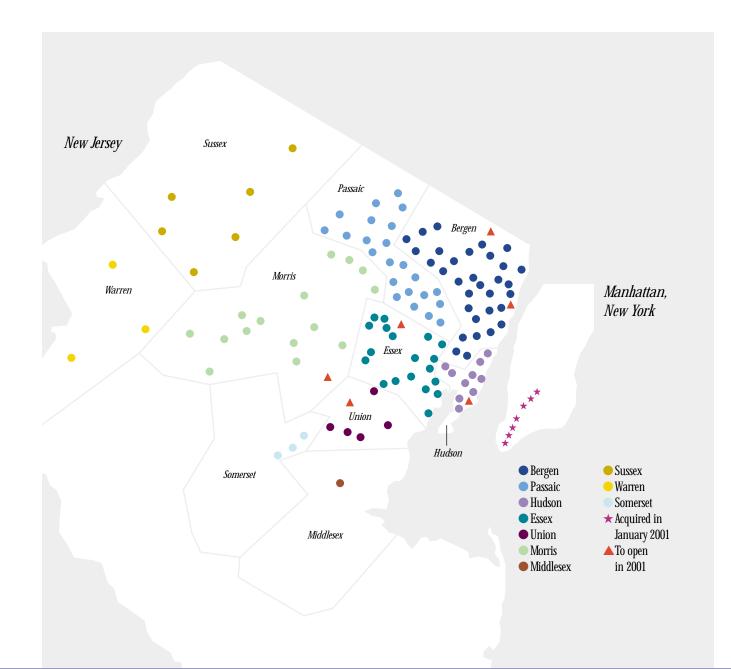
VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

2000 ANNUAL REPORT



118 BRANCHES Located in 78 Communities

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP is a regional bank holding company with over \$6.4 billion in assets. Valley National Bank, its principal subsidiary, is a super community bank that operates 118 branch offices in 78 communities throughout 10 counties in northern New Jersey. Valley is the third largest bank headquartered in New Jersey.

Historical Financial Data

1980-2000*

(dollars in millions, except for share data)

			Diluted	Return on	Return on		
	Total	Net	Earnings	Average	Average	Dividends	Stock Splits
Year End	Assets	Income	Per Share	Assets	Equity	Per Share	and Dividends
2000	\$6,426	\$106.8	\$1.75	1.72%	20.28%	\$1.03	5/00–5% Stock Dividend
1999	6,360	106.3(1)	1.65	1.75	18.35	0.98	5/99-5% Stock Dividend
1998	5,541	97.3(2)	1.59	1.82	18.47	0.89	5/98–5:4 Stock Split
1997	5,091	85.0	1.45	1.67	18.88	0.77	5/97-5% Stock Dividend
1996	4,687	67.5(3)	1.27	1.47	17.23	0.69	5/96-5% Stock Dividend
1995	4,586	62.6(4)	1.15	1.40	16.60	0.66	5/95-5% Stock Dividend
1994	3,744	59.0	1.29	1.60	20.03	0.63	5/94–10% Stock Dividend
1993	3,605	56.4	1.25	1.62	21.42	0.49	4/93–5:4 Stock Split
1992	3,357	43.4	0.98	1.36	19.17	0.45	4/92-3:2 Stock Split
1991	3,055	31.7	0.71	1.29	15.40	0.42	
1990	2,149	28.6	0.65	1.44	14.54	0.42	
1989	1,975	36.0	0.81	1.92	19.93	0.40	
1988	1,835	34.2	0.77	2.00	20.96	0.36	7/88–3:2 Stock Split
1987	1,663	32.1	0.72	2.02	22.95	0.34	
1986	1,615	29.6	0.67	1.99	24.90	0.28	5/86–3:2 Stock Split
1985	1,471	24.2	0.55	1.73	23.76	0.23	2/85–2:1 Stock Split
1984	1,355	17.5	0.46	1.64	24.84	0.16	
1983	933	14.8	0.41	1.82	27.49	0.12	5/83–2:1 Stock Split
1982	733	9.8	0.28	1.53	23.83	0.10	4/82-5% Stock Dividend
1981	600	6.8	0.21	1.32	17.60	0.09	
1980	520	5.9	0.18	1.15	16.31	0.09	4/80-5% Stock Dividend

All per share amounts have been adjusted retroactively for stock splits and stock dividends during the periods presented.

(1) Includes the one-time charge, net of tax, of \$2.2 million, or \$0.03 per diluted share recorded in connection with the Ramapo Financial Corp. merger.

(2) Includes the one-time charge, net of tax, of \$3.2 million, or \$0.05 per diluted share recorded in connection with the Wayne Bancorp merger.

(3) Includes the one-time FDIC SAIF assessment, net of tax, of \$3.8 million, or \$0.06 per share.

(4) Includes the one-time Lakeland merger and acquisition expenses, net of tax, of \$5.4 million, or \$0.08 per share.

*Data for years prior to 1999 exclude Ramapo Financial Corp., for years prior to 1998 exclude Wayne Bancorp, Inc.,

for years prior to 1997 exclude Midland Bancorp, Inc., and for years prior to 1995 exclude Lakeland First Financial Group, Inc.