# **Ohio Credit Unions: The Real Story**

Tax-paying Ohio 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

**OH Credit Unions** 

**OH Banks** \$16,878,998,000

Wright-Patt Credit Union would have paid \$12.1 million in taxes during 2024, had it paid its fair share.

# **Indistinguishable from Banks**

Wright-Patt Credit Union, Inc. used its tax advantage to aggressively expand its business lending at an annual rate of 31% since 2014.



#### **Common Membership Bond?**

## **Desco Federal Credit Union**

has a field of membership of two counties in Ohio, two counties in West Virginia, and one county in Kentucky with no common bond whatsoever.

Wright-Patt Credit Union, with \$9.1 billion in assets, is the largest credit union in Ohio, larger than 95% of Ohio headquartered banks.

# **Ohio Credit Unions Leverage** Their Tax Exemption to Grow Deposits

