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## First Quarter 2012 Earnings Release Supplemental Information

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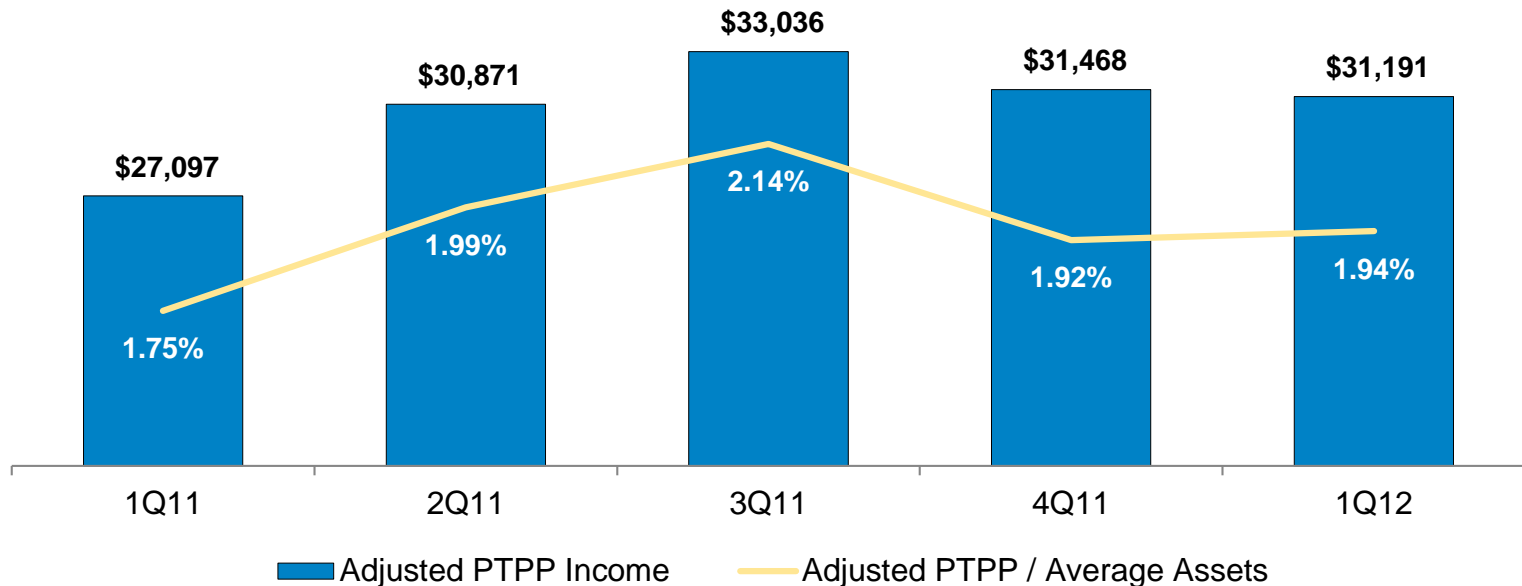
- management's ability to effectively execute its business plan;
- the risk that the strength of the United States economy in general and the strength of the local economies in which we conduct operations may continue to deteriorate resulting in, among other things, a further deterioration in credit quality or a reduced demand for credit, including the resultant effect on our loan portfolio, allowance for loan and lease losses and overall financial performance;
- the effects of the potential delay or failure of the U.S. federal government to pay its debts as they become due or make payments in the ordinary course;
- the ability of financial institutions to access sources of liquidity at a reasonable cost;
- the impact of recent upheaval in the financial markets and the effectiveness of domestic and international governmental actions taken in response, such as the U.S. Treasury's TARP and the FDIC's Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program, and the effect of such governmental actions on us, our competitors and counterparties, financial markets generally and availability of credit specifically, and the U.S. and international economies, including potentially higher FDIC premiums arising from increased payments from FDIC insurance funds as a result of depository institution failures;
- the effect of and changes in policies and laws or regulatory agencies (notably the recently enacted Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act);
- inflation and possible changes in interest rates;
- our ability to keep up with technological changes;
- our ability to comply with the terms of loss sharing agreements with the FDIC;
- mergers and acquisitions, including costs or difficulties related to the integration of acquired companies and the wind-down of non-strategic operations that may be greater than expected, such as the risks and uncertainties associated with the Irwin Mortgage Corporation bankruptcy proceedings and other acquired subsidiaries;
- the risk that exploring merger and acquisition opportunities may detract from management's time and ability to successfully manage our company;
- expected cost savings in connection with the consolidation of recent acquisitions may not be fully realized or realized within the expected time frames, and deposit attrition, customer loss and revenue loss following completed acquisitions may be greater than expected;
- our ability to increase market share and control expenses;
- the effect of changes in accounting policies and practices, as may be adopted by the regulatory agencies as well as the Financial Accounting Standards Board and the SEC;
- adverse changes in the securities and debt markets;
- our success in recruiting and retaining the necessary personnel to support business growth and expansion and maintain sufficient expertise to support increasingly complex products and services;
- monetary and fiscal policies of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Federal Reserve) and the U.S. government and other governmental initiatives affecting the financial services industry;
- our ability to manage loan delinquency and charge-off rates and changes in estimation of the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses; and
- the costs and effects of litigation and of unexpected or adverse outcomes in such litigation.

In addition, please refer to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, as well as our other filings with the SEC, for a more detailed discussion of these risks and uncertainties and other factors. Such forward-looking statements are meaningful only on the date when such statements are made, and First Financial undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which such a statement is made to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

## Pre-Tax, Pre-Provision Income Trend

- Adjusted pre-tax, pre-provision income represents income before taxes plus provision for all loans less FDIC loss share income and accelerated discount adjusted for significant nonrecurring items
- First quarter 2012 adjusted PTPP was relatively flat compared to the linked quarter

Dollars in thousands



## Pre-Tax, Pre-Provision Income

	For the three months ended				
	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	September 30, 2011	June 30, 2011	March 31, 2011
<i>Dollars in thousands</i>					
Pre-tax, pre-provision income <sup>1</sup>	\$ 30,020	\$ 33,015	\$ 31,814	\$ 32,845	\$ 29,768
Less: accelerated discount on covered loans	3,645	4,775	5,207	4,756	5,783
Plus: loss on covered OREO <sup>2</sup>	3,043	2,521	3,755	2,621	3,112
Pre-tax, pre-provision income, net of accelerated discount and loss on covered OREO	29,418	30,761	30,362	30,710	27,097
Less: gain on sales of investment securities	-	2,541	-	-	-
Less: gain on sales of non-mortgage loans <sup>3</sup>	66	290	700	429	-
Plus: acceleration of deferred swap fees associated with trust preferred redemption	-	-	-	590	-
Plus: One-time expenses related to branch acquisitions	-	1,037	1,791	-	-
Plus: One-time other exit and retention costs	-	2,501	1,583	-	-
Plus: One-time pension, trust and other costs	1,839	-	-	-	-
Adjusted pre-tax, pre-provision income	\$ 31,191	\$ 31,468	\$ 33,036	\$ 30,871	\$ 27,097

<sup>1</sup> Represents income before taxes plus provision for all loans less FDIC loss sharing income

<sup>2</sup> Reimbursements related to losses on covered OREO and other credit-related costs are included in FDIC loss sharing income, which is excluded from the pre-tax, pre-provision income above

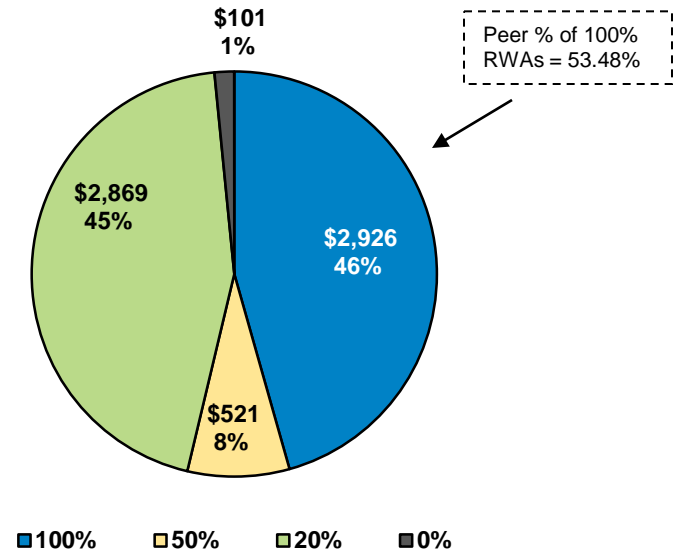
<sup>3</sup> Represents gain on sale of loans originated by franchise finance business

- Only 46% of First Financial's total assets are 100% risk-weighted assets, over 10% lower than the peer group median
- First Financial's percentage of total risk-weighted assets to total assets is 57.8%, over 14% lower than the peer group median
- The lower percentages are driven by the meaningful balance of high-yielding loans covered under loss share agreements with the FDIC
- Return on risk-weighted assets significantly exceeds peer median performance
- First Financial generates higher returns on a lower risk balance sheet relative to the peer group***

### Total Assets by Risk Weighting %

As of March 31, 2012

(Dollars in millions)



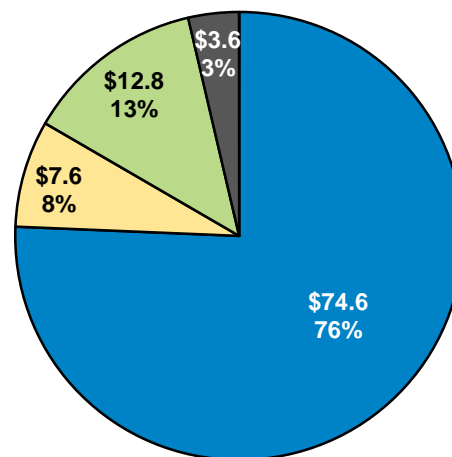
- Return on Average Risk Weighted Assets = 1.86% (Peer Median<sup>(1)</sup> = 1.22%)
- Risk Weighted Assets / Total Assets = 57.8% (Peer Median<sup>(1)</sup> = 67.34%)

(1) Peer Group comprised of the component banks within the KBW Regional Bank Index (49 total companies excluding First Financial); based on peer median financial data as of December 31, 2011

- Strategic** – Elements of the business that either existed prior to the acquisitions or were acquired with the intent to retain and grow. On a reported basis, approximately 76% of total revenue is derived from strategic businesses. Not including the FDIC loss sharing income, strategic operations represents 87% of total revenue.
- Acquired-Non-Strategic** – Elements of the business that the Company intends to exit but will continue to support to obtain maximum economic value. No growth or replacement is expected. Revenue will decrease over time as loans and deposits will not be renewed when they mature.
- FDIC Loss Sharing Income** – In accordance with guidance provided by the SEC, amounts recoverable from the FDIC related to credit losses on covered loans under loss sharing agreements are required to be recorded as noninterest income
- Accelerated Discount on Loan Prepayments and Dispositions** – The acceleration of the unrealized valuation discount. Noninterest income results from the prepayment or sale of covered loans. This item will be ongoing but diminishing as covered loan balances decline over time.

### Total Revenue: \$98.6 million

For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2012  
(Dollars in millions)



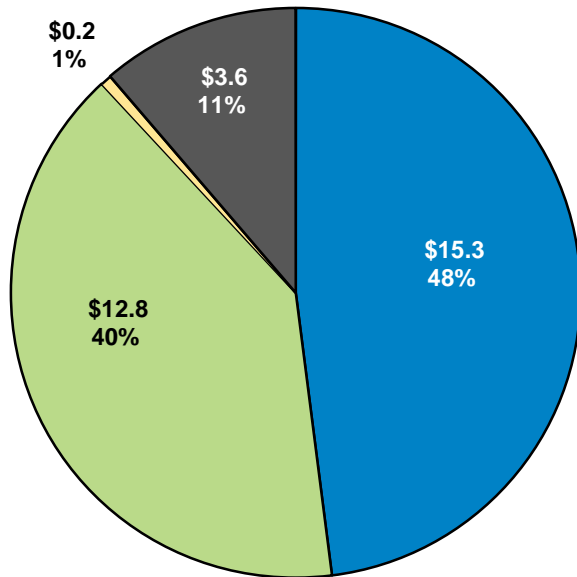
- Strategic
- Transition Related/Acquired-Non-Strategic
- FDIC Loss Sharing Income
- Accelerated Discount on Paid in Full Loans

## Noninterest Income and Expense

### Components of Noninterest Income

For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2012

(Dollars in millions)

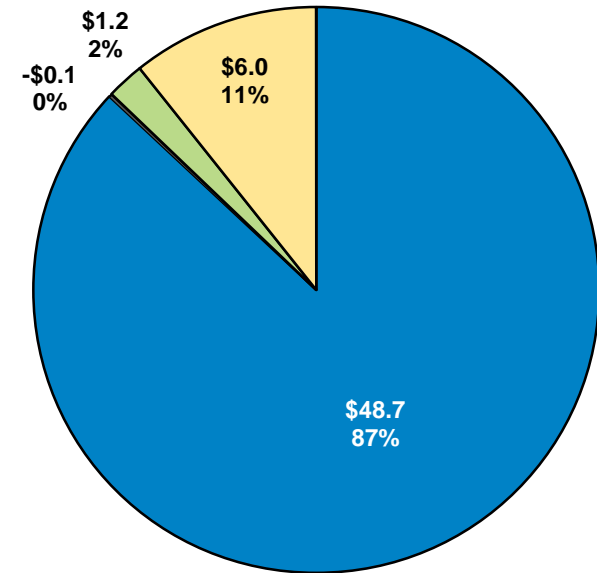


- Strategic
- FDIC Loss Sharing Income
- Other Non-strategic
- Accelerated Discount on Paid in Full Loans

### Components of Noninterest Expense

For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2012

(Dollars in millions)



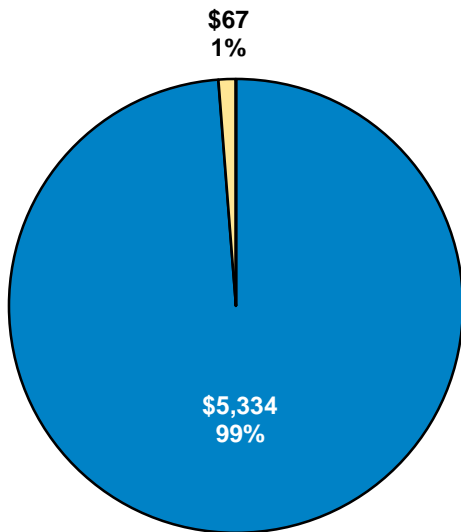
- Strategic
- Acquired-non-strategic
- FDIC Support
- Other Non-strategic

## Deposit and Loan Composition

### Total Deposits = \$5.4 billion

As of March 31, 2012

(Dollars in millions)



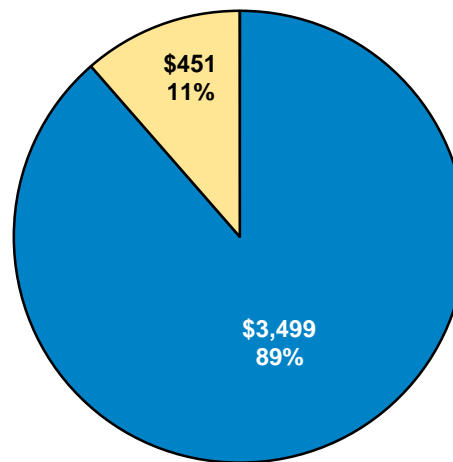
■ Strategic

■ Acquired-Non-Strategic

### Gross Loans = \$4.0 billion

As of March 31, 2012

(Dollars in millions)



- Market exits are complete; acquired-non-strategic deposits consist primarily of time deposits in Western, Michigan and Louisville markets and brokered CDs.



- The majority of the loans acquired as part of the FDIC-assisted transactions are accounted for under ASC Topic 310-30 which requires the Company to periodically update its forecast of expected cash flows from these loans.
- As of March 31, 2012, the allowance for loan and lease losses attributed to valuation of loans accounted for under ASC Topic 310-30 was \$46.2 million, an increase of \$3.3 million from the fourth quarter 2011. Expected payments from the FDIC, in the form of FDIC loss sharing income, offset approximately 80% of the recorded impairment and charge-offs.
- Covered loans continue to maintain yields significantly higher than the Company's uncovered loan portfolio.

	Balance as of Mar. 31, 2012	First Quarter 2012 Results				Projected Wtd. Avg. Rate	Life-to- Date Avg. Rate	Day 1 Projected Rate	
		Current Period Impairment	Impairment Recapture / Relief	Net Current Period Impairment	Improvement				
<i>Dollars in thousands</i>									
Total loans	\$ 910,331	\$ 11,911	\$ (8,590)	\$ 3,321	\$ 3,333	11.01% <sup>1</sup>			
Allowance for loan and lease losses	(46,156)	-	-	-	-	0.59%			
Total net loans	<u>\$ 864,175</u>	<u>\$ 11,911</u>	<u>\$ (8,590)</u>	<u>\$ 3,321</u> <sup>3</sup>	<u>\$ 3,333</u>	11.60% <sup>2</sup>	10.72%	9.10%	
FDIC indemnification asset	\$ 156,397	NA	NA	NA	NA	(5.70%)	1.56%	6.50%	
						<b>Weighted average yield</b>	<b>8.95%</b>	<b>9.47%</b>	<b>8.75%</b>

<sup>1</sup> The actual yield realized may be different than the projected yield due to activity that occurs after the periodic valuation.

<sup>2</sup> Accretion rates are applied to the net carrying value of the loan which includes the allowance for loan and lease losses.

<sup>3</sup> Covered loan provision expense of \$12.9 million was comprised of net charge-offs during the period of \$9.6 million and net impairment / (relief) of \$3.3 million.

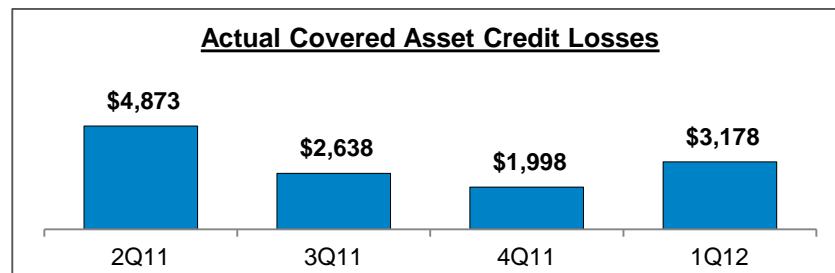
## Components of Credit Losses Covered Assets

**For the three months ended March 31, 2012**

Dollars in thousands

		Description
Net incremental impairment for period	\$3,321	Reduction in expected cash flows related to certain loan pools net of prior period impairment relief / recapture
Net charge-offs	9,630	Represents actual net charge-offs of the recorded investment in covered loans during the period <sup>1</sup>

Provision for loan and lease losses - covered	12,951
Loss on sale - covered OREO	1,292
Other credit-related expenses	1,751
<b>Total gross credit losses</b>	<b>\$15,994</b>



FDIC loss share income (Noninterest income)	\$12,816	Represents receivable due from FDIC on estimated credit losses; calculated as approximately 80% of gross credit losses related to covered assets
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**\$3,178** — Difference between these two amounts represents actual credit costs for the period

<sup>1</sup> Investment in covered loans originally recorded at less than unpaid principal balance to reflect anticipated credit losses at time of acquisition

To assist readers in understanding the Company's financial results and the effect of recent acquisitions on reported amounts, the following terms are used throughout this release to refer to specific acquisition-related items. The first three define the business components referred to above and the remaining items define specific covered loan terminology.

- **Legacy-strategic** – Elements of the business that existed prior to the acquisitions and will continue to be supported
- **Acquired-strategic** – Elements of the business that the Company intends to retain and will continue to support and build. Legacy-strategic and acquired-strategic are collectively referred to as “**strategic**”
- **Acquired-non-strategic** – Elements of the business that the Company intends to exit but will continue to support to obtain maximum economic value. No growth or replacement is expected
- **Accelerated discount on covered loans** – The acceleration of the unrealized valuation discount. This item will be ongoing but diminishing as covered loan balances decline over time
- **UPB** – Unpaid principal balance
- **Carrying value** – The unpaid principal balance of a covered loan less any valuation discount

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# Tables from First Quarter 2012 Earnings Release

## Noninterest Income

Table I	For the Three Months Ended		
	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	March 31, 2011
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>			
Total noninterest income	\$ 31,925	\$ 29,640	\$ 43,658
Certain significant components of noninterest income			
<u>Items likely to recur:</u>			
Accelerated discount on covered loans <sup>1,2</sup>	3,645	4,775	5,783
FDIC loss sharing income	12,816	7,433	23,435
Income (loss) related to transition/non-strategic operations	(10)	64	(552)
<u>Items expected not to recur:</u>			
Other items not expected to recur	209	2,270	125
Total excluding items noted above	<u>\$ 15,265</u>	<u>\$ 15,098</u>	<u>\$ 14,867</u>

<sup>1</sup> See Selected Financial Information for additional information

<sup>2</sup> Net of the corresponding valuation adjustment on the FDIC indemnification asset

### Noninterest Expense

Table II	For the Three Months Ended		
	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	March 31, 2011
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>			
Total noninterest expense	\$ 55,778	\$ 54,668	\$ 57,790
Certain significant components of noninterest expense			
<u>Items likely to recur:</u>			
Loss share and covered asset expense	3,043	2,521	3,171
FDIC loss share support	1,163	1,333	783
Acquired-non-strategic operating expenses <sup>1</sup>	(146)	(27)	3,911
Transition-related items <sup>1</sup>	-	-	196
<u>Items expected not to recur:</u>			
Acquisition-related costs <sup>1</sup>	188	1,167	116
Other items not expected to recur	2,797	2,473	3,962
Total excluding items noted above	<u>\$ 48,733</u>	<u>\$ 47,201</u>	<u>\$ 45,651</u>

<sup>1</sup> See Selected Financial Information for additional information

**Credit Quality – Excluding Covered Loans**

	As of or for the Three Months Ended				
	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	September 30, 2011	June 30, 2011	March 31, 2011
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>					
Total nonaccrual loans	\$ 55,945	\$ 54,299	\$ 59,150	\$ 56,536	\$ 62,048
Troubled debt restructurings - accruing	9,495	4,009	4,712	3,039	3,923
Troubled debt restructurings - nonaccrual	17,205	18,071	12,571	14,443	14,609
Total troubled debt restructurings	26,700	22,080	17,283	17,482	18,532
Total nonperforming loans	82,645	76,379	76,433	74,018	80,580
Total nonperforming assets	97,681	87,696	88,436	90,331	95,533
Nonperforming assets as a % of:					
Period-end loans plus OREO	3.28%	2.94%	3.00%	3.22%	3.42%
Total assets	1.52%	1.31%	1.40%	1.50%	1.51%
Nonperforming assets ex. accruing TDRs as a % of:					
Period-end loans plus OREO	2.96%	2.81%	2.84%	3.11%	3.28%
Total assets	1.37%	1.25%	1.32%	1.44%	1.45%
Nonperforming loans as a % of total loans	2.79%	2.57%	2.60%	2.65%	2.90%
Provision for loan and lease losses - uncovered	\$ 3,258	\$ 5,164	\$ 7,643	\$ 5,756	\$ 647
Allow ance for uncovered loan & lease losses	\$ 49,437	\$ 52,576	\$ 54,537	\$ 53,671	\$ 53,645
Allow ance for loan & lease losses as a % of:					
Period-end loans	1.67%	1.77%	1.86%	1.92%	1.93%
Nonaccrual loans	88.4%	96.8%	92.2%	94.9%	86.5%
Nonaccrual loans plus nonaccrual TDRs	67.6%	72.7%	76.0%	75.6%	70.0%
Nonperforming loans	59.8%	68.8%	71.4%	72.5%	66.6%
Total net charge-offs	\$ 6,397	\$ 7,125	\$ 6,777	\$ 5,730	\$ 4,237
Annualized net-charge-offs as a % of average					
loans & leases	0.87%	0.95%	0.96%	0.83%	0.61%

**Loan Portfolio – Excluding Covered Loans**

<b>Table IV</b>	As of					
	March 31, 2012		December 31, 2011		March 31, 2011	
	Balance	Percent of Total	Balance	Percent of Total	Balance	Percent of Total
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>						
Commercial	\$ 831,101	28.0%	\$ 856,981	28.9%	\$ 794,821	28.6%
Real estate - construction	104,305	3.5%	114,974	3.9%	145,355	5.2%
Real estate - commercial	1,262,775	42.6%	1,233,067	41.5%	1,131,306	40.7%
Real estate - residential	288,922	9.7%	287,980	9.7%	268,746	9.7%
Installment	63,793	2.2%	67,543	2.3%	66,028	2.4%
Home equity	359,711	12.1%	358,960	12.1%	339,590	12.2%
Credit card	31,149	1.1%	31,631	1.1%	28,104	1.0%
Lease financing	21,794	0.7%	17,311	0.6%	7,147	0.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,963,550</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 2,968,447</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 2,781,097</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



### Investment Portfolio

<b>Table V</b>							
As of March 31, 2012							
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	Securities HTM	Securities AFS	Other Investments	Total Securities	Percent of Portfolio	Tax Equiv. Yield	Effective Duration
Agencies	\$ 31,394	\$ 15,052	\$ -	\$ 46,446	2.7%	2.90%	3.3
CMO - fixed rate	552,577	85,975	-	638,552	37.0%	2.38%	2.6
CMO - variable rate	-	225,732	-	225,732	13.1%	0.73%	1.5
MBS - fixed rate	136,678	271,709	-	408,387	23.7%	3.05%	2.5
MBS - variable rate	194,837	77,396	-	272,233	15.8%	2.93%	3.4
Municipal	2,272	8,690	-	10,962	0.6%	7.16%	1.2
Corporate	-	40,443	-	40,443	2.3%	5.73%	12.2
Other AFS securities	-	11,312	-	11,312	0.7%	3.72%	0.1
Regulatory stock	-	-	71,492	71,492	4.1%	3.72%	-
	<u>\$ 917,758</u>	<u>\$ 736,309</u>	<u>\$ 71,492</u>	<u>\$ 1,725,559</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>2.60%</u>	<u>2.6</u>

### Capital Ratios

Table VI	As of			"Well-Capitalized" Minimum
	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	March 31, 2011	
Leverage Ratio	9.94%	9.87%	11.09%	5.00%
Tier 1 Capital Ratio	17.18%	17.47%	20.49%	6.00%
Total Risk-Based Capital Ratio	18.45%	18.74%	21.76%	10.00%
Ending tangible shareholders' equity to ending tangible assets	9.66%	9.23%	10.40%	N/A
Ending tangible common shareholders' equity to ending tangible assets	9.66%	9.23%	10.40%	N/A

**Significant Acquisition Related Items**

<b>Table VII</b>	For the Three Months Ended		
	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	March 31, 2011
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>			
Income effect:			
Accelerated discount on covered loans <sup>1,2</sup>	\$ 3,645	\$ 4,775	\$ 5,783
Acquired-non-strategic net interest income	7,428	8,954	8,902
FDIC loss sharing income <sup>1</sup>	12,816	7,433	23,435
Service charges on deposit accounts related to acquired-non-strategic operations	37	53	152
Other (loss) income related to transition/non-strategic operations	(47)	11	(704)
Total income effect	<u>\$ 23,879</u>	<u>\$ 21,226</u>	<u>\$ 37,568</u>
Expense effect:			
Provision for loan and lease losses - covered	\$ 12,951	\$ 6,910	\$ 26,016
Loss share and covered asset expense <sup>3</sup>	3,043	2,521	3,171
FDIC loss share support <sup>3</sup>	1,163	1,333	783
Acquired-non-strategic operating expenses: <sup>3</sup>	(146)	(27)	3,911
Acquisition-related costs: <sup>3</sup>	188	1,167	116
Transition-related items: <sup>3</sup>	-	-	196
Total expense effect	<u>\$ 17,199</u>	<u>\$ 11,904</u>	<u>\$ 34,193</u>

<sup>1</sup> Included in noninterest income

<sup>2</sup> Net of the corresponding valuation adjustment on the FDIC indemnification asset

<sup>3</sup> Included in noninterest expense

### Estimated Yields and Average Balances

Table VIII	For the Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2012	
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	Average Balance	Yield
Loans, excluding covered loans <sup>1</sup>	\$ 2,979,508	5.13%
Covered loan portfolio accounted for under ASC Topic 310-30 <sup>2</sup>	928,912	10.78%
Covered loan portfolio accounted for under ASC Topic 310-20 <sup>3</sup>	91,308	14.92%
FDIC indemnification asset <sup>2</sup>	159,450	-5.24%
Total	<u>\$ 4,159,178</u>	6.21%

<sup>1</sup> Includes loans with loss share coverage removed

<sup>2</sup> Future yield adjustments subject to change based on required, periodic valuation procedures

<sup>3</sup> Includes loans with revolving privileges which are scoped out of ASC Topic 310-30 and certain loans which the Company elected to treat under the cost recovery method of accounting

**Covered Loan Portfolio**

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	Covered Loan Activity - First Quarter 2012						
	December 31, 2011	Reduction in Recorded Investment Due to:					March 31, 2012
		Sales <sup>1</sup>	Prepayments	Contractual Activity <sup>2</sup>	Net Charge-Offs <sup>3</sup>	Loans With Coverage Removed	
Commercial	\$ 195,892	\$ -	\$ 12,656	\$ 12,546	\$ 5,757	\$ -	\$ 164,933
Real estate - construction	17,120	-	40	482	(129)	-	16,727
Real estate - commercial	637,044	(6,338)	25,117	6,310	2,814	-	609,141
Real estate - residential	121,117	-	3,709	1,941	39	-	115,428
Installment	13,176	-	280	281	536	-	12,079
Home equity	64,978	-	1,778	(2,237)	613	-	64,824
Other covered loans	3,917	-	-	430	-	-	3,487
<b>Total covered loans</b>	<b>\$ 1,053,244</b>	<b>\$ (6,338)</b>	<b>\$ 43,580</b>	<b>\$ 19,753</b>	<b>\$ 9,630</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 986,619</b>

<sup>1</sup> Negative amount represents repurchased loan participations associated with loans covered under loss share agreements

<sup>2</sup> Includes partial paydowns, accretion of the valuation discount and advances on revolving loans

<sup>3</sup> Indemnified at 80% from the FDIC

**Allowance for Loan Losses – Covered**

	As of or for the Three Months Ended			
	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	September 30, 2011	June 30, 2011
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>				
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 42,835	\$ 48,112	\$ 51,044	\$ 31,555
Provision for loan and lease losses - covered	12,951	6,910	7,260	23,895
Total gross charge-offs	(9,725)	(13,513)	(10,609)	(7,456)
Total recoveries	95	1,326	417	3,050
Total net charge-offs	(9,630)	(12,187)	(10,192)	(4,406)
Ending allowance for loan and lease losses - covered	<u>\$ 46,156</u>	<u>\$ 42,835</u>	<u>\$ 48,112</u>	<u>\$ 51,044</u>

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