Wisconsin Credit Unions: The Real Story

Tax-paying Wisconsin 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

WI Credit Unions \$0

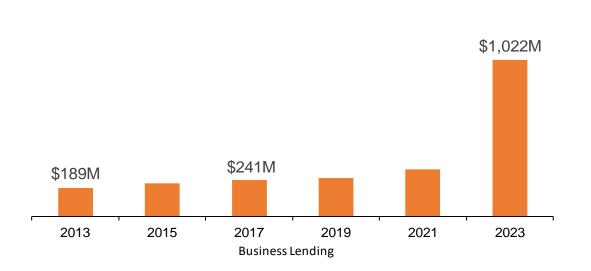
WI Banks* \$366,692,000

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

Summit Credit Union would have paid \$10.7 million in taxes during 2023, had it paid its fair share.

Indistinguishable from Banks

Summit Credit Union used its tax advantage to aggressively expand its business lending at an annual rate of 18% since 2013.



Large Credit Union Commercial Lenders

All of the top five Wisconsin-headquartered commercial lenders are credit unions.

Institution	Commercial Loans (\$000)
Royal Credit Union	1,421,984
Community First Credit Union	1,279,868
Landmark Credit Union	1,231,974
Summit Credit Union	898,701
Fox Communities Credit Union	651.952

Larger than Wisconsin Banks

Summit Credit Union, with **\$6.9 billion in assets**, is the largest credit union in Wisconsin, larger than 99% of Wisconsin-headquartered banks.

Wisconsin Credit Unions Leverage Their Tax Exemption to Grow Deposits

Wisconsin credit unions grew deposits at an annualized rate

