Kansas Credit Unions: The Real Story

Tax-paying Kansas 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

KS Credit Unions

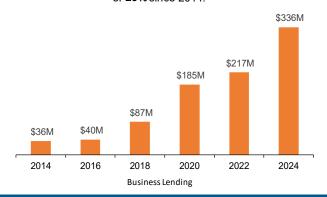
KS Banks \$173,106,000

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

CommunityAmerica Credit Union would have paid \$7.5 million in taxes during 2024, had it paid its fair share.

Indistinguishable from Banks

CommunityAmerica Credit Union used its tax advantage to aggressively expand its business lending at an annual rate of 25% since 2014.



Large Credit Union Auto Lenders

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

Institution	Auto Loans (\$000)
CommunityAmerica Credit Union	911,464
Golden Plains Credit Union	721,028
Meritrust Federal Credit Union	694,567
Credit Union of America	689,232
Azura Credit Union	373,976

CommunityAmerica Credit Union, with \$5.1 billion in assets, is the largest credit union in Kansas, larger than 98% of Kansas headquartered banks.

Kansas Credit Unions Leverage Their Tax Exemption to Grow Deposits

