



2014 ANNUAL REPORT



BNCCORP

BNCCORP, INC. (BNCCORP or the Company) is a bank holding company registered under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 headquartered in Bismarck, North Dakota. It is the parent company of BNC National Bank (the Bank). The Company operates community banking and wealth management businesses in North Dakota, Arizona and Minnesota from 15 locations. BNC also conducts mortgage banking from 14 locations in Arizona, Minnesota, North Dakota, Illinois, Kansas and Nebraska.



Timothy J. Franz
President and CEO

TO OUR SHAREHOLDERS, CUSTOMERS, EMPLOYEES AND COMMUNITY:

2014 was a good, solid year for BNC. We focused on building our core banking operations, avoided the event-driven distractions of the recent past and significantly increased the value of BNC for our shareholders. With our expanded and strengthened core banking foundation, we commence 2015 better positioned to deliver reliable, higher earnings.

Results Driven

BNC is characterized by energetic, motivated people driven to produce results. Their hard work and commitment directly resulted in significant growth during 2014.

We grew assets by 10.8%, deposits by 12.2% and loans held for investment by 13.5%. These gains resulted in a significantly improved net interest income that was 30.8% higher in 2014. This increase is impressive and few community banks delivered a similar increase in the prevailing interest rate environment.

Net income in 2014 was \$8.4 million, compared to \$8.6 million in 2013. Diluted earnings per share were \$1.91, down from 2013's \$2.11 per diluted share, primarily due to a decline in mortgage banking income and higher preferred stock costs. Nonetheless, our return on common equity and return on assets were quite healthy, at 12.37% and 0.94%, respectively.

Nonperforming assets decreased significantly in 2014. We only had \$314 thousand of nonperforming assets at the end of the year, which is a low 0.03% of total assets. This improvement allowed us to reverse \$800 thousand previously reserved for credit losses as we demonstrated the ability to focus on credit quality and concurrently grow loans held for investment.

In September we conducted our third annual wealth management conference. Each year we import nationally recognized experts to participate. Our event consistently draws an enthusiastic audience and demonstrates how our wealth management operations differ from the competition. This division is generating results as our wealth management revenues increased by approximately 10% in 2014 and assets under supervision continued to increase in early 2015. Please reserve October 29 on your calendar for the 2015 event. In addition to the valuable money management insights, the vista overlooking the Missouri River and the North Dakota landscape makes for a spectacular afternoon.

In response to the threat of higher interest rates in early 2014, our mortgage banking operations successfully concentrated on purchase loan originations. By mid-year purchase originations outnumbered re-finance originations by almost two to one. Our mortgage banking group remained nimble and when interest rates dropped, they were able to capture re-finance opportunities in late 2014 and early 2015. The positive operating leverage of our mortgage banking business is evident, as the profitability of this group surges when volume spikes.

After the successful transfer of our preferred stock from the U.S. Treasury to private ownership in 2014 (see a discussion in our prior year shareholder letter), we now have greater freedom to rationalize our capital structure. In mid-year we utilized this new flexibility and paid off \$7.5 million of debt costing 12.05% per annum. This redemption will reduce interest expense by \$900 thousand annually.

Our performance in 2014 drove shareholder value as our book value per share increased in 2014 by approximately 26.5% and our share price increased from \$12.20 at the beginning of the year to \$17.10 at the end of 2014, or an increase of 40.2%.

Oil Prices, Risk and the Current Economic Environment

The price of oil roughly halved in recent months, dropping from over \$100 per barrel to less than \$50 per barrel. The volatility of energy prices is a newer risk for our North Dakota operations. The decrease in oil prices is expected to have a dampening effect in this region. At this writing, the impact of lower

energy prices on economic activity in North Dakota has not fully revealed itself and it may be well into the summer, or beyond, before the impact is known. However, we have assessed credit risk reasonably related to energy, and thus far the decrease in oil prices does not appear to have significantly impacted our portfolio. Over the longer term, we steadfastly believe energy resources will be very beneficial to North Dakota and it will be a good place to conduct banking business.

Of course, the volatility of energy prices is only one of the risks we face. Risk is inherent to the banking business and it can take many forms: credit risk, interest rate risk, regulatory risk, technology risks (including cyber attacks and obsolescence). In the competitive capitalistic marketplace, economic reward will inevitably transfer to those who successfully identify and assume risk. Those who forego risk too often are likely to experience lower returns as reward will transfer to others. Those who take on too much risk will likely suffer loss. At BNC, we manage risk every day and strive to carefully assume the level of risk inherent in banking and necessary to generate acceptable returns for our shareholders. Our challenge is to get the correct balance.

A challenging aspect of risk is that it cannot always be controlled or contained. The Great Recession of 2008-2009 and later caused economic damage to many, including those that did not purposely and knowingly take on risk. I am not convinced the United States, or the global economy, has left the effects of the Great Recession entirely in the rear view mirror. Recent reports note that approximately \$1.75 trillion of global debt has traded to yield negative interest rates. What this means is uncertain. However, it is logical to conclude these abnormal interest rates may indicate there is unusual risk somewhere.

Creating Value in 2015 and Beyond

We know value is created by working hard, nurturing lasting relationships, being innovative and distinguishing between good ideas and bad ideas. While we made significant headway building an organization the created sustainably increasing shareholder value in 2014, more work remains.

We are fortunate to have multiple paths available to create value and the availability of options is very positive for us.

In recent years we have grown considerably -- particularly low cost core deposits -- and that has created value. While the intrinsic value of deposits is not reflected in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting standards, growing low cost deposits drives value creation in community banking and core deposits become more valuable when interest rates rise. Should energy prices rebound quickly, we can anticipate the North Dakota economy will be recharged and we plan to capture our share of the growth and profits in this region.

However, it is possible economic events (e.g. low oil or agricultural prices) will not be conducive to the growth rates we have recently experienced. Should such conditions offer low interest rates, we can create value via our mortgage banking operations. Recall our elevated profits in 2012 and early 2013 when refinance activity propelled our mortgage banking operations. While repeating the profit level of 2012 is unlikely, the profitability of mortgage banking operations increased in late 2014 and early 2015.

Mortgage banking is not our only option to create value in a low growth environment. De-levering our balance sheet may be an option. While our preferred stock is at, or near, a market rate, particularly because of its favorable regulatory capital treatment, it costs 9%. We intend to evaluate whether there is an opportunity to de-lever as the present value of 9% discounted in perpetuity could be quite valuable to our common shareholders. However, we must recognize capital spent to de-lever is capital not available to buttress unforeseen losses or support future growth.

Regardless of which of the above options we exercise, our current loan to deposit ratio is low. Improving this ratio will not be easy, as the banking industry on the whole is searching for loans and our North Dakota customers have a propensity to prepay loans faster than other regions. Nonetheless, we are working to improve our loan to deposit ratio. If we are successful in deploying deposits into attractively priced loans, our net interest margin can continue to improve and higher profits should follow.

Optionality is valuable and I like our options.

It's All About People

Every day our most valuable assets -- our employees -- walk through the door. People who work at BNC are dedicated to high standards, hard work, serving clients and improving the communities where they live. I am blessed to be surrounded by an exceptional group. It is a genuine honor to publically say thank you to each and all.

Our clients are equally valuable assets. Each of us at BNC truly enjoys engaging with you, and we're committed to delivering a great banking experience. Let us know how we can make it even better.

Shareholders should know that our people and our clients are the real BNC value proposition.

We are proud of our recent accomplishments, driven to achieve more, and we look forward to delivering strong results in 2015 and beyond.

Sincerely,



Timothy J. Franz

President and Chief Executive Officer



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Year End Financial Report

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

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Selected Financial Data

The selected consolidated financial data presented below should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto (dollars in thousands, except share and per share data):

	For the Years Ended December 31,				
	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Income Statement Data from Continuing Operations:					
Total interest income	\$ 29,264	\$ 23,706	\$ 23,992	\$ 25,749	\$ 33,510
Total interest expense	3,308	3,861	5,521	6,272	10,238
Net interest income	25,956	19,845	18,471	19,477	23,272
Provision (reduction) for credit losses	(800)	700	100	1,625	5,750
Non-interest income	20,454	29,285	42,938	20,237	23,973
Fraud loss on assets serviced by others	-	-	-	-	26,231
Non-interest expense, excluding fraud loss on assets serviced by others	34,683	35,981	39,965	33,859	37,257
Income tax expense (benefit)	4,071	3,822	(5,280)	22	72
Net income (loss)	\$ 8,456	\$ 8,627	\$ 26,624	\$ 4,208	\$ (22,065)
Preferred stock costs	1,796	1,320	1,462	1,394	1,333
Net income (loss) available to common shareholders	\$ 6,660	\$ 7,307	\$ 25,162	\$ 2,814	\$ (23,398)
Balance Sheet Data: (at end of period)					
Total assets	\$ 934,419	\$ 843,123	\$ 770,776	\$ 665,158	\$ 747,069
Investments securities available for sale	449,333	435,719	300,549	242,630	137,032
Federal Reserve Bank and Federal Home Loan Bank stock	2,817	2,729	2,601	2,750	2,862
Loans held for sale-mortgage banking	47,109	32,870	95,095	68,622	29,116
Loans and leases held for investment, net of unearned income	360,789	317,928	289,469	293,211	350,501
Other loans held for sale, net	-	-	-	-	70,501
Allowance for credit losses	(8,601)	(9,847)	(10,091)	(10,630)	(14,765)
Deposits held for sale	-	-	-	-	107,446
Total deposits	811,231	723,229	649,604	576,255	661,111
Core deposits	773,279	678,670	596,304	525,071	608,481
Short-term borrowings	16,002	19,967	11,700	8,635	16,329
Long-term borrowings	-	-	-	-	-
Guaranteed preferred beneficial interests in Company's subordinated debentures	15,018	22,432	22,430	22,427	24,134
Preferred stockholders' equity	21,098	21,098	20,888	20,687	20,486
Common stockholders' equity	62,390	48,767	47,842	21,180	16,835
Book value per common share outstanding	\$ 18.28	\$ 14.45	\$ 14.49	\$ 6.42	\$ 5.09
Book value per common share outstanding, excluding accumulated other comprehensive income	\$ 16.72	\$ 14.89	\$ 12.99	\$ 5.35	\$ 4.44
Tangible book value	\$ 18.28	\$ 14.45	\$ 14.49	\$ 6.42	\$ 5.09
Tangible common equity ratio	6.67%	5.78%	6.21%	3.17%	2.24%
Earnings Performance / Share Data from Continuing Operations:					
Return (loss) on average total assets	0.94%	1.07%	3.74%	0.61%	(2.79)%
Return (loss) on average common stockholders' equity	12.37%	15.15%	90.04%	17.32%	(97.12)%
Efficiency ratio	74.73%	73.24%	65.08%	85.26%	134.38%
Net interest margin	3.07%	2.65%	2.85%	3.11%	3.20%
Net interest spread	2.97%	2.54%	2.63%	2.89%	2.95%
Basic earnings (loss) per common share	\$ 1.98	\$ 2.22	\$ 7.64	\$ 0.86	\$ (7.13)
Diluted earnings (loss) per common share	\$ 1.91	\$ 2.11	\$ 7.52	\$ 0.86	\$ (7.13)
Average common shares outstanding	3,369,021	3,297,235	3,294,562	3,282,182	3,281,719
Average common and common equivalent shares	3,491,254	3,468,390	3,344,280	3,282,182	3,281,719
Shares outstanding at year end	3,413,854	3,374,601	3,300,652	3,301,007	3,304,339
Other Key Ratios					
Nonperforming assets to total assets	0.03%	0.79%	2.03%	2.45%	4.09%
Nonperforming loans to total assets	0.01%	0.67%	1.36%	0.93%	2.39%
Nonperforming loans to loans and leases held for investment	0.02%	1.77%	3.63%	2.10%	5.10%
Net loan charge-offs to average loans and leases held for investment	(0.134)%	(0.332)%	(0.225)%	(1.780)%	(1.530)%
Allowance for credit losses to total loans	2.11%	2.81%	2.62%	2.94%	3.84%

Quarterly Financial Data

	2014				
	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	YTD
Interest income	\$ 7,104	\$ 7,271	\$ 7,540	\$ 7,349	\$ 29,264
Interest expense	899	948	791	670	3,308
Net interest income	6,205	6,323	6,749	6,679	25,956
Provision (reduction) for credit losses	(200)	(400)	(200)	-	(800)
Net interest income after provision (reduction) for credit losses	6,405	6,723	6,949	6,679	26,756
Non-interest income	4,284	5,361	4,814	5,995	20,454
Non-interest expense	8,090	8,887	8,765	8,941	34,683
Income before income taxes	2,599	3,197	2,998	3,733	12,527
Income tax expense	807	990	1,017	1,257	4,071
NET INCOME	\$ 1,792	\$ 2,207	\$ 1,981	\$ 2,476	\$ 8,456
Preferred stock costs	372	475	474	475	1,796
Net income available to common shareholders	<u>\$ 1,420</u>	<u>\$ 1,732</u>	<u>\$ 1,507</u>	<u>\$ 2,001</u>	<u>\$ 6,660</u>
Basic earnings per common share	<u>\$ 0.42</u>	<u>\$ 0.51</u>	<u>\$ 0.44</u>	<u>\$ 0.59</u>	<u>\$ 1.98</u>
Diluted earnings per common share	<u>\$ 0.41</u>	<u>\$ 0.50</u>	<u>\$ 0.43</u>	<u>\$ 0.57</u>	<u>\$ 1.91</u>
Average common shares:					
Basic	3,349,588	3,364,235	3,386,187	3,386,187	3,369,021
Diluted	3,477,459	3,491,255	3,502,444	3,503,972	3,491,254

	2013				
	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	YTD
Interest income	\$ 5,649	\$ 5,560	\$ 5,560	\$ 6,937	\$ 23,706
Interest expense	1,016	977	944	924	3,861
Net interest income	4,633	4,583	4,616	6,013	19,845
Provision for credit losses	700	-	-	-	700
Net interest income after provision for credit losses	3,933	4,583	4,616	6,013	19,145
Non-interest income	11,324	8,352	5,001	4,608	29,285
Non-interest expense	9,397	9,059	9,451	8,074	35,981
Income before income taxes	5,860	3,876	166	2,547	12,449
Income tax expense (benefit)	2,075	1,400	(321)	668	3,822
NET INCOME	\$ 3,785	\$ 2,476	\$ 487	\$ 1,879	\$ 8,627
Preferred stock costs	(324)	(327)	(330)	(339)	(1,320)
Net income available to common shareholders	<u>\$ 3,461</u>	<u>\$ 2,149</u>	<u>\$ 157</u>	<u>\$ 1,540</u>	<u>\$ 7,307</u>
Basic earnings per common share	<u>\$ 1.05</u>	<u>\$ 0.65</u>	<u>\$ 0.05</u>	<u>\$ 0.46</u>	<u>\$ 2.22</u>
Diluted earnings per common share	<u>\$ 1.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.62</u>	<u>\$ 0.05</u>	<u>\$ 0.44</u>	<u>\$ 2.11</u>
Average common shares:					
Basic	3,297,352	3,297,352	3,297,004	3,314,807	3,297,235
Diluted	3,466,884	3,467,749	3,475,269	3,481,232	3,468,390

Business

General

BNCCORP, INC. (BNCCORP) is a registered bank holding company incorporated under the laws of Delaware. It is the parent company of BNC National Bank (together with its wholly owned subsidiary, BNC Insurance Services, Inc., collectively, the Bank). BNCCORP operates community banking and wealth management businesses in North Dakota, Arizona and Minnesota from 15 locations. The Bank also conducts mortgage banking from 14 locations in Arizona, Minnesota, North Dakota, Illinois, Kansas and Nebraska.

Operating Strategy

We are a community bank that focuses on business banking. We build value for shareholders by providing relationship-based financial services to small and mid-sized businesses, business owners, their employees and professionals. The key elements of our strategy include:

- *Providing individualized, high-level customer service.* We provide a high level of customer service to establish and maintain long-term relationships. We believe that many of our competitors emphasize retail banking or focus on large companies, leaving the small and mid-sized business market underserved. Our consistent focus on the needs of such small and mid-sized businesses allows us to compete effectively in this market segment.
- *Diversification of products and services.* We offer a wide variety of banking, mortgage banking, and wealth management products and services to meet the financial needs of our customers, establish new relationships and expand our business opportunities. We seek to leverage our existing relationships by cross-selling our products and services.
- *Expand opportunistically.* We emphasize organic growth within the markets that we serve and look to opportunistically expand into new lines of business and attractive markets. Organic growth in North Dakota is an emphasis as we believe the need for our services is particularly strong due to increased demand generated by the energy and agricultural industries. In Arizona, our organic growth focuses on small businesses and the SBA arena. In recent years, we have expanded our mortgage banking operations. The mortgage banking business can be strategically counter cyclical to community banking and it has been a good example of opportunistic expansion.
- *Managing risk.* Community banking is inherently faced with several forms of risk. We strive to manage risk by balancing the potential costs of various risks and the various rewards of banking opportunities.
- *Emphasize deposit growth.* Growing low-cost core deposits is a key strategy. Our platforms and technology offers us a strategic opportunity to deliver high level deposit services to the businesses and professionals we serve and permits us to attract funds at a low cost.

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Overview

The following table summarizes selected income statement data and earnings per share data (in thousands, except per share data):

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<u>SELECTED INCOME STATEMENT DATA</u>		
Interest income	\$ 29,264	\$ 23,706
Interest expense	3,308	3,861
Net interest income	25,956	19,845
Provision (reduction) for credit losses	(800)	700
Non-interest income	20,454	29,285
Non-interest expense	34,683	35,981
Income before income taxes	12,527	12,449
Income tax expense	4,071	3,822
Net income	8,456	8,627
Preferred stock costs	1,796	1,320
Net income available to common shareholders	\$ 6,660	\$ 7,307
<u>EARNINGS PER SHARE DATA</u>		
Basic earnings per common share	\$ 1.98	\$ 2.22
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 1.91	\$ 2.11

The following is a brief overview of recent periods:

- In 2014 the Company increased net interest income over 2013 through a combination of loan and deposit growth, disciplined product pricing, and effective cash deployment.
- Excluding the impact of non-recurring insurance proceeds, aggregating \$1.055 million in 2013, non-interest income declined in 2014 due to reduced mortgage banking revenue and gains on the sale of securities. Mortgage banking revenue declined in 2014 as interest rates rose in the second half of 2013 and remained elevated throughout most of 2014. Our bank charges and service fees, wealth management revenue, and gain on sale of loans all posted double digit increases in 2014.
- Credit quality continued to improve in 2014. At December 31, 2014 our non-performing assets were 0.03% of total assets. Non-performing assets decreased from \$6.6 million at December 31, 2013 to \$317 thousand at December 31, 2014.
- Non-interest expense declined in 2014 by \$1.3 million or 4%. Excluding the impact of a non-recurring impairment charge and reductions in post-retirement benefits, 2014 expenses were flat to 2013. Salary expense increased in response to higher loan and deposit production while professional expenses declined with mortgage volume.
- In 2014, the effective tax rate increased to 32.50% from 30.70% in 2013 as the prior year's tax expense benefited from non-taxable, non-recurring tax exempt insurance proceeds.

General

Net income in 2014 was \$8.456 million, or \$1.91 per diluted share, compared to net income of \$8.627 million, or \$2.11 per diluted share in 2013.

Net Interest Income

The following table sets forth information relating to our average balance sheet information, yields on interest-earning assets and costs on interest-bearing liabilities (dollars are in thousands):

	For the Year ended December 31,			For the Year ended December 31,			For the Year ended December 31,		
	2014			2013			2012		
	Average balance	Interest earned or owed	Average yield or cost	Average balance	Interest earned or owed	Average yield or cost	Average balance	Interest earned or owed	Average yield or cost
Assets									
Federal funds sold/interest-bearing due from banks	\$ 41,896	\$ 98	0.23%	\$ 54,726	\$ 144	0.26%	\$ 35,172	\$ 80	0.23%
Taxable investments	381,253	9,311	2.44%	315,722	5,948	1.88%	241,923	6,195	2.56%
Tax-exempt investments	68,097	2,241	3.29%	46,086	1,496	3.25%	31,096	967	3.11%
Loans held for sale-mortgage banking	30,513	1,143	3.75%	56,779	1,890	3.33%	66,288	2,263	3.41%
Loans and leases held for investment	331,982	16,471	4.96%	284,344	14,228	5.00%	284,507	14,487	5.09%
Allowance for credit losses	(9,184)	-		(9,928)	-		(10,560)	-	
Total interest-earning assets	844,557	29,264	3.47%	747,729	23,706	3.17%	648,426	23,992	3.70%
Non-interest-earning assets:									
Cash and due from banks	10,994			10,337			11,155		
Other	43,858			49,483			51,597		
Total assets	\$ 899,409			\$ 807,549			\$ 711,178		
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity									
Deposits:									
Interest checking and money market accounts	\$ 409,519	541	0.13%	\$ 341,128	576	0.17%	\$ 271,089	645	0.24%
Savings	24,249	9	0.04%	19,857	15	0.08%	15,549	16	0.10%
Certificates of deposit:									
Under \$100,000	113,769	1,442	1.27%	125,641	1,535	1.22%	127,446	2,368	1.86%
\$100,000 and over	77,812	421	0.54%	81,196	534	0.66%	65,563	828	1.26%
Total interest-bearing deposits	625,349	2,413	0.39%	567,822	2,660	0.47%	479,647	3,857	0.80%
Borrowings:									
Short-term borrowings	20,575	36	0.17%	18,948	41	0.22%	13,329	70	0.53%
FHLB advances	425	1	0.24%	-	-	0.00%	203	1	0.49%
Long-term borrowings	899	36	4.00%	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
Subordinated debentures	19,693	822	4.17%	22,431	1,160	5.17%	22,428	1,593	7.10%
Total interest-bearing liabilities	666,941	3,308	0.50%	609,201	3,861	0.63%	515,607	5,521	1.07%
Non-interest-bearing demand accounts	147,884	-	0.00%	118,783	-	0.00%	125,367	-	0.00%
Total deposits and interest-bearing liabilities	814,825			727,984			640,974		
Other non-interest-bearing liabilities	7,589			9,093			16,636		
Total liabilities	822,414			737,077			657,610		
Stockholders' equity	76,995			70,472			53,568		
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 899,409			\$ 807,549			\$ 711,178		
Net interest income		\$ 25,956		\$ 19,845			\$ 18,471		
Net interest spread			2.97%			2.54%			2.63%
Net interest margin			3.07%			2.65%			2.85%
Ratio of average interest-earning assets to average interest-bearing liabilities			126.63%			125.76%			

The following table allocates changes in our interest income and interest expense between the changes related to volume and rates (in thousands):

	<u>For the Years Ended December 31,</u>			<u>For the Years Ended December 31,</u>		
	<u>2014 Compared to 2013</u>			<u>2013 Compared to 2012</u>		
	<u>Change Due to</u>			<u>Change Due to</u>		
	<u>Volume</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Volume</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
Interest Earned on Interest-Earning Assets						
Federal funds sold/interest-bearing due from banks	\$ (31)	\$ (15)	\$ (46)	\$ 50	\$ 14	\$ 64
Taxable investments	1,385	1,978	3,363	1,622	(1,869)	(247)
Tax-exempt investments	724	21	745	485	44	529
Participating interests in mortgage loans	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loans held for sale- mortgage banking	(961)	214	(747)	(318)	(55)	(373)
Loans held for investment	2,364	(121)	2,243	(8)	(251)	(259)
Total increase (decrease) in interest income	<u>3,481</u>	<u>2,077</u>	<u>5,558</u>	<u>1,831</u>	<u>(2,117)</u>	<u>(286)</u>
Interest Expense on Interest-Bearing Liabilities						
Interest checking and money market accounts	103	(138)	(35)	144	(213)	(69)
Savings	3	(9)	(6)	4	(5)	(1)
Certificates of Deposit:						
Under \$100,000	(149)	56	(93)	(33)	(800)	(833)
\$100,000 and over	(22)	(91)	(113)	166	(460)	(294)
Short-term borrowings	3	(8)	(5)	22	(51)	(29)
FHLB advances	1	-	1	-	(1)	(1)
Long-term borrowings	36	-	36	-	-	-
Subordinated debentures	(189)	(149)	(338)	-	(433)	(433)
Total increase (decrease) in interest expense	<u>(214)</u>	<u>(339)</u>	<u>(553)</u>	<u>303</u>	<u>(1,963)</u>	<u>(1,660)</u>
Increase (decrease) in net interest income	<u>\$ 3,695</u>	<u>\$ 2,416</u>	<u>\$ 6,111</u>	<u>\$ 1,528</u>	<u>\$ (154)</u>	<u>\$ 1,374</u>

Net interest income was \$25.956 million in 2014 compared to \$19.845 million in 2013, an increase of \$6.111 million or 30.8%. The net interest margin increased to 3.07% for the year ended December 31, 2014 from 2.65% in 2013. In 2014, net interest income was higher as the impact of lower interest rates was offset by the impact of higher balances of assets and liabilities. Our ability to lower our cost of funds in the future may be limited because interest rates are currently historically low. In 2014, earning assets increased as loans held for investment and investments available for sale increased as we deployed funds from new deposits and liquidity built in prior periods. As 2014 progressed, we continued to increase loans held for investment.

Net interest income was \$19.845 million in 2013 compared to \$18.471 million in 2012, an increase of \$1.374 million or 7.4%. The net interest margin decreased to 2.65% for the year ended December 31, 2013 from 2.85% in 2012. In 2013, net interest income was higher as the impact of lower interest rates was offset by the impact of higher balances of assets and liabilities. Our ability to lower our cost of funds in the future may be limited because interest rates are currently historically low. In 2013, earning assets increased as loans held for investment and investments available for sale increased as we deployed funds from new deposits and liquidity built in prior periods. In 2013, we increased the loans held for investment, particularly in North Dakota.

Non-interest Income

The following table presents the major categories of our non-interest income (dollars are in thousands):

	For the Years Ended December 31,		Increase (Decrease)	
	2014	2013	2014 – 2013	
			\$	%
Bank charges and service fees	\$ 2,962	\$ 2,675	\$ 287	11 % (a)
Wealth management revenues	1,384	1,260	124	10 %
Mortgage banking revenues	11,818	19,344	(7,526)	(39) % (b)
Gains on sales of loans, net	1,915	1,632	283	17 % (c)
Gains on sales of securities, net	53	1,247	(1,194)	(96) % (d)
Other	2,322	2,072	250	12 % (e)
Subtotal non-interest income	20,454	28,230	(7,776)	(28) %
Life insurance benefits received	-	1,055	(1,055)	(100) % (f)
Total non-interest income	\$ 20,454	\$ 29,285	\$ (8,831)	(30) %

- (a) These fees are growing as we continue to grow deposits, and open new accounts.
- (b) Mortgage banking revenues were significantly impacted in 2014 by the increase in interest rates. Revenues began to decline mid-year 2013 as interest rates rose and loan production remained subdued through the first three quarters of 2014.
- (c) Gains and losses on sales will vary significantly from period to period. The secondary market for SBA loans is currently acquisitive and loans can be sold at attractive prices.
- (d) Gains and losses on sales of securities will vary significantly from period to period.
- (e) In 2014, the Company recorded revenue of \$1.718 million from SBIC investments compared with \$1.587 million in 2013. While it is difficult to predict the timing, or amount of distributions, we currently anticipate further distributions in future periods.
- (f) In the third quarter of 2013 the Company recognized life insurance benefits of \$1.055 million.

Non-interest Expense

The following table presents the major categories of our non-interest expense (dollars are in thousands):

	For the Years Ended December 31,		Increase (Decrease)	
	2014	2013	2014– 2013	
			\$	%
Salaries and employee benefits	\$ 17,783	\$ 16,842	\$ 941	6 % (a)
Professional services	3,032	3,610	(578)	(16) % (b)
Data processing fees	2,932	3,070	(138)	(4) %
Marketing and promotion	2,974	2,708	266	10 % (c)
Occupancy	2,064	2,394	(330)	(14) % (d)
Regulatory costs	640	830	(190)	(23) % (e)
Depreciation and amortization	1,268	1,232	36	3 %
Office supplies and postage	687	613	74	12 %
Other real estate costs	72	126	(54)	(43) % (f)
Other	3,231	3,230	1	0 %
Subtotal non-interest expense	34,683	34,481	28	0 %
Impairment charge	-	1,500	(1,500)	(100) % (g)
Post retirement benefits reduction	-	(174)	174	100 %
Total non-interest expense	<u>\$ 34,683</u>	<u>\$ 35,981</u>	<u>\$ (1,298)</u>	(4) %
Efficiency ratio	74.73%	73.24%	1.49%	

- (a) Salary expense increased in response to higher loan and deposit production and the addition of talent to support the company's growth.
- (b) The reduction of professional services is primarily due to the decline in the mortgage production volume.
- (c) Marketing costs have increased for the banking and mortgage banking operations to drive volume and support the opening of a new branch in North Dakota.
- (d) Occupancy costs decreased in 2014 after investing in facility improvements and office relocations in 2013.
- (e) The decrease is due to lower regulatory assessments.
- (f) Other real estate costs will vary from period to period depending on valuation adjustments on our foreclosed properties– see Note 8. At December 31, 2014 the Company held only one remaining property in other real estate.
- (g) In the third quarter 2013 we consolidated all Minnesota operations to one location to reduce operating costs and decided to sell a branch building which was underutilized. This resulted in an impairment charge of \$1.5 million to reflect the fair market value of the property, which was sold in the fourth quarter of 2014.

Income Tax Expense

During 2014, we recorded tax expense of \$4.071 million which resulted in an effective tax rate of 32.50%. The Company is able to carry forward state tax net operating losses aggregating \$1.9 million as of December 31, 2014. The state net operating losses expire between 2015 and 2032.

During 2013, we recorded tax expense of \$3.822 million which resulted in an effective tax rate of 30.70%. The Company is able to carry forward state tax net operating losses aggregating \$6.7 million as of December 31, 2013. The state net operating losses expire between 2014 and 2032.

Financial Condition

Assets

The following table presents our assets by category (dollars are in thousands):

	As of December 31,		Increase (Decrease)	
	2014	2013	2014 – 2013	
			\$	%
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 41,124	\$ 18,871	\$ 22,253	118 % (a)
Investment securities available for sale	449,333	435,719	13,614	3 % (b)
Federal Reserve Bank and Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines stock	2,817	2,729	88	3 %
Loans held for sale-mortgage banking	47,109	32,870	14,239	43 % (c)
Loans and leases held for investment, net	352,188	308,081	44,107	14 % (d)
Other real estate, net	256	1,056	(800)	(76) % (e)
Premises and equipment, net	16,228	14,870	1,358	9 % (f)
Interest receivable	3,931	3,554	377	11 %
Other assets	21,433	25,373	(3,940)	(16) % (g)
Total assets	\$ 934,419	\$ 843,123	\$ 91,296	11 %

- (a) Cash balances can fluctuate significantly, but we generally emphasize liquidity.
- (b) The increase in investments has primarily been funded by deposit growth.
- (c) Loans held for sale increased as production increased late in 2014 as rates declined.
- (d) In 2013, with stable credit quality, we implemented measures to increase our loan portfolio and enjoyed double-digit loan growth in 2013 and 2014.
- (e) Decrease is due to the sale of a bank owned property in the fourth quarter of 2014.
- (f) Premises and equipment increased largely due to the construction of a new bank branch in Mandan, ND.
- (g) Other assets decreased primarily due to reduction in net deferred tax assets as an OREO property was sold and the available for sale investment portfolio migrated from an unrealized loss to an unrealized gain in 2014.

Investment Securities Available for Sale

The following table presents the composition of the available-for-sale investment portfolio (in thousands):

	December 31,			
	2014		2013	
	Amortized cost	Estimated fair market value	Amortized cost	Estimated fair market value
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 19,861	\$ 19,921	\$ -	\$ -
U.S. government agency mortgage-backed securities guaranteed by GNMA	101,833	101,637	74,247	73,466
U.S. government agency mortgage-backed securities issued by FNMA or FHLMC	-	-	32,065	31,678
U.S. government agency small business administration pools guaranteed by SBA	83,990	84,379	47,882	47,824
Collateralized mortgage obligations guaranteed by GNMA/VA	96,988	98,188	141,552	140,557
Collateralized mortgage obligations issued by FNMA or FHLMC	62,638	63,334	77,286	76,629
Other collateralized mortgage obligations	-	-	1,746	1,794
State and municipal bonds	76,958	81,874	64,733	63,771
Total investments	<u>\$ 442,268</u>	<u>\$ 449,333</u>	<u>\$ 439,511</u>	<u>\$ 435,719</u>

There were no securities that management concluded were other-than-temporarily impaired during 2014 or 2013. See Note 3 of our Consolidated Financial Statements.

The following table presents contractual maturities for securities available for sale and yields thereon at December 31, 2014 (dollars are in thousands):

	Within 1 year		After 1 but within 5 years		After 5 but within 10 years		After 10 years		Total	
	Amount	Yield ⁽¹⁾	Amount	Yield ⁽¹⁾	Amount	Yield ⁽¹⁾	Amount	Yield ⁽¹⁾	Amount	Yield ⁽¹⁾
U.S. Treasury securities ⁽²⁾	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 19,861	1.66%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 19,861	1.66%
U.S. government agency mortgage-backed securities guaranteed by GNMA ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	101,833	1.88%	101,833	1.88%
U.S. government agency mortgage-backed securities issued by FNMA or FHLMC ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
U.S. government agency small business administration pools guaranteed by SBA ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	24,106	2.68%	59,884	1.40%	83,990	1.77%
Collateralized mortgage obligations guaranteed by GNMA/VA ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	2,038	1.90%	94,950	2.83%	96,988	2.81%
Collateralized mortgage obligations issued by FNMA or FHLMC ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	62,638	2.48%	62,638	2.48%
Other collateralized mortgage obligations ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
State and municipal bonds ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	76,958	5.34%	76,958	5.34%
Total book value of investment securities	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>\$ 19,861</u>	<u>1.66%</u>	<u>\$ 26,144</u>	<u>2.62%</u>	<u>\$ 396,263</u>	<u>2.80%</u>	<u>442,268</u>	<u>2.74%</u>
Net unrealized gain on securities available for sale									<u>7,065</u>	
Total investment in securities available for sale									<u>\$ 449,333</u>	<u>2.70%</u>

(1) Yields include adjustments for tax-exempt income.

(2) Based on amortized cost rather than fair value.

(3) Maturities of mortgage-backed securities and collateralized obligations are based on contractual maturities. Actual maturities may vary because obligors may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties.

As of December 31, 2014, we had \$449.3 million of available-for-sale securities in the investment portfolio compared to \$435.7 million at December 31, 2013.

In 2014, available-for-sale investment securities increased as we have deployed cash and funds from new deposits. The net unrealized gain of investment securities increased as of December 31, 2014 as compared to December 31, 2013 due to the general decrease in interest rates and flattening of the yield curve over the course of 2014.

In 2013, available-for-sale investment securities increased as we have deployed cash and funds from new deposits. The net unrealized gain (loss) of investment securities decreased as of December 31, 2013 as compared to December 31, 2012 due to the general increase in interest rates and steepening of the yield curve since the middle of the second quarter 2013.

At December 31, 2014, we held no securities, other than U.S. Treasury securities, U.S. Government Agency mortgage-backed securities, U.S. Government agency small business administration pools, and U.S. Government Agency collateralized mortgage obligations that exceeded 10% of stockholders' equity. A portion of our investment securities portfolio was pledged as collateral.

See Note 3 of our Consolidated Financial Statements for more information about investment securities.

Federal Reserve Bank and Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines Stock

Our equity securities consisted of \$1.8 million of Federal Reserve Bank (“FRB”) stock as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and \$1.0 million and \$922 thousand of FHLB of Des Moines stock as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Loans

The following table presents our loan portfolio (dollars are in thousands):

	2014		2013		2012		2011		2010	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Loans held for sale-mortgage banking	\$ 47,109	100.0	\$ 32,870	100.0	\$ 95,095	100.0	\$ 68,622	100.0	\$ 29,116	29.2
Other loans held for sale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70,501	70.8
Loans held for sale, net	<u>47,109</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>32,870</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>95,095</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>68,622</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>99,617</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Commercial and industrial	132,229	36.6	132,983	41.8	116,891	40.4	109,746	37.4	120,620	34.4
Commercial real estate	108,122	30.0	93,330	29.3	87,258	30.1	115,704	39.4	152,287	43.4
SBA	26,972	7.5	18,215	5.7	15,823	5.5	9,958	3.4	11,064	3.2
Consumer	40,470	11.2	32,612	10.3	26,614	9.2	23,038	7.9	25,841	7.4
Land and land development	28,220	7.8	27,582	8.7	31,065	10.7	29,350	10.0	37,761	10.8
Construction	<u>24,916</u>	<u>6.9</u>	<u>13,286</u>	<u>4.2</u>	<u>11,814</u>	<u>4.1</u>	<u>5,545</u>	<u>1.9</u>	<u>3,225</u>	<u>0.9</u>
	<u>360,929</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>318,008</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>289,465</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>293,341</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>350,798</u>	<u>100.1</u>
Unearned income and net unamortized deferred fees and costs	<u>(140)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(80)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(130)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(297)</u>	<u>(0.1)</u>
Loans, net of unearned income and unamortized fees and costs	<u>\$ 360,789</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>\$ 317,928</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>\$ 289,469</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>\$ 293,211</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>\$ 350,501</u>	<u>100.0</u>

The following table presents the change in our loan portfolio (dollars are in thousands):

	December 31,		Increase (Decrease)		
	2014	2013	2014 – 2013		
	\$	\$	\$	%	
Loans held for sale-mortgage banking	<u>\$ 47,109</u>	<u>\$ 32,870</u>	<u>\$ 14,239</u>	43.3	% (a)
Commercial and industrial	132,229	132,983	(754)	(0.6)	%
Commercial real estate	108,122	93,330	14,792	15.8	%
SBA	26,972	18,215	8,757	48.1	%
Consumer	40,470	32,612	7,858	24.1	%
Land and land development	28,220	27,582	638	2.3	%
Construction	<u>24,916</u>	<u>13,286</u>	<u>11,630</u>	87.5	%
	<u>360,929</u>	<u>318,008</u>	<u>42,921</u>	13.5	%
Unearned income and net unamortized deferred fees and costs	<u>(140)</u>	<u>(80)</u>	<u>(60)</u>	75.0	%
Loans, net of unearned income and unamortized fees and costs	<u>\$ 360,789</u>	<u>\$ 317,928</u>	<u>\$ 42,861</u>	13.5	% (b)

(a) Loans held for sale increased as production increased late in 2014 as interest rates declined.

(b) In 2013 we implemented measures to increase our loan portfolio and have enjoyed double-digit loan growth in 2013 and 2014.

Loan Participations

Pursuant to our lending policy, loans may not exceed 85% of the Bank's legal lending limit (except to the extent collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities or Bank deposits and, accordingly, excluded from the Bank's legal lending limit) unless the Chief Credit Officer and the Executive Credit Committee grant prior approval. To accommodate customers whose financing needs exceed lending limits and internal loan concentration limits, the Bank sells loan participations to outside participants without recourse.

Loan participations sold on a nonrecourse basis to outside financial institutions were as follows as of December 31 (in thousands):

2014	\$	180,192
2013		222,765
2012		218,068
2011		220,177
2010		259,939

Concentrations of Credit

The following table summarizes the location of our borrowers as of December 31 (dollars are in thousands):

	2014			2013		
North Dakota	\$	228,145	63 %	\$	206,315	65 %
Minnesota		34,029	9		32,198	10
Arizona		52,679	15		34,043	11
Other		46,076	13		45,452	14
Total gross loans held for investment	\$	360,929	100 %	\$	318,008	100 %

Our borrowers use loan proceeds for projects in various geographic areas. The following table summarizes the locations where our borrowers are using loan proceeds as of December 31 (dollars are in thousands):

	2014			2013		
North Dakota	\$	232,533	64 %	\$	211,789	67%
Arizona		63,463	18		43,750	14
California		15,609	4		18,314	6
Minnesota		11,045	3		16,372	5
Ohio		9,000	3		-	-
Colorado		8,922	3		9,164	3
Wisconsin		5,391	2		5,787	2
Other		14,966	3		12,832	3
Total gross loans held for investment	\$	360,929	100 %	\$	318,008	100 %

The following table presents loans by type within our three primary states as of December 31 (in thousands):

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
	Total Loans and Leases Held for Investment	Total Loans and Leases Held for Investment
North Dakota		
Commercial and industrial	\$ 56,681	\$ 73,277
Construction	20,894	13,082
Agricultural	16,732	16,847
Land and land development	10,468	10,611
Owner-occupied commercial real estate	38,035	28,435
Commercial real estate	55,349	35,654
Small business administration	1,247	2,188
Consumer	33,127	31,695
Subtotal	<u>\$ 232,533</u>	<u>\$ 211,789</u>
Arizona		
Commercial and industrial	\$ 11,798	\$ 3,021
Construction	2,242	-
Agricultural	-	-
Land and land development	3,778	5,102
Owner-occupied commercial real estate	2,581	1,571
Commercial real estate	14,396	16,306
Small business administration	25,586	15,502
Consumer	3,082	2,248
Subtotal	<u>\$ 63,463</u>	<u>\$ 43,750</u>
Minnesota		
Commercial and industrial	\$ 121	\$ 794
Construction	-	-
Agricultural	18	21
Land and land development	708	578
Owner-occupied commercial real estate	-	-
Commercial real estate	8,861	15,589
Small business administration	104	91
Consumer	1,233	1,241
Subtotal	<u>\$ 11,045</u>	<u>\$ 18,314</u>

Loan Maturities⁽¹⁾

The following table sets forth the remaining maturities of loans in our portfolio as of December 31, 2014 (in thousands):

	One year or less	Over 1 year through 5 years		Over 5 years		Total Loans and Leases Held for Investment
		Fixed rate	Floating rate	Fixed rate	Floating rate	
Commercial and industrial	\$ 41,409	\$ 13,969	\$ 14,113	\$ 36,448	\$ 26,290	\$ 132,229
Commercial real estate	9,806	18,758	10,245	9,911	59,402	108,122
SBA	2,443	41	1,239	2,317	20,932	26,972
Consumer	1,953	5,099	3,548	22,566	7,304	40,470
Land and land development	250	6,269	7,121	6,932	7,648	28,220
Construction	13,418	612	10,886	-	-	24,916
Total principal amount of loans	<u>\$ 69,279</u>	<u>\$ 44,748</u>	<u>\$ 47,152</u>	<u>\$ 78,174</u>	<u>\$ 121,576</u>	<u>\$ 360,929</u>

(1) Maturities are based on contractual maturities. Floating rate loans include loans that would reprice prior to maturity if base rates change.

Actual maturities may differ from the contractual maturities shown above as a result of renewals and prepayments. Loan renewals are evaluated in substantially the same manner as new credit applications.

Provision for Credit Losses

We provide for credit losses to maintain our allowance for credit losses at a level adequate to cover estimated probable losses inherent in the portfolio as of each balance sheet date. In 2014, we reversed previously recorded provisions for credit losses aggregating \$800 thousand as a result of improved credit quality. This compared to a provision of \$700 thousand in 2013, which was recorded in the first quarter of the year. The provision for credit losses continues to remain low due to credit quality stabilization.

Allowance for Credit Losses

See Notes 1 and 6 of our Consolidated Financial Statements and “Accounting Policies” for further information concerning accounting policies associated with the allowance for credit losses.

The following table summarizes activity in the allowance for credit losses and certain ratios (dollars are in thousands):

Analysis of Allowance for Credit Losses

	For the Years ended December 31,				
	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Balance of allowance for credit losses, beginning of period	\$ 9,847	\$ 10,091	\$ 10,630	\$ 14,765	\$ 18,047
Charge-offs:					
Commercial and industrial	-	(916)	(70)	(83)	(3,112)
Commercial real estate	(439)	(87)	(767)	(4,549)	(283)
SBA	(109)	-	(10)	(105)	(620)
Consumer	(42)	(106)	(58)	(1,049)	(533)
Land and land development	(190)	-	-	(731)	(3,238)
Construction	-	-	-	-	-
Total charge-offs	(780)	(1,109)	(905)	(6,517)	(7,786)
Recoveries:					
Commercial and industrial	-	69	11	49	14
Commercial real estate	8	8	38	506	-
SBA	5	2	12	21	5
Consumer	21	15	18	34	319
Land and land development	300	71	187	67	127
Construction	-	-	-	-	-
Total recoveries	334	165	266	677	465
Net charge-offs	(446)	(944)	(639)	(5,840)	(7,321)
Provision (reduction) for credit losses charged to operations	(800)	700	100	1,625	5,750
	8,601	9,847	10,091	10,550	16,476
Transferred (to) from other loans held for sale	-	-	-	80	(1,711)
Balance of allowance for credit losses, end of period	\$ 8,601	\$ 9,847	\$ 10,091	\$ 10,630	\$ 14,765
Ratio of net charge-offs to average total loans	(0.123)%	(0.277)%	(0.182)%	(1.611)%	(1.387)%
Ratio of net charge-offs to average loans and leases held for investment	(0.134)%	(0.332)%	(0.225)%	(1.780)%	(1.530)%
Average gross loans and leases held for investment	\$ 331,982	\$ 284,344	\$ 284,507	\$ 328,091	\$ 478,492
Ratio of allowance for credit losses to loans and leases held for investment	2.38%	3.10%	3.49%	3.63%	4.21%
Allowance for credit losses to total loans	2.11%	2.81%	2.62%	2.94%	3.84%
Ratio of nonperforming loans to total assets	0.01%	0.67%	1.36%	0.93%	2.39%

In 2014, the level of nonperforming loans decreased to \$61 thousand from \$5.6 million at December 31, 2013. The decrease in nonperforming primarily relates to one significant relationship returning to performing status.

The table below presents an allocation of the allowance for credit losses among the various loan categories and sets forth the percentage of loans in each category to gross loans. The allocation of the allowance for credit losses as shown in the table should neither be interpreted as an indication of future charge-offs, nor as an indication that charge-offs in future periods will necessarily occur in these amounts or in the indicated proportions as of December 31 (dollars are in thousands).

Allocation of the Allowance for Loan Losses

	2014		2013		2012		2011		2010	
	Total Loans and Leases Held for Investment Allowance	Loans in Category as a Percentage of Total Gross Loans and Leases Held for Investment	Total Loans and Leases Held for Investment Allowance	Loans in Category as a Percentage of Total Gross Loans and Leases Held for Investment	Total Loans and Leases Held for Investment Allowance	Loans in Category as a Percentage of Total Gross Loans and Leases Held for Investment	Total Loans and Leases Held for Investment Allowance	Loans in Category as a Percentage of Total Gross Loans and Leases Held for Investment	Total Loans and Leases Held for Investment Allowance	Loans in Category as a Percentage of Total Gross Loans and Leases Held for Investment
Commercial and industrial	\$ 2,686	37%	\$ 2,215	42%	\$ 2,546	40%	\$ 1,639	37%	\$ 1,362	34%
Commercial real estate	2,496	30%	4,041	29%	4,790	30%	5,518	40%	9,818	44%
SBA	1,190	7%	579	6%	616	6%	436	3%	407	3%
Consumer	516	11%	478	10%	382	9%	448	8%	1,182	7%
Land and land development	1,436	8%	2,371	9%	1,609	11%	2,532	10%	1,939	11%
Construction	277	7%	163	4%	148	4%	57	2%	57	1%
Total	<u>\$ 8,601</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$ 9,847</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$ 10,091</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$ 10,630</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$ 14,765</u>	<u>100%</u>

The amount of the allowance for losses can vary depending on macroeconomic conditions and risk in the portfolio. The allocation of the allowance for losses can vary depending on relative volume of asset groups in the portfolio and risks therein.

Allowance for Credit Losses; Impact on Earnings

We have established the allowance for credit losses to cover for estimated losses inherent to the loans and lease portfolio at December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013. The allowance for credit losses is an estimate based upon several judgmental factors. We are not aware of known trends, commitments or other events that could reasonably occur that would materially affect our methodology or the assumptions used to estimate the allowance for credit losses. However, changes in qualitative and quantitative factors could occur at any time and such changes could be of a material nature. In addition, economic situations change, financial conditions of borrowers morph and other factors we consider in arriving at our estimates may evolve. To the extent that these matters have negative developments, our future earnings could be reduced by high provisions for credit losses.

Nonperforming Loans and Assets

The following table sets forth nonperforming assets, the allowance for credit losses and certain related ratios (dollars are in thousands):

	As of December 31,				
	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Nonperforming loans:					
Loans 90 days or more delinquent and still accruing interest	\$ 5	\$ 961	\$ 12	\$ -	\$ -
Non-accrual loans	56	4,656	10,500	6,169	17,862
Total nonperforming loans	61	5,617	10,512	6,169	17,862
Other real estate, net	256	1,056	5,131	10,145	12,706
Total nonperforming assets	\$ 317	6,673	\$ 15,643	\$ 16,314	\$ 30,568
Allowance for credit losses	\$ 8,601	9,847	\$ 10,091	\$ 10,630	\$ 14,765
Ratio of total nonperforming loans to total loans	0.01%	1.60%	2.73%	1.70%	3.93%
Ratio of total nonperforming loans to loans and leases held for investment	0.02%	1.77%	3.63%	2.10%	5.10%
Ratio of total nonperforming assets to total assets	0.03%	0.79%	2.03%	2.45%	4.09%
Ratio of nonperforming loans to total assets	0.01%	0.67%	1.36%	0.93%	2.39%
Ratio of allowance for credit losses to total nonperforming loans	14,100%	175%	96%	172%	83%

Nonperforming Loans

The following table sets forth information concerning our nonperforming loans as of December 31 (in thousands):

	2014	2013
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 5,617	\$ 10,512
Additions to nonperforming	203	2,231
Charge-offs	(692)	(935)
Reclassified back to performing	(3,235)	(5,830)
Principal payments received	(1,135)	(337)
Transferred to repossessed assets	-	(24)
Transferred to other real estate	(697)	-
Balance, end of period	\$ 61	\$ 5,617

The following table indicates the effect on income if interest on non-accrual and restructured loans outstanding at year end had been recognized at original contractual rates during the year ended December 31 (in thousands):

	2014	2013
Interest income that would have been recorded	\$ 483	\$ 848
Interest income recorded	145	223
Effect on interest income	\$ 338	\$ 625

Loans 90 days or more delinquent and still accruing interest include loans over 90 days past due which we believe, based on our specific analysis of the loans, do not present doubt about the collection of interest and principal in accordance with the loan contract. Loans in this category must be well secured and in the process of collection.

Non-accrual loans include loans on which the accrual of interest has been discontinued. Accrual of interest is discontinued when we believe that the borrower's financial condition is such that the collection of interest is doubtful. A delinquent loan is generally placed on non-accrual status when it becomes 90 days or more past due

unless the loan is well secured and in the process of collection. When a loan is placed on non-accrual status, accrued but uncollected interest income applicable to the current reporting period is reversed against interest income. Accrued but uncollected interest income applicable to previous reporting periods is charged against the allowance for credit losses. No additional interest is accrued on the loan balance until the collection of both principal and interest becomes reasonably certain.

Troubled Debt Restructuring (TDR)

The table below summarizes the amounts of restructured loans as of December 31 (in thousands):

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Accrual</u>	<u>Non-accrual</u>
2014	\$ 5,105	\$ 5,105	\$ -
2013	8,544	4,356	4,188
2012	12,368	7,871	4,497
2011	12,848	7,270	5,578
2010	34,264	18,482	15,782

See Note 6 of our Consolidated Financial Statements for information on troubled debt restructuring.

Other real estate owned and repossessed assets represent properties and other assets acquired through, or in lieu of, loan foreclosure, and property transferred from premises and equipment. They are initially recorded at fair value less cost to sell at the date of acquisition establishing a new cost basis. Write-downs to fair value at the time of acquisition are charged to the allowance for credit losses. After foreclosure, we perform valuations periodically and the real estate is recorded at fair value less cost to sell. Reductions to other real estate owned and repossessed assets are considered valuation allowances. Expenses incurred to record valuation allowances subsequent to foreclosure are charged to non-interest expense.

See Note 7 of our Consolidated Financial Statements for information on other real estate owned.

Impaired loans

See Note 6 of our Consolidated Financial Statements for information on impaired loans.

Potential Problem Loans

We attempt to quantify potential problem loans with more immediate credit risk. We estimate there are loans risk rated “watch list” which are not impaired aggregating \$473,000 and \$176,000 at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Also, we estimate there are loans risk rated “substandard” which are not impaired aggregating \$9.1 million and \$8.1 million at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

A significant portion of these potential problem loans are not in default but may have characteristics such as recent adverse operating cash flows or general risk characteristics that the loan officer feels might jeopardize the future timely collection of principal and interest payments. The ultimate resolution of these credits is subject to changes in economic conditions and other factors. These loans are closely monitored to ensure that our position as creditor is protected to the fullest extent possible.

Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity

The following table presents our liabilities and stockholders' equity (dollars are in thousands):

	As of December 31,		Increase (Decrease)	
			2014 – 2013	
	2014	2013	\$	%
Deposits:				
Non-interest-bearing	\$ 187,400	\$ 141,788	\$ 45,612	32 % (a)
Interest-bearing-				
Savings, interest checking and money market	455,282	378,355	76,927	20 % (a)
Time deposits under \$100,000	107,668	123,058	(15,390)	(13) % (a)
Time deposits \$100,000 and over	60,881	80,028	(19,147)	(24) % (a)
Short-term borrowings	16,002	19,967	(3,965)	(20) % (b)
Long-term borrowings	-	-	-	- %
Guaranteed preferred beneficial interests in Company's subordinated debentures	15,018	22,432	(7,414)	(33) % (c)
Accrued interest payable	338	771	(433)	(56) % (c)
Accrued expenses	7,279	6,307	972	15 % (d)
Other liabilities	1,063	552	511	93 % (e)
Total liabilities	850,931	773,258	77,673	10 %
Stockholders' equity	83,488	69,865	13,623	19 % (f)
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 934,419	\$ 843,123	\$ 91,296	11 %

- (a) Total deposits have increased primarily due to growth in our North Dakota branches.
- (b) Short term borrowings will vary depending on our customers need to use repurchase agreements.
- (c) The Company redeemed \$7.5 million of subordinate debentures in the third quarter of 2014.
- (d) Increased due to higher incentive compensation accruals and mortgage banking reserve.
- (e) Other liabilities increased due to mortgage banking derivatives.
- (f) The increase in stockholder equity relates primarily to earnings as well as the increase in the fair value of the available for sale investment portfolio. Managing capital has been a focus of management in recent periods and this will continue in the future.

Mortgage Banking Obligations

Included in accrued expenses, is an estimate of mortgage banking reimbursement obligations which aggregated \$1.9 million and \$1.7 million at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Although we sell mortgage banking loans without recourse, industry standards require standard representations and warranties which require sellers to reimburse investors for economic losses if loans default or prepay after the sale. Repurchase risk is also evident within the mortgage banking industry as continued disputes arise between lenders and investors. Such requests for repurchase are commonly requested due to fraudulent or faulty representation and generally emerge at varied timeframes subsequent to the original sale of the loan. To estimate the obligation, we track historical reimbursements and calculate the ratio of reimbursement to loan production volumes. Using reimbursement ratios and recent production levels, we estimate the future reimbursement amounts and record the estimated obligation. See Note 17 of our Consolidated Financial Statements for a description of financial instruments with off-balance-sheet risk.

Deposits

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the distribution of our average deposit account balances and average cost of funds rates on each category of deposits (dollars are in thousands):

	For the Years Ended December 31,								
	2014			2013			2012		
	Average balance	Percent of deposits	Wgt'd. avg. rate	Average balance	Percent of deposits	Wgt'd. avg. rate	Average balance	Percent of deposits	Wgt'd. avg. rate
Interest checking and MMDAs	\$ 409,519	52.96%	0.13%	\$ 341,128	49.68%	0.17%	\$ 271,089	44.81%	0.24%
Savings deposits	24,249	3.14%	0.04%	19,857	2.89%	0.08%	15,549	2.57%	0.10%
Time deposits (CDs):									
CDs under \$100,000	113,769	14.71%	1.27%	125,641	18.30%	1.22%	127,446	21.06%	1.86%
CDs \$100,000 and over	77,812	10.06%	0.54%	81,196	11.83%	0.66%	65,563	10.84%	1.26%
Total time deposits	191,581	24.78%	0.97%	206,837	30.12%	1.39%	193,009	31.90%	1.66%
Total interest-bearing deposits	625,349	80.87%	0.39%	567,822	82.70%	0.47%	479,647	79.28%	0.80%
Non-interest-bearing demand deposits	147,884	19.13%	0.00%	118,783	17.30%	-	125,367	20.72%	-
Total deposits (1)	\$ 773,233	100.00%	0.31%	\$ 686,605	100.00%	0.39%	\$ 605,014	100.00%	0.64%

(1) Included in average total deposits are \$57.0 million, \$65.0 million, and \$64.0 million of brokered deposits for years ending 2014, 2013, and 2012, respectively. The brokered deposits are callable at the Company's discretion and are maintained as a hedge against rising interest rates. Excluding brokered deposits our weighted average rate of total deposits would be 0.23%, 0.27%, and 0.36% for 2014, 2013, and 2012, respectively.

In recent years we have grown deposits, primarily by capitalizing on strong relationships built over time in North Dakota.

Time deposits, in denominations of \$100,000 and over, totaled \$60.9 million at December 31, 2014 as compared to \$80.0 million at December 31, 2013. The following table sets forth the amount and maturities of time deposits of \$100,000 and over as of December 31, 2014 (in thousands):

Maturing in:

3 months or less	\$	14,542
Over 3 months through 6 months		18,714
Over 6 months through 12 months		14,708
Over 12 months		12,917
	\$	<u>60,881</u>

Borrowed Funds

The following table provides a summary of our short-term borrowings and related cost information as of, or for the years ended, December 31 (dollars are in thousands):

	2014	2013	2012
Short-term borrowings outstanding at period end	\$ 16,002	\$ 19,967	\$ 11,700
Weighted average interest rate at period end	0.15%	0.17%	0.38%
Maximum month end balance during the period	\$ 24,833	\$ 27,071	\$ 16,949
Average borrowings outstanding for the period	\$ 20,575	\$ 18,948	\$ 13,329
Weighted average interest rate for the period	0.17%	0.22%	0.53%

Note 10 of our Consolidated Financial Statements summarizes the general terms of our short-term borrowings outstanding at December 31, 2014 and 2013.

FHLB advances totaled \$0 at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Notes 11 and 12 of our Consolidated Financial Statements summarize the general terms of our FHLB advances and other borrowings at December 31, 2014 and 2013.

Guaranteed Preferred Beneficial Interests in Company's Subordinated Debentures

See Note 13 of our Consolidated Financial Statements for a description of the subordinated debentures.

Capital Resources

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Tier 1 leverage (Consolidated)	9.94%	10.94%	11.17%	7.59%	6.17%
Tier 1 risk-based capital (Consolidated)	19.85%	21.67%	20.49%	13.71%	9.46%
Total risk-based capital (Consolidated)	21.10%	23.15%	22.43%	17.56%	12.89%
Tangible common equity (Consolidated)	6.67%	5.79%	6.21%	3.17%	2.24%
Tier 1 leverage (BNC National Bank)	9.13%	10.06%	10.68%	9.41%	7.53%
Tier 1 risk-based capital (BNC National Bank)	18.48%	20.13%	19.80%	16.95%	11.53%
Total risk-based capital (BNC National Bank)	19.73%	21.40%	21.06%	18.22%	12.80%

See Note 2 of our Consolidated Financial Statements for a discussion of regulatory capital and the current operating environment. Improving capital ratios has been a focus of management in recent years.

In July of 2013, the Federal Reserve issued new regulatory capital standards for community banks which incorporate some of the capital requirements addressed in the Basel III framework and begin to be effective January 1, 2015. We have reviewed estimates of our regulatory capital ratios under the new Basel III framework and expect to be in compliance with these standards.

The Company routinely evaluates the need to raise capital to comply with regulatory capital standards and for other corporate purposes.

Off-Balance-Sheet Arrangements

In the normal course of business, we are a party to various financial instruments with off-balance-sheet risk. These instruments include commitments to extend credit, commercial letters of credit, performance and financial standby letters of credit and interest rate swaps, caps and floors. Such instruments help us to meet the needs of our customers, manage our interest rate risk and effectuate various transactions. These instruments and commitments, which we enter into for purposes other than trading, carry varying degrees of credit, interest rate or liquidity risk. See Notes 17 and 18 of our Consolidated Financial Statements for a detailed description of each of these instruments.

Contractual Obligations, Contingent Liabilities and Commitments

We are a party to financial instruments with risks that can be subdivided into two categories:

Cash financial instruments, generally characterized as on-balance-sheet items, include investments, loans, mortgage-backed securities, deposits and debt obligations.

Credit-related financial instruments, generally characterized as off-balance-sheet items, include such instruments as commitments to extend credit, commercial letters of credit and performance and financial standby letters of credit. See Note 17 of our Consolidated Financial Statements.

At December 31, 2014, the aggregate contractual obligations (excluding bank deposits) and commitments were as follows (in thousands):

Contractual Obligations:	Payments due by period				Total
	Less than 1 year	1 to 3 years	3 to 5 years	After 5 years	
Total borrowings	\$ 16,002	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,018	\$ 31,020
Commitments to sell loans	45,705	-	-	-	45,705
Annual rental commitments under non-cancelable operating leases	885	1,069	351	1,297	3,602
Total	\$ 62,592	\$ 1,069	\$ 351	\$ 16,315	\$ 80,327

Other Commitments:	Amount of Commitment - Expiration by Period				Total
	Less than 1 year	1 to 3 years	3 to 5 years	After 5 years	
Commitments to lend Standby and commercial letters of credit	\$ 102,023	\$ 21,853	\$ 3,648	\$ 105	\$ 127,629
	1,322	-	13	-	1,335
Total	\$ 103,345	\$ 21,853	\$ 3,661	\$ 105	\$ 128,964

Liquidity Risk Management

Liquidity risk is the possibility of being unable to meet all present and future financial obligations in a timely manner. Liquidity risk management encompasses our ability to meet all present and future financial obligations in a timely manner. The objectives of liquidity management policies are to maintain adequate liquid assets, liability diversification among instruments, maturities and customers and a presence in both the wholesale purchased funds market and the retail deposit market.

The Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows in the Consolidated Financial Statements present data on cash and cash equivalents provided by and used in operating, investing and financing activities. In addition to liquidity from core deposit growth, together with repayments and maturities of loans and investments, we utilize brokered deposits, sell securities under agreements to repurchase and borrow overnight Federal funds. The Bank is a member of the FHLB of Des Moines. Advances from the FHLB are collateralized by the Bank's mortgage loans and various investment securities. We have also obtained funding through the issuance of subordinated notes, subordinated debentures and long-term borrowings.

Our liquidity is defined by our ability to meet our cash and collateral obligations at a reasonable cost and with a minimum loss of income. Given the uncertain nature of our customers' demands as well as our desire to take advantage of earnings enhancement opportunities, we must have adequate sources of on- and off-balance-sheet funds that can be acquired in time of need.

We measure our liquidity position on an as needed basis, but no less frequently than monthly. We measure our liquidity position using the total of the following items:

1. Estimated liquid assets less estimated volatile liabilities using the aforementioned methodology (\$266.2 million as of December 31, 2014);
2. Borrowing capacity from the FHLB (\$77.6 million as of December 31, 2014); and
3. Capacity to issue brokered deposits with maturities of less than 12 months (\$132.8 million as of December 31, 2014).

On an on-going basis, we use a variety of factors to assess our liquidity position including, but not limited to, the following items:

- Stability of our deposit base,
- Amount of pledged investments,
- Amount of unpledged investments,
- Liquidity of our loan portfolio, and
- Potential loan demand.

Our liquidity assessment process segregates our balance sheet into liquid assets and short-term liabilities assumed to be vulnerable to non-replacement over a 30 day horizon in abnormally stringent conditions. Assumptions for the vulnerable short-term liabilities are based upon historical factors. We have a targeted range for our liquidity position over this horizon and manage operations to achieve these targets.

We further project cash flows over a 12 month horizon based on our assets and liabilities and sources and uses of funds for anticipated events.

Pursuant to our contingency funding plan, we also estimate cash flows over a 12 month horizon under a variety of stressed scenarios to identify potential funding needs and funding sources. Our contingency plan identifies actions that could be taken in response to adverse liquidity events.

We believe this process, combined with our policies and guidelines, should provide for adequate levels of liquidity to fund the anticipated needs of on- and off- balance sheet items.

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements included in “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” which are not historical in nature are intended to be, and are hereby identified as “forward-looking statements” for purposes of the safe harbor provided by Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. We caution readers that these forward-looking statements, including without limitation, those relating to our future business prospects, revenues, working capital, liquidity, capital needs, interest costs, income and expenses, are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated in the forward-looking statements due to several important factors. These factors include, but are not limited to: risks of loans and investments, including dependence on local and regional economic conditions, including the impact of lower oil prices in our major market; competition for our customers from other providers of financial services; possible adverse effects of changes in interest rates including the effects of such changes on derivative contracts and associated accounting consequences; risks associated with our acquisition and growth strategies; and other risks which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond our control.

Recently Issued and Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

Note 1 of our Consolidated Financial Statements includes a summary of recently issued and adopted accounting pronouncements and their related or anticipated impact on the Company.

Accounting Policies

Note 1 of our Consolidated Financial Statements includes a summary of our accounting policies and their related impact on the Company.

Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Market risk arises from changes in interest rates, exchange rates, and commodity prices and equity prices and represents the possibility that changes in future market rates or prices will have a negative impact on our earnings or value. Our principal market risk is interest rate risk.

Interest rate risk arises from changes in interest rates. Interest rate risk can result from: (1) Repricing risk – timing differences in the maturity/repricing of assets, liabilities, and off-balance-sheet contracts; (2) Options risk – the effect of embedded options, such as loan prepayments, interest rate caps/floors, and deposit withdrawals; (3) Basis risk – risk resulting from unexpected changes in the spread between two or more different rates of similar maturity, and the resulting impact on the behavior of lending and funding rates; and (4) Yield curve risk – risk resulting from unexpected changes in the spread between two or more rates of different maturities from the same type of instrument. We have risk management policies to monitor and limit exposure to interest rate risk. To date we have not conducted trading activities as a means of managing interest rate risk. Our asset/liability management process is utilized to manage our interest rate risk. The measurement of interest rate risk associated with financial instruments is meaningful only when all related and offsetting on-and off-balance-sheet transactions are aggregated, and the resulting net positions are identified.

Our interest rate risk exposure is actively managed with the objective of managing the level and potential volatility of net interest income in addition to the long-term growth of equity, bearing in mind that we will always be in the business of taking on rate risk and that rate risk immunization is not entirely possible. Also, it is recognized that as exposure to interest rate risk is reduced, so too may the overall level of net interest income and equity. In general, the assets and liabilities generated through ordinary business activities do not naturally create offsetting positions with respect to repricing or maturity characteristics. Access to the derivatives market can be an important element in maintaining our interest rate risk position within policy guidelines. Using derivative instruments, principally interest rate floors, caps, and interest rate swaps, the interest rate sensitivity of specific transactions, as well as pools of assets or liabilities, can be adjusted to maintain the desired interest rate risk profile. See Note 1 of our Consolidated Financial Statements for a summary of our accounting policies pertaining to such instruments.

Our primary tool for measuring and managing interest rate risk is net interest income simulation. This exercise includes our assumptions regarding the changes in interest rates and the impact on our current balance sheet.

Interest rate caps and floors are included to the extent that they are exercised in the 12-month simulation period. Additionally, changes in prepayment behavior of the residential mortgage, CMOs, and mortgage-backed securities portfolios in each rate environment are captured using industry estimates of prepayment speeds for various coupon segments of the portfolio. For purposes of this simulation, projected month end balances of the various balance sheet accounts are held constant at their December 31, 2014 levels. Cash flows from a given account are reinvested back into the same account so as to keep the month end balance constant at its December 31, 2014 level. The static balance sheet assumption is made so as to project the interest rate risk to net interest income embedded in the existing balance sheet. With knowledge of the balance sheet's existing net interest income profile, more informed strategies and tactics may be developed as it relates to the structure/mix of growth.

We monitor the results of net interest income simulation on a regular basis. Net interest income is generally simulated for the upcoming 12-month horizon in seven interest rate scenarios. The scenarios generally modeled are parallel interest rate ramps of +/- 100bp, 200bp, and 300bp along with a rates unchanged scenario. Given the current low absolute level of interest rates as of December 31, 2014, the downward scenarios for interest rate movements is limited to -100bp but a +400bp scenario has been added. The parallel movement of interest rates means all projected market interest rates move up or down by the same amount. A ramp in interest rates means that the projected change in market interest rates occurs over the 12-month horizon on a pro-rata basis. For example, in the +100bp scenario, the projected Prime rate is projected to increase from 3.25% to 4.25% 12 months later. The Prime rate in this example will increase 1/12th of the overall increase of 100 basis points each month.

The net interest income simulation result for the 12-month horizon that covers the calendar year of 2015 is shown below:

Net Interest Income Simulation

Movement in interest rates	-100bp	Unchanged	+100bp	+200bp	+300bp	+400bp
Projected 12-month net interest income	\$ 25,549	\$ 26,522	\$ 26,528	\$ 26,522	\$ 26,467	\$ 26,366
Dollar change from unchanged scenario	\$ (973)	-	\$ 6	\$ -	\$ (55)	\$ (156)
Percentage change from unchanged scenario	(3.67)%	-	0.02%	0.00%	(0.21)%	(0.59)%

Since there are limitations inherent in any methodology used to estimate the exposure to changes in market interest rates, these analyses are not intended to be a forecast of the actual effect of changes in market interest rates such as those indicated above on the Company. Further, these analyses are based on our assets and liabilities as of December 31, 2014 (without forward adjustments for planned growth and anticipated business activities) and do not contemplate any actions we might undertake in response to changes in market interest rates.

Static gap analysis is another tool that may be used for interest rate risk measurement. The net differences between the amount of assets, liabilities, equity and off-balance-sheet instruments repricing within a cumulative calendar period is typically referred to as the "rate sensitivity position" or "gap position." The following table sets forth our rate sensitivity position as of December 31, 2014. Assets and liabilities are classified by the earliest possible repricing date or maturity, whichever occurs first.

Interest Sensitivity Gap Analysis

	Estimated maturity or repricing at December 31, 2014				
	0-3 months	4-12 months	1-5 years	Over 5 years	Total
Interest-earning assets:					
Interest-bearing deposits with banks	\$ 41,124	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,124
Investment securities (a)	66,553	30,872	173,412	149,423	420,260
FRB and FHLB stock	2,817	-	-	-	2,817
Fed Funds Sold	-	-	-	-	-
Loans held for sale-mortgage banking, fixed rate	-	47,109	-	-	47,109
Loans held for sale-mortgage banking, floating rate	-	-	-	-	-
Loans held for investment, fixed rate	20,379	29,684	64,442	26,625	141,130
Loans held for investment, floating rate	117,325	8,248	87,231	6,855	219,659
Total interest-earning assets	<u>\$ 248,198</u>	<u>\$ 115,913</u>	<u>\$ 325,085</u>	<u>\$ 182,903</u>	<u>\$ 872,099</u>
Interest-bearing liabilities:					
Interest checking and money market accounts	\$ 429,824	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 429,824
Savings	25,458	-	-	-	25,458
Time deposits under \$100,000	9,135	26,562	42,696	29,275	107,668
Time deposits \$100,000 and over	14,542	33,421	12,614	304	60,881
Short-term borrowings	16,002	-	-	-	16,002
FHLB advances	-	-	-	-	-
Long-term borrowings	-	-	-	-	-
Subordinated debentures	15,000	-	-	18	15,018
Total interest-bearing liabilities	<u>\$ 509,961</u>	<u>\$ 59,983</u>	<u>\$ 55,310</u>	<u>\$ 29,597</u>	<u>\$ 654,851</u>
Interest rate gap	<u>\$ (261,763)</u>	<u>\$ 55,930</u>	<u>\$ 269,775</u>	<u>\$ 153,306</u>	<u>\$ 217,248</u>
Cumulative interest rate gap at December 31, 2014	<u>\$ (261,763)</u>	<u>\$ (205,833)</u>	<u>\$ 63,942</u>	<u>\$ 217,248</u>	
Cumulative interest rate gap to total assets	(28.01)%	(22.03)%	6.84%	23.25%	

(a) Values for investment securities reflect the timing of the estimated principal cash flows from the securities based on par values, which vary from the amortized cost and fair value of our investments.

The table assumes that all savings and interest-bearing demand deposits reprice in the earliest period presented, however, we believe a significant portion of these accounts constitute a core component and are generally not rate sensitive. Our position is supported by the fact that reductions in interest rates paid on these deposits historically have not caused notable reductions in balances in net interest income because the repricing of certain assets and liabilities is discretionary and is subject to competitive and other pressures. As a result, assets and liabilities indicated as repricing within the same period may in fact reprice at different times and at different rate levels.

Static gap analysis does not fully capture the impact of embedded options, lagged interest rate changes, administered interest rate products, or certain off-balance-sheet sensitivities to interest rate movements. Therefore, this tool generally cannot be used in isolation to determine the level of interest rate risk exposure in banking institutions.

Since there are limitations inherent in any methodology used to estimate the exposure to changes in market interest rates, these analyses are not intended to be a forecast of the actual effect of changes in market interest rates such as those indicated above on the Company. Further, these analyses are based on our assets and liabilities as of December 31, 2014 and do not contemplate any actions we might undertake in response to changes in market interest rates.

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Independent Auditors' Report

The Board of Directors
BNCCORP, INC.

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of BNCCORP, INC., and its subsidiaries, which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of BNCCORP, INC., and its subsidiaries as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the years then ended, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Omaha, Nebraska
March 25, 2015

FINANCIAL INFORMATION
Financial Statements
BNCCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Consolidated Balance Sheets
As of December 31
(In thousands, except share data)

ASSETS	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$ 41,124	\$ 18,871
INVESTMENT SECURITIES AVAILABLE FOR SALE	449,333	435,719
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK AND FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK STOCK	2,817	2,729
LOANS HELD FOR SALE-MORTGAGE BANKING	47,109	32,870
LOANS AND LEASES HELD FOR INVESTMENT	360,789	317,928
ALLOWANCE FOR CREDIT LOSSES	(8,601)	(9,847)
Net loans and leases held for investment	352,188	308,081
OTHER REAL ESTATE, net	256	1,056
PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT, net	16,228	14,870
ACCRUED INTEREST RECEIVABLE	3,931	3,554
OTHER ASSETS	21,433	25,373
Total assets	\$ 934,419	\$ 843,123
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
DEPOSITS:		
Non-interest-bearing	\$ 187,400	\$ 141,788
Interest-bearing –		
Savings, interest checking and money market	455,282	378,355
Time deposits under \$100,000	107,668	123,058
Time deposits \$100,000 and over	60,881	80,028
Total deposits	811,231	723,229
SHORT-TERM BORROWINGS	16,002	19,967
LONG-TERM BORROWINGS	-	-
GUARANTEED PREFERRED BENEFICIAL INTERESTS IN COMPANY'S SUBORDINATED DEBENTURES	15,018	22,432
ACCRUED INTEREST PAYABLE	338	771
ACCRUED EXPENSES	7,279	6,307
OTHER LIABILITIES	1,063	552
Total liabilities	850,931	773,258
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:		
Preferred stock, \$.01 par value – Authorized 2,000,000 shares:		
Preferred Stock - 9% Series A 20,093 shares outstanding;	20,093	20,093
Preferred Stock - 9% Series B 1,005 shares outstanding;	1,005	1,005
Common stock, \$.01 par value – Authorized 35,000,000 shares; 3,413,854 and 3,374,601 shares issued and outstanding	34	34
Capital surplus – common stock	25,831	26,133
Retained earnings	34,622	27,962
Treasury stock (254,799 and 294,052 shares, respectively)	(3,421)	(3,894)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net	5,324	(1,468)
Total stockholders' equity	83,488	69,865
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 934,419	\$ 843,123

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

BNCCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Consolidated Statements of Operations

For the Years Ended December 31

(In thousands, except per share data)

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
INTEREST INCOME:		
Interest and fees on loans	\$ 17,614	\$ 16,118
Interest and dividends on investments		
Taxable	9,295	5,979
Tax-exempt	2,241	1,496
Dividends	114	113
Total interest income	<u>29,264</u>	<u>23,706</u>
INTEREST EXPENSE:		
Deposits	2,413	2,660
Short-term borrowings	37	41
Long-term borrowings	36	-
Subordinated debentures	822	1,160
Total interest expense	<u>3,308</u>	<u>3,861</u>
Net interest income	25,956	19,845
PROVISION (REDUCTION) FOR CREDIT LOSSES	<u>(800)</u>	<u>700</u>
NET INTEREST INCOME AFTER PROVISION (REDUCTION) FOR CREDIT LOSSES	<u>26,756</u>	<u>19,145</u>
NON-INTEREST INCOME:		
Bank charges and service fees	2,962	2,675
Wealth management revenues	1,384	1,260
Mortgage banking revenues	11,818	19,344
Gains on sales of loans, net	1,915	1,632
Gains on sales of securities, net	53	1,247
Other	2,322	2,072
Life insurance benefit received	-	1,055
Total non-interest income	<u>20,454</u>	<u>29,285</u>
NON-INTEREST EXPENSE:		
Salaries and employee benefits	17,783	16,668
Professional services	3,032	3,610
Data processing fees	2,932	3,070
Marketing and promotion	2,974	2,708
Occupancy	2,064	2,394
Regulatory costs	640	830
Depreciation and amortization	1,268	1,232
Office supplies and postage	687	613
Other real estate costs	72	126
Other	3,231	3,230
Impairment charge	-	1,500
Total non-interest expense	<u>34,683</u>	<u>35,981</u>
Income before income taxes	12,527	12,449
Income tax expense	4,071	3,822
Net income	\$ 8,456	\$ 8,627
Preferred stock costs	1,796	1,320
Net income available to common shareholders	<u>\$ 6,660</u>	<u>\$ 7,307</u>
Basic income per common share	<u>\$ 1.98</u>	<u>\$ 2.22</u>
Diluted income per common share	<u>\$ 1.91</u>	<u>\$ 2.11</u>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

BNCCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income
For the Years Ended December 31
(In thousands)

	2014		2013
NET INCOME	\$ 8,456		\$ 8,627
Unrealized gain (loss) on securities available for sale	\$ 10,910		\$ (9,025)
Reclassification adjustment for gain included in net income	(53)		(1,247)
Other comprehensive income (loss), before tax	10,857		(10,272)
Income tax (expense) benefit related to items of other comprehensive income (loss)	(4,065)		3,843
Other comprehensive income (loss)	6,792	6,792	(6,429)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	\$ 15,248		\$ 2,198

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

BNCCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity
For the Years Ended December 31
(In thousands, except share data)

	Preferred Stock		Common Stock		Capital Surplus		Retained Earnings	Treasury Stock	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)		Total
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Common Stock				Income (Loss)		
BALANCE, December 31, 2012	21,098	\$ 20,888	3,300,652	\$ 33	\$ 27,257	\$ 20,655	\$ (5,064)	\$ 4,961	\$ 68,730		
Net income	-	-	-	-	-	8,627	-	-	8,627		
Other comprehensive income (loss)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(6,429)	(6,429)		
Preferred stock amortization, net	-	210	-	-	-	(210)	-	-	-		
Accrued dividends on preferred stock	-	-	-	-	-	(1,110)	-	-	(1,110)		
Impact of share-based compensation	-	-	73,949	1	(1,124)	-	1,170	-	47		
BALANCE, December 31, 2013	21,098	\$ 21,098	3,374,601	\$ 34	\$ 26,133	\$ 27,962	\$ (3,894)	\$ (1,468)	\$ 69,865		
Net income	-	-	-	-	-	8,456	-	-	8,456		
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,792	6,792		
Preferred stock amortization, net	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Accrued dividends on preferred stock	-	-	-	-	-	(1,796)	-	-	(1,796)		
Impact of share-based compensation	-	-	39,253	-	(302)	-	473	-	171		
BALANCE, December 31, 2014	21,098	\$ 21,098	3,413,854	\$ 34	\$ 25,831	\$ 34,622	\$ (3,421)	\$ 5,324	\$ 83,488		

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements

BNCCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
For the Years Ended December 31 (In thousands)

	2014	2013
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net income	\$ 8,456	\$ 8,627
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities -		
Provision (reduction) for credit losses	(800)	700
Provision (reduction) for other real estate losses	-	(14)
Depreciation and amortization	1,268	1,232
Net amortization of premiums and (discounts) on investment securities and subordinated debentures	6,023	8,259
Share-based compensation	171	47
Impairment charge	-	1,500
Change in interest receivable and other assets, net	5,093	(4,005)
Gains on sale of other real estate	(90)	(8)
Loss on sale of bank premises and equipment	4	118
Net realized gain on sales of investment securities	(53)	(1,247)
Decrease in deferred taxes	1,606	1,925
Change in other liabilities, net	(2,598)	(4,650)
Funding of loans held for sale, mortgage banking	(651,310)	(947,823)
Proceeds from sales of loans held for sale, mortgage banking	637,669	1,007,926
Fair value adjustment for loans held for sale, mortgage banking	(598)	2,122
Fair value adjustment on mortgage banking derivatives	(882)	3,519
Proceeds from sales of loans	17,321	16,132
Gains on sales of loans, net	(1,915)	(1,632)
Net cash provided by operating activities	19,365	92,728
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchases of investment securities	(164,844)	(269,235)
Proceeds from sales of investment securities	100,066	58,109
Proceeds from maturities of investment securities	53,367	61,135
Purchases of Federal Reserve and Federal Home Loan Bank Stock	(1,284)	(129)
Sales of Federal Reserve and Federal Home Loan Bank Stock	1,196	1
Net increase in loans held for investment	(59,410)	(43,903)
Proceeds from sales of other real estate	1,587	4,898
Proceeds from sales of bank premises and equipment	788	14
Additions to bank premises and equipment	(3,418)	(2,748)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(71,952)	(191,858)

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

BNCCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, continued
For the Years Ended December 31 (In thousands)

	2014	2013
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Net increase in deposits	88,003	73,625
Net (decrease) increase in short-term borrowings	(3,965)	8,267
Decrease in subordinate debentures	(7,500)	-
Increase in long-term borrowings	2,700	-
Decrease in long-term borrowings	(2,700)	-
Repayments of Federal Home Loan Bank advances	(29,900)	(20)
Proceeds from Federal Home Loan Bank advances	29,900	20
Dividends paid on preferred stock	(1,698)	(4,681)
Net cash provided by financing activities	74,840	77,211
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	22,253	(21,919)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year	18,871	40,790
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of year	\$ 41,124	\$ 18,871
SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION:		
Interest paid	\$ 3,742	\$ 8,135
Income taxes paid	\$ 2,493	\$ 1,748
 SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF NONCASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Additions to other real estate in settlement of loans and transfers of premises and equipment	\$ 697	\$ 800

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

BNCCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

NOTE 1. Description of Business and Significant Accounting Policies

Description of Business

BNCCORP, INC. (BNCCORP) is a registered bank holding company incorporated under the laws of Delaware. It is the parent company of BNC National Bank (together with its wholly owned subsidiary, BNC Insurance Services, Inc., collectively, the Bank). BNCCORP operates community banking and wealth management businesses in North Dakota, Arizona and Minnesota from 15 locations. The Bank also conducts mortgage banking from 14 locations in Arizona, Minnesota, North Dakota, Illinois, Kansas and Nebraska.

The consolidated financial statements included herein are for BNCCORP and its subsidiaries. The accounting and reporting policies of BNCCORP and its subsidiaries (collectively, the Company) conform to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and general practices within the financial services industry. The more significant accounting policies are summarized below.

Principles of Consolidation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of BNCCORP and its wholly owned subsidiaries. All significant intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include the allowance for credit losses, valuation of other real estate, reserve for potential mortgage banking obligations, fair values of financial instruments (including derivatives), fair value of investments, impairments and income taxes. Ultimate results could differ from those estimates.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting policies are significantly dependent on subjective assessments or estimates that may be susceptible to significant change. The following items have been identified as “accounting policies”.

Allowance for Credit Losses

The Bank maintains its allowance for credit losses at a level considered adequate to provide for probable losses related to the loan and lease portfolio as of the balance sheet dates. The loan and lease portfolio and other credit exposures are reviewed regularly to evaluate the adequacy of the allowance for credit losses.

The methodology used to establish the allowance for credit losses incorporates quantitative and qualitative risk considerations. Quantitative factors include our historical loss experience, delinquency information, charge-off trends, collateral values, changes in nonperforming loans and other factors. Quantitative factors also incorporate known information about individual borrowers, including sensitivity to interest rate movements or other quantifiable external factors.

Qualitative factors include the general economic environment, the state of certain industries and factors unique to our market areas. Size, complexity of individual credits, loan structure, variances from loan policies and pace of portfolio growth are other qualitative factors that are considered when we estimate the allowance for credit losses.

Our methodology has been consistently applied. However, we enhance our methodology as circumstances dictate to keep pace with the complexity of the portfolio.

The allowance for credit losses has three components as follows:

Specific Reserves. The amount of specific reserves is determined through a loan-by-loan analysis of problematic loans over a minimum size. Included in problem loans are non-accrual or restructured loans that meet the impairment criteria in FASB ASC 310. A loan is impaired when, based on current information, it is probable that a creditor will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. Any allowance on impaired loans is generally based on one of three methods: the present value of expected cash flows at the loan's effective interest rate, the loan's observable market price or the fair value of the collateral of the loan. Specific reserves may also be established for credits that have been internally classified as credits requiring management's attention due to underlying problems in the borrower's business or collateral concerns.

Reserves for Homogeneous Loan Pools. The Bank makes a significant number of loans and leases that, due to their underlying similar characteristics, are assessed for loss as "homogeneous" pools. Included in the homogeneous pools are loans which have been excluded from the specific reserve allocation.

Qualitative Reserve. Management also allocates reserves for other circumstances pertaining to the measurement period. The factors considered include, but are not limited to, prevailing trends, economic conditions, geographic influence, industry segments within the portfolio, management's assessment of credit risk inherent in the loan portfolio, delinquency data, historical loss experience and peer-group information.

Monitoring loans and analysis of loss components are the principal means by which management determines estimated credit losses are reflected in the Bank's allowance for credit losses on a timely basis. Management also considers regulatory guidance in addition to the Bank's own experience. Various regulatory agencies, as an integral part of their examination process, periodically review the allowance for credit losses. Such agencies may require additions to the allowance based on their judgment about information available to them at the time of their examination.

Loans, leases and other extensions of credit deemed uncollectible are charged off against the allowance for losses. Subsequent recoveries, if any, are credited to the allowance.

The allowance for credit losses is highly dependent upon variables affecting valuation, including appraisals of collateral, evaluations of performance as well as the amounts and timing of future cash flows expected to be received on impaired loans. These variables are reviewed periodically. Actual losses may vary from the current estimated allowance for credit losses. For nonperforming or impaired loans, appraisals are generally performed annually or whenever circumstances warrant a new appraisal. Management regularly evaluates the appraised value and costs to liquidate in order to estimate fair value. A provision for credit losses is made to adjust the allowance to the amount determined appropriate through application of the above processes.

Income Taxes

The Company files consolidated federal and unitary state income tax returns where allowed.

The determination of current and deferred income taxes is based on analyses of many factors including interpretation of federal and state income tax laws, differences between tax and financial reporting basis of assets and liabilities, expected reversals of temporary differences, estimates of amounts due or owed and current financial accounting standards. Actual results could differ significantly from the estimates and interpretations used in determining the current and deferred income taxes.

Deferred income taxes are accounted for using the asset and liability method. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect of a change in tax rates on deferred tax assets and liabilities is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date.

Management assesses net deferred tax assets to determine whether they are realizable based upon accounting standards and specific facts and circumstances. A valuation allowance is established to reduce net deferred tax assets to amounts that are more likely than not expected to be realized.

Other-Than-Temporary Impairment

Declines in the fair value of individual available-for-sale or held-to-maturity securities below amortized cost, which are deemed other-than-temporary, could result in a charge to earnings and establishment of a new cost basis. The Company assesses available information about our securities to determine whether impairment is other-than-temporary. The information we consider includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Recent and expected performance of the securities;
- Financial condition of issuers or guarantors;
- Recent cash flows;
- Seniority of invested tranches and subordinated credit support;
- Vintage of origination;
- Location of collateral;
- Ratings of securities (ratings are not relied upon);
- Value of underlying collateral;
- Delinquency and foreclosure data;
- Historical losses and estimated severity of future losses;
- Credit surveillance data which summarize retrospective performance; and
- Anticipated future cash flows and prospective performance assessments.

Determining whether other-than-temporary impairment has occurred requires judgment of factors that may indicate an impairment loss has incurred. The Company follows the guidance on other-than-temporary impairments Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 320, *Investments-Debt and Equity Securities*. Any credit-related impairments are realized through a charge to earnings. The amount of non-credit related impairments is recognized through comprehensive income, net of income taxes.

Note 3 to these consolidated financial statements includes a summary of investment securities in a loss position at December 31, 2014 and 2013.

Fair Value

Several accounting standards require recording assets and liabilities based on their fair values. Determining the fair value of assets and liabilities can be highly subjective. The Company utilizes valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs to the extent possible. The Company determines fair value based on assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability in the principal or most advantageous market.

FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, defines fair value and establishes a framework for measuring fair value of assets and liabilities using a hierarchy system consisting of three levels based on the markets in which the assets and liabilities are traded and the reliability of the assumptions used to determine fair value. These levels are:

Level 1: Valuation is based upon quoted prices for identical instruments traded in active markets that the Company has the ability to access.

Level 2: Valuation is based upon quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active, and model-based valuation techniques for which significant assumptions are observable in the market.

Level 3: Valuation is generated from model-based techniques that use significant assumptions not observable in the market and are used only to the extent that observable inputs are not available. These unobservable assumptions reflect our own estimates of assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

Management assigns a level to assets and liabilities accounted for at fair value and uses the methodologies prescribed by ASC 820 to determine fair value.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Investment Securities

Investment securities that the Bank intends to hold indefinitely as part of its asset/liability strategy, or that may be sold in response to changes in interest rates or prepayment risk are classified as available for sale. Available for sale securities are carried at fair value. Net unrealized gains and losses, net of deferred income taxes, on securities available for sale are reported as a separate component of stockholders' equity until realized (see Comprehensive Income). All securities were classified as available for sale as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, except for Federal Reserve Bank (FRB) and the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) stock, which have an indeterminable maturity.

Investment securities that the Bank intends to hold until maturity are carried at cost, adjusted for amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts using a level yield method over the period to maturity. There were no such securities as of December 31, 2014 or 2013.

Premiums and discounts are amortized or accreted over the life of the related security as an adjustment to yield using the effective interest method. Dividend and interest income is recognized when earned. Realized gains and losses on the sale of investment securities are determined using the specific-identification method and recognized in non-interest income on the trade date.

Federal Reserve Bank and Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines Stock

Investments in FRB and FHLB stock are carried at cost, which approximates fair value.

Loans Held For Sale-Mortgage Banking

Loans held for sale-mortgage banking are accounted for at fair value pursuant to the fair value option permitted by FASB ASC 825, *Financial Instruments*. Gains and losses from the changes in fair value are included in mortgage banking revenue.

Loans and Leases

Loans and leases held for investment are stated at their outstanding principal amount net of unearned income, net of unamortized deferred fees and costs and an allowance for credit losses. Interest income is recognized on the accrual basis using the interest method prescribed in the loan agreement except when collectability is in doubt.

Loans and leases are reviewed regularly by management and are placed on non-accrual status when the collection of interest or principal is 90 days or more past due, unless the loan or lease is adequately secured and in the process of collection. When a loan or lease is placed on non-accrual status, uncollected interest accrued in prior years is charged off against the allowance for credit losses, unless collection of the principal and interest is assured. Interest accrued in the current year is reversed against interest income in the current period. Interest payments received on non-accrual loans and leases are generally applied to principal unless the remaining principal balance has been determined to be fully collectible. Accrual of interest may be resumed when it is determined that all amounts due are expected to be collected and the loan has exhibited a sustained level of performance, generally at least six months.

A loan is considered impaired when it is probable that a creditor will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. Loans are reviewed for impairment on an individual basis. Impaired loans are measured at the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's initial effective interest rate. The fair value of collateral of an impaired collateral-dependent loan or an observable market price is also used as an alternative to discounting cash flows. If the measure of the impaired loan is less than the recorded investment in the loan, impairment will be recognized as a charge-off through the allowance for credit losses.

Restructured loans are loans for which concessions, including a reduced interest rate or a deferral of interest or principal, have been granted due to the borrower's weakened financial condition. Once a loan is restructured, interest is accrued at the restructured rates when no loss of principal is anticipated. A loan that has performed in accordance with restructured terms for one year is no longer reported as a restructured loan.

Cash receipts on impaired loans are generally applied to principal except when the loan is well collateralized or there are other circumstances that support recognition of interest. When an impaired loan is in non-accrual status, cash receipts are applied to principal.

Loan Origination Fees and Costs; Other Lending Fees

For Loans and Leases Held for Investment, origination fees and costs incurred to extend credit are deferred and amortized over the term of the loan as an adjustment to yield using the interest method, except where the net amount is deemed to be immaterial.

The Company occasionally originates lines of credit where the customer is charged a non-usage fee if the line of credit is not used. In such instances, we periodically review use of lines on a retrospective basis and recognize non-usage fees in non-interest income.

Loan Servicing and Transfers of Financial Assets

The Bank sells commercial business loans to third parties. The loans are generally sold on a non-recourse basis. Sold loans are not included in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

The sales of loans are accounted for pursuant to FASB ASC 860, *Transfers and Servicing*.

Premises and Equipment

Land is carried at cost. Premises and equipment are reported at cost less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Depreciation and amortization for financial reporting purposes is charged to operating expense using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Estimated useful lives are up to 40 years for buildings and three to 10 years for furniture and equipment. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the shorter of the lease term or the estimated useful life of the improvement. The costs of improvements are capitalized. Maintenance and repairs, as well as gains and losses on dispositions of premises and equipment, are included in non-interest income or expense as incurred.

Other Real Estate Owned and Repossessed Property

Real estate properties and other assets acquired through loan foreclosures are recorded at fair value less estimated costs to sell. If the carrying amount of an asset acquired through foreclosure is in excess of the fair value less estimated costs to sell, the excess amount is charged to the allowance for credit losses. Fair value is primarily determined based upon appraisals of the assets involved and management periodically assesses appraised values to ascertain continued relevancy of the valuation. Subsequent declines in the estimated fair value, net operating results and gains and losses on disposition of the asset are included in other non-interest expense. Operating expenses of properties are charged to other real estate costs.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

The Company reviews long-lived assets for impairment periodically or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of any such asset may not be recoverable. If impairment is identified, the assets are written down to their fair value through a charge to non-interest expense.

There were impairment charges of \$0 and \$1.5 million in 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Securities Sold Under Agreements to Repurchase

From time to time, the Bank enters into sales of securities under agreements to repurchase, generally for periods of less than 90 days. These agreements are treated as financings, and the obligations to repurchase securities sold are reflected as a liability in the consolidated balance sheets as short-term borrowings. The costs of securities underlying the agreements remain in the asset accounts.

Fair Values of Financial Instruments

The Company is required to disclose the estimated fair value of financial instruments. Fair value estimates are subjective in nature, involving uncertainties and matters of significant judgment, and therefore cannot be determined with precision. Changes in assumptions could significantly affect the estimates. The following methods and assumptions are used by the Company in estimating fair value disclosures for its financial instruments.

Cash and Cash Equivalents, Non-interest-Bearing Deposits and Demand Deposits. The carrying amounts approximate fair value due to the short maturity of the instruments. The fair value of deposits with no stated maturity, such as interest checking, savings and money market accounts, is equal to the amount payable on demand at the reporting date. The intangible value of long-term customer relationships with depositors is not taken into account in the fair values disclosed.

Investment Securities Available for Sale. The fair value of the Company's securities are based upon quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active, and model-based valuation techniques for which significant assumptions are observable in the market.

Federal Reserve Bank and Federal Home Loan Bank Stock. The carrying amount of FRB and FHLB stock is their cost, which approximates fair value.

Loans Held for Sale-Mortgage Banking. Loans held for sale-mortgage banking are accounted for at fair value pursuant to the fair value option permitted by FASB ASC 825, *Financial Instruments*.

Accrued Interest Receivable. The fair value of accrued interest receivable equals the amount receivable due to the current nature of the amounts receivable.

Derivative Financial Instruments. The fair value of the Company's derivatives are based upon quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active, and model-based valuation techniques for which significant assumptions are observable in the market.

Interest-Bearing Deposits. Fair values of interest-bearing deposit liabilities are estimated by discounting future cash flow payment streams using rates at which comparable current deposits with comparable maturities are being issued.

Borrowings and Advances. The carrying amount of short-term borrowings approximates fair value due to the short maturity and the instruments' floating interest rates, which are tied to market conditions. The fair values of long-term borrowings are estimated by discounting future cash flow payment streams using rates at which comparable borrowings are currently being offered.

Accrued Interest Payable. The fair value of accrued interest payable equals the amount payable due to the current nature of the amounts payable.

Guaranteed Preferred Beneficial Interests in Company's Subordinated Debentures. The fair values of the Company's subordinated debentures are estimated by discounting future cash flow payment streams using discount rates estimated to reflect those at which comparable instruments could currently be offered.

Financial Instruments with Off-Balance-Sheet Risk. The fair values of the Company's commitments to extend credit and commercial and standby letters of credit are estimated using fees currently charged to enter into similar agreements.

Derivative Financial Instruments

FASB ASC 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*, establishes accounting and reporting standards for derivative instruments, including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts, and for hedging activities. Accordingly, the Company records all derivatives at fair value.

The Company enters into interest rate lock commitments on certain mortgage loans related to our mortgage banking operations on a best efforts basis, which are commitments to originate loans whereby the interest rate on the loan is determined prior to funding. The Company also has corresponding forward sales contracts related to these interest rate lock commitments. Both the mortgage loan commitments and the related forward sales contracts are accounted for as derivatives and carried at fair value with changes in fair value recorded in income.

The Company also commits to originate and sell certain loans related to our mortgage banking operations on a mandatory delivery basis. To hedge interest rate risk the Company sells short positions in mortgage backed securities related to the loans sold on a mandatory delivery basis. The commitments to originate and short positions are accounted for as derivatives and carried at fair value with changes in fair value recorded in income.

Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share (EPS) excludes dilution and is computed by dividing income available to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the applicable period. Diluted EPS reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised or converted into common stock or resulted in the issuance of common stock that then shared in the earnings of the Company. Such potential dilutive instruments include stock options and contingently issuable stock. Note 21 to these consolidated financial statements includes disclosure of the Company's EPS calculations.

Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Comprehensive income (loss) is the total of net income and accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), which for the Company, is generally comprised of unrealized gains and losses on securities available for sale and unrealized gains and losses on hedging instruments qualifying for cash flow hedge accounting treatment pursuant to FASB ASC 815.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, cash due from banks and federal funds sold.

Share-Based Compensation

FASB ASC 718 requires the Company to measure the cost of employee services received in exchange for an award of equity instruments based on the fair value of the award on the grant date.

At December 31, 2014, the Company had four stock-based employee compensation plans, which are described more fully in Note 24 to these consolidated financial statements.

RECENTLY ISSUED OR ADOPTED ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

ASU 2014-14, *Receivables - Troubled Debt Restructuring by Creditors (Subtopic 310-40)* – Classification of Certain Government-Guaranteed Mortgage Loans upon Foreclosure, will require creditors to derecognize certain foreclosed government-guaranteed mortgage loans and to recognize a separate other receivable that is measured at the amount the creditor expects to recover from the guarantor, and to treat the guarantee and the receivable as a single unit of account. ASU 2014-14 is effective for entities other than public business entities, for annual periods ending after December 15, 2015, and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2015. An entity can elect a prospective or a modified retrospective transition method, but must use the same transition method that it elected

under FASB ASU No. 2014-04, *Reclassification of Residential Real Estate Collateralized Consumer Mortgage Loans upon Foreclosure*. Early adoption, including adoption in an interim period, is permitted if the entity already adopted ASU 2014-04. The Company does not expect the application of this guidance to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

ASU No. 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)*, which requires an entity to recognize the amount of revenue to which it expects to be entitled for the transfer of promised goods or services to customers. The ASU will replace most existing revenue recognition guidance in GAAP when it becomes effective. The new standard is effective for the Company for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017 and interim periods within annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017. The standard permits the use of either the retrospective or cumulative effect transition method. The Company is evaluating the effect that ASU 2014-09 will have on its consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

ASU No. 2014-04, *Receivables – Troubled Debt Restructuring by Creditors (Subtopic 310-40): Reclassification of Residential Real Estate Collateralized Consumer Mortgage Loans Upon Foreclosure*, was issued to clarify that when an in substance repossession or foreclosure occurs, a creditor is considered to have received physical possession of residential real estate property collateralizing a consumer mortgage loan, upon either (1) the creditor obtaining legal title to the residential real estate property upon completion of a foreclosure or (2) the borrower conveying all interest in the residential real estate property to the creditor to satisfy that loan through completion of a deed in lieu of foreclosure or through a similar legal agreement. Additionally, the amendments require interim and annual disclosure of both (1) the amount of foreclosed residential real estate property held by the creditor and (2) the recorded investment in consumer mortgage loans collateralized by residential real estate property that are in the process of foreclosure according to local requirements of the applicable jurisdiction. ASU 2014-04 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2014. The Company does not expect the application of this guidance to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

FASB ASU 2011-02, *Receivables (Topic 310), A Creditor's Determination of Whether a Restructuring is a Troubled Debt Restructuring*, clarifies when the restructuring of a receivable should be considered a troubled debt restructuring (TDR). FASB issued the guidance in response to constituents' concerns that creditors were inconsistently applying the guidance for identifying TDRs. The ASU provides additional guidance for determining whether the creditor has granted a concession and whether the debtor is experiencing financial difficulty. For nonpublic companies, this ASU is effective for annual periods ending after December 15, 2012, including interim periods within those annual periods. Information related to this ASU and the related disclosures are included in Note 6 in the Company's notes to the consolidated financial statements.

In June 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-05, *Presentation of Comprehensive Income (Topic 220)*, which requires companies to report total net income, each component of comprehensive income, and total comprehensive income on the face of the income statement, or as two consecutive statements. The components of comprehensive income are not changed, nor does the ASU affect how earnings per share is calculated or reported. The adoption of this ASU in 2013 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In December 2012, the FASB issued for public comment a draft proposal designed to improve financial reporting about expected credit losses on loans and other financial assets held by banks, financial institutions and other organizations. The proposed ASU, *Financial Instruments - Credit Losses*, proposes a new accounting model which would change the definition from inherent credit losses to expected credit losses, which could result in more timely recognition of credit losses, and also would provide additional transparency about credit risk. The FASB has not yet established a proposed effective date, but a final standard is expected to be issued in the second half of 2015.

In February 2013, the FASB issued ASU 2013-02, *Reporting of Amounts Reclassified Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income*. This update requires entities to provide information about the amounts reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive income by component. In addition, entities are required to present, either on the face of the statement where net income is presented or in the notes, significant amounts reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive income by the respective line items of net income. This ASU is effective for

fiscal years and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2013 for non-public companies. The adoption of this ASU did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In July 2013, the FASB issued ASU No. 2013-10, *Inclusion of the Fed Funds Effective Swap Rate (or Overnight Index Swap Rate) as a Benchmark Interest Rate for Hedge Accounting Purposes* (a consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force), which permits the use of the Fed Funds Effective Swap Rate (also referred to as the Overnight Index Swap Rate), in addition to the U.S. government rate (UST) and London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR), as a U.S. benchmark interest rate for hedge accounting purposes under FASB ASC Topic 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*. Entities should apply the ASU prospectively for qualifying new or redesignated hedging relationships entered into on or after July 17, 2013. The adoption of this ASU did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In July 2013, the FASB issued ASU No. 2013-11, *Presentation of an Unrecognized Tax Benefit When a Net Operating Loss Carryforward, a Similar Tax Loss, or a Tax Credit Carryforward Exists* (a consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force), which requires an entity to present an unrecognized tax benefit as a reduction of a deferred tax asset for an net operating loss (NOL) carryforward, or similar tax loss or tax credit carryforward, rather than as a liability when (1) the uncertain tax position would reduce the NOL or other carryforward under the tax law of the applicable jurisdiction and (2) the entity intends to use the deferred tax asset for that purpose. The ASU does not require new recurring disclosures. It is effective prospectively for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2013 and December 15, 2014, for public and nonpublic entities, respectively. Early adoption and retrospective application are permitted. The adoption of this ASU in 2015 is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In December 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-11, *Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities*. The ASU is a joint requirement by the FASB and International Accounting Standards Board to enhance current disclosures and increase comparability of GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards financial statements. Under the ASU, an entity will be required to disclose both gross and net information about instruments and transactions eligible for offset in the balance sheet, as well as instruments and transactions subject to an agreement similar to a master netting agreement. The scope of the ASU includes derivatives, sale and repurchase agreements, reverse sale and repurchase agreements, and securities borrowing and securities lending arrangements. The ASU was effective for annual and interim periods beginning January 1, 2013. Adoption of the ASU did not have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

RECLASSIFICATIONS

Certain amounts in the consolidated financial statements for the prior year have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on net income or stockholders' equity.

NOTE 2. Regulatory Capital and Current Operating Environment

BNCCORP and the Bank are subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by the Federal banking agencies. Failure to meet capital requirements mandated by regulators can initiate certain mandatory and discretionary actions by regulators. Such actions, if undertaken, could have a direct material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition and results of operations. Under capital adequacy guidelines and the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, BNCCORP and the Bank must meet specific capital guidelines that involve quantitative measures of their assets, liabilities and certain off-balance-sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices. With increasing frequency, regulators are imposing capital requirements that are specific to individual institutions. The requirements are generally above the statutory ratios.

Actual capital amounts and ratios of BNCCORP and the Bank as of December 31 are presented in the tables below (dollars in thousands):

	Actual		For Capital Adequacy Purposes		To be Well Capitalized		Amount in Excess of Well Capitalized	
	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
2014								
Total Capital (to risk-weighted assets):								
Consolidated	\$ 99,085	21.10 %	\$ 37,562	≥8.0 %	\$ N/A	N/A	\$ N/A	N/A %
BNC National Bank	91,967	19.73	37,285	≥8.0	46,606	10.0 %	45,361	9.73
Tier 1 Capital (to risk-weighted assets):								
Consolidated	93,182	19.85	18,781	≥4.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
BNC National Bank	86,107	18.48	18,642	≥4.0	27,964	6.0	58,143	12.48
Tier 1 Capital (to average assets):								
Consolidated	93,182	9.94	37,485	≥4.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
BNC National Bank	86,107	9.13	37,725	≥4.0	47,157	5.0	38,950	4.13
Tangible Equity (to total assets):								
Consolidated tangible equity	83,412	8.93	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
BNC National Bank	91,806	9.83	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tangible Common Equity (to total assets):								
Consolidated tangible common equity	62,314	6.67	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2013								
Total Capital (to risk-weighted assets):								
Consolidated	\$ 97,354	23.15 %	\$ 33,644	≥8.0 %	\$ N/A	N/A %	\$ N/A	N/A %
BNC National Bank	88,922	21.40	33,245	≥8.0	41,556	10.0	47,366	11.40
Tier 1 Capital (to risk-weighted assets):								
Consolidated	91,150	21.67	16,822	≥4.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
BNC National Bank	83,670	20.13	16,622	≥4.0	24,934	6.0	58,736	14.13
Tier 1 Capital (to average assets):								
Consolidated	91,150	10.94	33,316	≥4.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
BNC National Bank	83,670	10.06	33,271	≥4.0	41,589	5.0	42,081	5.06
Tangible Equity (to total assets):								
Consolidated tangible equity	69,800	8.30	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
BNC National Bank	82,592	9.82	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tangible Common Equity (to total assets):								
Consolidated tangible common equity	48,702	5.79	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

In the current operating environment, management believes banking entities are regularly required to maintain capital ratios in excess of the statutory amounts required to be considered well capitalized. We are managing capital accordingly.

Although Tangible Common Equity (TCE) is not a regulatory capital measure, TCE is a ratio that is commonly used to assess the capital strength of banking entities. Accordingly, we have included the ratio in the preceding table.

The most recent notifications from the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) categorized the Bank as well capitalized under the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action. Management believes the Bank remains well capitalized through the date for which subsequent events have been evaluated.

NOTE 3. Investment Securities Available For Sale

Investment securities have been classified in the consolidated balance sheets according to management's intent. The Company had no securities designated as trading or held-to-maturity in its portfolio at December 31, 2014 or 2013. The carrying amount of available-for-sale securities and their approximate fair values were as follows as of December 31 (in thousands):

	2014			
	<u>Amortized Cost</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Gains</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Losses</u>	<u>Estimated Fair Value</u>
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 19,861	\$ 70	\$ (10)	\$ 19,921
U.S. government agency mortgage-backed securities guaranteed by GNMA	101,833	667	(863)	101,637
U.S. government agency mortgage-backed securities issued by FNMA or FHLMC	-	-	-	-
U.S. government agency small business administration pools guaranteed by SBA	83,990	687	(298)	84,379
Collateralized mortgage obligations guaranteed by GNMA/VA	96,988	1,500	(300)	98,188
Collateralized mortgage obligations issued by FNMA or FHLMC	62,638	923	(227)	63,334
Other collateralized mortgage obligations	-	-	-	-
State and municipal bonds	76,958	4,990	(74)	81,874
	<u>\$ 442,268</u>	<u>\$ 8,837</u>	<u>\$ (1,772)</u>	<u>\$ 449,333</u>
	2013			
	<u>Amortized Cost</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Gains</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Losses</u>	<u>Estimated Fair Value</u>
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
U.S. government agency mortgage-backed securities guaranteed by GNMA	74,247	591	(1,372)	73,466
U.S. government agency mortgage-backed securities issued by FNMA or FHLMC	32,065	210	(597)	31,678
U.S. government agency small business administration pools guaranteed by SBA	47,882	111	(169)	47,824
Collateralized mortgage obligations guaranteed by GNMA/VA	141,552	968	(1,963)	140,557
Collateralized mortgage obligations issued by FNMA or FHLMC	77,286	514	(1,171)	76,629
Other collateralized mortgage obligations	1,746	48	-	1,794
State and municipal bonds	64,733	521	(1,483)	63,771
	<u>\$ 439,511</u>	<u>\$ 2,963</u>	<u>\$ (6,755)</u>	<u>\$ 435,719</u>

The amortized cost and estimated fair market value of available-for-sale securities classified according to their contractual maturities at December 31, 2014, were as follows (in thousands):

	<u>Amortized Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Fair Value</u>
Due in one year or less	\$ -	\$ -
Due after one year through five years	19,861	19,921
Due after five years through ten years	26,144	26,540
Due after ten years	396,263	402,872
Total	<u>\$ 442,268</u>	<u>\$ 449,333</u>

For many types of investments, the actual payments will vary significantly from contractual maturities.

Securities carried at approximately \$76.6 million and \$71.8 million at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, were pledged as collateral for public and trust deposits and borrowings, including borrowings from the FHLB and repurchase agreements with customers.

Sales proceeds and gross realized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities were as follows for the years ended December 31 (in thousands):

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Sales proceeds	\$ 100,066	\$ 58,109
Gross realized gains	911	1,759
Gross realized losses	(858)	(512)
Net realized gains	<u>\$ 53</u>	<u>\$ 1,247</u>

The following table shows the Company's investments' gross unrealized losses and fair value aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position at December 31 (in thousands):

Description of Securities	2014								
	Less than 12 months			12 months or more			Total		
	#	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss	#	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss	#	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss
U.S. Treasury securities	1	\$ 7,949	\$ (10)	-	\$ -	\$ -	1	\$ 7,949	\$ (10)
U.S. government agency mortgage-backed securities guaranteed by GNMA	7	47,031	(275)	2	16,853	(588)	9	63,884	(863)
U.S. government agency mortgage-backed securities issued by FNMA or FHLMC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U.S. government agency small business administration pools guaranteed by SBA	8	32,354	(241)	3	6,246	(57)	11	38,600	(298)
Collateralized mortgage obligations guaranteed by GNMA/VA	5	12,874	(99)	3	13,239	(201)	8	26,113	(300)
Collateralized mortgage obligations issued by FNMA or FHLMC	3	14,453	(149)	1	3,799	(78)	4	18,252	(227)
Other collateralized mortgage obligations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State and municipal bonds	4	10,430	(74)	-	-	-	4	10,430	(74)
Total temporarily impaired securities	<u>28</u>	<u>\$ 125,091</u>	<u>\$ (848)</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>\$ 40,137</u>	<u>\$ (924)</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>\$ 165,228</u>	<u>\$ (1,772)</u>
Description of Securities	2013								
	Less than 12 months			12 months or more			Total		
	#	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss	#	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss	#	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss
U.S. Treasury securities	-	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -
U.S. government agency mortgage-backed securities guaranteed by GNMA	7	34,534	(889)	1	8,891	(483)	8	43,425	(1,372)
U.S. government agency mortgage-backed securities issued by FNMA or FHLMC	6	27,265	(597)	-	-	-	6	27,265	(597)
U.S. government agency small business administration pools guaranteed by SBA	7	17,741	(169)	-	-	-	7	17,741	(169)
Collateralized mortgage obligations guaranteed by GNMA/VA	13	49,531	(1,478)	4	16,373	(485)	17	65,904	(1,963)
Collateralized mortgage obligations issued by FNMA or FHLMC	6	24,740	(529)	3	14,452	(642)	9	39,192	(1,171)
Other collateralized mortgage obligations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State and municipal bonds	24	46,609	(1,483)	-	-	-	24	46,609	(1,483)
Total temporarily impaired securities	<u>63</u>	<u>\$ 200,420</u>	<u>\$ (5,145)</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>\$ 39,716</u>	<u>\$ (1,610)</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>\$ 240,136</u>	<u>\$ (6,755)</u>

Management regularly evaluates each security with unrealized losses to determine whether losses are other-than-temporary. When determining whether a security is other-than-temporarily impaired, management assesses whether it has the intent to sell the security or whether it is more likely than not that it will be required to sell the security prior to its anticipated recovery. When evaluating a security, management considers several factors including, but not limited to, the amount of the unrealized loss, the length of time the security has been in a loss position, guarantees provided by third parties, ratings on the security, cash flow from the security, the level of credit support provided by subordinate tranches, and the collateral underlying the security.

There were no securities that were other-than-temporarily impaired during 2014 or 2013.

NOTE 4. Federal Reserve Bank and Federal Home Loan Bank Stock

The carrying amounts of FRB and FHLB stock, which approximate their fair values, consisted of the following as of December 31 (in thousands):

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Federal Reserve Bank Stock, at cost	\$ 1,807	\$ 1,807
Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines Stock, at cost	1,010	922
Total	<u>\$ 2,817</u>	<u>\$ 2,729</u>

There is no contractual maturity on these investments; the investments are required by counterparties.

NOTE 5. Loans and Leases

The composition of loans and leases is as follows at December 31 (in thousands):

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Loans held for sale-mortgage banking	<u>\$ 47,109</u>	<u>\$ 32,870</u>
Commercial and industrial	\$ 132,229	\$ 132,983
Commercial real estate	108,122	93,330
SBA	26,972	18,215
Consumer	40,470	32,612
Land and land development	28,220	27,582
Construction	<u>24,916</u>	<u>13,286</u>
	360,929	318,008
Unearned income and net unamortized deferred (fees) and costs	<u>(140)</u>	<u>(80)</u>
Loans, net of unearned income and unamortized (fees) and costs	360,789	317,928
Allowance for credit losses	<u>(8,601)</u>	<u>(9,847)</u>
Net loans and leases held for investment	<u>\$ 352,188</u>	<u>\$ 308,081</u>

Loans to Related Parties

Note 19 to these consolidated financial statements includes information relating to loans to executive officers, directors, principal shareholders and associates of such persons.

Loans Pledged as Collateral

The table below presents loans pledged as collateral to the Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Reserve Bank, and the Bank of North Dakota as of December 31 (in thousands):

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Commercial and industrial	\$ 27,004	\$ 20,922
Commercial real estate	64,938	51,064
Consumer	20,185	17,181
Construction	1,099	-
	<u>\$ 113,226</u>	<u>\$ 89,167</u>

NOTE 6. Allowance for Credit Losses

Transactions in the allowance for credit losses were as follows for the years ended December 31 (in thousands):

	<u>2014</u>						
	<u>Commercial and industrial</u>	<u>Commercial real estate</u>	<u>SBA</u>	<u>Consumer</u>	<u>Land and land development</u>	<u>Construction</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 2,215	\$ 4,041	\$ 579	\$ 478	\$ 2,371	\$ 163	\$ 9,847
Provision (reduction)	471	(1,114)	715	59	(1,045)	114	(800)
Loans charged off	-	(439)	(109)	(42)	(190)	-	(780)
Loan recoveries	-	8	5	21	300	-	334
Balance, end of period	<u>\$ 2,686</u>	<u>\$ 2,496</u>	<u>\$ 1,190</u>	<u>\$ 516</u>	<u>\$ 1,436</u>	<u>\$ 277</u>	<u>\$ 8,601</u>

	<u>2013</u>						
	<u>Commercial and industrial</u>	<u>Commercial real estate</u>	<u>SBA</u>	<u>Consumer</u>	<u>Land and land development</u>	<u>Construction</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 2,546	\$ 4,790	\$ 616	\$ 382	\$ 1,609	\$ 148	\$ 10,091
Provision (reduction)	516	(670)	(39)	187	691	15	700
Loans charged off	(916)	(87)	-	(106)	-	-	(1,109)
Loan recoveries	69	8	2	15	71	-	165
Balance, end of period	<u>\$ 2,215</u>	<u>\$ 4,041</u>	<u>\$ 579</u>	<u>\$ 478</u>	<u>\$ 2,371</u>	<u>\$ 163</u>	<u>\$ 9,847</u>

The following table shows the balance in the allowance for credit losses at December 31, 2014, and December 31, 2013, and the related loan balances, segregated on the basis of impairment methodology (in thousands). Loans evaluated under ASC 310-10-35 include loans on nonaccrual status and troubled debt restructurings, which are individually evaluated for impairment, and other impaired loans deemed to have similar risk characteristics. All other loans are collectively evaluated for impairment under ASC 450-20.

	Allowance For Credit Losses			Gross Loans and Leases Held for Investment		
	Under ASC 310-10-35	Under ASC 450-20	Total	Evaluated for Impairment Under ASC 310-10-35	Evaluated for Impairment Under ASC 450-20	Total
December 31, 2014						
Commercial and industrial	\$ 18	\$ 2,668	\$ 2,686	\$ 90	\$ 132,139	\$ 132,229
Commercial real estate	574	1,922	2,496	4,741	103,381	108,122
SBA	-	1,190	1,190	-	26,972	26,972
Consumer	-	516	516	330	40,140	40,470
Land and land development	-	1,436	1,436	-	28,220	28,220
Construction	-	277	277	-	24,916	24,916
Total	<u>\$ 592</u>	<u>\$ 8,009</u>	<u>\$ 8,601</u>	<u>\$ 5,161</u>	<u>\$ 355,768</u>	<u>\$ 360,929</u>
December 31, 2013						
Commercial and industrial	\$ 30	\$ 2,185	\$ 2,215	\$ 430	\$ 132,553	\$ 132,983
Commercial real estate	1,030	3,011	4,041	4,188	89,142	93,330
SBA	-	579	579	-	18,215	18,215
Consumer	-	478	478	38	32,574	32,612
Land and land development	-	2,371	2,371	-	27,582	27,582
Construction	-	163	163	-	13,286	13,286
Total	<u>\$ 1,060</u>	<u>\$ 8,787</u>	<u>\$ 9,847</u>	<u>\$ 4,656</u>	<u>\$ 313,352</u>	<u>\$ 318,008</u>

Performing and non-accrual loans

The Bank's key credit quality indicator is the loan's performance status, defined as accrual or non-accrual. Performing loans are considered to have a lower risk of loss and are on accrual status. Non-accrual loans include loans on which the accrual of interest has been discontinued. Accrual of interest is discontinued when we believe that the borrower's financial condition is such that the collection of principal and interest is doubtful. A delinquent loan is generally placed on non-accrual status when it becomes 90 days or more past due unless the loan is well secured and in the process of collection. When a loan is placed on non-accrual status, accrued but uncollected interest income applicable to the current reporting period is reversed against interest income. Accrued but uncollected interest income applicable to previous reporting periods is charged against the allowance for credit losses. No additional interest is accrued on the loan balance until the collection of both principal and interest becomes reasonably certain. Delinquent balances are determined based on the contractual terms of the loan adjusted for charge-offs and payments applied to principal.

The following table sets forth information regarding the Bank's performing and non-accrual loans at December 31 (in thousands):

	2014					
	Current	31-89 Days Past Due	90 Days or More Past Due and Accruing	Total Performing	Non-accrual	Total
Commercial and industrial:						
Business loans	\$ 67,335	\$ 161	\$ -	\$ 67,496	\$ 37	\$ 67,533
Agriculture	17,478	-	-	17,478	-	17,478
Owner-occupied commercial real estate	47,218	-	-	47,218	-	47,218
Commercial real estate	108,122	-	-	108,122	-	108,122
SBA	26,972	-	-	26,972	-	26,972
Consumer:						
Automobile	6,343	25	-	6,368	19	6,387
Home equity	9,798	-	-	9,798	-	9,798
1st mortgage	9,790	-	-	9,790	-	9,790
Other	14,470	20	5	14,495	-	14,495
Land and land development	28,220	-	-	28,220	-	28,220
Construction	24,916	-	-	24,916	-	24,916
Total loans held for investment	360,662	206	5	360,873	56	360,929
Loans held for sale	47,109	-	-	47,109	-	47,109
 Total gross loans	 \$ 407,771	 \$ 206	 \$ 5	 \$ 407,982	 \$ 56	 \$ 408,038

2013

	<u>Current</u>	<u>31-89 Days Past Due</u>	<u>90 Days or More Past Due and Accruing</u>	<u>Total Performing</u>	<u>Non-accrual</u>	<u>Total</u>
Commercial and industrial:						
Business loans	\$ 78,137	\$ 88	\$ -	\$ 78,225	\$ -	\$ 78,225
Agriculture	17,499	-	-	17,499	-	17,499
Owner-occupied commercial real estate	36,829	-	-	36,829	430	37,259
Commercial real estate	89,142	-	-	89,142	4,188	93,330
SBA	18,215	-	-	18,215	-	18,215
Consumer:						
Automobile	6,634	17	-	6,651	38	6,689
Home equity	4,292	-	-	4,292	-	4,292
1st mortgage	11,612	-	-	11,612	-	11,612
Other	10,012	7	-	10,019	-	10,019
Land and land development	26,621	-	961	27,582	-	27,582
Construction	13,286	-	-	13,286	-	13,286
Total loans held for investment	312,279	112	961	313,352	4,656	318,008
Loans held for sale	32,870	-	-	32,870	-	32,870
Total gross loans	<u>\$ 345,149</u>	<u>\$ 112</u>	<u>\$ 961</u>	<u>\$ 346,222</u>	<u>\$ 4,656</u>	<u>\$ 350,878</u>

The following table indicates the effect on income if interest on non-accrual loans outstanding at year end had been recognized at original contractual rates during the year ended December 31 (in thousands):

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Interest income that would have been recorded	\$ 20	\$ 265
Interest income recorded	-	-
Effect on interest income	<u>\$ 20</u>	<u>\$ 265</u>

Impaired loans

Impaired loans include loans the Bank will not be able to collect all amounts due in accordance with the terms of the loan agreement. Impaired loans include non-accruing and loans that have been modified in a troubled debt restructuring. All loans are individually reviewed for impairment.

The following table summarizes impaired loans and related allowances as of and for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 (in thousands):

	2014				
	Unpaid Principal	Recorded Investment	Related Allowance	Average Recorded Balance	Interest Income Recognized
Impaired loans with an allowance recorded:					
Commercial and industrial:					
Business loans	\$ 90	\$ 90	\$ 18	\$ 93	\$ 4
Agriculture	-	-	-	-	-
Owner-occupied commercial real estate	-	-	-	-	-
Commercial real estate	8,642	4,741	574	5,077	136
SBA	-	-	-	-	-
Consumer:					
Automobile	-	-	-	-	-
Home equity	-	-	-	-	-
1st mortgage	1,878	311	-	395	16
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Land and land development	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	-	-	-	-	-
Loans held for sale	-	-	-	-	-
Total impaired loans with an allowance recorded	\$ 10,610	\$ 5,142	\$ 592	\$ 5,565	\$ 156
Impaired loans without an allowance recorded:					
Commercial and industrial:					
Business loans	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Agriculture	-	-	-	-	-
Owner-occupied commercial real estate	-	-	-	-	-
Commercial real estate	-	-	-	-	-
SBA	-	-	-	-	-
Consumer:					
Automobile	35	19	-	23	-
Home equity	-	-	-	-	-
1st mortgage	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Land and land development	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	-	-	-	-	-
Loans held for sale	-	-	-	-	-
Total impaired loans without an allowance recorded	\$ 35	\$ 19	\$ -	\$ 23	\$ -
TOTAL IMPAIRED LOANS	\$ 10,645	\$ 5,161	\$ 592	\$ 5,588	\$ 156

2013

	<u>Unpaid Principal</u>	<u>Recorded Investment</u>	<u>Related Allowance</u>	<u>Average Recorded Balance</u>	<u>Interest Income Recognized</u>
Impaired loans with an allowance recorded:					
Commercial and industrial:					
Business loans	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Agriculture	-	-	-	-	-
Owner-occupied commercial real estate	514	430	30	430	-
Commercial real estate	6,857	4,188	1,030	4,347	-
SBA	-	-	-	-	-
Consumer:					
Automobile	-	-	-	-	-
Home equity	-	-	-	-	-
1st mortgage	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Land and land development	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	-	-	-	-	-
Loans held for sale	-	-	-	-	-
Total impaired loans with an allowance recorded	<u>\$ 7,371</u>	<u>\$ 4,618</u>	<u>\$ 1,060</u>	<u>\$ 4,777</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Impaired loans without an allowance recorded:					
Commercial and industrial:					
Business loans	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Agriculture	-	-	-	-	-
Owner-occupied commercial real estate	-	-	-	-	-
Commercial real estate	-	-	-	-	-
SBA	-	-	-	-	-
Consumer:					
Automobile	64	38	-	44	-
Home equity	-	-	-	-	-
1st mortgage	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Land and land development	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	-	-	-	-	-
Loans held for sale	-	-	-	-	-
Total impaired loans without an allowance recorded	<u>\$ 64</u>	<u>\$ 38</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 44</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
TOTAL IMPAIRED LOANS	<u><u>\$ 7,435</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,656</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,060</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,821</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

Troubled Debt Restructuring (TDR)

Included in loans receivable, net, are certain loans that have been modified in order to maximize collection of loan balances. If the Company, for legal or economic reasons related to the borrower's financial difficulties, grants a concession compared to the original terms and conditions of the loan, the modified loan is considered a troubled debt restructuring.

The Company follows FASB ASU No. 2011-02, *Receivables (Topic 310), A Creditor's Determination of Whether a Restructuring is a Troubled Debt Restructuring*, which modified guidance for identifying restructurings of receivables that constitute a TDR.

The table below summarizes the amounts of restructured loans as of December 31 (in thousands):

	2014			
	Accrual	Non-accrual	Total	Allowance
Commercial and industrial:				
Business loans	\$ 53	\$ -	\$ 53	\$ 10
Agriculture	-	-	-	-
Owner-occupied commercial real estate	-	-	-	-
Commercial real estate	4,741	-	4,741	574
SBA	-	-	-	-
Consumer:				
Automobile	-	-	-	-
Home equity	-	-	-	-
1st mortgage	311	-	311	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Land and land development	-	-	-	-
Construction	-	-	-	-
Loans held for sale	-	-	-	-
	<u>\$ 5,105</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,105</u>	<u>\$ 584</u>
	2013			
	Accrual	Non-accrual	Total	Allowance
Commercial and industrial:				
Business loans	\$ 93	\$ -	\$ 93	\$ 14
Agriculture	-	-	-	-
Owner-occupied commercial real estate	-	-	-	-
Commercial real estate	3,770	4,188	7,958	1,124
SBA	-	-	-	-
Consumer:				
Automobile	-	-	-	-
Home equity	-	-	-	-
1st mortgage	493	-	493	12
Other	-	-	-	-
Land and land development	-	-	-	-
Construction	-	-	-	-
Loans held for sale	-	-	-	-
	<u>\$ 4,356</u>	<u>\$ 4,188</u>	<u>\$ 8,544</u>	<u>\$ 1,150</u>

TDR concessions can include reduction of interest rates, extension of maturity dates, forgiveness of principal and/or interest due, or acceptance of real estate or other assets in full or partial satisfaction of the debt. Loan modifications are not reported as TDR's after 12 months if the loan was modified at a market rate of interest for comparable risk loans, and the loan is performing in accordance with the terms of the restructured agreement for at least six months.

When a loan is modified as a TDR, there may be a direct, material impact on the loans within the Balance Sheet, as principal balances may be partially forgiven. There were no new TDRs for the year ending December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013.

Loans that were non-accrual prior to modification remain on non-accrual for at least six months following modification. Non-accrual TDR loans that have performed according to the modified terms for six months may be returned to accruing status. Loans that were accruing prior to modification remain on accrual status after the modification as long as the loan continues to perform under the new terms.

The following table indicates the effect on income if interest on restructured loans outstanding at year end had been recognized at original contractual rates during the year ended December 31 (in thousands):

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Interest income that would have been recorded	\$ 463	\$ 583
Interest income recorded	<u>145</u>	<u>223</u>
Effect on interest income	<u>\$ 318</u>	<u>\$ 360</u>

The amount of additional funds committed to borrowers who are in TDR status was \$0 at December 31, 2014 and \$232,000 at December 31, 2013.

TDRs are evaluated separately in the Bank's allowance methodology based on the expected cash flows or collateral values for loans in this status.

As of December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the Bank had \$0 of restructured loans that were modified in a troubled-debt restructuring within the previous 12 months for which there was a payment default (i.e. 90 days delinquent).

NOTE 7. Other Real Estate, net

Other real estate (ORE), net includes property acquired through foreclosure, property in judgment and in-substance foreclosures, and property transferred from premises and equipment. ORE is carried at fair value less estimated selling costs. Each property is evaluated regularly and the amounts provided to decrease the carrying amount are included in non-interest expense. A summary of the activity related to ORE is presented below for the years ended December 31 (in thousands):

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 1,056	\$ 5,131
Transfers from nonperforming loans	697	-
Transfers from premises and equipment	-	800
Real estate sold	(1,587)	(4,897)
Net gains on sale of assets	90	8
Provision	-	14
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 256</u>	<u>\$ 1,056</u>

The following is a summary of ORE as of December 31 (in thousands):

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Other real estate	\$ 954	\$ 3,250
Valuation allowance	(698)	(2,194)
Other real estate, net	<u>\$ 256</u>	<u>\$ 1,056</u>

NOTE 8. Premises and Equipment, net

Premises and equipment, net consisted of the following at December 31 (in thousands):

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Land and improvements	\$ 4,417	\$ 5,083
Buildings and improvements	12,459	10,768
Leasehold improvements	510	491
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	10,076	9,391
Total cost	27,462	25,733
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(11,234)	(10,863)
Net premises and equipment	<u>\$ 16,228</u>	<u>\$ 14,870</u>

Depreciation and amortization expense totaled approximately \$1.3 million and \$1.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

NOTE 9. Deposits

The scheduled maturities of time deposits as of December 31, 2014 are as follows (in thousands):

2015	\$	83,661
2016		14,701
2017		10,426
2018		22,886
2019		7,297
Thereafter		29,578
	\$	<u>168,549</u>

At December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Bank had \$54.0 million and \$64.5 million, respectively, of time deposits that had been acquired through a broker.

The following table shows a summary of interest expense by product type as of December 31 (in thousands):

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Savings	\$ 9	\$ 15
Interest checking	75	134
Money market	467	442
Time deposits	1,862	2,069
	<u>\$ 2,413</u>	<u>\$ 2,660</u>

Deposits Received from Related Parties

Note 19 to these consolidated financial statements includes information relating to deposits received from executive officers, directors, principal shareholders and associates of such persons.

NOTE 10. Short-Term Borrowings

The following table sets forth selected information for short-term borrowings (borrowings with an original maturity of less than one year) as of December 31 (in thousands):

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Federal reserve borrowings - U. S. Treasury tax and loan retainer	\$ -	\$ -
Repurchase agreements with customers, renewable daily, interest payable monthly, rates ranging from 0.05% to 0.40% in 2014, and from 0.10% to 0.60% in 2013, secured by government agency collateralized mortgage obligations and general obligations of municipalities	16,002	19,967
	<u>\$ 16,002</u>	<u>\$ 19,967</u>

The weighted average interest rate on short-term borrowings outstanding as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 was 0.15% and 0.17%, respectively.

Customer repurchase agreements are used by the Bank to acquire funds from customers where the customers are required, or desire, to have their funds supported by collateral consisting of government, government agency or other types of securities. The repurchase agreement is a promise to sell these securities to a customer at a certain price and repurchase them at a future date at that same price plus interest accrued at an agreed upon rate. The Bank uses customer repurchase agreements in its liquidity plan as well as an accommodation to customers. At December 31, 2014, \$16.0 million of securities sold under repurchase agreements, with a weighted average interest rate of 0.15%, were collateralized by government agency collateralized mortgage obligations and general

obligations of municipalities having a market value of \$30.3 million and unamortized principal balances of \$31.3 million. At December 31, 2013, \$20.0 million of securities sold under repurchase agreements, with a weighted average interest rate of 0.17%, were collateralized by government agency collateralized mortgage obligations and general obligations of municipalities having a market value of \$30.3 million and unamortized principal balances of \$31.3 million.

NOTE 11. Federal Home Loan Bank Advances

As of December 31, 2014, the Bank had \$0 of FHLB advances outstanding. At December 31, 2014, the Bank has mortgage loans pledged as collateral to the FHLB with unamortized principal balances of approximately \$109.6 million. The Bank has the ability to draw advances up to approximately \$77.6 million based upon the mortgage loans that are currently pledged, subject to a requirement to purchase additional FHLB stock.

As of December 31, 2013, the Bank had \$0 of FHLB advances outstanding. At December 31, 2013, the Bank has mortgage loans with unamortized principal balances of approximately \$83.1 million and securities with unamortized principal balances of approximately \$2.3 million which were pledged as collateral to the FHLB. The Bank had the ability to draw advances up to approximately \$58.1 million based upon the mortgage loans and securities that are currently pledged, subject to a requirement to purchase additional FHLB stock.

NOTE 12. Other Borrowings

The following table presents selected information regarding other borrowings at December 31 (in thousands):

2014				
Unsecured Borrowing Lines:				
	Line	Outstanding	Available	
Bank of North Dakota (1)	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
US Bank (1)	10,000	-	10,000	
Zions First National Bank (1)	12,000	-	12,000	
Total	<u>\$ 32,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 32,000</u>	
Secured Borrowing Lines:				
	Collateral Pledged	Line	Outstanding	Available
Federal Borrower-In-Custody Line (1)	\$ 2,113	\$ 1,241	\$ -	\$ 1,241
Bank of North Dakota (1)	311	249	-	249
Bank of North Dakota (2)	91,882	10,000	-	10,000
Total	<u>\$ 94,306</u>	<u>\$ 11,490</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 11,490</u>
(1) BNC National Bank Line				
(2) BNCCORP, INC. Line				

At December 31, 2014, the pledged collateral for the BNC National Bank line was comprised of collateralized mortgage obligations and the pledged collateral for the BNCCORP, INC. line is the common stock of BNC National Bank.

Unsecured Borrowing Lines:

	<u>Line</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>	<u>Available</u>
Bank of North Dakota (1)	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000
US Bank (1)	10,000	-	10,000
Zions First National Bank (1)	12,000	-	12,000
Total	<u>\$ 27,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 27,000</u>

Secured Borrowing Lines:

	<u>Collateral Pledged</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>	<u>Available</u>
Federal Borrower-In-Custody Line (1)	\$ 3,777	\$ 2,247	\$ -	\$ 2,247
Bank of North Dakota (1)	1,397	1,118	-	1,118
Total	<u>\$ 5,174</u>	<u>\$ 3,365</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,365</u>

(1) BNC National Bank Line

At December 31, 2013, the pledged collateral was comprised of collateralized mortgage obligations.

NOTE 13. Guaranteed Preferred Beneficial Interest's in Company's Subordinated Debentures

In July 2000, BNCCORP issued \$7.5 million of subordinated debentures at a fixed rate of 12.05%. In the third quarter of 2014, these subordinated debentures were redeemed and the corresponding debentures were prepaid. The debentures were redeemed using available cash and the Bank of North Dakota line of credit. Redemption costs totaling \$356 thousand were recorded in the second quarter of 2014.

In July 2007, BNCCORP issued \$15.0 million of floating rate subordinated debentures. The interest rate paid on the securities is equal to the three month LIBOR plus 1.40%. The interest rate at December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013 was 1.64% and 1.65%, respectively. The subordinated debentures mature on October 1, 2037. The subordinated debentures may be redeemed at par and the corresponding debentures may be prepaid at the option of BNCCORP, subject to approval by the FRB.

NOTE 14. Stockholders' Equity

On January 16, 2009, BNCCORP received net proceeds of approximately \$20.1 million through the sale of shares of non-voting senior preferred stock to the U.S. Department of the Treasury under the Capital Purchase Program (CPP). The Treasury Department also received a warrant exercisable for shares of an additional class of BNCCORP, INC. preferred stock, which had an aggregate liquidation preference of approximately \$1.0 million. The Treasury Department exercised this warrant on January 16, 2009. The U.S. Department of the Treasury successfully auctioned BNCCORP's preferred stock and transferred ownership to private investors effective March 17, 2014.

The Company has issued two series of preferred stock. Both series of preferred stock are perpetual and classified as non-voting.

The first series of preferred stock paid dividends at 5%, of its liquidation preference, per annum until February 2014 and thereafter pays a dividend of 9%. There were 20,093 shares of this series outstanding as of December 31, 2014 and 2013. Each share has a liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share. This series of shares can not be redeemed without prior approval from regulatory authorities.

The second series of preferred stock paid dividends at 9%, of its liquidation preference, per annum and may not be redeemed until the first series has been redeemed. There were 1,005 shares of this series outstanding at December 31, 2014 and 2013.

BNCCORP and the Bank are subject to certain minimum capital requirements (see Note 2 to these consolidated financial statements). BNCCORP is subject to certain restrictions on the amount of dividends it may declare without prior regulatory approval pursuant to the Federal Reserve Act.

Regulatory restrictions exist regarding the ability of the Bank to transfer funds to BNCCORP in the form of cash dividends. Approval of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), the Bank's principal regulator, is required for the Bank to pay dividends to BNCCORP in excess of the Bank's net profits from the current year plus retained net profits for the preceding two years.

On May 30, 2001, BNCCORP's Board of Directors adopted a rights plan intended to protect stockholder interests in the event BNCCORP becomes the subject of a takeover initiative that BNCCORP's Board believes could deny BNCCORP's stockholders the full value of their investment. This plan does not prohibit the Board from considering any offer that it deems advantageous to its stockholders.

The rights were issued to each common stockholder of record on May 30, 2001, and they will be exercisable only if a person acquires, or announces a tender offer, that would result in ownership of, 15% or more of BNCCORP's outstanding common stock. The rights plan was amended in 2011 such that it now expires on May 30, 2021.

NOTE 15. Fair Value Measurements

The following table summarizes the financial assets and liabilities of the Company for which fair values are determined on a recurring basis as of December 31 (in thousands):

	Carrying Value at December 31, 2014				Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2014
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total gains/(losses)
ASSETS					
Securities available for sale	\$ 449,333	\$ 19,921	\$ 429,412	\$ -	\$ 53
Loans held for sale	47,109	-	47,109	-	622
Commitments to originate mortgage loans	2,015	-	2,015	-	1,122
Commitments to sell mortgage loans	-	-	-	-	-
Mortgage banking short positions	-	-	-	-	-
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 498,457</u>	<u>\$ 19,921</u>	<u>\$ 478,536</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,797</u>

LIABILITIES

Commitments to sell mortgage loans	\$ 295	\$ -	\$ 295	\$ -	\$ (403)
Mortgage banking short positions	185	-	185	-	(459)
Total liabilities at fair value	<u>\$ 480</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 480</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (862)</u>

	Carrying Value at December 31, 2013				Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2013
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total gains/(losses)
ASSETS					
Securities available for sale	\$ 435,719	\$ -	\$ 435,719	\$ -	\$ 1,247
Loans held for sale	32,870	-	32,870	-	(2,032)
Commitments to originate mortgage loans	706	-	706	-	(4,153)
Commitments to sell mortgage loans	107	-	107	-	2,341
Mortgage banking short positions	274	-	274	-	326
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 469,676</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 469,676</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (2,271)</u>

LIABILITIES

Commitments to sell mortgage loans	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mortgage banking short positions	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities at fair value	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Prior to 2012, the Company has delivered loans on a best efforts delivery basis. In 2012, we began to deliver loans on a mandatory delivery basis as it generally improves margins in the mortgage banking operations. We also sell short positions in mortgage-backed securities to hedge interest rate risk on the loans committed for mandatory delivery. The commitments to originate and sell mortgage banking loans and our short positions are derivatives and are recorded at fair value.

The Company may also be required from time to time to measure certain other assets at fair value on a nonrecurring basis in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. These adjustments to fair value usually result from the application of the lower of cost or market accounting or write-down of individual assets. For assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis the following table provides the level of valuation assumptions used to determine the carrying value at December 31 (in thousands):

2014					
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total gains/ (losses)
Impaired loans ⁽¹⁾	\$ 4,569	\$ -	\$ 4,569	\$ -	\$ (75)
Other real estate ⁽²⁾	256	-	256	-	90
Total	\$ 4,825	\$ -	\$ 4,825	\$ -	\$ 15

2013					
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total gains/ (losses)
Impaired loans ⁽¹⁾	\$ 3,596	\$ -	\$ 3,596	\$ -	\$ 140
Other real estate ⁽²⁾	1,056	-	1,056	-	22
Total	\$ 4,652	\$ -	\$ 4,652	\$ -	\$ 162

(1) Represents the carrying value and related write-downs of loans based on the appraised value of the collateral.

(2) Represents the fair value of the collateral less estimated selling costs and are based upon appraised values.

NOTE 16. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The estimated fair values of the Company's financial instruments are as follows as of December 31 (in thousands):

	Level in Fair Value Measurement Hierarchy	2014		2013	
		Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	Level 1	\$ 41,124	\$ 41,124	\$ 18,871	\$ 18,871
Investment securities available for sale	Level 1	19,921	19,921	-	-
Investment securities available for sale	Level 2	429,412	429,412	435,719	435,719
Federal Reserve Bank and Federal Home Loan Bank stock	Level 2	2,817	2,817	2,729	2,729
Loans held for sale-mortgage banking	Level 2	47,109	47,109	32,870	32,870
Commitments to originate mortgage loans	Level 2	2,015	2,015	706	706
Commitments to sell mortgage loans	Level 2	-	-	107	107
Mortgage banking short positions	Level 2	-	-	274	274
Loans and leases held for investment, net	Level 2	352,188	352,506	308,081	308,932
Accrued interest receivable	Level 2	3,931	3,931	3,554	3,554
		<u>\$ 898,517</u>	<u>\$ 898,835</u>	<u>\$ 802,911</u>	<u>\$ 803,762</u>
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity:					
Deposits, noninterest-bearing	Level 2	\$ 187,400	\$ 187,400	\$ 141,788	\$ 141,788
Deposits, interest-bearing	Level 2	623,831	624,044	581,441	583,626
Short-term borrowings	Level 2	16,002	16,002	19,967	19,967
Accrued interest payable	Level 2	338	338	771	771
Accrued expenses	Level 2	7,279	7,279	6,307	6,307
Commitments to sell mortgage loans	Level 2	295	295	-	-
Mortgage banking short positions	Level 2	185	185	-	-
Guaranteed preferred beneficial interests in Company's subordinated debentures	Level 2	15,018	9,125	22,432	16,908
		<u>\$ 850,348</u>	<u>\$ 844,668</u>	<u>\$ 772,706</u>	<u>\$ 769,367</u>
Net Fair Value of Financial Instruments			<u>\$ 54,167</u>		<u>\$ 34,395</u>
Financial instruments with off-balance-sheet risk:					
Commitments to extend credit Standby and commercial letters of credit	Level 2	\$ -	\$ 265	\$ -	\$ 254
	Level 2	\$ -	\$ 13	\$ -	\$ 14

The Company is required to disclose the estimated fair value of financial instruments. Fair value estimates are subjective in nature, involving uncertainties and matters of significant judgment, and therefore cannot be determined with precision. Changes in assumptions could significantly affect the estimates.

NOTE 17. Financial Instruments with Off-Balance-Sheet Risk

In the normal course of business, the Company is a party to various financial instruments with off-balance-sheet risk, primarily to meet the needs of our customers as well as to manage our interest rate risk. These instruments, which are issued by the Company for purposes other than trading, carry varying degrees of credit, interest rate or liquidity risk in excess of the amounts reflected in the consolidated balance sheets.

Commitments to Extend Credit

Commitments to extend credit are agreements to lend to a customer, which are binding, provided there is no violation of any condition in the contract, and generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses. The contractual amount represents the Bank's exposure to credit loss in the event of default by the borrower. At December 31, 2014, based on current information, no losses were anticipated as a result of these commitments. The Bank manages this credit risk by using the same credit policies it applies to loans. Collateral is obtained to secure commitments based on management's credit assessment of the borrower. The collateral may include marketable securities, receivables, inventory, equipment or real estate. Since the Bank expects many of the commitments to expire without being drawn, total commitment amounts do not necessarily represent the Bank's future liquidity requirements related to such commitments.

In our mortgage banking operations, we commit to extend credit for purposes of originating residential loans. We underwrite these commitments to determine whether each loan meets criteria established by the secondary market for residential loans. See Note 1 and 15 to these consolidated financial statements for more information on financial instruments and derivatives related to our mortgage banking operations.

Standby and Commercial Letters of Credit

Standby letters of credit are conditional commitments issued by the Bank to guarantee the performance of a customer to a third party. Commercial letters of credit are issued on behalf of customers to ensure payment or collection in connection with trade transactions. In the event of a customer's nonperformance, the Bank's credit loss exposure is up to the letter's contractual amount. At December 31, 2014, based on current information, no losses were anticipated as a result of these commitments. Management assesses the borrower's credit to determine the necessary collateral, which may include marketable securities, real estate, accounts receivable and inventory. Since the conditions requiring the Bank to fund letters of credit may not occur, the Bank expects our liquidity requirements related to such letters of credit to be less than the total outstanding commitments.

The contractual amounts of these financial instruments were as follows as of December 31 (in thousands):

	2014		2013	
	Fixed Rate	Variable Rate	Fixed Rate	Variable Rate
Commitments to extend credit	\$ 19,515	\$ 62,728	\$ 18,723	\$ 57,815
Standby and commercial letters of credit	604	731	597	841

In addition to the amounts in the table above, our mortgage banking commitments to fund loans totaled \$91.1 million at December 31, 2014 and \$57.8 million at December 31, 2013. Also, our mortgage banking commitments to sell loans totaled \$136.8 million at December 31, 2014 and \$90.0 million at December 31, 2013.

Mortgage Banking Obligations

Through its mortgage banking operations, the Company originates and sells residential mortgage loans servicing released to third parties. These loans are sold without recourse to the Company. However, standard industry practices require representations and warranties which generally require sellers to reimburse a portion of the sales proceeds if a sold loan defaults or pays off shortly after the sale of the loan (i.e. generally within four months of the sale). The following is a summary of activity related to mortgage banking reimbursement obligations at December 31 (in thousands):

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 1,679	\$ 1,500
Provision	552	745
Write offs	(352)	(566)
Balance, end of period	<u>\$ 1,879</u>	<u>\$ 1,679</u>

NOTE 18. Guarantees and Contingent Consideration

Guaranteed Preferred Beneficial Interests in Company's Subordinated Debentures

BNCCORP fully and unconditionally guarantees the Company's subordinated debentures.

Performance and Financial Standby Letters of Credit

As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Bank had outstanding \$190 thousand and \$789 thousand, respectively, of performance standby letters of credit and \$5.9 million and \$4.9 million, respectively, of financial standby letters of credit. Performance standby letters of credit are irrevocable obligations to the beneficiary on the part of the Bank to make payment on account in an event of default by the account party in the performance of a nonfinancial or commercial obligation. Financial standby letters of credit are irrevocable obligations to the beneficiary on the part of the Bank to repay money for the account of the account party or to make payment on account of any indebtedness undertaken by the account party, in the event that the account party fails to fulfill its obligation to the beneficiary. Under these arrangements, the Bank could, in the event of the account party's nonperformance, be required to pay a maximum of the amount of issued letters of credit. The Bank has recourse against the account party up to and including the amount of the performance standby letter of credit. The Bank evaluates each account party's creditworthiness on a case-by-case basis and the amount of collateral obtained varies and is based on management's credit evaluation of the account party.

NOTE 19. Related-Party/Affiliate Transactions

The Bank has entered into transactions with related parties, such as opening deposit accounts for and extending credit to employees of the Company. The related party transactions have been made under terms substantially the same as those offered by the Bank to unrelated parties.

In the normal course of business, loans are granted to, and deposits are received from, executive officers, directors, principal stockholders and associates of such persons. The aggregate dollar amount of these loans was \$3.2 million and \$3.1 million at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Advances of loans to related parties in 2014 and 2013 totaled \$503,000 and \$1.0 million, respectively. Loan pay downs by related parties in 2014 and 2013 were \$353,000 and \$570,000, respectively. Commitments to extend credit to related parties increased to \$605,000 at December 31, 2014 from \$229,000 at December 31, 2013. The total amount of deposits received from these parties was \$2.6 million and \$2.2 million at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Loans to, and deposits received from, these parties were made on substantially the same terms, including interest rates and collateral, as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with unrelated persons and do not involve more than the normal risk of collection.

The Federal Reserve Act limits amounts of, and requires collateral on, extensions of credit by the Bank to BNCCORP, and with certain exceptions, its non-bank affiliates. There are also restrictions on the amounts of investment by the Bank in stocks and other subsidiaries of BNCCORP and such affiliates and restrictions on the acceptance of their securities as collateral for loans by the Bank. As of December 31, 2014, BNCCORP and its affiliates were in compliance with these requirements.

NOTE 20. Income Taxes

The expense for income taxes on operations consists of the following for the years ended December 31 (in thousands):

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Current:		
Federal	\$ 2,113	\$ 1,719
State	353	166
	<u>2,466</u>	<u>1,885</u>
Deferred:		
Federal	1,174	1,356
State	431	574
Valuation allowance	-	7
	<u>1,605</u>	<u>1,937</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,071</u>	<u>\$ 3,822</u>

The expense for federal income taxes on operations expected at the statutory rate differs from the actual expense for the years ended December 31 (in thousands):

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Tax expense at 34% statutory rate	\$ 4,259	\$ 4,233
State taxes (net of Federal benefit)	517	610
Tax-exempt interest	(727)	(470)
Life insurance proceeds	-	(359)
Cash surrender values of bank-owned life insurance	(149)	(170)
Other, net	171	(29)
	<u>4,071</u>	<u>3,815</u>
Deferred tax valuation allowance	-	7
	<u>\$ 4,071</u>	<u>\$ 3,822</u>

Temporary differences between the financial statement carrying amounts and tax bases of assets and liabilities that result in significant portions of the Company's deferred tax assets and liabilities are as follows as of December 31 (in thousands):

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Deferred tax asset:		
Loans, primarily due to credit losses	\$ 3,968	\$ 4,451
Unrealized loss on securities available for sale	-	1,374
Acquired intangibles	204	211
Net operating loss carryforwards	111	414
Alternative minimum tax credits	179	959
Other real estate owned	95	665
Other	454	376
Deferred tax asset	<u>5,011</u>	<u>8,450</u>
Deferred tax liability:		
Unrealized gain on securities available for sale	2,691	-
Discount accretion on securities	221	656
Premises and equipment	816	732
Other	232	340
Deferred tax liability	<u>3,960</u>	<u>1,728</u>
	1,051	6,722
Valuation allowance	<u>(14)</u>	<u>(14)</u>
Net deferred tax asset	<u>\$ 1,037</u>	<u>\$ 6,708</u>

The Company is able to carry forward state tax net operating losses aggregating \$1.9 million as of December 31, 2014. The state net operating losses expire between 2015 and 2032.

The Company files consolidated federal and unitary state income tax returns where allowed. Tax years ended December 31, 2011 through 2014 remain open to federal examination. Tax years ended December 31, 2010 through 2014 remain open to state examinations.

NOTE 21. Earnings Per Share

The following table shows the amounts used in computing per share results (in thousands, except share and per share data):

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Net income per share was calculated as follows:		
Denominator for basic earnings per share:		
Average common shares outstanding	3,369,021	3,297,235
Dilutive common stock options	122,233	171,155
Denominator for diluted earnings per share	<u>3,491,254</u>	<u>3,468,390</u>
Numerator (in thousands):		
Net income	\$ 8,456	\$ 8,627
Preferred stock costs	(1,796)	(1,320)
Net income available to common shareholders	<u>\$ 6,660</u>	<u>\$ 7,307</u>
Basic earnings per common share	<u>\$ 1.98</u>	<u>\$ 2.22</u>
Diluted earnings per common share	<u>\$ 1.91</u>	<u>\$ 2.11</u>

NOTE 22. Benefit Plans

BNCCORP has a qualified 401(k) savings plan covering all employees of BNCCORP and its subsidiaries who meet specified age and service requirements. Under the plan, eligible employees may elect to defer up to 75% of compensation each year not to exceed the dollar limits set by law. At their discretion, BNCCORP and its subsidiaries may provide matching contributions to the plan. In 2014 and 2013, BNCCORP and its subsidiaries made matching contributions of up to 50% of eligible employee deferrals up to a maximum employer contribution of 5% of employee compensation. Generally, all participant contributions and earnings are fully and immediately vested. The Company makes its matching contribution during the first calendar quarter following the last day of each calendar year and an employee must be employed by the Company on the last day of the calendar year in order to receive the current year's employer match. The anticipated matching contribution is expensed monthly over the course of the calendar year based on employee contributions made throughout the year. The Company made matching contributions of \$466,000 and \$476,000 for 2014 and 2013, respectively. Under the investment options available under the 401(k) savings plan, prior to January 28, 2008, employees could elect to invest their salary deferrals in BNCCORP common stock. At December 31, 2014, the assets in the plan totaled \$18.3 million and included \$602,000 (35,000 shares) invested in BNCCORP common stock. At December 31, 2013, the assets in the plan totaled \$17.4 million and included \$503,000 (41,000 shares) invested in BNCCORP common stock. On January 28, 2008, the Company voluntarily delisted from the NASDAQ Global Market and deregistered its common stock under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (as amended). As a result, the participants are prohibited from making new investments of the Company's common stock in the plan.

NOTE 23. Commitments and Contingencies

Leases

The Bank has entered into operating lease agreements for certain facilities and equipment used in its operations. Rent expense for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 was \$1.1 million and \$1.2 million, respectively, for facilities, and \$26,000 and \$21,000, respectively, for equipment and other items. At December 31, 2014, the total minimum annual base lease payments for operating leases were as follows (in thousands):

2015	\$	885
2016		621
2017		448
2018		174
2019		177
Thereafter		1,297

NOTE 24. Share-Based Compensation

The Company has four share-based plans for certain key employees and directors whereby shares of common stock have been reserved for awards in the form of stock options or restricted stock awards. Pursuant to each plan, the compensation committee may grant options at prices equal to the fair value of the stock at the grant date.

Total shares in plan and total shares available as of December 31, 2014 are as follows:

	1995 Stock Incentive Plan	2002 Stock Incentive Plan	2006 Stock Incentive Plan	2010 Stock Incentive Plan	Total
Total Shares in Plan	250,000	125,000	200,000	250,000	825,000
Total Shares Available	48,751	-	9,850	250,000	308,601

The Company recognized share-based compensation expense of \$119,000 and \$46,000 for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, related to restricted stock.

The tax benefits associated with share-based compensation was approximately \$17,000 for the year ended December 31, 2014 and was approximately \$17,000 for the year ended December 31, 2013.

At December 31, 2014, the Company had \$215,000 of unamortized restricted stock compensation. At December 31, 2013, the Company had \$254,000 of unamortized restricted stock compensation. Restricted shares of stock granted generally have vesting and amortization periods of at least three years.

Following is a summary of restricted stock activities for the years ended December 31:

	2014		2013	
	Number Restricted Stock Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value	Number Restricted Stock Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Nonvested, beginning of year	25,000	\$ 11.88	3,300	\$ 1.50
Granted	6,000	13.19	25,000	11.88
Vested	(3,333)	10.83	(3,300)	1.50
Forfeited	-	-	-	-
Nonvested, end of year	<u>27,667</u>	12.29	<u>25,000</u>	11.88

The Company granted 240,000 stock options on March 17, 2010. The stock options had a two year vesting period and a ten year contractual term. The exercise price is equal to the market price on grant date, which was \$3.00. The fair value of each stock option is estimated on the date of grant using a Black-Scholes methodology with the assumptions noted below:

Expected volatility	32.56%
Dividend yield	0.00%
Risk-free interest rate – seven year treasury yield	3.201%
Expected life of stock option	7 years

The Company did not recognize share-based compensation expense for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, related to stock options. At December 31, 2014, the Company had no unamortized compensation cost related to non-vested stock options.

The Company is permitted to issue shares from treasury shares already held when options are exercised.

Following is a summary of vested stock options and options expected to vest as of December 31, 2014:

	Stock Options Outstanding	Stock Options Currently Exercisable	Stock Options Vested and Expected to Vest
Number	125,800	125,800	125,800
Weighted-average exercise price	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00
Weighted-average remaining contractual term	5.21 years	5.21 years	5.21 years

Following is a summary of stock option transactions for the years ended December 31:

	2014		2013	
	Options to Purchase Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Options to Purchase Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Outstanding, beginning of year	163,200	\$ 3.00	228,000	\$ 3.00
Granted	-	\$ -	-	\$ -
Exercised	(37,400)	\$ 3.00	(64,800)	\$ 3.00
Forfeited	-	\$ -	-	\$ -
Outstanding, end of year	<u>125,800</u>	\$ 3.00	<u>163,200</u>	\$ 3.00
Exercisable, end of year	<u>125,800</u>	\$ 3.00	<u>163,200</u>	\$ 3.00
Weighted average fair value of				
Granted	\$ -		\$ -	
Exercised	\$ 1.47		\$ 1.47	
Forfeited	\$ -		\$ -	

Following is a summary of the status of options outstanding at December 31, 2014:

	Outstanding Options			Exercisable Options	
	Number	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Options with exercise prices of:					
\$3.00	125,800	5.21 years	\$ 3.00	125,800	\$ 3.00

NOTE 25. Condensed Financial Information-Parent Company Only

Condensed financial information of BNCCORP, INC. on a parent company only basis is as follows:

Parent Company Only
Condensed Balance Sheets
As of December 31
(In thousands, except per share data)

	2014	2013
Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,194	\$ 9,068
Investment in subsidiaries	86,109	83,675
Receivable from subsidiaries	454	381
Other	935	1,739
Total assets	\$ 93,692	\$ 94,863
Liabilities and stockholders' equity:		
Subordinated debentures	\$ 15,018	\$ 22,432
Payable to subsidiaries	50	56
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	911	1,493
Total liabilities	15,979	23,981
Preferred stock, \$.01 par value. Authorized 2,000,000 shares:		
Preferred Stock - 9% Series A 20,093 shares issued and outstanding;	20,093	20,093
Preferred Stock - 9% Series B 1,005 shares issued and outstanding;	1,005	1,005
Common stock, \$.01 par value – Authorized 35,000,000 shares 3,413,854 and 3,374,601 shares issued and outstanding	34	34
Capital surplus – common stock	25,831	26,133
Retained earnings	34,622	27,962
Treasury stock (254,799 and 294,052 shares, respectively)	(3,421)	(3,894)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of income taxes	(451)	(451)
Total stockholders' equity	77,713	70,882
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 93,692	\$ 94,863

Parent Company Only
Condensed Statements of Operations
For the Years Ended December 31
(In thousands)

	2014	2013
Income:		
Management fee income	\$ 1,448	\$ 1,835
Interest	8	11
Other	26	38
Total income	1,482	1,884
Expenses:		
Interest	884	1,197
Salaries and benefits	1,197	836
Legal and other professional	490	799
Depreciation and amortization	-	1
Other	1,075	824
Total expenses	3,646	3,657
Loss before income tax benefit and equity in income (loss) of subsidiaries	(2,164)	(1,773)
Income tax benefit	686	684
Income (loss) before equity in income of subsidiaries	(1,478)	(1,089)
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries	9,934	9,716
Net income	\$ 8,456	\$ 8,627

Parent Company Only
Condensed Statements of Cash Flows
For the Years Ended December 31
(In thousands)

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 8,456	\$ 8,627
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities -		
Equity in undistributed income of subsidiaries	(9,934)	(9,716)
Depreciation and amortization	-	1
Share based compensation	(301)	(1,123)
Change in prepaid expenses and other receivables	1,204	2,566
Change in accrued expenses and other liabilities	(601)	(4,238)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(1,176)</u>	<u>(3,881)</u>
Investing activities:		
Dividend paid by subsidiaries	<u>7,500</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>7,500</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Financing activities:		
Dividends paid on preferred stock	(1,698)	(4,681)
Decrease in subordinate debentures	(7,500)	-
Increase in long-term borrowings	2,700	-
Decrease in long-term borrowings	<u>(2,700)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(9,198)</u>	<u>(4,681)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(2,874)	(3,562)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>9,068</u>	<u>12,630</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 6,194</u>	<u>\$ 9,068</u>
Supplemental cash flow information:		
Interest paid	<u>\$ 468</u>	<u>\$ 3,112</u>
Income taxes paid	<u>\$ 2,218</u>	<u>\$ 1,720</u>

NOTE 26. Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated subsequent events from the balance sheet date through March 25, 2015, the date at which the financial statements were available to be issued, and determined there are no other items to disclose.

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Annual Meeting

The 2015 annual meeting of stockholders will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. (Central Daylight Time) at BNC National Bank, Second Floor Conference Room, 322 East Main Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58501.

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Securities Listing

BNCCORP, INC.'s common stock is traded on the OTCQX Markets under the symbol: "BNCC."

COMMON STOCK PRICES

For the Years Ended December 31,

	2014(1)		2013(1)	
	High	Low	High	Low
First Quarter	\$13.79	\$12.03	\$12.89	\$10.05
Second Quarter	\$18.00	\$13.24	\$12.10	\$10.40
Third Quarter	\$18.40	\$17.55	\$14.40	\$11.70
Fourth Quarter	\$18.22	\$16.60	\$14.00	\$12.11

(1) The quotes represent the high and low closing sales prices as reported by OTCQX Markets.

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