



# South Carolina Credit Unions: The Real Story

Tax-paying South Carolina 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

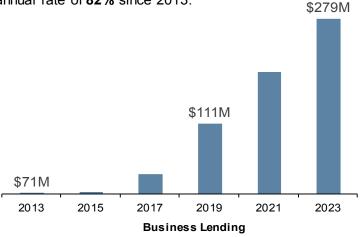
SC Credit Unions \$0 SC Banks\* \$116,302,000

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

Founders Federal Credit Union would have paid \$12.4 million in taxes during 2023, had it paid its fair share.

#### Indistinguishable from Banks

SRP Federal Credit Union used its tax advantage to aggressively expand its business lending at an annual rate of 82% since 2013.



## **Large Credit Union Auto Lenders**

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

Institution	Auto Loans (\$000)
SRP Federal Credit Union	229,946
<b>Greenville Federal Credit Union</b>	111,441
Rev Federal Credit Union	110,436
Spero Financial Federal Credit Union	89,440
South Carolina Federal Credit Union	62,587

## Larger than Most South Carolina Banks

Founders Federal Credit Union, with \$4.5 billion in assets, is the largest credit union in South Carolina, larger than 87% of South Carolina headquartered banks.

# South Carolina Credit Unions Leverage Their Tax Exemption to Grow Deposits

South Carolina credit unions grew deposits at an

2013

annualized rate of
7.48% since 2013.

\$9B

Total Deposits

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\$18B

2023