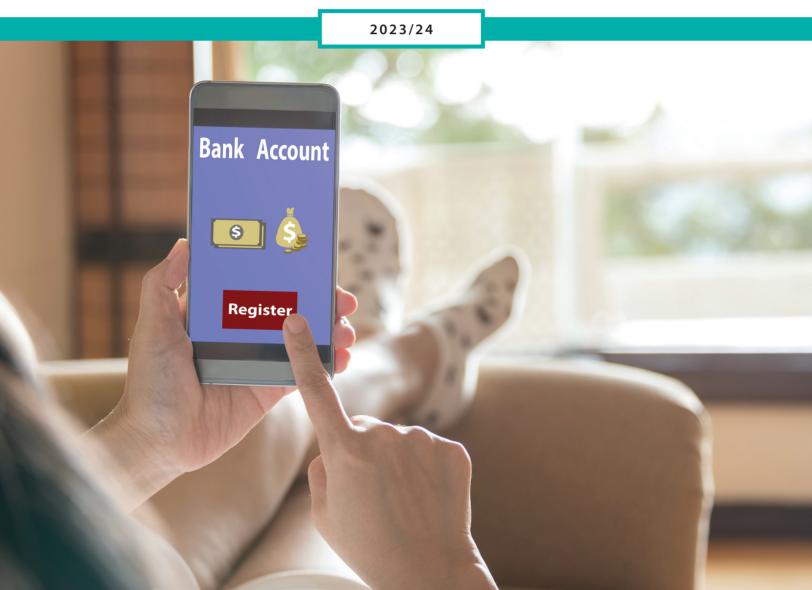
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#### Welcome!

Grey House Publishing and Weiss Ratings are proud to announce the sixth 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, as well as those who may need help handling their finances, the volumes in this series outline, step-by-step, how to make the most of your money, which pitfalls to avoid, what to watch out for, and the necessary tools to make sure you are fully equipped to manage your finances.

Each of these eight volumes focus on specific ways to take the guesswork out of financial planning—how to stick to a budget, how to manage debt, how to buy a car or rent an apartment, how to calculate the cost of college, and how to start saving for retirement—all 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
- Calculating the Cost of College & Understanding Student Loans
- Buying a Car & Understanding Auto Insurance
- What to Know About Checking Accounts

Filled with valuable information that includes helpful, hands-on worksheets and planners, these volumes are designed to point you toward a solid financial future with clear suggestions, supportive guidance and easy-to-follow dos and don'ts.

# 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 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 deal with new expenses like gas for your car or purchasing groceries. 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 debit card to withdraw or transfer funds electronically. You can also write a paper check from your checkbook. These days, some people write very few checks and choose to bank electronically instead. If you go that route, you can pay your bills online and pay in store with a debit card, instead of using a paper check.



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

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. 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, it's like a grown-up version of the piggy bank, but on a larger and more secure scale.

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. Some banks that do will eveb 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." This can happen with your debit card too, if you charge something and

don't have enough money in your bank account to cover the transaction. If this happens, banks will charge you a fee for each check that bounces, or each debit card charge that is more than the funds you have available. 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 nonsufficient funds 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.

#### 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.



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

#### SAMPLE OVERDRAFT FEES

Bank	Overdraft Fee per Item*	Maximum Fees per Day	Total Possible Cost in a Day
Alliant Credit Union	\$0	N/A	\$0
Ally Bank	\$0	N/A	\$0
American Express National Bank	No overdraft fees	N/A	N/A
Associated Bank	\$36	4	\$144
Bank of America	\$10	4	\$40
BMO Harris Bank	\$36	4	\$10-\$108
Capital One 360	\$0	N/A	\$0
Charles Schwab	\$25	4	\$0-\$100
Chase	\$34	3	\$0-\$102
Chime	No overdraft fees	N/A	N/A
Citizens Bank	\$37	7	\$12-\$185
Comerica	Up to \$38	5	\$0-\$190
Connexus Credit Union	\$4	2	\$0-\$8
Consumers Credit Union	\$30	4	\$10-\$120
Discover Bank	No overdraft frees	N/A	N/A
Fifth Third Bank	\$37	3	\$0-\$111
First Republic Bank	\$30	4	\$0-\$120
HSBC Bank	\$0	N/A	N/A
Huntington Bank	\$36	3	\$108
KeyBank	\$38.50	5	\$0-\$192
M&T Bank	\$36	5	\$0-180
Navy Federal Credit Union	\$20	3	\$0-\$20
PNC Bank	\$36	4	\$0-\$144
Regions Bank	\$36	5	\$0-\$180
Santander Bank	\$35	3	\$0-\$105
TD Bank	\$35	3	\$3-\$175
TIAA Bank	No overdraft frees	N/A	N/A
Truist Bank	\$36	6	\$12.50-\$216
Union Bank	\$33	5	\$0-\$165
USAA	No overdraft frees	N/A	N/A
U.S. Bank	\$36	4	\$0-\$144
Wells Fargo	\$35	3	\$0-\$105



# 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. This type of account is useful if you do not have the money to keep a minimum balance and you 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 your 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 just 1% to 2%.

#### 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 married couple 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 learned how to bank when online banking was the norm.

#### 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.

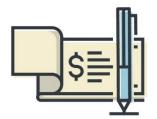


#### How to Open a Checking Account

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 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 funds 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.



#### Starter Checks

When you open a

checking account, your bank might give you a small supply of temporary starter checks. These checks can be used in the interim while you are having your checks printed. You can order printed checks from your bank or from a check-printing company, but they may take a few weeks to arrive.

Starter checks will have your bank account number on them, along with the bank's routing number. Because they're temporary, they won't have your name or your address written on the check.

Some businesses will not accept starter checks as a form of payment, since your checking account is brand new and your contact information is not printed on the check.

If you have to use a starter check, you can write your name and your address in the top left-hand corner of the check.



#### 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

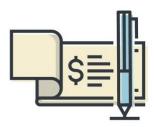
usually call your bank and a new one will be mailed to you within a few days. Choose a PIN number that is easy for you to remember, yet difficult for others to figure out. Experts suggest avoiding numbers such as 1234, 0000, and 1111. These may be easy for you to keep track of, but they are also the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

Make sure to keep your paper checks and your debit card safe, to protect yourself from fraudulent charges and identity theft. Many banks offer protections if your debit card is lost or stolen. Some offer unlimited fraud protection and will cover any

#### **SAMPLE ATM FEES**

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	ATM Fees
Bank of	\$5.00
America	\$5.00
BB&T	\$2.50
Capital One	\$2.00
Chase	\$3-\$5
Citibank	\$2.50
PNC Bank	\$3.00
SunTrust	\$2.50
TD Bank	\$3.00
US Bank	\$2.50
Wells Fargo	\$2.50
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unauthorized purchases made with 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 will 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

#### A Sample Check Register

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A Sample Bank Statement



#### 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. 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 your bank statements. Many banks send you a statement each month by mail or email, 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 17.

# 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.

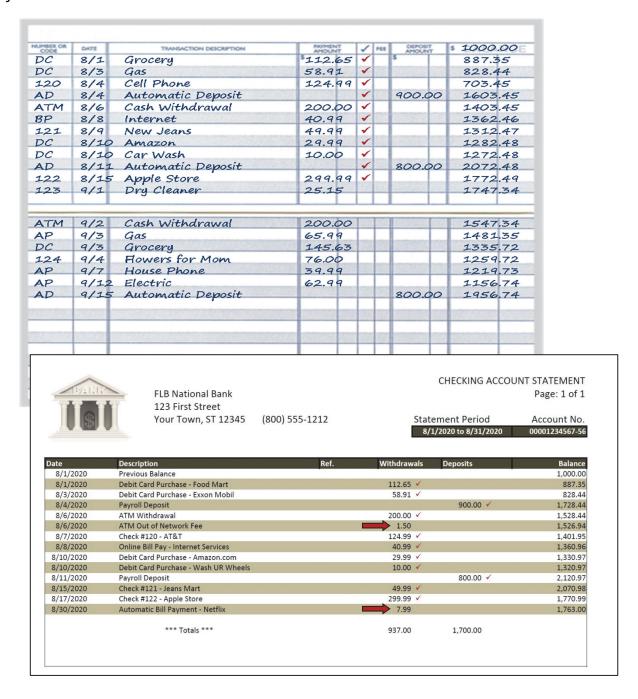
# Note the items that do not have checkmarks

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.



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.

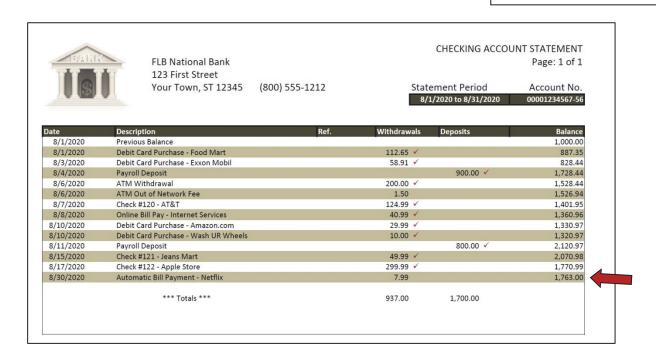
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120	8/4	Cell Phone	124.99	✓		703.45
AD	8/4	Automatic Deposit		1	900.00	1603.45
ATM	8/6	Cash Withdrawal	200.00	1		1403.45
BP	8/8	Internet	40.99	1		1362.46
121	8/9	New Jeans	49.99	✓		1312.47
DC	8/10	Amazon	29.99	1		1282.48
DC	8/10	Car Wash	10.00	1		1272.48
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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 <u>- 7.99</u> = 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.



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

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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 these services. 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 Mint, 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 apps that may work better for you.



#### Savings Accounts

A savings account is the simplest banking account, 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 or your emergency fund.

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 payments, 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 is 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 paperless. If you opt to not receive a monthly statement in the mail, you'll receive an email 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.
- 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 too.



# Online-Only Banks

Once you're familiar with online banking,

you may want to consider an onlineonly bank. Because these banks don't have physical branches, they can usually 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 going to be a good fit.

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, Expense-Tracker & Payment Apps

There are many tools available to help you budget your money, keep track of your spending, and save money.

#### **Budgeting Apps**

These services offer real-time tools so you can see how you are spending your money each month and can alert you if you are overspending.

Some of these apps are free, but some can cost up to \$99 per year. Try a few different apps to see which one best fits your needs and your budgeting goals.

Make sure the app works well for you before committing to a long-term subscription. Sometimes the cost is worth it if the app really fits your lifestyle.

Some of the most popular budgeting apps are:

• Digit: digit.co

• EveryDollar: everydollar.com

• GoodBudget: goodbudget.com

 Honeydue (budget for couples): honeydue.com • Mint: mint.intuit.com

Mobils: mobillsapp.com

 Monarch Money: monarchmoney.com

 NerdWallet Money Tracker: nerdwallet.com

PearBudget: pearbudget.com

• **Prism**: prismmoney.com

 PocketGuard: pocketguard.com

• Spendee (budget for couples): spendee.com

• Wally: wally.me

 YNAB (You Need a Budget): youneedabudget.com

• Zeta (budget for families) askzeta.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 purchases 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.

Be sure to review the terms carefully, since some savings apps charge a monthly fee for their service.

• Acorns: acorns.com

• Chime Bank: chimebank.com

• **Current**: current.com

• **Digit**: digit.co

• **Mint**: mint.intuit.com

• **Qapital**: qapital.com

• Qoins: qoins.io

#### **Expense-Tracker Apps**

If the idea of keeping all of your spending in a spreadsheet seems like a lot of work to you, an expense-tracker app can save you time and help you figure out where your money is spent. They keep track of your monthly expenses and put them into categories, so you can see where you can cut back and how you can put more into savings.

• EveryDollar: everydollar.com

• Expensify: expensify.com

• Mint: mint.intuit.com

• TrueBill: app.truebill.com

YNAB (You Need a Budget): youneedabudget.com

#### Person to Person Payments

There are several services that 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:

ApplePay: apple.com

Cash App: cash.app

Facebook Messenger: facebook.com

GooglePay: pay.google.com

PayPal: paypal.com

SamsungPay: samsung.com

Square Cash: squareup.com

Venmo: venmo.com

Zelle: zellepay.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.

- 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 less you pay in bank fees means more money for you!



If your ATM or debit card is lost or stolen, report it immediately. If you report a lost or stolen card before someone uses it, you are not responsible for the fraudulent charges.

You are responsible for \$50 of the fraudulent charges if you report the card lost or stolen within 2 business days of the loss. You are responsible for \$500 of the fraudulent charges if you report it more than 2 business days after you learn about the loss or theft, but less than 60 calendar days after your statement is sent to you. And, you have little protection at all if you report it more than 60 calendar

days after your statement is sent to you.

It's important to keep track of your ATM or debit card at all times. It's equally as important to review each of your bank statements to check for unauthorized charges.

The Federal Trade Commission provides this guidance to help you protect the safety of your credit, ATM and debit cards<sup>1</sup>.

#### For Credit and ATM or Debit Cards

- Don't share your account information. Don't give your account number over the phone unless you made the call
   — and know why you need to share it. Never leave your account information out in the open.
- Protect your accounts by using multi-factor authentication, when available. Some accounts offer extra security by requiring two or more credentials to log into your account. This is called multi-factor authentication — a security practice that makes it harder for scammers to log in to your accounts if they get your username and password. To log in to your account, you'd need either: something you

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/lost-orstolen-credit-atm-debit-cards

have — like a passcode you get via text message or an authentication app and something you are — like a scan of your fingerprint, your retina, or your face.

- Keep an eye on your accounts.
   Regularly check your account activity, especially if you bank online.
- Carefully check your ATM or debit card transactions because they take money from your account right away. Report any withdrawals you don't recognize to your bank or credit union immediately.
- For your credit cards, open your monthly statements promptly. Compare the current balance and charges on your account with your receipts.
   Report any charges you don't

- recognize as soon as you discover them.
- Keep your cards, PINs, receipts, and deposit slips safe — and dispose of them carefully.
- Carry only the cards you'll need. Don't carry the PIN for your ATM or debit card in your wallet, purse, or pocket. Never write your PIN on the card itself, or on any piece of paper that you could lose or someone could see.
- Cut up old cards. Be sure to cut through the account number, the magnetic strip on the back, and the security code — before you throw the pieces away in separate bags. If your card has a chip, it may be difficult to cut. You may want to destroy the chip by smashing it into pieces with a hammer.

# 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 <a href="www.greyhouse.com">www.greyhouse.com</a> 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+ or A, indicating their excellent financial position. A- banks are also included when A- is 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.

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.

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.

The following list of highly recommended Banks by State is based on ratings as of April 24, 2023. 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: www.firstbankofboaz.com

Bank Name: The Citizens Bank of Winfield

Headquartered In: Winfield, AL Website: www.cbwinfield.com/

Bank Name: The HomeTown Bank of Alabama

Headquartered In: Oneonta, AL Website: www.hometownbankal.com

Bank Name: The Samson Banking Company

Headquartered In: Samson, AL Website: www.samsonbanking.com

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1906 Has Branches In: AL Telephone: (256) 593-8670

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1920 Has Branches In: AL

Telephone: (205) 487-4277

Rating: A Yr Founded: 2003

Has Branches In: AL

Telephone: (205) 625-4434

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1930

Has Branches In: AL Telephone: (334) 898-7107

### Alaska

Bank Name: **First National Bank Alaska** Headquartered In: Anchorage, AK Website: www.fnbalaska.com Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1922 Has Branches In: AK

Telephone: (907) 777-4362

#### Arizona

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

Bank Name: Alerus Financial, National Association

Headquartered In: Grand Forks, ND

Website: www.alerus.com

Bank Name: Armed Forces Bank, National Association

Headquartered In: Fort Leavenworth, KS

Has Branches In: AZ, CA, CO, IL, KS, KY, MO, NV, NY, TX, VA, WA

Website: www.afbank.com

Bank Name: Bell Bank

Headquartered In: Fargo, ND Website: www.bell.bank

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1966 Has Branches In: AZ, CO, KS, MO Telephone: (877) 712-2265

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1933 Has Branches In: AZ, MI, MN, ND Telephone: (701) 795-3369

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1907

Telephone: (913) 682-9090

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1966 Has Branches In: AZ, MN, ND Telephone: (701) 298-1500



Bank Name: BNC National Bank Headquartered In: Glendale, AZ

Website: www.bnc.bank

Bank Name: First Savings Bank Headquartered In: Beresford, SD Website: www.firstsavingsbanks.bank/

Bank Name: Gateway Commercial Bank

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

Bank Name: KS StateBank

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

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

Bank Name: Stearns Bank National Association

Headquartered In: Saint Cloud, MN Website: www.stearnsbank.com

Rating: A-Yr Founded: 1996 Has Branches In: AZ, ND Telephone: (602) 508-3760

Yr Founded: 1913 Rating: A-Has Branches In: AZ, NE, NM, NV, SD, TX Telephone: (605) 763-2009

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

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

> Yr Founded: 1983 Rating: A-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

#### Arkansas

Bank Name: FSNB, National Association

Headquartered In: Lawton, OK

Website: www.fsnb.com

Bank Name: Eagle Bank and Trust Company

Headquartered In: Little Rock, AR Website: www.eaglebank.com

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

Bank Name: Peoples Bank Headquartered In: Sheridan, AR Website: www.peoplesbankar.com/

Bank Name: Sterling Bank

Headquartered In: Poplar Bluff, MO

Website: www.sterbank.com

Bank Name: The First National Bank at Paris

Headquartered In: Paris, AR Website: www.firstparis.net

Yr Founded: 1946 Rating: A+ Has Branches In: AR, DE, GA, LA, MS, NC, OK, TN, TX

Telephone: (580) 357-9880

Yr Founded: 1919 Rating: A

Has Branches In: AR Telephone: (501) 223-2000

Yr Founded: 1932 Rating: A

> Has Branches In: AR Telephone: (501) 279-3400

Rating: A Yr Founded: 2000

Has Branches In: AR

Telephone: (870) 942-5707

Rating: A Yr Founded: 2004 Has Branches In: AR, IL, MO

Telephone: (573) 778-3333

Yr Founded: 1891 Rating: A

Has Branches In: AR

Telephone: (479) 963-2121

Bank Name: The Union Bank of Mena

Headquartered In: Mena, AR

Website: www.unionbankofmena.com

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1934

Has Branches In: AR

Telephone: (479) 394-2211

## California

Bank Name: American Continental Bank Headquartered In: City of Industry, CA Website: www.americancontinentalbank.com/

Bank Name: Fresno First Bank Headquartered In: Fresno, CA Website: www.fresnofirstbank.com Rating: A Has Branches In: CA, WA Telephone: (626) 363-8988

Yr Founded: 2005 Rating: A

Has Branches In: CA

Yr Founded: 2003

Telephone: (559) 439-0200

#### Colorado

Bank Name: AMG National Trust Bank Headquartered In: Greenwood Village, CO

Website: www.amgnational.com

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

Bank Name: Frontier Bank Headquartered In: Lamar, CO Website: www.frontierbankco.com

Yr Founded: 1934 Rating: A Has Branches In: CO Telephone: (719) 336-4351

#### Connecticut

Bank Name: Stafford Savings Bank Headquartered In: Stafford Springs, CT

Website: www.staffordsavingsbank.com

Rating: A+ Yr Founded: 1872

Has Branches In: CT

Telephone: (860) 684-4261

Bank Name: Bessemer Trust Company, National Association

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

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

## Delaware

Bank Name: FSNB, National Association

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

Yr Founded: 1946 Rating: A+

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

Telephone: (580) 357-9880

### District of Columbia

Bank Name: EagleBank

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

Bank Name: John Marshall Bank Headquartered In: Reston, VA Website: www.johnmarshallbank.com

Bank Name: MainStreet Bank Headquartered In: Fairfax, VA Website: www.mstreetbank.com

Bank Name: United Bank Headquartered In: Vienna, VA Website: www.bankwithunited.com Rating: A-Yr Founded: 1998 Has Branches In: DC, MD, VA Telephone: (301) 986-1800

Rating: A-Yr Founded: 2006 Has Branches In: DC, MD, VA Telephone: (703) 584-0840

Rating: A-Yr Founded: 2004 Has Branches In: DC, VA Telephone: (703) 481-4567

Rating: A-Yr Founded: 1979 Has Branches In: DC, MD, NC, OH, PA, SC, VA, WV Telephone: (703) 556-0900

## Florida

Bank Name: Esquire Bank, National Association

Headquartered In: Jericho, NY Website: www.esquirebank.com

Bank Name: Belmont Bank & Trust Company

Headquartered In: Chicago, IL Website: www.belmontbank.com

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

Bank Name: Grand Ridge National Bank Headquartered In: Grand Ridge, IL Website: www.grnbank.com

Rating: A+ Yr Founded: 2006 Has Branches In: FL, NY Telephone: (516) 535-2002

Yr Founded: 2006 Rating: A Has Branches In: FL, IL Telephone: (773) 589-9500

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

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1903 Has Branches In: FL, IL Telephone: (815) 249-6414

## Georgia

Bank Name: FSNB, National Association Rating: A+ Yr Founded: 1946

Headquartered In: Lawton, OK Has Branches In: AR, DE, GA, LA, MS, NC, OK, TN, TX Website: www.fsnb.com

Telephone: (580) 357-9880

Bank Name: Durden Banking Company, Incorporated

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

Bank Name: **FNB South** Headquartered In: Alma, GA Website: www.fnbsouth.net

Bank Name: The First National Bank of Waynesboro

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

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1935 Has Branches In: GA

Telephone: (478) 763-2121

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1951

Has Branches In: GA Telephone: (912) 632-7262

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1905

Has Branches In: GA

Telephone: (706) 554-8100

#### Hawaii

Bank Name: Commonwealth Business Bank

Headquartered In: Los Angeles, CA Website: www.cbb-bank.com/

Bank Name: **Royal Business Bank** Headquartered In: Los Angeles, CA Website: www.royalbusinessbankusa.com Rating: A- Yr Founded: 2005 Has Branches In: CA, HI, TX Telephone: (323) 988-3000

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

#### Idaho

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

Website: www.bofc.bank

Rating: A+ Yr Founded: 1959 Has Branches In: ID, MT

Telephone: (208) 525-9108

#### Illinois

Bank Name: **AMG National Trust Bank** Headquartered In: Greenwood Village, CO

Website: www.amgnational.com

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

Bank Name: Belmont Bank & Trust Company

Headquartered In: Chicago, IL Website: www.belmontbank.com Rating: A+ Yr Founded: 1972 Has Branches In: CO, IL, NC, NJ, SC, VA, WY Telephone: (303) 694-2190

Rating: A+ Yr Founded: 1985

Has Branches In: IL Telephone: (312) 850-2900

Rating: A Yr Founded: 2006

Has Branches In: FL, IL

Telephone: (773) 589-9500

Bank Name: Farmers National Bank Headquartered In: Prophetstown, IL Website: www.farmersnationalbank.bank

Bank Name: **Grand Ridge National Bank** Headquartered In: Grand Ridge, IL Website: www.grnbank.com

Bank Name: **Republic Bank of Chicago** Headquartered In: Oak Brook, IL Website: www.republicebank.com

Bank Name: Sterling Bank

Headquartered In: Poplar Bluff, MO Website: www.sterbank.com

Bank Name: Town and Country Bank Midwest

Headquartered In: Quincy, IL Website: www.tcbankmidwest.com

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1902 Has Branches In: IL Telephone: (815) 537-2348

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1903 Has Branches In: FL, IL Telephone: (815) 249-6414

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1964 Has Branches In: IL Telephone: (630) 570-7700

Rating: A Yr Founded: 2004 Has Branches In: AR, IL, MO Telephone: (573) 778-3333

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1910 Has Branches In: IL, MO Telephone: (217) 222-0015

#### Indiana

Bank Name: **Bank of Wolcott** Headquartered In: Wolcott, IN Website: www.bankofwolcott.com Rating: A Yr Founded: 1944 Has Branches In: IN Telephone: (219) 279-2185

### Iowa

Bank Name: **Bellevue State Bank** Headquartered In: Bellevue, IA Website: www.bellevuestatebank.com

Bank Name: Cedar Rapids Bank and Trust Company

Headquartered In: Cedar Rapids, IA

Website: www.crbt.bank

Bank Name: Farmers Trust and Savings Bank

Headquartered In: Williamsburg, IA

Website: www.ftsbia.com

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1934 Has Branches In: IA Telephone: (563) 872-4911

Rating: A Yr Founded: 2001 Has Branches In: IA Telephone: (319) 862-2728

Rating: **A** Yr Founded: 1934

Has Branches In: IA

Telephone: (319) 668-2525

#### Kansas

Bank Name: NBKC Bank

Headquartered In: Leawood, KS

Website: www.nbkc.com

Bank Name: Farmers Bank & Trust Headquartered In: Great Bend, KS

Website: www.farmersbankks.com

Bank Name: The City National Bank & Trust Co. of Lawton, OK

Headquartered In: Lawton, OK Website: www.cnb1901.com

Rating: A+ Yr Founded: 1999

Has Branches In: KS, MO Telephone: (913) 341-1144

Yr Founded: 1907 Rating: A

> Has Branches In: KS Telephone: (620) 792-2411

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1901

> Has Branches In: KS, OK Telephone: (866) 385-3444

## Kentucky

Bank Name: Cumberland Security Bank, Inc.

Headquartered In: Somerset, KY Website: www.csbweb.com

Bank Name: Kentucky Farmers Bank Corporation

Headquartered In: Ashland, KY

Website: www.kfb.bank

Bank Name: Magnolia Bank, Inc

Headquartered In: Magnolia, KY

Website: www.magnoliabank.com

Yr Founded: 1909 Rating: A+

Has Branches In: KY

Telephone: (606) 679-9361

Yr Founded: 1931 Rating: A+

Has Branches In: KY

Telephone: (606) 929-5000

Yr Founded: 1919 Rating: A

Has Branches In: KY

Telephone: (270) 324-3226

#### Louisiana

Yr Founded: 1946 Bank Name: FSNB, National Association Rating: A+

Headquartered In: Lawton, OK Has Branches In: AR, DE, GA, LA, MS, NC, OK, TN, TX Website: www.fsnb.com Telephone: (580) 357-9880

Yr Founded: 1980 Bank Name: Mississippi River Bank Rating: A Headquartered In: Belle Chasse, LA Has Branches In: LA Telephone: (504) 392-1111 Website: www.mississippiriverbank.net

Yr Founded: 1980 Bank Name: Peoples Bank & Trust Co. of Pointe Coupee Parish Rating: A

Headquartered In: New Roads, LA Has Branches In: LA

Website: www.thefriendlybank.com Telephone: (225) 638-3713

### Maine

Bank Name: **Bath Savings Institution** Headquartered In: Bath, ME Website: www.bathsavings.bank

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

Headquartered In: Sparrows Point, MD Website: www.bayvanguard.com

Bank Name: Calvin B. Taylor Banking Company of Berlin, Maryland

Headquartered In: Berlin, MD Website: www.taylorbank.com

Bank Name: Clear Mountain Bank, Inc. Headquartered In: Bruceton Mills, WV Website: www.clearmountain.bank

Bank Name: Community Bank of the Chesapeake

Headquartered In: Waldorf, MD Website: www.cbtc.com

Bank Name: EagleBank

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

Bank Name: Firstrust Savings Bank Headquartered In: Conshohocken, PA

Website: www.firstrust.com

Bank Name: **John Marshall Bank** Headquartered In: Reston, VA Website: www.johnmarshallbank.com

Bank Name: **United Bank**Headquartered In: Vienna, VA
Website: www.bankwithunited.com

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1873 Has Branches In: MD

Telephone: (410) 477-5000

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1890 Has Branches In: DE, MD, VA Telephone: (410) 641-1700

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

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1950 Has Branches In: MD, VA Telephone: (301) 645-5601

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1998 Has Branches In: DC, MD, VA Telephone: (301) 986-1800

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1934 Has Branches In: MD, NJ, PA Telephone: (610) 238-5001

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 2006 Has Branches In: DC, MD, VA Telephone: (703) 584-0840

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1979 Has Branches In: DC, MD, NC, OH, PA, SC, VA, WV Telephone: (703) 556-0900

### Massachusetts

Bank Name: Leader Bank, National Association

Headquartered In: Arlington, MA Website: www.leaderbank.com Rating: A Yr Founded: 2002 Has Branches In: MA

Telephone: (781) 646-3900

## Michigan

Bank Name: 1st Source Bank Headquartered In: South Bend, IN Website: www.1stsource.com

Bank Name: Alerus Financial, National Association

Headquartered In: Grand Forks, ND

Website: www.alerus.com

Bank Name: **Century Bank and Trust** Headquartered In: Coldwater, MI Website: www.centurybankandtrust.com

Bank Name: LCA Bank Corporation Headquartered In: Park City, UT Website: www.leasecorp.com

Bank Name: **Mercantile Bank** Headquartered In: Grand Rapids, MI

Website: www.mercbank.com

Bank Name: Morgan Stanley Private Bank, National Association

Headquartered In: New York, NY

Has Branches In: CA, CO, DE, FL, GA, MA, MI, NC, NY, OR, TX, VA

Website: www.morganstanley.com

Bank Name: **Tri-County Bank** Headquartered In: Brown City, MI Website: www.tri-countybank.com Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1863 Has Branches In: FL, IN, MI Telephone: (574) 235-2260

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1933 Has Branches In: AZ, MI, MN, ND Telephone: (701) 795-3369

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1909 Has Branches In: MI Telephone: (517) 278-1500

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 2006 Has Branches In: MI, UT Telephone: (435) 658-4824

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1997 Has Branches In: MI Telephone: (616) 242-7760

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1996

Telephone: (212) 762-1803

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1889 Has Branches In: MI Telephone: (810) 346-2745

#### Minnesota

Bank Name: **Bank of Alma** Headquartered In: Alma, WI Website: www.bankofalma.net

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

Bank Name: **Fidelity Bank**Headquartered In: Edina, MN
Website: www.fidelitybankmn.com

Bank Name: **Liberty Bank Minnesota** Headquartered In: Saint Cloud, MN Website: www.libertybankmn.com Rating: A+ Yr Founded: 1986 Has Branches In: MN, WI Telephone: (608) 685-4461

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

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1970 Has Branches In: MN Telephone: (952) 831-6600

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1939 Has Branches In: MN Telephone: (320) 252-2841

## Mississippi

Bank Name: FSNB, National Association

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

Bank Name: FNB Picayune Bank Headquartered In: Picayune, MS

Website: www.fnbop.com

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: 1947 Has Branches In: MS

Telephone: (601) 749-3200

#### Missouri

Bank Name: **HNB National Bank** Headquartered In: Hannibal, MO Website: www.hnbbanks.com

Bank Name: NBKC Bank

Headquartered In: Leawood, KS Website: www.nbkc.com

Website: www.nbkc.com

Bank Name: **The Bank of Old Monroe** Headquartered In: Old Monroe, MO Website: www.bankofoldmonroe.com Rating: A+ Yr Founded: 1888 Has Branches In: MO Telephone: (573) 221-0050

Rating: A+ Yr Founded: 1999 Has Branches In: KS, MO Telephone: (913) 341-1144

Rating: A+ Yr Founded: 1906 Has Branches In: MO

Telephone: (636) 665-5601

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

Bank Name: New Era Bank

Headquartered In: Fredericktown, MO Website: www.newerabank.com

Bank Name: **Peoples Community Bank** Headquartered In: Greenville, MO

Website: www.peoplescommunitybank.com/

Bank Name: Sterling Bank

Headquartered In: Poplar Bluff, MO Website: www.sterbank.com

Bank Name: **The Bank of Grain Valley** Headquartered In: Kansas City, MO Website: www.bankofgrainvalley.com

Bank Name: The Citizens Bank of Edina

Headquartered In: Edina, MO Website: www.cbofe.com

Bank Name: Town and Country Bank Midwest

Headquartered In: Quincy, IL Website: www.tcbankmidwest.com

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1950 Has Branches In: MO Telephone: (816) 483-1210

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1934 Has Branches In: MO Telephone: (573) 783-3336

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1977 Has Branches In: MO Telephone: (573) 224-3267

Rating: A Yr Founded: 2004 Has Branches In: AR, IL, MO Telephone: (573) 778-3333

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1905 Has Branches In: MO Telephone: (816) 373-1905

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1914 Has Branches In: MO Telephone: (660) 397-2266

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1910 Has Branches In: IL, MO Telephone: (217) 222-0015

#### Montana

Bank Name: **The Bank of Commerce** Headquartered In: Ammon, ID Website: www.bofc.bank

Bank Name: **Yellowstone Bank** Headquartered In: Laurel, MT Website: www.yellowstone.bank Rating: A+ Yr Founded: 1959 Has Branches In: ID, MT Telephone: (208) 525-9108

Rating: A+ Yr Founded: 1926 Has Branches In: MT Telephone: (406) 628-7951

#### Nebraska

Bank Name: **American Interstate Bank** Headquartered In: Elkhorn, NE

Website: www.americaninterstatebank.com

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1915 Has Branches In: NE

Telephone: (402) 289-2551

### Nevada

Bank Name: First Security Bank of Nevada

Headquartered In: Las Vegas, NV

Website: www.fsbnv.com

Bank Name: GBank

Headquartered In: Las Vegas, NV Website: www.bankofgeorge.com

Rating: A Yr Founded: 2007

Has Branches In: NV Telephone: (702) 853-0900

Rating: A Yr Founded: 2007

Has Branches In: NV

Telephone: (702) 851-4200

## New Hampshire

Bank Name: **Bank of New England** Headquartered In: Salem, NH Website: bankofnewengland.com Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1983 Has Branches In: MA, NH Telephone: (603) 894-5700

## New Jersey

Bank Name: **AMG National Trust Bank** Headquartered In: Greenwood Village, CO

Website: www.amgnational.com

Bank Name: **Bessemer Trust Company** Headquartered In: New York, NY Website: www.bessemertrust.com Rating: A+ Yr Founded: 1972 Has Branches In: CO, IL, NC, NJ, SC, VA, WY Telephone: (303) 694-2190

> Rating: A Yr Founded: 1907 Has Branches In: NJ

Telephone: (212) 708-9100

### **New Mexico**

Bank Name: American Heritage Bank Headquartered In: Clovis, NM Website: www.ahbnm.com

Bank Name: **Centinel Bank of Taos** Headquartered In: Taos, NM Website: www.centinelbank.com

Bank Name: City Bank

Headquartered In: Lubbock, TX Website: www.city.bank

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 2000 Has Branches In: NM Telephone: (575) 762-2800

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1969 Has Branches In: NM Telephone: (575) 758-6700

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1941 Has Branches In: NM, TX Telephone: (806) 792-7101 Bank Name: CNB Bank

Headquartered In: Carlsbad, NM Website: www.ourcnb.bank

Bank Name: First American Bank Headquartered In: Artesia, NM

Website: www.firstamericanbanknm.com

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

Website: www.firstnewmexicobank.com

Bank Name: First New Mexico Bank of Silver City

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

Bank Name: First New Mexico Bank, Las Cruces

Headquartered In: Las Cruces, NM Website: www.firstnewmexicobanklc.com

Bank Name: First Savings Bank
Headquartered In: Beresford, SD
Website: www.firstsavingsbanks.bank/

Bank Name: Main Bank

Headquartered In: Albuquerque, NM Website: www.mainbank.com

website: www.mainbank.com

Bank Name: Morgan Stanley Bank, N.A. Headquartered In: Salt Lake City, UT Website: www.morganstanley.com

Bank Name: The Citizens Bank of Clovis

Headquartered In: Clovis, NM

Website: www.citizensbankofclovis.com

Bank Name: WestStar Bank
Headquartered In: El Paso, TX
Website: www.weststarbank.com

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1924 Has Branches In: NM Telephone: (575) 234-2500

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1903 Has Branches In: NM, TX 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

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1913 Has Branches In: AZ, NE, NM, NV, SD, TX Telephone: (605) 763-2009

> Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1975 Has Branches In: NM Telephone: (505) 880-1700

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1935 Has Branches In: NM, NY, UT Telephone: (801) 236-3600

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1916 Has Branches In: NM Telephone: (575) 769-1911

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1990 Has Branches In: NM, TX Telephone: (915) 532-1000

#### New York

Bank Name: Esquire Bank, National Association

Headquartered In: Jericho, NY Website: www.esquirebank.com

Bank Name: Bessemer Trust Company, National Association

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

Rating: A+ Yr Founded: 2006 Has Branches In: FL, NY Telephone: (516) 535-2002

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

#### North Carolina

Bank Name: **AMG National Trust Bank** Headquartered In: Greenwood Village, CO

Website: www.amgnational.com

Bank Name: FSNB, National Association

Headquartered In: Lawton, OK

Website: www.fsnb.com

Rating: A+ Yr Founded: 1972 Has Branches In: CO, IL, NC, NJ, SC, VA, WY

Telephone: (303) 694-2190

Rating: A+ Yr Founded: 1946

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

Telephone: (580) 357-9880

#### North Dakota

Bank Name: **Liberty State Bank** Headquartered In: Powers Lake, ND

Website: www.libertystateplnd.com

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1952

Has Branches In: ND

Telephone: (701) 464-5421

#### Ohio

Bank Name: FDS Bank

Headquartered In: Mason, OH

Website:

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

Bank Name: **Farmers Savings Bank** Headquartered In: Spencer, OH Website: www.fsb-spencer.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: 1925

Has Branches In: OH

Telephone: (330) 648-2441

#### Oklahoma

Bank Name: FSNB, National Association

Headquartered In: Lawton, OK

Website: www.fsnb.com

Rating: A+ Yr Founded: 1946

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

Rating: A

Telephone: (580) 357-9880

Yr Founded: 1984

Bank Name: Community National Bank of Okarche

Headquartered In: Okarche, OK Website: www.cnbbanker.com Has Branches In: OK

Telephone: (405) 263-7491



Bank Name: First Bank of Owasso Headquartered In: Owasso, OK Website: www.firstbank.net

Bank Name: First National Bank & Trust, Elk City, Oklahoma

Headquartered In: Elk City, OK Website: www.fnbec.com

Bank Name: The Bank of the West Headquartered In: Thomas, OK Website: www.thebankofthewest.com

Bank Name: The City National Bank and Trust Co. of Lawton, OK

Headquartered In: Lawton, OK Website: www.cnb1901.com

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1962 Has Branches In: OK Telephone: (918) 272-5301

Yr Founded: 1901 Rating: A

> Has Branches In: OK Telephone: (580) 225-2580

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1984

Has Branches In: OK Telephone: (580) 661-3541

Yr Founded: 1901 Rating: A

> Has Branches In: KS, OK Telephone: (866) 385-3444

## Oregon

Bank Name: Pioneer Trust Bank, National Association

Headquartered In: Salem, OR

Website: www.pioneertrustbank.com

Bank Name: Willamette Valley Bank Headquartered In: Salem, OR

Website: www.willamettevalleybank.com

Rating: A+ Yr Founded: 1924

Has Branches In: OR Telephone: (503) 363-3136

Yr Founded: 2000 Rating: A

Has Branches In: OR

Telephone: (503) 485-2222

## Pennsylvania

Bank Name: Port Richmond Savings Headquartered In: Philadelphia, PA

Website: www.prsbank.com

Yr Founded: 1919 Rating: A

Has Branches In: PA

Telephone: (215) 634-7000

#### Rhode Island

\* There are no A-Rated Banks with branches in Rhode Island. The top-rated banks with branches in RI

Bank Name: Bank Rhode Island Headquartered In: Providence, RI

Website: www.bankri.com

Yr Founded: 1996 Rating: **B+** 

Has Branches In: RI

Telephone: (401) 456-5000

Rating: B+

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Bank Name: BankNewport

Headquartered In: Middletown, RI Website: www.banknewport.com

Bank Name: Bristol County Savings Bank

Headquartered In: Taunton, MA

Website: www.bristolcountysavings.com

Bank Name: HarborOne Bank
Headquartered In: Brockton, MA
Website: www.harborone.com

Bank Name: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

Headquartered In: Columbus, OH

Has Branches In: AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI,

MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI

Website: www.chase.com Telephone: (614) 217-6284

Bank Name: The Washington Trust Company of Westerly

Headquartered In: Westerly, RI Website: www.washtrust.com

Rating: **B+** Yr Founded: 1800

Has Branches In: CT, RI Telephone: (401) 348-1210

Yr Founded: 1819

Has Branches In: RI

Yr Founded: 1846

Yr Founded: 1917

Yr Founded: 1824

Telephone: (401) 846-3400

Has Branches In: MA, RI

Has Branches In: MA, RI

Telephone: (508) 895-1000

Telephone: (508) 824-6626

#### South Carolina

Bank Name: **AMG National Trust Bank**Headquartered In: Greenwood Village, CO

Website: www.amgnational.com

Rating: A+ Yr Founded: 1972 Has Branches In: CO, IL, NC, NJ, SC, VA, WY

Telephone: (303) 694-2190

#### South Dakota

Bank Name: **Bryant State Bank**Headquartered In: Bryant, SD
Website: www.bryantstatebank.com

Bank Name: First National Bank in Philip

Headquartered In: Philip, SD Website: www.fnbphilip.com

Bank Name: **Richland State Bank** Headquartered In: Bruce, SD Website: www.richlandstate.org Rating: A Yr Founded: 1915 Has Branches In: SD

Telephone: (605) 628-2171

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1906

Has Branches In: SD

Telephone: (605) 859-2525

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1913

Has Branches In: SD

Telephone: (605) 627-5671

#### Tennessee

Bank Name: **Bank of Cleveland**Headquartered In: Cleveland, TN
Website: www.bankofcleveland.com

Bank Name: **Citizens Bank** Headquartered In: Carthage, TN Website: www.citzcar.com

Bank Name: FSNB, National Association

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

Bank Name: **Citizens Community Bank** Headquartered In: Winchester, TN

Website: www.ccbank.net

Bank Name: McKenzie Banking Company

Headquartered In: McKenzie, TN Website: www.foundationbank.org

Rating: A+ Yr Founded: 1987

Has Branches In: TN Telephone: (423) 478-5656

Rating: A+ Yr Founded: 1929

Has Branches In: TN

Telephone: (615) 735-1490

Rating: A+ Yr Founded: 1946

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

Rating: A

Telephone: (580) 357-9880

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1992

Has Branches In: TN Telephone: (931) 967-3342

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1934

Has Branches In: TN

Yr Founded: 1946

Yr Founded: 1907

Telephone: (731) 352-2262

#### **Texas**

Bank Name: FSNB, National Association Rating: A+

Headquartered In: Lawton, OK

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

We be it as your finds a grant (590) 357,0880

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

Bank Name: Bessemer Trust Company, National Association

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

Bank Name: BOC Bank

Headquartered In: Amarillo, TX Website: www.bocbanking.com

Bank Name: Citizens 1st Bank
Headquartered In: Tyler, TX
Website: www.citizens1stbank.com

Bank Name: **Commerce Bank** Headquartered In: Laredo, TX

Website: www.ibc.com

Bank Name: First State Bank of Bedias

Headquartered In: Bedias, TX Website: www.bediasbank.com

Has Branches In: CT, NY, TX, WA Telephone: (212) 708-9100

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1984 Has Branches In: TX

Telephone: (806) 779-2461

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1920

Has Branches In: TX

Telephone: (903) 581-1900

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1982

Has Branches In: TX

Telephone: (956) 724-1616

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1907

Has Branches In: TX

Telephone: (936) 395-2141

Bank Name: International Bank of Commerce

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

Bank Name: International Bank of Commerce

Headquartered In: Brownsville, TX

Website: www.ibc.com

Bank Name: Muenster State Bank Headquartered In: Muenster, TX Website: www.muensterstate.bank

Bank Name: Texas Exchange Bank Headquartered In: Crowley, TX Website: www.txexbank.com

Bank Name: The Cowboy Bank of Texas

Headquartered In: Maypearl, TX Website: www.cowboybank.com

Bank Name: The Waggoner National Bank of Vernon

Headquartered In: Vernon, TX Website: www.wnbvernon.com Rating: A Yr Founded: 1966 Has Branches In: TX Telephone: (956) 722-7611

Yr Founded: 1984 Rating: A

> Has Branches In: TX Telephone: (956) 547-1000

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1923

Has Branches In: TX Telephone: (940) 759-2257

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1970

Has Branches In: TX

Telephone: (817) 297-4331

Yr Founded: 1930 Rating: A

Has Branches In: TX Telephone: (972) 435-2131

Yr Founded: 1899 Rating: A

Has Branches In: TX

Telephone: (940) 552-2511

#### Utah

Bank Name: Optum Bank, Inc. Headquartered In: Draper, UT Website: www.optumbank.com

Bank Name: **Brighton Bank** 

Headquartered In: Salt Lake City, UT Website: www.brightonbank.com

Bank Name: Central Bank Headquartered In: Provo, UT Website: www.cbutah.com

Bank Name: First Electronic Bank Headquartered In: Salt Lake City, UT Website: www.firstelectronic.bank

Bank Name: Utah Independent Bank

Headquartered In: Salina, UT Website: www.uibankonline.com Rating: A+ Yr Founded: 2003 Has Branches In: UT

Telephone: (866) 234-8913

Yr Founded: 1978 Rating: A

Has Branches In: UT Telephone: (801) 943-6500

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1891

> Has Branches In: UT Telephone: (801) 375-1000

Rating: A Yr Founded: 2000

Has Branches In: UT

Telephone: (801) 572-4004

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1977

Has Branches In: UT

Telephone: (435) 529-7459

#### Vermont

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

Bank Name: Bar Harbor Bank and Trust Company

Headquartered In: Bar Harbor, ME Website: www.barharbor.bank

Bank Name: Community National Bank

Headquartered In: Derby, VT

Website: www.communitynationalbank.com

Bank Name: KeyBank National Association

Headquartered In: Cleveland, OH

Has Branches In: AK, CO, CT, FL, ID, IN, MA, ME, MI, NY, OH, OR, PA, UT, VT, WA

Website: Telephone: (216) 689-3000

Bank Name: NBT Bank, National Association

Headquartered In: Norwich, NY Website: www.nbtbank.com

Bank Name: TrustCo Bank Headquartered In: Glenville, NY Website: www.trustcobank.com

Rating: B+ Yr Founded: 1851 Has Branches In: VT

Telephone: (802) 334-7915

Has Branches In: ME, NH, VT

Telephone: (207) 288-3314

Yr Founded: 1887

Rating: B+ Yr Founded: 1849

Rating: **B+** Yr Founded: 1856

Has Branches In: CT, MA, ME, NH, NY, PA, VT

Rating: **B+** 

Telephone: (607) 337-6416

Yr Founded: 1972

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

## Virginia

Bank Name: AMG National Trust Bank Rating: A+

Has Branches In: CO, IL, NC, NJ, SC, VA, WY Headquartered In: Greenwood Village, CO

Website: www.amgnational.com Telephone: (303) 694-2190

## Washington

Bank Name: American Continental Bank Headquartered In: City of Industry, CA Website: www.americancontinentalbank.com/

Bank Name: Bessemer Trust Company, National Association

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

Bank Name: Timberland Bank Headquartered In: Hoquiam, WA Website: www.timberlandbank.com Rating: A Yr Founded: 2003 Has Branches In: CA, WA

Telephone: (626) 363-8988

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1907 Has Branches In: CT, NY, TX, WA

Telephone: (212) 708-9100

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1915

Has Branches In: WA

Telephone: (360) 533-4747

## West Virginia

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

Website: www.mybankofmonroe.com

Bank Name: City National Bank of West Virginia

Headquartered In: Charleston, WV Website: www.bankatcity.com

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

Website: www.claycounty.bank

Bank Name: **Clear Mountain Bank, Inc.** Headquartered In: Bruceton Mills, WV Website: www.clearmountain.bank

Bank Name: **United Bank**Headquartered In: Vienna, VA
Website: www.bankwithunited.com

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1904 Has Branches In: WV Telephone: (304) 772-3034

Rating: A- Yr Founded: 1957 Has Branches In: KY, OH, VA, WV Telephone: (304) 769-1100

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: 1979 Has Branches In: DC, MD, NC, OH, PA, SC, VA, WV Telephone: (703) 556-0900

## Wisconson

Bank Name: **Bank of Alma**Headquartered In: Alma, WI
Website: www.bankofalma.net

Bank Name: **Bank of Prairie Du Sac** Headquartered In: Prairie Du Sac, WI

Website: www.bankpds.com

Bank Name: **Bank of Mauston** Headquartered In: Mauston, WI Website: www.bankofmauston.com

Bank Name: Waukesha State Bank Headquartered In: Waukesha, WI Website: www.waukeshabank.com Rating: A+ Yr Founded: 1986 Has Branches In: MN, WI Telephone: (608) 685-4461

Rating: A+ Yr Founded: 1916
Has Branches In: WI

Telephone: (608) 643-3393

Rating: A Yr Founded: 1932 Has Branches In: WI Telephone: (608) 847-6200

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: www.amgnational.com

Rating: A+ Yr Founded: 1972 Has Branches In: CO, IL, NC, NJ, SC, VA, WY

Telephone: (303) 694-2190



## 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 <a href="https://www.greyhouse.com">www.greyhouse.com</a> 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 banks, 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.

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.

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.

The following list of Weakest Banks by State is based on ratings as of April 25, 2023. Visit https://greyhouse.weissratings.com to check the latest rating of these companies.



## Georgia

Bank Name: F & M Bank and Trust Company

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

Rating: E- Yr Founded: 1947

Has Branches In: GA Telephone: (706) 846-8415

#### Illinois

Bank Name: Grand Rivers Community Bank

Headquartered In: Grand Chain, IL

Website: www.grandriverscommunitybank.com

Bank Name: Midland Federal Savings and Loan Association

Headquartered In: Bridgeview, IL Website: www.midlandfederal.com

Bank Name: **State Bank of Nauvoo** Headquartered In: Nauvoo, IL

Website:

Bank Name: Wabash Savings Bank Headquartered In: Mount Carmel, IL

Website:

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

Has Branches In: IL

Telephone: (618) 634-2208

Rating: E+ Yr Founded: 1914

Has Branches In: IL Telephone: (708) 598-9400

Rating: **E+** Yr Founded: 1893

Has Branches In: IL

Telephone: (217) 453-2515

Rating: **E+** Yr Founded: 1890

Has Branches In: IL

Telephone: (618) 263-3276

#### Iowa

Bank Name: Dysart State Bank

Headquartered In: Dysart, IA

Website:

Bank Name: **Elgin State Bank** Headquartered In: Elgin, IA

Website: www.elginstatebankia.com

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

Has Branches In: IA

Telephone: (319) 476-4900

Rating: **E+** Yr Founded: 1930

Has Branches In: IA

Telephone: (563) 426-5515

#### Kansas

Bank Name: The Walton State Bank Rating: E- Yr Founded: 1907

Headquartered In: Walton, KS

Has Branches In: KS

Website: waltonstatebank.com/ Telephone: (620) 837-3143

## Kentucky

Bank Name: Peoples Bank & Trust Company of Hazard

Headquartered In: Hazard, KY Website: www.peopleshazard.com/

Rating: **E-** Yr Founded: 1923

Has Branches In: KY Telephone: (866) 435-2161

## Mississippi

Bank Name: Citizens Bank and Trust Company

Headquartered In: Marks, MS Website: www.cbt-co.com/

Rating: **E** Yr Founded: 1917 Has Branches In: MS

Telephone: (662) 326-8047

#### Nebraska

Bank Name: Sidney Federal Savings and Loan Association

Headquartered In: Sidney, NE Website: www.sidneyfederal.com

Bank Name: **Bank of Steinauer** Headquartered In: Steinauer, NE

Website: www.bankofsteinauer.com

Rating: E- Yr Founded: 1899

Has Branches In: NE

Telephone: (308) 254-2401

Rating: **E+** Yr Founded: 1888

Has Branches In: NE

Telephone: (402) 869-2211

## New Hampshire

Bank Name: Walden Mutual Bank

Headquartered In: Concord, NH Website: www.waldenmutual.com

Rating: **E** Yr Founded: 2022

Has Branches In: NH Telephone:

#### Ohio

Bank Name: Rockhold Bank

Headquartered In: Bainbridge, OH Website: www.rockholdbank.com

Rating: **E+** Yr Founded: 1867 Has Branches In: OH

Telephone: (740) 634-2331

## Tennessee

Bank Name: Thread Bank

Headquartered In: Rogersville, TN Website: www.thread.bank

Rating: E+ Yr Founded: 1906

Has Branches In: TN Telephone: (423) 272-2200

## Wisconsin

Bank Name: Columbia Savings and Loan Association

Headquartered In: Milwaukee, WI

Website: www.columbiasavingsandloans.com

Rating: **E-** Yr Founded: 1924 Has Branches In: WI

Telephone: (414) 374-0486



# 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 <a href="www.greyhouse.com">www.greyhouse.com</a> 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.

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.

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.

The following list of highly recommended Credit Unions by State is based on ratings as of April 25, 2023. Visit https://greyhouse.weissratings.com to check the latest rating of these companies.

#### Alabama

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

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

Name: Coosa Pines Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Childersburg, AL

Name: Naheola Credit Union Headquartered In: Pennington, AL Rating: A+ Phone: (256) 340-2000 Website: www.myfscu.com

Rating: A Phone: (205) 328-4371 Website: www.acipcofcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (256) 378-5559 Website: www.coosapinesfcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (205) 844-5527 Website: www.naheola.com

#### Alaska

Name: Northern Skies Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Anchorage, AK

Rating: **A** Phone: (907) 561-1407

Website: www.nsfcu.org

#### Arizona

\* There are no A+ or A Rated Credit Unions in Arizona. The top rated credit unions in AZ are:

Name: Cochise Credit Union Headquartered In: Willcox, AZ

Name: Credit Union West

Headquartered In: Glendale, AZ

Name: MariSol Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Phoenix, AZ

Name: **Pima Federal Credit Union** Headquartered In: Tucson, AZ

Name: **Tucson Federal Credit Union** Headquartered In: Tucson, AZ Rating: A- Phone: (520) 384-2822 Website: www.cochisecu.com

Rating: **A-** Phone: (602) 631-3200

Website: www.cuwest.org

Rating: A- Phone: (602) 252-6831 Website: www.marisolcu.org/

Rating: A- Phone: (520) 887-5010 Website: www.pimafederal.org

Rating: A- Phone: (520) 795-8520 Website: www.tucsonfcu.com

## Arkansas

Name: Arkansas Superior Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Warren, AR

Name: Diamond Lakes Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Malvern, AR

Name: Success Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Blytheville, AR

Name: **Telcoe Federal Credit Union** Headquartered In: Little Rock, AR Rating: **A** Phone: (870) 226-3534

Website: www.asfcu.coop

Rating: A Phone: (501) 332-6530 Website: www.diamondlakesfcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (870) 763-1111 Website: www.successcreditunion.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (501) 375-5321

Website: www.telcoe.com

### California

Name: Families and Schools Together Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Hanford, CA

Name: Long Beach Firemen's Credit Union

Headquartered In: Long Beach, CA

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

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

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

Name: Chevron Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Concord, CA

Name: First Imperial Credit Union Headquartered In: El Centro, CA

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

Name: Mission Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: San Diego, CA

Name: Sacramento Credit Union Headquartered In: Sacramento, CA Rating: A+ Phone: (559) 584-0922 Website: www.fastcu.com

Rating: **A+** Phone: (562) 597-0351

Website: www.lbfcu.org

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

Rating: **A** Phone: (310) 828-7095

Website: www.clcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (626) 444-1972 Website: www.certifiedfed.com

Rating: A Phone: (800) 232-8101 Website: www.chevronfcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (760) 352-1540 Website: www.ficu.com

Website. www.nca.com

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

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

Rating: A Phone: (916) 444-6070

Website: www.sactocu.org

Name: Safe 1 Credit Union

Headquartered In: Bakersfield, CA

Name: San Diego County Credit Union

Headquartered In: San Diego, CA

Name: San Mateo Credit Union

Headquartered In: Redwood City, CA

Name: VA Desert Pacific Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Signal Hill, CA

Rating: **A** Phone: (661) 327-3818

Website: www.safe1.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (877) 732-2848

Website: www.sdccu.com

Rating: A Phone: (650) 363-1725

Website: www.smcu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (562) 498-1250

Website: www.vadpfcu.org/

### Colorado

Name: Sterling Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Sterling, CO

Name: NuVista Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Montrose, CO

Name: Partner Colorado Credit Union

Headquartered In: Arvada, CO

Name: Rocky Mountain Law Enforcement Federal Credit Union Rating: A

Headquartered In: Denver, CO

Rating: **A+** Phone: (970) 522-0111

Website: www.sterlingcreditunion.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (970) 249-8813

Website: www.nuvista.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (303) 422-6221

Website: www.partnercoloradocu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (303) 458-6660

Website: www.rmlefcu.org

#### Connecticut

Name: Nutmeg State Financial Credit Union

Headquartered In: Rocky Hill, CT

Name: Waterbury Connecticut Teachers Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Middlebury, CT

Rating: A Phone: (860) 513-5000

Website: www.nutmegstatefcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (203) 758-9500

Website: 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 Rating: A- Phone: (302) 629-0100

Headquartered In: Seaford, DE Website: www.tidemarkfcu.org

### District of Columbia

\* There are no A+, A or A- Rated Credit Unions in the District of Columbia. The top rated credit union in DC is:

Name: Bank Fund Staff Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Washington, DC

Rating: **B+** Phone: (202) 212-6400

Website: www.bfsfcu.org

### Florida

Name: Baptist Health South Florida Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Miami, FL

Name: Campus USA Credit Union Headquartered In: Newberry, FL

Name: Community Credit Union of Florida

Headquartered In: Rockledge, FL

Name: Community First Credit Union of Florida

Headquartered In: Jacksonville, FL

Name: Community South Credit Union

Headquartered In: Chipley, FL

Name: Florida Credit Union Headquartered In: Gainesville, FL Rating: **A** Phone: (786) 257-2300

Website: www.bhsffcu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (352) 335-9090

Website: www.campuscu.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (321) 690-2328

Website: www.ccuflorida.org

Rating: A Phone: (904) 354-8537 Website: www.communityfirstfl.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (850) 638-8376

Website: www.communitysouth.net

Rating: A Phone: (352) 377-4141

Website: www.flcu.org

## Georgia

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

Name: Workmens Circle Credit Union Headquartered In: Savannah, GA

Name: Interstate Credit Union Headquartered In: Jesup, GA Rating: A+ Phone: (478) 923-3773 Website: www.robinsfcu.org

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

Rating: A Phone: (912) 427-3904 Website: www.interstatecu.org

Phone: (217) 223-4377

#### Hawaii

Name: Wailuku Federal Credit Union Rating: A Phone: (808) 244-7981

Headquartered In: Kahului, HI Website: www.wailukufcu.com

### Idaho

Name: Cottonwood Community Federal Credit Union Rating: A Phone: (208) 962-3451

Headquartered In: Cottonwood, ID Website: www.ccfcu.coop/

Illinois

Name: Members First Community Credit Union Rating: A+

Headquartered In: Quincy, IL Website: www.membersfirstccu.com

Name: **Earthmover Credit Union**Headquartered In: Oswego, IL

Rating: **A**Website: www.earthmovercu.com

Name: **Heartland Credit Union** Rating: **A** Phone: (217) 726-8877

Headquartered In: Springfield, IL Website: www.hcu.org

Name: I A A Credit Union Rating: A Phone: (309) 557-2541

Headquartered In: Bloomington, IL Website: www.iaacu.org

Name: Illinois State Credit Union

Rating: A Phone: (309) 451-8400

Headquartered In: Normal, IL Website: www.itsmycreditunion.org

Name: **NuMark Credit Union**Rating: **A** Phone: (815) 729-3211
Headquartered In: Joliet, IL
Website: www.numarkcu.org

Name: Streator Onized Credit Union Rating: A Phone: (815) 673-5577
Headquartered In: Streator, IL Website: www.socu.org

Name: United Community Credit Union Rating: A Phone: (217) 224-1093

Headquartered In: Quincy, IL Website: www.myuccu.com

#### Indiana

Name: **FORUM Credit Union** Headquartered In: Fishers, IN

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

Name: **Liberty Federal Credit Union** Headquartered In: Evansville, IN

Name: Midwest America Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Fort Wayne, IN

Name: Three Rivers Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Fort Wayne, IN

Name: U S #1364 Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Merrillville, IN Rating: A Phone: (317) 558-6000 Website: www.forumcu.com

Rating: A Phone: (812) 855-7823

Website: www.iucu.org

Rating: A Phone: (812) 477-9271 Website: www.libertyfcu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (260) 482-3334

Website: www.mwafcu.org

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

Rating: A Phone: (219) 769-1700 Website: www.usfederalcu.org

#### Iowa

Name: **Employees Credit Union** Headquartered In: Estherville, IA

Name: Cedar Falls Community Credit Union

Headquartered In: Cedar Falls, IA

Name: **Journey Credit Union** Headquartered In: Des Moines, IA

Name: **Veridian Credit Union** Headquartered In: Waterloo, IA Rating: A+ Phone: (712) 362-5897 Website: www.employeescu.com

Rating: A Phone: (319) 266-7531

Website: www.cfccu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (515) 243-8735

Website: www.journeycu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (319) 236-5600

Website: www.veridiancu.org

#### Kansas

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

Name: Golden Plains Credit Union Headquartered In: Garden City, KS

Name: White Eagle Credit Union Headquartered In: Augusta, KS Rating: A Phone: (316) 265-3272 Website: www.cuofamerica.com

Rating: A Phone: (620) 275-2151

Website: www.gpcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (316) 775-7591 Website: www.whiteeaglecu.com Name: Wichita Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Wichita, KS Rating: A Phone: (316) 941-0600 Website: www.wichitafcu.com

# Kentucky

Name: Abound Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Radcliff, KY

Name: **Ashland Credit Union** Headquartered In: Ashland, KY

Name: **L&N Federal Credit Union** Headquartered In: Louisville, KY Rating: A Phone: (800) 285-5669

Website: www.aboundcu.com

Rating: A Phone: (606) 329-5489 Website: www.ashlandcu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (502) 368-5858

Website: www.lnfcu.com

#### Louisiana

Name: Department of Corrections Credit Union

Headquartered In: Baton Rouge, LA

Name: Centric Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: West Monroe, LA

Name: Heart of Louisiana Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Pineville, LA

Name: Louisiana Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Laplace, LA

Name: **Southwest Louisiana Credit Union** Headquartered In: Lake Charles, LA

Name: Wymar Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Geismar, LA Rating: **A+** Phone: (225) 342-6618

Website: www.doccu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (318) 340-9656

Website: www.mycentric.org

Rating: A Phone: (318) 619-1900

Website: www.heartcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (985) 652-4990

Website: www.louisianafcu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (337) 477-9190

Website: www.swlacu.com

Rating: A Phone: (225) 673-7191

Website: www.wymarfcu.com

#### Maine

Name: Gardiner Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Gardiner, ME

Name: Lincoln Maine Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Lincoln, ME

Rating: A Phone: (207) 582-2676 Website: www.gardinerfcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (207) 794-8623 Website: www.lincolnmainefcu.com Name: Oxford Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Mexico, ME

Name: Sebasticook Valley Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Pittsfield, ME

Rating: A Phone: (207) 369-9976

Website: www.ofcu.org/

Phone: (301) 929-7990

Website: www.lfcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (207) 487-5576

Website: www.svfcume.com

Maryland

Name: Lafayette Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Rockville, MD

Name: NASA Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Upper Marlboro, MD

Name: Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Bowie, MD

Name: WEPCO Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Bloomington, MD

Phone: (301) 249-1800 Rating: A Website: www.nasafcu.com

Rating: A

Rating: A

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

Website: www.wepcofcu.com

Phone: (301) 359-3081

Massachusetts

Name: Greater Springfield Credit Union

Headquartered In: Springfield, MA

Name: Pioneer Valley Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Springfield, MA

Name: Rockland Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Rockland, MA

Name: Webster First Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Worcester, MA

Phone: (413) 782-3161 Rating: A

Website: www.grscu.org

Phone: (413) 733-2800 Rating: A

Website: www.pvcu.org

Phone: (781) 878-0232 Rating: A

Website: www.rfcu.com

Rating: A Phone: (508) 671-5000

Website: www.websterfirst.com

Michigan

Name: Alpena-Alcona Area Credit Union

Headquartered In: Alpena, MI

Name: Lake Michigan Credit Union Headquartered In: Caledonia, MI

Phone: (989) 356-3577 Rating: A+

Website: www.aaacu.com

Rating: A+ Phone: (616) 242-9790

Website: www.lmcu.org

Name: A A C Credit Union

Headquartered In: Grand Rapids, MI

Name: Cornerstone Community Financial Credit Union

Headquartered In: Auburn Hills, MI

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

Name: ELGA Credit Union

Headquartered In: Grand Blanc, MI

Name: Extra Credit Union Headquartered In: Warren, MI

Name: Genisys Credit Union

Headquartered In: Auburn Hills, MI

Name: **Kellogg Community Credit Union** Headquartered In: Battle Creek, MI

Name: Marshall Community Credit Union

Headquartered In: Marshall, MI

Name: Michigan First Credit Union Headquartered In: Lathrup Village, MI

Name: Michigan Schools and Government Credit Union

Headquartered In: Clinton Township, MI

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

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

Name: TLC Community Credit Union

Headquartered In: Adrian, MI

Name: TBA Credit Union

Headquartered In: Traverse City, MI

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

Name: **Zeal Credit Union** Headquartered In: Livonia, MI Rating: A Phone: (616) 288-0288 Website: www.aaccreditunion.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (248) 340-9310

Website: www.ccfinancial.com

Rating: A Phone: (810) 767-8390

Website: www.dortonline.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (810) 715-3542

Website: www.elgacu.com

Rating: A Phone: (586) 276-3000 Website: www.extracreditunion.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (248) 322-9800

Website: www.genisyscu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (269) 968-9251

Website: www.kelloggccu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (269) 781-9885 Website: www.marshallcommunitycu.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (248) 443-4600 Website: www.michiganfirst.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (586) 263-8800

Website: www.msgcu.org

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

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

Rating: **A** Phone: (517) 263-9120

Website: www.tlccu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (231) 946-7090

Website: www.tbacu.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (800) 442-4576

Website: www.westmichigancu.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (800) 321-8570

Website: www.zealcu.org

#### Minnesota

Name: Dawson Cooperative Credit Union

Headquartered In: Dawson, MN

Name: Associated Healthcare Credit Union

Headquartered In: Woodbury, MN

Name: Co-Op Credit Union of Montevideo

Headquartered In: Montevideo, MN

Name: Minnesota Valley Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Mankato, MN

Rating: A+ Phone: (320) 769-2908 Website: www.dawsonco-opcu.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (651) 383-4000

Website: www.ahcu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (320) 269-2117

Website: www.co-opcreditunion.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (507) 387-3055

Website: www.mnvalleyfcu.com

# Mississippi

Name: Magnolia Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Jackson, MS

Name: Members Exchange Credit Union

Headquartered In: Ridgeland, MS

Rating: A Phone: (601) 977-8300

Website: www.magfedcu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (601) 922-3350

Website: www.mecuanywhere.com

#### Missouri

Name: Multipli Credit Union

Headquartered In: Springfield, MO

Name: Blucurrent Credit Union

Headquartered In: Springfield, MO

Name: Century 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: www.multiplicu.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (417) 887-1983

Website: www.blucurrent.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (314) 544-1818

Website: www.centurycu.org

Rating: A Phone: (417) 886-5355

Website: www.telcommcu.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (573) 581-8651

Website: www.unitedcu.org

#### Montana

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

Name: Valley Financial Credit Union Headquartered In: Billings, MT Rating: A Phone: (406) 293-7771 Website: www.lincolncountycu.com

Rating: A Phone: (406) 656-9100 Website: www.valleyfcu.com

#### Nebraska

Name: Hastings Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Hastings, NE

Name: Liberty First Credit Union Headquartered In: Lincoln, NE

Name: Nebraska Energy Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Columbus, NE

Rating: A Phone: (402) 463-6668 Website: www.hastingsfcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (402) 465-1000 Website: www.libertyfirstcu.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (402) 563-5900

Website: www.ne-fcu.org

#### Nevada

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

Name: Elko Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Elko, NV Rating: **A** Phone: (702) 228-2228

Website: www.ccculv.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (775) 738-4083

Website: www.elkofcu.org

# New Hampshire

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

Name: **Granite State Credit Union** Headquartered In: Manchester, NH

Name: Service Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Portsmouth, NH Rating: **B+** Phone: (603) 668-2221

Website: www.gscu.org

Rating: **B+** Phone: (603) 422-8300

Website: www.servicecu.org

# New Jersey

Name: Advanced Financial Federal Credit Union Rating: A Phone: (908) 771-0300

Headquartered In: New Providence, NJ Website: www.advfinfcu.com

#### New Mexico

Name: Artesia Credit Union Rating: A Phone: (575) 748-9779

Headquartered In: Artesia, NM Website: www.artesiacu.org

Name: Otero Federal Credit Union Rating: A Phone: (575) 434-8500

Headquartered In: Alamogordo, NM Website: www.oterofcu.org

Name: State Employees Credit Union Rating: A Phone: (505) 983-7328

Headquartered In: Santa Fe, NM Website: www.secunm.org

#### New York

Name: **ESL Federal Credit Union** Rating: **A+** Phone: (585) 336-1000

Headquartered In: Rochester, NY Website: www.esl.org

Name: Moog Employees Federal Credit Union Rating: A+ Phone: (716) 655-2360
Headquartered In: East Aurora, NY Website: www.moogemployeesfcu.com

website. www.moogemployeesica.com

Name: **Financial Trust Federal Credit Union**Rating: **A**Phone: (716) 831-3007
Headquartered In: Cheektowaga, NY
Website: www.financialtrustfederalcreditunion.com/

Name: **G.P.O. Federal Credit Union**Rating: **A** Phone: (315) 724-1654
Headquartered In: New Hartford, NY
Website: www.gpofcu.com

Name: **Genesee Valley Federal Credit Union**Rating: **A** Phone: (585) 243-1500
Headquartered In: Geneseo, NY
Website: www.geneseevalleyfcu.com

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Name: **Hudson River Community Credit Union**Rating: **A**Phone: (518) 886-3400
Headquartered In: Corinth, NY
Website: www.hrccu.org

Name: New York University Federal Credit Union Rating: A Phone: (212) 995-3171

Headquartered In: New York, NY Website: www.nyufcu.com

Name: **Port Washington Federal Credit Union**Rating: **A**Phone: (516) 883-3537
Headquartered In: Port Washington, NY
Website: www.pwfcu.org

Name: **ServU Federal Credit Union**Rating: **A** Phone: (607) 936-4615
Headquartered In: Painted Post, NY
Website: www.servucu.com/

Name: Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Lakewood, NY

Name: St. Josephs Parish Buffalo Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Buffalo, NY

Name: Syracuse Fire Dept Employees Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Syracuse, NY

Rating: **A** Phone: (716) 665-7000

Website: www.665-7000.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (716) 833-9670

Website: www.sjpfcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (315) 471-4621

Website: www.syrfirecu.com

#### North Carolina

Name: Latino Community Credit Union

Headquartered In: Durham, NC

Name: Members Credit Union

Headquartered In: Winston-Salem, NC

Rating: **A** Phone: (919) 530-8800

Website: www.latinoccu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (336) 748-4800

Website: www.memcu.com

#### North Dakota

Name: Aspire Community Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Minot, ND

Name: Capital Credit Union

Headquartered In: Bismarck, ND

Name: First Community Credit Union

Headquartered In: Jamestown, ND

Name: Hometown Credit Union

Headquartered In: Kulm, ND

Name: Railway Credit Union

Headquartered In: Mandan, ND

Rating: **A** Phone: (701) 837-5353

Website: www.aspire.creditunion

Rating: A Phone: (701) 255-0042

Website: www.capcu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (800) 850-7676

Website: www.myfccu.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (701) 647-2448

Website: www.hcuonline.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (701) 667-9500

Website: www.railwaycu.com

#### Ohio

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

Name: Day Air Credit Union, Inc.

Headquartered In: Kettering, OH

Rating: **A+** Phone: (419) 223-9746

Website: www.superiorcu.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (937) 643-2160

Website: www.dayair.org

Name: **Kemba Credit Union, Inc.** Headquartered In: West Chester, OH

Name: Kemba Financial Credit Union, Inc.

Headquartered In: Gahanna, OH

Name: Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Garfield Heights, OH

Name: Seven Seventeen Credit Union Inc

Headquartered In: Warren, OH

Rating: **A** Phone: (513) 762-5070

Website: www.kemba.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (614) 235-2395

Website: www.kemba.org

Rating: A Phone: (216) 663-6800 Website: www.ohiocatholicfcu.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (330) 372-8100

Website: www.717cu.com

#### Oklahoma

Name: Communication Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Oklahoma City, OK

Name: Oklahoma Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Oklahoma City, OK

Name: U.S. Employees O.C. Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Oklahoma City, OK

Name: Western Sun Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Broken Arrow, OK Rating: **A** Phone: (405) 879-5600

Website: www.comfedcu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (405) 524-6467

Website: www.okfcu.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (405) 685-6200

Website: www.usecreditunion.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (918) 362-1400

Website: www.wsfcu.com

# Oregon

Name: Cascade Community Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Roseburg, OR

Name: Consolidated Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Portland, OR

Name: Marion and Polk Schools Credit Union

Headquartered In: Salem, OR

Name: NW Preferred Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Portland, OR

Name: OnPoint Community Credit Union

Headquartered In: Portland, OR

Name: Sunset Science Park Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Portland, OR

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

Rating: A Phone: (503) 232-8070 Website: www.consolidatedccu.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (503) 588-0181

Website: www.mapscu.com

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

Rating: A Phone: (503) 228-7077 Website: www.onpointcu.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (503) 643-1335

Website: www.sspfcu.com

# Pennsylvania

Name: Police and Fire Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Philadelphia, PA

Name: Citymark Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Plains, PA

Name: Freedom Credit Union Headquartered In: Warminster, PA

Name: Frick Tri-County Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Uniontown, PA

Name: **Grove City Federal Credit Union** Headquartered In: Grove City, PA

Name: Members 1st Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Enola, PA

Name: Mon Valley Community Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Allenport, PA

Name: P&G Mehoopany Employees Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Tunkhannock, PA

Name: Patriot Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Chambersburg, PA

Name: **Philadelphia Federal Credit Union** Headquartered In: Philadelphia, PA

Name: **Top Tier Federal Credit Union** 

Headquartered In: Clarion, PA

Name: Upper Darby Belltelco Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Upper Darby, PA

Name: West-Aircomm Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Beaver, PA

Rating: A+ Phone: (215) 931-0300

Website: www.pffcu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (570) 826-8244

Website: www.citymark.org

Rating: A Phone: (215) 612-5900

Website: www.freedomcu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (724) 438-5123

Website: www.frickfin.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (724) 458-7520

Website: www.gcafcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (717) 697-1161

Website: www.members1st.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (724) 326-5632

Website: www.mvcfcu.com/

Rating: A Phone: (570) 836-3227

Website: www.pgmfcu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (717) 263-4444

Website: www.patriotfcu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (215) 934-3500

Website: www.pfcu.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (814) 226-5032

Website: www.toptierfcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (610) 734-1883

Website: www.udbell.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (724) 775-6640

Website: www.westaircomm.com

#### Rhode Island

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

Name: Coastal1 Credit Union Headquartered In: Pawtucket, RI

Name: **Greenwood Credit Union** Headquartered In: Warwick, RI

Name: **Navigant Credit Union** Headquartered In: Smithfield, RI Rating: A- Phone: (401) 722-2212 Website: www.coastal1.org

Rating: **A-** Phone: (401) 739-4600 Website: www.greenwoodcu.org

Rating: A- Phone: (401) 233-4300 Website: www.navigantcu.org

#### South Carolina

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

Name: Carolina Foothills Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Spartanburg, SC

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

Name: **SRP Federal Credit Union** Headquartered In: North Augusta, SC

Name: Founders Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Lancaster, SC

Name: Palmetto Health Credit Union Headquartered In: Columbia, SC

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

Name: South Carolina National Guard Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Columbia, SC

Rating: **A+** Phone: (803) 736-3110

Website: www.allsouth.org/

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

Rating: A+ Phone: (843) 546-8494

Website: www.gkcu.org

Rating: **A+** Phone: (803) 278-4851

Website: www.srpfcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (800) 845-1614 Website: www.foundersfcu.com

Rating: A Phone: (803) 978-2101 Website: www.palmettohealthcu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (803) 343-0300

Website: www.scscu.com

Rating: A Phone: (803) 799-1090 Website: www.scnationalguardfcu.org

#### South Dakota

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

#### Tennessee

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

Name: First South Financial Credit Union

Headquartered In: Bartlett, TN

Name: Tennessee Valley Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Chattanooga, TN

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

Name: Heritage South Community Credit Union

Headquartered In: Shelbyville, TN

Name: Johnsonville TVA Employees Credit Union

Headquartered In: Camden, TN

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

Name: **ORNL Federal Credit Union** Headquartered In: Oak Ridge, TN

Name: Y-12 Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Oak Ridge, TN Rating: **A+** Phone: (423) 578-7676

Website: www.ecu.org

Rating: **A+** Phone: (901) 380-7400

Website: www.firstsouth.com

Rating: A+ Phone: (423) 634-3600

Website: www.tvfcu.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (931) 455-5441

Website: www.ascend.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (931) 680-1400

Website: www.heritagesouth.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (731) 584-7238

Website: www.jtvaecu.org

Rating: A Phone: (901) 385-5200

Website: www.orionfcu.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (865) 688-9555

Website: www.ornlfcu.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (865) 482-1043

Website: www.y12fcu.org

#### **Texas**

Name: Abilene Teachers Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Abilene, TX

Name: **Border Federal Credit Union** Headquartered In: Del Rio, TX

Name: East Texas Professional Credit Union

Headquartered In: Longview, TX

Name: Harris County Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Houston, TX

Name: Members First Credit Union Headquartered In: Corpus Christi, TX Rating: **A+** Phone: (325) 677-2274 Website: www.abileneteachersfcu.org

Rating: **A+** Phone: (830) 774-2328

Website: www.borderfcu.com

Rating: A+ Phone: (903) 323-0230

Website: www.etpcu.org

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

Website: www.hcfcu.com

Rating: A+ Phone: (361) 991-6178

Website: www.m1st.org

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

Name: Schlumberger Employees Credit Union

Headquartered In: Sugar Land, TX

Name: Alliance Credit Union Headquartered In: Lubbock, TX

Name: Baycel Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Bay City, TX

Name: Caprock Santa Fe Credit Union

Headquartered In: Slaton, TX

Name: Complex Community Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Odessa, TX

Name: **DATCU Credit Union** Headquartered In: Corinth, TX

Name: **Domino Federal Credit Union** Headquartered In: Texarkana, TX

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

Name: **EECU** 

Headquartered In: Fort Worth, TX

Name: First Central Credit Union Headquartered In: Waco, TX

Name: **GECU Federal Credit Union** Headquartered In: El Paso, TX

Name: Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Hereford, TX

Name: Kelly Community Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Tyler, TX

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

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

Name: Rally Credit Union

Headquartered In: Corpus Christi, TX

Rating: A+ Phone: (409) 722-1174

Website: www.nechesfcu.org

Rating: A+ Phone: (281) 285-4551

Website: www.secu.slb.com

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

Rating: A Phone: (979) 244-3995

Website: www.baycel.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (806) 828-5825

Website: www.csfcu.com

Rating: A Phone: (432) 550-9126

Website: www.comcfcu.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (866) 387-8585

Website: www.datcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (903) 832-3906

Website: www.dominofcu.com/

Rating: **A** Phone: (409) 899-3430

Website: www.dugood.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (817) 882-0000

Website: www.eecu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (254) 776-9333

Website: www.firstcentralcu.com

Rating: A Phone: (915) 778-9221

Website: www.gecu.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (806) 364-1888

Website: www.htfcu.com

Rating: A Phone: (903) 597-7291

Website: www.kellycommunity.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (409) 892-1111

Website: www.mobiloilcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (956) 787-2774

Website: www.naftfcu.coop

Rating: **A** Phone: (361) 986-4500

Website: www.rallycu.com

Name: Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Live Oak, TX

Name: Red River Employees Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Texarkana, TX

Name: **Shell Federal Credit Union** Headquartered In: Deer Park, TX

Name: **Southwest Heritage CU** Headquartered In: Odessa, TX

Name: Synergy Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: San Antonio, TX

Name: **Texar Federal Credit Union** Headquartered In: Texarkana, TX

Name: **Texasgulf Federal Credit Union** Headquartered In: Wharton, TX

Name: WesTex Community Credit Union

Headquartered In: Kermit, TX

Rating: A Phone: (210) 945-3300

Website: www.rbfcu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (903) 735-3000

Website: www.rrcu.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (713) 844-1100

Website: www.shellfcu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (432) 250-6040

Website: www.swhcu.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (210) 750-8333

Website: www.synergyfcu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (903) 223-0000

Website: www.gotexar.com

Rating: A Phone: (979) 282-2300

Website: www.texasgulffcu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (432) 586-6631

Website: www.wccu.net

#### Utah

Name: Elevate Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Brigham City, UT

Name: Goldenwest Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Ogden, UT

Name: America First Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Riverdale, UT

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

Name: Members First Credit Union Headquartered In: Brigham City, UT

Name: Nebo Credit Union

Headquartered In: Springville, UT

Name: Utah First Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Salt Lake City, UT Rating: A+ Phone: (435) 723-3437 Website: www.elevatecu.com

Rating: **A+** Phone: (801) 621-4550

Website: www.gwcu.org

Rating: A Phone: (801) 627-0900 Website: www.americafirst.com

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

Rating: **A** Phone: (435) 723-5231

Website: www.memfirstcu.com

Rating: A Phone: (801) 491-3691 Website: www.nebocreditunion.org

Rating: A Phone: (801) 320-2600

Website: www.utahfirst.com

#### Vermont

Name: **Credit Union of Vermont** Headquartered In: Rutland, VT

Name: New England Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Williston, VT

Rating: **A** Phone: (802) 773-0027

Website: www.cuvermont.coop

Rating: **A** Phone: (802) 879-8790

Website: www.nefcu.com

# Virginia

Name: **Blue Eagle Credit Union** Headquartered In: Roanoke, VA

Name: URW Community Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Danville, VA

Rating: A Phone: (540) 342-3429 Website: www.blueeaglecreditunion.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (434) 793-1278

Website: www.urwfcu.org

# Washington

Name: Great Northwest Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Aberdeen, WA

Name: Qualstar Credit Union Headquartered In: Bothell, WA

Name: **Sound Credit Union** Headquartered In: Tacoma, WA

Name: WCLA Credit Union Headquartered In: Olympia, WA

Name: Whatcom Educational Credit Union Headquartered In: Bellingham, WA

Rating: A+ Phone: (360) 533-9990 Website: www.greatnwfcu.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (425) 643-3400 Website: www.qualstarcu.com

Rating: A Phone: (253) 383-2016 Website: www.soundcu.com

Rating: A Phone: (360) 352-5033 4 Website: www.loggerscu.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (360) 676-1168

Website: www.wecu.com

# West Virginia

Name: Peoples Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Nitro, WV

Name: The United Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Morgantown, WV Rating: A Phone: (304) 722-2274 Website: www.peoplesfcu.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (304) 598-5010

Website: www.tufcu.org

Name: West Virginia Central Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Parkersburg, WV

Name: WVU Employees Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Morgantown, WV

Rating: **A** Phone: (304) 485-4523

Website: www.wvccu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (304) 293-5737

Website: www.wvucu.com

#### Wisconsin

Name: Westby Co-op Credit Union Headquartered In: Westby, WI

Name: Altra Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Onalaska, WI

Name: Capital Credit Union Headquartered In: Green Bay, WI

Name: Community First Credit Union Headquartered In: Neenah, WI

Name: **Firefighters Credit Union** Headquartered In: Onalaska, WI

Name: First Community Credit Union of Beloit

Headquartered In: Beloit, WI

Name: Landmark Credit Union Headquartered In: Brookfield, WI

Name: **Members' Advantage Credit Union** Headquartered In: Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Name: Winnebago Community Credit Union

Headquartered In: Oshkosh, WI

Rating: A+ Phone: (608) 634-3118 Website: www.wccucreditunion.coop

Rating: **A** Phone: (608) 787-4500

Website: www.altra.org/

Rating: **A** Phone: (920) 494-2828

Website: www.capitalcu.com

Rating: A Phone: (920) 830-7200 Website: www.communityfirstcu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (608) 784-9480

Website: www.myfirecu.org

Rating: **A** Phone: (608) 362-9077

Website: www.firstccu.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (262) 796-4500

Website: www.landmarkcu.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (715) 421-1610 Website: www.membersadvantagecu.com

Rating: **A** Phone: (920) 233-9096

Website: www.wincu.org/

# Wyoming

Name: Atlantic City Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Lander, WY

Name: Trona Valley Community Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Green River, WY

Rating: A Phone: (307) 332-5151 Website: www.atlanticcity.coop

Rating: **A** Phone: (307) 875-9800

Website: www.tronavalley.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 <a href="www.greyhouse.com">www.greyhouse.com</a> 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.

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.

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.

The following list of Weakest Credit Unions by State is based on ratings as of April 25, 2023. Visit https://greyhouse.weissratings.com to check the latest rating of these companies.



#### Alabama

Name: Tuskegee Federal Credit Union Phone: (334) 727-3180 Rating: E-Headquartered In: Tuskegee, AL Website: www.w-w-i-s.com/hb/51/default.aspx?entity=QKF0I

Name: Tuscaloosa County Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (205) 344-5100 Headquartered In: Tuscaloosa, AL Website: www.tuscaloosacountycu.com

#### Arizona

Name: Arizona Copper Federal Credit Union Rating: **E+** Phone: (520) 363-5681

Headquartered In: Kearny, AZ Website: www.rayfcu.org

#### **Arkansas**

Name: People Trust Community Federal Credit Union Rating: E-Phone: (501) 404-4857

Headquartered In: North Little Rock, AR

Name: Arkansas Teachers Federal Credit Union Rating: **E+** Phone: (501) 375-9250

Headquartered In: Little Rock, AR Website: www.artfcu.org

#### California

Name: Espeeco Federal Credit Union Rating: E-Phone: (661) 846-3800

Headquartered In: Bakersfield, CA Website: www.espeeco.org/

Name: Chula Vista City Employees Federal Credit Union Rating: **E+** Phone: (619) 691-5240

Headquartered In: Chula Vista, CA

Name: Inland Federal Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (619) 444-5656

Headquartered In: La Mesa, CA Website: www.inlandfederal.org

#### Colorado

Name: Harrison District No 2 Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Colorado Springs, CO

Name: One Thirteen Credit Union

Headquartered In: Colorado Springs, CO

Rating: **E+** Phone: (719) 527-1358 Website: www.iamharrison.com

Rating: **E+** Phone: (719) 632-7118

Website: www.113creditunion.com/

#### District of Columbia

Name: District of Columbia Teachers Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Washington, DC

Rating: **E+** Phone: (202) 547-4800

Website: www.dctfcu.org

#### Delaware

Name: edU Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: New Castle, DE

Rating: **E+** Phone: (302) 613-5330

Website: www.edufcu.org

#### Florida

Name: Tampa Postal District Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Lutz, FL

Rating: **E+** Phone: (813) 264-4969

Website: www.tpcu.org

# Georgia

Name: Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Toccoa, GA

Rating: **E+** Phone: (762) 348-6808

Website: www.oppffcu.com

#### Illionois

Name: Ethicon Suture Credit Union

Headquartered In: Chicago, IL

Rating: **E+** Phone: (708) 728-0225

#### Indiana

Name: Richmond City Employees Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Richmond, IN

Rating: **E+** Phone: (765) 983-7228 Website: www.richmondcityefcu.org

#### Louisiana

Name: AME Church Federal Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (225) 281-9934

Headquartered In: Baton Rouge, LA

Name: Cogic Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (337) 504-3502

Headquartered In: Lafayette, LA

Name: Concordia Parish School Employees Federal Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (318) 757-6171

Headquartered In: Ferriday, LA

Name: SHPE Federal Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (225) 222-6869

Headquartered In: Greensburg, LA Website: www.sshpecu.org

Name: SPELC Federal Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (337) 436-2257

Headquartered In: Lake Charles, LA Website: www.spelcfcu.com

Name: **TEA Federal Credit Union** Rating: **E+** Phone: (985) 876-6269

Headquartered In: Houma, LA Website: www.teafcu.org

#### Massachusetts

Name: Chelsea Employees Federal Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (617) 884-3599

Headquartered In: Chelsea, MA Website: www.ChelseaEFCU.org

Name: Greater Salem Employees Federal Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (978) 745-9803

Headquartered In: Salem, MA Website: www.greatersalemfcu.org

Name: Lowell Mass Municipal Employees Federal Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (978) 970-4088

Headquartered In: Lowell, MA Website: www.lmefcu.net

Name: Symphony Federal Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (857) 362-7328

Headquartered In: Boston, MA

# Michigan

Name: Eastpointe Community Credit Union

Headquartered In: Eastpointe, MI

Name: Rock Community Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Rock, MI

Name: Traverse Catholic Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Traverse City, MI

Rating: **E-** Phone: (586) 775-3160 Website: www.eastpointeccu.com

Rating: **E+** Phone: (906) 356-6877 Website: www.rockcommfcu.com

Rating: **E+** Phone: (231) 946-6655

Website: www.tcfedcu.org

# Mississippi

Name: Water's Edge Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Biloxi, MS

Rating: **E+** Phone: (228) 896-0038

Website: www.watersedgefcu.com

#### Missouri

Name: Missouri Baptist Credit Union Headquartered In: Jefferson City, MO

Name: Patriot Credit Union

Headquartered In: Saint Louis, MO

Name: Academic Employees Credit Union

Headquartered In: Columbia, MO

Name: Bayer Credit Union

Headquartered In: Kansas City, MO

Rating: **E** Phone: (573) 635-4428 Website: www.mobaptistcu.org/

Rating: **E** Phone: (314) 892-6325

Website: www.patriotcu.com

Rating: **E+** Phone: (573) 445-1845

Website: www.academicecu.com

Rating: **E+** Phone: (816) 242-2133

Website: www.bayercu.coop

#### Montana

Name: The Morning Star Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Lame Deer, MT

Name: Bitterroot Community Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Darby, MT

Name: Montana Health Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Billings, MT

Rating: **E-** Phone: (406) 477-8911

Website: www.tmsfcu.com

Rating: **E+** Phone: (406) 821-3171 Website: www.bitterrootcommunityfcu.com

Rating: **E+** Phone: (406) 259-2000

Website: www.montanahealthfcu.org

#### Nebraska

Name: Union Pacific Streamliner Federal Credit Union Rating: E- Phone: (402) 544-2500

Headquartered In: Omaha, NE Website: www.upcu.org

New Hampshire

Name: N. H. Community Federal Credit Union Rating: E- Phone: (603) 542-7781

Headquartered In: Claremont, NH Website: www.nhcommunityfcu.org

New Jersey

Name: Entertainment Industries Federal Credit Union Rating: E- Phone: (908) 282-9881

Headquartered In: Elizabeth, NJ Website: www.eicu.org

Name: Hamilton Horizons Federal Credit Union Rating: E- Phone: (609) 631-4300

Headquartered In: Hamilton, NJ Website: www.hamiltonhorizons.org

Name: First Financial Federal Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (732) 312-1500

Headquartered In: Freehold, NJ Website: www.firstffcu.com

New York

Name: Branch 6000 NALC Credit Union Rating: E Phone: (631) 789-0303

Headquartered In: Amityville, NY Website: www.branch6000cu.com

Name: Bykota Federal Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (718) 783-3630

Headquartered In: Brooklyn, NY

Name: Medical Employees of Staten Island Federal Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (718) 876-2721

Headquartered In: Staten Island, NY

Name: Mohawk Progressive Federal Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (518) 372-0828

Headquartered In: Schenectady, NY Website: www.mohawkprogressivefcu.com/

Name: NY Team Federal Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (516) 822-1070

Headquartered In: Hicksville, NY Website: www.nyteamfcu.org

Name: Nassau Financial Federal Credit Union Rating: E+ Phone: (516) 742-4900

Headquartered In: East Meadow, NY Website: www.nassaufinancial.org

Rating: **E+** 

Name: Schenectady County Employees Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Schenectady, NY

Website: www.schcofcu.org

Phone: (518) 374-3830

Name: Syracuse Cooperative Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Syracuse, NY

Rating: **E+** Phone: (315) 471-1116 Website: www.cooperativefederal.org

#### Ohio

Name: Butler Heritage Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Middletown, 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: Teamsters Local 92 Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Canton, OH

Rating: **E+** Phone: (513) 423-2921 Website: www.butlerheritagefcu.org

Rating: **E+** Phone: (740) 266-6354

Rating: **E+** Phone: (513) 422-8697

Website: www.sorgbaywest.com/

Rating: **E+** Phone: (330) 453-8409

Website: www.teamsterslocal92fcu.com

#### Oklahoma

Name: Morning Star Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Tulsa, OK

Rating: **E+** Phone: (918) 582-9422

# Pennsylvania

Name: VAntage Trust Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Wilkes-Barre, PA

Rating: **E+** Phone: (570) 819-3337 Website: www.vantagetrustfcu.org

#### Rhode Island

Name: Woodlawn Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Pawtucket, RI

Rating: **E-** Phone: (401) 728-8300

Website: woodlawnfcu.org

#### South Carolina

Name: Emerald Credit Association Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Greenwood, SC

Rating: **E+** Phone: (864) 223-9135 Website: www.EMERALDCU.COM

#### Tennessee

Name: Hardin County Hospital Employees Credit Union

Headquartered In: Savannah, TN

Name: Pathway Credit Union Headquartered In: Cleveland, TN Rating: **E+** Phone: (731) 926-8420

Rating: **E+** Phone: (423) 479-2168 Website: www.pathwaycredit.com/

#### **Texas**

Name: Capital Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Lubbock, TX

Name: Houston Highway Credit Union Headquartered In: Houston, TX

Name: I B E W 116 Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Fort Worth, TX

Name: IBEW Community Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Beaumont, TX

Name: Local 20 IBEW Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Grand Prairie, TX

Name: Team Financial Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Houston, TX

Name: United Savers Trust Credit Union

Headquartered In: Houston, TX

Rating: E-

Rating: **E+** Phone: (713) 864-4438 Website: www.houstonhighwaycu.com

Rating: **E+** Phone: (817) 335-3658 Website: www.ibew116fcu.org

Rating: **E+** Phone: (409) 833-8271 Website: www.ibewfcu.com

Rating: **E+** Phone: (214) 363-9223 Website: www.local20ibewfcu.com

Rating: **E+** Phone: (713) 316-9999 Website: www.teamffcu.org

Rating: **E+** Phone: (713) 462-5552

Website: www.ustcu.com

# Virginia

Name: Mosaic Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Harrisonburg, VA

Name: Hampton V A Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Hampton, VA

Name: Newport News Municipal Employees Credit Union

Headquartered In: Newport News, VA

Rating: E-Phone: (540) 564-6080

Website: www.mosaicfcu.org

Rating: E+ Phone: (757) 723-8842

Website: www.hvafcu.org

Rating: **E+** Phone: (757) 249-1003

Website: www.nnmecu.org

# Washington

Name: Longshore Federal Credit Union Headquartered In: Hoquiam, WA

Rating: E+ Phone: (360) 532-9224

Website: www.longshorefcu.com

# West Virginia

Name: Berkeley County Public Schools Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Martinsburg, WV

Name: C C M H Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Parkersburg, WV

Name: US Employees Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Fairmont, WV

Name: Willow Island Federal Credit Union

Headquartered In: Saint Marys, WV

Rating: **E+** Phone: (304) 263-0902

Website: www.bcpsfcu.com

Rating: E+ Phone: (304) 424-2255

Website: www.ccmhfcu.org

Rating: E+ Phone: (304) 366-0910

Rating: **E+** Phone: (304) 665-1127

Website: www.wifcu.com

#### Wisconsin

Phone: (715) 634-7772 Name: LCO Federal Credit Union Rating: E+

Website: lcofcu.com/ Headquartered In: Hayward, WI

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# 2023 Rankings of the Best Checking Accounts

(Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Alliant Credit Union	BEST CREDIT UNION, The Balance
Ally Bank	BEST CHECKING ACCOUNTS, Bankrate
Axos Bank	<ul> <li>BEST CHECKING ACCOUNTS, NerdWallet</li> </ul>
Capital One 360	<ul> <li>BEST FOR MINORS, The Balance</li> <li>BEST CHECKING ACCOUNTS, NerdWallet</li> <li>BEST CHECKING ACCOUNTS, Bankrate</li> </ul>
Chase Bank	<ul> <li>BEST WITH BRANCHES, The Balance</li> <li>BEST CHECKING ACCOUNTS, Bankrate</li> </ul>
Connexus Credit Union	<ul> <li>BEST CHECKING ACCOUNTS, NerdWallet</li> </ul>
Discover Bank	BEST CASH BACK, The Balance
Heritage Bank	BEST CHECKING ACCOUNTS, Bankrate
LendingClub	<ul> <li>BEST CHECKING ACCOUNTS, NerdWallet</li> <li>BEST CHECKING ACCOUNTS, Bankrate</li> </ul>
Navy Federal Credit Union	BEST CHECKING ACCOUNTS, Bankrate
nbkc Bank	<ul> <li>BEST FOR EARNING INTEREST, The     Balance</li> <li>BEST CHECKING ACCOUNTS,     NerdWallet</li> <li>BEST CHECKING ACCOUNTS, Bankrate</li> </ul>
Quontic	<ul> <li>BEST CHECKING ACCOUNTS, NerdWallet</li> </ul>

TIAA Bank

Wealthfront

Schwab Bank

• BEST FOR GLOBAL TRAVEL, The Balance

SoFi

• BEST CHECKING ACCOUNTS,

• BEST CHECKING ACCOUNTS, NerdWallet

• BEST CHECKING ACCOUNTS, Bankrate

• BEST FOR \$250,000+, The Balance

#### Sources:

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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 Account**Another term for balancing a checking account;

ensuring that a check register matches a bank

statement.

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# 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. This is a cautionary or yellow flag. In the event of a recession or major financial crisis, 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.
- **Failed.** The institution has been placed under the custodianship of regulatory authorities. This implies that it will be either liquidated or taken over by another financial institution.
- + The plus sign is an indication that the institution is in the upper third of the letter grade.
- The minus sign is an indication that the institution is in the lower third of the letter grade.
- U Unrated. The institution is unrated due to the absence of sufficient data for our ratings.

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