Idaho Credit Unions: The Real Story

Tax-paying Idaho 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 2024

ID Credit Unions

\$0

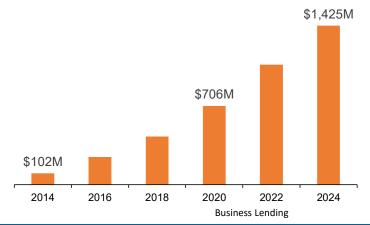
ID Banks \$42,562,000

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

Idaho Central Credit Union would have paid \$23.8 million in taxes during 2024, had it paid its fair share.

Indistinguishable from Banks

Idaho Central Credit Union used its tax advantage to aggressively expand its business lending at an annual rate of 30% since 2014.



Large Credit Union Auto Lenders

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

Institution	Auto Loans (\$000)
Idaho Central Credit Union	3,319,931
Potlatch No.1 Financial Credit Union	746,313
Westmark Credit Union	484,449
Capital Educators Federal Credit Union	434,597
Pioneer Federal Credit Union	242,586

Idaho Central Credit Union, with \$12.1 billion in assets, is the largest credit union in Idaho, larger than 100% of Idaho headquartered banks.

Idaho Credit Unions Leverage Their Tax Exemption to Grow Deposits

