

# South Carolina Credit Unions: The Real Story

Tax-paying South Carolina banks compete head to head with tax-exempt credit unions. Although they portray themselves as mom and pop shops for people of modest means, today credit unions are a \$2.3 trillion industry, with many indistinguishable from banks. The BIG difference—they don't pay federal income taxes, depriving the U.S. Treasury of nearly \$3.25 billion every year.

## Who Pays the Taxes?

### Taxes Paid in 2023

**SC Credit Unions**  
\$0

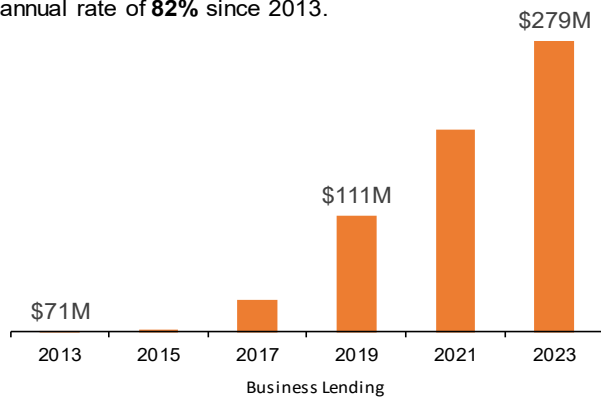
**SC Banks\***  
\$116,302,000

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

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

## Indistinguishable from Banks

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

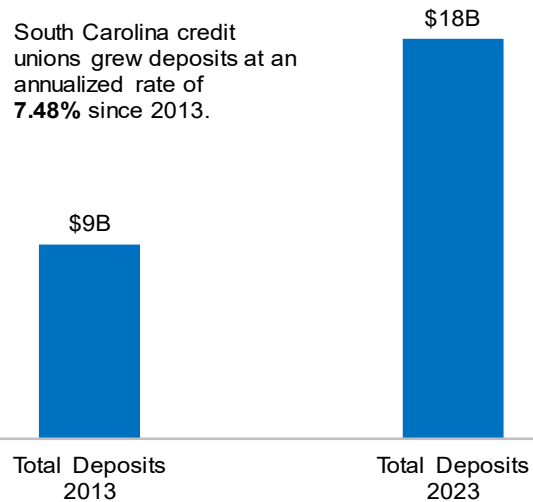


## Larger than Most South Carolina Banks

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

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

South Carolina credit unions grew deposits at an annualized rate of **7.48%** since 2013.



## Large Credit Union Auto Lenders

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

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