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FORM 10-Q

x Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2013

or

o Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the transition period from to

Commission File Number 001-34582

NORTHWEST BANCSHARES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Maryland

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

27-0950358

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

100 Liberty Street, Warren, Pennsylvania

(Address of principal executive offices)

16365

(Zip Code)

(814) 726-2140

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definition of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large Accelerated Filer

Accelerated Filer

Non-Accelerated Filer

Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a Shell Company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date:

Common Stock (\$0.01 par value) 94,193,125 shares outstanding as of November 4, 2013

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ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NORTHWEST BANCSHARES, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

(in thousands, except share data)

	(Unaudited) September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
Assets		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 93,335	88,277
Interest-earning deposits in other financial institutions	321,344	362,794
Federal funds sold and other short-term investments	634	633
Marketable securities available-for-sale (amortized cost of \$1,084,596 and \$1,053,122)	1,092,799	1,079,074
Marketable securities held-to-maturity (fair value of \$129,580 and \$161,969)	125,937	155,081
Total cash and investments	1,634,049	1,685,859
Personal Banking:		
Residential mortgage loans held for sale		15,441
Residential mortgage loans	2,453,109	2,400,208
Home equity loans	1,072,388	1,076,637
Other consumer loans	225,978	235,367
Total Personal Banking	3,751,475	3,727,653
Business Banking:		
Commercial real estate loans	1,586,991	1,585,833
Commercial loans	392,636	388,994
Total Business Banking	1,979,627	1,974,827
Total loans receivable	5,731,102	5,702,480
Allowance for loan losses	(75,865)	(73,219)
Loans receivable, net	5,655,237	5,629,261
Federal Home Loan Bank stock, at cost	43,716	46,834
Accrued interest receivable	22,560	23,313
Real estate owned, net	20,173	26,165
Premises and equipment, net	142,487	138,824
Bank owned life insurance	140,389	137,044
Goodwill	174,463	174,461
Other intangible assets	2,541	3,529
Other assets	72,764	77,310
Total assets	\$ 7,908,379	7,942,600
Liabilities and Shareholders equity		
Liabilities:		
Noninterest-bearing demand deposits	\$ 803,498	755,429
Interest-bearing demand deposits	854,288	851,771
Savings deposits	2,348,805	2,271,311
Time deposits	1,718,774	1,886,089
Total deposits	5,725,365	5,764,600

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Borrowed funds	865,096	860,047
Junior subordinated deferrable interest debentures held by trusts that issued guaranteed capital debt securities	103,094	103,094
Advances by borrowers for taxes and insurance	14,152	23,325
Accrued interest payable	861	888
Other liabilities	61,277	62,177
Total liabilities	6,769,845	6,814,131
Shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value: 50,000,000 authorized, no shares issued		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value: 500,000,000 shares authorized, 94,152,042 and 93,652,960 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	942	937
Paid-in capital	617,180	613,249
Retained earnings	562,758	550,296
Unallocated common stock of employee stock ownership plan	(23,305)	(24,525)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(19,041)	(11,488)
Total shareholders' equity	1,138,534	1,128,469
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 7,908,379	7,942,600

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements

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	Quarter ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Interest income:				
Loans receivable	\$ 71,480	76,771	216,440	231,888
Mortgage-backed securities	3,113	3,941	9,862	13,041
Taxable investment securities	1,030	577	2,969	1,585
Tax-free investment securities	1,912	2,223	6,069	6,987
Interest-earning deposits	253	364	844	1,217
Total interest income	77,788	83,876	236,184	254,718
Interest expense:				
Deposits	7,150	10,207	22,368	34,335
Borrowed funds	8,126	8,013	23,989	23,824
Total interest expense	15,276	18,220	46,357	58,159
Net interest income	62,512	65,656	189,827	196,559
Provision for loan losses	4,992	6,915	17,555	18,165
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	57,520	58,741	172,272	178,394
Noninterest income:				
Impairment losses on securities		(340)		(885)
Noncredit related losses on securities not expected to be sold (recognized in other comprehensive income)		247		554
Net impairment losses		(93)		(331)
Gain on sale of investments, net	109	260	229	260
Service charges and fees	9,282	9,110	27,010	26,701
Trust and other financial services income	2,380	2,122	6,847	6,256
Insurance commission income	2,019	1,480	6,504	4,801
Loss on real estate owned, net	(111)	(1,187)	(2,526)	(2,839)
Income from bank owned life insurance	1,178	1,148	3,351	3,372
Mortgage banking income	203	1,484	1,395	2,804
Other operating income	1,049	949	3,090	3,190
Total noninterest income	16,109	15,273	45,900	44,214
Noninterest expense:				
Compensation and employee benefits	27,629	28,171	83,715	83,425
Premises and occupancy costs	5,633	5,498	17,530	16,729
Office operations	3,497	3,141	10,631	9,805
Processing expenses	6,036	6,340	19,279	18,541
Marketing expenses	1,032	1,830	5,025	7,695
Federal deposit insurance premiums	1,377	1,305	4,239	4,343
Professional services	1,331	1,939	4,223	5,136
Amortization of other intangible assets	291	219	988	793
Real estate owned expense	681	832	1,880	2,143
Other expenses	2,770	2,528	7,044	6,435
Total noninterest expense	50,277	51,803	154,554	155,045

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Income before income taxes	23,352	22,211	63,618	67,563
Federal and state income taxes	5,752	6,518	17,242	20,328
Net income	\$ 17,600	15,693	46,376	47,235
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.19	0.17	0.51	0.50
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.19	0.17	0.51	0.50

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(in thousands)

	Quarter ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Net Income	\$ 17,600	15,693	46,376	47,235
Other comprehensive income net of tax:				
Net unrealized holding gains/ (losses) on marketable securities:				
Unrealized holding gains/ (losses) net of tax of \$(73), \$(998), \$6,767 and \$(2,471), respectively	110	1,550	(10,619)	3,805
Other-than-temporary impairment on securities included in net income, net of tax of \$0, \$(36), \$0 and \$(129), respectively		57		202
Reclassification adjustment for gains included in net income, net of tax of \$55, \$16, \$142 and \$138 respectively	(87)	(25)	(221)	(215)
Net unrealized holding gains/ (losses) on marketable securities	23	1,582	(10,840)	3,792
Change in fair value of interest rate swaps, net of tax of \$(159), \$55, \$(1,400) and \$103, respectively	294	(102)	2,600	(192)
Defined benefit plan:				
Reclassification adjustment for prior period service costs included in net income, net of tax of \$(123), \$(232), \$(369) and \$(695), respectively	229	431	687	1,293
Other comprehensive income/ (loss)	546	1,911	(7,553)	4,893
Total comprehensive income	\$ 18,146	17,604	38,823	52,128

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY (Unaudited)

(dollars in thousands, except per share data)

Quarter ended September 30, 2012	Shares	Common Stock Amount	Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income/ (loss)	Unallocated common stock of ESOP	Total Shareholders Equity
Beginning balance at June 30, 2012	97,880,874	\$ 979	662,183	552,278	(20,244)	(25,192)	1,170,004
Comprehensive income:							
Net income				15,693			15,693
Other comprehensive income, net of tax of \$(1,195)					1,911		1,911
Total comprehensive income				15,693	1,911		17,604
Exercise of stock options	147,288		1	897			898
Stock compensation expense				713		375	1,088
Share repurchases	(183,780)		(2)	(2,204)			(2,206)
Dividends paid (\$0.12 per share)				(11,469)			(11,469)
Ending balance at September 30, 2012	97,844,382	\$ 978	661,589	556,502	(18,333)	(24,817)	1,175,919
Quarter ended September 30, 2013	Shares	Common Stock Amount	Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income/ (loss)	Unallocated common stock of ESOP	Total Shareholders Equity
Beginning balance at June 30, 2013	93,877,847	\$ 939	613,520	557,104	(19,587)	(23,743)	1,128,233
Comprehensive income:							
Net income				17,600			17,600
Other comprehensive income, net of tax of \$(300)					546		546
Total comprehensive income				17,600	546		18,146
Exercise of stock options	274,195		3	2,657			2,660
Stock compensation expense				1,003		438	1,441
Share repurchases							
Dividends paid (\$0.13 per share)				(11,946)			(11,946)
Ending balance at September 30, 2013	94,152,042	\$ 942	617,180	562,758	(19,041)	(23,305)	1,138,534

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(dollars in thousands, except per share data)

Nine months ended September 30, 2012	Common Stock		Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income/ (loss)	Unallocated common stock of ESOP	Total Shareholders Equity
	Shares	Amount					
Beginning balance at December 31, 2011	97,493,046	\$ 975	659,523	543,598	(23,226)	(25,966)	1,154,904
Comprehensive income:							
Net income				47,235			47,235
Other comprehensive income, net of tax of \$(3,054)					4,893		4,893
Total comprehensive income				47,235	4,893		52,128
Exercise of stock options	271,739	2	1,891				1,893
Stock-based compensation expense	263,377	3	2,379			1,149	3,531
Share repurchases	(183,780)	(2)	(2,204)				(2,206)
Dividends paid (\$0.36 per share)				(34,331)			(34,331)
Ending balance at September 30, 2012	97,844,382	\$ 978	661,589	556,502	(18,333)	(24,817)	1,175,919

Nine months ended September 30, 2013	Common Stock		Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income/ (loss)	Unallocated common stock of ESOP	Total Shareholders Equity
	Shares	Amount					
Beginning balance at December 31, 2012	93,652,960	\$ 937	613,249	550,296	(11,488)	(24,525)	1,128,469
Comprehensive income:							
Net income				46,376			46,376
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax of \$5,140					(7,553)		(7,553)
Total comprehensive income				46,376	(7,553)		38,823
Exercise of stock options	598,562	6	5,555				5,561
Stock-based compensation expense	269,320	3	2,831			1,220	4,054
Share repurchases	(368,800)	(4)	(4,455)				(4,459)
Dividends paid (\$0.37 per share)				(33,914)			(33,914)
Ending balance at September 30, 2013	94,152,042	\$ 942	617,180	562,758	(19,041)	(23,305)	1,138,534

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NORTHWEST BANCSHARES, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

(in thousands)

	Nine months ended September 30,	
	2013	2012
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net Income	\$ 46,376	47,235
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Provision for loan losses	17,555	18,165
Net gain on sale of assets	(813)	(490)
Net depreciation, amortization and accretion	6,638	7,166
Decrease in other assets	5,665	16,641
Increase in other liabilities	4,131	9,892
Net amortization/ (accretion) on marketable securities	204	(59)
Deferred income tax benefit	(52)	(36)
Noncash impairment losses on investment securities		331
Noncash write-down of real estate owned	3,580	2,129
Origination of loans held for sale	(36,411)	(180,319)
Proceeds from sale of loans held for sale	52,408	168,442
Noncash compensation expense related to stock benefit plans	4,054	3,531
Net cash provided by operating activities	103,335	92,628
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchase of marketable securities available-for-sale	(233,606)	(299,414)
Proceeds from maturities and principal reductions of marketable securities available-for-sale	202,109	262,192
Proceeds from maturities and principal reductions of marketable securities held-to-maturity	29,193	63,583
Loan originations	(1,536,087)	(1,568,290)
Proceeds from loan maturities and principal reductions	1,469,752	1,371,874
Redemption of Federal Home Loan Bank stock	3,118	2,101
Proceeds from sale of real estate owned	14,134	11,145
Sale of real estate owned for investment, net	485	343
Purchase of premises and equipment	(12,653)	(11,804)
Net cash used in investing activities	(63,555)	(168,270)

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited) (continued)

(in thousands)

	Nine months ended September 30,	
	2013	2012
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
(Decrease)/ increase in deposits, net	\$ (39,235)	44,431
Proceeds from long-term borrowings	30,000	
Repayments of long-term borrowings	(51)	(52)
Net increase/ (decrease) in short-term borrowings	(24,900)	27,679
Decrease in advances by borrowers for taxes and insurance	(9,173)	(12,001)
Cash dividends paid	(33,914)	(34,331)
Purchase of common stock for retirement	(4,459)	(2,206)
Proceeds from stock options exercised	5,561	1,893
Net cash provided by financing activities	(76,171)	25,413
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	\$ (36,391)	(50,229)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	\$ 451,704	688,297
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(36,391)	(50,229)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 415,313	638,068
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 93,335	91,286
Interest-earning deposits in other financial institutions	321,344	546,149
Federal funds sold and other short-term investments	634	633
Total cash and cash equivalents	\$ 415,313	638,068
Cash paid during the period for:		
Interest on deposits and borrowings (including interest credited to deposit accounts of \$20,126 and \$29,606, respectively)	\$ 46,384	58,152
Income taxes	\$ 22,177	10,389
Non-cash activities:		
Loans foreclosures and repossessions	\$ 11,667	17,141
Sale of real estate owned financed by the Company	\$ 888	428

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Unaudited

(1) Basis of Presentation and Informational Disclosures

Northwest Bancshares, Inc. (the Company) or (NWBI), a Maryland corporation headquartered in Warren, Pennsylvania, is a savings and loan holding company regulated by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. The Company was incorporated to be the successor to Northwest Bancorp, Inc. upon the completion of the mutual-to-stock conversion of Northwest Bancorp, MHC in December 2009. The primary activity of the Company is the ownership of all of the issued and outstanding common stock of Northwest Savings Bank, a Pennsylvania-chartered savings bank (Northwest). Northwest is regulated by the FDIC and the Pennsylvania Department of Banking. At September 30, 2013, Northwest operated 165 community-banking offices throughout Pennsylvania, western New York, eastern Ohio and Maryland.

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiary, Northwest, and Northwest's subsidiaries Northwest Settlement Agency, LLC, Northwest Consumer Discount Company, Northwest Financial Services, Inc., Northwest Advisors, Inc., Northwest Capital Group, Inc., Boetger & Associates, Inc., Allegheny Services, Inc., Great Northwest Corporation, Veracity Benefit Designs, Inc. and The Bert Company. The unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and with the instructions for Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information or footnotes required for complete annual financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments necessary for the fair presentation of the Company's financial position and results of operations have been included. The consolidated statements have been prepared using the accounting policies described in the financial statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 updated, as required, for any new pronouncements or changes. The following sections of our **Summary of Significant Accounting Principals** have been updated since the filing of our form 10K and are included herein.

Investment Securities

We classify marketable securities at the time of purchase as held-to-maturity, available-for-sale, or trading securities. Securities for which management has the intent and we have the ability to hold until their maturity are classified as held-to-maturity and are carried at cost, adjusted for amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts on a level yield basis (amortized cost). If it is management's intent at the time of purchase to hold securities for an indefinite period of time and/or to use such securities as part of its asset/liability management strategy, the securities are classified as available-for-sale and are carried at fair value, with unrealized gains and losses reported as accumulated other comprehensive income/ (loss), a separate component of shareholders' equity, net of tax. Securities classified as available-for-sale include securities that may be sold in response to changes in interest rates, resultant prepayment risk, or other market factors. Securities that are bought and held principally for the purpose of selling them in the near term are classified as trading and are reported at fair value, with changes in fair value included in earnings. The cost of securities sold is determined on a specific identification basis. We held no securities classified as trading at September 30, 2013 or December 31, 2012.

On at least a quarterly basis, we review our investments that are in an unrealized loss position for other-than-temporary impairment (OTTI). An investment security is deemed impaired if the fair value of the investment is less than its amortized cost. If an investment security is determined to be impaired, we evaluate whether the decline in value is other-than-temporary. We also consider whether or not we expect to receive all of the contractual cash flows from the investment security based on factors that include, but are not limited to: the credit worthiness of the issuer and the historical and projected performance of the underlying collateral. Also, we may evaluate the business and financial outlook of the issuer,

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as well as broader economic performance indicators. We consider our intent to sell the investment securities and the

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likelihood that we will not have to sell the investment securities before recovery of their cost basis during our evaluation. Declines in fair value of investment securities that are deemed credit related are recognized in earnings while declines in fair value of investment securities deemed noncredit related are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income, if we do not intend to sell and it is not likely we will be required to sell. If we intend to sell the security or if it is more likely than not that we will be required to sell the security the entire unrealized loss is recorded in earnings.

Federal law requires a member institution of the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) system to hold stock of its district FHLB according to a predetermined formula. This stock is recorded at cost. Quarterly, we evaluate our investment in the FHLB of Pittsburgh for impairment. We evaluate recent and long-term operating performance, liquidity, funding and capital positions, stock repurchase history, dividend history and impact of legislative and regulatory changes. Based on our most recent evaluation, we have determined that no impairment write-downs are currently required.

Loans Receivable

Our loan portfolio segments consist of Personal Banking loans and Business Banking loans. Personal Banking loans include the following classes: residential mortgage loans, home equity loans and other consumer loans. Business Banking loans include the following classes: commercial real estate loans and commercial loans. All classes of loans are carried at their unpaid principal balance net of any deferred origination fees or costs and the allowance for estimated loan losses. Interest income on loans is credited to income as earned. Interest earned on loans for which no payments were received during the month is accrued at month end. Accrued interest on loans more than 90 days delinquent is reversed, and such loans are placed on nonaccrual.

All classes of loans are placed on nonaccrual when principal or interest is 90 days or more delinquent, or when there is reasonable doubt that interest or principal will not be collected in accordance with the contractual terms. Interest receipts on all classes of nonaccrual and impaired loans are recognized as interest revenue when it has been determined that all principal and interest will be collected or are applied to principal when collectability of principal is in doubt. Nonaccrual loans generally are restored to an accrual basis when principal and interest become current and a period of performance has been established in accordance with the contractual terms, typically six months.

A loan (from any class) is considered to be a trouble-debt restructured loan (TDR) when the restructuring constitutes a concession and the borrower is experiencing financial difficulties. TDRs may include certain modifications of terms of loans, receipts of assets from borrowers in partial or full satisfaction of loans, or a combination thereof. TDRs are impaired loans and are measured for impairment until the loan has performed in accordance with its modified terms for a reasonable period of time, generally six consecutive months. A modified loan is determined to be a TDR based on the contractual terms as specified by the original loan agreements of the most recent modification. Once classified a TDR, a loan is only removed from such classification under three circumstances: (1) the loan is paid off, (2) the loan is charged off, or (3) if, at the beginning of the current fiscal year, the loan has performed in accordance with the modified terms for a minimum of six consecutive months and at the time of modification the loan's interest rate represented a then current market interest rate for a loan of similar risk.

For all classes of loans, delinquency is measured based on the number of days since the payment due date. For all classes of loans, past due status is measured using the loan's contractual maturity date.

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Loan fees and certain direct loan origination costs are deferred, and the net deferred fee or cost is then recognized using the level-yield method over the contractual life of the loan as an adjustment to interest income.

The results of operations for the quarter ended and nine months ended September 30, 2013 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2013, or any other period.

Stock-Based Compensation

On May 15, 2013, we awarded employees 511,100 stock options and directors 79,200 stock options with an exercise price of \$12.44 and a grant date fair value of \$1.03 per stock option. On May 15, 2013, we also awarded employees 240,700 restricted common shares and directors 29,700 restricted common shares with a grant date fair value of \$12.55. Awarded stock options and common shares vest over a ten-year period with the first vesting occurring on the grant date. Stock-based compensation expense of \$1.2 million and \$1.1 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and \$3.8 million and \$3.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, was recognized in compensation expense relating to our stock benefit plans. At September 30, 2013 there was compensation expense of \$5.4 million to be recognized for awarded but unvested stock options and \$15.8 million for unvested common shares.

Income Taxes- Uncertain Tax Positions

Accounting standards prescribe a comprehensive model for how a company should recognize, measure, present and disclose in its financial statements uncertain tax positions that the company has taken or expects to take on a tax return. A tax benefit from an uncertain position may be recognized only if it is more likely than not that the position is sustainable, based on its technical merits. The tax benefit of a qualifying position is the largest amount of tax benefit that is greater than 50% likely of being realized upon ultimate settlement with a taxing authority having full knowledge of all relevant information. As of September 30, 2013 we had no liability for unrecognized tax benefits.

We recognize interest accrued related to: (1) unrecognized tax benefits in federal and state income taxes and (2) refund claims in other operating income. We recognize penalties (if any) in federal and state income taxes. There is no amount accrued for the payment of interest or penalties at September 30, 2013. We are subject to audit by the Internal Revenue Service and any state in which we conduct business for the tax periods ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010.

(2) Business Segments

We operate in two reportable business segments: Community Banking and Consumer Finance. The Community Banking segment provides services traditionally offered by full-service community banks, including business and personal deposit accounts and business and personal loans, as well as insurance, brokerage and investment management and trust services. The Consumer Finance segment, which is comprised of Northwest Consumer Discount Company, a subsidiary of Northwest, operates 50 offices in Pennsylvania and offers personal installment loans for a variety of consumer and real estate products. This activity is funded primarily through an intercompany borrowing relationship with Allegheny Services, Inc., a subsidiary of Northwest. Net income is the primary measure used by management to measure segment performance.

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The following tables provide financial information for these reportable segments. The "All Other" column represents the parent company and elimination entries necessary to reconcile to the consolidated amounts presented in the financial statements.

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At or for the quarter ended:

September 30, 2013 (\$ in 000 s)	Community Banking	Consumer Finance	All other (1)	Consolidated
External interest income	\$ 72,451	5,077	260	77,788
Intersegment interest income	670		(670)	
Interest expense	13,975	670	631	15,276
Provision for loan losses	4,000	992		4,992
Noninterest income	15,651	445	13	16,109
Noninterest expense	47,102	2,998	177	50,277
Income tax expense (benefit)	5,842	343	(433)	5,752
Net income	17,853	519	(772)	17,600
Total assets	\$ 7,757,940	110,003	40,436	7,908,379

September 30, 2012 (\$ in 000 s)	Community Banking	Consumer Finance	All other (1)	Consolidated
External interest income	\$ 78,048	5,513	315	83,876
Intersegment interest income	748		(748)	
Interest expense	16,881	748	591	18,220
Provision for loan losses	6,000	915		6,915
Noninterest income	14,750	509	14	15,273
Noninterest expense	48,484	3,120	199	51,803
Income tax expense (benefit)	6,442	507	(431)	6,518
Net income	15,739	732	(778)	15,693
Total assets	\$ 7,889,245	116,112	42,314	8,047,671

(1) Eliminations consist of intercompany loans, interest income and interest expense.

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At or for the nine months ended:

September 30, 2013 (\$ in 000 s)	Community Banking	Consumer Finance	All other (1)	Consolidated
External interest income	\$ 219,781	15,496	907	236,184
Intersegment interest income	2,046		(2,046)	
Interest expense	42,531	2,046	1,780	46,357
Provision for loan losses	15,006	2,549		17,555
Noninterest income	44,661	1,178	61	45,900
Noninterest expense	144,661	9,286	607	154,554
Income tax expense (benefit)	17,377	1,144	(1,279)	17,242
Net income	46,913	1,649	(2,186)	46,376
Total assets	\$ 7,757,940	110,003	40,436	7,908,379

September 30, 2012 (\$ in 000 s)	Community Banking	Consumer Finance	All other (1)	Consolidated
External interest income	\$ 237,279	16,556	883	254,718
Intersegment interest income	2,234		(2,234)	
Interest expense	54,206	2,234	1,719	58,159
Provision for loan losses	15,750	2,415		18,165
Noninterest income	42,537	1,601	76	44,214
Noninterest expense	144,949	9,496	600	155,045
Income tax expense (benefit)	19,967	1,658	(1,297)	20,328
Net income	47,178	2,354	(2,297)	47,235
Total assets	\$ 7,889,245	116,112	42,314	8,047,671

(1) Eliminations consist of intercompany loans, interest income and interest expense.

Table of Contents(3) **Investment securities and impairment of investment securities**

The following table shows the portfolio of investment securities available-for-sale at September 30, 2013 (in thousands):

	Amortized cost	Gross unrealized holding gains	Gross unrealized holding losses	Fair value
Debt issued by the U.S. government and agencies:				
Due in one year or less	\$ 34			34
Debt issued by government sponsored enterprises:				
Due in one year or less	2,000	1		2,001
Due in one year - five years	223,122	268	(3,270)	220,120
Due in five years - ten years	101,190		(2,198)	98,992
Equity securities	15,527	10,838	(37)	26,328
Municipal securities:				
Due in one year or less	435	12		447
Due in one year - five years	9,344	156		9,500
Due in five years - ten years	14,582	360		14,942
Due after ten years	82,994	1,581	(217)	84,358
Corporate debt issues:				
Due after ten years	21,853	718	(1,839)	20,732
Residential mortgage-backed securities:				
Fixed rate pass-through	88,960	3,539	(995)	91,504
Variable rate pass-through	84,278	3,685	(15)	87,948
Fixed rate non-agency CMOs	4,123	153		4,276
Fixed rate agency CMOs	278,308	1,555	(6,509)	273,354
Variable rate non-agency CMOs	696		(19)	677
Variable rate agency CMOs	157,150	680	(244)	157,586
Total residential mortgage-backed securities	613,515	9,612	(7,782)	615,345
Total marketable securities available-for-sale	\$ 1,084,596	23,546	(15,343)	1,092,799

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The following table shows the portfolio of investment securities available-for-sale at December 31, 2012 (in thousands):

	Amortized cost	Gross unrealized holding gains	Gross unrealized holding losses	Fair value
Debt issued by the U.S. government and agencies:				
Due in one year or less	\$ 40			40
Debt issued by government sponsored enterprises:				
Due in one year or less	1,999	5		2,004
Due in one year - five years	140,352	183	(22)	140,513
Due in five years - ten years	95,602	460	(265)	95,797
Equity securities	13,301	6,025	(22)	19,304
Municipal securities:				
Due in one year - five years	9,629	233		9,862
Due in five years - ten years	17,355	668		18,023
Due after ten years	100,644	5,679		106,323
Corporate debt issues:				
Due after ten years	24,911	483	(2,691)	22,703
Residential mortgage-backed securities:				
Fixed rate pass-through	85,134	6,266		91,400
Variable rate pass-through	104,591	5,314	(6)	109,899
Fixed rate non-agency CMOs	5,700	156	(236)	5,620
Fixed rate agency CMOs	227,608	3,462	(744)	230,326
Variable rate non-agency CMOs	873		(20)	853
Variable rate agency CMOs	225,383	1,345	(321)	226,407
Total residential mortgage-backed securities	649,289	16,543	(1,327)	664,505
Total marketable securities available-for-sale	\$ 1,053,122	30,279	(4,327)	1,079,074

The following table shows the portfolio of investment securities held-to-maturity at September 30, 2013 (in thousands):

	Amortized cost	Gross unrealized holding gains	Gross unrealized holding losses	Fair value
Municipal securities:				
Due in five years - ten years	\$ 5,713	177		5,890
Due after ten years	63,599	1,640		65,239
Residential mortgage-backed securities:				
Fixed rate pass-through	11,507	603		12,110
Variable rate pass-through	5,412	80		5,492
Fixed rate agency CMOs	37,803	1,128		38,931
Variable rate agency CMOs	1,903	15		1,918
Total residential mortgage-backed securities	56,625	1,826		58,451

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Total marketable securities held-to-maturity	\$	125,937	3,643	129,580
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The following table shows the portfolio of investment securities held-to-maturity at December 31, 2012 (in thousands):

	Amortized cost	Gross unrealized holding gains	Gross unrealized holding losses	Fair value
Municipal securities:				
Due in five years - ten years	\$ 3,679	160		3,839
Due after ten years	65,596	3,743		69,339
Residential mortgage-backed securities:				
Fixed rate pass-through	16,369	912		17,281
Variable rate pass-through	6,548		(14)	6,534
Fixed rate agency CMOs	56,713	2,006		58,719
Variable rate agency CMOs	6,176	81		6,257
Total residential mortgage-backed securities	85,806	2,999	(14)	88,791
Total marketable securities held-to-maturity	\$ 155,081	6,902	(14)	161,969

We review our investment portfolio on a quarterly basis for indications of impairment. This review includes analyzing the length of time and the extent to which amortized cost has exceeded fair values, the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer, including any specific events which may influence the operations of the issuer, and the intent to hold the investments for a period of time sufficient to allow for a recovery in value. Certain investments are evaluated using our best estimate of future cash flows. If the estimate of cash flows indicates that an adverse change has occurred, other-than-temporary impairment would be recognized for the amount of the unrealized loss that was deemed credit related.

The following table shows the fair value of and gross unrealized losses on investment securities, aggregated by investment category and length of time that the individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position at September 30, 2013 (in thousands):

	Less than 12 months		12 months or more		Total	
	Fair value	Unrealized loss	Fair value	Unrealized loss	Fair value	Unrealized loss
U.S. government and agencies	\$ 285,376	(5,468)			285,376	(5,468)
Municipal securities	6,842	(217)			6,842	(217)
Corporate issues			4,470	(1,839)	4,470	(1,839)
Equity securities	585	(37)			585	(37)
Residential mortgage-backed securities - non-agency	676	(19)			676	(19)
Residential mortgage-backed securities - agency	269,557	(7,526)	79,336	(237)	348,893	(7,763)
Total temporarily impaired securities	\$ 563,036	(13,267)	83,806	(2,076)	646,842	(15,343)

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The following table shows the fair value of and gross unrealized losses on investment securities, aggregated by investment category and length of time that the individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position at December 31, 2012 (in thousands):

	Less than 12 months		12 months or more		Total	
	Fair value	Unrealized loss	Fair value	Unrealized loss	Fair value	Unrealized loss
U.S. government and agencies	\$ 70,128	(286)	6,537	(1)	76,665	(287)
Corporate debt issues	850	(39)	12,095	(2,652)	12,945	(2,691)
Equity securities	601	(21)	17	(1)	618	(22)
Residential mortgage-backed securities - non-agency			4,357	(256)	4,357	(256)
Residential mortgage-backed securities - agency	167,294	(1,055)	14,231	(30)	181,525	(1,085)
Total temporarily impaired securities	\$ 238,873	(1,401)	37,237	(2,940)	276,110	(4,341)

Corporate issues

At September 30, 2013, we had five investments with a total amortized cost of \$6.3 million and total fair value of \$4.5 million, where the amortized cost exceeded the carrying value for more than 12 months. These investments were three single issuer trust preferred investments and two pooled trust preferred investments. The single issuer trust preferred investments were evaluated for other-than-temporary impairment by determining the strength of the underlying issuer. In all cases, the underlying issuer was well-capitalized for regulatory purposes. None of the issuers have deferred interest payments or announced the intention to defer interest payments. We believe the decline in fair value is related to the spread over three month LIBOR, on which the quarterly interest payments are based, as the spread over LIBOR is significantly lower than current market spreads on similar investments. We concluded the impairment of these three investments was considered noncredit related. In making that determination, we also considered the duration and the severity of the losses and whether we intend to hold these securities until the value is recovered, the securities are redeemed or maturity. The pooled trust preferred investments were evaluated for other-than-temporary impairment by considering the duration and severity of the losses, actual cash flows, projected cash flows, performing collateral, the class of investment owned and the amount of additional defaults the structure could withstand prior to the investment experiencing a disruption in cash flows. Neither of the investments experienced a cash flow disruption or are projecting a cash flow disruption. We concluded, based on all facts evaluated, the impairment of these two investments was noncredit related. Management asserts that we do not have the intent to sell these investments and that it is more likely than not, we will not have to sell the investments before recovery of their cost basis.

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The following table provides class, amortized cost, fair value and ratings information for our portfolio of corporate securities that have an unrealized loss at September 30, 2013 (in thousands):

Description	Class	Amortized cost	Total Fair value	Unrealized losses	Moody s/ Fitch ratings
Bank Boston Capital Trust (1)	N/A	\$ 989	804	(185)	Ba2/ BB+
Huntington Capital Trust	N/A	1,429	1,179	(250)	Baa3/ BB+
Commercebank Capital Trust	N/A	891	870	(21)	Not rated
I-PreTSL I	Mezzanine	1,500	593	(907)	Not rated/ CCC
I-PreTSL II	Mezzanine	1,500	1,024	(476)	Not rated/ B
		\$ 6,309	4,470	(1,839)	

(1) Bank Boston was acquired by Bank of America.

The following table provides collateral information on the pooled trust preferred securities included in the previous table at September 30, 2013 (in thousands):

Description	Total collateral	Current deferrals and defaults	Performing collateral	Additional immediate defaults before causing an interest shortfall
I-PreTSL I	\$ 188,500	32,500	156,000	101,603
I-PreTSL II	305,500	24,500	281,000	173,825

Mortgage-backed securities

Mortgage-backed securities include agency (FNMA, FHLMC, GNMA and SBA) mortgage-backed securities and non-agency collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs). We review our portfolio of mortgage-backed securities quarterly for impairment. As of September 30, 2013, we believe the impairment within our portfolio of agency mortgage-backed securities is noncredit related. As of September 30, 2013, we had seven non-agency CMOs with a total amortized cost of \$4.8 million and a total fair value of \$5.0 million. None of these seven securities have had an amortized cost which has exceeded the fair value for more than 12 months and one security that has had an amortized cost which exceeded the fair value for less than 12 months. During the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2013, we did not recognize other-than-temporary credit related impairment on this security. We determined the impairment was noncredit related by analyzing cash flow estimates, estimated prepayment speeds, loss severity and conditional default rates. We considered the discounted cash flow analysis as our primary evidence when we determined that the impairment on this security was noncredit related.

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The following table shows issuer specific information, amortized cost, fair value, unrealized gain or loss and other-than-temporary impairment recorded in earnings for the portfolio of non-agency CMOs at September 30, 2013 (in thousands):

Description	Amortized cost	Fair value	Unrealized gain/ (loss)	Impairment recorded in current period earnings	Total impairment recorded in prior period earnings
AMAC 2003-6 2A2	\$ 129	131	2		
AMAC 2003-6 2A8	267	270	3		
BOAMS 2005-11 1A8		87	87		(146)
CWALT 2005-J14 A3	3,236	3,293	57		(1,007)
CFSB 2003-17 2A2	292	293	1		
WAMU 2003-S2 A4	199	202	3		
WFMBS 2003-B A2	696	677	(19)		
	\$ 4,819	4,953	134		(1,153)

Municipal Securities

We review our portfolio of municipal securities quarterly for impairment. We initially evaluate municipal securities for other-than-temporary impairment by comparing the fair value, provided to us by a third party pricing source using quoted prices for similar assets that are actively traded, to the carrying value. When an investment's fair value is below 80% of the amortized cost we then assess the stated interest rate and compare the stated interest rate to current market interest rates to determine if the decline in fair value is considered to be attributable to interest rates. If the stated interest rate approximates current interest rates for similar securities, we determine if the investment is rated and if so, if the rating has changed in the current period. If the rating has not changed during the current period, we review publicly available information to determine if there has been any negative change in the underlying municipality. As of September 30, 2013, none of the investments in our municipal securities portfolio had an amortized cost that exceeded the fair value for more than twelve months.

Credit related other-than-temporary impairment on all debt securities is recognized in earnings while noncredit related other-than-temporary impairment on available-for-sale debt securities, not expected to be sold, is recognized in other comprehensive income.

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The table below shows a cumulative roll forward of credit losses recognized in earnings for debt securities held and not intended to be sold for the quarter ended (in thousands):

	2013	2012
Beginning balance at July 1, (1)	\$ 9,697	9,896
Credit losses on debt securities for which other-than-temporary impairment was not previously recognized		
Reduction for losses realized during the quarter	(43)	(81)
Additional credit losses on debt securities for which other-than-temporary impairment was previously recognized		93
Ending balance at September 30,	\$ 9,654	9,908

(1) The beginning balance represents credit losses included in other-than-temporary impairment charges recognized on debt securities in prior periods.

The table below shows a cumulative roll forward of credit losses recognized in earnings for debt securities held and not intended to be sold for the nine months ended (in thousands):

	2013	2012
Beginning balance at January 1, (1)	\$ 9,811	11,633
Credit losses on debt securities for which other-than-temporary impairment was not previously recognized		
Reduction for losses realized during the year	(157)	(2,056)
Additional credit losses on debt securities for which other-than-temporary impairment was previously recognized		331
Ending balance at September 30,	\$ 9,654	9,908

(1) The beginning balance represents credit losses included in other-than-temporary impairment charges recognized on debt securities in prior periods.

Table of Contents**(4) Loans receivable**

The following table shows a summary of our loans receivable at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 (in thousands):

	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
Personal Banking:		
Loans held for sale	\$	15,441
Residential mortgage loans	2,465,577	2,416,419
Home equity loans	1,072,388	1,076,637
Other consumer loans	225,978	235,367
Total Personal Banking	3,763,943	3,743,864
Business Banking:		
Commercial real estate	1,663,592	1,615,701
Commercial loans	433,326	432,944
Total Business Banking	2,096,918	2,048,645
Total loans receivable, gross	5,860,861	5,792,509
Deferred loan costs/ (fees)	1,697	(1,624)
Allowance for loan losses	(75,865)	(73,219)
Undisbursed loan proceeds:		
Residential mortgage loans	(14,165)	(14,587)
Commercial real estate	(76,601)	(29,868)
Commercial loans	(40,690)	(43,950)
Total loans receivable, net	\$ 5,655,237	5,629,261

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The following table provides information related to the allowance for loan losses by portfolio segment and by class of financing receivable for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 (in thousands):

	Balance September 30, 2013	Current period provision	Charge-offs	Recoveries	Balance June 30, 2013
Personal Banking:					
Residential mortgage loans	\$ 7,821	471	(546)	37	7,859
Home equity loans	8,065	(116)	(213)	44	8,350
Other consumer loans	4,935	1,553	(1,675)	234	4,823
Total Personal Banking	20,821	1,908	(2,434)	315	21,032
Business Banking:					
Commercial real estate loans	38,552	2,676	(1,048)	1,366	35,558
Commercial loans	11,902	32	(463)	547	11,786
Total Business Banking	50,454	2,708	(1,511)	1,913	47,344
Unallocated	4,590	376			4,214
Total	\$ 75,865	4,992	(3,945)	2,228	72,590

The following table provides information related to the allowance for loan losses by portfolio segment and by class of financing receivable for the quarter ended September 30, 2012 (in thousands):

	Balance September 30, 2012	Current period provision	Charge-offs	Recoveries	Balance June 30, 2012
Personal Banking:					
Residential mortgage loans	\$ 8,361	1,440	(1,197)	121	7,997
Home equity loans	8,118	710	(1,268)	42	8,634
Other consumer loans	4,781	1,073	(1,536)	579	4,665
Total Personal Banking	21,260	3,223	(4,001)	742	21,296
Business Banking:					
Commercial real estate loans	34,337	538	(1,385)	403	34,781
Commercial loans	11,225	3,401	(1,641)	34	9,431
Total Business Banking	45,562	3,939	(3,026)	437	44,212
Unallocated	4,355	(247)			4,602
Total	\$ 71,177	6,915	(7,027)	1,179	70,110

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The following table provides information related to the allowance for loan losses by portfolio segment and by class of financing receivable for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 (in thousands):

	Balance September 30, 2013	Current period provision	Charge-offs	Recoveries	Balance December 31, 2012
Personal Banking:					
Residential mortgage loans	\$ 7,821	1,506	(2,002)	315	8,002
Home equity loans	8,065	1,022	(1,388)	137	8,294
Other consumer loans	4,935	3,312	(4,359)	826	5,156
Total Personal Banking	20,821	5,840	(7,749)	1,278	21,452
Business Banking:					
Commercial real estate loans	38,552	10,033	(7,734)	1,754	34,499
Commercial loans	11,902	1,118	(3,685)	1,227	13,242
Total Business Banking	50,454	11,151	(11,419)	2,981	47,741
Unallocated	4,590	564			4,026
Total	\$ 75,865	17,555	(19,168)	4,259	73,219

The following table provides information related to the allowance for loan losses by portfolio segment and by class of financing receivable for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 (in thousands):

	Balance September 30, 2012	Current period provision	Charge-offs	Recoveries	Balance December 31, 2011
Personal Banking:					
Residential mortgage loans	\$ 8,361	3,017	(3,459)	321	8,482
Home equity loans	8,118	2,078	(2,749)	102	8,687
Other consumer loans	4,781	2,619	(4,327)	1,164	5,325
Total Personal Banking	21,260	7,714	(10,535)	1,587	22,494
Business Banking:					
Commercial real estate loans	34,337	6,631	(5,817)	1,375	32,148
Commercial loans	11,225	3,881	(5,009)	273	12,080
Total Business Banking	45,562	10,512	(10,826)	1,648	44,228
Unallocated	4,355	(61)			4,416
Total	\$ 71,177	18,165	(21,361)	3,235	71,138

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The following table provides information related to the loan portfolio by portfolio segment and by class of financing receivable at September 30, 2013 (in thousands):

	Recorded investment in loans receivable	Allowance for loan losses	Recorded investment in loans on nonaccrual (1)	Recorded investment in loans past due 90 days or more and still accruing	TDRs	Allowance related to TDRs	Additional commitments to customers with loans classified as TDRs
Personal Banking:							
Residential mortgage loans	\$ 2,453,109	7,821	27,972		4,261	849	
Home equity loans	1,072,388	8,065	10,205		1,967	407	
Other consumer loans	225,978	4,935	2,073	786			
Total Personal Banking	3,751,475	20,821	40,250	786	6,228	1,256	
Business Banking:							
Commercial real estate loans	1,586,991	38,552	52,519		46,622	8,757	208
Commercial loans	392,636	11,902	30,130	23	26,540	3,577	1,500
Total Business Banking	1,979,627	50,454	82,649	23	73,162	12,334	1,708
Total	\$ 5,731,102	71,275	122,899	809	79,390	13,590	1,708

(1) Includes \$37.5 million of nonaccrual TDRs.

The following table provides information related to the loan portfolio by portfolio segment and by class of financing receivable at December 31, 2012 (in thousands):

	Recorded investment in loans receivable	Allowance for loan losses	Recorded investment in loans on nonaccrual (1)	Recorded investment in loans past due 90 days or more and still accruing	TDRs	Allowance related to TDRs	Additional commitments to customers with loans classified as TDRs
Personal Banking:							
Residential mortgage loans	\$ 2,415,649	8,002	25,083	9	5,045	1,074	
Home equity loans	1,076,637	8,294	9,114	2	1,891	266	
Other consumer loans	235,367	5,156	1,980	776			
Total Personal Banking	3,727,653	21,452	36,177	787	6,936	1,340	
Business Banking:							
Commercial real estate loans	1,585,833	34,499	57,861	388	49,826	7,322	391
Commercial loans	388,994	13,242	26,174	523	32,682	4,112	2,596
Total Business Banking	1,974,827	47,741	84,035	911	82,508	11,434	2,987
Total	\$ 5,702,480	69,193	120,212	1,698	89,444	12,774	2,987

(1) Includes \$41.2 million of nonaccrual TDRS.

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The following table provides geographical and delinquency information related to the loan portfolio by portfolio segment and class of financing receivable at September 30, 2013 (in thousands):

	Pennsylvania	New York	Ohio	Maryland	Other	Total
Recorded investment in loans receivable:						
Personal Banking:						
Residential mortgage loans	\$ 2,079,888	158,296	18,515	142,348	54,062	2,453,109
Home equity loans	913,672	114,571	10,469	27,514	6,162	1,072,388
Other consumer loans	208,515	10,268	2,994	1,229	2,972	225,978
Total Personal Banking	3,202,075	283,135	31,978	171,091	63,196	3,751,475
Business Banking:						
Commercial real estate loans	885,260	476,843	25,871	124,804	74,213	1,586,991
Commercial loans	284,868	62,496	17,071	16,831	11,370	392,636
Total Business Banking	1,170,128	539,339	42,942	141,635	85,583	1,979,627
Total	\$ 4,372,203	822,474	74,920	312,726	148,779	5,731,102

Percentage of total loans in geographic area 76.2%		14.4%	1.3%	5.5%	2.6%	100.0%
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	Pennsylvania	New York	Ohio	Maryland	Other	Total
Loans 90 or more days delinquent:						
Personal Banking:						
Residential mortgage loans	\$ 15,157	1,319	687	4,370	3,469	25,002
Home equity loans	5,832	1,545	145	1,275	162	8,959
Other consumer loans	1,808	27			13	1,848
Total Personal Banking	22,797	2,891	832	5,645	3,644	35,809
Business Banking:						
Commercial real estate loans	14,196	674		1,348	64	16,282
Commercial loans	2,650	2,728		742	293	6,413
Total Business Banking	16,846	3,402		2,090	357	22,695
Total	\$ 39,643	6,293	832	7,735	4,001	58,504

Percentage of loans 90 or more days delinquent in geographic area.	0.9%	0.8%	1.1%	2.5%	2.7%	1.0%
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The following table provides geographical and delinquency information related to the loan portfolio by portfolio segment and class of financing receivable at December 31, 2012 (in thousands):

	Pennsylvania	New York	Ohio	Maryland	Other	Total
Recorded investment in loans receivable:						
Personal Banking:						
Residential mortgage loans	\$ 2,024,520	158,090	19,290	152,676	61,073	2,415,649
Home equity loans	917,645	111,461	10,828	29,734	6,969	1,076,637
Other consumer loans	213,604	10,235	3,066	1,291	7,171	235,367
Total Personal Banking	3,155,769	279,786	33,184	183,701	75,213	3,727,653
Business Banking:						
Commercial real estate loans	853,290	443,940	34,261	136,600	117,742	1,585,833
Commercial loans	269,415	55,517	12,878	25,497	25,687	388,994
Total Business Banking	1,122,705	499,457	47,139	162,097	143,429	1,974,827
Total	\$ 4,278,474	779,243	80,323	345,798	218,642	5,702,480

Percentage of total loans in geographic area	75.0%	13.7%	1.4%	6.1%	3.8%	100.0%
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	Pennsylvania	New York	Ohio	Maryland	Other	Total
Loans 90 or more days delinquent:						
Personal Banking:						
Residential mortgage loans	\$ 15,694	1,430	231	3,932	2,999	24,286
Home equity loans	5,096	1,515	132	1,428	308	8,479
Other consumer loans	1,861	69		5	1	1,936
Total Personal Banking	22,651	3,014	363	5,365	3,308	34,701
Business Banking:						
Commercial real estate loans	17,406	706		4,298	2,140	24,550
Commercial loans	3,493	7		2,678	2,918	9,096
Total Business Banking	20,899	713		6,976	5,058	33,646
Total	\$ 43,550	3,727	363	12,341	8,366	68,347

Percentage of loans 90 or more days delinquent in geographic area.	1.0%	0.5%	0.5%	3.6%	3.8%	1.2%
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The following table provides information related to the composition of impaired loans by portfolio segment and by class of financing receivable at and for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 (in thousands):

	Nonaccrual loans 90 or more days delinquent	Nonaccrual loans less than 90 days delinquent	Loans less than 90 days delinquent reviewed for impairment	TDRs less than 90 days delinquent not included elsewhere	Total impaired loans	Average recorded investment in impaired loans	Interest income recognized on impaired loans
Personal Banking:							
Residential mortgage loans	\$ 25,002	2,970		3,235	31,207	30,173	555
Home equity loans	8,959	1,246		1,513	11,718	10,558	282
Other consumer loans	1,848	225			2,073	1,907	33
Total Personal Banking	35,809	4,441		4,748	44,998	42,638	870
Business Banking:							
Commercial real estate loans	16,282	36,237	33,752	14,209	100,480	88,761	2,734
Commercial loans	6,413	23,717	4,259	3,851	38,240	43,459	869
Total Business Banking	22,695	59,954	38,011	18,060	138,720	132,220	3,603
Total	\$ 58,504	64,395	38,011	22,808	183,718	174,858	4,473

The following table provides information related to the composition of impaired loans by portfolio segment and by class of financing receivable at and for the year ended December 31, 2012 (in thousands):

	Nonaccrual loans 90 or more days delinquent	Nonaccrual loans less than 90 days delinquent	Loans less than 90 days delinquent reviewed for impairment	TDRs less than 90 days delinquent not included elsewhere	Total impaired loans	Average recorded investment in impaired loans	Interest income recognized on impaired loans
Personal Banking:							
Residential mortgage loans	\$ 24,286	797		3,011	28,094	28,078	683
Home equity loans	8,479	635		1,352	10,466	10,535	342
Other consumer loans	1,936	44			1,980	1,841	35
Total Personal Banking	34,701	1,476		4,363	40,540	40,454	1,060
Business Banking:							
Commercial real estate loans	24,550	33,311	33,282	16,274	107,417	98,891	3,636
Commercial loans	9,096	17,078		10,180	36,354	51,131	1,828
Total Business Banking	33,646	50,389	33,282	26,454	143,771	150,022	5,464
Total	\$ 68,347	51,865	33,282	30,817	184,311	190,476	6,524

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The following table provides information related to the evaluation of impaired loans by portfolio segment and by class of financing receivable at September 30, 2013 (in thousands):

	Loans collectively evaluated for impairment	Loans individually evaluated for impairment	Loans individually evaluated for impairment for which there is a related impairment reserve	Related impairment reserve	Loans individually evaluated for impairment for which there is no related reserve
Personal Banking:					
Residential mortgage loans	\$ 2,448,848	4,261	4,261	848	
Home equity loans	1,070,421	1,967	1,967	407	
Other consumer loans	225,839	139	139	1	
Total Personal Banking	3,745,108	6,367	6,367	1,256	
Business Banking:					
Commercial real estate loans	1,510,810	76,181	58,069	10,555	18,112
Commercial loans	359,137	33,499	28,007	4,427	5,492
Total Business Banking	1,869,947	109,680	86,076	14,982	23,604
Total	\$ 5,615,055	116,047	92,443	16,238	23,604

The following table provides information related to the evaluation of impaired loans by portfolio segment and by class of financing receivable at December 31, 2012 (in thousands):

	Loans collectively evaluated for impairment	Loans individually evaluated for impairment	Loans individually evaluated for impairment for which there is a related impairment reserve	Related impairment reserve	Loans individually evaluated for impairment for which there is no related reserve
Personal Banking:					
Residential mortgage loans	\$ 2,411,932	3,717	3,717	992	
Home equity loans	1,076,012	625	625	189	
Other consumer loans	235,367				
Total Personal Banking	3,723,311	4,342	4,342	1,181	
Business Banking:					
Commercial real estate loans	1,501,032	84,801	61,136	9,789	23,665
Commercial loans	352,752	36,242	35,622	5,637	620
Total Business Banking	1,853,784	121,043	96,758	15,426	24,285
Total	\$ 5,577,095	125,385	101,100	16,607	24,285

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Our loan portfolios include loans that have been modified in a troubled debt restructuring (TDR), where concessions have been granted to borrowers who have experienced financial difficulties. These concessions typically result from our loss mitigation activities and could include: extending the note's maturity date, permitting interest only payments, reducing the interest rate to a rate lower than current market rates for new debt with similar risk, reducing the principal payment, principal forbearance or other actions. These concessions are applicable to all loan segments and classes. Certain TDRs are classified as nonperforming at the time of restructuring and may be returned to performing status after considering the borrower's sustained repayment performance for a reasonable period of at least six months.

When we modify loans in a TDR, we evaluate any possible impairment similar to other impaired loans based on the present value of expected future cash flows, discounted at the contractual interest rate of the original loan agreement, the loan's observable market price or the current fair value of the collateral, less selling costs, for collateral dependent loans. If we determine that the value of the modified loan is less than the recorded investment in the loan (net of previous charge-offs, deferred loan fees or costs and unamortized premium or discount), impairment is recognized through an allowance estimate or a charge-off to the allowance. In periods subsequent to modification, we evaluate all TDRs, including those that have payment defaults, for possible impairment, using ASC 310-10. As a result, loans modified in a TDR may have the financial effect of increasing the specific allowance associated with the loan.

Loans modified in a TDR are closely monitored for delinquency as an early indicator of possible future default. If loans modified in a TDR subsequently default, we evaluate the loan for possible further impairment. The allowance may be increased, adjustments may be made in the allocation of the allowance, partial charge-offs may be taken to further write-down the carrying value of the loan, or the loan may be charged-off completely.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2013, four home equity loan TDRs with a combined balance of \$99,000, four residential mortgage loan TDRs with a combined balance of \$357,000, four commercial real estate loan TDRs with a combined balance of \$1.1 million and five commercial loan TDRs with a combined balance of \$250,000 were charged off. Additionally, three home equity loan TDRs with a combined balance of \$9,000, one residential mortgage loan TDR with a balance of \$109,000, seven commercial real estate loan TDRs with a combined balance of \$3.1 million and 22 commercial loan TDRs with a combined balance of \$3.5 million were paid off. For TDRs that subsequently defaulted during the nine months ended September 30, 2013, one residential mortgage loan TDR with a balance of \$79,000 was charged off and two commercial loan TDRs with a combined balance of \$1.9 million were paid off and are included above. Additionally, one commercial loan TDR with a balance of \$2.1 million was transferred to real estate owned.

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The following table provides a roll forward of troubled debt restructurings for the periods indicated (in thousands):

		For the nine months ended September 30,		For the year ended December 31,
		2013	2012	2012
Beginning TDR balance:	\$	89,444	69,429	69,429
New TDRs (1)		11,310	33,999	56,845
Net paydowns		(10,784)	(15,762)	(25,205)
Charge-offs		(1,769)	(554)	(2,704)
Paid-off loans		(6,741)	(787)	(8,921)
Transferred to real estate owned		(2,070)		
Ending TDR balance:	\$	79,390	86,325	89,444
Accruing TDRs	\$	41,871	57,064	48,278
Non-accrual TDRs		37,519	29,261	41,166

(1) For December 31, 2012, includes \$3.0 million of loans added in accordance with recent regulatory guidance requiring loans discharged under bankruptcy proceedings and not reaffirmed by the borrower to be charged-off to their collateral value and to be considered TDRs regardless of their payment delinquency status.

The following table provides information related to troubled debt restructurings by portfolio segment and by class of financing receivable during the periods indicated (dollars in thousands):

	Number of contracts	For the quarter ended September 30, 2013			Number of contracts	For the nine months ended September 30, 2013			
		Recorded investment at the time of modification	Current recorded investment	Current allowance		Recorded investment at the time of modification	Current recorded investment	Current allowance	
Troubled debt restructurings:									
Personal Banking:									
Residential mortgage loans		\$			2	\$	179	172	16
Home equity loans	1	6	6	277	5	296	286	134	
Other consumer loans									
Total Personal Banking	1	6	6	277	7	475	458	150	
Business Banking:									
Commercial real estate loans	14	1,900	1,780	277	49	8,982	7,353	1,641	
Commercial loans	4	71	71	277	28	1,853	1,384	204	
Total Business Banking	18	1,971	1,851	280	77	10,835	8,737	1,845	
Total	19	\$ 1,977	1,857	280	84	\$ 11,310	9,195	1,995	
Troubled debt restructurings that subsequently defaulted:									
Personal Banking:									

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Residential mortgage loans	1	\$	214	161	74	2	\$	274	231	79
Home equity loans						2		237	188	179
Other consumer loans										
Total Personal Banking	1		214	161	74	4		511	419	258
Business Banking:										
Commercial real estate loans	4		567	540	115	8		2,352	1,964	255
Commercial loans	1		23	8	2	7		9,082	1,414	182
Total Business Banking	5		590	548	117	15		11,434	3,378	437
Total	6	\$	804	709	191	19	\$	11,945	3,797	695

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The following table provides information related to troubled debt restructurings by portfolio segment and by class of financing receivable during the periods indicated (dollars in thousands):

	For the quarter ended September 30, 2012				For the nine months ended September 30, 2012			
	Number of contracts	Recorded investment at the time of modification	Current recorded investment	Current allowance	Number of contracts	Recorded investment at the time of modification	Current recorded investment	Current allowance
Troubled debt restructurings:								
Personal Banking:								
Residential mortgage loans	19	\$ 3,422	2,739	729	19	\$ 3,422	2,739	729
Home equity loans	7	724	630	174	7	724	630	174
Other consumer loans								
Total Personal Banking	26	4,146	3,369	903	26	4,146	3,369	903
Business Banking:								
Commercial real estate loans	25	6,294	6,102	716	35	9,267	9,014	910
Commercial loans	28	7,008	6,778	228	41	20,586	19,159	746
Total Business Banking	53	13,302	12,880	944	76	29,853	28,173	1,656
Total	79	\$ 17,448	16,249	1,847	102	\$ 33,999	31,542	2,559
Troubled debt restructurings that subsequently defaulted:								
Personal Banking:								
Residential mortgage loans		\$			1	\$ 449	361	117
Home equity loans								
Other consumer loans								
Total Personal Banking					1	449	361	117
Business Banking:								
Commercial real estate loans	1	230	230	23	4	1,381	1,313	81
Commercial loans	8	1,830	819	82	8	1,830	819	82
Total Business Banking	9	2,060	1,049	105	12	3,211	2,132	163
Total	9	\$ 2,060	1,049	105	13	\$ 3,660	2,493	280

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The following table provides information related to re-modified troubled debt restructurings by portfolio segment and by class of financing receivable for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 (dollars in thousands):

	Number of re-modified TDRs	Rate	Type of modification Payment	Maturity date	Other	Total
Personal Banking:						
Residential mortgage loans		\$				
Home equity loans						
Other consumer loans						
Total Personal Banking						
Business Banking:						
Commercial real estate loans	6		227	4,007		4,234
Commercial loans	1					
Total Business Banking	7		227	4,007		4,234
Total	7	\$	227	4,007		4,234

The following table provides information related to re-modified troubled debt restructurings by portfolio segment and by class of financing receivable for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 (dollars in thousands):

	Number of re-modified TDRs	Rate	Type of modification Payment	Maturity date	Other	Total
Personal Banking:						
Residential mortgage loans		\$				
Home equity loans						
Other consumer loans						
Total Personal Banking						
Business Banking:						
Commercial real estate loans	2	800				800
Commercial loans	6	1,747		4,073		5,820
Total Business Banking	8	2,547		4,073		6,620
Total	8	\$ 2,547		4,073		6,620

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The following table provides information related to loan payment delinquencies at September 30, 2013 (in thousands):

	30-59 Days delinquent	60-89 Days delinquent	90 Days or greater delinquent	Total delinquency	Current	Recorded investment in loans receivable
Personal Banking:						
Residential mortgage loans	\$ 4,391	6,360	25,002	35,753	2,417,356	2,453,109
Home equity loans	4,161	2,193	8,959	15,313	1,057,075	1,072,388
Other consumer loans	4,193	1,646	1,848	7,687	218,291	225,978
Total Personal Banking	12,745	10,199	35,809	58,753	3,692,722	3,751,475
Business Banking:						
Commercial real estate loans	6,536	3,692	16,282	26,510	1,560,481	1,586,991
Commercial loans	1,059	1,242	6,413	8,714	383,922	392,636
Total Business Banking	7,595	4,934	22,695	35,224	1,944,403	1,979,627
Total	\$ 20,340	15,133	58,504	93,977	5,637,125	5,731,102

The following table provides information related to loan payment delinquencies at December 31, 2012 (in thousands):

	30-59 Days delinquent	60-89 Days delinquent	90 Days or greater delinquent	Total delinquency	Current	Recorded investment in loans receivable
Personal Banking:						
Residential mortgage loans	\$ 32,921	9,387	24,286	66,594	2,349,055	2,415,649
Home equity loans	6,534	1,977	8,479	16,990	1,059,647	1,076,637
Other consumer loans	5,456	1,830	1,936	9,222	226,145	235,367
Total Personal Banking	44,911	13,194	34,701	92,806	3,634,847	3,727,653
Business Banking:						
Commercial real estate loans	13,001	4,596	24,550	42,147	1,543,686	1,585,833
Commercial loans	3,233	10,158	9,096	22,487	366,507	388,994
Total Business Banking	16,234	14,754	33,646	64,634	1,910,193	1,974,827
Total	\$ 61,145	27,948	68,347	157,440	5,545,040	5,702,480

Credit quality indicators: We categorize loans into risk categories based on relevant information about the ability of borrowers to service their debt such as: current financial information, historical payment experience, credit documentation, public information, and current economic trends, among other factors. We analyze loans individually by classifying the loans by credit risk. Credit relationships greater than or equal to \$1.0 million classified as special mention or substandard are reviewed quarterly for deterioration or improvement to determine if the loan is appropriately classified. We use the following definitions for risk ratings other than pass:

Special mention Loans designated as special mention have specific, well-defined risk issues, which create a high level of uncertainty regarding the long-term viability of the business. Loans in this class are considered to have high-risk characteristics. A special mention loan exhibits material negative financial trends due to company-specific or systemic conditions. If these potential weaknesses are not mitigated, they threaten the borrower's capacity to meet its debt obligations. Special mention loans still demonstrate sufficient financial flexibility to react to and

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address the root cause of the adverse financial trends without significant deviations from their current business strategy. Their potential weaknesses deserve our close attention and warrant enhanced monitoring.

Substandard Loans classified as substandard are inadequately protected by the current net worth and payment capacity of the obligor or of the collateral pledged, if any. Loans so classified have a well-defined weakness or weaknesses that jeopardize the liquidation of the debt. They are characterized by the distinct possibility that we will sustain some loss if the deficiencies are not corrected.

Doubtful Loans classified as doubtful have all the weaknesses inherent in those classified as substandard. In addition, those weaknesses make collection or liquidation in full highly questionable and improbable. A loan classified as doubtful exhibits discernible loss potential, but a complete loss seems very unlikely. The possibility of a loss on a doubtful loan is high, but because of certain important and reasonably specific pending factors that may strengthen the loan, its classification as an estimated loss is deferred until a more exact status can be determined.

Loss Loans classified as loss are considered uncollectible and of such value that the continuance as a loan is not warranted. A loss classification does not mean that the loan has no recovery or salvage value; instead, it means that it is not practical or desirable to defer writing off all or a portion of a basically worthless loan even though partial recovery may be affected in the future.

The following table sets forth information about credit quality indicators, which were updated during the quarter ended September 30, 2013 (in thousands):

	Pass	Special mention	Substandard	Doubtful	Loss	Recorded investment in loans receivable
Personal Banking:						
Residential mortgage loans	\$ 2,433,665		18,123		1,321	2,453,109
Home equity loans	1,063,429		8,959			1,072,388
Other consumer loans	224,644		1,334			225,978
Total Personal Banking	3,721,738		28,416		1,321	3,751,475
Business Banking:						
Commercial real estate loans	1,380,452	44,173	161,069	1,297		1,586,991
Commercial loans	327,137	12,156	52,225	1,118		392,636
Total Business Banking	1,707,589	56,329	213,294	2,415		1,979,627
Total	\$ 5,429,327	56,329	241,710	2,415	1,321	5,731,102

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The following table sets forth information about credit quality indicators, which were updated during the year ended December 31, 2012 (in thousands):

	Pass	Special mention	Substandard	Doubtful	Loss	Recorded investment in loans receivable
Personal Banking:						
Residential mortgage loans	\$ 2,395,809		18,743	48	1,049	2,415,649
Home equity loans	1,068,183		8,454			1,076,637
Other consumer loans	234,106		1,261			235,367
Total Personal Banking	3,698,098		28,458	48	1,049	3,727,653
Business Banking:						
Commercial real estate loans	1,352,118	68,130	163,751	1,834		1,585,833
Commercial loans	320,228	13,077	52,742	2,947		388,994
Total Business Banking	1,672,346	81,207	216,493	4,781		1,974,827
Total	\$ 5,370,444	81,207	244,951	4,829	1,049	5,702,480

(5) Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

The following table provides information for intangible assets subject to amortization at the dates indicated (in thousands):

	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
Amortizable intangible assets:		
Core deposit intangibles gross	\$ 30,578	30,578
Acquisitions		
Less: accumulated amortization	(30,440)	(30,181)
Core deposit intangibles net	138	397
Customer and Contract intangible assets gross	6,197	3,779
Acquisition of The Bert Company		2,418
Less: accumulated amortization	(3,794)	(3,065)
Customer and Contract intangible assets net	\$ 2,403	3,132

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The following table shows the actual aggregate amortization expense for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, as well as the estimated aggregate amortization expense, based upon current levels of intangible assets, for the current fiscal year and each of the five succeeding fiscal years (in thousands):

For the quarter ended September 30, 2013	\$	291
For the quarter ended September 30, 2012		219
For the nine months ended September 30, 2013		988
For the nine months ended September 30, 2012		793
For the year ending December 31, 2013		1,210
For the year ending December 31, 2014		814
For the year ending December 31, 2015		571
For the year ending December 31, 2016		415
For the year ending December 31, 2017		259
For the year ending December 31, 2018		173

The following table provides information for the changes in the carrying amount of goodwill (in thousands):

		Community Banks	Consumer Finance	Total
Balance at December 31, 2011	\$	170,269	1,613	171,882
Goodwill acquired		2,579		2,579
Impairment losses				
Balance at December 31, 2012		172,848	1,613	174,461
Goodwill acquired		2		2
Impairment losses				
Balance at September 30, 2013	\$	172,850	1,613	174,463

We performed our annual goodwill impairment test as of June 30, 2013 and concluded that goodwill was not impaired. At September 30, 2013, there were no changes in our operations or other factors that would cause us to update that test. See the Overview of Critical Accounting Policies Involving Estimates section for a description of our testing procedures.

(6) **Guarantees**

We issue standby letters of credit in the normal course of business. Standby letters of credit are conditional commitments issued by the Company to guarantee the performance of a customer to a third party. Standby letters of credit generally are contingent upon the failure of the customer to perform according to the terms of the underlying contract with the third party. We are required to perform under a standby letter of credit when drawn upon by the guaranteed third party in the case of nonperformance by our customer. The credit risk associated with standby letters of credit is essentially the same as that involved in extending loans to customers and is subject to normal loan underwriting procedures. Collateral may be obtained based on management's credit assessment of the customer. At September 30, 2013, the maximum potential amount of future payments we could be required to make under these standby letters of credit was \$28.8 million, of which \$28.1 million is fully collateralized. At September 30, 2013, we had a

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liability, which represents deferred income, of \$872,000 related to the standby letters of credit. There are no recourse provisions that would enable us to recover any amounts from third parties.

(7) Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per common share (EPS) is computed by dividing net income available to common shareholders by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding for the period, without considering any dilutive items. Diluted EPS reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised or converted into common stock or resulted in the issuance of common stock that then shared in the earnings of the Company. All stock options outstanding during the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2013 were included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because the stock options' exercise price was less than the average market price of the common shares of \$13.77 and \$12.92, respectively. Stock options to purchase 3,119,002 shares of common stock with a weighted average exercise price of \$12.28 per share were outstanding during the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2012 but were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share for these periods because the options' exercise price was greater than the average market price of the common shares of \$11.98 and \$12.17, respectively.

The computation of basic and diluted earnings per share follows (in thousands, except share data and per share amounts):

		Quarter ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
		2013	2012	2013	2012
Reported net income	\$	17,600	15,693	46,376	47,235
Weighted average common shares outstanding		90,760,402	94,422,878	90,530,417	94,277,362
Dilutive potential shares due to effect of stock options		1,063,982	187,778	679,623	314,040
Total weighted average common shares and dilutive potential shares		91,824,384	94,610,656	91,210,040	94,591,402
Basic earnings per share:	\$	0.19	0.17	0.51	0.50
Diluted earnings per share:	\$	0.19	0.17	0.51	0.50

(8) Pension and Other Post-retirement Benefits

The defined benefit pension plan was amended to lock-in all benefits earned through March 31, 2013 based on the plan formula using years of service and average monthly compensation as of March 31, 2013. The amendments also provide that, for service commencing January 1, 2013, additional benefits will be earned equal to 1% of career average pay for each year that a participant completes at least 1,000 hours of service. Also, effective April 1, 2013, participants who are eligible to receive required minimum distributions due to attaining age 70 ½ will be required to begin payment of benefits even though they may remain employed by us.

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The following table sets forth the net periodic costs for the defined benefit pension plans and post retirement healthcare plans for the periods indicated (in thousands):

Components of net periodic benefit cost

		Quarter ended September 30,			
		Pension benefits		Other post-retirement benefits	
		2013	2012	2013	2012
Service cost	\$	1,138	1,858		
Interest cost		1,301	1,432	16	16
Expected return on plan assets		(2,138)	(1,948)		
Amortization of prior service cost		(580)	(40)		
Amortization of the net loss		919	690	13	13
Net periodic benefit cost	\$	640	1,992	29	29

Components of net periodic benefit cost

		Nine months ended September 30,			
		Pension benefits		Other post-retirement benefits	
		2013	2012	2013	2012
Service cost	\$	3,414	5,573		
Interest cost		3,903	4,297	48	49
Expected return on plan assets		(6,414)	(5,844)		
Amortization of prior service cost		(1,740)	(120)		
Amortization of the net loss		2,757	2,070	39	38
Net periodic benefit cost	\$	1,920	5,976	87	87

We made no contribution to our pension or other post-retirement benefit plans during the nine months ended September 30, 2013. A minimum contribution is not required to be made for the plan year ending December 31, 2013.

(9) **Disclosures About Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

Fair value information about financial instruments, whether or not recognized in the consolidated statement of financial condition, is required to be disclosed. These requirements exclude certain financial instruments and all nonfinancial instruments. Accordingly, the aggregate fair value amounts presented do not represent the underlying value of the Company.

Financial assets and liabilities recognized or disclosed at fair value on a recurring basis and certain financial assets and liabilities on a non-recurring basis are accounted for using a three-level hierarchy of valuation techniques based on whether the inputs to those valuation techniques are observable or unobservable. This hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices with readily available independent data in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable market inputs (Level 3). When various inputs

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for measurement fall within different levels of the fair value hierarchy, the lowest level input that has a significant impact on fair value measurement is used.

Financial assets and liabilities are categorized based upon the following characteristics or inputs to the valuation techniques:

- Level 1 Financial assets and liabilities for which inputs are observable and are obtained from reliable quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in actively traded markets. This is the most reliable fair value measurement and includes, for example, active exchange-traded equity securities.

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- Level 2 Financial assets and liabilities for which values are based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or for which values are based on similar assets or liabilities that are actively traded. Level 2 also includes pricing models in which the inputs are corroborated by market data, for example, matrix pricing.
- Level 3 Financial assets and liabilities for which values are based on prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement. Level 3 inputs include the following:
 - Quotes from brokers or other external sources that are not considered binding;
 - Quotes from brokers or other external sources where it cannot be determined that market participants would in fact transact for the asset or liability at the quoted price;
 - Quotes and other information from brokers or other external sources where the inputs are not deemed observable.

We are responsible for the valuation process and as part of this process may use data from outside sources in establishing fair value. We perform due diligence to understand the inputs used or how the data was calculated or derived. We also corroborate the reasonableness of external inputs in the valuation process.

The carrying amounts reported in the consolidated statement of financial condition approximate fair value for the following financial instruments: cash on hand, interest-earning deposits in other institutions, federal funds sold and other short-term investments, accrued interest receivable, accrued interest payable, and marketable securities available-for-sale.

Marketable Securities

Where available, market values are based on quoted market prices, dealer quotes, and prices obtained from independent pricing services.

Debt securities available for sale - Generally, debt securities are valued using pricing for similar securities, recently executed transactions and other pricing models utilizing observable inputs. The valuation for most debt securities is classified as Level 2. Securities within Level 2 include corporate bonds, municipal bonds, mortgage-backed securities and US government obligations. Certain corporate debt securities do not have an active market and as such the broker pricing received uses alternative methods. The fair value of these corporate debt securities is determined by using a discounted cash flow model using market assumptions, which generally include cash flow, collateral and other market assumptions. As such, these securities are included herein as Level 3 assets.

Equity securities available for sale Level 1 securities include publicly traded securities valued using quoted market prices. We consider the financial condition of the issuer to determine if the securities have indicators of impairment.

Debt securities held to maturity The fair value of debt securities held to maturity is determined in the same manner as debt securities available for sale.

Loans Receivable

Loans with comparable characteristics including collateral and re-pricing structures are segregated for valuation purposes. Each loan pool is separately valued utilizing a discounted cash flow analysis. Projected monthly cash flows are discounted to present value using a market rate for comparable loans, which is not considered an exit price. Characteristics of comparable loans included remaining term, coupon interest, and estimated prepayment speeds. Delinquent loans are separately evaluated given the impact delinquency has on the projected future cash flow of the loan and the approximate discount or market rate.

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FHLB Stock

Due to the restrictions placed on the transferability of FHLB stock it is not practical to determine the fair value.

Deposit Liabilities

The estimated fair value of deposits with no stated maturity, which includes demand deposits, money market, and other savings accounts, is the amount payable on demand. Although market premiums paid for depository institutions reflect an additional value for these low-cost deposits, adjusting fair value for any value expected to be derived from retaining those deposits for a future period of time or from the benefit that results from the ability to fund interest-earning assets with these deposit liabilities is prohibited. The fair value estimates of deposit liabilities do not include the benefit that results from the low-cost funding provided by these deposits compared to the cost of borrowing funds in the market. Fair values for time deposits are estimated using a discounted cash flow calculation that applies contractual cost currently being offered in the existing portfolio to current market rates being offered locally for deposits of similar remaining maturities. The valuation adjustment for the portfolio consists of the present value of the difference of these two cash flows, discounted at the assumed market rate of the corresponding maturity.

Borrowed Funds

Fixed rate advances are valued by comparing their contractual cost to the prevailing market cost. The carrying amount of repurchase agreements approximates the fair value.

Junior Subordinated Debentures

The fair value of junior subordinated debentures is calculated using the discounted cash flows at the prevailing rate of interest.

Cash flow hedges Interest rate swap agreements (swaps)

The fair value of the swaps is the amount we would expect to pay to terminate the agreements and is based upon the present value of the expected future cash flows using the LIBOR swap curve, the basis for the underlying interest rate.

Off-Balance Sheet Financial Instruments

These financial instruments generally are not sold or traded, and estimated fair values are not readily available. However, the fair value of commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit is estimated using the fees currently charged to enter into similar agreements. Commitments to extend credit are generally short-term in nature and, if drawn upon, are issued under current market terms. At September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, there was no significant unrealized appreciation or depreciation on these financial instruments.

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The following table sets forth the carrying amount and estimated fair value of our financial instruments included in the consolidated statement of financial condition at September 30, 2013:

	Carrying amount	Estimated fair value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Financial assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 415,313	415,313	415,313		
Securities available-for-sale	1,092,799	1,092,799	26,328	1,054,763	11,708
Securities held-to-maturity	125,937	129,580		129,580	
Loans receivable, net	5,655,237	5,954,252			5,954,252
Accrued interest receivable	22,560	22,560	22,560		
FHLB Stock	43,716	43,716			
Total financial assets	\$ 7,355,562	7,658,220	464,201	1,184,343	5,965,960
Financial liabilities:					
Savings and checking accounts	\$ 4,006,591	4,006,591	4,006,591		
Time deposits	1,718,774	1,753,619			1,753,619
Borrowed funds	865,096	886,231	139,631		746,600
Junior subordinated debentures	103,094	112,080			112,080
Cash flow hedges - swaps	8,932	8,932		8,932	
Accrued interest payable	861	861	861		
Total financial liabilities	\$ 6,703,348	6,768,314	4,147,083	8,932	2,612,299

The following table sets forth the carrying amount and estimated fair value of our financial instruments included in the consolidated statement of financial condition at December 31, 2012:

	Carrying amount	Estimated fair value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Financial assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 451,704	451,704	451,704		
Securities available-for-sale	1,079,074	1,079,074	19,304	1,048,651	11,119
Securities held-to-maturity	155,081	161,969		161,969	
Loans receivable, net	5,629,261	5,952,688	15,441		5,937,247
Accrued interest receivable	23,313	23,313	23,313		
FHLB Stock	46,834	46,834			
Total financial assets	\$ 7,385,267	7,715,582	509,762	1,210,620	5,948,366
Financial liabilities:					
Savings and checking accounts	\$ 3,878,511	3,878,511	3,878,511		
Time deposits	1,886,089	1,927,844			1,927,844
Borrowed funds	860,047	935,384	164,531		770,853
Junior subordinated debentures	103,094	116,066			116,066
Cash flow hedges - swaps	12,932	12,932		12,932	
Accrued interest payable	888	888	888		
Total financial liabilities	\$ 6,741,561	6,871,625	4,043,930	12,932	2,814,763

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Fair value estimates are made at a point-in-time, based on relevant market data and information about the instrument. The methods and assumptions detailed above were used in estimating the fair value of financial instruments at both September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012. There were no transfers of financial instruments between Level 1 and Level 2 during the nine months ended September 30, 2013.

The following table represents assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis at September 30, 2013 (in thousands):

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total assets at fair value
Equity securities	\$ 26,328			26,328
Debt securities:				
U.S. government and agencies		34		34
Government sponsored enterprises		321,113		321,113
States and political subdivisions		109,247		109,247
Corporate		9,024	11,708	20,732
Total debt securities		439,418	11,708	451,126
Residential mortgage-backed securities:				
GNMA		33,473		33,473
FNMA		90,470		90,470
FHLMC		54,836		54,836
Non-agency		673		673
Collateralized mortgage obligations:				
GNMA		12,468		12,468
FNMA		180,029		180,029
FHLMC		225,468		225,468
SBA		12,975		12,975
Non-agency		4,953		4,953
Total mortgage-backed securities		615,345		615,345
Interest rate swaps		(8,932)		(8,932)
Net assets	\$ 26,328	1,045,831	11,708	1,083,867

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The following table represents assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2012 (in thousands):

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total assets at fair value
Equity securities	\$ 19,304			19,304
Debt securities:				
U.S. government and agencies		40		40
Government sponsored enterprises		238,314		238,314
States and political subdivisions		134,208		134,208
Corporate		11,584	11,119	22,703
Total debt securities		384,146	11,119	395,265
Residential mortgage-backed securities:				
GNMA		41,182		41,182
FNMA		106,863		106,863
FHLMC		52,559		52,559
Non-agency		695		695
Collateralized mortgage obligations:				
GNMA		22,963		22,963
FNMA		189,364		189,364
FHLMC		228,631		228,631
SBA		15,775		15,775
Non-agency		6,473		6,473
Total mortgage-backed securities		664,505		664,505
Interest rate swaps		(12,932)		(12,932)
Net assets	\$ 19,304	1,035,719	11,119	1,066,142

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The table below presents a reconciliation of all assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the periods indicated (in thousands):

	Quarter ended		Nine months ended	
	September 30, 2013	September 30, 2012	September 30, 2013	September 30, 2012
Beginning balance	\$ 11,345	8,296	11,119	9,657
Total net realized investment gains/ (losses) and net change in unrealized appreciation/ (depreciation):				
Included in net income as OTTI				
Included in other comprehensive income	363	534	589	(827)
Purchases				
Sales				
Transfers in to Level 3				
Transfers out of Level 3				
Ending balance	\$ 11,708	8,830	11,708	8,830

Certain assets and liabilities are measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis after initial recognition such as loans measured for impairment and real estate owned. The following table represents the fair value measurement for nonrecurring assets at September 30, 2013 (in thousands):

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total assets at fair value
Loans measured for impairment	\$		76,205	76,205
Real estate owned			20,173	20,173
Total assets	\$		96,378	96,378

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Certain assets and liabilities are measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis after initial recognition such as loans measured for impairment and real estate owned. The following table represents the fair value measurement for nonrecurring assets at December 31, 2012 (in thousands):

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total assets at fair value
Loans measured for impairment	\$		84,493	84,493
Real estate owned			26,165	26,165
Total assets	\$		110,658	110,658

Impaired loans A loan is considered to be impaired as described in the Overview of Critical Accounting Policies Involving Estimates, Allowance for Loan Losses section. We classify loans individually evaluated for impairment that require a specific or TDR reserve as nonrecurring Level 3.

Real Estate Owned Real estate owned is comprised of property acquired through foreclosure or voluntarily conveyed by delinquent borrowers. These assets are recorded on the date acquired at the lower of the related loan balance or fair value, less estimated disposition costs, with the fair value being determined by appraisal. Subsequently, foreclosed assets are valued at the lower of the amount recorded at acquisition date or fair value, less estimated disposition costs. We classify all real estate owned as nonrecurring Level 3.

The table presents additional quantitative information about assets measured at fair value on a recurring and nonrecurring basis and for which we have utilized Level 3 inputs to determine fair value at September 30, 2013 (dollar amounts in thousands):

	Fair value	Valuation techniques	Significant unobservable inputs	Range (weighted average)
Debt securities	\$ 11,708	Discounted cash flow	Discount margin Default rates Prepayment speeds	0.35% to 2.1% (0.69)% 1.00% 1.00% annually
Loans measured for impairment	76,205	Appraisal value (1)	Estimated cost to sell	10%
Real estate owned	20,173	Appraisal value (1)	Estimated cost to sell	10%

(1) Fair value is generally determined through independent appraisals of the underlying collateral, which may include level 3 inputs that are not identifiable, or by using the discounted cash flow method if the loan is not collateral dependent.

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The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of our debt securities are discount margins, default rates and prepayment speeds. Significant increases in any of those rates would result in a significantly lower fair value measurement.

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Mortgage servicing assets are recognized as separate assets when, through loan originations and purchases, the underlying loan is subsequently sold. Upon sale, the mortgage servicing right (MSR) is established, which represents the then-fair value of future net cash flows expected to be realized for performing the servicing activities. The fair value of the MSRs are estimated by calculating the present value of estimated future net servicing cash flows, taking into consideration actual and expected mortgage loan prepayment rates, discount rates, servicing costs and other economic factors, which are determined based on current market conditions. In determining the fair value of the MSRs, stochastic modeling is performed using variables such as the forward yield curve, prepayment rates, annual service cost, average life expectancy and option adjusted spreads. MSRs are amortized against mortgage banking income in proportion to, and over the period of, the estimated future net servicing income of the underlying mortgage loans. MSRs are recorded in other assets on the consolidated statements of financial condition.

Capitalized MSRs are evaluated quarterly for impairment based on the estimated fair value of those rights. The MSRs are stratified by certain risk characteristics, primarily loan term and note rate. If impairment exists within a risk stratification tranche, a valuation allowance is established through a charge to income equal to the amount by which the carrying value exceeds the fair value. If it is later determined all or a portion of the temporary impairment no longer exists for a particular tranche, the valuation allowance is reduced or eliminated. We do not directly hedge against realized or potential future impairment losses on our MSRs.

The following table shows changes in MSRs at and for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 (in thousands):

	Servicing rights	Valuation allowance	Net carrying value and fair value
Balance at June 30, 2013	\$ 2,670		2,670
Additions/ (reductions)	9		9
Amortization	(398)		(398)
Balance at September 30, 2013	\$ 2,281		2,281

The following table shows changes in MSRs at and for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 (in thousands):

	Servicing rights	Valuation allowance	Net carrying value and fair value
Balance at December 31, 2012	\$ 3,291		3,291
Additions/ (reductions)	460		460
Amortization	(1,470)		(1,470)
Balance at September 30, 2013	\$ 2,281		2,281

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The following table shows changes in MSRs at and for the quarter ended September 30, 2012 (in thousands):

		Servicing rights	Valuation allowance	Net carrying value and fair value
Balance at June 30, 2012	\$	3,503	(84)	3,419
Additions/ (reductions)		438	84	522
Amortization		(553)		(553)
Balance at September 30, 2012	\$	3,388		3,388

The following table shows changes in MSRs at and for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 (in thousands):

		Servicing rights	Valuation allowance	Net carrying value and fair value
Balance at December 31, 2011	\$	3,655		3,655
Additions/ (reductions)		1,780		1,780
Amortization		(2,047)		(2,047)
Balance at September 30, 2012	\$	3,388		3,388

The following table presents additional information about the inputs used to determine the fair value of our MSRs at the periods indicated:

	September 30, 2013	September 30, 2012
	(Weighted average)	
Forward yield curve (5 year LIBOR swap)	1.78%	0.80%
Prepayment rates	11.4%	20.0%
Annual service cost per loan	\$ 69	\$ 67
Average life expectancy (months)	80	52
Option adjusted spread (basis points)	750	800

(11) Guaranteed Preferred Beneficial Interests in the Company's Junior Subordinated Deferrable Interest Debentures (Trust Preferred Securities) and Interest Rate Swaps

We have two statutory business trusts: Northwest Bancorp Capital Trust III, a Delaware statutory business trust and Northwest Bancorp Statutory Trust IV, a Connecticut statutory business trust (Trusts). These trusts exist solely to issue preferred securities to third parties for cash, issue common securities to the Company in exchange for capitalization of the Trusts, invest the proceeds from the sale of the trust securities in an equivalent amount of debentures of the Company, and engage in other activities that are incidental to those previously listed.

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Northwest Bancorp Capital Trust III (Trust III) issued 50,000 cumulative trust preferred securities in a private transaction to a pooled investment vehicle on December 5, 2006 (liquidation value of \$1,000 per preferred security or \$50,000,000) with a stated maturity of December 30, 2035. These securities carry a floating interest rate, which is reset quarterly, equal to three-month LIBOR plus 1.38%. Northwest Bancorp Statutory Trust IV (Trust IV) issued 50,000 cumulative trust preferred securities in a private transaction to a pooled investment vehicle on December 15, 2006 (liquidation value of \$1,000 per preferred security or \$50,000,000) with a stated maturity of December 15, 2035. These securities carry a floating interest rate, which is reset quarterly, equal to three-month LIBOR plus 1.38%. The Trusts have invested the proceeds of the offerings in junior subordinated deferrable interest debentures issued by the Company. The structure of these debentures mirrors the structure of the trust-preferred securities. Trust III holds \$51,547,000 of the Company's junior subordinated debentures and Trust IV holds \$51,547,000 of the Company's junior subordinated debentures. These subordinated debentures are the sole assets of the Trusts. Cash distributions on the trust securities are made on a quarterly basis to the extent interest on the debentures is received by the Trusts. We have the right to defer payment of interest on the subordinated debentures at any time, or from time-to-time, for periods not exceeding five years. If interest payments on the subordinated debentures are deferred, the distributions on the trust preferred securities are also deferred. Interest on the subordinated debentures and distributions on the trust securities is cumulative. To date, there have been no interest deferrals. Our obligation constitutes a full, irrevocable, and unconditional guarantee on a subordinated basis of the obligations of the trust under the preferred securities.

We entered into four interest rate swap agreements (swaps), designating the swaps as cash flow hedges. The swaps are intended to protect against the variability of cash flows associated with Trust III and Trust IV. The first two swaps modify the re-pricing characteristics of Trust III, wherein (i) for a five year period, which expired on September 30, 2013, the Company received interest of three-month LIBOR from a counterparty and paid a fixed rate of 4.20% to the same counterparty calculated on a notional amount of \$25.0 million and (ii) for a ten year period expiring in September 2018, the Company receives interest of three-month LIBOR from a counterparty and pays a fixed rate of 4.61% to the same counterparty calculated on a notional amount of \$25.0 million. The second two swaps modify the re-pricing characteristics of Trust IV, wherein (i) for a seven year period expiring in September 2015, the Company receives interest of three-month LIBOR from a counterparty and pays a fixed rate of 3.85% to the same counterparty calculated on a notional amount of \$25.0 million and (ii) for a ten year period in expiring September 2018, the Company receives interest of three-month LIBOR from a counterparty and pays a fixed rate of 4.09% to the same counterparty calculated on a notional amount of \$25.0 million. The swap agreements were entered into with a counterparty that met our credit standards and the agreements contain collateral provisions protecting the at-risk party. We believe that the credit risk inherent in the contracts is not significant. At September 30, 2013, \$9.5 million of cash was pledged as collateral to the counterparty.

At September 30, 2013, the fair value of the swap agreements was \$(8.9) million and was the amount we would have expected to pay if the contracts were terminated. There was no material hedge ineffectiveness for these swaps.

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The following table shows liability derivatives, included in other liabilities, at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 (in thousands):

	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
Fair value	\$ 8,932	12,932
Notional amount	75,000	100,000
Collateral posted	9,505	13,505

(12) **Legal Proceedings**

We establish accruals for legal proceedings when information related to the loss contingencies represented by those matters indicates both that a loss is probable and that the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated. As of September 30, 2013 we have accrued \$2.2 million. This amount is based on our analysis of currently available information and is subject to significant judgment and a variety of assumptions and uncertainties. Any such accruals are adjusted thereafter as appropriate to reflect changes in circumstances. Due to the inherent subjectivity of assessments and unpredictability of outcomes of legal proceedings, any amounts accrued may not represent the ultimate loss to us from legal proceedings.

Toth v. Northwest Savings Bank

On May 7, 2012, we were named as a defendant in an alleged class action lawsuit filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, captioned as Toth v. Northwest Savings Bank, No. GD-12-8014. The Complaint challenges the manner in which debit card transaction overdraft fees were charged and the policies related to the posting order of debit card transactions. The Complaint asserts various claims under state law and seeks compensatory damages and attorneys' fees. We filed preliminary objections seeking dismissal of the case on June 29, 2012. In response, the plaintiff filed an Amended Complaint on September 6, 2012. On November 5, 2012, we filed preliminary objections to the Amended Complaint. Plaintiff filed her opposition to our preliminary objections on December 6, 2012, and we filed our reply in support of the preliminary objections on January 3, 2013. On June 25, 2013, the Court entered an Opinion and Order sustaining our preliminary objections to several counts of plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, but overruling objections to plaintiff's asserted violation of Pennsylvania's Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law (UTPCPL). We have filed an Answer and New Matter to plaintiff's First Amended Complaint and seek to appeal the decision pertaining to plaintiff's UTPCPL claim. We intend to vigorously defend against the plaintiff's claims and to oppose any effort to certify a class in this case. At this stage of the lawsuit, it is not yet possible to estimate potential losses, if any. Although it is not possible to predict the ultimate resolution or financial liability with respect to this litigation, management after consultation with legal counsel, currently does not anticipate that the aggregate liability, if any, arising out of this proceeding will have a material adverse effect on our financial position, or cash flows; although, at the present time, we are not in a position to determine whether such proceeding will have a material adverse effect on our results of operations in any future quarterly reporting period.

American Equity Rentals One, LLC v. Northwest Savings Bank

On August 3, 2012, we were named as a defendant in a lawsuit filed in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, Maryland, No. 03-C-12-00797807 by American Equity Rentals One, LLC, and others, obligors against whom we obtained confessed judgments, upon the borrowers' default on several related credit facilities. The obligor-plaintiffs allege tort claims against us and one of our loan officers arising out of the lending relationship. On September 6, 2013, we entered into a global settlement with American Equity Rentals One, LLC and the other obligors wherein it was agreed that the obligors would dismiss, with prejudice, the aforementioned tort claims and repay certain monies owed

under the confessed judgments.

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As a result of the settlement, the tort claims have been resolved without any material adverse effect on our financial position or cash flows.

USDA v. Kathleen M. Schwab and Brian G. Schwab v. Northwest Savings Bank

On December 19, 2012, the Schwabs filed a Complaint against us in the Court of Common Pleas of Clarion County, Pennsylvania, No. 409-2012 to join us as an additional defendant alleging that if it is determined that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is entitled to relief (the mortgages are reformed and corrected by the Court so as to add Brian G. Schwab's name to the mortgages), then we are solely liable to the USDA or we are jointly liable with the Schwabs, or liable over the Schwabs, with regard to the mortgages held by the USDA. On February 1, 2013, we filed Preliminary Objections to the Complaint joining us on the grounds that the USDA's lawsuit does not involve any claim for money. We await a decision on our Preliminary Objections. At this stage of the lawsuit, it is not yet possible to estimate potential losses, if any. Although it is not possible to predict the ultimate resolution or financial liability with respect to this litigation, management, after consultation with legal counsel, currently does not anticipate that the aggregate liability, if any, arising out of this proceeding will have a material adverse effect on our financial position, or cash flows; although, at the present time, we are not in a position to determine whether such proceeding will have a material adverse effect on our results of operations in any future quarterly reporting period.

Northwest Savings Bank v. Albert S. Marshal and Boca Rio Townhome Association, Inc.

On July 8, 2011, we initiated a mortgage foreclosure lawsuit filed in the Court of Common Pleas, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, captioned as Northwest Savings Bank v. Albert S. Marshal and Boca Rio Townhome Association, Inc. (Boca Rio), No. 2011 CV 6719 MF. The Complaint seeks to foreclose on two mortgages with respect to the real property located at 920 West Areba Avenue, Hershey, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania 17033 (the Property). Defendant Marshal was the mortgagor of the two mortgages, and Boca Rio is the party to whom the Property was transferred without the mortgages having been paid in full. In response, on August 8, 2011, Defendant Boca Rio filed its Answer with New Matter and Counterclaim. In the Counterclaim, Defendant Boca Rio alleges that we violated the Mortgage Satisfaction Act, 21 P.S. §721-1 et. seq., because we did not satisfy the mortgages that Defendant Boca Rio alleges they paid in full. On August 29, 2011, we filed Preliminary Objections to Defendant Boca Rio's Counterclaim, seeking dismissal of the Counterclaim because Defendant Boca Rio was not a mortgagor under the Mortgage Satisfaction Act and therefore, did not have standing to bring a claim. On September 15, 2011, Defendant Boca Rio filed an Answer with New Matter and Amended Counterclaim. On September 30, 2011, we filed Preliminary Objections to Defendant Boca Rio's Amended Counterclaim. On October 11, 2011, Defendant Boca Rio filed its Answer to our Preliminary Objections. The Court denied our Preliminary Objections on March 6, 2012. We recently filed a Motion for Partial Summary Judgment seeking dismissal of the Counterclaim. We intend to continue to vigorously defend against Defendant Boca Rio's claims asserted in the Counterclaim as well as continue to prosecute the mortgage foreclosure action. At this stage of the lawsuit, it is not yet possible to estimate potential losses, if any. Although it is not possible to predict the ultimate resolution or financial liability with respect to this litigation, management, after consultation with legal counsel, currently does not anticipate that the aggregate liability, if any, arising out of this proceeding will have a material adverse effect on our financial position, or cash flows; although, at the present time, we are not in a position to determine whether such proceeding will have a material adverse effect on our results of operations in any future quarterly reporting period.

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The following table shows the changes in accumulated other comprehensive income by component for the periods indicated (in thousands):

		Unrealized gains and losses on securities available- for-sale	Change in fair value of interest rate swaps	Change in defined benefit pension plans	Total
Balance as of June 30, 2013	\$	4,990	(6,099)	(18,478)	(19,587)
Other comprehensive income before reclassification adjustments		110	294		404
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (1), (2)		(87)		229	142
Net other comprehensive income		23	294	229	546
Balance as of September 30, 2013	\$	5,013	(5,805)	(18,249)	(19,041)

		For the quarter ended September 30, 2012			
		Unrealized gains and losses on securities available- for-sale	Change in fair value of interest rate swaps	Change in defined benefit pension plans	Total
Balance as of June 30, 2012	\$	16,256	(8,954)	(27,546)	(20,244)
Other comprehensive income before reclassification adjustments		1,550	(102)		1,448
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (3), (4)		32		431	463
Net other comprehensive income		1,582	(102)	431	1,911
Balance as of September 30, 2012	\$	17,838	(9,056)	(27,115)	(18,333)

(1) Consists of realized gains on securities (gain on sales of investments, net) of \$142, net of tax (income tax expense) of \$(55).

(2) Consists of amortization of prior service cost (compensation and employee benefits) of \$580 and amortization of net loss (compensation and employee benefits) of \$(932), net of tax (income tax expense) of \$123. See note 8.

(3) Consists of realized gains on securities (gain on sales of investments, net) of \$41 and other-than-temporary-impairment losses (net impairment losses) of \$(93), net of tax (income tax expense) of \$20.

(4) Consists of amortization of prior service cost (compensation and employee benefits) of \$40 and amortization of net loss (compensation and employee benefits) of \$(703), net of tax (income tax expense) of \$232. See note 8.

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The following table shows the changes in accumulated other comprehensive income by component for the periods indicated (in thousands):

	For the nine months ended September 30, 2013			
	Unrealized gains and losses on securities available- for-sale	Change in fair value of interest rate swaps	Change in defined benefit pension plans	Total
Balance as of December 31, 2012	\$ 15,853	(8,405)	(18,936)	(11,488)
Other comprehensive income before reclassification adjustments	(10,619)	2,600		(8,019)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (1), (2)	(221)		687	466
Net other comprehensive income	(10,840)	2,600	687	(7,553)
Balance as of September 30, 2013	\$ 5,013	(5,805)	(18,249)	(19,041)

	For the nine months ended September 30, 2012			
	Unrealized gains and losses on securities available- for-sale	Change in fair value of interest rate swaps	Change in defined benefit pension plans	Total
Balance as of December 31, 2011	\$ 14,046	(8,864)	(28,408)	(23,226)
Other comprehensive income before reclassification adjustments	3,805	(192)		3,613
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (3), (4)	(13)		1,293	1,280
Net other comprehensive income	3,792	(192)	1,293	4,893
Balance as of September 30, 2012	\$ 17,838	(9,056)	(27,115)	(18,333)

(1) Consists of realized gains on securities (gain on sales of investments, net) of \$363, net of tax (income tax expense) of \$(142).

(2) Consists of amortization of prior service cost (compensation and employee benefits) of \$1,740 and amortization of net loss (compensation and employee benefits) of \$(2,796), net of tax (income tax expense) of \$369. See note 8.

(3) Consists of realized gains on securities (gain on sales of investments, net) of \$353 and other-than-temporary-impairment losses (net impairment losses) of \$(331), net of tax (income tax expense) of \$(9).

(4) Consists of amortization of prior service cost (compensation and employee benefits) of \$120 and amortization of net loss (compensation and employee benefits) of \$(2,108), net of tax (income tax expense) of \$695. See note 8.

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Forward-Looking Statements:

In addition to historical information, this document may contain certain forward-looking statements, as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements contained herein are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, as they reflect management's analysis only as of the date of this report. We have no obligation to revise or update these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that arise after the date of this report.

Important factors that might cause such a difference include, but are not limited to:

- changes in laws or government regulations or accounting policies affecting financial institutions, including the Dodd-Frank Act, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the capital ratios of Basel III as adopted by the federal banking authorities and changes in regulatory fees;
- general economic conditions, either nationally or in our market areas, that are worse than expected;
- competition among depository and other financial institutions;
- inflation and changes in the interest rate environment that reduce our margins or reduce the fair value of financial instruments;
- adverse changes in the securities markets;
- our ability to enter new markets successfully and capitalize on growth opportunities;
- changes in consumer spending, borrowing and savings habits;
- our ability to continue to increase and manage our business and personal loans;
- possible impairments of securities held by us, including those issued by government entities and government sponsored enterprises;
- the impact of the economy on our loan portfolio (including cash flow and collateral values), investment portfolio, customers and capital market activities;
- changes in the financial performance and/or condition of our borrowers; and

- the effect of changes in accounting policies and practices, as may be adopted by the regulatory agencies, as well as the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, the Financial Accounting Standards Board and other accounting standard setters.

Overview of Critical Accounting Policies Involving Estimates

Critical accounting policies involve accounting estimates that: a) require assumptions about highly uncertain matters, and b) could vary sufficiently enough to have a material effect on our financial condition and/ or results of operations.

Allowance for Loan Losses - Provisions for estimated loan losses and the amount of the allowance for loan losses are based on losses inherent in the loan portfolio that are both probable and can be reasonably estimated at the date of the financial statements. We believe, to the best of our knowledge, that all known losses as of the statement of condition dates have been recorded.

For all classes of loans, we consider a loan to be impaired when it is probable that we will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. In evaluating whether a loan is impaired, we consider not only the amount that we expect to collect but also the timing of collection. Generally, if a delay in payment is insignificant (e.g., less than 30 days), a loan is not deemed to be impaired.

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When a loan is considered to be impaired, the amount of impairment is measured in one of three ways, the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate, the loan's market price, or fair value of the collateral, less estimated cost to sell, if the loan is collateral dependent and it is possible we would foreclose on the property. Business Banking loans greater than or equal to \$1.0 million are reviewed to determine if they should be individually evaluated for impairment. Smaller balance, homogeneous loans (e.g., primarily residential mortgage and consumer loans) are evaluated collectively for impairment. Impairment losses are included in the allowance for loan losses. Impaired loans are charged-off or charged down when we believe that the ultimate collectability of a loan is not likely or the collateral value no longer supports the carrying value of the loan.

Interest income on non-performing loans is recognized using the cash basis method. For non-performing loans interest collected is credited to income in the period of recovery or applied to reduce principal if there is sufficient doubt about the collectability of principal.

The allowance for loan losses is shown as a valuation allowance to loans. The accounting policy for the determination of the adequacy of the allowance by portfolio segment requires us to make numerous complex and subjective estimates and assumptions relating to amounts which are inherently uncertain. The allowance for loan losses is maintained to absorb losses inherent in the loan portfolio as of the statement of condition dates. The methodology used to determine the allowance for loan losses is designed to provide procedural discipline in assessing the appropriateness of the allowance for loan losses. Losses are charged against, and recoveries are added to, the allowance for loan losses.

For Business Banking loans the allowance for loan losses consists of:

- An allowance for impaired loans;
- An allowance for homogenous loans based on historical losses; and
- An allowance for homogenous loans based on environmental factors.

The allowance for impaired loans is based on individual analysis of all nonperforming loans greater than or equal to \$1.0 million. The allowance is measured by the difference between the recorded value of impaired loans and their impaired value. The impaired value is either the present value of the expected future cash flows from the borrower, the market value of the loan, or the fair value of the collateral, less estimated cost to sell.

The allowance for homogeneous loans based on historical factors is a rolling three-year average of actual losses incurred, adjusted for a loss realization period (the period of time from the event of loss to loss realization), applied to homogenous pools of loans categorized by similar risk characteristics, not including loans evaluated individually for impairment.

The allowance for homogeneous loans based on environmental factors augments the historical loss factors for changes in: economic conditions, lending policies and procedures, the nature and volume of the loan portfolio, management, delinquency trends, loan administration, underlying collateral values and concentrations of credit.

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For Personal Banking loans the allowance for loan losses consists of:

- An allowance for loans 90 days or more delinquent;
- An allowance for homogenous loans based on historical losses; and
- An allowance for homogenous loans based on environmental factors.

The allowance for loans 90 days or more delinquent is based on the loss history of loans that have become 90 days or more delinquent. We apply a historical loss factor to homogeneous pools of loans that are 90 days or more delinquent.

The allowance for homogeneous loans based on historical losses is a rolling three-year average of actual losses incurred, adjusted for a loss realization period (the period of time from the event of loss to loss realization), applied to homogenous pools of loans categorized by similar risk characteristics, not including loans that are 90 days or more delinquent.

The allowance for homogeneous loans based on environmental factors augments the historical loss factors for changes in: economic conditions, lending policies and procedures, the nature and volume of the loan portfolio, management, delinquency trends, loan administration, underlying collateral values and concentrations of credit.

We also have an unallocated allowance which is based on our judgment regarding economic conditions, collateral values and industry conditions that are not addressed by the qualitative factors noted above.

The allocation of the allowance for loan losses is inherently judgmental, and the entire allowance for loan losses is available to absorb loan losses regardless of the nature of the loss.

Personal Banking loans are charged-off or charged down when they become 180 days delinquent, unless the borrower has filed for bankruptcy. Business Banking loans are charged-off or charged down when, in our opinion, they are no longer collectible, or when it has been determined that the collateral value no longer supports the carrying value of the loan, for loans that are collateral dependent.

We have not made any material changes to our methodology for the calculation of the allowance for loan losses during the current year.

Valuation of Investment Securities - Unrealized gains or losses, net of deferred taxes, on available for sale securities are reported on the statement of condition as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income/ (loss) and on the statement of comprehensive income. In general, fair value is based upon quoted market prices of identical assets, when available. Semi-annually (as of May 31 and November 30) we

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receive quoted market prices from a second independent pricing service. If quoted market prices are not available, fair value is based upon valuation models that use cash flow, security structure and other observable information. Where sufficient data is not available to produce a fair valuation, fair value is based on broker quotes for similar assets. Broker quotes may be adjusted to ensure that financial instruments are recorded at fair value. Adjustments may include unobservable parameters.

On at least a quarterly basis, we review our investments that are in an unrealized loss position for other-than-temporary impairment (OTTI). An investment security is deemed impaired if the fair value of the investment is less than its amortized cost. If an investment security is determined to be impaired, we evaluate whether the decline in value is other-than-temporary. We also consider whether or not we expect to receive all of the contractual cash flows from the investment security based on factors that include, but are not limited to: the credit worthiness of the issuer and the historical and projected performance of the

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underlying collateral. Also, we may evaluate the business and financial outlook of the issuer, as well as broader economic performance indicators. In addition, we consider our intent to sell the investment securities and the likelihood that we will not have to sell the investment securities before recovery of their cost basis. Declines in fair value of investment securities that are deemed credit related are recognized in earnings while declines in fair value of investment securities deemed noncredit related are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income, if we do not intend to sell and it is not likely we will be required to sell. If we intend to sell the security or if it is more likely than not that we will be required to sell the security, the entire unrealized loss is recorded in earnings.

Goodwill - Goodwill is not subject to amortization but must be evaluated for impairment at least annually and possibly more frequently if certain events or changes in circumstances arise. Under a quantitative approach, impairment testing requires that the fair value of each reporting unit be compared to its carrying amount, including goodwill. Reporting units are identified based upon analyzing each of our individual operating segments. A reporting unit is defined as any distinct, separately identifiable component of an operating segment for which complete, discrete financial information is available that management regularly reviews. Determining the fair value of a reporting unit requires a high degree of subjective management judgment. We have established June 30th of each year as the date for conducting the annual goodwill impairment assessment. As of June 30, 2013, we, through the assistance of an external third party, performed an impairment test on goodwill. We valued each reporting unit by using a weighted average of four valuation methodologies: comparable transaction approach, control premium approach, public market peers approach and discounted cash flow approach. Declines in fair value could result in impairment being identified. As of June 30, 2013, we did not identify any individual reporting unit where the fair value was less than the carrying value. Future changes in the economic environment or the operations of the operating units could cause changes to the variables used, which could give rise to declines in the estimated fair value of the reporting units.

Deferred Income Taxes - We use the asset and liability method of accounting for income taxes. Using this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. If current available information raises doubt as to the realization of the deferred tax assets, a valuation allowance is established. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to be applied to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. Management exercises significant judgment in evaluating the amount and timing of recognition of the resulting tax liabilities and assets. These judgments require us to make projections of future taxable income. The judgments and estimates made in determining our deferred tax assets, which are inherently subjective, are reviewed on an ongoing basis as regulatory and business factors change. A reduction in estimated future taxable income could require us to record a valuation allowance. Changes in levels of valuation allowances could result in increased income tax expense, and could negatively affect earnings.

Other Intangible Assets - Using the purchase method of accounting for acquisitions, we are required to record the assets acquired, including identified intangible assets, and liabilities assumed at their fair values. Through the assistance of an independent third party, we analyze and prepare a core deposit study for all bank acquisitions or another identifiable intangible asset study, such as customer lists, for all non-bank acquisitions. The core deposit study reflects the cumulative present value benefit of acquiring deposits versus an alternative source of funding. The other identifiable intangible asset study reflects the cumulative present value benefit of acquiring the income stream from an existing customer base versus developing new business relationships. Based upon analysis, the amount of the premium related to the core deposits or other identifiable intangibles of the business purchased is calculated along with the estimated life of the intangible. The intangible, which is recorded in other intangible assets, is then

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amortized to expense on an accelerated basis over an approximate life of seven years. If it is subsequently determined that the period of economic benefit has decreased or no longer exists, accelerated amortization or impairment may occur.

Executive Summary and Comparison of Financial Condition

Total assets at September 30, 2013 were \$7.908 billion, a decrease of \$34.2 million, or 0.4%, from \$7.943 billion at December 31, 2012. This decrease in assets was due to decreases in interest-earning deposits in other financial institutions of \$41.5 million and marketable securities held-to-maturity of \$29.1 million, which were partially offset by increases in total loans receivable of \$28.6 million and marketable securities available-for-sale of \$13.7 million. Total liabilities decreased by \$44.3 million as deposits and advances from borrowers for taxes and insurance decreased by \$39.2 million and \$9.2 million, respectively.

Total loans receivable increased by \$28.6 million, or 0.5%, to \$5.731 billion at September 30, 2013, from \$5.702 billion at December 31, 2012. Loan originations during the nine months ended September 30, 2013, of \$1.572 billion exceeded loan maturities and principal repayments of \$1.470 billion and mortgage loan sales of \$52.4 million. Our business banking loan portfolio increased by \$4.8 million, or 0.2%, to \$1.980 billion at September 30, 2013 from \$1.975 billion at December 31, 2012, as we continue to emphasize retaining and attracting quality business banking relationships. Our personal banking loan portfolio increased by \$23.8 million, or 0.6%, to \$3.751 billion at September 30, 2013 from \$3.728 billion at December 31, 2012. This increase is attributed to retaining more of our residential mortgage loan production.

Total deposits decreased by \$39.2 million, or 0.7%, to \$5.725 billion at September 30, 2013 from \$5.765 billion at December 31, 2012. Time deposits decreased by \$167.3 million, or 8.9%, to \$1.719 billion at September 30, 2013 from \$1.886 billion at December 31, 2012. Noninterest-bearing demand deposits increased by \$48.1 million, or 6.4%, to \$803.5 million at September 30, 2013 from \$755.4 million at December 31, 2012. Interest-bearing demand deposits increased by \$2.5 million, or 0.3%, to \$854.3 million at September 30, 2013 from \$851.8 million at December 31, 2012. Savings deposits, including insured money fund accounts, increased by \$77.5 million, or 3.4%, to \$2.349 billion at September 30, 2013 from \$2.271 billion at December 31, 2012. We believe the migration of funds from time deposits to liquid deposit accounts reflects depositors' reluctance to lock in time deposits at these historically low rates.

Borrowed funds increased by \$5.1 million, or 0.6%, to \$865.1 million at September 30, 2013, from \$860.0 million at December 31, 2012. During the first half of 2013 we borrowed \$30.0 million from the FHLB with an average maturity of 8.5 years and an average interest rate of approximately 2.00% in order to secure long-term funding at favorable interest rates. None of our FHLB advances matured during the quarter and the next scheduled maturity is in 2015.

Total shareholders' equity at September 30, 2013 was \$1.139 billion, or \$12.09 per share, an increase of \$10.1 million, or 0.9%, from \$1.128 billion, or \$12.05 per share, at December 31, 2012. This was primarily attributable to net income of \$46.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 which was offset by cash dividend payments of \$33.9 million and an other comprehensive loss of \$7.6 million.

Financial institutions and their holding companies are subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by state and federal banking agencies. Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory, and possibly additional discretionary actions by the regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material effect on a company's financial statements. Under capital adequacy guidelines and the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, financial institutions must meet specific capital guidelines that involve quantitative

measures of its assets, liabilities and certain off-

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balance sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting guidelines. Capital amounts and classifications are also subject to qualitative judgments made by the regulators about components, risk-weighting and other factors.

Quantitative measures, established by regulation to ensure capital adequacy, require financial institutions to maintain minimum amounts and ratios (set forth in the table below) of Total and Tier I capital (as defined in the regulations) to risk-weighted assets (as defined), and of Tier I capital to total assets (as defined). Capital ratios are presented in the tables below. Dollar amounts in the accompanying tables are in thousands.

			At September 30, 2013		Well capitalized requirements (1)	
	Actual Amount	Ratio	Minimum capital requirements (1) Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
Total capital (to risk weighted assts)						
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	\$ 1,139,281	22.30%				
Northwest Savings Bank	927,864	18.26%	406,496	8.00%	508,120	10.00%
Tier I capital (to risk weighted assets)						
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	1,070,415	20.95%				
Northwest Savings Bank	863,619	17.00%	203,248	4.00%	304,872	6.00%
Tier I capital (leverage) (to average assets)						
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	1,070,415	13.82%				
Northwest Savings Bank	863,619	11.15%	309,690	4.00%	387,113	5.00%
At December 31, 2012						
	Actual Amount	Ratio	Minimum capital requirements (1) Amount	Ratio	Well capitalized requirements (1) Amount	Ratio
Total capital (to risk weighted assts)						
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	\$ 1,117,979	21.53%				
Northwest Savings Bank	875,676	16.94%	413,424	8.00%	516,780	10.00%
Tier I capital (to risk weighted assets)						
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	1,050,261	20.22%				
Northwest Savings Bank	810,727	15.69%	206,712	4.00%	310,068	6.00%
Tier I capital (leverage) (to average assets)						
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	1,050,261	13.43%				
Northwest Savings Bank	810,727	10.41%	311,473	4.00%	389,340	5.00%

(1) The Federal Reserve does not yet have formal capital requirements established for savings and loan holding companies.

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In July 2013, the FDIC and the other federal bank regulatory agencies issued a final rule that will revise their leverage and risk-based capital requirements and the method for calculating risk-weighted assets to make them consistent with agreements that were reached by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision and certain provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act. Among other things, the rule establishes a new common equity Tier 1 minimum capital requirement (4.5% of risk-weighted assets), increases the minimum Tier 1 capital to risk-based assets requirement (from 4% to 6% of risk-weighted assets) and assigns a higher risk weight (150%) to exposures that are more than 90 days past due or are on nonaccrual status and to certain commercial real estate facilities that finance the acquisition, development or construction of real property. The final rule also requires unrealized gains and losses on certain available-for-sale securities holdings to be included for purposes of calculating regulatory capital requirements unless a one-time opt-in

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or opt-out is exercised. The rule limits a banking organization's capital distributions and certain discretionary bonus payments if the banking organization does not hold a capital conservation buffer consisting of 2.5% of common equity Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets in addition to the amount necessary to meet its minimum risk-based capital requirements.

The final rule becomes effective for Northwest on January 1, 2015. The capital conservation buffer requirement will be phased in beginning January 1, 2016 and ending January 1, 2019, when the full capital conservation buffer requirement will be effective. The final rule also implements consolidated capital requirements for savings and loan holding companies, such as the Company, effective January 1, 2015.

The following table shows the Basel III regulatory capital levels that must be maintained to avoid limitations on capital distributions and discretionary bonus payments for the periods indicated:

	Basel III Regulatory Capital Requirements					
	Current	January 1, 2015	January 1, 2016	January 1, 2017	January 1, 2018	January 1, 2019
Tier 1 common equity ratio plus capital conservation buffer		4.50%	5.125%	5.75%	6.375%	7.00%
Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio	4.00%					
Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio plus capital conservation buffer		6.00%	6.625%	7.25%	7.875%	8.50%
Total risk-based capital ratio	8.00%					
Total risk-based capital ratio plus capital conservation buffer		8.00%	8.625%	9.25%	9.875%	10.50%

We are required to maintain a sufficient level of liquid assets, as determined by management and reviewed for adequacy by the FDIC and the Pennsylvania Department of Banking during their regular examinations. Northwest monitors its liquidity position primarily using the ratio of unencumbered available-for-sale liquid assets as a percentage of deposits and borrowings (liquidity ratio). Northwest's liquidity ratio at September 30, 2013 was 13.9%. We adjust liquidity levels in order to meet funding needs for deposit outflows, payment of real estate taxes and insurance on mortgage loan escrow accounts, repayment of borrowing and loan commitments. At September 30, 2013 Northwest had \$2.111 billion of additional borrowing capacity available with the FHLB, including \$150.0 million on an overnight line of credit, as well as \$192.4 million of borrowing capacity available with the Federal Reserve Bank and \$80.0 million with two correspondent banks.

We paid \$11.9 million and \$11.5 million in cash dividends during the quarters ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and \$33.9 million and \$34.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The common stock dividend payout ratio (dividends declared per share divided by net income per share) was 68.4% and 70.6% for the quarters ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, on dividends of \$0.13 per share and \$0.12 per share, respectively. The common stock dividend payout ratio for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 was 72.5% and 72.0%, respectively, on dividends of \$0.37 and \$0.36 per share, respectively. On October 15, 2013, the Board of Directors declared a regular dividend of \$0.13 per share payable on November 14, 2013 to shareholders of record as of October 31, 2013. This represents the 76th consecutive quarter we have paid a cash dividend.

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The following table sets forth information with respect to nonperforming assets. Nonaccrual loans are those loans on which the accrual of interest has ceased. Generally, when a loan is 90 days past due, we fully reverse all accrued interest thereon and cease to accrue interest thereafter. Exceptions are made for loans that have contractually matured, are in the process of being modified to extend the maturity date and are otherwise current as to principal and interest, and well secured loans that are in process of collection. Loans may also be placed on nonaccrual before they reach 90 days past due if conditions exist that call into question our ability to collect all contractual interest. Other nonperforming assets represent property acquired through foreclosure or repossession. Foreclosed property is carried at the lower of its fair value less estimated costs to sell, or the principal balance of the related loan.

	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Loans 90 days or more past due:		
Residential mortgage loans	\$ 25,002	\$ 24,286
Home equity loans	8,959	8,479
Other consumer loans	2,634	1,936
Commercial real estate loans	16,282	26,248
Commercial loans	6,436	9,096
Total loans 90 days or more past due	\$ 59,313	\$ 70,045
Total real estate owned (REO)	20,173	26,165
Total loans 90 days or more past due and REO	79,486	96,210
Total loans 90 days or more past due to net loans receivable	1.05%	1.21%
Total loans 90 days or more past due and REO to total assets	1.01%	1.19%
Nonperforming assets:		
Nonaccrual loans - loans 90 days or more past due	\$ 58,504	68,347
Nonaccrual loans - loans less than 90 days past due	64,395	51,865
Loans 90 days or more past due still accruing	809	1,698
Total nonperforming loans	123,708	121,910
Total nonperforming assets	\$ 143,881	148,075
Nonaccrual troubled debt restructured loans *	\$ 37,519	41,166
Accruing troubled debt restructured loans	41,871	48,278
Total troubled debt restructured loans	\$ 79,390	89,444

* Included in nonaccrual loans above.

A loan is considered to be impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable that we will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement including both contractual principal and interest payments. The amount of impairment is required to be measured using one of three methods: (1) the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate; (2) the loan's observable market price; or (3) the fair value of collateral if the loan is collateral dependent. If the measure of the impaired loan is less than the recorded investment in the loan, a specific allowance is allocated for the impairment. Impaired loans at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 were \$183.7 million and \$184.3 million, respectively.

Allowance for Loan Losses

Our Board of Directors has adopted an Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses (ALL) policy designed to provide management with a systematic methodology for determining and documenting the ALL each reporting period. This methodology was developed to provide a consistent process and review

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procedure to ensure that the ALL is in conformity with GAAP, our policies and procedures and other supervisory and regulatory guidelines.

On an ongoing basis, the Credit Administration department, as well as loan officers, branch managers and department heads, review and monitor the loan portfolio for problem loans. This portfolio monitoring includes a review of the monthly delinquency reports as well as historical comparisons and trend analysis. In addition, a meeting is held every quarter with each region to monitor the performance and status of loans on an internal watch list. On an on-going basis the loan officer in conjunction with a portfolio manager grades or classifies problem loans or potential problem loans based upon their knowledge of the lending relationship and other information previously accumulated. This rating is also reviewed independently by our Loan Review department on a periodic basis. Our loan grading system for problem loans is consistent with industry regulatory guidelines which classify loans as substandard, doubtful or loss. Loans that do not expose us to risk sufficient to warrant classification in one of the previous categories, but which possess some weaknesses, are designated as special mention. A substandard loan is any loan that is more than 90 days contractually delinquent or is inadequately protected by the current net worth and paying capacity of the obligor or of the collateral pledged, if any. Loans classified as doubtful have all the weaknesses inherent in those classified as substandard with the added characteristic that the weaknesses present make collection or liquidation in full, on the basis of currently existing facts, conditions or values, highly questionable and improbable. Loans classified as loss are considered uncollectible so that their continuance as assets without the establishment of a specific loss allowance is not warranted.

Credit relationships that have been classified as substandard or doubtful and are greater than or equal to \$1.0 million are reviewed by the Credit Administration department for possible impairment. A loan is considered impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable that we will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement, including both contractual principal and interest payments.

If an individual loan is deemed to be impaired, the Credit Administration department determines the proper measure of impairment for each loan based on one of three methods: (1) the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate; (2) the loan's observable market price; or (3) the fair value of the collateral if the loan is collateral dependent. If the measurement of the impaired loan is more or less than the recorded investment in the loan, the Credit Administration department adjusts the specific allowance associated with that individual loan accordingly.

If a substandard or doubtful loan is not considered individually for impairment, it is grouped with other loans that possess common characteristics for impairment evaluation and analysis. This segmentation is accomplished by grouping loans of similar product types, risk characteristics and industry concentration into homogeneous pools. Historical loss ratios are analyzed and adjusted based on delinquency trends as well as the current economic, political, regulatory and interest rate environment and used to estimate the current measure of impairment.

The individual impairment measures along with the estimated loss for each homogeneous pool are consolidated into one summary document. This summary schedule along with the support documentation used to establish this schedule is presented to the Credit Committee on a quarterly basis. The Credit Committee reviews the processes and documentation presented, reviews the concentration of credit by industry and customer, lending products, activity, competition and collateral values, as well as economic conditions in general and in each of our market areas. Based on this review and discussion, the appropriate amount of ALL is estimated and any adjustments to reconcile the actual ALL with this estimate are determined. In addition, the Credit Committee considers if any changes to the methodology are needed.

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The Credit Committee also reviews and discusses delinquency trends, nonperforming asset amounts and ALL levels and ratios compared to our peer group as well as state and national statistics. Similarly, following the Credit Committee's review and approval, a review is performed by the Risk Management Committee of the Board of Directors on a quarterly basis.

In addition to the reviews by management's Credit Committee and the Board of Directors' Risk Management Committee, regulators from either the FDIC or the Pennsylvania Department of Banking perform an extensive review on an annual basis for the adequacy of the ALL and its conformity with regulatory guidelines and pronouncements. Any recommendations or enhancements from these independent parties are considered by management and the Credit Committee and implemented accordingly.

We acknowledge that this is a dynamic process and consists of factors, many of which are external and out of our control that can change often, rapidly and substantially. The adequacy of the ALL is based upon estimates using all the information previously discussed as well as current and known circumstances and events. There is no assurance that actual portfolio losses will not be substantially different than those that were estimated.

We utilize a consistent methodology each period when analyzing the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses and the related provision for loan losses. As part of the analysis as of September 30, 2013, we considered the economic conditions in our markets, such as the unemployment and bankruptcy levels as well as changes in real estate collateral values. In addition, we considered the overall trends in asset quality, specific reserves already established for criticized loans, historical loss rates and collateral valuations. As a result of this analysis, the allowance for loan losses increased \$2.7 million, or 3.6%, to \$75.9 million, or 1.32% of total loans, at September 30, 2013 from \$73.2 million, or 1.28% of total loans, at December 31, 2012. This increase is primarily attributable to two commercial real estate loans requiring additional reserves of \$2.7 million. Criticized loans, TDRs and non-accrual loans delinquent 90 days or more decreased by \$30.3 million, \$10.1 million and \$9.8 million, respectively, compared to December 31, 2012.

We also consider how the level of non-accrual loans and historical charge-offs have influenced the required amount of allowance for loan losses. Non-accrual loans of \$122.9 million or 2.1% of total loans receivable, at September 30, 2013 increased by \$2.7 million, or 2.2%, from \$120.2 million, or 2.1% of total loans receivable, at December 31, 2012. As a percentage of average loans, annualized net charge-offs decreased to 0.35% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 compared to 0.43% for the year ended December 31, 2012.

Comparison of Operating Results for the Quarters Ended September 30, 2013 and 2012

Net income for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 was \$17.6 million, or \$0.19 per diluted share, an increase of \$1.9 million, or 12.2%, from \$15.7 million, or \$0.17 per diluted share, for the same quarter last year. The increase in net income resulted from decreases in the provision for loan losses of \$1.9 million, noninterest expense of \$1.5 million and income taxes of \$766,000 and an increase in noninterest income of \$836,000. Partially offsetting these factors was a decrease in net interest income of \$3.2 million. Annualized, net income for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 represents a 6.18% and 0.88% return on average equity and return on average assets, respectively, compared to 5.37% and 0.78% for the same quarter last year. A discussion of significant changes follows.

Interest Income

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Total interest income decreased by \$6.1 million, or 7.3%, to \$77.8 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 due primarily to a decrease in the average yield earned on interest earning assets which decreased to 4.23% for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 from 4.52% for the quarter ended

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September 30, 2012. The average yield on all categories of interest earning assets decreased when compared to the prior year period, with the exception of Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh stock (FHLB) and other interest earning deposits. Additionally, the average balance of interest earning assets decreased by \$46.4 million, or 0.6%, to \$7.374 billion for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 from \$7.421 billion for the quarter ended September 30, 2012.

Interest income on loans receivable decreased \$5.3 million, or 6.9%, to \$71.5 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 compared to \$76.8 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2012. This decrease in interest income on loans receivable can be attributed to a decline in the average yield which decreased to 5.01% for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 from 5.38% for the quarter ended September 30, 2012. The continued decline in average yield is due primarily to our variable rate loans adjusting downward as re-pricing dates occur, the historically low level of market interest rates in general and continued competitive pricing pressure for new, as well as existing, credit relationships. The average balance of loans receivable remained consistent at approximately \$5.704 billion while the mix of loans receivable changed with the average balance of personal banking loans increasing by \$23.8 million and business banking loans decreasing by approximately the same amount.

Interest income on mortgage-backed securities decreased by \$828,000, or 21.0%, to \$3.1 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 from \$3.9 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2012. This decrease is the result of decreases in both the average balance and average yield. The average balance of mortgage-backed securities decreased by \$20.9 million, or 2.9%, to \$701.5 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 from \$722.4 for the quarter ended September 30, 2012 due primarily to redirecting cash flows to purchase government agency securities of shorter durations. The average yield on mortgage-backed securities decreased to 1.78% for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 from 2.18% for the quarter ended September 30, 2012. The decrease in average yield resulted primarily from the purchase of mortgage-backed securities at generally lower interest rates than the existing portfolio.

Interest income on investment securities increased by \$142,000, or 5.1%, to \$2.9 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 from \$2.8 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2012. This increase is due to an increase in the average balance of investment securities of \$194.9 million, or 55.7%, to \$545.0 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 from \$350.1 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2012. This increase resulted from utilizing existing cash and excess cash flow from mortgage-backed securities to purchase government agency securities, with an average duration of approximately 3.5 years, in an effort to maintain our net interest margin while minimizing maturity extension risk. Partially offsetting this increase was a decrease in the average yield of investment securities to 2.16% for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 from 3.20% for the quarter ended September 30, 2012. This decrease is primarily the result of higher rate municipal securities maturing or being called and being replaced by lower yielding, shorter duration government agency securities.

During the second quarter of 2012 the FHLB resumed dividend payments, which had been suspended in 2008. For the quarter ended September 30, 2013 we received dividends on FHLB stock of \$120,000 on an average balance of \$47.7 million, resulting in a yield of 1.01%, compared to dividends of \$11,000 on an average balance of \$46.8 million, resulting in a yield of 0.10% for the quarter ended September 30, 2012.

Interest income on interest-earning deposits decreased by \$111,000, or 30.5%, to \$253,000 for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 from \$364,000 for the quarter ended September 30, 2012. This decrease is due primarily to a decrease in the average balance, which was partially offset by an increase of two basis points in the average yield. The average balance of interest-earning deposits decreased by \$221.4 million, or 37.0%, to \$376.7 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 from \$598.1 million for the

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quarter ended September 30, 2012, due to the utilization of cash for the repurchase of common stock and for the purchase of investment securities.

Interest Expense

Interest expense decreased by \$2.9 million, or 16.2%, to \$15.3 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 from \$18.2 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2012. This decrease in interest expense was due to a decrease in the average cost of interest-bearing liabilities, which decreased to 1.03% from 1.20%, and a decrease in the average balance of interest-bearing liabilities. Average interest-bearing liabilities decreased by \$105.0 million, or 1.7%, to \$5.912 billion for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 from \$6.017 billion for the quarter ended September 30, 2012. The decrease in the cost of funds resulted primarily from the current level of market interest rates which enabled us to reduce the rate of interest paid on all deposit products. The decrease in average interest-bearing liabilities resulted from a reduction in average time deposits of \$256.1 million, or 12.9%, compared to last year. This decrease was partially offset by increases in the average balance of checking, savings and insured money market accounts of \$143.1 million, or 4.7%, compared to the average balance for the quarter ended September 30, 2012.

Net Interest Income

Net interest income decreased by \$3.2 million, or 4.8%, to \$62.5 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 from \$65.7 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2012. This decrease is attributable to the factors discussed above. The current level of market interest rates and competitive pricing pressure reduced the interest rates on our new loan originations and lower market rates reduced the yield on our investment purchases at a faster pace than we were able to reduce our cost of funds, resulting in compression of both our net interest spread and margin. Our net interest rate spread decreased to 3.20% for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 from 3.32% for the quarter ended September 30, 2012 and our net interest margin decreased to 3.40% for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 from 3.54% for the quarter ended September 30, 2012.

Provision for Loan Losses

The provision for loan losses decreased by \$1.9 million, or 27.8%, to \$5.0 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 from \$6.9 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2012. This decrease is due primarily to improvements in asset quality. Criticized loans decreased by \$41.5 million, or 12.1%, to \$301.8 million at September 30, 2013 from \$343.3 million at September 30, 2012. In addition, TDRs decreased \$6.9 million, or 8.0%, to \$79.4 million at September 30, 2013 from \$86.3 million at September 30, 2012.

In determining the amount of the current period provision, we considered current economic conditions, including unemployment levels and bankruptcy filings, and changes in real estate values and the impact of these factors on the quality of our loan portfolio and historical loss factors. Net charge-offs for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 were \$1.7 million compared to \$5.8 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2012. Annualized net charge-offs to average loans decreased to 0.12% for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 from 0.41% for the quarter ended September 30, 2012. We analyze the allowance for loan losses as described in the section entitled Allowance for Loan Losses. The provision that is recorded is sufficient, in our judgment, to bring this reserve to a level that reflects the losses inherent in our loan portfolio relative to loan mix, economic conditions and historical loss experience.

Noninterest Income

Noninterest income increased by \$836,000, or 5.5%, to \$16.1 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 from \$15.3 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2012. The increase is primarily attributable to a decrease in loss on real estate owned and increases in insurance commission

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income and trust and other financial services income. Loss on real estate owned decreased by \$1.1 million, or 90.6%, to \$111,000 for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 from \$1.2 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2012. This decrease was due to required write-downs taken during the quarter ended September 30, 2012, primarily as a result of updated appraisals. Insurance commission income increased by \$539,000, or 36.4%, to \$2.0 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 from \$1.5 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2012 as a result of our acquisition of the Bert Company on December 31, 2012. Trust and other financial services income increased by \$258,000, or 12.2% to \$2.4 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 from \$2.1 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2012 as a result of increases in assets under management. Partially offsetting these factors was a decrease in mortgage banking income. Mortgage banking income decreased by \$1.3 million, or 86.3%, to \$203,000 for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 from \$1.5 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2012. This decrease resulted from fewer sales of residential mortgage loans to the secondary market during the current quarter compared to the same period last year.

Noninterest Expense

Noninterest expense decreased by \$1.5 million, or 2.9%, to \$50.3 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 from \$51.8 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2012. This decrease is primarily the result of decreases in marketing expenses, professional services and compensation and employee benefits. Marketing expenses decreased by \$798,000, or 43.6%, to \$1.0 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 from \$1.8 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2012. This decrease is primarily the result of the timing of various campaigns. Professional services decreased by \$608,000, or 31.4%, to \$1.3 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 from \$1.9 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2012, due primarily to consulting projects completed in 2012. Compensation and employee benefits decreased by \$542,000, or 1.9% to \$27.6 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 from \$28.2 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2012, due primarily to cost saving measures within our employee benefits package. These decreases were partially offset by increases in office operations and other expense. Office operations increased by \$356,000, or 11.3%, to \$3.5 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 from \$3.1 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2012, due primarily to increased collections costs. Other expense increased by \$242,000, or 9.6%, to \$2.8 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 from \$2.5 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2012. This increase was due to an increase in contributions made to organizations that qualify for Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit program for which we receive state income tax credits.

Income Taxes

The provision for income taxes for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 decreased by \$766,000, or 11.8%, to \$5.8 million, compared to the same period last year. This decrease in income tax expense is primarily a result of the capture of additional Pennsylvania tax credits relating to certain charitable contributions. Partially offsetting the tax credits was an increase in income before income taxes of \$1.1 million, or 5.1%. Our effective tax rate for the quarter ended June 30, 2013 was 24.6% compared to 29.4% for the prior year period. We anticipate our effective tax rate to be approximately 28.5% for the year.

Comparison of operating results for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012

Net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 was \$46.4 million, or \$0.51 per diluted share, a decrease of \$859,000, or 1.8%, from \$47.2 million, or \$0.50 per diluted share, for the same period last year. The decrease in net income resulted from a decrease in net interest income of \$6.8 million. This decrease was partially offset by an increase in noninterest income of \$1.7 million and decreases in income tax expense of \$3.1 million, the provision for loan losses of \$610,000 and noninterest expense of \$491,000. Annualized, net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 represents a 5.47% and 0.78% return on average equity and return on average assets, respectively, compared

to 5.42% and 0.79% for the same period last year. A discussion of significant changes follows.

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Interest Income

Total interest income decreased by \$18.5 million, or 7.3%, to \$236.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from \$254.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, due to both a decrease in the average yield earned on interest earning assets and a decrease in the average balance of interest earning assets. The average yield on interest earning assets decreased to 4.28% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from 4.59% for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. The average yield on all categories of interest earning assets decreased compared to the same period last year with the exception of interest-earning deposits and dividends on FHLB stock. Average interest earning assets decreased by \$42.2 million, or 0.6%, to \$7.365 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from \$7.407 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2012.

Interest income on loans receivable decreased by \$15.5 million, or 6.7%, to \$216.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from \$231.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. The average yield on loans receivable decreased to 5.10% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from 5.48% for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. The decrease in average yield is primarily attributable to the interest rates on variable rate loans adjusting downward, as well as the origination of new loans in a lower interest rate and highly competitive environment. This decrease was partially offset by an increase in the average balance of loans receivable of \$18.6 million, or 0.3%, to \$5.656 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from \$5.637 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. This increase is primarily attributable to our continued emphasis on deploying excess liquidity by increasing our loan portfolio.

Interest income on mortgage-backed securities decreased by \$3.1 million, or 24.4%, to \$9.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from \$13.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. This decrease is the result of decreases in both the average balance and average yield. The average balance of mortgage-backed securities decreased by \$25.8 million, or 3.5%, to \$717.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from \$743.6 for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 due primarily to redirecting cash flows to purchase government agency securities with shorter durations. The average yield on mortgage-backed securities decreased to 1.83% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from 2.34% for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. The decrease in average yield resulted from the purchase and re-pricing of mortgage-backed securities during this period of historically low market interest rates.

Interest income on investment securities increased by \$466,000, or 5.4%, to \$9.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from \$8.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. This increase was the result of an increase in the average balance of investment securities of \$181.0 million, or 54.0%, to \$515.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from \$334.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, due to deploying excess cash flow to minimize net interest margin compression while minimizing duration. Partially offsetting this increase was a decrease in the average yield which decreased to 2.34% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from 3.41% for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, as a result of higher rate municipal bonds maturing or being called and replaced with lower yielding government agency securities.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2013 we received dividends on FHLB stock of \$191,000 on an average balance of \$47.5 million, resulting in a yield of 0.54%, compared to dividends of \$36,000 on an average balance of \$47.3 million, resulting in a yield of 0.10% for the nine months ended September 30, 2012.

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Interest income on interest-earning deposits decreased by \$373,000, or 30.6%, to \$844,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from \$1.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. This decrease is due primarily to the average balance decreasing by \$216.2 million, or 33.5%, to \$428.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from \$644.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. The average balance decreased due to the purchase of investment securities, funding loan growth and the net outflow of deposits. The average yield on interest-earning deposits increased slightly to 0.26% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from 0.25% for the same period in the prior year.

Interest Expense

Interest expense decreased by \$11.8 million, or 20.3%, to \$46.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from \$58.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. This decrease in interest expense was due to a decrease in the average cost of interest-bearing liabilities of 0.25%, to 1.04% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from 1.29% for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. In addition, the average balance of interest-bearing liabilities decreased \$93.0 million, or 1.5%, to \$5.937 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from \$6.030 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. The decrease in the cost of funds was due primarily to a decrease in the level of market interest rates resulting in a decrease in the rates on all deposit products. The decrease in interest-bearing liabilities is the result of a decrease in the average balance of time deposits of \$313.5 million, or 14.9%, as we believe consumers prefer liquid deposit accounts in this historically low interest rate environment.

Net Interest Income

Net interest income decreased by \$6.8 million, or 3.4%, to \$189.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from \$196.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. This decrease in net interest income was attributable to the factors discussed above. Our net interest rate spread decreased to 3.24% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from 3.30% for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, and our net interest margin decreased to 3.44% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from 3.54% for the nine months ended September 30, 2012.

Provision for Loan Losses

The provision for loan losses decreased by \$610,000, or 3.4%, to \$17.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from \$18.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. This decrease is due primarily to a decrease in total loan delinquency of \$36.8 million, or 28.1%, to \$94.0 million at September 30, 2013 from \$130.8 million at September 30, 2012. Additionally, classified loans decreased \$5.4 million, or 2.2%, to \$245.4 million at September 30, 2013 from \$250.8 at December 31, 2012. Partially offsetting these factors were four commercial real estate loans and one commercial loan that were downgraded during the nine months ended September 30, 2013 resulting in a provision of \$3.5 million not previously reserved.

In determining the amount of the current period provision, we considered economic conditions, including unemployment levels, bankruptcy filings and changes in real estate values and the impact of these factors on the quality of our loan portfolio and historical loss factors. We also considered net charge-offs which for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 were \$14.9 million, compared to \$18.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. Annualized net charge-offs to average loans was 0.35% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013

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compared to 0.43% for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. We analyze the allowance for loan losses as described in the section entitled Allowance for Loan Losses. The provision that is recorded is sufficient, in our judgment, to bring this reserve to a level that reflects the losses inherent in our loan portfolio relative to loan mix, economic conditions and historical loss experience.

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Noninterest Income

Noninterest income increased by \$1.7 million, or 3.8%, to \$45.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from \$44.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, due primarily to increases in insurance commission income, trust and other financial services income and a decrease in net impairment losses. Insurance commission income increased by \$1.7 million, or 35.5%, to \$6.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from \$4.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 due to the acquisition of the Bert Company on December 31, 2012. Trust and other financial services income increased by \$591,000, or 9.4% to \$6.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from \$6.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. This increase is the result of our efforts to grow nontraditional revenue streams to help offset decreasing net interest margins. Net impairment losses decreased by \$331,000, as there was no impairment losses in our investment securities portfolio during the nine months ended September 30, 2013. Partially offsetting these improvements was a decrease in mortgage banking income of \$1.4 million, or 50.2%, to \$1.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from \$2.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, which is the result of our decision to hold most of the residential mortgage loans originated in 2013 in an effort to keep portfolio balances flat.

Noninterest Expense

Noninterest expense decreased by \$491,000, or 0.3%, to \$154.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from \$155.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. This decrease is primarily attributable to decreases in marketing expenses, professional services and real estate owned expense. Marketing expense decreased by \$2.7 million, or 34.7%, to \$5.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from \$7.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, due primarily to our decision to postpone a campaign scheduled for this year until 2014. Professional services decreased by \$913,000, or 17.8%, to \$4.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from \$5.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, due primarily to reduced internal audit expenses and consulting services during 2012. Real estate owned expense decreased by \$263,000, or 12.3%, to \$1.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from \$2.1 million last year. This decrease is primarily the result of more aggressively marketing foreclosed properties, which has decreased by \$6.0 during the year. Partially offsetting these decreases was an increase in office operations of \$826,000, or 8.4%, to \$10.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from \$9.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, due primarily to increased collections costs. Additionally, premises and occupancy costs increased by \$801,000, or 4.8%, to \$17.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 from \$16.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, due primarily to increased snow removal costs in the first quarter and increased depreciation expense.

Income Taxes

The provision for income taxes for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 decreased by \$3.1 million, or 15.2%, to \$17.2 million from \$20.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. This decrease in income tax expense is primarily a result of a decrease in income before income taxes of \$3.9 million, or 5.8% and an increase in Pennsylvania tax credits which relate to educational contributions. Our effective tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 was 27.1% compared to 30.1% experienced in the same period last year. We anticipate our effective tax rate to be approximately 28.5% during the year.

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(Dollars in thousands)

The following table sets forth certain information relating to the Company's average balance sheet and reflects the average yield on assets and average cost of liabilities for the periods indicated. Such yields and costs are derived by dividing income or expense by the average balance of assets or liabilities, respectively, for the periods presented. Average balances are calculated using daily averages.

Assets:							
Loans receivable (a) (b) (includes FTE adjustments of \$571 and \$589, respectively)	\$	5,703,527	72,051	5.05%	5,703,380	77,360	5.43%
Investment securities (c) (includes FTE adjustments of \$1,030 and \$1,197, respectively)		545,005	3,972	2.92%	350,081	3,997	4.57%
Other interest-earning deposits		376,699	253	0.26%	598,114	364	0.24%
Total interest-earning assets (includes FTE adjustments of \$1,601 and \$1,786, respectively)		7,374,391	79,509	4.31%	7,420,777	85,673	4.62%
Noninterest earning assets (d)		553,189			625,460		
Total assets	\$	7,927,580			8,046,237		
Liabilities and shareholders' equity:							
Savings accounts	\$	1,209,726	882	0.29%	1,154,104	1,060	0.37%
Money market accounts		1,144,522	768	0.27%	1,076,799	920	0.34%
Borrowed funds (e)		864,315	6,690	3.07%	856,292	6,576	3.06%
Noninterest bearing liabilities		91,385			119,365		
Total liabilities		6,797,951			6,876,719		
Shareholders' equity		1,129,629			1,169,518		
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	7,927,580			8,046,237		

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Net interest income/ Interest rate spread	64,233	3.28%	67,453	3.42%
Net interest-earning assets/ Net interest margin	\$ 1,462,236	3.48%	1,403,611	3.64%
Ratio of interest-earning assets to interest-bearing liabilities	1.25X		1.23X	

(a) Average gross loans includes loans held as available-for-sale and loans placed on nonaccrual status.

(b) Interest income includes accretion/ amortization of deferred loan fees/ expenses, which were not material.

(c) Average balances do not include the effect of unrealized gains or losses on securities held as available-for-sale.

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(f) Annualized. Shown on a fully tax-equivalent basis (FTE). The FTE basis adjusts for the tax benefit of income on certain tax exempt loans and investments using the federal statutory rate of 35% for each period presented. We believe this measure to be the preferred industry measurement of net interest income and provides relevant comparison between taxable and non-taxable amounts. GAAP basis yields were: Loans 5.01% and 5.38%, respectively; Investment securities 2.16% and 3.20%, respectively; interest-earning assets 4.23% and 4.52%, respectively. GAAP basis net interest rate spreads were 3.20% and 3.32%, respectively; and GAAP basis net interest margins were 3.40% and 3.54%, respectively.

Table of Contents**Rate/ Volume Analysis**

(Dollars in Thousands)

The following table represents the extent to which changes in interest rates and changes in the volume of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities have affected interest income and interest expense during the periods indicated. Information is provided in each category with respect to (i) changes attributable to changes in volume (changes in volume multiplied by prior rate), (ii) changes attributable to changes in rate (changes in rate multiplied by prior volume), and (iii) net change. Changes that cannot be attributed to either rate or volume have been allocated to both rate and volume.

Quarters ended September 30, 2013 and 2012

	Rate	Volume	Net Change
Interest earning assets:			
Loans	\$ (5,311)	2	(5,309)
Mortgage-backed securities	(714)	(114)	(828)
Investment securities	(2,251)	2,226	(25)
FHLB stock	106	3	109
Other interest-earning deposits	24	(135)	(111)
Total interest-earning assets	(8,146)	1,982	(6,164)
Interest-bearing liabilities:			
Savings accounts	(229)	51	(178)
Interest-bearing demand accounts	(40)	4	(36)
Money market accounts	(210)	58	(152)
Certificate accounts	(1,654)	(1,037)	(2,691)
Borrowed funds	34	80	114
Debentures	(1)		(1)
Total interest-bearing liabilities	(2,100)	(844)	(2,944)
Net change in net interest income	\$ (6,046)	2,826	(3,220)

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Average Balance Sheet

(Dollars in thousands)

The following table sets forth certain information relating to the Company's average balance sheet and reflects the average yield on assets and average cost of liabilities for the periods indicated. Such yields and costs are derived by dividing income or expense by the average balance of assets or liabilities, respectively, for the periods presented. Average balances are calculated using daily averages.

	Nine months ended September 30,					
	2013			2012		
	Average balance	Interest	Avg. yield/cost (f)	Average balance	Interest	Avg. yield/cost (f)
Assets:						
Interest-earning assets:						
Loans receivable (a) (b) (includes FTE adjustments of \$1,686 and \$1,681, respectively)	\$ 5,655,512	218,126	5.14%	5,636,905	233,569	5.52%
Mortgage-backed securities (c)	717,785	9,862	1.83%	743,568	13,041	2.34%
Investment securities (c) (includes FTE adjustments of \$3,269 and \$3,763, respectively)	515,751	12,306	3.18%	334,799	12,334	4.91%
FHLB stock	47,545	191	0.54%	47,330	36	0.10%
Other interest-earning deposits	428,395	844	0.26%	644,602	1,217	0.25%
Total interest-earning assets (includes FTE adjustments of \$4,955 and \$5,444, respectively)	7,364,988	241,329	4.37%	7,407,204	260,197	4.68%
Noninterest earning assets (d)	575,832			611,578		
Total assets	\$ 7,940,820			8,018,782		
Liabilities and shareholders' equity:						
Interest-bearing liabilities:						
Savings accounts	\$ 1,200,106	2,676	0.30%	1,133,876	3,200	0.38%
Interest-bearing demand accounts	856,269	433	0.07%	817,474	648	0.11%
Money market accounts	1,124,572	2,258	0.27%	1,024,971	2,762	0.36%
Certificate accounts	1,791,819	17,001	1.27%	2,105,367	27,725	1.76%
Borrowed funds (e)	861,465	19,728	3.06%	845,499	19,543	3.09%
Junior subordinated debentures	103,094	4,261	5.45%	103,094	4,281	5.46%
Total interest-bearing liabilities	5,937,325	46,357	1.04%	6,030,281	58,159	1.29%
Noninterest bearing checking	776,087			714,454		
Noninterest bearing liabilities	94,651			111,584		
Total liabilities	6,808,063			6,856,319		
Shareholders' equity	1,132,757			1,162,463		
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 7,940,820			8,018,782		

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Net interest income/ Interest rate spread	194,972	3.33%	202,038	3.39%
Net interest-earning assets/ Net interest margin	\$ 1,427,663	3.53%	1,376,923	3.64%
Ratio of interest-earning assets to interest-bearing liabilities	1.24X		1.23X	

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Table of Contents**Rate/ Volume Analysis**

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Nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012

	Rate	Volume	Net Change
Interest earning assets:			
Loans	\$ (16,214)	771	(15,443)
Mortgage-backed securities	(2,727)	(452)	(3,179)
Investment securities	(4,346)	4,318	(28)
FHLB stock	154	1	155
Other interest-earning deposits	36	(409)	(373)
Total interest-earning assets	(23,097)	4,229	(18,868)
Interest-bearing liabilities:			
Savings accounts	(669)	145	(524)
Interest-bearing demand accounts	(246)	31	(215)
Money market accounts	(772)	268	(504)
Certificate accounts	(6,724)	(4,000)	(10,724)
Borrowed funds	(163)	348	185
Debentures	(20)		(20)
Total interest-bearing liabilities	(8,594)	(3,208)	(11,802)
Net change in net interest income	\$ (14,503)	7,437	(7,066)

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

As the holding company for a savings bank, one of our primary market risks is interest rate risk. Interest rate risk is the sensitivity of net interest income to variations in interest rates over a specified time period. The sensitivity results from differences in the time periods in which interest rate sensitive assets and liabilities mature or re-price. We attempt to control interest rate risk by matching, within acceptable limits, the re-pricing periods of assets and liabilities. We have attempted to limit our exposure to interest sensitivity by increasing core deposits, enticing customers to extend certificates of deposit maturities, borrowing funds with fixed-rates and longer maturities and by shortening the maturities of our assets by emphasizing the origination of more short-term fixed rate loans and adjustable rate loans. We also continue to sell a portion of the long-term, fixed-rate mortgage loans that we originate. In addition, we purchase shorter term or adjustable-rate investment securities and mortgage-backed securities.

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We have an Asset/ Liability Committee consisting of several members of management which meets monthly to review market interest rates, economic conditions, the pricing of interest earning assets and interest bearing liabilities and the balance sheet structure. On a quarterly basis, this Committee also reviews the interest rate risk position and cash flow projections.

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The Board of Directors has a Risk Management Committee which meets quarterly and reviews interest rate risk and trends, our interest sensitivity position, the liquidity position and the market risk inherent in the investment portfolio.

In an effort to assess interest rate risk and market risk, we utilize a simulation model to determine the effect of immediate incremental increases and decreases in interest rates on net income and the market value of equity. Certain assumptions are made regarding loan prepayments and decay rates of savings and interest-bearing demand accounts. Because it is difficult to accurately project the market reaction of depositors and borrowers, the effect of actual changes in interest rates on these assumptions may differ from simulated results. We have established the following guidelines for assessing interest rate risk:

Net income simulation. Given a non-parallel shift of 100 basis points (bps), 200 bps and 300 bps in interest rates, the estimated net income may not decrease by more than 10%, 20% and 30%, respectively, within a one-year period.

Market value of equity simulation. The market value of equity is the present value of assets and liabilities. Given a non-parallel shift of 100 bps, 200 bps and 300 bps in interest rates, the market value of equity may not decrease by more than 15%, 30% and 35%, respectively, of total shareholders' equity.

The following table illustrates the simulated impact of a 100 bps, 200 bps or 300 bps upward or a 100 bps downward movement in interest rates on net income, return on average equity, earnings per share and market value of equity. This analysis was prepared assuming that interest-earning asset and interest-bearing liability levels at September 30, 2013 remain constant. The impact of the rate movements was computed by simulating the effect of an immediate and sustained shift in interest rates over a twelve-month period from September 30, 2013 levels.

Non-parallel shift in interest rates over the next 12 months	100 bps	Increase 200 bps	300 bps	Decrease 100 bps
Projected percentage increase/ (decrease) in net income	3.1%	7.2%	8.7%	(8.1)%
Projected increase/ (decrease) in return on average equity	2.9%	7.0%	8.4%	(8.0)%
Projected increase/ (decrease) in earnings per share	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.06	\$ (0.05)
Projected percentage increase/ (decrease) in market value of equity	(3.7)%	(13.1)%	(20.0)%	(3.0)%

The figures included in the table above represent projections that were computed based upon certain assumptions including prepayment rates and decay rates. These assumptions are inherently uncertain and, as a result, cannot precisely predict the impact of changes in interest rates. Actual results may differ significantly due to timing, magnitude and frequency of interest rate changes and changes in market conditions.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Under the supervision of and with the participation of management, including the Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, we evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of its disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the

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Exchange Act) as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report (the Evaluation Date). Based upon that evaluation, the Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer concluded that, as of the Evaluation Date, these disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

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There were no changes in the internal controls over financial reporting during the period covered by this report or in other factors that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect the internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

We are subject to a number of asserted and unasserted claims encountered in the normal course of business. We believe that any additional liability, other than that which has already been accrued, that may result from such potential litigation will not have a material adverse effect on the financial statements. However, we cannot presently determine whether or not any claims against us will have a material adverse effect on our results of operations in any future reporting period. See note 12.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

There are no material changes to the risk factors as previously discussed in Item 1A, to Part I of our 2012 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

a.) Not applicable.

b.) Not applicable.

c.) The following table discloses information regarding the repurchase of shares of common stock during the quarter ending September 30, 2013:

Month	Number of shares purchased	Average price paid per share	Total number of shares purchased as part of a publicly announced repurchase plan (1)	Maximum number of shares yet to be purchased under the plan (1)
July		\$		1,049,189
August				1,049,189
September				1,049,189

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\$

Month	Number of shares purchased	Average price paid per share	Total number of shares purchased as part of a publicly announced repurchase plan (2)	Maximum number of shares yet to be purchased under the plan (2)
July		\$		5,000,000
August				5,000,000
September		\$		5,000,000

(1) Reflects the program for 4,750,000 shares announced September 26, 2011.

(2) Reflects the program for 5,000,000 shares announced December 13, 2012.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

Not applicable.

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Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

Item 5. Other Information

Not applicable.

Item 6. Exhibits

- 31.1 Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-15 or 15d-15 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 31.2 Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-15 or 15d-15 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.1 Certification of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

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Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

NORTHWEST BANCSHARES, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: November 8, 2013

By: /s/ William J. Wagner
William J. Wagner
President and Chief Executive Officer
(Duly Authorized Officer)

Date: November 8, 2013

By: /s/ Gerald J. Ritzert
Gerald J. Ritzert
Controller
(Principal Accounting Officer of the Registrant)