

Arkansas Credit Unions: The Real Story

Tax-paying Arkansas 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 \$2.2 trillion industry, with many indistinguishable from banks. The BIG difference—they don't pay federal income taxes, depriving the U.S. Treasury of nearly \$3.1 billion every year.

Who Pays the Taxes?

Taxes Paid in 2022

AR Credit Unions
\$0

AR Banks*
\$462,855,000

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

Arkansas Federal Credit Union would have paid **\$6.1 million in taxes** during 2022, had it paid its fair share.

Indistinguishable from Banks

Seven of the top ten Arkansas-headquartered auto lenders are credit unions.

Institution	Auto Loans (\$000)
Arkansas FCU	1,027,555
Arvest Bank	813,713
Success FCU	66,547
Simmons Bank	51,974
Mil-Way FCU	50,575
Telcoe FCU	45,455
Arkansas Best FCU	39,064
The Peoples Bank	34,565
UARK FCU	32,997
Arkansas Superior FCU	31,936

Larger than Most Arkansas Banks

Arkansas Federal Credit Union, with **\$2.2 billion in assets**, is the largest credit union in Arkansas, **larger than 87%** of Arkansas-headquartered banks.

No "Common Bond" Among Members

Northeast Arkansas Federal Credit Union is among the largest Arkansas-headquartered depository institutions in its market.

It has an **ever-expanding field of membership** including over 350 select employee groups with little in common.

Arkansas Credit Unions Leverage Their Tax Exemption to Grow Deposits

Arkansas credit unions grew deposits at an annualized rate of **6.6%** since 2012.

