



Vermont Credit Unions: The Real Story

Tax-paying Vermont 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 New England Federal Credit Union would have **VT Banks* VT Credit Unions** paid \$2.9 million in taxes during \$10.771.000 \$0 2022, had it paid its fair share. Indistinguishable from Banks **Larger than All Vermont Banks** Vermont Federal Credit Union used its New England Federal Credit Union, with tax advantage to aggressively expand \$2.0 billion in assets, is the largest credit its business lending at an annual rate of union in Vermont, larger than all 11% since 2012. \$84M Vermont-headquartered banks. Vermont Credit Unions Leverage Their \$50M **Tax Exemption to Grow Deposits** \$5.8 Billion Vermont credit unions \$29M grew deposits at an annualized rate of 7.6% since 2012. 2012 2014 2016 2018 2020 2022 **Large Auto Ioan Credit Unions** Heritage Family Federal Credit Union is \$2.9 Billion the largest lender in auto loans in its market. Institution Auto Loans (\$000) Heritage Family FCU 124,638 **New England FCU** 118,798 **North Country FCU** 189.318 **Vermont FCU** 90,658 2012 2022 **Vermont State Employees CU** 81.579