



# **Alabama Credit Unions: The Real Story**

Tax-paying Alabama 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

AL Credit Unions

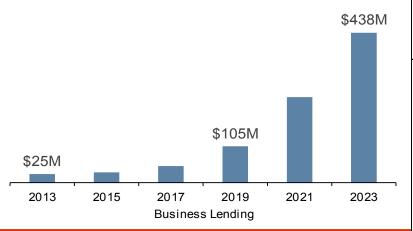
AL Banks\* \$728.871.000

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

Redstone Federal Credit Union would have paid \$23.3 million in taxes during 2023, had it paid its fair share.

#### Indistinguishable from Banks

Alabama Credit Union used its tax advantage to **aggressively expand** its business lending at an annual rate of 33% since 2013.



#### Large Credit Union Auto Lenders

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

Institution	Auto Loans (\$000)
Redstone Federal Credit Union	371,347
Alabama Credit Union	365,717
Listerhill Credit Union	256,336
Alabama One Credit Union	235,576
MAX Credit Union	227,937

### Larger than Most Alabama Banks

Redstone Federal Credit Union, with \$7.5 billion in assets, is the largest credit union in Alabama, larger than 97% of Alabama-headquartered banks.

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

