gross	Amount	% of gross	Amount	% of gross	Amount	% of gross	
Real estate mortgages:									
Construction and development	\$ 245,275	11.1 % \$	242,573	12.0 % \$	242,960	12.9 % \$	229,188	12.9 %	
Residential	293,150	13.3 %	249,498	12.3 %	224,603	11.9 %	224,499	12.6 %	
Commercial	1,344,554	61.0 %	1,222,739	60.5 %	1,144,867	60.5 %	1,049,545	59.0 %	
Commercial and industrial	310,540	14.1 %	297,501	14.7 %	269,961	14.3 %	268,283	15.0 %	
Consumer and other	12,228	0.5 %	9,566	0.5 %	8,286	0.4 %	8,331	0.5 %	
Gross loans	2,205,747	100.0 %	2,021,877	100.0 %	1,890,677	100.0 %	1,779,846	100.0 %	
Unearned income	(6,536)		(6,443)		(6,169)		(5,698)		
Loans, net of unearned income	2,199,211		2,015,434		1,884,508		1,774,148		
Allowance for credit losses	(28,061)		(25,828)		(24,378)		(22,181)		
Loans, net	\$ 2,171,150	\$	1,989,606	\$	1,860,130	\$	1,751,967		

DEPOSIT COMPOSITION (Collars in thousands)											
Septe 2		Septemb 2024	er 30, June 30, 2024				mber 31, 2023	Septer 20	September 30, 2023		
		Amount	% of total	Amount	% of total	Amount	% of total	Amount	% of total		
Noninterest-bearing transaction	\$	546,282	22.5 %	\$ 416,068	19.1 %	\$ 437,959	21.7 %	\$ 418,125	21.8 %		
Interest-bearing transaction		1,124,706	46.5 %	1,006,687	46.3 %	946,347	46.9 %	934,383	48.8 %		
Savings		53,565	2.2 %	32,527	1.5 %	35,412	1.7 %	38,518	2.0 %		
Time deposits, \$250,000 and under		558,600	23.1 %	612,299	28.1 %	500,406	24.8 %	436,613	22.8 %		
Time deposits, over \$250,000		137,393	5.7 %	108,097	5.0 %	98,065	4.9 %	88,762	4.6 %		
Total deposits	\$	2,420,546	100.0 %	\$ 2,175,678	100.0 %	\$ 2,018,189	100.0 %	\$ 1,916,401	100.0 %		

	performing Assets Dollars in thousands)				
	 September 30, 2024	 June 30, 2024	 December 31, 2023		September 30, 2023
Nonaccrual loans	\$ 7,803	\$ 3,784	\$ 1,017	\$	1,082
Past due loans 90 days or more and still accruing interest	 65		160		
Total nonperforming loans	 7,868	3,784	1,177		1,082
OREO	 33	 33	 33		2,903
Total nonperforming assets	\$ 7,901	\$ 3,817	\$ 1,210	\$	3,985
Financial difficulty modification loans – nonaccrual ⁽¹⁾	622	647	907		970
Financial difficulty modification loans – accruing	1,071	1,093	1,095		1,052
Financial difficulty modification loans	\$ 1,693	\$ 1,740	\$ 2,002	\$	2,022
Allowance for credit losses	\$ 28.061	\$ 25.828	\$ 24.378	s	22.181
Loans, net of unearned income at the end of the period	\$ 2.199.211	\$ 2.015.434	\$ 1.884.508	s	1,774,148
Gross loans outstanding at the end of period	\$ 2.205.747	\$ 2,021,877	\$ 1,890,677	\$	1,779,846
Total assets	\$ 2,841,440	\$ 2,572,011	\$ 2,446,663	\$	2,296,527
Allowance for credit losses to nonperforming loans	356.65 %	682.56 %	2071.20 %		2050.00 %
Nonperforming loans to loans, net of unearned income	0.36 %	0.19 %	0.06 %		0.06 %
Nonperforming loans to gross loans	0.36 %	0.19 %	0.06 %		0.06 %
Nonperforming assets to gross loans and OREO	0.36 %	0.19 %	0.06 %		0.22 %
Nonperforming assets to total assets	0.28 %	0.15 %	0.05 %		0.17 %
Nonaccrual loans by category:					
Real estate mortgages:					
Construction & Development	\$ _	\$ _	\$ _	\$	_
Residential Mortgages	522	393	252		289
Commercial Real Estate Mortgages	2,155	2,182	765		785
Commercial & Industrial	5,126	1,209	_		8
Consumer and other	 _				_
Total	\$ 7,803	\$ 3,784	\$ 1,017	\$	1,082

⁽¹⁾ Financial difficulty modifications loans are excluded from nonperforming loans unless they otherwise meet the definition of nonaccrual loans or are more than 90 days past due.

Allowance for Credit Losses

(Dollars in thousands)

			Thr	ee Months Ended			Nine Months Ended			:d
9		September 30, 2024		June 30, 2024		September 30, 2023		September 30, 2024	S	eptember 30, 2023
Average loans, net of unearned income	\$	2,134,318	\$	1,987,533	\$	1,740,582	\$	2,013,157	\$	1,676,134
Loans, net of unearned income		2,199,211		2,015,434		1,774,148		2,199,211		1,774,148
Gross loans		2,205,747		2,021,877		1,779,846		2,205,747		1,779,846
Allowance for credit losses at beginning of the period		25,828		25,144		21,385		24,378		20,156
Impact of adoption of ASC 326		_		_		_		_		(1,285)
Charge-offs:										
Construction and development		_		_		3		_		3
Residential		_		_		_		11		_
Commercial		119		11		_		157		_
Commercial and industrial		384		384		_		1,210		262
Consumer and other		_		10		_		25		6
Total charge-offs		503		405		3		1,403		271
Recoveries:										
Construction and development		_		_		_		_		_
Residential		13		6		10		27		38
Commercial		_		_		_		_		_
Commercial and industrial		139		15		_		171		14
Consumer and other		1		1		16		3		18
Total recoveries	,	153		22		26		201		70
Net charge-offs (recoveries)	\$	350	\$	383	\$	(23)	\$	1,202	\$	201
Provision for credit losses	\$	2,583	\$	1,067	\$	773	\$	4,885	\$	3,511
Balance at end of the period	\$	28,061	\$	25,828	\$	22,181	\$	28,061	\$	22,181
Allowance for credit losses on unfunded commitments at beginning of the period	\$	1.206	\$	1.288	S	1.495	s	1.239	\$	_
Impact of adoption of ASC 326	•		Ŧ		•		•	-,	•	1,285
Day 2 impact from acquisition		199		_		_		199		
(Credit) provision for credit losses on unfunded commitments		_		(82)		29		(33)		239
Balance at the end of the period	\$	1,405	\$	1,206	\$	1,524	\$	1,405	\$	1,524
Allowance to loans, net of unearned income		1.28 %		1.28 %	,	1.25 %		1.28 %		1.25
Allowance to gross loans		1.27 %		1.28 %		1.25 %		1.27 %		1.25
Net charge-offs (recoveries) to average loans, net of unearned income ⁽¹⁾		0.07 %		0.08 %		(0.01)%		0.08 %		0.02
Provision for credit losses to average loans, net of unearned income ⁽¹⁾		0.48 %		0.22 %		0.18 %		0.32 %		0.28

(1) Ratio is annualized.

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 (Dollars in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

_			Three Months	Ended			Nine Months Ended			
9		September 30, 2024	June 30 2024	,		September 30, 2023		September 30, 2024		September 30, 2023
Net income	\$	7,353	\$	8,198	\$	6,629	\$	23,670	\$	23,056
Add: One-time retirement related expenses		_		_		_		_		1,571
Add: Professional fees related to ERC		_		_		(1,243)		_		_
Add: Wire fraud loss		_		1,155				1,155		_
Add: Merger-related expenses		1,511		_		_		1,511		_
Add: Net OREO gain		_		(3)		(9)		(3)		(2)
Less: Employee retention related revenue		_		_		(5,100)		_		_
Less: Net gain (loss) on securities		75		20		(12)		83		457
Less: Tax effect		114		272		926		388		267
Core net income	\$	8,675	\$	9,058	\$	9,563	\$	25,862	\$	23,901
Average assets	\$	2,777,215	\$	2,553,010	\$	2,282,217	\$	2,593,175	\$	2,180,851
Core return on average assets		1.24 %		1.43 %		1.66 %	=	1.33 %		1.47 %
Net income	\$	7,353	\$	8,198	\$	6,629	\$	23,670	\$	23,056
Add: One-time retirement related expenses		_		_				_		1,571
Add: Professional fees related to ERC		_				(1,243)		_		_
Add: Wire fraud loss				1,155		_		1,155		_
Add: Merger-related expenses		1,511						1,511		
Add: Net OREO gain Add: Provision				(3)		(9) 773		(3)		(2)
		2,583		1,067				4,885		3,511
Less: Employee retention related revenue				 20		(5,100)		— 83		— 457
Less: Net gain (loss) on securities Add: Income taxes		2.380		2.271		1.866		7.029		6,738
Pretax pre-provision core net income	s	13,752	\$	12,668	\$	13,128	\$	38,164	\$	34,417
Average assets	\$	2,777,215	\$	2,553,010	\$	2.282.217	\$	2.593.175	\$	2.180.851
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Overview of Southern States Bancshares, Inc.

- Southern States Bancshares (Nasdaq: SSBK) was founded in August 2007 and priced its IPO on August 11, 2021
- History of solid growth, top-tier profitability and a strong credit culture
- Bifurcated expansion strategy primarily through organic growth and limited, 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 lower-cost, core funding base

		Q3 ·24	Financi	ial Highlights ———			
Assets (\$B):	\$2.8	Quarterly Asset Growth ² :	41.7%	NPLs / Loans:	0.36%	Core Net Income ¹ (\$M):	\$8.7
Gross Loans (\$B):	\$2.2	Quarterly Loan Growth ² :	36.3%	ACL / Loans:	1.28%	Core ROAA1:	1.24%
Deposits (\$B):	\$2.4	Quarterly Deposit Growth ³ :	44.8%	NCOs / Avg. Loans:	0.07%	NIM:	3.65%
Loans / Deposits:	90.86%	Quarterly Deposit Excluding Brokered Growth ² :	71.5%	TCE / TA1:	8.25%	Core Efficiency Ratio ¹ :	46.96%

Company Documents; financial data as of the three months ended 9/30/24 unless otherwise noted serefer to non-U.S. GAAP reconciliation in the appendix audited: unlited; includes a 594.2 million decrease in brokered deposits in 3024



Dominant Bank in Small Market; Competitive Player in Large Metropolitan Areas



Robust Market Dynamics

Atlanta, GA

- Market Highlights 8^{th} largest Metro Area in the USA
- Ranked 10th largest economy in the country
 Ranked 13th Best Places for Business and Careers by Forbes
 17 Fortune 500 companies headquartered in Atlanta

Birmingham, AL



- Largest market in Alabama, supported by strong steel, biotechnology, and banking industries Ranked 2nd best US city for job seekers by MoneyGeek University of Alabama Birmingham serves as an internat leader in medicine and dentistry

Huntsville, AL



- Voted best place to live in the country by US News
- Highest concentration of engineers in the US Ranked #1 best city for STEM workers by Livability
- 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

Auburn / Opelika, AL



- Auburn University contributes \$5.6 billion annually and 27,000 jobs to the Alabama economy
- 27,000 jobs to the Alabama economy

 Named top-five growth city in America by U-Haul

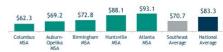
 High-tech manufacturing and industrial hub for compani
 like Kia Motors, Hanwha Cimarron, and Niagara Bottling

Columbus, GA



- Fort Benning Military Base
 U.S. Army Infantry and Armor Training Post
 Columbus Chamber of Commerce estimates annual economic impact of 54.8 billion
 Major companies headquartered include Aflac and Total Systems Services, Inc.
- Contains seven colleges and universities, with 83,000 students pursuing degrees in higher education

'28 Projected Median HHI (\$M)



- '23 - '28 Projected Population Growth (%)



Major Employers































Quarterly Financial Highlights

Profitability ¹	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024
Net Income	\$6,629	\$8,896	\$8,119	\$8,198	\$7,353
Core Net Income	\$9,563	\$7,289	\$8,128	\$9,058	\$8,675
ROAA	1.15%	1.53%	1.33%	1.29%	1.05%
Core ROAA	1.66%	1.26%	1.34%	1.43%	1.24%
ROAE	12.96%	17.02%	14.87%	14.55%	11.89%
ROATCE	14.21%	18.62%	16.17%	15.79%	13.35%
Core ROATCE	20.50%	15.26%	16.19%	17.44%	15.74%
Net Interest Margin	3.78%	3.69%	3.59%	3.56%	3.65%
Net Interest Margin - FTE	3.79%	3.71%	3.60%	3.57%	3.66%
Efficiency Ratio	48.01%	41.48%	46.90%	49.78%	52.79%
Core Efficiency Ratio	42.79%	45.78%	46.90%	44.75%	46.96%

Balance Sheet	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024
Total Assets	\$2,296,527	\$2,446,663	\$2,510,975	\$2,572,011	\$2,841,440
Total Loans	\$1,774,148	\$1,884,508	\$1,965,149	\$2,015,434	\$2,199,211
Total Deposits	\$1,916,401	\$2,018,189	\$2,109,798	\$2,175,678	\$2,420,546
Loans / Deposits	92.58%	93.38%	93.14%	92.63%	90.86%
TCE / Tangible Assets	8.08%	8.12%	8.23%	8.34%	8.25%
Avg. Cost of Deposits	2.63%	2.86%	3.12%	3.27%	3.19%
Annualized Loan Growth	13.3%	24.7%	17.2%	10.3%	36.3%
Avg. Yield on Loans	6.86%	6.91%	7.06%	7.17%	7.21%
NPL / Gross Loans	0.06%	0.06%	0.17%	0.19%	0.36%
NCOs / Avg. Loans	(0.01)%	0.08%	0.10%	0.08%	0.07%
Loss Provision / Avg. Loans	0.18%	0.56%	0.26%	0.22%	0.48%

Per Share Data ¹	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024
Share Price	\$22.59	\$29.28	\$25.92	\$27.14	\$30.73
Tangible Book Value	\$20.84	\$22.30	\$23.07	\$23.91	\$23.38
Price / Tangible Book Value	1.1x	1.3x	1.1x	1.1x	1.3x
Cash Dividend per Common Share	\$0.09	\$0.09	\$0.09	\$0.09	\$0.09
Basic EPS	\$0.75	\$1.00	\$0.91	\$0.91	\$0.76
Diluted EPS	\$0.73	\$0.99	\$0.90	\$0.90	\$0.76
Core Diluted EPS	\$1.06	\$0.81	\$0.90	\$1.00	\$0.89

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



Net Interest Income and Net Interest Margin



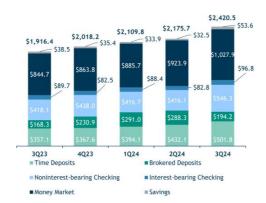


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Deposit Portfolio

Deposits by Type - \$2.42B

(Dollars in millions)



Account Composition¹

Deposit Type	Composition %	Average Balance
Commercial	60%	\$138.5
Retail	40%	\$39.8

Source: Company Documents; data as of 9/30/24



Loan Portfolio

Loans by Type \$2.20B

(Dollars in millions)



Loan Composition

Loan Type	Composition %
Fixed	47.7%
Variable	52.3%

- Concentration Highlights -

(Dollars in millions)							
Loan Type	Total						
Office Buildings	\$215.9						
Hotels / Motels	\$207.9						
Industrial Warehouse / Heavy Manufacturing	\$189.3						
Convenience Stores	\$165.8						
Multi-Family (5+)	\$135.8						
Retail Warehouse / Light Manufacturing	\$118.9						
Commercial Retail Building	\$106.2						



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Loan Portfolio

Office Building Loans \$215.9M



Loan Composition

Loan Type	Composition %
Georgia	73%
Alabama	23%
Other	4%

Office Building Type -

# of Stories	Total
Six Stories	3
Five stories	1
Four stories	5
Three stories	7
One & two stories	238



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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 approximately 50% of risk-based capital
- Proactive approach to resolving problem credits

Nonperforming Assets by Type \$17.6 \$13.6 0.4% 0.6% \$4.5 \$0.6 \$5.1 \$1.2 2018 2019 2021 2022 2023 3Q24 -D-NPAs / Loans + OREO Nonaccruals (\$mm) OREO (\$mm)



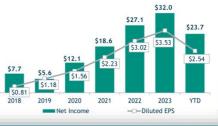
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Growth History









Our Strategic Focus

Building Shareholder Value

- Maintain focus on strong, profitable organic growth without compromising our credit quality
- Further develop and grow our core deposit franchise
- Expand into new markets by hiring commercial bankers
- Focus on high growth markets and further expand our Atlanta franchise
- Evaluate strategic acquisition opportunities
- Prudently manage capital between balance sheet growth and return to shareholders



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