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Welcome!

Grey House Publishing and Weiss Ratings are proud to announce the third edition of *Financial Literacy Basics*. Each volume in this series provides readers with easy-to-understand guidance on how to manage their finances. Designed for those who are just starting out and for those who may need help handling their finances, volumes in this series outline, step-by-step, how to make the most of your money, which pitfalls to avoid, and what to watch out for, and give you the necessary tools to make sure you are fully equipped to manage your finances.

Volumes in this series take the guesswork out of financial planning—how to manage a checking account, how to stick to a budget, how to pay back student loans quickly—information necessary to get started on your financial future. Each volume is devoted to a specific topic. Combined, they provide you with a full range of helpful information on how to best manage your money. Individual volumes are:

- How to Make and Stick to a Budget
- How to Manage Debt
- Starting a **401(k)**
- Understanding **Health Insurance** Plans
- Renting an Apartment & Understanding Renters Insurance
- Understanding the Cost of College, Student Loans & How to Pay Them Back
- Buying a Car & Understanding Auto Insurance
- What to Know About Checking Accounts

Filled with valuable information alongside helpful worksheets and planners, these volumes are designed to point you in the right direction toward a solid financial future, and give you helpful guidance along the way.

Financial Literacy Basics: What to Know About Checking Accounts



Checking Accounts

If you were like most children, you were probably

introduced to the idea of managing money at a young age by a very simple concept: the piggy bank. It was a good place to keep the few dollars you received as an allowance or the birthday money your grandmother gave you. If you wanted to save for a new toy, you would just put your money into your piggy bank and take it out when you needed it.

Now that you are older and possibly starting a job or going to college, a piggy bank just won't be enough to help you manage your money. For the first time in your life, you may have your own bills to pay. You may need to buy gas for your car and food at a grocery store. You may want cash to go on a date. You now need a safe, reliable place to keep your money. You need a checking account.

A checking account is a type of bank account that allows you to easily access your funds while keeping your money safe. It is like a storehouse for

your money that you can draw from to pay bills and buy items. When you receive an amount of money, such as a weekly paycheck, you deposit it into your checking account. The amount of money in your checking account is called the **balance**.

You can access the money in your checking account using a paper check or a debit card to withdraw or transfer funds electronically. Your bank may offer several kinds of checking accounts. The one you choose depends on your financial needs. It is your responsibility to keep track of the money in the account and the amount you spend. If you write out a check worth more than your balance, your bank may send the check back to the person or business you gave it to.



A checking account within a bank is a safe place to store your money.



This is called "bouncing a check" and usually results in the bank charging you extra fees.



Benefits of Having a Checking Account

A checking account gives you a safe place to keep your money, which is an obvious benefit. Most people do not like to carry around large amounts of cash because of the danger that it can be lost or stolen. A checking account gives you a place to store your money and allows you to use it when you need it.

While paper checks are still widely used, most banks also issue a debit card that you can use to access your funds. These are also known as check cards and act just like a paper check, except without the hassle of having to write one out. If you open a checking account and receive a debit card, you will be able to access your money at automated teller machines (ATMs). These are often conveniently located and easy to use. Be aware that many ATMs charge extra fees when you use them. However, when you use an ATM associated with your bank, there usually isn't a fee.

If you do not have a checking account, some banks may charge you

a fee to cash a check or paycheck. Stores and check-cashing businesses also take a specific amount of money from your paycheck when you cash it. These fees may be a percentage of the check amount or a standard rate, such as \$1, \$3, or \$5. Opening a checking account with a bank will allow you to cash checks at that bank without being charged a fee.



Consider these questions when choosing a bank:

Do you need a bank that's close to work or home?

Since many employers use an electronic direct deposit to transfer your paycheck into your account, the location of your bank may not be that important. Even if you receive your paycheck in paper form, many modern banks give you the option to deposit your money by taking a picture of your check and submitting it online or through your mobile phone. If you do not have access to these services or need to make frequent cash deposits, then you may want to choose a bank conveniently located near your work or home.

How many checks do you write a month?

Some banks charge a fee if you write more than a certain number of checks per month. If you need to write a large number of checks per month, then look for a bank that does not charge a fee. Because banks are competing for your business, many offer checking accounts that do not charge this type of fee. And even some banks that do will waive the extra charge if you have your paycheck direct deposited into your account.

What is the fee for bounced checks?

If you write a check and there is not enough money in your account to cover the amount of the check, it may be returned to the person or place you gave it to. Banks refer to this as nonsufficient funds (NSF), but most people call it "bouncing a check." If this happens, banks will charge you a fee for each check that bounces. These fees vary by bank, and some may be subject to state laws. Fees often range from between \$25 to \$35. In addition, many businesses will also charge you a fee for each returned check. These charges are regulated by state laws and typically range from \$20 to \$40.

What is the fee for deposited checks that bounce?

If you deposit a check from someone else into your account and that check bounces, your bank may also charge you a fee. This fee is not as high as if you wrote the bad check yourself but can still range from about \$12 to \$19.

What type of overdraft protection does the bank have?

Most banks offer you the option of signing up for overdraft protection. This means the bank will cover the cost of any bounced checks or debit card charges that are more than your account balance. In return, the bank will not send the check back to the person you wrote it to or the transaction back to the business where you made the purchase. The catch is, your bank will usually charge you an overdraft fee for transactions that result in nonsufficient funds. While overdraft protection policies vary by bank, federal law says that you must request the service to be eligible for it. Banks will not sign you up for overdraft protection without your consent. Typically, most banks will cover NSF by charging a fee to your account. This fee can range from \$15 to \$40, with an average fee of about \$34. Some banks limit the number of fees that can be charged per day, while others have no limits. Some banks do not offer this service at all, and simply reject any transaction that

exceeds the balance in a checking account.

Other banks may allow you to link your checking account to a savings account or credit card. If you go over your account balance, your bank will take the overdraft from these linked accounts. They may also charge a fee for this service but at about \$10 to \$12, it is much less than standard overdraft fees.



Most people today utilize online banking to pay bills and transfer money between accounts.

Will you have online account access?

Almost all traditional brick-and-mortar banks offer some form of online access to your checking account. Many offer services that let you pay your bills or transfer money online. In most cases, these services are free, but check to see if a bank charges a fee before making a decision. Some banks prefer that you do your business online and may charge a monthly fee if you make a transaction in person. A growing number of online-only banks offer traditional bank services with more user-friendly fees. They can do this because they do not have to cover the cost of operating branch offices.



SAMPLE OVERDRAFT FEES

Bank	Overdraft Fee per Item	Maximum Fees per Day	Total Possible Cost in a Day
Alliant Credit Union	\$28	Unlimited	No limit
Ally Bank	\$25	1	\$25
Associated Bank	\$35	4	\$140
Bank of America	\$35	4	\$140
BB&T	\$36	6	\$216
BBVA	\$38 (\$32 in Calif.)	6	\$228 (\$192)
BMO Harris Bank	\$36	4	\$144
Capital One 360	\$0 transfer fee from linked account	N/A	N/A
Chase	\$34	3	\$102
Charles Schwab	\$0 transfer fee from an overdraft source	N/A	N/A
Chime	No overdraft program or fees	N/A	N/A
Citibank	\$34	4	\$136
Citizens Bank	\$35	7	\$245
Comerica	Up to \$38	5	Up to \$190
Connexus Credit Union	\$29.95	No maximum	No limit
Consumers Credit Union	\$30	No maximum	No limit
Discover Bank	\$0	N/A	N/A
Fifth Third Bank	\$37	5	\$185
HSBC Bank	\$35	3	\$105
KeyBank	\$39	5	\$195
M&T Bank	\$38.50	5	\$192.50
Navy Federal Credit Union	\$20	3	\$60
PNC Bank	\$36	4	\$144
Regions Bank	\$36	6	\$216
Santander Bank	\$35	6	\$210
Simple	No overdraft program or fees	N/A	N/A
SunTrust	\$36	6	\$216
TD Bank	\$35	5	\$175
TIAA Bank	\$0 transfer fee from a linked account	N/A	N/A
Union Bank	\$33	5	\$165
USAA	\$25	2	\$50
U.S. Bank	\$36	4	\$144
Wells Fargo	\$35	3	\$105

Source: https://www.nerdwallet.com/blog/banking/overdraft-fees-what-banks-charge/





Types of Checking Accounts

There are many different types of checking accounts and

these vary from bank to bank. In most cases, banks offer a variety of checking accounts, each designed to fit the need of a particular customer. Before making a decision, ask yourself how you plan to use the account. Do you need it for day-to-day expenses or to pay an occasional bill? You can also ask a bank representative to help you choose the type of account that is right for you.

Basic Checking Account

This type of checking account is useful for people who do not make many transactions. Banks may charge a monthly maintenance fee for basic checking. However, if you keep a minimum balance in the account or have your paycheck direct deposited into the account, they may waive this fee. Many banks charge an extra fee for each paper check you write out and for each ATM withdrawal.

Free Checking Account

As the name suggests, this type of checking account does not charge monthly maintenance fees or fees per transaction. Some banks may charge a fee if your balance falls below a minimum amount. However, many

banks will omit the fee if you use direct deposit. The type of account is useful if you do not have the money to keep a minimum balance and make many transactions. Both basic and free checking do not pay you interest. Interest is a small fee the bank pays you for keeping your money in their bank. It is usually a percentage of the amount you have in the checking account.

Interest-Bearing Checking Account

These accounts almost always require you to keep a minimum balance to avoid service fees. They also require you to make a minimum deposit to open one. The amount of money you must leave in your account varies by bank, but some require you to have \$1,500 or more. Interest is paid monthly, but the rates are usually low, often 1 to 2 percent.

Joint Checking Account

This is an account owned by two or more people who have equal access to it. Most types of checking accounts can also be set up as a joint account. These accounts are most often used by a husband and wife who share household expenses. They can also be set up between a parent and a teenager or an older parent and an adult child. In that way, the parent or adult child can keep an eye on the account's activity.

Express Checking Account

This is a relatively modern type of account that is made for people who prefer to bank online, by phone, or through ATMs. With this type of account, you are not usually charged a fee for writing checks or a monthly fee, and the minimum balance requirements are typically low or nonexistent. If you need to make a transaction through a bank teller, however, you will be charged a fee. These fees can be charged per-visit or by a monthly flat rate. Express accounts are popular among young people who often do not have time to go to a bank.

Lifeline Checking Account

These are bare-bones accounts designed for people with a low income. The accounts tend to have very low monthly fees, ranging from free to \$6. Minimum balance requirements, if they exist, are low, and users are limited in the number of checks they can write per month. Several states have passed laws that require banks to offer lifeline accounts. In these states—New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Minnesota, Illinois, Massachusetts and Vermont—the fees and policies governing lifeline accounts are set by law and not by banks.

Student/Senior Checking Account

Banks may offer special incentives to college students or people over the age of fifty-five. These special offers may include free checks, lower interest rates, or no maintenance or ATM fees. Each bank has its own guidelines for student or senior checking, so make sure you ask which services are available.

Money-Market Checking Account

This is more of an investment account that requires a high initial deposit and higher minimum balances. To open a money-market account, you typically need to deposit \$1,000 to \$10,000 and keep your balance relatively high to avoid fees. These accounts tend to pay out larger interest rates but are not useful for people who plan to make many transactions.



How to Open a Checking Account

After you determine what

type of checking account is best for you, you need to open the account. This is relatively easy. If you are going the more traditional brick-and-mortar route, then remember to bring along two forms of government-issued proof of identification, such as your driver's license, photo ID, military ID, passport, or Social Security card. Some banks also require you to prove your address with a renter's lease or a utility bill with your name on it.

Online accounts require the same identification, but it is usually enough to just enter your information on the online application. To open an account, you also have to bring an initial deposit. This can be done in cash or with a check or an electronic fund transfer (EFT). Most banks require between \$25 and \$100 for a first deposit, although the amount may be higher for interest-bearing or money-market accounts. If you are opening an account online, you will need to deposit those funds through a credit card, a debit card, or an EFT.



Debit Cards (Check Cards)

Using a debit card is just like writing a check, except the

transaction is often immediate; it may take a day or two for a paper check to process. Most banks offer you a debit card when you open a checking account.

Debit cards may look like credit cards, but they are not the same. A debit card pulls the money directly from your checking account and only allows you to access the amount you have in the account. Debit cards won't let you make purchases on credit and do not affect your credit rating. Be aware that some businesses may charge you an extra fee to use a debit card, and some banks may limit the number of times per day you can use one.

Most debit cards also double as ATM cards and can be used to withdraw or deposit money from an ATM. Banks will often charge you a fee, however, if you use your card at an ATM not associated with your bank. Many businesses allow you to "sign" for your debit card purchases using a four-digit personal identification number, or PIN. The bank usually assigns you a PIN number when you receive your card, but you may choose to change it if you wish. If you forget your PIN number, you can usually call your bank and a new one

will be mailed to you within a few days. Choose a PIN number that is easy for you to remember, yet difficult for others to figure out. Experts suggest avoiding numbers such as 1234, 0000, and 1111. These may be easy for you to keep track of, but they are also the most common PIN numbers in use and are the first guessed by criminals who may have stolen your card.

While using a debit card may be more convenient than writing paper checks, it increases the likelihood of fraud and identity theft. Many banks offer protections if your card is lost or stolen. Some offer unlimited fraud protection and will cover any unauthorized purchases made with

SAMPLE ATM FEES

	Out-of-
Bank	Network
	ATM Fees
Bank of	\$2.50
America	\$2.50
BB&T	\$2.50
Capital One	\$2.00
Chase	\$2.50
Citibank	\$2.50
PNC Bank	\$2.50
SunTrust	\$2.50
TD Bank	\$3.00
US Bank	\$2.50
Wells Fargo	\$2.50
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the card as long as you report the incident in a timely manner. If you wait until fraudulent charges appear on your account, some banks may hold you responsible for a certain amount of the charges but will cover anything above that. If you lose your card, inform your bank immediately. Your bank will cancel your card and issue you a new one. Some banks charge a fee to replace your card.



Check Register

A check register acts as a

personal record of the activity in your checking account. While your bank may keep track of your account, your bank register allows you to keep a running tally of how much you have spent and how much money you have left.



IMPORTANT!

Keeping your bank register up to date is essential to make sure

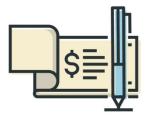
you do not bounce a check or overdraw your account.

Banks typically give you a number of paper bank registers when you open an account or order new checks. You can also get registers by downloading them online or through companies that print personalized checks.



Most check registers consist of columns for you to record the following:

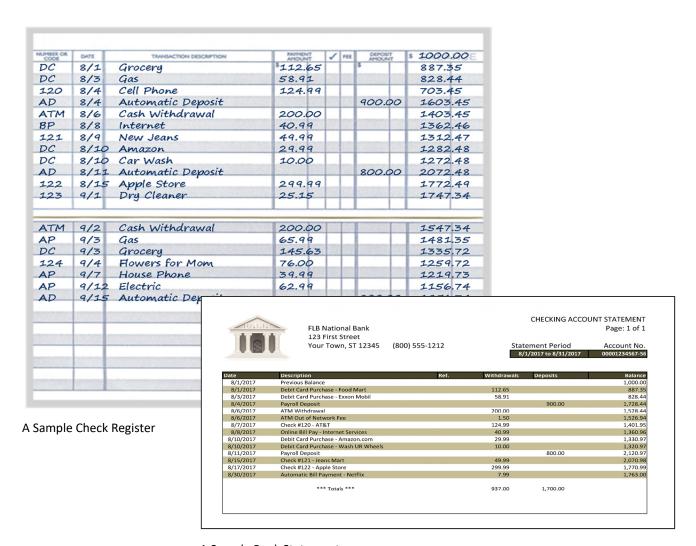
- Check or transaction number
- Date of the transaction
- Description of the transaction (for example, "phone bill" or "grocery store")
- Amount of the transaction
- Any fees that may apply
- The amount of a deposit
- Balance of the account after the transaction



How to Balance a Checking Account

If you use your checking account

to make numerous transactions, it can be difficult to keep track of your spending. Making sure your checking account is current and reflects the true status of your available funds is called balancing a checking account. This is also called reconciling a checking account.



A Sample Bank Statement

Keeping an accurate check register is the first step in this process. If you plan on using many checks, you may want to invest in duplicate checks. These cost a little more to order, but they keep a carbon copy of each check in your checkbook for your records.

A check register can help you find any mistakes you may have made, note any extra fees, and help you avoid bouncing checks or overdrawing your account. It can also help you spot possible identity theft more quickly and give you an early warning so you can notify your bank.



You should balance your checking account at least once a month.

Gather supplies

The first thing to do is gather any supplies or information you may need. The most important of these are your check register and bank statements. Many banks will mail you a statement each month, but you can also access it online. You may also want to include copies of your duplicate checks and any paystubs, store receipts, or ATM receipts you have saved. You will also

need a pen and a calculator to record your information and help with the math. If you feel more comfortable seeing your calculations, you may want to add and subtract on a piece of paper. You can also print a worksheet that can help with the task. A worksheet can be easily found online, or on page 16.

Compare your register and bank statement

The next step is to compare your check register to your bank statement.

Put a checkmark by all the items on your check register that match your bank statement. Many check registers provide a specific column for you to do this. This allows you to see the transactions that have been processed by your bank and those that are still pending.

Add the number of pending transactions on your check register and subtract that amount from your bank statement. If this number and the balance in your check register match exactly, congratulations! You have balanced your checking account.



Reexamine your information

Balancing a checking account, however, is often easier said than done. Banks and businesses sometimes charge so many fees that it may be hard to keep track of them all.

Online bill paying and electronic fund transfers may result in transactions that you are not aware of. If you take into account pending transactions and notice your check register and bank statements do not match, you should first go back and reexamine your information.

Note the items that do not have checkmarks

Look for items on your check register that do not have checkmarks and make sure you did not miss any when you added them the first time around. Check your bank statement for any ATM or overdraft fees you may have missed. If you find any, add them to your check register.

Add any electronic transfers

Finally, make sure you note any EFTs that may have occurred. These would be recorded on your bank statement, but you may not have added them to your check register. Common EFTs include direct deposits, electronic withdrawals from ATMs, or online bill payments. If you take all these elements into consideration and you still find a discrepancy in your checking account, contact your bank. They should be able to help you solve the problem.



Put a checkmark (see below) by all the items on your check register that match your bank statement.

CODE CODE	DATE	TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION	PROMENT	1	PEE	DEPOSIT	\$ 1000.00
DC	8/1	Grocery	112.65	~		\$	887.3 <i>5</i>
DC	8/3	Gas	58.91	1		100000000000000000000000000000000000000	828.44
120	8/4	Cell Phone	124.99	✓			703.45
AD	8/4	Automatic Deposit		1		900.00	1603.45
ATM	8/6	Cash Withdrawal	200.00	1			1403.45
BP	8/8	Internet	40.99	1			1362.46
121	8/9	New Jeans	49.99	1			1312.47
DC	8/10	Amazon	29.99	1			1282.48
DC	8/10	Car Wash	10.00	1			1272.48
AD	8/11	Automatic Deposit		1		800.00	2072.48
122	8/15	Apple Store	299.99	1			1772.49
123	9/1	Dry Cleaner	25.15		100		1747.34
ATM	9/2	Cash Withdrawal	200.00				1547.34
AP	9/3	Gas	65.99				1481,35
DC	9/3	Grocery	145.63				1335.72
124	9/4	Howers for Mom	76.00				1259.72
AP	9/7	House Phone	39.99	100			1219.73
AP	9/12	Electric	62.99				1156.74
AD	9/15	Automatic Deposit			355	800.00	1956.74



Check your bank statement for any ATM or overdraft fees you may have missed. If you find any (see arrows above), add them to your check register.

112.65 58.91 124.99 200.00 40.99 49.99 29.99 10.00	V V V V V V V V	900.00	887.35 828.44 703.45 1603.45 1405.45 1362.46 1312.47 1282.48 1272.48
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Take your balance at the end of the month and subtract the two fees (from previous page) that you just added to your check register.

> 1772.49 - 1.50 - 7.99 = 1763.00

This amount matches your bank statement at the end of the month, which means that your records match your bank's records exactly.

So far, so good. What about the rest items on check register? Use a **Checkbook Worksheet** to confirm the balance in your checkbook is correct.

Account No.



FLB National Bank 123 First Street

Your Town, ST 12345 (800) 555-1212

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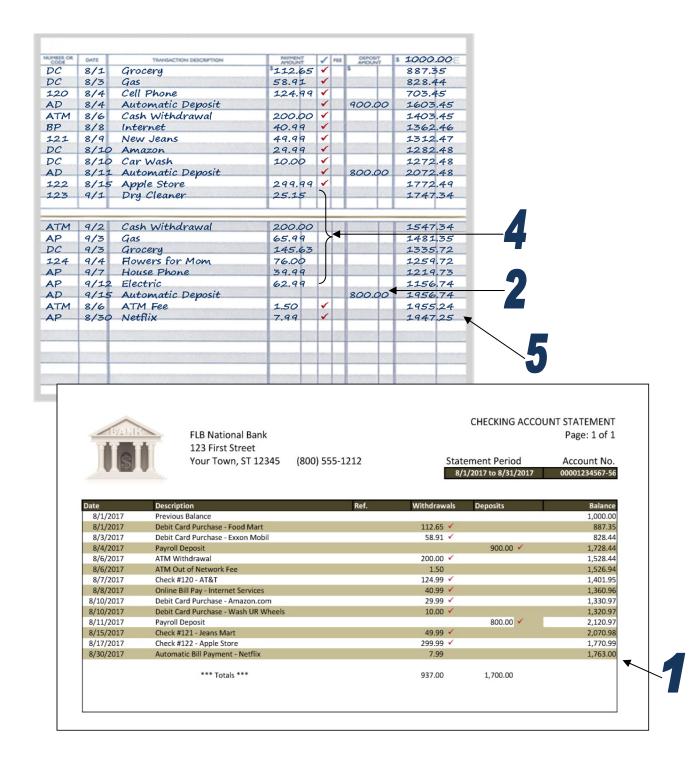
Statement Period

8/1/2017 to 8/31/2017

ate	Description	Ref.	Withdrawals	Deposits	Balance
8/1/2017	Previous Balance				1,000.00
8/1/2017	Debit Card Purchase - Food Mart		112.65 ✓		887.35
8/3/2017	Debit Card Purchase - Exxon Mobil		58.91 ✓		828.4
8/4/2017	Payroll Deposit			900.00 🗸	1,728.4
8/6/2017	ATM Withdrawal		200.00 ✓		1,528.4
8/6/2017	ATM Out of Network Fee		1.50		1,526.94
8/7/2017	Check #120 - AT&T		124.99 🗸		1,401.9
8/8/2017	Online Bill Pay - Internet Services		40.99 🗸		1,360.96
8/10/2017	Debit Card Purchase - Amazon.com		29.99 ✓		1,330.9
8/10/2017	Debit Card Purchase - Wash UR Wheels		10.00 ✓		1,320.9
8/11/2017	Payroll Deposit			800.00	2,120.97
8/15/2017	Check #121 - Jeans Mart		49.99 🗸		2,070.9
8/17/2017	Check #122 - Apple Store		299.99 ✓		1,770.99
8/30/2017	Automatic Bill Payment - Netflix		7.99		1,763.0
	*** Totals ***		937.00	1,700.00	



We'll use this checkbook and statement as an example in the Checkbook Worksheet on the next page.





SAMPLE WORKSHEET

•	posits and Additions Not Shown on `	Your	Additi	
Statement 9/15 Deposit	\$_800.00	\$		
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		\$	Ψ	
		\$ <u>800.00</u>		
	_ ¥	Ψ <u>000.00</u>		
			Total:	
			ADD STEP	1 + ST
	ce) to Step 2 (Additions)		\$	raw
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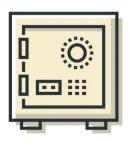
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Account-Balancing Software

If this process seems overwhelming, you may want to look into

software that can help you manage your checking account. Many companies offer such software. The simplest of these programs are free, while those designed to handle more complicated financial management can range in price from about \$10 to more than \$40. The most popular money-management software is produced by Quicken, which offers a starter edition that imports your bank information, helps you track spending, and manages your bills. Other companies offering similar software are Moneydance, Intuit QuickBooks, and Checksoft. Be aware that these services may be more advanced than your needs. For simply managing a checkbook, there are many free downloads that may work better for you.



Savings Accounts

A savings account is the simplest banking account, it is designed

to be a safe place for you to keep your extra money. You can deposit funds, keep your money safe, and withdraw money easily. Unlike checking accounts, which are designed for paying bills and keeping a monthly budget, a savings account is a better place to keep extra money.

Unlike most checking accounts, savings accounts pay interest on the money in your account, so you can earn money by keeping money in a savings account.

If you're interested in earning a higher interest rate, and have funds that you don't need to access for a while, a money market account or a Certificate of Deposit (CD) are good options.



Joint Accounts

A joint bank or checking account is an account that can be accessed equally

by two or more people. A joint bank or checking account can be a quick and easy solution when you share finances with another person.

These joint accounts are also useful for parents who want to monitor their teenager's bank account, or for individuals who are helping their aging parents keep track of their finances.

They can be useful for couples too, but be aware of the risks before opening a joint account. Experts say that if you are not married, you may want to avoid opening a joint checking account with your partner. Since both people have equal access to these funds, there's nothing preventing one person from overspending and drawing down the account. In addition, if one person doesn't pay their debts, creditors can pursue money in the joint account.

If you do open a joint account, you can minimize your risk by using that account only for paying shared bills. Each partner keeps their own separate bank account for the rest of their money and personal expenses.



Online Banking

Online banking offers you the ability to manage your money from anywhere. You

can check balances, transfer money between accounts, pay bills, set up automatic bill pay and more. And, if you have an existing bank account, chances are good that your bank offers options for online banking.

In order to start using online banking, you'll need to create an online account. Visit your bank's website or download their app for directions on how to set up an account. Once your account is set up, you can log in with your username and password to start using your online account.

- You can deposit checks with mobile deposit, where you take a picture of your check and post that picture through your bank's mobile app to deposit the money into your account.
- You can also sign up for direct deposit through your employer to have your paycheck deposited right into your bank account, without having to cash a physical check.
- You can pay bills online and you can also set up automatic bill pay through your bank's website or app to avoid late payments and possible late fees.
- You can transfer funds from one account to another quickly and easily.
- Researching previous payments are easy, since you can search your payment history online to find out how much you paid to a specific account and when.
- Online banking is a good way
 to make your banking
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 receive a monthly statement in
 the mail, you'll receive an alert
 that your statement is ready to
 view online. Going paperless is
 a good way to protect your
 identity and your financial
 documents.



- You can easily find out your account balance online, so you know how much money is in your account. But, keep in mind that some payments, like those paid with a paper check or a debit card, can take a few days to be withdrawn from your account. Keeping a running log of the funds you've withdrawn from your account will tell you what your balance is at any given time.
- Experts say that online banking is more secure, since you don't have to worry about mail theft and forged checks. But, make sure you keep your banking information, like your account numbers and logins, safe and secure. Don't share your username and password and make sure that you don't log in to your bank account online from an unsecure location, like a public wifi or hotspot. Use strong passwords.



Online-Only Banks

Once you're familiar with online banking, you may want to

consider an online-only bank.
Because these banks don't have physical branches, they can offer higher interest rates, free checking accounts, and lower fees. Before choosing an online-only bank, however, make sure that this option is right for you. If you need access to a physical branch to cash checks or other physical services, then an online-only bank is probably not right for you.

But, if you like online banking and don't need to visit a physical branch, then opening a checking account with an online-only bank may be a good option for you.





Budgeting, Savings & Payment Apps

There are many tools available to help you

budget your money and save money.

Budgeting Apps

These services offer real-time tools so you can see how you are spending your money each month and get alerts if you are overspending. Some of the most popular budgeting apps are:

• Mint: mint.com

• PocketGuard: pocketguard.com

• You Need a Budget: youneedabudget.com

• Wally: wally.me

• **Mvelopes**: mvelopes.com

GoodBudget: goodbudget.com

• EveryDollar: everydollar.com

Saving Apps

These services offer tools to help you save money. Maybe you're on a tight budget and you want to save wherever you can to create a "rainy

day fund." Maybe you want to save for a large purchase like a special trip or a down-payment on a car.

Some of these apps round up your purchase to the next dollar and add the change to your savings account. If you've ever cashed in a change jar, you know how much these few cents can add up.

These savings apps can help you reach your goal:

• Acorns: acorns.com

Digit: digit.com

Chime Bank: chimebank.com

• Trim:asktrim.com

Stash:stashinvest.com

• Clarity Money: claritymoney.com

• Mint: mint.com

Qapital: qapital.com

Aspiration: aspiration.com

Twine: twine.com

Varo : varomoney.com

Stash: stashinvest.com

• Capital One 360 Savings: capitalone.com



Person to Person Payments

There are several services that now offer person-to-person payment options online, where you can send money to people quickly and safely, without having to get cash or write a check. Some of the most popular person-to-person payment apps are:

Venmo: venmo.com

Zelle: zellepay.com

GoogleWallet: pay.google.com

PayPal: paypal.com



How to Avoid Overdraft Fees

The best way to avoid overdraft fees is to keep your check

register up to date at all times.

- 1. Record all of the checks you write into your check register.
- Record all of your ATM withdrawals, check card transactions, automatic bill pays and any other withdrawals in your check register.
- 3. Record all of your deposits into your check register. If your employer makes direct deposit available, take advantage of it.

Your payroll check will be automatically deposited into your checking account and you won't have to remember to deposit it at the bank.

4. Balance your checkbook every month, so you're sure about the balance in your account. You won't have to pay an overdraft fee if you always have enough money in your account to cover your withdrawals.



How to Avoid Other Bank Fees

The more you know about your

checking account, and the fees your bank charges, the better equipped you will be to avoid those charges.

1. Shop Around. You have a lot of choices when choosing a checking account. With online banking and direct deposit, you don't necessarily have to choose the bank that's around the corner from your house or apartment. By simply exploring your options, you may be able to find a checking account that charges less fees, has a higher interest rate or better services. Your local credit union may also have checking account services



- available with lower fees and a higher interest rate than your local bank.
- 2. **Be Informed**. The more you know about your checking account, and the fees your bank charges, the less you will be surprised by fees and charges. Make sure you find out about the minimum balance requirements, if your account dictates a maximum number of debit card charges in a month, or if you are charged for using an ATM machine out of your network.
- 3. Plan Ahead. If you know that you will need cash for a night out or for another reason, plan ahead to withdraw cash from an ATM that is in your network. Or, you can also add cash back to a debit card purchase in order to avoid an out-of-network ATM fee.

The more you know about the balance in your checking account, and the fees your bank charges, the better equipped you will be to avoid overdraft fees and bank charges. The less you pay in bank fees means more money for you!

Weiss' Ratings' Highly Recommended Banks by State

This list is derived from *Weiss Ratings Guide to Banks*, which rates the financial strength of nearly 6,000 banks nationwide. Visit www.greyhouse.com for more information about *Weiss Ratings Guide to Banks*.

The following pages list Weiss Ratings' Highly Recommended Banks (based strictly on financial safety) with branches in each state. These banks currently receive a Weiss Safety Rating of A+, A or A-, indicating their excellent financial position. A- banks were included when A- was the highest rated group of banks in a given state. Institutions are listed by State, based on the location of their branches, by their Safety Rating and then alphabetically within each Safety Rating grouping.

If a bank is not on this list, it should not be automatically assumed that the institution is weak. Indeed, there are many institutions that have not achieved an A- or better rating but are in relatively good condition with adequate resources to cover their risk. Not being included in this list should not be construed as a recommendation to not work with a particular institution.

To get Weiss Safety Rating for a company not included here, or to check the latest rating for these companies, go to https://greyhouse.weissratings.com.

Name

The name under which the institution was chartered.

Weiss Safety Rating

Our rating is measured on a scale from A to F and considers a wide range of factors. Highly rated companies are, in our opinion, less likely to experience financial difficulties than lower-rated firms. See "What Our Ratings Mean" in the Appendix for a definition of each rating category.

Headquartered In

The city in which the institution's headquarters or main office is located and the state in which the institution's headquarters or main office is located. With the adoption of intrastate and interstate branching laws, many institutions operating in your area may actually be headquartered elsewhere. So, don't be surprised if the location cited is not in your particular city. Also use city to confirm that you have located the correct institution. It is possible for two unrelated institutions to have the same name if they are headquartered in different cities.

Has Branches In

The states in which an institution is licensed to conduct

business.

Website The company's web address.

Telephone The company's phone number.

Year Founded Year founded.

The following list of highly recommended Banks by State is based on ratings as of the date of publication. Visit https://greyhouse.weissratings.com to check the latest rating of these companies.

Alabama

Bank Name: First Bank of Boaz Headquartered In: Boaz, AL

Website: http://www.firstbankofboaz.com

Bank Name: **Cheaha Bank** Headquartered In: Oxford, AL

Website: http://www.cheahabank.com

Bank Name: Citizens Bank of Winfield Headquartered In: Winfield, AL Website: http://www.cbwinfield.com/

Bank Name: **First Metro Bank** Headquartered In: Muscle Shoals, AL

Website: http://www.firstmetro.com

Bank Name: **Metro City Bank** Headquartered In: Doraville, GA

Website: http://www.metrocitybank.com

Rating: A+ Yr Founded: 1906

Has Branches In: AL Telephone: (256) 593-8670

Rating: A Yr Founded: 2000

Has Branches In: AL Telephone: (256) 835-8855

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1920

Has Branches In: AL

Telephone: (205) 487-4277

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1988

Has Branches In: AL

Telephone: (256) 386-0600

Rating: **A** Yr Founded: 2006 Has Branches In: AL, FL, GA, NJ, NY, TX, VA

Telephone: (770) 455-4989

Alaska

Bank Name: First National Bank Alaska Rating: A Yr Founded: 1922

Headquartered In: Anchorage, AK
Website: http://www.fnbalaska.com
Has Branches In: AK
Telephone: (907) 777-4362



Arizona

Bank Name: Academy Bank, N.A. Headquartered In: Kansas City, MO Website: https://www.academybank.com

Bank Name: Alerus Financial, National Association

Headquartered In: Grand Forks, ND Website: https://www.alerus.com

Bank Name: Armed Forces Bank, National Association

Headquartered In: Fort Leavenworth, KS

Has Branches In: AL, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IL, KS, KY, MO, NJ, NV, TX, VA, WA

Website: http://www.afbank.com

Bank Name: Comerica Bank Headquartered In: Dallas, TX Website: http://www.comerica.com

Bank Name: First Savings Bank Headquartered In: Beresford, SD

Website: https://www.firstsavingsbanks.bank/

Bank Name: FirstBank

Headquartered In: Lakewood, CO Website: http://www.efirstbank.com

Bank Name: Gateway Commercial Bank

Headquartered In: Mesa, AZ Website: https://www.gcbaz.com

Bank Name: Glacier Bank

Headquartered In: Kalispell, MT Website: http://www.glacierbank.com

Bank Name: Johnson Bank Headquartered In: Racine, WI

Website: http://www.johnsonbank.com

Bank Name: KS StateBank

Headquartered In: Manhattan, KS Website: https://www.ksstate.bank

Bank Name: Pacific Premier Bank Headquartered In: Irvine, CA Website: http://www.ppbi.com

Bank Name: Stearns Bank National Association

Headquartered In: Saint Cloud, MN Website: http://www.stearnsbank.com Rating: A-Yr Founded: 1966 Has Branches In: AZ, CO, KS, MO Telephone: (816) 472-5244

Rating: A-Yr Founded: 1933 Has Branches In: AZ, MN, ND Telephone: (701) 795-3200

Yr Founded: 1907 Rating: A-

Telephone: (913) 682-9090

Yr Founded: 1849 Rating: A-Has Branches In: AZ, CA, FL, MI, TX Telephone: (214) 462-4000

Rating: A-Yr Founded: 1913 Has Branches In: AZ, NE, NM, NV, SD, TX

Telephone: (605) 763-2009

Rating: A-Yr Founded: 1963 Has Branches In: AZ, CA, CO Telephone: (303) 232-2000

Rating: A-Yr Founded: 2007 Has Branches In: AZ Telephone: (480) 358-1000

Rating: A-Yr Founded: 1955 Has Branches In: AZ, CO, ID, MT, UT, WA, WY Telephone: (406) 756-4200

> Rating: A-Yr Founded: 1970 Has Branches In: AZ, WI Telephone: (262) 619-2700

> Rating: A-Yr Founded: 1969 Has Branches In: AZ, KS Telephone: (785) 587-4000

Rating: A-Yr Founded: 1983 Has Branches In: AZ, CA, NV, WA Telephone: (949) 864-8000

Rating: A-Yr Founded: 1912 Has Branches In: AZ, FL, MN Telephone: (320) 253-6607



Bank Name: Washington Federal Bank, National Association Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1917 Headquartered In: Seattle, WA Has Branches In: AZ, ID, NM, NV, OR, TX, UT, WA Website: http://www.washingtonfederal.com Telephone: (206) 204-3446

Bank Name: Western Alliance Bank
Headquartered In: Phoenix, AZ
Website: http://www.westernalliancebancorporation.com

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 2003
Has Branches In: AZ, CA, NV
Telephone: (602) 389-3500

Bank Name: Zions Bancorporation, National Association Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1890 Headquartered In: Salt Lake City, UT Has Branches In: AZ, CA, CO, ID, NM, NV, OR, TX, UT, WA, WY Website: http://www.zionsbancorporation.com Telephone: (801) 844-7637

Arkansas

Bank Name: **First Security Bank**Headquartered In: Searcy, AR
Website: http://www.fsbank.com

Rating: **A+** Yr Founded: 1932
Has Branches In: AR
Telephone: (501) 279-3400

Bank Name: **First National Bank of Izard County**Headquartered In: Calico Rock, AR
Website: http://www.fnbizardcounty.com

Rating: **A**Yr Founded: 1914
Has Branches In: AR
Telephone: (870) 297-3711

Bank Name: **FSNB, National Association**Headquartered In: Lawton, OK
Website: http://www.fsnb.com

Rating: **A**Yr Founded: 1946
Has Branches In: AR, DE, GA, LA, MS, NC, OK, TN, TX
Telephone: (580) 357-9880

Bank Name:Peoples BankRating:AYr Founded: 2000Headquartered In:Sheridan, ARHas Branches In: ARWebsite:http://www.peoplesbankar.com/Telephone: (870) 942-5707

California

Bank Name: **Bank of Stockton**Headquartered In: Stockton, CA
Website: https://www.bankofstockton.com

Rating: **A**Yr Founded: 1867
Has Branches In: CA
Telephone: (209) 929-1600

Bank Name: California First National Bank Rating: A Yr Founded: 2001

Headquartered In: Irvine, CA
Website: http://www.calfirst.com/
Has Branches In: CA
Telephone: (949) 255-5300

Bank Name: California Pacific Bank
Headquartered In: San Francisco, CA
Website: http://www.calpacificbank.com/

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1980
Has Branches In: CA
Telephone: (415) 399-8000

Bank Name: Central Valley Community Bank
Rating: A Yr Founded: 1980

Headquartered In:Fresno, CAHas Branches In: CAWebsite:http://www.cvcb.comTelephone: (559) 298-1775

Bank Name: **Pacific City Bank**Headquartered In: Los Angeles, CA
Website: https://www.paccity.net

Bank Name: Poppy Bank

Headquartered In: Santa Rosa, CA Website: https://www.poppy.bank/

Bank Name: **Royal Business Bank** Headquartered In: Los Angeles, CA

Website: http://www.royalbusinessbankusa.com

Bank Name: Santa Cruz County Bank Headquartered In: Santa Cruz, CA Website: https://www.sccountybank.com

Bank Name: Savings Bank of Mendocino County

Headquartered In: Ukiah, CA

Website: http://www.savingsbank.com

Rating: A Yr Founded: 2003 Has Branches In: CA, NJ, NY Telephone: (213) 210-2000

Rating: A Yr Founded: 2005

Has Branches In: CA Telephone: (707) 636-9000

Rating: A Yr Founded: 2008 Has Branches In: CA, NV, NY Telephone: (213) 627-9888

Rating: A Yr Founded: 2004

Has Branches In: CA

Telephone: (831) 457-5000

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1903

Has Branches In: CA

Telephone: (707) 462-6613

Colorado

Bank Name: **Commerce Bank**Headquartered In: Kansas City, MO
Website: http://www.commercebank.com

Bank Name: Farmers Bank Headquartered In: Ault, CO

Website: http://www.farmersbank-weld.com

Bank Name: First National Bank of Las Animas

Headquartered In: Las Animas, CO Website: http://www.fnblasanimas.com/

Bank Name: Frontier Bank Headquartered In: Lamar, CO

Website: http://www.frontierbankco.com

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1865 Has Branches In: CO, IL, KS, MO, OK Telephone: (816) 234-2000

Rating: A Yr Founded: 2001 Has Branches In: CO

Telephone: (970) 834-2121

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1901

Has Branches In: CO

Telephone: (719) 456-1512

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1934

Has Branches In: CO

Telephone: (719) 336-4351

Connecticut

Bank Name: Bessemer Trust Company, National Association

Headquartered In: New York, NY Website: http://www.bessemertrust.com

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1907 Has Branches In: CT, NY, TX, WA Telephone: (212) 708-9100

Delaware

Bank Name: Applied Bank Rating: A Yr Founded: 1996

Headquartered In: Wilmington, DE

Website: http://www.appliedbank.com

Has Branches In: DE

Telephone: (888) 839-7952

Bank Name: Deutsche Bank Trust Company Delaware Rating: A Yr Founded: 1985

Headquartered In: Wilmington, DE

Website: http://www.db.com

Has Branches In: DE

Telephone: (302) 636-3301

Bank Name: **FSNB, National Association**Headquartered In: Lawton, OK

Has Branches In: AR, DE, GA, LA, MS, NC, OK, TN, TX

Website: http://www.fsnb.com Telephone: (580) 357-9880

Bank Name: Morgan Stanley Private Bank, National Association Rating: A Yr Founded: 1996

Headquartered In: New York, NY
Website: http://www.morganstanley.com
Has Branches In: DE, NY
Telephone: (212) 762-1803

Bank Name: Bank of Ocean City Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1916

Headquartered In: Ocean City, MD

Website: http://www.bankofoceancity.com

Has Branches In: DE, MD

Telephone: (410) 213-0173

Bank Name: Calvin B. Taylor Banking Company of Berlin, Maryland Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1890

Headquartered In:Berlin, MDHas Branches In: DE, MD, VAWebsite:http://www.taylorbank.comTelephone: (410) 641-1700

District of Columbia

Bank Name: EagleBank

Headquartered In: Bethesda, MD

Has Branches In: DC, MD, VA

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Website: http://www.eaglebankcorp.com Telephone: (240) 497-2075

Florida

Bank Name: Citizens First Bank
Headquartered In: The Villages, FL
Website: http://www.citizensfb.com

Bank Name: Hillsboro Bank
Headquartered In: Plant City, FL
Website: http://www.hillsborobank.com

Bank Name: **Metro City Bank**Headquartered In: Doraville, GA
Website: http://www.metrocitybank.com

Bank Name: **Paradise Bank**Headquartered In: Boca Raton, FL
Website: http://www.paradisebank.com

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1991 Has Branches In: FL Telephone: (352) 753-9515

Rating: **A** Yr Founded: 1998

Has Branches In: FL Telephone: (813) 707-6506

Rating: **A** Yr Founded: 2006 Has Branches In: AL, FL, GA, NJ, NY, TX, VA Telephone: (770) 455-4989

> Rating: **A** Yr Founded: 2005 Has Branches In: FL

Telephone: (561) 392-5444

Georgia

Bank Name: Durden Banking Company, Incorporated

Headquartered In: Twin City, GA Website: http://www.durdenbc.com

Bank Name: **Embassy National Bank** Headquartered In: Lawrenceville, GA

Website: http://www.embassynationalbank.com

Bank Name: First National Bank of Waynesboro

Headquartered In: Waynesboro, GA Website: http://www.fnbwaynesboro.com

Bank Name: FSNB, National Association

Headquartered In: Lawton, OK Website: http://www.fsnb.com

Bank Name: **Metro City Bank**Headquartered In: Doraville, GA
Website: http://www.metrocitybank.com

Bank Name: **Quantum National Bank** Headquartered In: Suwanee, GA Website: http://www.quantumbank.com

Bank Name: **South Georgia Bank** Headquartered In: Glennville, GA Website: http://www.southgabank.com Rating: A Yr Founded: 1935

Has Branches In: GA Telephone: (478) 763-2121

Rating: A Yr Founded: 2007

Has Branches In: GA

Telephone: (770) 822-9111

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1905

Has Branches In: GA

Telephone: (706) 554-8100

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1946

Has Branches In: AR, DE, GA, LA, MS, NC, OK, TN, TX

Telephone: (580) 357-9880

Rating: **A** Yr Founded: 2006 Has Branches In: AL, FL, GA, NJ, NY, TX, VA

Telephone: (770) 455-4989

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1995

Has Branches In: GA

Telephone: (770) 945-8300

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1987

Has Branches In: GA

Telephone: (912) 654-1051

Bank Name: **United Bank**Headquartered In: Zebulon, GA
Website: http://www.accessunited.com

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1905 Has Branches In: GA Telephone: (770) 567-7211

Hawaii

Bank Name: **Central Pacific Bank** Headquartered In: Honolulu, HI

Website: http://www.centralpacificbank.com

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1954

Has Branches In: HI Telephone: (808) 544-0500

Idaho

Bank Name: **Bank of Commerce** Headquartered In: Ammon, ID

Website: https://www.bankofcommerce.org

Bank Name: **People's Intermountain Bank** Headquartered In: American Fork, UT

Website: https://www.pi.bank

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1959 Has Branches In: ID, MT Telephone: (208) 525-9108

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1913 Has Branches In: ID, UT

Telephone: (801) 756-7681

Illinois

Bank Name: **Commerce Bank**Headquartered In: Kansas City, MO
Website: http://www.commercebank.com

Bank Name: Farmers National Bank Headquartered In: Prophetstown, IL

Website: https://www.farmersnationalbank.bank

Bank Name: **Federal Savings Bank** Headquartered In: Chicago, IL

Website: http://www.thefederalsavingsbank.com

Bank Name: **First Eagle Bank** Headquartered In: Chicago, IL Website: http://www.febank.com

Bank Name: First National Bank in Taylorville

Headquartered In: Taylorville, IL Website: http://www.fnbtaylorville.com

Bank Name: First Trust and Savings Bank of Watseka

Headquartered In: Watseka, IL Website: http://www.ftsbank.com/

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1865 Has Branches In: CO, IL, KS, MO, OK Telephone: (816) 234-2000

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1902

Has Branches In: IL Telephone: (815) 537-2348

Rating: A Yr Founded: 2000

Has Branches In: IL Telephone: (312) 738-6000

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1985

Has Branches In: IL

Telephone: (312) 850-2900

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1956

Has Branches In: IL

Telephone: (217) 824-2241

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1909

Has Branches In: IL

Telephone: (815) 432-2494

Bank Name: **Poplar Grove State Bank** Headquartered In: Poplar Grove, IL

Website: http://www.poplargrovestatebank.com/

Bank Name: **Reynolds State Bank** Headquartered In: Reynolds, IL

Website: http://www.reynoldsstatebank.com

Bank Name: **Teutopolis State Bank** Headquartered In: Teutopolis, IL

Website: http://www.teutopolisstatebank.com

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1946

Has Branches In: IL

Telephone: (815) 765-3333

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1888

Has Branches In: IL Telephone: (309) 372-4242

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1905

Has Branches In: IL

Telephone: (217) 857-3166

Indiana

Bank Name: Merchants Bank of Indiana

Headquartered In: Carmel, IN

Website: http://www.merchantsbankofindiana.com

Bank Name: Stock Yards Bank & Trust Company

Headquartered In: Louisville, KY Website: http://www.syb.com

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1923

Has Branches In: IN Telephone: (317) 569-7420

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1904

Has Branches In: IN, KY, OH Telephone: (502) 582-2571

Iowa

Bank Name: **Farmers State Bank** Headquartered In: Marion, IA

Website: http://www.myfsbonline.com

Bank Name: First State Bank
Headquartered In: Britt, IA
Website: http://www.fsb-britt.com

Bank Name: Hills Bank and Trust Company

Headquartered In: Hills, IA

Website: http://www.hillsbank.com

Bank Name: **Iowa State Bank** Headquartered In: Des Moines, IA

Website: http://www.iowastatebanks.com/

Bank Name: Liberty Trust & Savings Bank

Headquartered In: Durant, IA

Website: http://www.mylibertytrust.com

Bank Name: Midwest Heritage Bank, FSB Headquartered In: West Des Moines, IA Website: http://www.mhbank.com Rating: A Yr Founded: 1927

Has Branches In: IA

Telephone: (319) 377-4891

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1927

Has Branches In: IA Telephone: (641) 843-4411

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1904

Has Branches In: IA Telephone: (319) 679-2291

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1941

Has Branches In: IA

Telephone: (515) 288-0111

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1905

Has Branches In: IA

Telephone: (563) 785-4441

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1873

Has Branches In: IA

Telephone: (515) 278-6541

Bank Name: **New Albin Savings Bank** Headquartered In: New Albin, IA

Website: http://www.newalbinsavingsbank.com

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1898

Has Branches In: IA Telephone: (563) 544-4214

Kansas

Bank Name: Bank7

Headquartered In: Oklahoma City, OK Website: http://www.bank7.com

Bank Name: **Commerce Bank**Headquartered In: Kansas City, MO
Website: http://www.commercebank.com

Bank Name: Farmers Bank & Trust Headquartered In: Great Bend, KS Website: https://www.farmersbankks.com

Bank Name: Kaw Valley State Bank and Trust Company

Headquartered In: Wamego, KS Website: http://www.kvsb.net

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1901

Has Branches In: KS, OK, TX Telephone: (405) 810-8600

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1865 Has Branches In: CO, IL, KS, MO, OK Telephone: (816) 234-2000

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1907

Has Branches In: KS

Telephone: (620) 792-2411

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1913

Has Branches In: KS Telephone: (785) 456-2021

Kentucky

Bank Name: Farmers Bank and Trust Company

Headquartered In: Princeton, KY Website: http://www.yournxtbank.com

Bank Name: Kentucky Farmers Bank Corporation

Headquartered In: Ashland, KY Website: https://www.kfb.bank

Bank Name: Paducah Bank and Trust Company

Headquartered In: Paducah, KY

Website: http://www.paducahbank.com

Bank Name: Stock Yards Bank & Trust Company

Headquartered In: Louisville, KY Website: http://www.syb.com

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1899

Has Branches In: KY Telephone: (270) 365-5526

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1931

Has Branches In: KY Telephone: (606) 929-5000

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1948

Has Branches In: KY Telephone: (270) 575-5700

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1904

Has Branches In: IN, KY, OH Telephone: (502) 582-2571

Louisiana

Bank Name: FSNB, National Association

Headquartered In: Lawton, OK Website: http://www.fsnb.com

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1946

Has Branches In: AR, DE, GA, LA, MS, NC, OK, TN, TX

Telephone: (580) 357-9880



Maine

Bank Name: **Bath Savings Institution** Headquartered In: Bath, ME

Website: http://www.bathsavings.com

Bank Name: **Norway Savings Bank** Headquartered In: Norway, ME

Website: https://www.norwaysavings.bank

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1852 Has Branches In: ME Telephone: (207) 442-7711

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1866

Has Branches In: ME Telephone: (207) 743-7986

Maryland

Bank Name: EagleBank

Headquartered In: Bethesda, MD Website: http://www.eaglebankcorp.com Rating: A Yr Founded: 1998 Has Branches In: DC, MD, VA Telephone: (240) 497-2075

Massachusetts

Bank Name: Leader Bank, National Association

Headquartered In: Arlington, MA Website: http://www.leaderbank.com Rating: A Yr Founded: 2002 Has Branches In: MA Telephone: (781) 646-3900

relephone: (701) 040-3

Michigan

Bank Name: **Macatawa Bank** Headquartered In: Holland, MI

Website: http://www.macatawabank.com

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1997 Has Branches In: MI

Telephone: (616) 820-1444

Minnesota

Bank Name: Vermillion State Bank Headquartered In: Vermillion, MN Website: http://www.vermillionbank.com

Bank Name: **Charter Bank**Headquartered In: Eau Claire, WI
Website: https://www.charterbank.bank

Bank Name: Eagle Bank

Headquartered In: Glenwood, MN Website: http://www.eaglebankmn.com

Rating: A+ Yr Founded: 1918 Has Branches In: MN Telephone: (651) 437-4433

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1980 Has Branches In: MN, WI Telephone: (715) 832-4254

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1908 Has Branches In: MN

Telephone: (320) 634-4545

Bank Name: **Fidelity Bank** Headquartered In: Edina, MN

Website: http://www.fidelitybankmn.com

Bank Name: First National Bank North Headquartered In: Walker, MN Website: https://www.fnbnorth.com

Bank Name: First National Bank of Bemidji

Headquartered In: Bemidji, MN Website: http://www.fnbbemidji.com

Bank Name: **Liberty Bank Minnesota** Headquartered In: Saint Cloud, MN Website: http://www.libertybankmn.com Rating: A Yr Founded: 1970 Has Branches In: MN

Telephone: (952) 831-6600

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1902

Has Branches In: MN Telephone: (218) 547-1160

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1897

Has Branches In: MN Telephone: (218) 751-2430

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1939

Has Branches In: MN Telephone: (320) 252-2841

Mississippi

Bank Name: FSNB, National Association

Headquartered In: Lawton, OK Website: http://www.fsnb.com

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1946

Has Branches In: AR, DE, GA, LA, MS, NC, OK, TN, TX

Telephone: (580) 357-9880

Missouri

Bank Name: **Bank of Old Monroe** Headquartered In: Old Monroe, MO

Website: http://www.bankofoldmonroe.com

Bank Name: **Central Bank of Kansas City** Headquartered In: Kansas City, MO Website: http://www.centralbankkc.com

Bank Name: Commerce Bank
Headquartered In: Kansas City, MO
Website: http://www.commercebank.com

Bank Name: **Home Exchange Bank** Headquartered In: Jamesport, MO Website: https://secure.bankheb.com Rating: A Yr Founded: 1906 Has Branches In: MO

Telephone: (636) 665-5601

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1950

Has Branches In: MO Telephone: (816) 483-1210

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1865 Has Branches In: CO, IL, KS, MO, OK Telephone: (816) 234-2000

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1925

Has Branches In: MO

Telephone: (660) 684-6114

Montana

Bank Name: Bank of Commerce Headquartered In: Ammon, ID

Website: https://www.bankofcommerce.org

Bank Name: First State Bank of Shelby

Headquartered In: Shelby, MT Website: http://www.fsbshelby.com Rating: A Yr Founded: 1959 Has Branches In: ID, MT Telephone: (208) 525-9108

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1910

> Has Branches In: MT Telephone: (406) 434-5567

Nebraska

Bank Name: American Interstate Bank

Headquartered In: Elkhorn, NE

Website: http://www.americaninterstatebank.com

Bank Name: First Westroads Bank, Inc.

Headquartered In: Omaha, NE

Website: https://www.firstwestroads.bank

Bank Name: Five Points Bank

Headquartered In: Grand Island, NE Website: http://www.5pointsbank.com

Bank Name: Five Points Bank of Hastings

Headquartered In: Hastings, NE

Website: https://www.5pointsbank.com

Yr Founded: 1915 Rating: A

Has Branches In: NE Telephone: (402) 289-2551

Yr Founded: 1967 Rating: A

Has Branches In: NE

Telephone: (402) 330-7200

Yr Founded: 1971 Rating: A

Has Branches In: NE Telephone: (308) 384-5350

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1893

Has Branches In: NE

Telephone: (402) 462-2228

Nevada

Bank Name: First Security Bank of Nevada

Headquartered In: Las Vegas, NV Website: https://www.fsbnv.com

Bank Name: Royal Business Bank Headquartered In: Los Angeles, CA

Website: http://www.royalbusinessbankusa.com

Yr Founded: 2007 Rating: A Has Branches In: NV

Telephone: (702) 853-0900

Yr Founded: 2008 Rating: A

Has Branches In: CA, NV, NY

Telephone: (213) 627-9888

New Hampshire

* There are no A-Rated Banks with branches in New Hampshire. The top rated banks with branches in NH are:

Bank Name: Cambridge Trust Company Headquartered In: Cambridge, MA Website: http://www.cambridgetrust.com

Bank Name: **Eastern Bank**Headquartered In: Boston, MA
Website: http://www.easternbank.com/

Bank Name: Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank Headquartered In: Tewksbury, MA Website: http://www.lowellfive.com

Bank Name: Provident Bank (MHC)
Headquartered In: Amesbury, MA

Website: http://www.theprovidentbank.com

Bank Name: Salem Five Cents Savings Bank

Headquartered In: Salem, MA Website: http://www.salemfive.com Rating: **B+** Yr Founded: 1890 Has Branches In: MA, NH Telephone: (617) 876-5500

Rating: **B+** Yr Founded: 1818 Has Branches In: MA, NH Telephone: (617) 897-1100

Rating: **B+** Yr Founded: 1854 Has Branches In: MA, NH Telephone: (978) 452-1300

Rating: **B+** Yr Founded: 1828 Has Branches In: MA, NH Telephone: (978) 834-8555

Rating: **B+** Yr Founded: 1855 Has Branches In: MA, NH Telephone: (978) 745-5555

New Jersey

Bank Name: **Metro City Bank**Headquartered In: Doraville, GA
Website: http://www.metrocitybank.com

Bank Name: **Pacific City Bank**Headquartered In: Los Angeles, CA
Website: https://www.paccity.net

Rating: A Yr Founded: 2006 Has Branches In: AL, FL, GA, NJ, NY, TX, VA Telephone: (770) 455-4989

> Rating: A Yr Founded: 2003 Has Branches In: CA, NJ, NY Telephone: (213) 210-2000



New Mexico

Bank Name: First American Bank Headquartered In: Artesia, NM Website: https://www.firstamb.net

Bank Name: First New Mexico Bank Headquartered In: Deming, NM

Website: http://www.firstnewmexicobank.com

Bank Name: First New Mexico Bank of Silver City

Headquartered In: Silver City, NM Website: http://www.fnmbsc.com

Bank Name: First New Mexico Bank, Las Cruces

Headquartered In: Las Cruces, NM

Website: http://www.firstnewmexicobanklc.com

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1903 Has Branches In: NM

Telephone: (575) 746-8000

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1962

Has Branches In: NM Telephone: (575) 546-2691

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1984

> Has Branches In: NM Telephone: (575) 388-3121

Rating: A Yr Founded: 2008

Has Branches In: NM

Telephone: (575) 556-3000

New York

Bank Name: Metro City Bank Rating: A Yr Founded: 2006 Has Branches In: AL, FL, GA, NJ, NY, TX, VA Headquartered In: Doraville, GA Website: http://www.metrocitybank.com

Telephone: (770) 455-4989

Bank Name: Morgan Stanley Private Bank, National Association

Headquartered In: New York, NY

Website: http://www.morganstanley.com

Bank Name: Pacific City Bank Headquartered In: Los Angeles, CA Website: https://www.paccity.net

Bank Name: Royal Business Bank Headquartered In: Los Angeles, CA

Website: http://www.royalbusinessbankusa.com

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1996 Has Branches In: DE, NY Telephone: (212) 762-1803

Rating: A Yr Founded: 2003 Has Branches In: CA, NJ, NY Telephone: (213) 210-2000

Yr Founded: 2008 Rating: A Has Branches In: CA, NV, NY

Telephone: (213) 627-9888

North Carolina

Bank Name: FSNB, National Association Headquartered In: Lawton, OK

Website: http://www.fsnb.com

Bank Name: Peoples Bank Headquartered In: Newton, NC

Website: http://www.peoplesbanknc.com

Yr Founded: 1946 Rating: A

Has Branches In: AR, DE, GA, LA, MS, NC, OK, TN, TX

Telephone: (580) 357-9880

Yr Founded: 1912 Rating: A

Has Branches In: NC

Telephone: (828) 464-5620

North Dakota

Bank Name: Alerus Financial, National Association

Headquartered In: Grand Forks, ND Website: https://www.alerus.com

Bank Name: Grant County State Bank

Headquartered In: Carson, ND

Website: http://www.grantcountystatebank.com

Bank Name: Liberty State Bank
Headquartered In: Powers Lake, ND
Website: http://www.libertystatepInd.com

Bank Name: Ramsey National Bank Headquartered In: Devils Lake, ND Website: http://www.ramseybank.com

Bank Name: **Sargent County Bank** Headquartered In: Forman, ND

Website: http://www.sargentcountybank.com

Bank Name: **Stock Growers Bank** Headquartered In: Napoleon, ND

Website: http://www.stockgrowersbanknapoleon.com

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1933 Has Branches In: AZ, MN, ND Telephone: (701) 795-3200

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1913 Has Branches In: ND

Telephone: (701) 622-3491

Rating: **A-** Yr Founded: 1952 Has Branches In: ND

Telephone: (701) 464-5421

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1892

Has Branches In: ND

Telephone: (701) 662-4024

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1900

Has Branches In: ND Telephone: (701) 724-3216

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1900

Has Branches In: ND

Telephone: (701) 754-2226

Ohio

Bank Name: FDS Bank

Headquartered In: Mason, OH

Website:

Bank Name: **St. Henry Bank**Headquartered In: Saint Henry, OH
Website: http://www.sthenrybank.com

Bank Name: Stock Yards Bank & Trust Company

Headquartered In: Louisville, KY Website: http://www.syb.com

Rating: A+ Yr Founded: 1993 Has Branches In: OH

Telephone: (513) 573-2265

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1905

Has Branches In: OH Telephone: (419) 678-2358

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1904 Has Branches In: IN, KY, OH Telephone: (502) 582-2571



Oklahoma

Bank Name: Bank7

Headquartered In: Oklahoma City, OK Website: http://www.bank7.com

Bank Name: **Commerce Bank**Headquartered In: Kansas City, MO
Website: http://www.commercebank.com

Bank Name: Community National Bank of Okarche

Headquartered In: Okarche, OK Website: http://www.cnbbanker.com

Bank Name: Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Fairview

Headquartered In: Fairview, OK Website: http://www.fairviewbank.com

Bank Name: First Bank & Trust Company

Headquartered In: Perry, OK Website: https://www.fbt.bank/

Bank Name: FSNB, National Association

Headquartered In: Lawton, OK Website: http://www.fsnb.com

Bank Name: **Payne County Bank** Headquartered In: Perkins, OK

Website: http://www.paynecountybank.com

Bank Name: Prime Bank

Headquartered In: Edmond, OK

Website: http://www.primebankgroup.com

Bank Name: **Stock Exchange Bank** Headquartered In: Woodward, OK

Website: http://www.stockexchangebank.com

Bank Name: Welch State Bank of Welch, Oklahoma

Headquartered In: Welch, OK

Website: http://www.welchstatebank.com

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1901

Has Branches In: KS, OK, TX Telephone: (405) 810-8600

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1865 Has Branches In: CO, IL, KS, MO, OK

Telephone: (816) 234-2000

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1984

Has Branches In: OK

Telephone: (405) 263-7491

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1907

Has Branches In: OK

Telephone: (580) 227-3773

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1934

Has Branches In: OK

Telephone: (580) 336-5562

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1946

Has Branches In: AR, DE, GA, LA, MS, NC, OK, TN, TX

Telephone: (580) 357-9880

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1898

Has Branches In: OK

Telephone: (405) 547-2436

Rating: A Yr Founded: 2008

Has Branches In: OK

Telephone: (405) 340-2775

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1903

Has Branches In: OK

Telephone: (580) 256-3314

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1923

Has Branches In: OK

Telephone: (918) 788-3373

Oregon

Bank Name: Clackamas County Bank Headquartered In: Sandy, OR

Website: https://www.clackamascountybank.com

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1911

Has Branches In: OR

Telephone: (503) 668-5501

Pennsylvania

Bank Name: Haverford Trust Company Rating: A Yr Founded: 1985

Headquartered In: Radnor, PA Has Branches In: PA

Website: http://www.haverfordquality.com Telephone: (610) 995-8700

Rhode Island

* There are no A-Rated Banks with branches in Rhode Island. The top rated bank with branches in RI is:

Yr Founded: 1819 Bank Name: BankNewport Rating: **B+**

Headquartered In: Middletown, RI Has Branches In: RI Website: http://www.banknewport.com Telephone: (401) 846-3400

Bank Name: Washington Trust Company of Westerly Rating: B+ Yr Founded: 1800

Headquartered In: Westerly, RI Has Branches In: CT, RI Telephone: (401) 348-1200 Website: http://www.washtrust.com

South Carolina

Bank Name: Bank of South Carolina Yr Founded: 1987 Rating: A

Has Branches In: SC Headquartered In: Charleston, SC Website: http://www.banksc.com Telephone: (843) 724-1500

Bank Name: First Piedmont Federal Savings and Loan Assoc of Gaffney Rating: A Yr Founded: 1933

Headquartered In: Gaffney, SC Has Branches In: SC

Telephone: (864) 489-6046 Website: http://www.firstpiedmont.com

South Dakota

Bank Name: First Premier Bank Rating: A Yr Founded: 1914 Headquartered In: Sioux Falls, SD Has Branches In: SD Website: http://www.firstpremier.com Telephone: (605) 357-3000

Bank Name: Pioneer Bank & Trust Rating: A Yr Founded: 1937 Has Branches In: SD Headquartered In: Spearfish, SD

Website: http://www.pioneerbankandtrust.com Telephone: (605) 717-2265

Tennessee

Bank Name: **Citizens 1st Bank** Headquartered In: Tyler, TX

Website: http://www.citizens1stbank.com

Bank Name: Austin Bank, Texas National Association

Headquartered In: Jacksonville, TX Website: http://www.austinbank.com

Bank Name: Bank7

Headquartered In: Oklahoma City, OK Website: http://www.bank7.com

Bank Name: **Commerce Bank** Headquartered In: Laredo, TX Website: http://www.ibc.com

Bank Name: **Community Bank**Headquartered In: Longview, TX
Website: http://www.cbanktexas.com

Bank Name: First Financial Bank, National Association

Headquartered In: Abilene, TX Website: https://www.ffin.com

Bank Name: First State Bank of Bedias

Headquartered In: Bedias, TX

Website: http://www.bediasbank.com

Bank Name: FSNB, National Association

Headquartered In: Lawton, OK Website: http://www.fsnb.com

Bank Name: International Bank of Commerce

Headquartered In: Zapata, TX Website: https://www.ibc.com

Bank Name: International Bank of Commerce

Headquartered In: Laredo, TX Website: http://www.ibc.com

Bank Name: International Bank of Commerce

Headquartered In: Zapata, TX Website: https://www.ibc.com

Bank Name: **Metro City Bank** Headquartered In: Doraville, GA

Website: http://www.metrocitybank.com

Rating: A+ Yr Founded: 1920

Has Branches In: TX

Telephone: (903) 581-1900

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1900

Has Branches In: TX

Telephone: (903) 586-1526

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1901

Has Branches In: KS, OK, TX Telephone: (405) 810-8600

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1982

Has Branches In: TX

Telephone: (956) 724-1616

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1984

Has Branches In: TX Telephone: (903) 236-4422

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1890

Has Branches In: TX

Telephone: (325) 627-7200

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1907

Has Branches In: TX

Telephone: (936) 395-2141

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1946

Has Branches In: AR, DE, GA, LA, MS, NC, OK, TN, TX

Telephone: (580) 357-9880

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1984

Has Branches In: TX

Telephone: (956) 765-8361

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1966

Has Branches In: TX

Telephone: (956) 722-7611

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1984

Has Branches In: TX

Telephone: (956) 765-8361

Rating: **A** Yr Founded: 2006 Has Branches In: AL, FL, GA, NJ, NY, TX, VA

Telephone: (770) 455-4989

Bank Name: **Sanger Bank** Headquartered In: Sanger, TX

Website: http://www.sangerbank.com

Bank Name: **Security State Bank & Trust** Headquartered In: Fredericksburg, TX Website: http://www.ssbtexas.com

Bank Name: Texas Exchange Bank, SSB

Headquartered In: Crowley, TX Website: http://www.txexbank.com

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1987 Has Branches In: TX

Telephone: (940) 458-4600

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1941

Has Branches In: TX Telephone: (830) 997-7575

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1970

Has Branches In: TX Telephone: (817) 297-4331

Utah

Bank Name: **Green Dot Bank** Headquartered In: Provo, UT

Website: http://www.greendot.com

Bank Name: Morgan Stanley Bank, National Association

Headquartered In: Salt Lake City, UT Website: http://www.morganstanley.com

Bank Name: **Optum Bank, Inc.** Headquartered In: Salt Lake City, UT

Website: http://www.optumbank.com

Bank Name: **People's Intermountain Bank** Headquartered In: American Fork, UT

Website: https://www.pi.bank

Bank Name: State Bank of Southern Utah

Headquartered In: Cedar City, UT Website: http://www.sbsu.com

Bank Name: UBS Bank USA

Headquartered In: Salt Lake City, UT

Website: https://www.ubs.com/cefs/en/ubs-bank-usa/ubs-bank-usa.html

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1978

Has Branches In: UT

Telephone: (801) 344-7020

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1935

Has Branches In: UT

Telephone: (801) 236-3600

Rating: A Yr Founded: 2003

Has Branches In: UT

Telephone: (866) 234-8913

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1913

Has Branches In: ID, UT Telephone: (801) 756-7681

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1957

Has Branches In: UT Telephone: (435) 865-2300

Rating: A Yr Founded: 2003

Has Branches In: UT

Telephone: (801) 741-0310

Rating: B+

Vermont

* There are no A-Rated Banks with branches in Vermont. The top rated banks with branches in VT are:

Bank Name: Community Bank, National Association

Headquartered In: De Witt, NY Website: https://cbna.com

Bank Name: TrustCo Bank Headquartered In: Glenville, NY Website: http://www.trustcobank.com Has Branches In: MA, NY, PA, VT Telephone: (315) 445-2282

Yr Founded: 1866

Yr Founded: 1925 Rating: **B**+ Has Branches In: FL, MA, NJ, NY, VT Telephone: (518) 377-3311

Virginia

Bank Name: EagleBank

Headquartered In: Bethesda, MD Website: http://www.eaglebankcorp.com

Bank Name: First Bank and Trust Company

Headquartered In: Lebanon, VA Website: http://www.firstbank.com

Bank Name: Metro City Bank Headquartered In: Doraville, GA Website: http://www.metrocitybank.com

Bank Name: National Bank of Blacksburg Headquartered In: Blacksburg, VA

Website: http://www.nbbank.com

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1998 Has Branches In: DC, MD, VA

Telephone: (240) 497-2075

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1979 Has Branches In: TN, VA Telephone: (276) 889-4622

Rating: A Yr Founded: 2006 Has Branches In: AL, FL, GA, NJ, NY, TX, VA Telephone: (770) 455-4989

> Yr Founded: 1891 Rating: A

Has Branches In: VA Telephone: (540) 951-6205

Washington

Bank Name: 1st Security Bank of Washington Headquartered In: Mountlake Terrace, WA

Website: http://www.fsbwa.com

Bank Name: Timberland Bank Headquartered In: Hoquiam, WA

Website: http://www.timberlandbank.com

Yr Founded: 2004 Rating: A Has Branches In: WA

Telephone: (800) 683-0973

Yr Founded: 1915 Rating: A

Has Branches In: WA

Telephone: (360) 533-4747

West Virginia

Bank Name: **Bank of Monroe** Headquartered In: Union, WV

Website: https://www.mybankofmonroe.com

Bank Name: Clay County Bank, Inc. Headquartered In: Clay, WV

Website: http://www.claycountybank.com

Bank Name: Clear Mountain Bank
Headquartered In: Bruceton Mills, WV
Website: http://www.clearmountainbank.com

Bank Name: **WesBanco Bank, Inc.** Headquartered In: Wheeling, WV Website: http://www.wesbanco.com Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1904 Has Branches In: WV Telephone: (304) 772-3034

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1902 Has Branches In: WV Telephone: (304) 587-4221

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1931 Has Branches In: MD, WV Telephone: (304) 379-2265

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1870 Has Branches In: IN, KY, OH, PA, WV Telephone: (304) 234-9000

Wisconson

Bank Name: **Bank of Prairie Du Sac** Headquartered In: Prairie Du Sac, WI Website: http://www.bankpds.com

Bank Name: **Charter Bank**Headquartered In: Eau Claire, WI
Website: https://www.charterbank.bank

Bank Name: National Exchange Bank and Trust Headquartered In: Fond du Lac, WI Website: http://www.nebat.com

Bank Name: River Cities Bank

Headquartered In: Wisconsin Rapids, WI Website: http://www.rivercitiesbank.com

Bank Name: WaterStone Bank, SSB Headquartered In: Wauwatosa, WI Website: http://www.wsbonline.com

Bank Name: Waukesha State Bank Headquartered In: Waukesha, WI Website: http://www.waukeshabank.com Rating: A+ Yr Founded: 1916 Has Branches In: WI Telephone: (608) 643-3393

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1980 Has Branches In: MN, WI Telephone: (715) 832-4254

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1933 Has Branches In: WI Telephone: (920) 921-7700

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1997 Has Branches In: WI Telephone: (715) 422-1100

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1921 Has Branches In: WI Telephone: (414) 761-1000

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1944 Has Branches In: WI Telephone: (262) 549-8500

Wyoming

Bank Name: **AMG National Trust Bank**Headquartered In: Greenwood Village, CO
Website: http://www.amgnational.com

Bank Name: **Bank of Commerce** Headquartered In: Rawlins, WY Website: http://www.bocrawlins.com

Bank Name: **Glacier Bank**Headquartered In: Kalispell, MT
Website: http://www.glacierbank.com

Bank Name: RSNB Bank

Headquartered In: Rock Springs, WY Website: http://www.rsnb.com

Bank Name: **Security First Bank**Headquartered In: Cheyenne, WY
Website: http://www.sec1stbank.com

Bank Name: Wyoming Bank & Trust Headquartered In: Cheyenne, WY Website: https://www.wyomingbank.bank

Website: http://www.zionsbancorporation.com

Bank Name: **Zions Bancorporation, National Association**Rating: **A-**Yr Founded: 1890
Headquartered In: Salt Lake City, UT Has Branches In: AZ, CA, CO, ID, NM, NV, OR, TX, UT, WA, WY

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1972 Has Branches In: CO, NJ, VA, WY Telephone: (303) 694-2190

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1984 Has Branches In: WY Telephone: (307) 324-2265

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1955 Has Branches In: AZ, CO, ID, MT, UT, WA, WY Telephone: (406) 756-4200

Rating: A-

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1892 Has Branches In: WY Telephone: (307) 362-8801

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1978 Has Branches In: WY Telephone: (307) 775-6500

Yr Founded: 1919

Has Branches In: WY

Telephone: (307) 632-7733

Telephone: (801) 844-7637

Weiss Ratings' Weakest Banks by State

This list is derived from *Weiss Ratings Guide to Banks*, which rates the financial strength of nearly 6,000 banks nationwide. Visit www.greyhouse.com for more information about *Weiss Ratings Guide to Banks*.

The following pages list Weiss Ratings' Weakest Banks (based strictly on financial safety) with branches in each state. These banks currently receive a Weiss Safety Rating of E+, E or E-, indicating their very weak financial position and the possibility of failure. If your checking account is with one of these credit unions, you might want to consider moving your funds to a more financially secure institution.

Institutions are listed by their Safety Rating and then alphabetically within each Safety Rating grouping.

To get Weiss Safety Rating for a company not included here, or to check the latest rating for these companies, go to https://greyhouse.weissratings.com.

Name The name under which the institution was chartered.

Weiss Safety Rating Our rating is measured on a scale from A to F and considers a

wide range of factors. Highly rated companies are, in our opinion, less likely to experience financial difficulties than lower-rated firms. See "What Our Ratings Mean" in the

Appendix for a definition of each rating category.

Headquartered InThe city in which the institution's headquarters or main office is

located and the state in which the institution's headquarters or main office is located. With the adoption of intrastate and interstate branching laws, many institutions operating in your area may actually be headquartered elsewhere. So, don't be surprised if the location cited is not in your particular city. Also use city to confirm that you have located the correct institution.

It is possible for two unrelated institutions to have the same name if they are headquartered in different cities.

Has Branches In The states in which an institution is licensed to conduct

business.

Website The company's web address.

Telephone The company's phone number.

Year Founded

Year founded.

The following list of Weakest Banks by State is based on ratings as of the date of publication. Visit https://greyhouse.weissratings.com to check the latest rating of these companies.

Alabama

Bank Name: **SunSouth Bank** Headquartered In: Dothan, AL

Website: http://www.sunsouthbank.com

Bank Name: **Millennial Bank** Headquartered In: Leeds, AL

Website: http://www.covenantbank.com

Rating: **E** Yr Founded: 1954

Has Branches In: AL Telephone: (334) 677-4411

Rating: **E+** Yr Founded: 1997

Has Branches In: AL

Telephone: (205) 702-2265

California

Bank Name: **Gateway Bank, F.S.B.** Headquartered In: Oakland, CA Website: http://www.gatewayfsb.com Rating: **E** Yr Founded: 1990

Has Branches In: CA Telephone: (510) 268-8108

Florida

Bank Name: First City Bank of Florida Headquartered In: Fort Walton Beach, FL Website: http://www.firstcitybank.com

Bank Name: Lafayette State Bank Headquartered In: Mayo, FL

Website: http://www.lafayettestatebank.com

Bank Name: **Beach Community Bank**Headquartered In: Fort Walton Beach, FL
Website: http://www.beachcommunitybank.com

Bank Name: Cogent Bank

Headquartered In: Orange City, FL Website: https://www.cogentbank.net

Bank Name: **Brickell Bank** Headquartered In: Miami, FL

Website: http://www.brickellbankmiami.com

Rating: **E-** Yr Founded: 1948

Has Branches In: FL Telephone: (850) 244-5151

Rating: **E-** Yr Founded: 1946 Has Branches In: FL

Telephone: (386) 294-1901

Rating: E Yr Founded: 2001

Has Branches In: FL

Telephone: (850) 244-9900

Rating: **E** Yr Founded: 1999

Has Branches In: FL Telephone: (386) 774-2001

Rating: **E+** Yr Founded: 1973

Has Branches In: FL

Telephone: (305) 347-8300

Georgia

Bank Name: F & M Bank and Trust Company

Headquartered In: Manchester, GA Website: http://www.fmbankandtrust.com/

Bank Name: Farmers & Merchants Bank Headquartered In: Lakeland, GA Website: http://www.fmb.net

Bank Name: Gwinnett Community Bank

Headquartered In: Duluth, GA

Website: http://www.gwinnettcommunitybank.com

Bank Name: **First Southern Bank** Headquartered In: Patterson, GA

Website: http://www.firstsouthernga.com

Bank Name: **Northside Bank** Headquartered In: Adairsville, GA

Website: http://www.northsidebankga.com

Bank Name: **Peoples Bank**Headquartered In: Eatonton, GA
Website: http://www.tpbeatonton.com/

Rating: **E-** Yr Founded: 1948 Has Branches In: GA

Telephone: (706) 846-8415

Rating: **E-** Yr Founded: 1907

Has Branches In: GA Telephone: (229) 482-3585

Rating: **E-** Yr Founded: 1999

Has Branches In: GA Telephone: (770) 476-2775

Rating: **E** Yr Founded: 1907

Has Branches In: GA

Telephone: (912) 647-5332

Rating: **E** Yr Founded: 2005

Has Branches In: GA Telephone: (770) 773-7300

Rating: E Yr Founded: 1943

Has Branches In: GA

Telephone: (706) 485-8542

Iowa

Bank Name: **Dysart State Bank** Headquartered In: Dysart, IA Rating: **E** Yr Founded: 1934

Has Branches In: IA Telephone: (319) 476-4900

Illinois

Bank Name: Grand Rivers Community Bank

Headquartered In: Grand Chain, IL

Website: http://www.grandriverscommunitybank.com

Bank Name: McHenry Savings Bank Headquartered In: McHenry, IL

Website: http://www.mchenrysavings.com

Bank Name: **United Trust Bank**Headquartered In: Palos Heights, IL
Website: http://www.utbhome.com

Rating: **E-** Yr Founded: 1902

Has Branches In: IL

Telephone: (618) 634-2208

Rating: **E** Yr Founded: 1955

Has Branches In: IL

Telephone: (815) 385-3000

Rating: **E** Yr Founded: 2000

Has Branches In: IL

Telephone: (708) 728-9900



Kansas

Bank Name: Towarda State Bank

Headquartered In: Towanda, KS

Rating: **E+** Yr Founded: 1934

Has Branches In: KS

Telephone: (316) 536-2282

Kentucky

Bank Name: Louisa Community Bank

Headquartered In: Louisa, KY Website: https://www.banklcb.com

Bank Name: Peoples Bank & Trust Company of Hazard

Headquartered In: Hazard, KY

Website: http://www.peopleshazard.com/

Rating: **E+** Yr Founded: 2006

Has Branches In: KY Telephone: (606) 638-0007

Rating: **E+** Yr Founded: 1923

Has Branches In: KY

Telephone: (866) 435-2161

Maryland

Bank Name: Cecil Bank

Headquartered In: Elkton, MD Website: http://www.cecilbank.com

Rating: **E-** Yr Founded: 1959

Has Branches In: MD

Telephone: (410) 398-1650

Michigan

Bank Name: Homestead Savings Bank

Headquartered In: Albion, MI

Website: http://www.homesteadsavings.com

Rating: **E** Yr Founded: 1889

Has Branches In: MI

Telephone: (517) 629-5588

Minnesota

Bank Name: **Eagle Community Bank**

Headquartered In: Maple Grove, MN

Website: http://www.eaglecommunitybank.com

Rating: **E+** Yr Founded: 2002

Has Branches In: MN

Telephone: (763) 494-9800

North Carolina

Bank Name: Nantahala Bank & Trust Company

Headquartered In: Franklin, NC

Website: http://www.nantahalabank.com/

Rating: E- Yr Founded: 2004

Has Branches In: NC

Telephone: (828) 369-2265

Nebraska

Bank Name: **Commercial State Bank** Headquartered In: Cedar Bluffs, NE

Website:

Rating: **E-** Yr Founded: 1935

Has Branches In: NE Telephone: (402) 628-2155

New Jersey

Bank Name: City National Bank of New Jersey

Headquartered In: Newark, NJ Website: http://www.citynatbank.com Rating: **E-** Yr Founded: 1973 Has Branches In: NJ, NY Telephone: (973) 624-0865

New York

Bank Name: City National Bank of New Jersey

Headquartered In: Newark, NJ Website: http://www.citynatbank.com Rating: **E-** Yr Founded: 1973 Has Branches In: NJ, NY Telephone: (973) 624-0865

Pennsylvania

Bank Name: LINKBANK

Headquartered In: West Chester, PA Website: https://www.linkbank.com

Bank Name: **United Bank of Philadelphia** Headquartered In: Philadelphia, PA Website: http://www.ubphila.com Rating: **E-** Yr Founded: 1999 Has Branches In: PA Telephone: (855) 569-2265

Rating: **E**- Yr Founded: 1992

Has Branches In: PA Telephone: (215) 351-4600

Tennessee

Bank Name: Civis Bank

Headquartered In: Rogersville, TN Website: http://www.civisbank.com

Bank Name: **Sevier County Bank** Headquartered In: Sevierville, TN Website: https://www.bankscb.com

Bank Name: **Brighton Bank** Headquartered In: Brighton, TN

Website: http://www.brightonbancorp.com

Rating: **E-** Yr Founded: 1906 Has Branches In: TN

Telephone: (423) 272-2200

Rating: E- Yr Founded: 1909

Has Branches In: TN Telephone: (865) 453-6101

Rating: E+ Yr Founded: 1910

Has Branches In: TN

Telephone: (901) 476-5353

Bank Name: Citizens Savings Bank and Trust Company

Headquartered In: Nashville, TN Website: http://www.bankcbn.com

Rating: **E+** Yr Founded: 1904

Has Branches In: TN

Telephone: (615) 327-9787

Texas

Bank Name: Liberty Federal Savings Bank

Headquartered In: Enid, OK

Website: http://www.libertyfederalonline.com

Rating: E- Yr Founded: 1918

Has Branches In: OK, TX Telephone: (580) 234-5313

Virginia

Bank Name: **Movement Bank**Headquartered In: Danville, VA

Website: https://movementbank.com

Rating: **E+** Yr Founded: 1919

Has Branches In: VA Telephone: (434) 792-0198

Wisconsin

Bank Name: Columbia Savings and Loan Association

Headquartered In: Milwaukee, WI

Website: http://www.columbiasavingsandloans.com

Bank Name: **Equitable Bank, S.S.B.** Headquartered In: Wauwatosa, WI

Website: http://www.equitablebank.net

Bank Name: Markesan State Bank Headquartered In: Markesan, WI

Website: http://www.markesanstatebank.com/

Rating: **E-** Yr Founded: 1924

Has Branches In: WI

Telephone: (414) 374-0486

Rating: E Yr Founded: 1927

Has Branches In: WI

Telephone: (414) 476-6434

Rating: **E+** Yr Founded: 1891

Has Branches In: WI

Telephone: (920) 398-2358

West Virginia

Bank Name: First State Bank

Headquartered In: Barboursville, WV Website: http://www.fsb-wv.com

Rating: **E**- Yr Founded: 1905

Has Branches In: WV

Telephone: (304) 736-5271

Weiss Ratings' Highly Recommended Credit Unions by State

This list is derived from *Weiss Ratings Guide to Credit Unions*, which rates the financial strength of nearly 6,000 credit unions nationwide. Visit www.greyhouse.com for more information about *Weiss Ratings Guide to Credit Unions*.

The following pages list Weiss Ratings' Highly Recommended Credit Unions (based strictly on financial safety), arranged by headquarters state. These credit unions currently receive a Weiss Safety Rating of A+ or A, indicating their excellent financial position. Institutions are listed by their Safety Rating and then alphabetically within each Safety Rating grouping.

If a credit union is not on this list, it should not be automatically assumed that the institution is weak. Indeed, there are many institutions that have not achieved an A- or better rating but are in relatively good condition with adequate resources to cover their risk. Not being included in this list should not be construed as a recommendation to not work with a particular institution.

To get Weiss Safety Rating for a company not included here, or to check the latest rating for these companies, go to https://greyhouse.weissratings.com.

Name The name under which the institution was chartered.

Weiss Safety Rating Our rating is measured on a scale from A to F and considers a

wide range of factors. Highly rated companies are, in our opinion, less likely to experience financial difficulties than lower-rated firms. See "What Our Ratings Mean" in the

Appendix for a definition of each rating category.

Headquartered In: The city and state in which the institution's headquarters or

main office is located. With the adoption of intrastate and interstate branching laws, many institutions operating in your area may actually be headquartered elsewhere. So, don't be surprised if the location cited is not in your particular city. Also use city to confirm that you have located the correct institution. It is possible for two unrelated institutions to have the same name if they are headquartered in different cities.

Website The company's web address.

Telephone The company's phone number.

The following list of highly recommended Credit Unions by State is based on ratings as of the date of publication. Visit https://greyhouse.weissratings.com to check the latest rating of these companies.

Alabama

Name: ACIPCO Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Birmingham, AL

Name: Family Security Credit Union Headquartered In: Decatur, AL

Name: Five Star Credit Union Headquartered In: Dothan, AL

Name: Naheola Credit Union Headquartered In: Pennington, AL Rating: A Phone: (205) 328-4371 Website: http://www.acipcofcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (256) 340-2000 Website: http://www.myfscu.com

Rating: A Phone: (334) 793-7714 Website: http://www.fivestarcu.com

Rating: A Phone: (205) 654-2370 Website: http://www.naheola.com

Alaska

* There are no A+ or A Rated Credit Unions in Alaska. The top rated credit unions in AK are:

Name: MAC Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Fairbanks, AK

Name: Northern Skies Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Anchorage, AK

Name: Spirit of Alaska Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Fairbanks, AK

Rating: A- Phone: (907) 474-1291 Website: http://www.macfcu.org

Rating: **A-** Phone: (907) 561-1407 Website: http://www.northernskiesfcu.org

Rating: A- Phone: (907) 459-5900 Website: http://www.spiritofak.com

Arizona

Name: **Arizona Federal Credit Union** Headquartered In: Phoenix, AZ

Name: Desert Financial Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Phoenix, AZ

Rating: **A** Phone: (602) 683-1000 Website: https://www.arizonafederal.org

Rating: A Phone: (602) 433-7000 Website: http://www.desertfinancial.com

Arkansas

* There are no A+ or A Rated Credit Unions in Arkansas. The top rated credit unions in AR are:

Name: Arkansas Superior Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Warren, AR

Name: Northeast Arkansas Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Blytheville, AR

Rating: **A-** Phone: (870) 226-3534

Website: http://www.asfcu.coop

Rating: A- Phone: (870) 763-1111

Website: http://www.neafcu.org

California

Name: Arrowhead Central Credit Union Headquartered In: Rancho Cucamonga, CA

Name: Certified Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: El Monte, CA

Name: Long Beach Firemen's Credit Union Headquartered In: Long Beach, CA

Name: **Redwood Credit Union** Headquartered In: Santa Rosa, CA

Name: San Diego County Credit Union Headquartered In: San Diego, CA

Name: California Lithuanian Credit Union Headquartered In: Santa Monica, CA

Name: Coast Central Credit Union Headquartered In: Eureka, CA

Name: Community Credit Union of Southern Humboldt

Headquartered In: Garberville, CA

Name: Families & Schools Together Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Hanford, CA

Name: Logix Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Burbank, CA

Name: Mission Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: San Diego, CA Rating: **A+** Phone: (909) 383-7300 Website: http://www.arrowheadcu.org

Rating: A+ Phone: (626) 444-1972 Website: http://vonsefcu.org

Rating: A+ Phone: (562) 597-0351 Website: http://www.lbfcu.org

Rating: A+ Phone: (707) 545-4000 Website: http://www.redwoodcu.org

Rating: A+ Phone: (877) 732-2848 Website: http://www.sdccu.com

Rating: A Phone: (310) 828-7095 Website: http://www.clcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (707) 445-8801 Website: http://www.coastccu.org

Rating: A Phone: (707) 923-2012 Website: http://www.ccush.org

Rating: A Phone: (559) 584-0922 Website: http://www.fastcu.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (800) 328-5328 Website: https://www.logixbanking.com

Rating: A Phone: (858) 524-2850 Website: https://www.missionfed.com

Name: Operating Engineers Local Union #3 Federal Credit Union Rating: A Phone: (925) 454-4000

Headquartered In: Livermore, CA Website: http://www.oefcu.org

Name: Sacramento Credit Union Headquartered In: Sacramento, CA

Name: Safe 1 Credit Union

Headquartered In: Bakersfield, CA

Name: San Mateo Credit Union Headquartered In: Redwood City, CA

Name: Schools Financial Credit Union Headquartered In: Sacramento, CA

Name: SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Santa Ana, CA

Name: **Self-Help Federal Credit Union** Headquartered In: Modesto, CA

Name: **Technology Credit Union** Headquartered In: San Jose, CA

Name: Yolo Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Woodland, CA Rating: A Phone: (916) 444-6070 Website: http://www.sactocu.org

Rating: A Phone: (661) 327-3818 Website: http://www.safe1.org

Rating: A Phone: (650) 363-1725 Website: http://www.smcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (916) 569-5400 Website: https://www.schools.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (714) 258-4000 Website: http://www.schoolsfirstfcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (877) 369-2828 Website: http://www.self-helpfcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (408) 467-2380 Website: http://www.techcu.com

Rating: A Phone: (530) 668-2700 Website: http://www.yolofcu.org

Colorado

Name: Rocky Mountain Law Enforcement Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Lone Tree, CO

Name: Aurora Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Aurora, CO

Name: Colorado Credit Union Headquartered In: Littleton, CO

Name: **Credit Union of Denver** Headquartered In: Lakewood, CO

Name: Ent Credit Union

Headquartered In: Colorado Springs, CO

Name: Sterling Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Sterling, CO Rating: A+ Phone: (303) 458-6660 Website: https://www.rmlefcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (303) 755-2572 Website: http://www.auroracu.com

Rating: A Phone: (303) 978-2274 Website: http://www.ccu.org

Rating: A Phone: (303) 234-1700 Website: http://www.cudenver.com

Rating: A Phone: (719) 574-1100 Website: http://www.ent.com

Rating: A Phone: (970) 522-0111 Website: http://www.sterlingcreditunion.org



Connecticut

* There are no A+, A, or A- Rated Credit Unions in Connecticut. The top rated credit unions in CT are:

Name: Dutch Point Credit Union Rating: B+ Phone: (860) 563-2617 Headquartered In: Wethersfield, CT Website: http://www.dutchpoint.org

Name: Nutmeg State Financial Credit Union Rating: **B+** Phone: (860) 513-5000 Headquartered In: Rocky Hill, CT Website: http://www.nutmegstatefcu.org

Name: Sikorsky Financial Credit Union Phone: (203) 377-2252 Rating: **B+** Headquartered In: Stratford, CT Website: https://www.sikorskycu.org

Name: Waterbury Connecticut Teachers Federal Credit Union Rating: B+ Phone: (203) 758-9500

Headquartered In: Middlebury, CT Website: http://www.wctfcu.com

Delaware

* There are no A+ or A Rated Credit Unions in Delaware. The top rated credit unions in DE are:

Name: Tidemark Federal Credit Union Phone: (302) 629-0100 Rating: A-Headquartered In: Seaford, DE Website: http://www.tidemarkfcu.org

Florida

Name: Community Credit Union of Florida Phone: (321) 690-2328 Rating: A

Headquartered In: Rockledge, FL Website: https://www.ccuflorida.org

Name: Community First Credit Union of Florida Phone: (904) 354-8537 Rating: A

Headquartered In: Jacksonville, FL Website: http://www.communityfirstfl.org

Name: Guardians Credit Union Phone: (561) 686-4006 Rating: A Headquartered In: West Palm Beach, FL Website: http://www.guardianscu.coop

Name: MIDFLORIDA Credit Union Phone: (863) 688-3733 Rating: A Headquartered In: Lakeland, FL Website: http://www.midflorida.com

Name: Panhandle Educators Federal Credit Union Rating: A Phone: (850) 769-3306 Headquartered In: Panama City, FL

Website: http://www.pefcu.org

Name: Pen Air Federal Credit Union Phone: (850) 505-3200 Rating: A Headquartered In: Pensacola, FL Website: http://www.penair.org

Name: Publix Employees Federal Credit Union Rating: A Phone: (863) 683-6404

Headquartered In: Lakeland, FL Website: http://www.pefcu.com Name: Space Coast Credit Union Headquartered In: Melbourne, FL Rating: A Phone: (321) 752-2222 Website: http://www.sccu.com

Georgia

Name: Robins Financial Credit Union Headquartered In: Warner Robins, GA

Name: **CGR Credit Union** Headquartered In: Macon, GA

Name: **Credit Union of Georgia** Headquartered In: Woodstock, GA

Name: Interstate Unlimited Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Jesup, GA

Name: **LGE Community Credit Union** Headquartered In: Marietta, GA

Name: Workmen's Circle Credit Union Headquartered In: Savannah, GA Rating: **A+** Phone: (478) 923-3773 Website: http://www.robinsfcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (478) 745-0494 Website: http://www.cgrcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (678) 322-2000 Website: http://www.cuofga.org

Rating: A Phone: (912) 427-3904 Website: http://www.iufcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (770) 424-0060 Website: http://www.lgeccu.org

Rating: A Phone: (912) 356-9225 Website: https://www.workmenscirclecu.com

Hawaii

Name: Maui County Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Wailuku, HI

Rating: **A** Phone: (808) 244-7968 Website: http://www.mauicountyfcu.org

Idaho

* There are no A+ or A Rated Credit Unions in Idaho. The top rated credit unions in ID are:

Name: Cottonwood Community Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Cottonwood, ID

Name: Idaho Central Credit Union Headquartered In: Chubbuck, ID Rating: A- Phone: (208) 962-3451 Website: http://www.ccfcu.coop/

Rating: **A-** Phone: (208) 239-3000

Website: http://www.iccu.com

Illinois

Name: Abbott Laboratories Employees Credit Union

Headquartered In: Gurnee, IL

Name: Earthmover Credit Union Headquartered In: Oswego, IL

Name: **Financial Plus Credit Union** Headquartered In: Ottawa, IL

Name: IAA Credit Union

Headquartered In: Bloomington, IL

Name: Streator Onized Credit Union Headquartered In: Streator, IL Rating: A Phone: (847) 688-8000

Website: http://www.alecu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (630) 844-4950 Website: http://www.earthmovercu.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (815) 433-1496 Website: http://www.financialplus.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (309) 557-2541

Website: http://www.iaacu.org

Rating: A Phone: (815) 673-1589 Website: http://www.socu.org

Indiana

Name: Indiana University Credit Union Headquartered In: Bloomington, IN

Name: Three Rivers Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Fort Wayne, IN Rating: A Phone: (812) 855-7823 Website: http://www.iucu.org

Rating: A Phone: (260) 490-8328 Website: http://www.3riversfcu.org

Iowa

Name: Cedar Falls Community Credit Union

Headquartered In: Cedar Falls, IA

Name: Dupaco Community Credit Union

Headquartered In: Dubuque, IA

Rating: A Phone: (319) 266-7531 Website: http://www.cfccu.org

Rating: A Phone: (563) 557-7600 Website: http://www.dupaco.com

Kansas

* There are no A+ or A Rated Credit Unions in Kansas. The top rated credit unions in KS are:

Name: **Credit Union of America** Headquartered In: Wichita, KS

Name: **Skyward Credit Union** Headquartered In: Wichita, KS

Name: White Eagle Credit Union Headquartered In: Augusta, KS

Name: Wichita Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Wichita, KS Rating: **A-** Phone: (316) 265-3272 Website: http://www.cuofamerica.com

Rating: **A-** Phone: (316) 440-9690 Website: https://www.skywardcu.com

Rating: **A-** Phone: (316) 775-7591 Website: http://www.whiteeaglecu.com

Rating: A- Phone: (316) 941-0600 Website: http://www.wichitafcu.com

Kentucky

Name: Autotruck Financial Credit Union Headquartered In: Louisville, KY

Name: **C-Plant Federal Credit Union** Headquartered In: Paducah, KY

Name: L&N Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Louisville, KY

Name: **Service One Credit Union, Inc.** Headquartered In: Bowling Green, KY

Name: University of Kentucky Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Lexington, KY

Rating: A Phone: (502) 459-8981 Website: http://www.autotruckfcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (270) 554-0287 Website: http://www.cplant.com

Rating: A Phone: (502) 368-5858 Website: http://www.lnfcu.com

Rating: A Phone: (270) 796-8500 Website: http://www.socu.com

Rating: A Phone: (859) 264-4200 Website: http://www.myukfcu.org

Louisiana

Name: Department of Corrections Credit Union

Headquartered In: Baton Rouge, LA

Rating: A Phone: (225) 342-6618 Website: http://www.doccu.org

Maine

Name: Oxford Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Mexico, ME Rating: A Phone: (207) 369-9976 Website: http://www.ofcu.org/

Maryland

Name: Johns Hopkins Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Baltimore, MD

Name: Library of Congress Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Hyattsville, MD

Name: Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Bowie, MD

Rating: A Phone: (410) 534-4500

Website: http://www.jhfcu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (202) 707-5852

Website: http://www.lcfcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (301) 627-2666 Website: http://www.princegeorgescfcu.org

Massachusetts

Name: Greater Springfield Credit Union

Headquartered In: Springfield, MA

Name: Webster First Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Worcester, MA

Rating: A Phone: (413) 782-3161 Website: http://www.grscu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (508) 671-5000

Website: http://www.websterfirst.com

Michigan

Name: AAC Credit Union

Headquartered In: Grand Rapids, MI

Name: Alliance Catholic Credit Union Headquartered In: Southfield, MI

Name: Alpena-Alcona Area Credit Union

Headquartered In: Alpena, MI

Name: **Dort Federal Credit Union** Headquartered In: Grand Blanc, MI

Name: **ELGA Credit Union** Headquartered In: Burton, MI

Name: Genisys Credit Union

Headquartered In: Auburn Hills, MI

Name: Honor Credit Union

Headquartered In: Berrien Springs, MI

Name: Kellogg Community Credit Union Headquartered In: Battle Creek, MI Rating: **A** Phone: (616) 288-0288 Website: http://www.aaccreditunion.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (248) 663-4006 Website: https://www.allianceccu.com

Rating: A Phone: (989) 356-3577 Website: http://www.aaacu.com

Rating: A Phone: (810) 767-8390 Website: http://www.dortonline.org

Rating: A Phone: (810) 715-3542 Website: http://www.elgacu.com

Rating: A Phone: (248) 322-9800 Website: https://www.genisyscu.org

Rating: A Phone: (800) 442-2800 Website: https://www.honorcu.com

Rating: A Phone: (269) 968-9251 Website: https://www.kelloggccu.org



Name: Lake Michigan Credit Union Headquartered In: Byron Center, MI

Name: Marshall Community Credit Union

Headquartered In: Marshall, MI

Name: Michigan Schools and Government Credit Union

Headquartered In: Clinton Township, MI

Name: Omni Community Credit Union Headquartered In: Battle Creek, MI

Name: Polish-American Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Troy, MI

Name: Preferred Credit Union Headquartered In: Grand Rapids, MI

Name: Service 1 Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Norton Shores, MI

Name: Soo Co-op Credit Union

Headquartered In: Sault Sainte Marie, MI

Name: St. Francis X Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Petoskey, MI

Name: TLC Community Credit Union Headquartered In: Adrian, MI

Name: West Michigan Credit Union Headquartered In: Grand Rapids, MI

Phone: (616) 242-9790 Rating: A

Website: http://www.lmcu.org

Phone: (269) 781-9885 Rating: A

Website: http://www.marshallcommunitycu.com

Rating: A Phone: (586) 263-8800

Website: http://www.msgcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (269) 441-1400 Website: https://www.omnicommunitycu.org

> Rating: A Phone: (248) 619-0440 Website: https://www.mypafcu.com

> Phone: (616) 942-9630 Rating: A Website: http://www.preferredcu.org

> Phone: (231) 739-5068 Rating: A Website: http://www.service1fcu.com

> Phone: (906) 632-5300 Rating: A Website: http://www.soocoop.com/

> Rating: A Phone: (231) 347-8480 Website: http://www.stfranciscu.org

> Phone: (517) 263-9120 Rating: A Website: http://www.tlccu.org

Rating: A Phone: (616) 451-4567 Website: https://www.westmichigancu.com

Minnesota

Name: Co-Op Credit Union of Montevideo Headquartered In: Montevideo, MN

Name: Central Minnesota Credit Union

Headquartered In: Melrose, MN

Name: Mayo Employees Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Rochester, MN

Name: Red Wing Credit Union Headquartered In: Red Wing, MN

Name: St. Paul Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Saint Paul, MN

Rating: A+ Phone: (320) 269-2117 Website: http://www.co-opcreditunion.com

Rating: A Phone: (320) 256-3669 Website: https://www.mycmcu.org

Phone: (507) 535-1460 Rating: A Website: http://www.mayocreditunion.org

> Phone: (651) 388-7133 Rating: A Website: http://www.redwingcu.com

> Phone: (651) 772-8744 Rating: A Website: http://www.stpaulfcu.org



Name: TruStone Financial Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Plymouth, MN

Name: Wings Financial Credit Union Headquartered In: Apple Valley, MN Rating: **A** Phone: (763) 544-1517 Website: http://www.trustonefinancial.org

Rating: A Phone: (952) 997-8000 Website: http://www.wingsfinancial.com

Mississippi

Name: 1st Mississippi Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Meridian, MS

Name: Sunbelt Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Laurel, MS Rating: A Phone: (601) 693-6873 Website: https://1stms.com

Rating: A Phone: (601) 649-7181 Website: http://sunbeltfcu.org

Missouri

Name: Multipli Credit Union Headquartered In: Springfield, MO

Name: **Century Credit Union** Headquartered In: Saint Louis, MO

Name: St. Louis Community Credit Union Headquartered In: Saint Louis, MO

Name: **Telcomm Credit Union** Headquartered In: Springfield, MO

Name: **United Credit Union** Headquartered In: Mexico, MO Rating: A+ Phone: (417) 865-3912 Website: https://www.multiplicu.com

Rating: A Phone: (314) 544-1818 Website: http://www.centurycu.org

Rating: A Phone: (314) 534-7610 Website: https://www.stlouiscommunity.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (417) 886-5355 Website: http://www.telcommcu.com/

Rating: A Phone: (573) 581-8651 Website: http://www.unitedcu.org

Montana

Name: Lincoln County Credit Union Headquartered In: Libby, MT

Rating: **A** Phone: (406) 293-7771 Website: http://www.lincolncountycu.com

Nebraska

Name: Liberty First Credit Union Headquartered In: Lincoln, NE Rating: A Phone: (402) 465-1000 Website: http://www.libertyfirstcu.com

Nevada

Name: Clark County Credit Union Headquartered In: Las Vegas, NV

Name: One Nevada Credit Union Headquartered In: Las Vegas, NV

Name: **Boulder Dam Credit Union** Headquartered In: Boulder City, NV

Name: Silver State Schools Credit Union Headquartered In: Las Vegas, NV Rating: A+ Phone: (702) 228-2228 Website: http://www.ccculv.org

Rating: A+ Phone: (702) 457-1000 Website: https://www.onenevada.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (702) 293-7777 Website: http://www.boulderdamcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (702) 733-8820 Website: http://www.silverstatecu.com

New Hampshire

* There are no A+ or A Rated Credit Unions in New Hampshire. The top rated credit unions in NH are:

Name: Service Credit Union

Headquartered In: Portsmouth, NH

Rating: **A-** Phone: (603) 422-8300

Website: https://www.servicecu.org

New Jersey

* There are no A+, A, or A- Rated Credit Unions in Kansas. The top rated credit unions in NJ are:

Name: Central Jersey Police & Fire Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Hamilton, NJ

Name: Liberty Savings Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Jersey City, NJ

Name: **Seaport Federal Credit Union** Headquartered In: Elizabeth, NJ Rating: **B+** Phone: (609) 570-8155 Website: http://www.cjpolicefirefcu.org/

Rating: **B+** Phone: (201) 659-3900

Website: http://www.lsfcu.org

Rating: **B+** Phone: (908) 558-6356 Website: http://www.seaportfcu.org

New Mexico

Name: Artesia Credit Union Headquartered In: Artesia, NM

Name: **Guadalupe Credit Union** Headquartered In: Santa Fe, NM

Name: **Rio Grande Credit Union** Headquartered In: Albuquerque, NM Rating: A Phone: (575) 748-9779 Website: http://www.artesiacu.org

Rating: A Phone: (505) 216-0512 Website: http://www.guadalupecu.org

Rating: A Phone: (505) 262-1401 Website: https://www.riograndecu.org

Name: State Employees Credit Union Headquartered In: Santa Fe, NM Rating: A Phone: (505) 983-7328
Website: http://www.secunm.org

New York

Name: **ESL Federal Credit Union** Headquartered In: Rochester, NY

Name: Moog Employees Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: East Aurora, NY

Name: Olean Area Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Olean, NY

Rating: **A+** Phone: (585) 336-1000

Website: http://www.esl.org

Rating: A Phone: (716) 655-2360 Website: http://www.moogemployeesfcu.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (716) 372-6607 Website: http://www.oleanareafcu.org

North Carolina

Name: Charlotte Metro Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Charlotte, NC

Name: Latino Community Credit Union

Headquartered In: Durham, NC

Name: Self-Help Credit Union Headquartered In: Durham, NC

Name: **Telco Community Credit Union** Headquartered In: Asheville, NC Rating: A Phone: (704) 375-0183 Website: http://www.cmcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (919) 530-8800 Website: http://www.latinoccu.org

Rating: A Phone: (919) 956-4400 Website: http://www.self-help.org

Rating: A Phone: (828) 252-6458 Website: https://www.telcoccu.org

North Dakota

Name: First Community Credit Union Headquartered In: Jamestown, ND Rating: A Phone: (800) 850-7676 Website: https://www.myfccu.com

Ohio

Name: **Superior Credit Union, Inc.** Headquartered In: Lima, OH

Name: Day Air Credit Union Headquartered In: Kettering, OH

Name: **KEMBA Financial Credit Union** Headquartered In: Gahanna, OH Rating: A+ Phone: (419) 223-9746 Website: http://www.superiorcu.com

Rating: A Phone: (937) 643-2160 Website: http://www.dayair.org

Rating: A Phone: (614) 235-2395 Website: http://www.kemba.org Name: Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Garfield Heights, OH

Name: **Seven Seventeen Credit Union** Headquartered In: Warren, OH

Name: Wright-Patt Credit Union, Inc. Headquartered In: Beavercreek, OH Rating: A Phone: (216) 663-6800 Website: http://www.ohiocatholicfcu.com

Rating: A Phone: (330) 372-8100 Website: https://www.717cu.com/

Rating: A Phone: (937) 912-7000 Website: http://www.wpcu.coop

Oklahoma

Name: Oklahoma Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Oklahoma City, OK Rating: A Phone: (405) 524-6467 Website: http://www.okfcu.com

Oregon

Name: OnPoint Community Credit Union

Headquartered In: Portland, OR

Name: Cascade Community Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Roseburg, OR

Name: NW Preferred Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Portland, OR

Name: SELCO Community Credit Union

Headquartered In: Eugene, OR

Rating: **A+** Phone: (503) 228-7077 Website: https://www.onpointcu.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (541) 672-9000 Website: http://www.cascadecu.org/

Rating: **A** Phone: (503) 620-6248 Website: https://www.nwpreferredfcu.com

Rating: A Phone: (800) 445-4483 Website: http://www.selco.org

Pennsylvania

Name: Police and Fire Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Philadelphia, PA

Name: Freedom Credit Union Headquartered In: Warminster, PA

Name: Mon Valley Community Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Allenport, PA

Name: **Philadelphia Federal Credit Union** Headquartered In: Philadelphia, PA Rating: A+ Phone: (215) 931-0300 Website: http://www.pffcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (215) 612-5900 Website: http://www.freedomcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (724) 326-5632 Website: http://www.mvcfcu.com/

Rating: A Phone: (215) 934-3500 Website: http://www.pfcu.com



Rhode Island

* There are no A+ or A Rated Credit Unions in Rhode Island. The top rated credit unions in RI are:

Name: **People's Credit Union** Headquartered In: Middletown, RI Rating: A- Phone: (401) 846-8930 Website: http://www.peoplescu.com

South Carolina

Name: AllSouth Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Columbia, SC

Name: Carolina Foothills Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Spartanburg, SC

Name: **CPM Federal Credit Union** Headquartered In: North Charleston, SC

Name: **Georgetown Kraft Credit Union** Headquartered In: Georgetown, SC

Name: Palmetto Citizens Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Columbia, SC

Name: S.C. State Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Columbia, SC

Name: SRP Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: North Augusta, SC Rating: A Phone: (803) 736-3110 Website: http://www.allsouth.org/

Rating: A Phone: (864) 585-6838 Website: http://www.carolinafoothillsfcu.coop

Rating: A Phone: (843) 747-6376 Website: http://www.cpmfed.com

Rating: A Phone: (843) 546-8494 Website: http://www.gkcu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (803) 779-1232 Website: http://www.palmettocitizens.org

Rating: A Phone: (803) 343-0300 Website: https://www.scscu.com

Rating: A Phone: (803) 278-4851 Website: http://www.srpfcu.org

South Dakota

* There are no A+ or A Rated Credit Unions in South Dakota. The top rated credit unions in SD are:

Name: **Aberdeen Federal Credit Union** Headquartered In: Aberdeen, SD

Name: Norstar Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Britton, SD

Name: Sioux Falls Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Sioux Falls, SD Rating: **A-** Phone: (605) 225-2488 Website: http://www.aberdeenfcu.org

Rating: A- Phone: (605) 448-2292 Website: http://www.norstarfcu.com

Rating: A- Phone: (605) 334-2471 Website: http://www.siouxfallsfcu.org

Tennessee

Name: First South Financial Credit Union

Headquartered In: Bartlett, TN

Name: **Ascend Federal Credit Union** Headquartered In: Tullahoma, TN

Name: **Eastman Credit Union** Headquartered In: Kingsport, TN

Name: Heritage South Community Credit Union

Headquartered In: Shelbyville, TN

Name: **Leaders Credit Union** Headquartered In: Jackson, TN

Name: Northeast Community Credit Union

Headquartered In: Elizabethton, TN

Name: **Orion Federal Credit Union** Headquartered In: Memphis, TN

Name: Tennessee Valley Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Chattanooga, TN

Rating: A+ Phone: (901) 380-7400 Website: http://www.firstsouth.com

Rating: A Phone: (931) 455-5441 Website: https://www.ascend.org

Rating: A Phone: (423) 578-7676 Website: https://www.ecu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (931) 680-1400 Website: https://www.heritagesouth.org

Rating: A Phone: (731) 664-1784 Website: https://www.leaderscu.org

Rating: A Phone: (423) 547-1200 Website: http://www.bemycu.org

Rating: A Phone: (901) 385-5200 Website: http://www.orionfcu.com

Rating: A Phone: (423) 634-3600 Website: http://www.tvfcu.com

Texas

Name: East Texas Professional Credit Union

Headquartered In: Longview, TX

Name: Schlumberger Employees Credit Union

Headquartered In: Sugar Land, TX

Name: Abilene Teachers Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Abilene, TX

Name: Alliance Credit Union Headquartered In: Lubbock, TX

Name: Austin Telco Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Austin, TX

Name: **Border Federal Credit Union** Headquartered In: Del Rio, TX Rating: A+ Phone: (903) 323-0230 Website: http://www.etpcu.org

Rating: A+ Phone: (281) 285-4551 Website: http://www.secu.slb.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (325) 677-2274 Website: http://www.abileneteachersfcu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (806) 798-5554 Website: https://www.alliancecutx.com

Rating: A Phone: (512) 302-5555 Website: https://www.atfcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (830) 774-2328 Website: http://www.borderfcu.com Name: **DATCU Credit Union** Headquartered In: Corinth, TX

Name: **EECU**

Headquartered In: Fort Worth, TX

Name: Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Pasadena, TX

Name: Harris County Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Houston, TX

Name: Kelly Community Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Tyler, TX

Name: **Members First Credit Union** Headquartered In: Corpus Christi, TX

Name: **Mobiloil Federal Credit Union** Headquartered In: Beaumont, TX

Name: **Naft Federal Credit Union** Headquartered In: Pharr, TX

Name: Neches Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Port Neches, TX

Name: Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Live Oak, TX

Name: Southwest Airlines Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Dallas, TX

Name: Texasgulf Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Wharton, TX

Rating: A Phone: (866) 387-8585 Website: http://www.datcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (817) 882-0000 Website: http://www.eecu.org

Rating: A Phone: (281) 487-9333

Website: http://www.gcefcu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (713) 755-5160

Website: http://www.hcfcu.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (903) 597-7291 Website: https://www.kellycommunity.org

Rating: A Phone: (361) 991-6178 Website: http://www.m1st.org

Rating: A Phone: (409) 892-1111 Website: https://www.mobiloilcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (956) 787-2774 Website: https://www.naftfcu.coop

Rating: A Phone: (409) 722-1174 Website: http://www.nechesfcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (210) 945-3300 Website: http://www.rbfcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (214) 357-5577 Website: https://www.swacu.org

Rating: A Phone: (979) 282-2300 Website: http://www.texasgulffcu.org

Utah

Name: Box Elder County Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Brigham City, UT

Name: American United Family of Credit Unions, FCU

Headquartered In: West Jordan, UT

Name: Cyprus Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: West Jordan, UT

Name: Eastern Utah Community Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Price, UT

Rating: A+ Phone: (435) 723-3437 Website: http://www.boxeldercu.com

Rating: A Phone: (801) 359-9600 Website: https://www.amucu.org/

Rating: A Phone: (801) 260-7600 Website: http://www.cypruscu.com/

Rating: A Phone: (435) 637-2443 Website: http://www.euccu.com/



Name: Goldenwest Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Ogden, UT

Name: Utah Community Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Provo, UT

Name: Utah First Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Salt Lake City, UT Rating: A Phone: (801) 621-4550 Website: http://www.gwcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (801) 223-8188 Website: http://www.uccu.com

Rating: A Phone: (801) 320-2600 Website: https://www.utahfirst.com

Vermont

* There are no A+ or A Rated Credit Unions in Vermont. The top rated credit unions in VT are:

Name: Members Advantage Community Credit Union

Headquartered In: Barre, VT

Rating: A- Phone: (802) 479-9411 Website: http://www.maccu.org/

Virginia

Name: Fairfax County Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Fairfax, VA

Name: Navy Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Vienna, VA

Name: United States Senate Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Alexandria, VA

Rating: A Phone: (703) 218-9900 Website: http://www.fairfaxcu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (703) 255-8000 Website: https://www.navyfederal.org

Rating: A Phone: (202) 224-2967 Website: http://www.ussfcu.org

Washington

Name: **Sound Credit Union** Headquartered In: Tacoma, WA

Name: Whatcom Educational Credit Union Headquartered In: Bellingham, WA

Name: **Boeing Employees Credit Union** Headquartered In: Tukwila, WA

Name: Fibre Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Longview, WA

Name: Great Northwest Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Aberdeen, WA

Name: Horizon Credit Union

Headquartered In: Spokane Valley, WA

Rating: A+ Phone: (253) 383-2016 Website: http://www.soundcu.com/

Rating: A+ Phone: (360) 676-1168 Website: http://www.wecu.com

Rating: A Phone: (800) 233-2328 Website: http://www.becu.org

Rating: A Phone: (360) 423-8750 Website: http://www.fibrecu.com

Rating: A Phone: (360) 533-9990 Website: http://www.greatnwfcu.com

Rating: A Phone: (509) 928-6494 Website: http://www.hzcu.org



Name: IQ Credit Union

Headquartered In: Vancouver, WA

Name: North Coast Credit Union Headquartered In: Bellingham, WA

Name: Our Community Credit Union Headquartered In: Shelton, WA

Name: Qualstar Credit Union Headquartered In: Redmond, WA Rating: **A** Phone: (360) 695-3441

Website: http://www.iqcu.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (360) 733-3982 Website: http://www.northcoastcu.com

Rating: A Phone: (360) 426-9701 Website: https://www.ourcu.com

Rating: A Phone: (425) 643-3400 Website: http://www.gualstarcu.com

West Virginia

Name: United Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Morgantown, WV

Name: West Virginia Central Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Parkersburg, WV

Rating: A Phone: (304) 598-5010 Website: http://www.tufcu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (304) 485-4523

Website: http://www.wvccu.org

Wisconsin

Name: Community First Credit Union Headquartered In: Neenah, WI

Name: Covantage Credit Union Headquartered In: Antigo, WI

Name: Fox Communities Credit Union Headquartered In: Appleton, WI

Name: **Members' Advantage Credit Union** Headquartered In: Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Name: Shipbuilders Credit Union Headquartered In: Manitowoc, WI

Name: **Summit Credit Union** Headquartered In: Madison, WI

Name: Verve, a Credit Union Headquartered In: Oshkosh, WI

Name: Westby Co-op Credit Union Headquartered In: Westby, WI

Name: Winnebago Community Credit Union

Headquartered In: Oshkosh, WI

Rating: **A** Phone: (920) 830-7200 Website: http://www.communityfirstcu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (715) 627-4336 Website: http://www.covantagecu.org

Rating: A Phone: (920) 993-9000 Website: http://www.foxcu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (715) 421-1610 Website: http://www.membersadvantagecu.com

Rating: A Phone: (920) 682-8500 Website: http://www.shipbuilderscu.com

Rating: A Phone: (608) 243-5000 Website: http://www.summitcreditunion.com

Rating: A Phone: (920) 236-7040 Website: https://www.verveacu.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (608) 634-3118 Website: http://www.wccucreditunion.coop

Rating: A Phone: (920) 233-9096 Website: http://www.wincu.org/

Wyoming

Name: **Sunlight Federal Credit Union** Headquartered In: Cody, WY

Phone: (307) 587-4915 Rating: A Website: http://www.sunlightfcu.com

Weiss Ratings' Weakest Credit Unions by State

This list is derived from *Weiss Ratings Guide to Credit Unions*, which rates the financial strength of nearly 6,000 credit unions nationwide. Visit www.greyhouse.com for more information about *Weiss Ratings Guide to Credit Unions*.

The following pages list Weiss Ratings' Weakest Credit Unions (based strictly on financial safety) with headquarters in each state. These credit unions currently receive a Weiss Safety Rating of E+, E or E-, indicating their very weak financial position and the possibility of failure. If your checking account is with one of these credit unions, you might want to consider moving your funds to a more financially secure institution.

Institutions are listed by their Safety Rating and then alphabetically within each Safety Rating grouping.

To get Weiss Safety Rating for a company not included here, or to check the latest rating for these companies, go to https://greyhouse.weissratings.com.

Weiss Safety Rating Our rating is measured on a scale from A to F and considers a

wide range of factors. Highly rated companies are, in our opinion, less likely to experience financial difficulties than lower-rated firms. See "What Our Ratings Mean" in the

Appendix for a definition of each rating category.

Headquartered In: The city and state in which the institution's headquarters or

main office is located. With the adoption of intrastate and interstate branching laws, many institutions operating in your area may actually be headquartered elsewhere. So, don't be surprised if the location cited is not in your particular city. Also use city to confirm that you have located the correct institution. It is possible for two unrelated institutions to have the same name if they are headquartered in different cities.

Website The company's web address.

Telephone The company's phone number.

The following list of Weakest Credit Unions by State is based on ratings as of the date of publication. Visit https://greyhouse.weissratings.com to check the latest rating of these companies.



Alabama

Name: Sixth Avenue Baptist Federal Credit Union Rating: **E+** Phone: (205) 322-6654 Headquartered In: Birmingham, AL Website: http://www.sixthavebaptistfcu.org

Name: Tuskegee Federal Credit Union Rating: **E+** Phone: (334) 727-3180 Headquartered In: Tuskegee, AL Website: https://www.w-w-i-s.com/hb/51/default.aspx?entity=QKF0I

Arizona

Name: San Tan Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (480) 963-5661 Headquartered In: Chandler, AZ

Website: http://santancu.org

California

Name: Cal Poly Federal Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (909) 869-6800 Headquartered In: Pomona, CA Website: http://www.calpolyfcu.org

Name: Cooperative Center Federal Credit Union Rating: **E+** Phone: (510) 845-6428

Headquartered In: Berkeley, CA Website: http://www.coopfcu.org

Name: Pacoima Development Federal Credit Union Rating: **E+** Phone: (818) 899-8506

Headquartered In: Pacoima, CA Website: http://www.pacoimafcu.org

Name: S.F. Bay Area Educators Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (415) 664-4313 Headquartered In: San Francisco, CA Website: http://www.sfbayedcu.org

Name: United America West Federal Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (818) 834-1959

Headquartered In: Panorama City, CA Website: http://www.uawfcu.com

Name: Victor Valley Federal Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (760) 245-7170 Headquartered In: Victorville, CA Website: http://www.vvfcu.org

Colorado

Name: Olathe Federal Credit Union Rating: **E**+ Phone: (970) 323-5448

Headquartered In: Olathe, CO Website:

Name: One Thirteen Credit Union Rating: **E+** Phone: (719) 632-7118 Headquartered In: Colorado Springs, CO Website: http://www.113creditunion.com/

Name: Options Credit Union Rating: **E**+ Phone: (303) 860-1117 Headquartered In: Littleton, CO Website: http://www.optionscreditunion.com

Connecticut

Name: New Haven County Credit Union Rating: E Phone: (203) 234-8773

Headquartered In: North Haven, CT Website: http://www.nhccu.com

Name: Western Connecticut Federal Credit Union Rating: E Phone: (203) 791-9399 Headquartered In: Bethel, CT Website: http://www.westernctfcu.com

Name: Community Credit Union of New Milford, Inc. Rating: **E+** Phone: (860) 210-0777

Headquartered In: New Milford, CT Website: http://www.ccunm.org

Name: Connecticut Transit Federal Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (860) 244-9344

Headquartered In: Hartford, CT Website: http://www.cttransitfcu.org

Name: Faith Tabernacle Baptist Federal Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (203) 348-8755

Website: http://www.faithtabct.org/members/faith-federal-credit-Headquartered In: Stamford, CT

union

Name: First Baptist Church (Stratford) Federal Credit Union Phone: (203) 378-9228 Rating: E+

Headquartered In: Stratford, CT Website:

District of Columbia

Name: Georgetown Federal Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (202) 687-4841 Website: https://www.georgetownfcu.org Headquartered In: Washington, DC

Name: Sargent Federal Credit Union Phone: (202) 396-2923 Rating: E+

Headquartered In: Washington, DC Website:

Name: Washington Typographic Federal Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (202) 966-5155

Headquartered In: Washington, DC Website:

Florida

Name: Florida A&M University Federal Credit Union Rating: E-Phone: (850) 222-4541

Headquartered In: Tallahassee, FL Website: http://www.famufcu.com

Name: Florida State Employees Federal Credit Union Phone: (850) 474-1400 Rating: **E+**

Headquartered In: Pensacola, FL Website: http://www.fsefcu.org

Idaho

Name: Mountain Gem Credit Union Headquartered In: Nampa, ID

Name: **St. Joe Valley Credit Union** Headquartered In: Saint Maries, ID Rating: **E+** Phone: (208) 466-9455 Website: http://www.mountaingemcu.org

Rating: **E+** Phone: (208) 245-4231 Website: http://www.stjoevalleycu.com

Illionois

Name: C & N W Proviso Credit Union Headquartered In: Northlake, IL

Name: Kankakee Terminal Belt Credit Union Headquartered In: Kankakee, IL

Name: North Side Community Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Chicago, IL

Name: Northern Illinois Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: DeKalb, IL

Rating: **E+** Phone: (708) 544-1266

Website:

Rating: **E+** Phone: (815) 939-1688

Website: http://www.ktbcu.com

Rating: **E+** Phone: (773) 769-5800 Website: http://www.northsidecu.org

Rating: **E+** Phone: (815) 753-1911 Website: http://www.niucreditunion.com

Indiana

Name: Link Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Indianapolis, IN

Name: First County Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Muncie, IN

Rating: **E-** Phone: (317) 248-9241 Website: https://www.linkfcu.org

Rating: **E+** Phone: (765) 284-3471 Website: http://www.firstcountyfcu.org/

Kansas

Name: Wheat State Credit Union Headquartered In: Wichita, KS

Name: **Eagle Federal Credit Union** Headquartered In: Atchison, KS Rating: **E** Phone: (316) 687-4101 Website: http://www.wheatstatecu.com

Rating: **E+** Phone: (913) 367-5004

Website:

Louisiana

Name: Louisiana Central Credit Union Headquartered In: Harahan, LA

Name: Cogic Credit Union Headquartered In: Lafayette, LA

Name: SHPE Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Greensburg, LA

Name: West Jefferson Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Marrero, LA

Rating: **E-** Phone: (504) 733-0789 Website: http://www.louisianacentral.org

Rating: **E+** Phone: (337) 504-3502

Website:

Rating: **E+** Phone: (225) 222-6869 Website: http://www.sshpecu.org

Rating: **E+** Phone: (504) 349-1350 Website: http://www.wjfcu.virtualcu.net

Maryland

Name: Baltimore Washington Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Glen Burnie, MD

Name: **Healthcare 1st Federal Credit Union** Headquartered In: Cumberland, MD Rating: **E+** Phone: (410) 787-4680

Website: http://www.bwfcu.com

Rating: **E+** Phone: (301) 723-4098 Website: http://www.healthcare1fcu.org/

Massachusetts

Name: Greater Salem Employees Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Salem, MA

Rating: **E+** Phone: (978) 745-9803 Website: http://www.greatersalemfcu.org

Name: Lowell Municipal Employees Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Lowell, MA

Rating: **E+** Phone: (978) 970-4088 Website: http://www.lmefcu.net

Michigan

Name: Four Flags Area Credit Union

Headquartered In: Niles, MI

Name: Lake Superior Credit Union Headquartered In: Ontonagon, MI

Name: Live Life Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Sterling Heights, MI

Name: Warren Municipal Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Warren, MI

Rating: **E+** Phone: (269) 684-6512 Website: http://www.fourflagsacu.com

Rating: **E+** Phone: (906) 884-2069 Website: http://www.lscu.virtualcu.net

Rating: **E+** Phone: (586) 268-3720 Website: http://www.livelifefcu.org/

Rating: **E+** Phone: (586) 268-9690 Website: http://www.warrenmunicipalfcu.com



Mississippi

Name: First Unity Federal Credit Union Rating: E Phone: (601) 680-4419 Headquartered In: McComb, MS

Website:

Name: HealthPlus Federal Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (601) 354-6633

Headquartered In: Jackson, MS Website: http://www.healthplusfcu.com

Name: Twin States Federal Credit Union Rating: **E+** Phone: (662) 327-7666 Headquartered In: Columbus, MS Website: http://www.twinstatesfcu.com

Missouri

Name: Atlas Credit Union Phone: (573) 221-Rating: **E+**

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Headquartered In: Hannibal, MO Website:

Name: Heartland Community Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (816) 363-2223

Headquartered In: Kansas City, MO Website: http://www.hccu.com

Name: Missouri Baptist Credit Union Rating: **E+** Phone: (573) 635-4428 Headquartered In: Jefferson City, MO Website: http://www.mobaptistcu.org/

Nebraska

Name: Union Pacific Streamliner Federal Credit Union Rating: E Phone: (402) 544-2500

Headquartered In: Omaha, NE Website: http://www.upcu.org

New Hampshire

Name: N.H. Community Federal Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (603) 542-7781

Headquartered In: Claremont, NH Website: http://www.nhcommunityfcu.org

New Jersey

Name: Entertainment Industries Federal Credit Union Phone: (908) 282-9881 Rating: E-

Headquartered In: Elizabeth, NJ Website: http://www.eicu.org

Name: Hamilton Horizons Federal Credit Union Rating: E-Phone: (609) 631-4300

Headquartered In: Hamilton, NJ Website: http://www.hamiltonhorizons.org Name: **1st Bergen Federal Credit Union**Rating: **E+** Phone: (201) 968-0202
Headquartered In: Hackensack, NJ
Website: http://www.1stbergen.com

Name: Defense Logistics Federal Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (973) 724-8290

Headquartered In: Picatinny Arsenal, NJ Website:

Name: Essex County Teachers Federal Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (973) 748-8847

Headquartered In: Bloomfield, NJ Website: http://www.ectcu.org

Name: Parlin Dupont Employees Federal Credit Union
Headquartered In: Sayreville, NJ

Rating: E+ Phone: (732) 254-7573
Website: http://www.parlindupontefcu.com

Name: Rutherford Postal District Employees Fed. Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (732) 987-6533

Headquartered In: Lakewood, NJ Website:

Name: United Investors Federal Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (908) 862-5566

Headquartered In: Linden, NJ Website:

Name: West Orange Municipal Federal Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (973) 736-1929

Headquartered In: West Orange, NJ Website: http://www.womfcu.org

New York

Name: Lexington Avenue Federal Credit Union Rating: E- Phone: (585) 254-4543

Headquartered In: Rochester, NY Website: http://www.lexfcu.org

Name: Syracuse Cooperative Federal Credit Union Rating: E- Phone: (315) 471-1116

Headquartered In: Syracuse, NY Website: http://www.cooperativefederal.org

Name: **Branch 6000 NALC Credit Union**Rating: **E+** Phone: (631) 789-0303
Headquartered In: Amityville, NY
Website: http://www.branch6000cu.com

Name: Buffalo Cooperative Federal Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (716) 881-3767

Headquartered In: Buffalo, NY Website: http://www.coopcreditunion.com

Name: City of Schenectady Employees Federal Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (518) 346-3007 Headquartered In: Schenectady, NY Website:

Name: Empire Branch 36 National Assoc of Le Carr Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (212) 714-9899

Headquartered In: New York, NY

Website: http://www.nylcbr36.org/empire3.htm

Name: **Medical Employees of Staten Island Federal Credit Union** Rating: **E+** Phone: (718) 876-2721 Headquartered In: Staten Island, NY Website:

Name: MSBA Employees Federal Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (516) 766-0009

Headquartered In: Garden City, NY

Website: http://www.msbaefcu.org/

Name: NYTeam Federal Credit Union

Rating: E+ Phone: (516) 822-1070

Headquartered In: Hicksville, NY

Website: http://www.nyteamfcu.org



Name: Schenectady County Employees Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Schenectady, NY

Rating: **E+** Phone: (518) 374-3830

Website: http://www.schcofcu.org

North Carolina

Name: Fayetteville Postal Credit Union Headquartered In: Fayetteville, NC Rating: **E+** Phone: (910) 484-5146 Website: http://www.faypostalcu.org

Ohio

Name: Focus Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Toledo, OH

Name: Greater Wayne Community Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Rittman, OH

Name: Mount Zion Woodlawn Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Cincinnati, OH

Name: S And J School Employees Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Wintersville, OH

Name: Sorg Bay West Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Middletown, OH

Name: Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Toledo, OH

Rating: **E+** Phone: (419) 724-6611 Website: http://www.focusfcu.com

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Rating: **E+** Phone: (330) 927-2516

Website: http://www.gwcfcu.org

Rating: **E+** Phone: (513) 772-6230 Website: http://www.mtzionwoodlawn.com

Rating: **E+** Phone: (740) 266-6354

Website:

Rating: **E+** Phone: (513) 422-8697 Website: http://www.sorgbaywest.com/

Rating: **E+** Phone: (419) 255-8876 Website: http://www.toledourban.net

Oklahoma

Name: Arbuckle Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Ada, OK

Name: Employees Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Tulsa, OK

Rating: **E+** Phone: (580) 332-0181 Website: http://www.arbucklefcu.com

Rating: **E+** Phone: (918) 582-7573 Website: http://www.employeesfed.com

Oregon

Name: Machinists-Boilermakers Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Gladstone, OR

Rating: **E+** Phone: (503) 210-2477

Website: http://www.mbfcu.com

Phone: (570) 348-2140

Phone: (570) 322-2061

Phone: (610) 868-8211

Phone: (412) 281-0822

Phone: (814) 455-2270

Phone: (215) 829-9212

Phone: (412) 963-8081

Phone: (570) 451-3318

Website:

Website:

Website: http://www.cmcfcpi.com

Website: http://www.htsfcu.org/

Website: http://www.financial1fcu.org

Website: http://www.hilldistrictfcu.org

Website: http://www.ibew56fcu.org

Pennsylvania

Name: CMC-FCPI Employees Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Scranton, PA

Name: Financial 1st Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Williamsport, PA

Name: Heights Community Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Bethlehem, PA

Name: Hill District Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Pittsburgh, PA

Name: I B E W Local 56 Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Erie, PA

Name: Paper Converters Local 286/1034 Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Philadelphia, PA

Name: PATA Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Pittsburgh, PA

http://gpada.com/GPADA/Content/PATA_Federal_Credit_Union.cfm

Name: People's Choice Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Duryea, PA

Website: https://awebteller.com/peopleschoicefcu/

Rhode Island

Name: Woodlawn Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Pawtucket, RI

Rating: E+

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Phone: (401) 728-8300 Website: http://woodlawnfcu.org

South Carolina

Name: Brookland Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: West Columbia, SC

Rating: E+ Phone: (803) 794-9201 Website: http://www.brooklandfcu.org/

South Dakota

Name: Dakota Rail Line Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Huron, SD

Rating: **E+**

Phone: (605) 352-3648

Website:



Tennessee

Name: **Health Systems Credit Union** Headquartered In: Powell, TN

Name: Holston Methodist Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Knoxville, TN

Name: Mid East Tennessee Community Credit Union

Headquartered In: Decatur, TN

Rating: **E+** Phone: (865) 859-7008 Website: http://www.healthsystemscu.com

Rating: **E+** Phone: (865) 558-3117 Website: http://www.hmfcu.org

Rating: **E+** Phone: (423) 334-2100 Website: http://www.metcom.us

Texas

Name: **1st University Credit Union** Headquartered In: Waco, TX

Name: Texhillco School Employees Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Kerrville, TX

Name: **Transtar Federal Credit Union** Headquartered In: Houston, TX

Name: Brentwood Baptist Church Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Houston, TX

Name: Coastal Teachers Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Port Lavaca, TX

Name: C-T Waco Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Waco, TX

Name: Galveston Government Employees Credit Union

Headquartered In: La Marque, TX

Name: **Hilco Federal Credit Union** Headquartered In: Kerrville, TX

Name: Houston Highway Credit Union Headquartered In: Houston, TX

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Name: Local 20 IBEW Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Grand Prairie, TX

Name: Pampa Municipal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Pampa, TX

Rating: **E** Phone: (254) 752-2797 Website: http://www.culink.net

Rating: **E** Phone: (830) 896-3977

Website: https://www.texhillco.org

Rating: **E** Phone: (832) 201-0190 Website: http://www.transtarfcu.org/

Rating: **E+** Phone: (713) 852-1459 Website: http://www.bbcfcu.org

Rating: **E+** Phone: (361) 552-1558 Website: http://www.ctfcu.net

Rating: **E+** Phone: (254) 772-2774 Website: http://www.ctwfcu.org

Rating: E+ Phone: (409) 908-9834 Website: http://www.ggecu.com

Rating: **E+** Phone: (830) 257-8238 Website: http://www.hilcocu.com

Rating: **E+** Phone: (713) 864-4438 Website: http://www.houstonhighwaycu.com

Rating: **E+** Phone: (214) 363-9223 Website: http://www.local20ibewfcu.com

Rating: **E+** Phone: (806) 665-8875

Website:



Name: South Texas Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: McAllen, TX

Name: South Texas Regional Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Laredo, TX

Name: Southeast Texas Employees Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Orange, TX

Name: Team Financial Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Houston, TX

Name: **United Credit Union** Headquartered In: Tyler, TX

Name: United Savers Trust Credit Union

Headquartered In: Houston, TX

Rating: **E+** Phone: (956) 618-7500 Website: http://www.southtexasfcu.com

Rating: **E+** Phone: (956) 723-0363

Website: http://www.strfcu.com

Rating: **E+** Phone: (409) 886-7191

Website: https://www.setxefcu.com

Rating: **E+** Phone: (713) 316-9999 Website: http://www.teamffcu.org

Rating: **E+** Phone: (903) 595-3604 Website: http://www.unitedcu.coop

Rating: **E+** Phone: (713) 462-5552

Website: http://www.ustcu.com

Virginia

Name: Mosaic Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Harrisonburg, VA

Name: Virginia United Methodist Credit Union, Inc.

Headquartered In: Glen Allen, VA

Name: Star City Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Roanoke, VA

Name: Virginia State University Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: South Chesterfield, VA

Name: WJC Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Damascus, VA Rating: **E-** Phone: (540) 564-6080 Website: http://www.mosaicfcu.org

Rating: **E** Phone: (804) 672-0200

Website: https://www.tumcu.org

Rating: **E+** Phone: (540) 362-7315

Website:

Rating: **E+** Phone: (804) 526-6708

Website: http://www.vsufcu.org

Rating: **E+** Phone: (276) 475-5596 Website: http://www.cmfederal.com

Washington

Name: Longshore Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Hoquiam, WA Rating: **E+** Phone: (360) 532-9224 Website: http://www.longshorefcu.com

West Virginia

Name: **Tri Ag West Virginia Federal Credit Union**Rating: **E-** Phone: (304) 292-3798
Headquartered In: Morgantown, WV
Website: http://www.triagwvfcu.virtualcu.net

Name: Berkeley County Public Schools Federal Credit Union
Headquartered In: Martinsburg, WV

Rating: E+ Phone: (304) 263-0902
Website: http://www.bcpsfcu.com

Wisconsin

Name: LCO Federal Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (715) 634-7772

Headquartered In: Hayward, WI Website: http://lcofcu.com/

Wyoming

Name: Green River Basin Federal Credit Union Rating: E Phone: (307) 875-3044

Headquartered In: Green River, WY Website: http://www.grbasinfcu.org

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(Listed in Alphabetical Order)

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Ally Bank	 BEST ONLINE CHECKING, The Balance BEST CHECKING ACCOUNTS, NerdWallet BEST FOR ONLINE BANKING, ValuePenguin
Aspiration	 BEST CHECKING ACCOUNTS, NerdWallet
Axos Bank	 BEST CHECKING ACCOUNTS, NerdWallet
Bank 5 Connect	 BEST CHECKING ACCOUNTS, NerdWallet
Capital One 360	 BEST HIGH TECH, The Balance BEST CHECKING ACCOUNTS, NerdWallet
Charles Schwab Bank	 BEST OVERALL CHECKING ACCOUNT, The Balance BEST CHECKING ACCOUNTS, NerdWallet BEST FOR TRAVELERS, ValuePenguin
Chase Bank	 BEST PHYSICAL BRANCHES, The Balance BEST CHECKING ACCOUNTS, NerdWallet BEST FOR CONVENIENT BANKING, ValuePenguin
Chime	 BEST FOR MILLENNIALS, The Balance BEST CHECKING ACCOUNTS, NerdWallet

ConnexUS Credit Union	 BEST CHECKING ACCOUNTS, NerdWallet
Consumers Credit Union	 BEST CHECKING ACCOUNTS, NerdWallet
Discover Bank	 BEST CASH BACK, The Balance BEST CHECKING ACCOUNTS, NerdWallet
	 BEST FOR FREE CHECKING, ValuePenguin
Fidelity Investments	 BEST CHECKING ACCOUNTS, NerdWallet
First Tech Federal Credit Union	 BEST CHECKING ACCOUNTS, NerdWallet
Redneck Bank	 BEST FOR EARNING REWARDS, ValuePenguin
Santander	• BEST FOR STUDENTS, ValuePenguin
Simple	 BEST FOR KEEPING A BUDGET, The Balance BEST CHECKING ACCOUNTS, NerdWallet
USAA Federal Savings Bank	• BEST FOR MILITARY FAMILIES, The Balance

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Helpful Resources

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)

Telephone: 877-ASK-FDIC

www.fdic.gov

Overdraft Payment Information:

www.fdic.gov/news/news/financial/2010/fil10081.html

Total Bank Fees Charged by Banks

http://graphics.wsj.com/bank-fees/

Glossary

This glossary contains the most important terms used in this publication.

Account Balance This is the amount of money in your checking

account at any given time.

Balancing a Checking Account Ensuring that a check register matches a bank

statement.

Bank Statement A record of your account activity kept by your

bank

Check Register Your personal record of the activity in your

checking account.

Debit Card A card issued by your bank that you can use the

same way as a check.

Direct Deposit Money deposited into your checking account by

electronic fund transfer. This method is often used by companies as a way to pay their employees.

Electronic Fund Transfer A direct transfer of money from one source to

another by electronic means.

Interest A small fee paid to you by the bank for allowing

them to use your money.

Overdraft A negative balance in your checking account. This

occurs if you write a check for, or withdraw, more

funds than you have available.

Overdraft Protection With this service, a bank will pay the amount of a

check even if there is not enough money in the

account.

Reconciling a Checking AccountAnother term for balancing a checking account;

ensuring that a check register matches a bank

statement.



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https://www.providentcu.org/index.asp?i=checkingResources&search=monthlyStatement

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http://download.cnet.com/Just-Checking/3000-2057_4-10028774.html

https://www.thebalance.com/use-check-registers-315289

https://wallethub.com/edu/how-to-open-a-checking-account/10299/

Weiss Ratings: What Our Ratings Mean

- A Excellent. The institution offers excellent financial security. It has maintained a conservative stance in its business operations and underwriting practices as evidenced by its strong equity base, high asset quality, steady earnings, and high liquidity. While the financial position of any company is subject to change, we believe that this institution has the resources necessary to deal with severe economic conditions.
- **B** Good. The institution offers good financial security and has the resources to deal with a variety of adverse economic conditions. It comfortably exceeds the minimum levels for all of our rating criteria, and is likely to remain healthy for the near future. Nevertheless, in the event of a severe recession or major financial crisis, we feel that this assessment should be reviewed to make sure that the company is still maintaining adequate financial strength.
- **C** Fair. The institution offers fair financial security, is currently stable, and will likely remain relatively healthy as long as the economic environment remains relatively stable. In the event of a severe recession or major financial crisis, however, we feel this company may encounter difficulties in maintaining its financial stability.
- **D** Weak. The institution currently demonstrates what, in our opinion, we consider to be significant weaknesses which could negatively impact depositors or creditors. In the event of a severe recession or major financial crisis, these weaknesses could be magnified.
- **E** Very Weak. The institution currently demonstrates what we consider to be significant weaknesses and has also failed some of the basic tests that we use to identify fiscal stability. Therefore, even in a favorable economic environment, it is our opinion that depositors or creditors could incur significant risks.
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