Utah Credit Unions: The Real Story

Tax-paying Utah 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

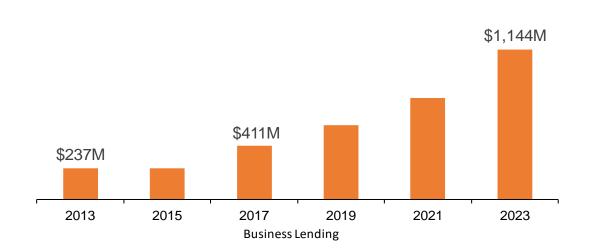
UT Credit Unions \$0 <u>UT Banks*</u> \$6,126,333,000

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

America First Federal Credit Union would have paid \$47.4 million in taxes during 2023, had it paid its fair share.

Indistinguishable from Banks

America First Federal Credit Union used its tax advantage to **aggressively expand** its business lending at an annual rate of **17%** since 2013.



Large Credit Union Auto Lenders

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

Institution	Auto Loans (\$000)
Mountain America Federal Credit Union	1,922,786
America First Federal Credit Union	1,219,472
Utah Community Federal Credit Union	638,998
Goldenwest Federal Credit Union	562,934
UFirst Credit Union	438,981

Larger than Utah Banks

America First Federal Credit Union, with \$19.3 billion in assets, is the largest credit union in Utah, larger than 92% of Utahheadquartered banks.

Utah Credit Unions Leverage Their Tax Exemption to Grow Deposits

Utah credit unions grew deposits at an annualized rate of **12.65%** since 2013.

