# Pennsylvania Credit Unions: The Real Story

Tax-paying Pennsylvania banks compete head to head with tax-exempt credit unions. Although they portray themselves as mom and pop shops for people of modest means, today credit unions are a \$2.3 trillion industry, with many indistinguishable from banks. The BIG difference—they don't pay federal income taxes, depriving the U.S. Treasury of nearly \$3.25 billion every year.

### Who Pays the Taxes?

Taxes Paid in 2023

PA Credit Unions \$0 PA Banks\* \$1,909,906,000 Members 1st Federal Credit Union would have paid \$29.1 million in taxes during 2023, had it paid its fair share.

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

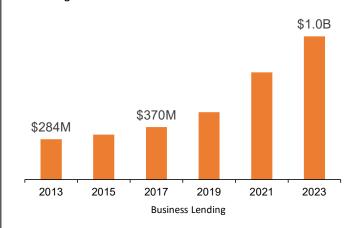
#### **Indistinguishable from Banks**

## **Larger than Most Pennsylvania Banks**

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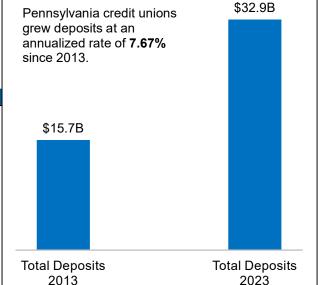
with **\$8.8 billion in assets**, is the largest credit union in Pennsylvania, **larger than 98%** 

Members 1st Federal Credit Union used its tax advantage to **aggressively expand** its business lending at an annual rate of **14%** since 2013.



of Pennsylvania headquartered banks.

## Pennsylvania Credit Unions Leverage Their Tax Exemption to Grow Deposits



## **Large Credit Union Auto Lenders**

All of the top five Pennsylvania headquartered auto lenders are credit unions.

Institution	Auto Loans (\$000)
American Heritage Federal CU	1,076,703
Members 1st Federal CU	839,406
Citadel Federal CU	356,496
Philadelphia Federal CU	216,003
First Commonwealth Federal CU	203,484