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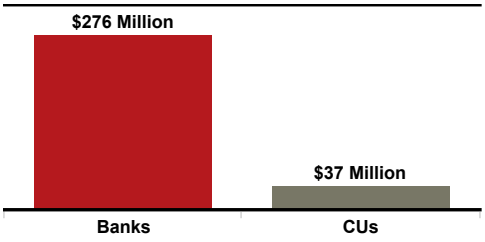
South Carolina Median Asset Size By Institution Mid-Year 2015



South Carolina Credit Unions

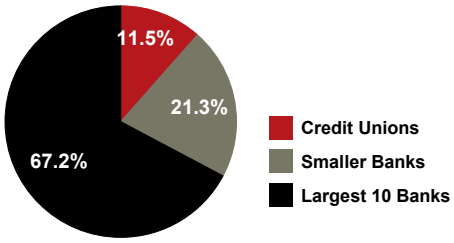
Number of credit unions headquarterd in the state: 69
Estimated number of credit union memberships in the state: 1,040,208
Memberships in credit unions headquartered in the state: 1,435,766

A small but significant presence in the community

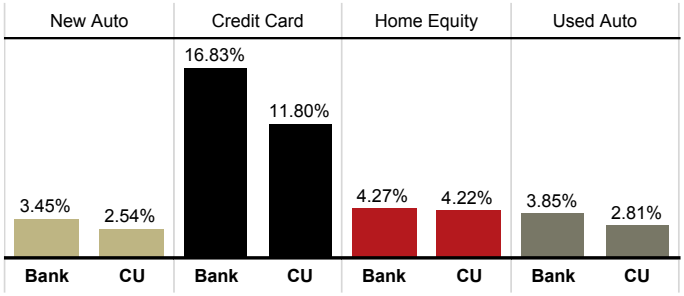
Credit unions represent a growing, but small segment of the state's financial sector. Banks control 88.5% of deposits in South Carolina. Big banks have aggressively expanded market share in the state and represent the biggest competitive challenge to the state's small institutions.

Out-of-state banks control 65.0% of total bank deposits in the state - a share that has increased by 12.6 percentage points over the past two decades.

South Carolina Mid-Year 2015 Market Share of Deposits



South Carolina Average Interest Rates



A better deal for consumers

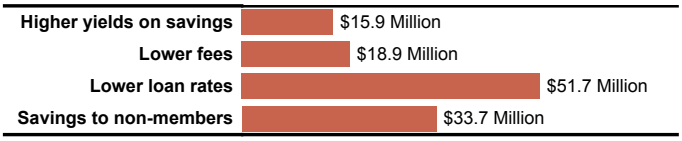
The lower credit union average new car loan rate shown in the graph results in a savings of $604 over the life of a 5-year car loan (assuming an average $30,000 amount financed).

A structural difference that produces big benefits

Credit unions are not-for-profit financial cooperatives and, unlike banks, have no shareholders demanding a market return on their investment. This structural difference allows credit unions to pass profits on to their member-depositors in the form of lower loan interest rates, higher yields on savings and fewer/lower fees.

2015 South Carolina Credit Union Financial Benefits

Benefits arise from Credit Unions providing:



Total Member Benefits $86 Million

Source: Census, NCUA, FDIC, Informa Research Services Inc. and CUNA's Economics and Statistics Department.