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FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

It is a great privilege to share the results of another year with you. In 2015 we once again reached an all-time high level of net income, earning in excess of \$4.7 million. We also achieved total assets of \$540 million. Our strong performance was fueled by continuing robust loan growth, increasingly funded by retail deposit growth. Return on average equity improved to 8.93% and the ratio of net charge-offs to average loans was only .03% for 2015.

The annual report will tell you the financial story and I encourage you to take a few minutes to review not only the numbers but also the sustainability results included in the insert to the report. Perhaps the story behind the numbers is as compelling as the results.

Over the last 12 years we steered the evolution of the bank from a \$122 million credit union through a mutual conversion, a minority offering, a second step full public offering with shares now traded on the NASDAQ and a conversion to a state commercial bank. During this metamorphosis, our balance sheet diversified, our earnings and capital grew, we expanded our footprint and we delivered well-priced, competitive products and services to clients and businesses. We are proud of our commitment to the communities where we do business. Much like the small businesses we serve, our role is that of employer, community supporter and advocate for economic development and sustainability.

On behalf of the employees and the Board Members of Sound Financial Bancorp and Sound Community Bank, thank you for the opportunity to continue to steward your investment in our company.

Most sincerely,



Laura Lee (Laurie) Stewart  
President & CEO



**Laura Lee Stewart**  
President & Chief Executive Officer



Senior Management Team:  
(left to right, standing) Elliott Pierce, Christina Gehrke, Laura Lee Stewart  
(left to right, sitting) Kelli Nielsen, Matt Deines



Board of Directors:  
(left to right, standing) Robert F. Carney, David Haddad, Rogelio Riojas, James E. Sweeny, Debra L. Jones  
(left to right, sitting) Kathleen Cook, Laura Lee Stewart, Tyler K. Myers

## Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. Corporate Information

### Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc.

is a bank holding company, regulated by the Federal Reserve. Our principal business is operating our wholly-owned subsidiary, Sound Community Bank. Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc.'s executive offices are located at 2005 5th Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98121, and the telephone number is (206) 448-0884.

### Sound Community Bank

is a state chartered commercial bank with six full-service banking offices and one loan production office in the greater Puget Sound area of Washington State. It is a community focused institution, primarily engaging in attracting deposits from the general public and originating loans to individuals and businesses.

### Board of Directors of Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. and Sound Community Bank

**Tyler K. Myers, Chairman**  
President, General Partner,  
The Myers Group

**David S. Haddad, Jr.**  
Vice Chairman, Retired

**Laura Lee Stewart**  
President/Chief Executive Officer,  
Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. &  
Sound Community Bank

**Robert F. Carney**  
Director of Meat and Seafood  
Merchandising, Sclaris Food  
& Drug Company

**Debra Jones**  
Retired Chief Financial Officer

**Rogelio Riojas**  
Chief Executive Officer,  
Sea Mar Community Health Centers

**James E. Sweeney**  
Retired Chief Executive Officer

**Kathleen B. Cook**  
Retired Bank Regulator

### Executive Officers of Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. and Sound Community Bank

**Laura Lee Stewart**  
President/Chief Executive Officer  
Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. &  
Sound Community Bank

**Matthew P. Deines**  
Executive Vice President/Chief  
Financial Officer  
Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. &  
Sound Community Bank

**Elliott Pierce**  
Senior Vice President/Chief Credit  
Officer  
Sound Community Bank

**Kelli Nielsen**  
Senior Vice President/Retail  
Banking  
Sound Community Bank

**Christina Gehrke**  
Senior Vice President,  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Sound Community Bank

## Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. Shareholder Information

### Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. will be held at 2005 5th Avenue, Suite 200, Seattle Washington 98121, on May 31, 2016 at 10 AM local time.

### Stock Listing; Price Range of Common Stock and Dividends

Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "SFBC".

The stock price information set forth in the table was provided by the Yahoo Finance System and is based on NASDAQ quotations. The closing price of our common stock on March 31, 2016 was \$22.90

The Board of Directors and management of Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. continually review our ability to pay cash dividends on common stock. Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. paid dividends totaling 23 cents a share during 2015.

QUARTER	LOW	HIGH
1ST QTR 2015	\$18.00	\$19.80
2ND QTR 2015	\$18.82	\$22.40
3RD QTR 2015	\$18.50	\$21.00
4TH QTR 2015	\$20.05	\$22.65

### Shares Outstanding

As of April 1, 2016, there were 2,481,389 shares outstanding and there were 473 holders of record.

### Annual Report on Form 10-K

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 is included in this Annual Report of Shareholders. Additional copies of the Company's Form 10-K, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, may be obtained without charge by contacting Matthew P. Deines, EVP/CFO at Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc., 2005 5th Avenue, Seattle Washington 98121. This information is also available at [soundcb.com](http://soundcb.com) under Investor Relations.

### Stockholder and General Inquiries

Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. files an annual report on Form 10-K and three quarterly reports on Form 10-Q with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Copies of these forms are available by request at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) in EDGAR filings. Requests for these reports, as well as inquiries from shareholders, analysts and others seeking information about Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. should be directed to Matthew P. Deines, EVP/CEO, 2005 5th Avenue, Seattle Washington 98121, telephone (206) 448-0884, extension 305.



### **Client Spotlight: Seattle**

As the owner of Assaggio Restaurant for more than 23 years, it has been an absolute pleasure to work with Sound Community Bank. In the past seven years, they've provided nothing but exceptional customer service and are extremely attentive. In particular, the employees have been a great asset to Assaggio and I look forward to continuing our partnership for many years to come.

-Mauro Golmarvi, Proprietor, Assaggio Restaurant, Seattle, WA

### **Client Spotlight: Mountlake Terrace**

Our family has banked with Sound Community Bank ever since the first day the branch opened in Mountlake Terrace. I've never enjoyed a better partnership with a financial institution in all my years of banking. It's truly like having trusted friends watching over your bank accounts! Even if we moved, I would go out of my way to continue a relationship with this bank!

-David & Nicole Clemmer, Father & Daughter, Mountlake Terrace, WA



### **Client Spotlight: Port Angeles**

Sound Community Bank made it possible for us to begin our new dream and business adventure – the Elwha Dam RV Park. It not only provides a future for our family, but we contribute to our local community. Our experience with the Bank has been nothing but excellent. Each and every person we've worked with, from the managers to the tellers, has been helpful, kind and professional. They go the extra mile in their service, and more, make us feel at home as we walk through the doors.

-Chris & David Delano, with kids Marcus, Marisa, Mya, Malachi & Maximus, Proprietors, Elwha Dam RV Park, Port Angeles, WA



### **Client Spotlight: Sequim**

Sound Community Bank is the only bank we consider community focused. I've been doing business with Sound Community Bank for the past 18 years – first my personal banking needs, and then later, our business banking needs. Our visits are positive and it's always their priority to ensure our needs are met promptly and to our complete satisfaction. We will be clients for many years to come. Thank you for making us feel at home when we walk through your doors!



-Gary & Ekaterina Parrish, with kids Dimitry, Nickolas & Landen, Proprietors at Parrish Trucking, Inc., Sequim, WA



### **Client Spotlight: Port Ludlow**

I enjoy my banking relationship with Sound Community Bank. The staff always makes me feel welcome and they go out of their way to offer truly personalized service. I think of Sound Community Bank as a one-stop-shop for all things financial – competitive, reliable, and tailored to meet my needs. I would and do recommend Sound Community Bank to my friends, family and clients.

-Karen Best, Managing Broker/Owner, Coldwell Banker Best Homes, Port Ludlow, WA

### **Client Spotlight: Tacoma**

The folks at Sound Community Bank were the first friends we made when we moved to Tacoma! I make it a point to go to the branch for my banking needs so I can visit and catch up. It's truly wonderful that they know my whole family by name – not to mention handle all my banking needs with such professionalism. Thank you for your friendship and partnership!

-Trudy Cane with her husband Thomas & son Oliver, Tacoma, WA





### Left Hand Pictures

(top to bottom)

Our Mountlake Terrace team proudly march in the Brier SeaScore parade.

Members of our Executive Team participate in a goofy relay game at our annual summertime family picnic.

Downtown Seattle and Administrative employees pose for one of many "Blue Fridays" showing support for the Seattle Seahawks football team.

Tacoma employees present the overwhelming amount of supplies gathered to aid firefighters in Eastern Washington, during the largest wildfire in the history of Washington State.



### Right Hand Pictures

(top to bottom)

Washington Bankers Association staff and President & CEO Laura Lee Stewart congratulate Branch Manager Maria Carbullido as she graduates from the Executive Development Program.

Our orca whale mascot, Sounder, at the Jingle Bell Run supporting the Arthritis Foundation before we took first place as the top financial services fundraising team.



Congressman Jim McDermott discusses the current banking environment with President & CEO Laura Lee Stewart at our Seattle office.

Volunteers from the President's Club help prepare for Woodland Park Zoo's largest annual fundraiser – the Jungle Party.



### Below

The Port Angeles branch staff show their spirit rooting for the Seattle Seahawks.



**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 10-K**

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
For the fiscal year ended **December 31, 2015**

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 001-35633

**Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Maryland**

**45-5188530**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**2005 5th Avenue, Suite 200, Seattle Washington**

**98121**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(206) 448-0884**

Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

**Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share**

Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

Title of each class

**None**

Indicate by checkmark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

YES  NO

Indicate by checkmark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act.

YES  NO

Indicate by checkmark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES  NO

Indicate by checkmark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

YES  NO

Indicate by checkmark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§ 229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by checkmark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting Company. See definition of "large accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting Company

(Do not check if smaller reporting Company)

Indicate by checkmark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). YES  NO

The aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates as of June 30, 2015, the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, was approximately \$45.4 million. (The exclusion from such amount of the market value of the shares owned by any person shall not be deemed an admission by the registrant that such person is an affiliate of the registrant.)

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant's classes of common stock as of the latest practicable date: As of March 25, 2016, there were 2,481,389 shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding.

**DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

PART III of Form 10-K – Portions of the Registrant's Proxy Statement for its 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

## PART I

### Item 1. Business

#### Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Certain matters discussed in this Form 10-K constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements relate to our financial condition, results of operations, plans, objectives, future performance or business. Forward-looking statements are not statements of historical fact, are based on certain assumptions and are generally identified by use of the words “believes,” “expects,” “anticipates,” “estimates,” “forecasts,” “intends,” “plans,” “targets,” “potentially,” “probably,” “projects,” “outlook” or similar expressions or future or conditional verbs such as “may,” “will,” “should,” “would” and “could.” Forward-looking statements include statements with respect to our beliefs, plans, objectives, goals, expectations, assumptions and statements about, among other things, expectations of the business environment in which we operate, projections of future performance or financial items, perceived opportunities in the market, potential future credit experience, and statements regarding our mission and vision. These forward-looking statements are based upon current management expectations and may, therefore, involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results, performance, or achievements may differ materially from those suggested, expressed, or implied by forward-looking statements as a result of a wide variety or range of factors including, but not limited to:

- changes in economic conditions, either nationally or in our market area;
- fluctuations in interest rates;
- the risks of lending and investing activities, including changes in the level and direction of loan delinquencies and write-offs and changes in estimates of the adequacy of our allowance for loan losses;
- the possibility of other-than-temporary impairments of securities held in our securities portfolio;
- our ability to access cost-effective funding;
- fluctuations in the demand for loans, the number of unsold homes, land and other properties, and fluctuations in real estate values and both residential and commercial and multifamily real estate market conditions in our market area;
- secondary market conditions for loans and our ability to sell loans in the secondary market;
- our ability to attract and retain deposits;
- our ability to successfully integrate any assets, liabilities, customers, systems, and management personnel we may acquire into our operations and our ability to realize related revenue synergies and expected cost savings and other benefits within the anticipated time frames or at all;
- legislative or regulatory changes such as the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and its implementing regulations that adversely affect our business, as well as changes in regulatory policies and principles, or the interpretation of regulatory capital or other rules including changes related to Basel III;
- monetary and fiscal policies of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (“Federal Reserve”) and the U.S. Government and other governmental initiatives affecting the financial services industry;
- results of examinations of Sound Financial Bancorp and Sound Community Bank by their regulators, including the possibility that the regulators may, among other things, require us to increase our allowance for loan losses or to write-down assets, change Sound Community Bank’s regulatory capital position or affect our ability to borrow funds or maintain or increase deposits, which could adversely affect our liquidity and earnings;
- increases in premiums for deposit insurance;
- our ability to control operating costs and expenses;
- the use of estimates in determining fair value of certain of our assets, which estimates may prove to be incorrect and result in significant declines in valuation;



- difficulties in reducing risks associated with the loans on our balance sheet;
- staffing fluctuations in response to product demand or the implementation of corporate strategies that affect our workforce and potential associated charges;
- our ability to keep pace with technological changes, including our ability to identify and address cyber-security risks such as data security breaches, “denial of service” attacks, “hacking” and identity theft;
- our ability to retain key members of our senior management team;
- costs and effects of litigation, including settlements and judgments;
- our ability to implement our business strategies;
- increased competitive pressures among financial services companies;
- changes in consumer spending, borrowing and savings habits;
- the availability of resources to address changes in laws, rules, or regulations or to respond to regulatory actions;
- our ability to pay dividends on our common stock;
- adverse changes in the securities markets;
- the inability of key third-party providers to perform their obligations to us;
- changes in accounting policies and practices, as may be adopted by the financial institution regulatory agencies or the Financial Accounting Standards Board, including additional guidance and interpretation on accounting issues and details of the implementation of new accounting methods; and
- other economic, competitive, governmental, regulatory, and technological factors affecting our operations, pricing, products and services and the other risks described from time to time in this Form 10-K and our other filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) .

We wish to advise readers not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements and that the factors listed above could materially affect our financial performance and could cause our actual results for future periods to differ materially from any such forward-looking statements expressed with respect to future periods and could negatively affect our stock price performance.

We do not undertake and specifically decline any obligation to publicly release the result of any revisions which may be made to any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of such statements or to reflect the occurrence of anticipated or unanticipated events.

## **General**

References in this document to Sound Financial Bancorp or the Company refer to Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. and its predecessor, Sound Financial, Inc., a federal corporation, and references to the “Bank” refer to Sound Community Bank. References to “we,” “us,” and “our” means Sound Financial Bancorp and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Sound Community Bank, unless the context otherwise requires.

Sound Financial Bancorp, a Maryland corporation, is a bank holding company for its wholly owned subsidiary, Sound Community Bank. Substantially all of Sound Financial Bancorp’s business is conducted through Sound Community Bank, a Washington state-chartered commercial bank. As a Washington commercial bank, the Bank’s regulators are the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions (“WDFI”) and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”). The Federal Reserve is the primary federal regulator for Sound Financial Bancorp.

Sound Community Bank’s deposits are insured up to applicable limits by the FDIC. At December 31, 2015, Sound Financial Bancorp had total consolidated assets of \$540.8 million, net loans of \$454.8 million, deposits of \$440.0 million and stockholders’ equity of \$54.5 million. The shares of Sound Financial Bancorp are traded on The NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol “SFBC.” Our executive offices are located at 2005 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 200, Seattle, Washington, 98121.

Our principal business consists of attracting retail and commercial deposits from the general public and investing those funds, along with borrowed funds, in loans secured by first and second mortgages on one- to four-family residences (including home equity loans and lines of credit), commercial and multifamily, construction and land, consumer and commercial business loans. We offer a variety of secured and unsecured consumer loan products, including manufactured home loans, floating homes, automobile loans, boat loans and recreational vehicle loans. As part of our business, we focus on residential mortgage loan originations, the majority of which we sell to Fannie Mae. We sell loans which conform to the underwriting standards of Fannie Mae (“conforming”) with servicing retained to maintain the direct customer relationship and to continue providing strong customer service to our borrowers. We also originate loans which do not conform to the underwriting standards of Fannie Mae (“non-conforming”) loans to be held in our loan portfolio and for sale with servicing released. We originate and retain a significant amount of commercial real estate loans, including those secured by owner-occupied and nonowner-occupied commercial real estate, multifamily property, manufactured home parks and construction and land development loans.

### **Market Area**

We serve the Seattle Metropolitan Statistical Area (“MSA”), which includes the city of Seattle, King County, Snohomish County, and Pierce County within the Puget Sound region, and Clallam and Jefferson Counties on the North Olympic Peninsula of Washington. We serve these markets through our main office in Seattle, five branch offices, two of which are located in the Seattle MSA, two that are located in Clallam County and one that is located in Jefferson County, and a loan production office located in the Madison Park neighborhood of Seattle. Based on the most recent branch deposit data provided by the FDIC, our share of deposits in the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue MSA was approximately 0.18%, in King County approximately 0.10%, in Pierce County approximately 0.39% and in Snohomish County approximately 0.37%. In Clallam County and Jefferson County, we have approximately 15.59% and 3.63%, respectively, of the deposits in those markets. See “– Competition.”

Our market area includes a diverse population of management, professional and sales personnel, office employees, manufacturing and transportation workers, service industry workers and government employees, as well as retired and self-employed individuals. The population has a skilled work force with a wide range of education levels and ethnic backgrounds. Major employment sectors include information and communications technology, financial services, manufacturing, maritime, biotechnology, education, health and social services, retail trades, transportation and professional services. The largest employers headquartered in our market area include U.S. Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Navy Region Northwest, Microsoft, University of Washington, and Providence Health. Other significant employers include Costco, Boeing, Nordstrom, Amazon.com, Inc., Starbucks, Alaska Air Group and Weyerhaeuser.

Economic conditions have improved since the end of the economic recession, however, economic growth has been slow and uneven, presenting an unusually challenging environment for banks and their holding companies, including us. Property values, which began improving in 2013, have generally stabilized, although some properties collateralizing our loans are still valued lower than when the related loans were originated. Recent trends in housing prices and unemployment rates in our market areas generally reflect continuing improvement. For the month of December 2015, the Seattle MSA reported an unemployment rate of 5.0%, as compared to the national average of 4.8%, according to the latest available information from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Home prices in our markets also improved over the past year. Based on information from Case-Shiller, the average home price in the Seattle MSA increased 10.0% in 2015 from 2014. This compares favorably to the national average home price index increase in 2015 of 5.4%.

King County has the largest population of any county in the state of Washington, covers approximately 2,100 square miles, and is located on the Puget Sound. It has approximately 2.0 million residents and a median household income of approximately \$89,600. King County has a diversified economic base with many industries including shipping and transportation (Port of Seattle, Paccar, Inc. and Expeditors International of Washington, Inc.), retail (Amazon.com, Inc., Starbucks Corp. and Nordstrom, Inc.) aerospace (the Boeing Company) and computer technology (Microsoft Corp.) and biotech industries. Based on information from the Northwest Multiple Listing Service (“MLS”), the median sales price in King County in December 2015 was \$508,000, a 15.0% increase from December 2014’s median sale price of \$442,000.

Pierce County has the second largest population of any county in the State of Washington, covers approximately 1,700 square miles and is located along the southwestern Puget Sound. It has approximately 831,900 residents

and a median household income of approximately \$59,200. The Pierce County economy is diversified with the presence of military related government employment (Fort Lewis Army Base and McChord Air Force Base), transportation and shipping employment (Port of Tacoma), and aerospace related employment (Boeing). Based on information from the MLS, the median sale price in Pierce County in December 2015 was \$252,500 a 9.8% increase from December 2014's median sales price of \$230,000.

Snohomish County has the third largest population of any county in the state of Washington, covers approximately 2,100 square miles and is located on Puget Sound touching the northern border of King County. It has approximately 757,600 residents and a median household income of approximately \$69,400. The economy of Snohomish County is diversified with the presence of military related government employment (Everett Homeport Naval Base), aerospace related employment (Boeing) and retail trade. Based on information from the MLS, the median sales price in Snohomish County as of December 31, 2015 was \$358,000, a 19.3% increase from December 2014's median sales price of \$300,000.

Clallam County, with a population of approximately 72,700, is ranked 18th among the counties in the state of Washington. It is bordered by the Pacific Ocean and the Strait of Juan de Fuca and covers 1,700 square miles, including the westernmost portion of the continental United States. It has approximately 35,800 households and median household income of approximately \$47,000. The economy of Clallam County is primarily manufacturing and shipping. The Sequim Dungeness Valley continues to be a growing retirement location. Our offices are in Port Angeles and Sequim, the two largest cities in the county. Based on information from the MLS, the median sales price in Clallam County in December 2015 was \$229,000, a 15.1% increase from 2014's median sales price of \$199,000.

Jefferson County, with a population of approximately 30,200, is the 27<sup>th</sup> largest county in the state of Washington. It is bordered by Clallam County and the Strait of Juan de Fuca to the north and the Hood Canal on the west and covers 2,200 square miles. The majority of the population lives in the northwestern portion of the county. Our office is located in Port Ludlow which is the third largest community in the county. Port Ludlow ranks 16<sup>th</sup> of 522 ranked areas in the state of Washington and is the most affluent area of Jefferson County. The economy of Jefferson County is primarily based on tourism, agriculture, lumber, fish processing and ship repair and ship maintenance. Port Ludlow is a popular retirement community and is a well-known port of call for leisure craft sailing between Puget Sound and the San Juan Islands. Based on information from the MLS, the average home price in Jefferson County as of December 2015 was \$150,000, a 2.0% increase from 2014's median price of \$147,000.

According to the latest available information from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, King and Snohomish Counties reported an unemployment rate of 4.5% and 5.0%, respectively, as of December 2015, as compared to the state and national unemployment rates of 5.8% and 4.8%, respectively. The unemployment rates for Clallam and Pierce Counties are above the state and national rates as of December 2015. The unemployment rate in Clallam County decreased from 9.3% as of December 2014 to 9.0% as of December 2015, while the unemployment rate in Pierce County decreased from 7.3% as of December 2014 to 7.2% as of December 2015. The unemployment rate in Jefferson County as of December 2015 of 8.6% remained unchanged from December 2014.

## Lending Activities

The following table presents information concerning the composition of our loan portfolio, excluding loans held-for-sale by the type of loan for the dates indicated (dollars in thousands):

	December 31,									
	2015		2014		2013		2012		2011	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
<b>Real estate loans:</b>										
One- to four-family . . . . .	\$141,125	30.61%	\$133,031	30.80%	\$117,739	30.02%	\$ 94,059	28.71%	\$ 94,498	31.45%
Home equity . . . . .	31,573	6.85	34,675	8.03	35,155	8.96	35,364	10.80	39,656	13.20
Commercial and multifamily . .	175,312	38.01	168,952	39.12	157,516	40.17	133,620	40.79	106,016	35.27
Construction and land. . . . .	<u>57,043</u>	<u>12.37</u>	<u>46,279</u>	<u>10.72</u>	<u>44,300</u>	<u>11.30</u>	<u>25,458</u>	<u>7.77</u>	<u>17,805</u>	<u>5.93</u>
Total real estate loans. . . . .	<u>405,053</u>	<u>87.84</u>	<u>382,937</u>	<u>88.67</u>	<u>354,710</u>	<u>90.45</u>	<u>288,501</u>	<u>88.07</u>	<u>257,975</u>	<u>85.85</u>
<b>Consumer loans:</b>										
Manufactured homes . . . . .	13,798	2.99	12,539	2.90	13,496	3.44	16,232	4.96	18,444	6.14
Floating Homes. . . . .	18,226	3.95	11,680	2.71	5,551	1.42	3,317	1.01	6,430	2.14
Other consumer. . . . .	<u>4,804</u>	<u>1.05</u>	<u>5,195</u>	<u>1.20</u>	<u>4,733</u>	<u>1.20</u>	<u>5,333</u>	<u>1.63</u>	<u>10,920</u>	<u>1.49</u>
Total consumer loans . . . . .	<u>36,828</u>	<u>7.99</u>	<u>29,414</u>	<u>6.81</u>	<u>23,780</u>	<u>6.06</u>	<u>24,882</u>	<u>7.60</u>	<u>29,364</u>	<u>9.77</u>
<b>Commercial business loans</b>	<u>19,295</u>	<u>4.18</u>	<u>19,525</u>	<u>4.52</u>	<u>13,668</u>	<u>3.49</u>	<u>14,193</u>	<u>4.33</u>	<u>13,163</u>	<u>4.38</u>
Total loans. . . . .	<u>461,176</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>431,876</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>392,158</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>327,576</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>300,502</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
<b>Less:</b>										
Deferred fees and discounts. . .	1,707		1,516		1,232		832		406	
Allowance for loan losses . . . .	<u>4,636</u>		<u>4,387</u>		<u>4,177</u>		<u>4,248</u>		<u>4,455</u>	
Total loans, net. . . . .	<u>\$454,833</u>		<u>\$425,973</u>		<u>\$386,749</u>		<u>\$322,496</u>		<u>\$295,641</u>	

The following table shows the composition of our loan portfolio in dollar amounts and in percentages by fixed and adjustable rate loans for the dates indicated (dollars in thousands):

	December 31,									
	2015		2014		2013		2012		2011	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
<b>Fixed-rate loans:</b>										
<b>Real estate loans:</b>										
One- to four-family . . . . .	129,762	28.14%	\$118,083	27.34%	\$103,756	26.46%	\$ 79,020	24.12%	\$ 78,145	26.00%
Home equity . . . . .	11,042	2.39	12,003	2.78	13,530	3.45	9,605	2.93	9,276	3.09
Commercial and multifamily . .	92,205	19.99	103,303	23.92	100,031	25.51	76,957	23.49	45,034	14.99
Construction and land. . . . .	<u>51,572</u>	<u>11.18</u>	<u>39,147</u>	<u>9.07</u>	<u>37,668</u>	<u>9.61</u>	<u>22,346</u>	<u>6.82</u>	<u>17,458</u>	<u>5.81</u>
Total real estate loans. . . . .	<u>284,581</u>	<u>61.71</u>	<u>272,536</u>	<u>63.11</u>	<u>254,985</u>	<u>65.03</u>	<u>187,928</u>	<u>57.36</u>	<u>149,913</u>	<u>49.89</u>
Manufactured homes . . . . .	13,798	2.99	12,539	2.90	13,496	3.44	16,232	4.96	18,444	6.14
Floating Homes. . . . .	18,226	3.94	11,680	2.70	5,551	2.41	3,317	1.01	6,430	2.14
Other consumer. . . . .	4,082	0.89	4,447	1.04	3,944	1.41	4,450	1.36	3,300	1.10
Commercial business . . . . .	<u>9,392</u>	<u>2.04</u>	<u>11,024</u>	<u>2.55</u>	<u>5,603</u>	<u>1.43</u>	<u>9,268</u>	<u>2.83</u>	<u>8,041</u>	<u>2.67</u>
Total fixed-rate loans . . . . .	<u>330,079</u>	<u>71.57</u>	<u>312,226</u>	<u>72.30</u>	<u>283,579</u>	<u>72.32</u>	<u>221,195</u>	<u>67.52</u>	<u>186,128</u>	<u>61.94</u>
<b>Adjustable-rate loans:</b>										
<b>Real estate loans:</b>										
One- to four-family . . . . .	11,363	2.46	14,948	3.46	13,983	3.57	15,039	4.59	16,353	5.44
Home equity . . . . .	20,531	4.45	22,672	5.25	21,625	5.51	25,759	7.86	30,380	10.11
Commercial and multifamily . .	83,107	18.02	65,649	15.20	57,485	14.66	56,663	17.30	60,982	20.29
Construction and land. . . . .	<u>5,471</u>	<u>1.19</u>	<u>7,132</u>	<u>1.65</u>	<u>6,632</u>	<u>1.69</u>	<u>3,112</u>	<u>0.95</u>	<u>347</u>	<u>0.12</u>
Total real estate loans. . . . .	<u>120,472</u>	<u>26.12</u>	<u>110,401</u>	<u>25.56</u>	<u>99,725</u>	<u>25.43</u>	<u>100,573</u>	<u>30.70</u>	<u>108,062</u>	<u>35.96</u>
Other consumer. . . . .	722	0.16	746	0.17	789	0.20	883	0.27	1,190	0.40
Commercial business . . . . .	<u>9,903</u>	<u>2.15</u>	<u>8,501</u>	<u>1.97</u>	<u>8,065</u>	<u>2.05</u>	<u>4,925</u>	<u>1.50</u>	<u>5,122</u>	<u>1.70</u>
Total adjustable-rate loans. . .	<u>131,097</u>	<u>28.43</u>	<u>119,648</u>	<u>27.70</u>	<u>108,579</u>	<u>27.68</u>	<u>106,381</u>	<u>32.48</u>	<u>114,374</u>	<u>38.06</u>
Total loans. . . . .	<u>461,176</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>431,876</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>392,158</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>327,576</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>300,502</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
<b>Less:</b>										
Deferred fees and discounts. . .	1,707		1,516		1,232		832		406	
Allowance for loan losses . . . .	<u>4,636</u>		<u>4,387</u>		<u>4,177</u>		<u>4,248</u>		<u>4,455</u>	
Total loans, net. . . . .	<u>\$454,833</u>		<u>\$425,973</u>		<u>\$386,749</u>		<u>\$322,496</u>		<u>\$295,641</u>	

The following table illustrates the contractual maturity of our construction, land and commercial business loans at December 31, 2015 (dollars in thousands). Loans that have adjustable or renegotiable interest rates are shown as maturing in the period during which the contract is due. The total amount of loans due after December 31, 2016, which have predetermined interest rates, is \$21.2 million, while the total amount of loans due after such date, which have floating or adjustable interest rates, is \$4.9 million. The table does not reflect the effects of possible prepayments or enforcement of due-on-sale clauses.

	Construction and Land		Commercial Business		Total <sup>(1)</sup>	
	Amount	Weighted Average Rate	Amount	Weighted Average Rate	Amount	Weighted Average Rate
2016 <sup>(2)</sup> .....	\$42,978	5.57%	\$ 7,259	5.05%	\$50,237	5.49%
2017 to 2020. ....	10,088	6.31	6,331	4.93	16,419	5.78%
2021 and following .....	3,977	6.85	5,705	5.37	9,682	5.98%
Total <sup>(1)</sup> .....	<u>\$57,043</u>	5.79%	<u>\$19,295</u>	5.10%	<u>\$76,338</u>	5.62%

(1) Excludes deferred fees and discounts of \$383,000.

(2) Includes demand loans, loans having no stated maturity and overdraft loans.

**Lending Authority.** Our President and Chief Executive Officer(CEO) may approve unsecured loans up to \$1,000,000 and all types of secured loans up to 30% of our legal lending limit, or approximately \$3.5 million as of December 31, 2015. Our Executive Vice President and Chief Credit Officer (CCO) may approve unsecured loans up to \$400,000 and secured loans up to 15% of our legal lending limit, or approximately \$1.7 million as of December 31, 2015. Any loans over the President and Chief Executive Officer’s lending authority or loans otherwise outside our general underwriting guidelines must be approved by the Loan Committee. The Loan Committee consists of three independent directors, the CEO and the CCO. Lending authority is also granted to certain other lending staff at lower amounts, generally up to 7.5% of our legal lending limit for real estate secured loans and \$50,000 for unsecured loans provided the loan has no policy exceptions.

**Largest Borrowing Relationships.** At December 31, 2015, the maximum amount under federal law that we could lend to any one borrower and the borrower’s related entities was approximately \$11.5 million. Our five largest relationships totaled \$35.3 million in the aggregate, or 7.7% of our \$461.2 million gross loan portfolio, at December 31, 2015. The largest relationship was for \$9.6 million in loans to businesses with common ownership collateralized by residential construction properties. The second largest relationship consists of \$6.8 million in loans collateralized by multifamily construction properties. The next three largest lending relationships at December 31, 2015, were: \$6.7 million in loans to businesses with common ownership collateralized by multifamily real estate; a \$6.2 million loan collateralized by one-to-four family real estate; and \$6.1 million in loans to businesses with common ownership collateralized by multifamily construction properties. At December 31, 2015, we had five other lending relationships that exceeded \$4.5 million. All of the loans in these relationships were performing in accordance with their repayment terms as of December 31, 2015.

**One- to Four-Family Real Estate Lending.** One of our primary lending activities is the origination of loans secured by first mortgages on one- to four-family residences, substantially all of which are secured by property located in our geographic lending area. We originate both fixed-rate and adjustable-rate loans. Over the past two years, the majority of our one- to four-family loan originations were fixed rate.

Most of our loans are underwritten using secondary market generally-accepted underwriting guidelines, and are readily saleable to Fannie Mae or other private investors. A portion of the one- to four-family loans we originate are retained in our portfolio while the majority are sold into the secondary market to Fannie Mae, with servicing retained for continued customer contact, relationship building and to increase noninterest income. We also originate a small portion of non-conforming loans for sale servicing released to certain correspondent purchasers. The sale of mortgage loans provides a source of non-interest income through the gain on sale, reduces our interest rate risk, provides a stream of servicing income, enhances liquidity and enables us to originate more loans at our current capital level than if we held them in portfolio. Our pricing strategy for mortgage loans includes establishing interest rates that are competitive with other local financial institutions and consistent with

our internal asset and liability management objectives. During the year ended December 31, 2015, we originated \$107.4 million of one- to four-family fixed-rate mortgage loans and \$4.8 million one- to four-family adjustable rate mortgage (“ARM”) loans. See “- Loan Originations, Purchases, Sales, Repayments and Servicing.” At December 31, 2015, one- to four-family residential mortgage loans (excluding loans held-for-sale) totaled \$141.1 million, or 30.6%, of our gross loan portfolio, of which \$129.8 million were fixed-rate loans and \$11.4 million were ARM loans, compared to \$133.0 million (excluding loans held-for-sale), or 30.8% of our gross loan portfolio as of December 31, 2014, of which \$118.1 million were fixed-rate loans and \$14.9 million were ARM loans.

Substantially all of the one- to four-family residential mortgage loans we retain in our portfolio consist of loans that are “non-conforming” because they do not satisfy acreage limits, income, credit, conforming loan limits (i.e., jumbo mortgages) or various other requirements imposed by Fannie Mae. Some of these loans are also originated to meet the needs of borrowers who cannot otherwise satisfy Fannie Mae credit requirements because of personal and financial reasons (i.e., divorce, bankruptcy, length of time employed, etc.), and other aspects, which do not conform to Fannie Mae’s guidelines. Such borrowers may have higher debt-to-income ratios, or the loans are secured by unique properties in rural markets for which there are no sales of comparable properties to support the value according to secondary market requirements. We may require additional collateral or lower loan-to-value ratios to reduce the risk of these loans. We believe that these loans satisfy the needs of borrowers in our market area. As a result, subject to market conditions, we intend to continue to originate these types of loans. We also retain “jumbo”, loans which exceed the conforming loan limits and therefore, not eligible to be purchased by Fannie Mae. At December 31, 2015, \$72.8 million or 51.6% of our one- to four-family loan portfolio consisted of jumbo loans.

We generally underwrite our one- to four-family loans based on the applicant’s employment and credit history and the appraised value of the subject property. We generally lend up to 80% of the lesser of the appraised value or purchase price for one- to four-family first mortgage loans and non-owner occupied first mortgage loans. For first mortgage loans with a loan-to-value ratio in excess of 80%, we generally require private mortgage insurance or other credit enhancement in order to reduce our exposure to 80% or we charge a higher interest rate. Properties securing our one- to four-family loans are generally appraised by independent fee appraisers who are selected in accordance with criteria approved by the Board of Directors. For loans that are less than \$250,000, we may use the Home Value Estimator, an automated valuation model developed by Freddie Mac, in lieu of an appraisal. We typically require title insurance policies on all first mortgage real estate loans originated. Homeowners, liability, fire and, if required, flood insurance policies are also required for one-to four-family loans. Our real estate loans generally contain a “due on sale” clause allowing us to declare the unpaid principal balance due and payable upon the sale of the security property. The average balance of our one- to four-family residential loans was approximately \$258,000 at December 31, 2015.

Fixed-rate loans secured by one- to four-family residences have contractual maturities of up to 30 years; however, at December 31, 2015 we had \$1.5 million of one- to four-family loans with an original contractual maturity of 40 years which were originated prior to 2009. All of these loans are fully amortizing, with payments due monthly. Our portfolio of fixed-rate loans also includes \$13.4 million of loans with an initial seven year term and a 30-year amortization period with a borrower refinancing option at a fixed rate at the end of the initial term as long as the loan has met certain performance criterion. In addition, we had \$33.9 million of one- to four-family loans with a five-year call option at December 31, 2015. Prior to 2012, we originated for portfolio five and seven year balloon reset loans (which are loans that are originated with a fixed interest rate for the initial five or seven years, and thereafter incur one interest rate change based on current market interest rates in which the new rate remains in effect for the remainder of the loan term) based on a 30-year amortization period.

ARM loans are offered with annual adjustments and life-time rate caps that vary based on the product, generally with a maximum annual rate change of 2.0% and a maximum overall rate change of 6.0%. We generally use the rate on one-year Treasury Bills to re-price our ARM loans, however, \$4.7 million of our ARM loans are to employees that re-price annually based on a margin of 1% over our average 12 month cost of funds. As a consequence of using caps, the interest rates on ARM loans may not be as rate sensitive as our cost of funds. Furthermore, because loan indexes may not respond perfectly to changes in market interest rates, upward adjustments on loans may occur more slowly than increases in our cost of interest-bearing liabilities, especially during periods of rapidly increasing interest rates. Because of these characteristics, future yields on ARM loans may not be sufficient to offset increases in our cost of funds.

ARM loans generally pose different credit risks than fixed-rate loans, primarily because as interest rates rise, the borrower's payment rises, which increases the potential for default. The majority of these loans have been originated within the past several years, when rates were historically low. We continued to expand our fully amortizing ARM loans, by offering ARM loans with a fixed interest rate for the first one, three, five, or seven years, followed by a periodic adjustable interest rate for the remaining term. Given the recent market environment, however, the production of ARM loans has been substantially reduced because borrowers favor fixed rate mortgages.

**Home Equity Lending.** We originate home equity loans that consist of fixed-rate loans and variable-rate lines of credit. We typically originate home equity loans in amounts of up to 80% of the value of the collateral, minus any senior liens on the property; however, prior to 2010 we originated home equity loans in amounts of up to 100% of the value of the collateral, minus any senior liens on the property. Home equity lines of credit are typically originated for up to \$250,000 with an adjustable rate of interest, based on the one-year Treasury Bill rate plus a margin. Home equity lines of credit generally have up to a twelve-year draw period, during which time the funds may be paid down and redrawn up to the committed amount. Once the draw period has lapsed, the payment is amortized over a twelve-year period based on the loan balance at that time. We charge a \$50 annual fee on each home equity line of credit and require monthly interest-only payments on the entire drawn amount during the draw period. At December 31, 2015, home equity loans totaled \$31.6 million, or 6.9% of our gross loan portfolio compared to \$34.7 million, or 8.0% of our gross loan portfolio at December 31, 2014. Variable-rate home equity lines of credit at December 31, 2015 totaled \$20.5 million, or 4.5% of our gross loan portfolio, compared to \$22.7 million, or 5.3% of our gross loan portfolio as of December 31, 2014. At December 31, 2015, unfunded commitments on home equity lines of credit totaled \$12.0 million.

Our fixed-rate home equity loans are generally originated in amounts, together with the amount of the existing first mortgage, of up to 80% of the appraised value of the subject property. These loans may have terms of up to 20 years and are fully amortizing. At December 31, 2015, fixed-rate home equity loans totaled \$11.0 million, or 2.4% of our gross loan portfolio, compared to \$12.0 million, or 2.8% of our gross loan portfolio as of December 31, 2014.

**Commercial and Multifamily Real Estate Lending.** We offer a variety of commercial and multifamily loans. Most of these loans are secured by commercial income producing properties, including retail centers, multifamily apartment buildings, warehouses, and office buildings located in our market area. At December 31, 2015, commercial and multifamily loans totaled \$175.3 million, or 38.0% of our gross loan portfolio, compared to \$169.0 million, or 39.1% of our gross loan portfolio as of December 31, 2014.

Loans secured by commercial and multifamily real estate are generally originated with a variable interest rate, fixed for a five to ten-year term and a 20- to 25-year amortization period. At the end of the initial term, there is a balloon payment or the loan re-prices based on an independent index plus a margin of 1% to 4% for another five years. Loan-to-value ratios on our commercial and multifamily loans typically do not exceed 80% of the lower of cost or appraised value of the property securing the loan at origination.

Loans secured by commercial and multifamily real estate are generally underwritten based on the net operating income of the property, quality and location of the real estate, the credit history and financial strength of the borrower and the quality of management involved with the property. The net operating income, which is the income derived from the operation of the property less all operating expenses, must be sufficient to cover the payments related to the outstanding debt plus an additional coverage requirement. We generally impose a minimum debt coverage ratio of approximately 1.20 for originated loans secured by income producing commercial properties. If the borrower is other than an individual, we generally require the personal guaranty of the borrower. We also generally require an assignment of rents or leases in order to be assured that the cash flow from the project will be used to repay the debt. Appraisals on properties securing commercial and multifamily loans are performed by independent state certified licensed fee appraisers and approved by the Loan Committee. In order to monitor the adequacy of cash flows on income-producing properties, the borrower is required to provide, at a minimum, annual financial information. From time to time we also acquire participation interests in commercial and multifamily loans originated by other financial institutions secured by properties located in our market area. On a case by case basis, we will consider loan participations where the collateral is located outside of our market area.

Historically, loans secured by commercial and multifamily properties generally involve different credit risks than one- to four-family properties. These loans typically involve larger balances to single borrowers or groups of related borrowers. Because payments on loans secured by commercial and multifamily properties are often dependent on the successful operation or management of the properties, repayment of these loans may be subject to adverse conditions in the real estate market or the economy. If the cash flow from the project is reduced, or if leases are not obtained or renewed, the borrower's ability to repay the loan may be impaired. Commercial and multifamily loans also expose a lender to greater credit risk than loans secured by one-to four-family because the collateral securing these loans typically cannot be sold as easily as one-to four-family. In addition, most of our commercial and multifamily loans are not fully amortizing and contain large balloon payments upon maturity. Balloon payments may require the borrower to either sell or refinance the underlying property in order to make the payment, which may increase the risk of default or non-payment. The largest single commercial and multifamily loan at December 31, 2015, totaled \$4.0 million and is collateralized by a multifamily apartment building. At December 31, 2015 this loan was performing in accordance with its repayment terms.

The following table displays information on commercial and multifamily real estate loans by type at December 31, 2015 and 2014 (dollars in thousands):

	2015		2014	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Multifamily residential . . . . .	\$ 62,419	35.60%	\$ 48,799	28.88%
Warehouses . . . . .	18,861	10.76	23,648	14.00
Office buildings . . . . .	9,154	5.22	8,792	5.20
Mobile Home Parks . . . . .	6,424	3.66	4,734	2.80
Gas station / Convenience store . . . . .	10,636	6.07	9,688	5.73
Other non-owner occupied commercial real estate . . . . .	28,275	16.16	46,555	27.56
Other owner-occupied commercial real estate . . . . .	39,543	22.56	26,736	15.83
Total . . . . .	<u>\$175,312</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$168,952</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

**Construction and Land Lending.** We originate construction loans secured by single-family residences and commercial and multifamily real estate. We also originate land and lot loans, which are secured by raw land or developed lots on which the borrower intends to build a residence, and land acquisition and development loans. At December 31, 2015, our construction and land loans totaled \$57.0 million, or 12.4% of our gross loan portfolio, compared to \$46.3 million, or 10.7% of our gross loan portfolio at December 31, 2014. At December 31, 2015, unfunded construction loan commitments totaled \$33.0 million.

Construction loans to individuals and contractors for the construction and acquisition of personal residences totaled \$3.2 million, or 5.6% of our construction and land portfolio at December 31, 2015. We originate these loans whether or not the collateral property underlying the loan is under contract for sale. At December 31, 2015, construction loans to contractors for homes that were considered speculative totaled \$33.9 million, or 59.4% of our construction and land portfolio.

The composition of, and location of underlying collateral securing, our construction and land loan portfolio, excluding loan commitments, at December 31, 2015 was as follows (in thousands):

	Olympic Peninsula	Puget Sound	Other	Total
Commercial and multifamily construction . . . . .	\$ —	\$10,022	\$ —	\$10,022
Residential construction . . . . .	785	2,381	—	3,166
Land and lot loans . . . . .	4,465	2,912	563	7,940
Speculative residential construction . . . . .	1,544	32,330	—	33,874
Commercial land developments . . . . .	97	1,944	—	2,041
Total . . . . .	<u>\$6,891</u>	<u>\$49,589</u>	<u>\$563</u>	<u>\$57,043</u>

Our residential construction loans generally provide for the payment of interest only during the construction phase, which is typically up to nine months. At the end of the construction phase, the construction loan generally either converts to a longer term mortgage loan or is paid off through a permanent loan from another lender.



Residential construction loans are made up to the lesser of a maximum loan-to-value ratio of 100% of cost or 80% of appraised value at completion; however, we generally do not originate construction loans which exceed these limits without securing adequate private mortgage insurance or other form of credit enhancement to mitigate the higher loan to value.

At December 31, 2015, our largest residential construction loan commitment was for \$2.0 million, \$1.2 million of which had been disbursed. This loan was performing according to its terms. The average outstanding residential construction loan balance was approximately \$539,450 at December 31, 2015. Before making a commitment to fund a residential construction loan, we require an appraisal of the subject property by an independent licensed appraiser. During the construction phase, we make periodic inspections of the construction site and loan proceeds are disbursed directly to the contractors or borrowers as construction progresses. Typically, disbursements are made in monthly draws during the construction period. Loan proceeds are disbursed after inspection based on the percentage of completion method. We also require general liability, builder's risk hazard insurance, title insurance, and flood insurance (as applicable, for properties located in or to be built in a designated flood hazard area) on all construction loans.

We also originate developed lot and raw land loans to individuals intending to construct a residence in the future on the property. We will generally originate these loans in an amount up to 75% of the lower of the purchase price or appraisal. These lot and land loans are secured by a first lien on the property and have a fixed rate of interest with a maximum amortization of 20 years. At December 31, 2015, lot and land loans totaled \$7.9 million, or 13.9% of our construction and land portfolio.

We make land acquisition and development loans to experienced builders or residential lot developers in our market area. The maximum loan-to-value limit applicable to these loans is generally 75% of the appraised market value upon completion of the project. We may not require any cash equity from the borrower if there is sufficient equity in the land being used as collateral. Development plans are required from developers prior to making the loan. Our loan officers are required to personally visit the proposed site of the development and the sites of competing developments. We require that developers maintain adequate insurance coverage. Land acquisition and development loans generally are originated with a loan term up to 24 months, have adjustable rates of interest based on the Wall Street Journal Prime Rate or three or five- year Des Moines Federal Home Loan Bank ("FHLB") Rate and require interest only payment during the term of the loan. Land acquisition and development loan proceeds are disbursed periodically in increments as construction progresses and as inspection by our approved inspectors warrant. We also require these loans to be paid on an accelerated basis as the lots are sold, so that we are repaid before all the lots are sold.

We also offer commercial and multifamily construction loans. These loans are underwritten with terms similar to our permanent commercial real estate loans with special construction financing for up to 18 months under terms similar to our residential construction loans. Commercial and multifamily construction loans are made up to the lesser of a maximum loan-to-value ratio of 100% of cost or 80% of appraised value at completion. Most of our commercial and multifamily construction loans provide for disbursement of loan funds during the construction period and conversion to a permanent loan when the construction is complete, and either tenant lease-up provisions or prescribed debt service coverage ratios are met. At December 31, 2015, commercial and multifamily construction loans totaled \$10.0 million, or 17.5% of our construction and land portfolio.

Construction financing is generally considered to involve a higher degree of credit risk than longer-term financing on improved, owner-occupied real estate. Construction and development lending contains the inherent difficulty in estimating both a property's value at completion of the project and the estimated cost (including interest) of the project. Changes in the demand, such as for new housing and higher than anticipated building costs may cause actual results to vary significantly from those estimated. If the estimate of construction cost proves to be inaccurate, we may be required to advance funds beyond the amount originally committed to permit completion of the project. This type of lending also typically involves higher loan amounts and is often concentrated with a small number of builders. In addition, during the term of some of our construction loans, an interest reserve is created at origination and is added to the principal of the loan through the construction phase. If the estimate of value upon completion proves to be inaccurate, we may be confronted at, or prior to, the maturity of the loan with a project value which is insufficient to assure full repayment. Because construction loans require active monitoring of the building process, including cost comparisons and on-site inspections, these loans are more difficult and costly to monitor. Increases in market rates of interest may have a more pronounced effect on construction loans by rapidly increasing the end-purchasers' borrowing costs, thereby reducing the

overall demand for the project. Properties under construction are often difficult to sell and typically must be completed in order to be successfully sold which also complicates the process of working out problem construction loans. This may require us to advance additional funds and/or contract with another builder to complete construction. Furthermore, speculative construction loans to a builder are often associated with homes that are not pre-sold, and thus pose a greater potential risk than construction loans to individuals on their personal residences as there is the added risk associated with identifying an end-purchaser for the finished project. Loans on land under development or held for future construction pose additional risk because of the lack of income being produced by the property and the potential illiquid nature of the collateral. These risks can be significantly impacted by supply and demand. As a result, this type of lending often involves the disbursement of substantial funds with repayment dependent, on the success of the project and the ability of the borrower to sell or lease the property, rather than the ability of the borrower or guarantor themselves to repay principal and interest.

**Consumer Lending.** We offer a variety of secured and unsecured consumer loans, including new and used manufactured homes, floating homes, automobiles, boats and recreational vehicle loans, and loans secured by deposit accounts. We also offer unsecured consumer loans. We originate our consumer loans primarily in our market area. All of our consumer loans are originated on a direct basis. At December 31, 2015, our consumer loans totaled \$36.8 million, or 8.0% of our gross loan portfolio, compared to \$29.4 million, or 6.8% of our gross loan portfolio at December 31, 2014.

We originate new and used manufactured home loans to borrowers who intend to use the home as a primary residence. The yields on these loans are higher than that on our other residential lending products and the portfolio has performed reasonably well with an acceptable level of risk and loss in exchange for the higher yield. Our weighted average yield on manufactured home loans at December 31, 2015 was 8.0%, compared to 4.6% for one- to four-family mortgages, excluding loans held-for-sale. At December 31, 2015, these loans totaled \$13.8 million, or 37.5% of our consumer loans and 3.0% of our gross loan portfolio. For used manufactured homes, loans are generally made up to 90% of the lesser of the appraised value or purchase price up to \$200,000, and with terms typically up to 20 years. On new manufactured homes, loans are generally made up to 80% of the lesser of the appraised value or purchase price up to \$200,000, and with terms typically up to 20 years. We generally charge a 1% fee at origination. We underwrite these loans based on our review of creditworthiness of the borrower, including credit scores, and the value of the collateral, for which we hold a security interest under Washington law.

Manufactured home loans are higher risk than loans secured by residential real property, though this risk is reduced if the owner also owns the land on which the home is located. A small portion of our manufactured home loans involve properties on which we also have financed the land for the owner. The primary risk in manufactured home loans is the difficulty in obtaining adequate value for the collateral due to the cost and limited ability to move the collateral. These loans tend to be made to retired individuals and first-time homebuyers. First-time homebuyers of manufactured homes tend to be a higher credit risk than first-time homebuyers of single family residences, due to more limited financial resources. As a result, these loans have a higher probability of default, higher delinquency rates and greater servicing and collateral recovery costs than single family residential loans and other types of consumer loans. We take into account this additional risk as a component of our allowance for loan losses methodology. We attempt to work out delinquent loans with the borrower and, if that is not successful, any repossessed manufactured homes are repossessed and sold. At December 31, 2015, there were three nonperforming manufactured home loan totaling \$62,000 and we held one manufactured home valued at \$10,000 in the repossessed assets portfolio.

We originate floating home, houseboat and house barge loans typically located on cooperative or condominium moorages. Terms vary from five to 20 years and have a fixed rate of interest. We lend up to 80% of the lesser of the appraised value or purchase price. The primary risk in floating home loans is the unique nature of the collateral and the challenges of relocating such collateral to a location other than where such housing is permitted. The process for securing the deed and/or the condominium or cooperative shares is also unique compared to other types of lending Sound Community Bank participates in. As a result, these loans may have higher collateral recovery costs than for one- to four-family mortgage loans and other types of consumer loans. We take into account these additional risks as a part of our underwriting processes and criteria. At December 31, 2015, floating home loans totaled \$18.2 million, or 49.4% of our consumer loan portfolio and 4.0% of our gross loan portfolio.

The balance of our consumer loans include loans secured by new and used automobiles, new and used boats, motorcycles and recreational vehicles, loans secured by deposits and unsecured consumer loans, all of which, at December 31, 2015, totaled \$4.8 million, or 13.0% of our consumer loan portfolio and 1.0% of our gross loan portfolio. Our automobile loan portfolio totaled \$475,000 at December 31, 2015, or 1.3% of our consumer loan portfolio and 0.1% of our gross loan portfolio. Automobile loans may be written for a term up to 72 months and have fixed rates of interest. Loan-to-value ratios are up to 100% of the lesser of the purchase price or the National Automobile Dealers Association value for auto loans, including tax, licenses, title and mechanical breakdown and gap insurance.

Loans secured by boats, motorcycles and recreational vehicles typically have terms from five to 20 years depending on the collateral and loan-to-value ratios up to 90%. These loans may be made with fixed or adjustable interest rates. Our unsecured consumer loans have either a fixed rate of interest generally for a maximum term of 48 months, or are revolving lines of credit of generally up to \$25,000. At December 31, 2015, unsecured consumer loans totaled \$1.2 million and unfunded commitments on our unsecured consumer lines of credit totaled \$1.4 million. At that date, the average outstanding balance on these lines was less than \$1,000.

Consumer loans (other than our manufactured and floating homes) generally have shorter terms to maturity, which reduces our exposure to changes in interest rates. In addition, management believes that offering consumer loan products helps to expand and create stronger ties to our existing customer base by increasing the number of customer relationships and providing cross-marketing opportunities.

Consumer loans generally entail greater risk than do one- to four-family residential mortgage loans, particularly in the case of consumer loans that are secured by rapidly depreciable assets, such as manufactured homes, automobiles, boats and recreational vehicles. In these cases, any repossessed collateral for a defaulted loan may not provide an adequate source of repayment of the outstanding loan balance. As a result, consumer loan collections are dependent on the borrower's continuing financial stability and, thus, are more likely to be adversely affected by job loss, divorce, illness or personal bankruptcy.

**Commercial Business Lending.** At December 31, 2015, commercial business loans totaled \$19.3 million, or 4.2% of our gross loan portfolio, compared to \$19.5 million, or 4.5% of our gross loan portfolio at December 31, 2014. Substantially all of our commercial business loans have been to borrowers in our market area. Our commercial business lending activities encompass loans with a variety of purposes and security, including loans to finance commercial vehicles and equipment. Approximately \$1.3 million of our commercial business loans at December 31, 2015 were unsecured. Our commercial business lending policy includes credit file documentation and analysis of the borrower's background, capacity to repay the loan, the adequacy of the borrower's capital and collateral, as well as an evaluation of other conditions affecting the borrower. Analysis of the borrower's past, present and future cash flows is also an important aspect of our credit analysis. We generally require personal guarantees on both our secured and unsecured commercial business loans. Nonetheless, commercial business loans are believed to carry higher credit risk than residential mortgage loans.

Our interest rates on commercial business loans are dependent on the type of loan. Our secured commercial business loans typically have a loan to value ratio of up to 80% and are term loans ranging from three to seven years. Secured commercial business term loans generally have a fixed rate based on the commensurate FHLB amortizing rate or prime rate as reported in the West Coast edition of the Wall Street Journal plus 1% to 3%. In addition, we typically charge loan fees of 1% to 2% of the principal amount at origination, depending on the credit quality and account relationships of the borrower. Business lines of credit are usually adjustable-rate and are based on the prime rate plus 1% to 3%, and are generally originated with both a floor and ceiling to the interest rate. Our business lines of credit generally have terms ranging from 12 months to 24 months and provide for interest-only monthly payments during the term.

Our commercial business loans are primarily made based on the cash flow of the borrower and secondarily on the underlying collateral provided by the borrower. The borrowers' cash flow may be unpredictable, and collateral securing these loans may fluctuate in value. Most often, this collateral is accounts receivable, inventory, equipment or real estate. In the case of loans secured by accounts receivable, the availability of funds for the repayment of these loans may be substantially dependent on the ability of the borrower to collect amounts due from its customers. Other collateral securing loans may depreciate over time, may be difficult to appraise, may

be illiquid and may fluctuate in value based on the specific type of business and equipment used. As a result, the availability of funds for the repayment of commercial business loans may be substantially dependent on the success of the business itself (which, in turn, is often dependent in part upon general economic conditions).

### **Loan Originations, Purchases, Sales, Repayments and Servicing**

We originate both fixed-rate and adjustable-rate loans. Our ability to originate loans, however, is dependent upon customer demand for loans in our market area. Over the past few years, we have continued to originate residential and consumer loans, and increased our emphasis on commercial and multifamily, construction and land, and commercial business lending. Demand is affected by competition and the interest rate environment. During the past few years, we, like many other financial institutions, have experienced significant prepayments on loans due to the low interest rate environment prevailing in the United States. In periods of economic uncertainty, the ability of financial institutions, including us, to originate large dollar volumes of real estate loans may be substantially reduced or restricted, with a resultant decrease in interest income. If a proposed loan exceeds our internal lending limits, we may originate the loan on a participation basis with another financial institution. From time to time, we also participate with other financial institutions on loans they originate. In 2015, 2014 and 2013, we sold commercial loan participations with other financial institutions in the amount of \$6.9 million, \$5.5 million and \$2.7 million, respectively. We underwrite loan purchases and participations to the same standards as an internally-originated loan. We did not purchase any loan participations in 2015. In 2014 and 2013, we purchased commercial loan participations with other financial institutions in the amount of \$166,000 and \$5.3 million, respectively.

We do not actively engage in originating “alt A” loans, option adjustable rate or subprime loans and have no established program to originate or purchase these loans. We do offer interest-only one- to four- family loans to well-qualified borrowers and at December 31, 2015, we held \$7.5 million of such loans in our loan portfolio, representing 1.62% of our gross loan portfolio. Subprime loans are defined as loans that at the time of loan origination had a FICO credit score of less than 660. Of the \$107.4 million in one- to four- family loans originated in 2015, only \$1.0 million, or 0.09%, were to borrowers with a credit score under 660. We obtain updated FICO scores on all of our borrowers periodically and based on the most recently updated score, \$19.4 million, or 4.2% of our gross loan portfolio would be deemed subprime at December 31, 2015. Based on the FICO score as of December 31, 2015, our subprime portfolio included approximately \$12.6 million in one- to four-family mortgage loans, \$4.0 million in home equity loans, \$2.2 million in manufactured home loans, \$319,000 in construction and land loans, and \$257,000 in other consumer loans or \$19.4 million in the aggregate, representing 4.2% of our loan portfolio.

In addition to interest earned on loans and loan origination fees, we receive fees for loan commitments, late payments and other miscellaneous services.

We also sell whole one-to four-family loans without recourse to Fannie Mae, subject to a provision for repurchase upon breach of representation, warranty or covenant. These loans are fixed-rate mortgages, which primarily are sold to improve our interest rate risk. These loans are generally sold for cash in amounts equal to the unpaid principal amount of the loans determined using present value yields to the buyer. These sales allow for a servicing fee on loans when the servicing is retained by us. Most one- to four-family loans are sold with servicing retained. At December 31, 2015, we were servicing a \$360.4 million portfolio of residential mortgage loans for Fannie Mae. No loans were repurchased from Fannie Mae in 2015 and two loans were repurchased from Fannie Mae totaling \$453,000 in 2014.

We earned mortgage servicing income of \$840,000, \$509,000 and \$457,000 for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. In November 2009, we acquired a \$340.1 million loan servicing portfolio from Leader Financial Services. These loans are 100% owned by Fannie Mae and are subserviced under an agreement with a third party loan servicer who performs all servicing including payment processing, reporting and collections.

These mortgage servicing rights are carried at fair value and had a value at December 31, 2015 of \$3.2 million. See Note 6 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Sales of whole real estate loans can be beneficial to us since these sales generally generate income at the time of sale, produce future servicing income on loans where servicing is retained, provide funds for additional lending, and increase liquidity. We sold \$72.6 million, \$52.7 million and \$108.9 million of one- to four- family loans

during the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Gains, losses and transfer fees on sales of one-to four-family loans and participations are recognized at the time of the sale. Our net gain on sales of residential loans for all of 2015, 2014 and 2013 was \$1.3 million, \$624,000 and \$967,000, respectively. In addition to loans sold to Fannie Mae on a servicing retained basis, we also sell certain loans to correspondent banks on a servicing released basis. In 2015, we sold \$2.9 million of loans servicing released.

The following table shows our loan origination, sale and repayment activities, including loans held-for-sale, for the periods indicated (in thousands):

	<b>For the year ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>Originations by type:</b>			
<b>Fixed-rate:</b>			
One- to four-family . . . . .	\$107,440	\$ 81,130	\$118,217
Home equity . . . . .	3,170	2,812	8,450
Commercial and multifamily . . . . .	29,215	25,342	35,468
Construction and land . . . . .	22,665	48,490	55,591
Manufactured homes . . . . .	4,594	2,068	1,198
Other consumer . . . . .	12,905	9,652	3,804
Commercial business . . . . .	3,286	5,146	8,530
Total fixed-rate . . . . .	<u>183,275</u>	<u>174,640</u>	<u>231,258</u>
<b>Adjustable rate:</b>			
One- to four-family . . . . .	4,831	1,199	552
Home equity . . . . .	1,881	3,550	294
Commercial and multifamily . . . . .	35,136	25,789	14,524
Construction and land . . . . .	2,609	8,228	1,478
Other consumer . . . . .	133	264	280
Commercial business . . . . .	3,266	4,193	5,226
Total adjustable-rate . . . . .	<u>47,856</u>	<u>43,223</u>	<u>22,354</u>
Total loans originated . . . . .	<u>231,131</u>	<u>217,863</u>	<u>253,612</u>
<b>Purchases by type:</b>			
Commercial and multifamily participations . . . . .	—	—	983
Commercial business participations . . . . .	—	166	4,325
Total loan participations purchased . . . . .	<u>—</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>5,308</u>
<b>Sales, repayments and participations sold:</b>			
One- to four-family . . . . .	72,622	52,696	108,870
Commercial and multifamily . . . . .	6,858	5,445	2,676
Total loans sold and loan participations . . . . .	<u>79,480</u>	<u>58,141</u>	<u>111,546</u>
Total principal repayments . . . . .	<u>122,351</u>	<u>119,774</u>	<u>79,479</u>
Total reductions . . . . .	<u>201,831</u>	<u>177,915</u>	<u>191,025</u>
Net increase . . . . .	<u>\$ 29,300</u>	<u>\$ 40,114</u>	<u>\$ 62,587</u>

The increase in originations in 2015 compared to 2014 was due to a modest decrease in interest rates which spurred the increase in one- to four-family origination and our increased emphasis on originating commercial and multifamily real estate loans in 2015 compared to 2014. One- to four- family home purchases continued to be strong in our market area due to the economic environment and the rate of unemployment in our markets although it has somewhat been hampered due to the lack of overall supply, especially in the Seattle area. Demand for multi-family and construction loans continued to be strong in our markets due to continued demand for new homes and apartments.

## Asset Quality

When a borrower fails to make a required payment on a one-to four-family loan, we attempt to cure the delinquency by contacting the borrower. In the case of loans secured by a one-to four-family property, a late notice typically is sent 15 days after the due date, and the borrower is contacted by phone within 30 days after the due date. Generally, a delinquency letter is also mailed to the borrower. All delinquent accounts are reviewed by a loan officer or branch manager who attempts to cure the delinquency by contacting the borrower once the loan is 30 days past due. If the account becomes 60 days delinquent and an acceptable repayment plan has not been agreed upon, we generally refer the account to legal counsel with instructions to prepare a notice of intent to foreclose. The notice of intent to foreclose allows the borrower up to 30 days to bring the account current. If foreclosed, typically we take title to the property and sell it directly through a real estate broker.

Delinquent consumer loans, as well as delinquent home equity loans and lines of credit, are handled in a similar manner to one-to four-family loans, except that appropriate action may be taken to collect any loan payment that is delinquent for more than 15 days. Once the loan is 90 days past due, it is classified as nonaccrual. Generally, credits are charged-off at 120 days past due, unless the Loss Mitigation Department provides support for continuing collection efforts. Our procedures for repossession and sale of consumer collateral are subject to various requirements under the applicable consumer protection laws as well as other applicable laws and the determination by us that it would be beneficial from a cost basis.

Delinquent loans are initially handled by the loan officer or branch manager in charge of the loan, who is responsible for contacting the borrower. The Loss Mitigation Department also works with the lenders to see that the necessary steps are taken to collect delinquent loans. In addition, management meets with all of the loan officers and reviews past due and classified loans, as well as other loans that management feels may present possible collection problems, which are reported to the board on a quarterly basis. If an acceptable workout of a delinquent loan cannot be agreed upon, we generally initiate foreclosure or repossession proceedings on any collateral securing the loan.

**Delinquent Loans.** The following table sets forth our loan delinquencies by type, by amount and by percentage of type at December 31, 2015 (dollars in thousands):

	Loans Delinquent For:									Total Delinquent Loans		
	30-89 Days			90 Days and Over			90+ Days and accruing					
	Number	Amount	Percent of Loan Category	Number	Amount	Percent of Loan Category	Number	Amount	Percent of Loan Category	Number	Amount	Percent of Loan Category
One- to four- family. . . .	17	\$2,718	1.93%	5	\$ 881	0.62%	1	\$117	0.08%	23	\$3,716	2.63%
Home equity . . . . .	11	412	1.30	2	296	0.94				13	708	2.24
Commercial and Multifamily. . . . .	1	203	0.12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	203	0.12
Construction and land. . .	1	65	0.11	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	65	0.11
Manufactured homes . . .	6	130	0.94	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	130	0.94
Floating Homes. . . . .	—	—	0.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.00
Other consumer. . . . .	10	43	0.19	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	43	0.19
Commercial Business. . .	2	162	0.84	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	162	0.84
Total. . . . .	<u>48</u>	<u>\$3,733</u>	<u>0.81%</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>\$1,177</u>	<u>0.26%</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>\$117</u>	<u>0.03%</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>\$5,027</u>	<u>1.09%</u>

**Nonperforming Assets.** The table below sets forth the amounts and categories of nonperforming assets in our loan portfolio (in thousands). Loans are placed on nonaccrual status when the collection of principal and/or interest become doubtful or when the loan is more than 90 days past due. OREO and repossessed assets include assets acquired in settlement of loans. We had one accruing loan 90 days or more delinquent for the 2015 period reported totaling \$117,000.

	December 31,				
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
<b>Nonperforming loans<sup>(1)</sup>:</b>					
One- to four- family .....	\$1,640	\$1,512	\$ 772	\$1,143	\$4,401
Home equity .....	428	386	222	717	873
Commercial and multifamily .....	—	1,639	820	1,347	1,219
Construction and land .....	—	81	—	471	80
Manufactured homes .....	62	195	106	29	—
Floating Homes .....					
Other consumer .....	—	29	1	8	64
Commercial business .....	—	—	—	197	—
Total nonperforming loans .....	<u>\$2,130</u>	<u>\$3,842</u>	<u>\$1,921</u>	<u>3,912</u>	<u>6,637</u>
<b>OREO and repossessed assets:</b>					
One- to four-family .....	\$ 159	\$ 269	\$1,086	\$1,318	\$ 478
Commercial and multifamily .....	600	—	—	1,073	2,225
Construction and land .....	—	—	—	—	—
Manufactured homes .....	10	54	92	112	118
Floating Homes .....					
Other consumer .....	—	—	—	—	—
Total OREO and repossessed assets .....	<u>769</u>	<u>323</u>	<u>1,178</u>	<u>2,503</u>	<u>2,821</u>
Total nonperforming assets .....	<u>\$2,899</u>	<u>\$4,165</u>	<u>\$3,099</u>	<u>\$6,415</u>	<u>\$9,458</u>
Nonperforming assets as a percentage of total assets .....	<u>0.54%</u>	<u>0.84%</u>	<u>0.70%</u>	<u>1.68%</u>	<u>2.78%</u>
<b>Performing restructured loans:</b>					
One- to four- family .....	\$2,415	\$2,619	\$3,195	\$3,198	\$2,508
Home equity .....	232	679	704	356	812
Commercial and multifamily .....	1,966	1,317	761	776	785
Construction and land .....	91	99	106	100	—
Manufactured homes .....	255	279	496	602	—
Other consumer .....	—	1	9	19	4
Floating Homes .....					
Commercial business .....	<u>114</u>	<u>123</u>	<u>133</u>	<u>564</u>	<u>26</u>
Total performing restructured loans .....	<u>\$5,073</u>	<u>\$5,117</u>	<u>\$5,404</u>	<u>\$5,615</u>	<u>\$4,135</u>

<sup>(1)</sup> Nonperforming loans include \$971,000, \$2.3 million, \$1.0 million, \$828,000 and \$2.8 million in nonperforming troubled debt restructurings as of December 31, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

There were no nonperforming commercial and multifamily estate loans at December 31, 2015 compared to \$1.6 million at December 31, 2014. Nonperforming one- to four- family loans increased \$128,000 to \$1.6 million at December 31, 2015 from \$1.5 million at December 31, 2014. Our largest nonperforming loan at December 31, 2015 was a one-to-four- family loan totaling \$324,000. The balance in nonperforming one- to four- family loans at December 31, 2015 consisted of 12 loans to different borrowers with an average loan balance of \$137,000.

For the year ended December 31, 2015, gross interest income that would have been recorded had the nonaccrual loans been current in accordance with their original terms amounted to \$104,000, all of which was excluded from interest income for the year ended December 31, 2015. See “Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Financial Condition at December 31, 2015 Compared to December 31, 2014 -- Delinquencies and Nonperforming Assets” for more information on troubled assets.

**Troubled Debt Restructured Loans.** Troubled debt restructurings (“TDRs), which are accounted for under Accounting Codification Standard (“ASC”) 310-40, are loans which have renegotiated loan terms to assist borrowers who are unable to meet the original terms of their loans. Such modifications to loan terms may include a lower interest rate, a reduction in principal, or a longer term to maturity. All TDRs are initially classified as impaired, regardless of whether the loan was performing at the time it was restructured. Once a troubled debt restructuring has performed according to its modified terms for six months and the collection of principal and interest under the revised terms is deemed probable, we remove the TDR from nonperforming status. At December 31, 2015, we had \$5.1 million of loans that were classified as performing TDRs and still on accrual. Included in nonperforming loans at December 31, 2015 and 2014 were troubled debt restructured loans of \$971,000 and \$2.3 million, respectively.

**OREO and Repossessed Assets.** OREO and repossessed assets include assets acquired in settlement of loans. At December 31, 2015, OREO and repossessed assets totaled \$769,000. Our largest OREO property as of December 31, 2015 was a commercial real estate property which was acquired in 2014 as a part of the three branches purchased from another financial institution. It was originally classified as a fixed asset and was subsequently reclassified to OREO in 2015.

**Other Loans of Concern.** In addition to the nonperforming assets set forth in the table above, as of December 31, 2015, there were 14 loans totaling \$3.3 million with respect to which known information about the possible credit problems of the borrowers have caused management to have doubts as to the ability of the borrowers to comply with present loan repayment terms and which may result in the future inclusion of such items in the nonperforming asset categories. The majority of these loans have been considered individually in management’s determination of our allowance for loan losses. The largest loans of concern at December 31, 2015, were a \$1.3 million loan secured by residential property in King County, Washington and a \$185,000 loan secured by residential property in Snohomish County, Washington. Other loans of concern included \$271,000 in residential first mortgages, \$293,000 in home equity loans, \$43,000 in manufactured home loans, and \$5,000 in other consumer loans. Loans of concern had specific loan loss reserves of \$144,000 at December 31, 2015.

**Classified Assets.** Federal regulations provide for the classification of lower quality loans and other assets (such as OREO and repossessed assets), debt and equity securities considered, as “substandard,” “doubtful” or “loss.” An asset is considered “substandard” if it is inadequately protected by the current net worth and paying capacity of the obligor or of the collateral pledged, if any. “Substandard” assets include those characterized by the “distinct possibility” that the insured institution will sustain “some loss” if the deficiencies are not corrected. Assets classified as “doubtful” have all of the weaknesses in those classified “substandard,” with the added characteristic that the weaknesses present make “collection or liquidation in full,” on the basis of currently existing facts, conditions and values, “highly questionable and improbable.” Assets classified as “loss” are those considered “uncollectible” and of such little value that their continuance as assets without the establishment of a specific loss reserve is not warranted.

When we classify problem assets as either substandard or doubtful, we may establish a specific allowance in an amount we deem prudent to address specific impairments. General allowances represent loss allowances which have been established to recognize the inherent risk associated with lending activities, but which, unlike specific allowances, have not been specifically allocated to particular problem assets. When an insured institution classifies problem assets as a loss, it is required to charge off those assets in the period in which they are deemed uncollectible. Our determination as to the classification of our assets and the amount of our valuation allowances is subject to review by the FDIC and, since our conversion to a Washington chartered commercial bank, the WDFI, which can order the establishment of additional loss allowances. Assets which do not currently expose us to sufficient risk to warrant classification in one of the aforementioned categories but possess weaknesses are required to be designated as special mention. At December 31, 2015, special mention assets totaled \$2.9 million.

We regularly review the problem assets in our portfolio to determine whether any assets require classification in accordance with applicable regulations. On the basis of management’s review of our assets, at December 31, 2015, we had classified \$3.7 million of our assets as substandard, of which \$2.5 million represented a variety of outstanding loans, \$449,000 represented non-agency mortgage backed securities, and the remaining balance OREO and repossessed assets. At that date, we had no assets classified as doubtful or loss. This total amount of classified assets represented 6.9% of our equity capital and 0.7% of our assets at December 31, 2015. Classified assets totaled \$6.1 million, or 12.0% of our equity capital and 1.2% of our assets at December 31, 2014.



**Allowance for Loan Losses.** We maintain an allowance for loan losses to absorb probable loan losses in the loan portfolio. The allowance is based on ongoing, monthly assessments of the estimated probable incurred losses in the loan portfolio. In evaluating the level of the allowance for loan losses, management considers the types of loans and the amount of loans in the loan portfolio, peer group information, historical loss experience, adverse situations that may affect the borrower's ability to repay, estimated value of any underlying collateral, and prevailing economic conditions. Large groups of smaller balance homogeneous loans, such as one-to four-family, small commercial and multifamily, home equity and consumer loans, are evaluated in the aggregate using historical loss factors and peer group data adjusted for current economic conditions. More complex loans, such as commercial and multifamily loans and commercial business loans, are evaluated individually for impairment, primarily through the evaluation of the borrower's net operating income and available cash flow and their possible impact on collateral values.

At December 31, 2015, our allowance for loan losses was \$4.6 million, or 1.01% of our total loan portfolio, compared to \$4.4 million, or 1.02% of our total loan portfolio in 2014. Specific valuation reserves totaled \$882,000 and \$367,000 at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Assessing the allowance for loan losses is inherently subjective as it requires making material estimates, including the amount and timing of future cash flows expected to be received on impaired loans that may be susceptible to significant change. In the opinion of management, the allowance, when taken as a whole, properly reflects estimated probable loan losses inherent in our loan portfolio. See Notes 1 and 5 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. The following table sets forth an analysis of our allowance for loan losses at the dates indicated (dollars in thousands):

	December 31,				
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Balance at beginning of period . . . . .	\$ 4,387	\$ 4,177	\$ 4,248	\$ 4,455	\$4,436
<b>Charge-offs:</b>					
One-to four-family . . . . .	21	127	560	2,740	834
Home equity . . . . .	35	295	593	1,084	1,652
Commercial and multifamily . . . . .		47	194	503	1,353
Construction and land . . . . .	40		7	222	159
Manufactured homes . . . . .	37	197	143	152	239
Floating Homes . . . . .					
Other consumer . . . . .	77	77	41	286	255
Commercial business . . . . .		—	46	44	310
Total charge-offs . . . . .	210	743	1,584	5,031	4,802
<b>Recoveries:</b>					
One-to four-family . . . . .		64	—	4	11
Home equity . . . . .	36	52	19	158	10
Commercial and multifamily . . . . .		2	32	83	96
Construction and land . . . . .		—	—	—	—
Manufactured homes . . . . .	8	14	3	11	8
Floating Homes . . . . .					
Other consumer . . . . .	15	21	31	33	53
Commercial business . . . . .		—	78	10	43
Total recoveries . . . . .	59	153	163	299	221
Net charge-offs . . . . .	151	590	1,421	4,732	4,581
Additions charged to operations . . . . .	400	800	1,350	4,525	4,600
Balance at end of period . . . . .	<u>\$ 4,636</u>	<u>\$ 4,387</u>	<u>\$ 4,177</u>	<u>\$ 4,248</u>	<u>\$4,455</u>
Net charge-offs during the period as a percentage of average loans outstanding during the period . . . . .	0.03%	0.14%	0.40%	1.55%	1.53%
Net charge-offs during the period as a percentage of average nonperforming assets . . . . .	5.26%	18.65%	41.16%	35.15%	48.04%
Allowance as a percentage of nonperforming loans . . . . .	217.65%	114.19%	217.44%	110.88%	67.12%
Allowance as a percentage of total loans (end of period) . . . . .	1.01%	1.02%	1.07%	1.30%	1.47%

Economic conditions have improved since the end of the economic recession, however, economic growth has been slow and uneven, presenting an unusually challenging environment for bank and their holding companies, including us. Property values, which began improving in 2013, have generally stabilized, although for some loans they are still lower than when many of the related loans were originated. Recent trends in housing prices and unemployment rates in our market areas are generally reflecting continuing improvement. The increase in our allowance for loan losses as a percentage of nonperforming loans ratio during 2015 was a result of a decrease in nonperforming loans during the last year. The allowance for loan losses as a percentage of nonperforming loans was 217.65% and 114.19% as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

The distribution of our allowance for losses on loans at the dates indicated is summarized as follows (dollars in thousands):

	December 31,									
	2015		2014		2013		2012		2011	
	Amount	Percent of loans in each category to total loans	Amount	Percent of loans in each category to total loans	Amount	Percent of loans in each category to total loans	Amount	Percent of loans in each category to total loans	Amount	Percent of loans in each category to total loans
<b>Allocated at end of period to:</b>										
One- to four-family . . . . .	\$1,839	30.61%	\$1,442	30.80%	\$1,915	30.02%	\$1,417	28.71%	\$1,117	31.45%
Home equity . . . . .	607	6.85	601	8.03	781	8.96	997	10.80	1,426	13.20
Commercial and multifamily . . . . .	921	38.01	1,244	39.12	300	40.17	492	40.79	969	35.27
Construction and land . . . . .	382	12.37	399	10.72	318	11.30	217	7.77	105	5.93
Manufactured homes . . . . .	301	2.99	193	2.90	209	3.44	260	4.96	290	6.14
Floating homes . . . . .	149	3.95	116	2.71	59	1.42	56	1.01	125	2.14
Other consumer . . . . .	39	1.04	51	1.20	50	1.20	90	1.63	88	1.49
Commercial business . . . . .	157	4.18	108	4.52	102	3.49	218	4.33	254	4.38
Unallocated . . . . .	241	—	233	—	443	—	501	—	81	—
Total . . . . .	<u>\$4,636</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$4,387</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$4,177</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$4,248</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$4,455</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

### Investment Activities

State commercial banks have the authority to invest in various types of liquid assets, including United States Treasury obligations, securities of various federal agencies, including callable agency securities, certain certificates of deposit of insured banks and savings institutions, certain bankers' acceptances, repurchase agreements and federal funds. Subject to various restrictions, state commercial banks may also invest their assets in investment grade commercial paper and corporate debt securities and mutual funds whose assets conform to the investments that the institution is otherwise authorized to make directly. See “- How We Are Regulated – Sound Community Bank” for a discussion of additional restrictions on our investment activities.

Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have the responsibility for the management of our investment portfolio, subject to the direction and guidance of the Board of Directors. These officers consider various factors when making decisions, including the marketability, maturity and tax consequences of the proposed investment. The maturity structure of investments will be affected by various market conditions, including the current and anticipated slope of the yield curve, the level of interest rates, the trend of new deposit inflows, and the anticipated demand for funds via deposit withdrawals and loan originations and purchases.

The general objectives of our investment portfolio will be to provide liquidity when loan demand is high, to assist in maintaining earnings when loan demand is low and to maximize earnings while satisfactorily managing risk, including credit risk, reinvestment risk, liquidity risk and interest rate risk. Our investment quality will emphasize safer investments with the yield on those investments secondary to not taking unnecessary risk with the available funds. See “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations – Asset/Liability Management.”

At December 31, 2015, we owned \$2.2 million FHLB stock. As a condition of membership at the FHLB, we are required to purchase and hold a certain amount of FHLB stock.

The following table sets forth the composition of our securities portfolio and other investments at the dates indicated. At December 31, 2015, our securities portfolio did not contain securities of any issuer with an aggregate book value in excess of 10% of our equity capital.

	December 31,					
	2015		2014		2013	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
<b>Securities available for sale</b>						
Municipal bonds.....	\$1,912	\$2,096	\$ 1,911	\$ 2,083	\$ 1,911	\$ 1,931
Agency mortgage-backed securities .....	4,088	4,172	7,024	7,096	11,228	11,071
Non-agency mortgage-backed securities <sup>(1)</sup> .....	449	428	2,312	2,345	2,689	2,419
Total available for sale securities .....	6,449	6,696	11,247	11,524	15,828	15,421
FHLB stock .....	2,212	2,212	2,224	2,224	2,314	2,314
Total securities.....	<u>\$8,661</u>	<u>\$8,908</u>	<u>\$13,471</u>	<u>\$13,748</u>	<u>\$18,142</u>	<u>\$17,735</u>

<sup>(1)</sup> Our non-agency mortgage backed securities consist of one security purchased at a discount which had an unrealized loss of \$21,000 as of December 31, 2015. This security has performed and paid principal and interest each month as contractually committed.

The composition and maturities of our investment securities portfolio at December 31, 2015, excluding FHLB stock, are as follows: Municipal bonds with an amortized cost of \$1.9 million and a fair value of \$2.1 million and a final maturity in five to ten years, federal agency mortgage-backed securities with an amortized cost of \$4.1 million and a fair value of \$4.2 million and a final maturity greater than ten years and one non-agency mortgage-backed security with an amortized cost of \$449,000 and a fair value of \$428,000 and a final maturity greater than ten years.

We review investment securities on an ongoing basis for the presence of other-than-temporary impairment (“OTTI”) taking into consideration current market conditions, fair value in relationship to cost, extent and nature of the change in fair value, issuer rating changes and trends, whether we intend to sell a security or if it is likely that we will be required to sell the security before recovery of our amortized cost basis of the investment, which may be maturity, and other factors. For debt securities, if we intend to sell the security or it is likely that we will be required to sell the security before recovering its cost basis, the entire impairment loss would be recognized in earnings as an OTTI. If we do not intend to sell the security and it is not more likely than not that we will be required to sell the security but we do not expect to recover the entire amortized cost basis of the security, only the portion of the impairment loss representing credit losses would be recognized in earnings. The credit loss on a security is measured as the difference between the amortized cost basis and the present value of the cash flows expected to be collected.

Projected cash flows are discounted by the original or current effective interest rate depending on the nature of the security being measured for potential OTTI. The remaining impairment related to all other factors, the difference between the present value of the cash flows expected to be collected and the fair value, is recognized as a charge to other comprehensive income. Impairment losses related to all other factors are presented as separate categories within other comprehensive income.

During the year ended December 31, 2015, we recognized no non-cash OTTI charges on our investment securities. One agency security and one non-agency mortgage-backed security had unrealized losses but management determined the decline in value was not related to specific credit deterioration. We do not intend to sell this security and it is more likely than not that we will not be required to sell this securities before anticipated recovery of the remaining amortized cost basis. We closely monitor our investment securities for changes in credit risk. The current market environment significantly limits our ability to mitigate our exposure to valuation changes in this security by selling it. If market conditions deteriorate and we determine our holdings of this security or other investment securities are OTTI, our future earnings, shareholders’ equity, regulatory capital and continuing operations could be materially adversely affected.

## Sources of Funds

**General.** Our sources of funds are primarily deposits (including deposits from public entities), borrowings, payments of principal and interest on loans and investments and funds provided from operations.

**Deposits.** We offer a variety of deposit accounts to both consumers and businesses having a wide range of interest rates and terms. Our deposits consist of savings accounts, money market deposit accounts, now accounts, demand accounts and certificates of deposit. We solicit deposits primarily in our market area; however, at December 31, 2015, approximately 3.8% of our deposits were from persons outside the State of Washington. As of December 31, 2015, core deposits, which we define as our non-time deposit accounts and time deposit accounts less than \$250,000, represented approximately 85.7% of total deposits, compared to 86.9% and 87.0% as of December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively. We primarily rely on competitive pricing policies, marketing and customer service to attract and retain these deposits and we expect to continue these practices in the future.

The flow of deposits is influenced significantly by general economic conditions, changes in money market and prevailing interest rates and competition. The variety of deposit accounts we offer has allowed us to be competitive in obtaining funds and to respond with flexibility to changes in consumer demand. We have become more susceptible to short-term fluctuations in deposit flows as customers have become more interest rate sensitive. We manage the pricing of our deposits in keeping with our asset/liability management, liquidity and profitability objectives, subject to competitive factors. Based on our experience, we believe that our deposits are relatively stable sources of funds. Despite this stability, our ability to attract and maintain these deposits and the rates paid on them has been and will continue to be significantly affected by market conditions.

The following table sets forth our deposit flows during the periods indicated (dollars in thousands):

	<u>For the year ended December 31,</u>		
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Opening balance . . . . .	\$407,809	\$348,339	\$312,083
Net deposits . . . . .	29,569	57,201	34,160
Interest credited . . . . .	2,646	2,269	2,096
Ending balance . . . . .	<u>\$440,024</u>	<u>\$407,809</u>	<u>\$348,339</u>
Net increase . . . . .	\$ 32,215	\$ 59,470	\$ 36,256
Percent increase . . . . .	7.9%	17.1%	11.6%

The following table sets forth the dollar amount of deposits in the various types of deposit programs offered by us at the dates indicated (dollars in thousands):

	<u>December 31,</u>					
	<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>		<u>2013</u>	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent of total</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent of total</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent of total</u>
Noninterest-bearing demand . . . . .	\$ 48,067	10.92%	\$ 41,773	10.24%	\$ 31,877	9.15%
Interest-bearing demand . . . . .	127,392	28.95	103,048	25.27	70,639	20.28
Savings . . . . .	38,833	8.83	33,233	8.15	26,509	7.61
Money market . . . . .	54,046	12.28	55,236	13.54	59,069	16.96
Escrow . . . . .	2,806	0.64	2,580	0.63	2,717	0.78
Total non-maturity deposits . . . . .	<u>271,144</u>	<u>61.62</u>	<u>235,870</u>	<u>57.83</u>	<u>190,811</u>	<u>54.78</u>
Certificates of deposit:						
1.99% or below . . . . .	155,409	35.32	156,690	38.43	140,139	40.23
2.00 - 3.99% . . . . .	13,471	3.06	15,217	3.73	17,300	4.97
4.00 - 5.99% . . . . .	0	0.00	32	0.01	89	0.02
Total certificates of deposit . . . . .	<u>168,880</u>	<u>38.38</u>	<u>171,939</u>	<u>42.17</u>	<u>157,528</u>	<u>45.22</u>
Total deposits . . . . .	<u>\$440,024</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$407,809</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$348,339</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

Interest-bearing demand accounts increased during the last three years primarily as a result of a continued marketing emphasis on our rewards checking product as well a competitively priced interest-bearing demand account. This product is priced and marketed similarly to a money market account, however it does not have the monthly withdrawal and outgoing transfer restrictions like savings and money market accounts. The increase in

noninterest-bearing demand accounts was primarily a result of our continued emphasis on attracting relatively low-cost core deposit accounts from small businesses. The decrease in money market accounts was primarily the result of customers placing these funds in higher yielding interest-bearing demand accounts. In addition, during 2014, we acquired three retail branches on the North Olympic Peninsula with \$21.6 million in deposits upon acquisition of which \$19.3 million were retained as of December 31, 2014. The increase in certificates during 2014 was primarily a result of several targeted marketing initiatives offering interest rates slightly above market rates.

We are a public funds depository and as of December 31, 2015, we had \$48.6 million in public funds. These funds consisted of \$48.1 million in certificates of deposit, \$141,000 in money market accounts and \$343,000 in checking accounts at December 31, 2015. These accounts must be 100% collateralized if the amount on deposit exceeds FDIC insurance of \$250,000. We use letters of credit from the FHLB as collateral for these funds.

The following table shows rate and maturity information for our certificates of deposit at December 31, 2015 (dollars in thousands):

	<u>0.00- 1.99%</u>	<u>2.00- 3.99%</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>
Certificate accounts maturing in quarter ending:				
March 30, 2016 . . . . .	\$ 29,061	\$ 1,848	\$ 30,909	18.30%
June 30, 2016 . . . . .	21,835	1,523	23,358	13.83
September 30, 2016 . . . . .	18,044	1,344	19,388	11.48
December 31, 2016 . . . . .	25,797	1,328	27,125	16.06
March 30, 2017 . . . . .	18,390	1,652	20,042	11.87
June 30, 2017 . . . . .	6,690	4,184	10,874	6.44
September 30, 2017 . . . . .	10,095	1,524	11,619	6.88
December 31, 2017 . . . . .	7,592	—	7,592	4.50
March 30, 2018 . . . . .	5,135	68	5,203	3.08
June 30, 2018 . . . . .	4,474	—	4,474	2.65
September 30, 2018 . . . . .	535	—	4,474	0.32
December 31, 2018 . . . . .	1,475	—	6,286	0.87
Thereafter . . . . .	<u>6,286</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>6,286</u>	<u>3.72</u>
Total . . . . .	<u>\$155,409</u>	<u>\$13,471</u>	<u>\$168,880</u>	100.00%
Percent of total . . . . .	92.02%	7.98%	100.00%	

The following table indicates the amount of our certificates of deposit and other deposits by time remaining until maturity as of December 31, 2015 (in thousands):

	<u>Maturity</u>				<u>Total</u>
	<u>3 months or less</u>	<u>Over 3 to 6 months</u>	<u>Over 6 to 12 months</u>	<u>Over 12 months</u>	
Certificates of deposit less than \$100,000 . . . . .	\$ 4,264	\$ 9,241	\$15,176	\$23,570	\$ 52,251
Certificates of deposit of \$100,000 or more . . . . .	<u>26,645</u>	<u>14,117</u>	<u>31,337</u>	<u>44,530</u>	<u>116,629</u>
Total certificates of deposit . . . . .	<u>\$30,909</u>	<u>\$23,358</u>	<u>\$46,513</u>	<u>\$68,100</u>	<u>\$168,880</u>

**Borrowings.** Although deposits are our primary source of funds, we may utilize borrowings as a cost-effective source of funds when they can be invested at a positive interest rate spread, for additional capacity to fund loan demand, or to meet our asset/liability management goals. Our borrowings currently consist of advances from the FHLB. See Note 10 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

We are a member of and obtain advances from the FHLB, which is part of the Federal Home Loan Bank System. The eleven regional Federal Home Loan Banks provide a central credit facility for their member institutions. These advances are provided upon the security of certain of our mortgage loans and mortgage-backed securities. These advances may be made pursuant to several different credit programs, each of which has its own interest rate, range of maturities and call features, and all long-term advances are required to provide funds for residential home financing. We have entered into a loan agreement with the FHLB pursuant to

which Sound Community Bank may borrow up to approximately 35% of its total assets, secured by a blanket pledge on a portion of our residential mortgage portfolio including one- to four family first and second mortgage loans, and commercial and multifamily loans. Based on eligible collateral, the total amount available under this agreement as of December 31, 2015 was \$174.0 million. At the same date, we had \$40.4 million in FHLB advances outstanding with maturities between zero and three years. We also had outstanding letters of credit from the FHLB with a notional amount of \$47.5 million at December 31, 2015. We plan to rely in part on long-term FHLB advances to fund asset and loan growth. We also use short-term advances to meet short term liquidity needs. We are required to own stock in the FHLB based on the amount of our advances.

From time to time, we also may borrow from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco’s “discount window” for overnight liquidity needs, although we have not borrowed from the discount window in recent years.

The following table sets forth the maximum balance and average balance of borrowings for the periods indicated (dollars in thousands):

	<u>For the year ended December 31,</u>		
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<b>Maximum balance:</b>			
FHLB advances . . . . .	\$44,988	\$47,006	\$63,489
<b>Average balances:</b>			
FHLB advances . . . . .	\$24,626	\$26,384	\$33,697
<b>Weighted average interest rate:</b>			
FHLB advances . . . . .	0.43%	0.58%	0.53%

The following table sets forth certain information about our borrowings at the dates indicated (dollars in thousands):

	<u>December 31,</u>		
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
FHLB advances . . . . .	\$40,435	\$30,578	\$43,221
<b>Weighted average interest rate:</b>			
FHLB advances . . . . .	0.39%	0.38%	0.36%

### Subsidiary and Other Activities

Sound Financial Bancorp has one subsidiary, Sound Community Bank.

### Competition

We face competition in attracting deposits and originating loans. Competition in originating real estate loans comes primarily from other commercial financial institutions, credit unions, life insurance companies and mortgage brokers. Other savings banks, commercial banks, credit unions and finance companies provide vigorous competition in consumer lending. Commercial business competition is primarily from local commercial banks, but other savings banks and credit unions also compete for this business. We compete by consistently delivering high-quality, personal service to our customers which results in a high level of customer satisfaction.

Our market area has a high concentration of financial institutions, many of which are branches of large money center and regional banks that have resulted from the consolidation of the banking industry in Washington and other western states. These include such large national lenders as US Bank, JP Morgan Chase, Wells Fargo, Bank of America, Key Bank and others in our market area that have greater resources than we do and may offer services that we do not provide. Customers who seek “one-stop shopping” may be drawn to institutions that offer services that we do not.

We attract our deposits through our branch office system. Competition for those deposits is principally from savings banks, commercial banks and credit unions, as well as mutual funds and other alternative investments. We compete for these deposits by offering superior service and a variety of deposit accounts at competitive rates. Based on the most recent data provided by the FDIC, there are approximately 57 other commercial banks and savings institutions operating in the Seattle MSA. Based on the most recent branch deposit data provided by the FDIC, our share of deposits in the Seattle MSA was approximately 0.18%. The five largest financial institutions

in that area have 23.25% of those deposits. In Clallam County there are 11 other commercial banks and savings institutions. Our share of deposits in Clallam County was the second highest in the county at 14.19%, with the five largest institutions in that county having 72.57% of the deposits. In Jefferson County there are seven other commercial banks and savings banks. Our share of deposits in Jefferson County is estimated to be 4.04%, with the five largest institutions in that county have 76.17% of those deposits.

### **How We Are Regulated**

**General.** On December 28, 2012 Sound Community Bank converted from a federally chartered savings bank to a Washington state-chartered commercial bank. As a Washington commercial bank, Sound Community Bank's regulators are the WDFI and the FDIC, rather than the OCC. The Federal Reserve is the primary federal regulator for Sound Financial Bancorp. A brief description of certain laws and regulations that are applicable to Sound Financial Bancorp and Sound Community Bank is set forth below. The description of these laws and regulations, as well as descriptions of laws and regulations contained elsewhere herein, does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the applicable laws and regulations. Legislation is introduced from time to time in the United States Congress or the Washington State Legislature that may affect the operations of Sound Financial Bancorp and Sound Community Bank. In addition, the regulations governing us may be amended from time to time. Any such legislation or regulatory changes in the future could adversely affect our operations and financial condition.

The WDFI and FDIC have extensive enforcement authority over Sound Community Bank. The Federal Reserve has the same type of authority over Sound Financial Bancorp. This enforcement authority includes, among other things, the ability to assess civil money penalties, issue cease-and-desist orders and removal orders and initiate injunctive actions. In general, these enforcement actions may be initiated for violations of laws and regulations and unsafe or unsound practices. Other actions or inactions may provide the basis for enforcement action, including misleading or untimely reports filed with the regulators.

**Regulatory Reform.** On July 21, 2010, the President signed into law the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "Dodd-Frank Act"). The Dodd-Frank Act imposes new restrictions and an expanded framework of regulatory oversight for financial institutions, including depository institutions. The following discussion summarizes significant aspects of the Dodd-Frank Act that will affect us.

The following aspects of the Dodd-Frank Act are related to our operations:

- The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (the "CFPB"), an independent consumer compliance regulatory agency within the Federal Reserve, has been established. The CFPB is empowered to exercise broad regulatory, supervisory and enforcement authority over financial institutions with total assets over \$10 billion with respect to both new and existing consumer financial protection laws. Smaller financial institutions, like Sound Community Bank, are subject to supervision and enforcement by their primary federal banking regulator with respect to federal consumer financial protection laws and regulations. The CFPB also has authority to promulgate new consumer financial protection regulations and amend existing consumer financial protection regulations.
- The Federal Deposit Insurance Act was amended to direct federal regulators to require depository institution holding companies to serve as a source of strength for their depository institution subsidiaries.
- The prohibition on payment of interest on demand deposits was repealed.
- Deposit insurance increased to \$250,000.
- The deposit insurance assessment base for FDIC insurance is the depository institution's average consolidated total assets less average tangible equity during the assessment period.
- The minimum reserve ratio of the Deposit Insurance Fund increased to 1.35 percent of estimated annual insured deposits or the comparable percentage of the assessment base; however, the FDIC is directed to "offset the effect" of the increased reserve ratio for insured depository institutions with total consolidated assets of less than \$10 billion. Pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Act, the FDIC issued a rule setting a designated reserve ratio at 2.0% of insured deposits.
- Tier 1 capital treatment for "hybrid" capital items like trust preferred securities is eliminated subject to various grandfathering and transition rules. The federal banking agencies have promulgated new rules

on regulatory capital for both depository institutions and their holding companies, to include leverage capital and risk-based capital measures at least as stringent as those now applicable to Sound Community Bank under the prompt corrective action regulations. See “-Capital Rules”

- A separate, non-binding shareholder vote is required regarding golden parachutes for named executive officers when a shareholder vote takes place on mergers, acquisitions, dispositions or other transactions that would trigger the parachute payments.
- Securities exchanges are required to prohibit brokers from using their own discretion to vote shares not beneficially owned by them for certain “significant” matters, which include votes on the election of directors, executive compensation matters, and any other matter determined to be significant.
- Stock exchanges, not including the OTC Bulletin Board, are prohibited from listing the securities of any issuer that does not have a policy providing for (i) disclosure of its policy on incentive compensation that is based on financial information required to be reported under the securities laws, and (ii) the recovery from current or former executive officers, following an accounting restatement triggered by material noncompliance with securities law reporting requirements, of any incentive compensation paid erroneously during the three-year period preceding the date on which the restatement was required that exceeds the amount that would have been paid on the basis of the restated financial information.

### **Regulation of Sound Community Bank**

**General.** Sound Community Bank, as a state-chartered commercial bank, is subject to applicable provisions of Washington law and to regulations and examinations of the WDFI. As an insured institution, it also is subject to examination and regulation by the FDIC, which insures the deposits of Sound Community Bank to the maximum permitted by law. During these state or federal regulatory examinations, the examiners may require Sound Community Bank to provide for higher general or specific loan loss reserves, which can impact our capital and earnings. This regulation of Sound Community Bank is intended for the protection of depositors and the Deposit Insurance Fund of the FDIC and not for the purpose of protecting shareholders of Sound Community Bank or Sound Financial Bancorp. Sound Community Bank is required to maintain minimum levels of regulatory capital and is subject to certain limitations on the payment of dividends to Sound Financial Bancorp. See “- Capital Rules” and “-Limitations on Dividends and Other Capital Distributions.”

**Federal and State Enforcement Authority and Actions.** As part of its supervisory authority over Washington-chartered commercial banks, the WDFI may initiate enforcement proceedings to obtain a cease-and-desist order against an institution believed to have engaged in unsafe and unsound practices or to have violated a law, regulation, or other regulatory limit, including a written agreement. The FDIC also has the authority to initiate enforcement actions against insured institutions for similar reasons and may terminate the deposit insurance if it determines that an institution has engaged in unsafe or unsound practices or is in an unsafe or unsound condition. Both these agencies may utilize less formal supervisory tools to address their concerns about the condition, operations of compliance status of a commercial bank.

**Regulation by the Washington Department of Financial Institutions and the FDIC.** State law and regulations govern Sound Community Bank’s ability to take deposits and pay interest, to make loans on or invest in residential and other real estate, to make other loans, to invest in securities, to offer various banking services to its customers, and to establish branch offices. As a state commercial bank, Sound Community Bank must pay semi-annual assessments, examination costs and certain other charges to the WDFI.

Washington law generally provides the same powers for Washington commercial banks as federally and other-state chartered savings institutions and banks with branches in Washington. Washington law allows Washington commercial banks to charge the maximum interest rates on loans and other extensions of credit to Washington residents which are allowable for a national bank in another state if higher than Washington limits. In addition, the WDFI may approve applications by Washington commercial banks to engage in an otherwise unauthorized activity, if it determines that the activity is closely related to banking, and Sound Community Bank is otherwise qualified under the statute.



Federal law generally limits the activities, subsidiary investments and activities, and equity investments of Sound Community Bank, as principal, to those that are permissible for national banks, unless approved by the FDIC. Our relationship with our depositors and borrowers is regulated to a great extent by federal laws and regulations, especially with respect to disclosure requirements.

The FDIC has adopted regulatory guidelines establishing safety and soundness standards on such matters as loan underwriting and documentation, asset quality, earnings standards, internal controls and information systems, audit systems, interest rate risk exposure and compensation and other benefits. If the FDIC determines that Sound Community Bank fails to meet any standard prescribed by these guidelines, it may require Sound Community Bank to submit an acceptable plan to achieve compliance with the standard.

Among these safety and soundness standards are FDIC regulations that require Sound Community Bank to adopt and maintain written policies that establish appropriate limits and standards for real estate loans. These standards, which must be consistent with safe and sound banking practices, establish loan portfolio diversification standards, prudent underwriting standards (including loan-to-value ratio limits) that are clear and measurable, loan administration procedures, and documentation, approval and reporting requirements. Sound Community Bank is obligated to monitor conditions in its real estate markets to ensure that its standards continue to be appropriate for current market conditions. Sound Community Bank's board of directors is required to review and approve Sound Community Bank's standards at least annually. The FDIC has published guidelines for compliance with these regulations, including supervisory limitations on loan-to-value ratios for different categories of real estate loans. Under the guidelines, the aggregate level of all loans in excess of the supervisory loan-to-value ratios should not exceed an aggregate limit of 100% of total capital, and within the aggregate limit, the total of all loans for commercial, agricultural, multifamily or other non-one-to-four-family residential properties should not exceed 30% of total capital.

Loans in excess of the supervisory loan-to-value ratio limitations must be identified in Sound Community Bank's records and reported at least quarterly to Sound Community Bank's Board of Directors. Sound Community Bank is in compliance with the record and reporting requirements. As of December 31, 2015, Sound Community Bank's aggregate loans in excess of the supervisory loan-to-value ratios were \$7.8 million.

The FDIC and the WDFI must approve any merger transaction involving Sound Community Bank as the acquirer, including an assumption of deposits from another depository institution. The FDIC generally is authorized to approve interstate merger transactions without regard to whether the transaction is prohibited by the law of any state. Interstate acquisitions of branches are permitted only if the law of the state in which the branch is located permits such acquisitions. Interstate mergers and branch acquisitions will also be subject to the nationwide and statewide insured deposit concentration amounts described below. The Dodd-Frank Act permits interstate branching for banks by establishing *de novo* branches.

***Insurance of Accounts.*** The Deposit Insurance Fund ("DIF") of the FDIC insures deposit accounts in Sound Community Bank up to \$250,000 per separately insured depositor.

The FDIC assesses deposit insurance premiums on each FDIC-insured institution quarterly based on annualized rates for one of four risk categories applied to its deposits, subject to certain adjustments. Each institution with less than \$10 billion in assets is assigned to one of four risk categories based on its capital levels, supervisory ratings and other factors. Well capitalized institutions that are financially sound with only a few minor weaknesses are assigned to Risk Category I. Risk Categories II, III and IV present progressively greater risks to the DIF.

Under the FDIC's regulations for deposit insurance assessments, the assessment base for a bank is equal to its total average consolidated assets less average tangible capital. The FDIC assessment rates range from approximately 5 basis points to 35 basis points, subject to applicable adjustments for unsecured debt issued by an institution, brokered deposits and unsecured debt of other FDIC-insured institutions, until such time as the FDIC's reserve ratio equals 1.15%. When the FDIC's reserve ratio reaches 1.15% and the reserve ratio for the immediately prior assessment period is less than 2.0%, the applicable assessment rates may range from 3 basis points to 30 basis points (subject to adjustments as described above). When the reserve ratio for the prior assessment period is equal to or greater than 2.0% and less than 2.5%, the assessment rates may range from 2 basis points to 28 basis points and if the reserve ratio for prior assessment period is greater than 2.5%, the assessment rates may range from 1 basis point to 25 basis points (in each case subject to adjustments as described above). No institution may pay a dividend if it is in default on its federal deposit insurance assessment.

As required by the Dodd Frank Act, the FDIC has proposed a rule to offset the effect of the increase in the minimum reserve ratio of the DIF by imposing a surcharge on institutions with assets of \$10 billion or more commencing when the reserve ratio reaches 1.15% and ending when it reaches 1.35%. This surcharge period is expected to begin in 2016 and end by December 31, 2018. Smaller institutions will receive credits for the portion of their regular assessments that contributed to growth in the reserve ratio between 1.15% and 1.35%. The credit will apply to reduce regular assessments by 2.0 basis points for quarters when the reserve ratio is at least 1.40%.

**Transactions with Related Parties.** Transactions between Sound Community Bank and its affiliates are required to be on terms as favorable to Sound Community Bank as transactions with non-affiliates, and certain of these transactions, such as loans to an affiliate, are restricted to a percentage of Sound Community Bank's capital and require eligible collateral in specified amounts. Sound Financial Bancorp is an affiliate of Sound Community Bank.

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 generally prohibits loans by Sound Financial Bancorp to its executive officers and directors. However, the law contains a specific exception for loans by a depository institution to its executive officers and directors in compliance with federal banking laws. Under such laws, Sound Community Bank's authority to extend credit to executive officers, directors and 10% shareholders ("insiders"), as well as entities such persons control, is limited. The laws limit both the individual and aggregate amount of loans that Sound Community Bank may make to insiders based, in part, on Sound Community Bank's capital level and requires that certain board approval procedures be followed. Such loans are required to be made on terms substantially the same as those offered to unaffiliated borrowers and must not involve more than the normal risk of repayment. There is an exception for loans made pursuant to a benefit or compensation program that is widely available to all employees of the institution and does not give preference to insiders over other employees. Loans to executive officers are subject to additional limitations based on the type of loan involved.

**Capital Rules.** Effective January 1, 2015 (with some provisions transitioned into full effectiveness over several years), Sound Financial Bancorp and Sound Community Bank are subject to new capital regulations adopted by the Federal Reserve and the FDIC. Under the new capital regulations, the minimum capital ratios are: (1) a common equity Tier 1 ("CET1") capital ratio of 4.5% of risk-weighted assets; (2) a Tier 1 capital ratio of 6.0% of risk-weighted assets; (3) a total capital ratio of 8.0% of risk-weighted assets, and (4) a leverage ratio (the ratio of Tier 1 capital to average total adjusted assets) of 4.0%. CET1 generally consists of common stock, retained earnings, accumulated other comprehensive income ("AOCI") unless an institution elects to exclude AOCI from regulatory capital, as discussed below, and certain minority interests, all subject to applicable regulatory adjustments and deductions. Tier 1 capital generally includes CET1 and noncumulative perpetual preferred stock, less most intangible assets, subject to certain adjustments. Total capital consists of Tier 1 and Tier 2 Capital. Tier 2 capital, which is limited to 100 percent of Tier 1 capital, includes such items as qualifying general loan loss reserves, cumulative perpetual preferred stock, mandatory convertible debt, term subordinated debt and limited life preferred stock; however, the amount of term subordinated debt and intermediate term preferred stock that may be included in Tier 2 capital is limited to 50 percent of Tier 1 capital. Risk-weighted assets are determined under the capital regulations, which assign risk-weights to all assets and to certain off-balance sheet items.

The new regulations include the phasing-out of certain instruments as qualifying capital. Mortgage servicing and deferred tax assets over designated percentages of CET1 are deducted from capital. In addition, Tier 1 capital includes AOCI, which includes all unrealized gains and losses on available for sale debt and equity securities, unless an institution elects to opt out of such inclusion, if eligible to do so. We have elected to permanently opt-out of the inclusion of AOCI in our capital calculations.

The new capital regulations include a 150% risk weight for certain high volatility commercial real estate acquisition, development and construction loans and for non-residential mortgage loans that are 90 days past due or otherwise in nonaccrual status; a 20% risk weight for the unused portion of a commitment with an original maturity of one year or less that is not unconditionally cancellable; and a 250% risk weight for mortgage servicing and deferred tax assets that are not deducted from capital.

In addition to the minimum CET1, Tier 1 and total capital ratios, Sound Financial Bancorp and Sound Community Bank must maintain a capital conservation buffer consisting of additional CET1 capital greater than 2.5% of risk-weighted assets above the required minimum levels in order to avoid limitations on paying

dividends, engaging in share repurchases, and paying discretionary bonuses. The capital conservation buffer requirement is phased in beginning on January 1, 2016 when a buffer greater than 0.625% of risk-weighted assets will be required which amount will increase each year until the buffer requirement is fully implemented on January 1, 2019.

Under the FDIC's prompt corrective action standards, in order to be considered well-capitalized, a bank must have a ratio of CET1 capital to risk-weighted assets of 6.5%, a ratio of Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets of 8%, a ratio of total capital to risk-weighted assets of 10%, and a leverage ratio of 5%. In order to be considered adequately capitalized, a bank must have the minimum capital ratios described above. Institutions with lower capital ratios are assigned to lower capital categories. Based on safety and soundness concerns, the FDIC may assign an institution to a lower capital category than would originally apply based on its capital ratios. The FDIC is also authorized to require Sound Community Bank to maintain additional amounts of capital in connection with concentrations of assets, interest rate risk, and certain other items. The FDIC has not imposed such a requirement on Sound Community Bank.

An institution that is not well capitalized is subject to certain restrictions on brokered deposits and interest rates on deposits. An institution that is not at least adequately capitalized is subject to numerous additional restrictions, and a guaranty by its holding company is required. An institution with a ratio of tangible equity to total assets of 20% or less is subject to appointment of the FDIC as receiver if its capital level does not improve in timely fashion. When the FDIC as receiver liquidates an institution, the claims of depositors and the FDIC as their successor have priority over other unsecured claims against the institution.

As of December 31, 2015, Sound Financial Bancorp and Sound Community Bank are well-capitalized under the capital rules and we anticipate that we will meet the capital conservation buffer requirement.

***Volcker Rule Regulations.*** Regulations were adopted by the federal banking agencies to implement the provisions of the Dodd Frank Act commonly referred to as the Volcker Rule. The regulations contain prohibitions and restrictions on the ability of banks and their holding companies and the affiliates to engage in proprietary trading and to hold certain interests in, or to have certain relationships with, various types of investment funds, including hedge funds and private equity funds, and certain other investments, including certain collateralized mortgage obligations, collateralized debt obligations, collateralized loan obligations and others.

***Community Reinvestment and Consumer Protection Laws.*** In connection with its lending and other activities, Sound Community Bank is subject to a number of federal laws designed to protect customers and promote lending to various sectors of the economy and population. These include, among others, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, the Truth-in-Lending Act, the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, and the Community Reinvestment Act ("CRA"). Among other things, these laws:

- require lenders to disclose credit terms in meaningful and consistent ways;
- prohibit discrimination against an applicant in a credit transaction;
- prohibit discrimination in housing-related lending activities;
- require certain lenders to collect and report applicant and borrower data regarding home;
- require lenders to provide borrowers with information regarding the nature and cost of real estate settlements;
- prohibit certain lending practices and limit escrow account amounts with respect to real estate loan transactions;
- require financial institutions to implement identity theft prevention programs and measures to protect the confidentiality of consumer financial information; and
- prescribe possible penalties for violations of the requirements of consumer protection statutes and regulations.

The CFPB has authority for amending existing consumer compliance regulations and implementing new regulations, and is charged with examining the compliance of financial institutions with assets in excess of \$10 billion with these consumer protection rules. Sound Community Bank's compliance with consumer protection rules is examined by the WDFI and the FDIC since it does not meet this \$10 billion asset level threshold.

In addition, federal regulations limit the ability of banks and other financial institutions to disclose nonpublic consumer information to non-affiliated third parties. The regulations require disclosure of privacy policies and allow consumers to prevent certain personal information from being shared with non-affiliated parties.

The CRA requires the appropriate federal banking agency to assess the bank's record in meeting the credit needs of the communities served by the bank, including low and moderate income neighborhoods. The FDIC examines Sound Community Bank for compliance with its CRA obligations. Under the CRA, institutions are assigned a rating of "outstanding," "satisfactory," "needs to improve," or "substantial non-compliance" and the appropriate federal banking agency is to take this rating into account in the evaluation of certain applications of the institution, such as an application relating to a merger or the establishment of a branch. An unsatisfactory rating may be the basis for the denial of such an application. The CRA also requires that all institutions make public disclosures of their CRA ratings. Sound Community Bank received a "satisfactory" rating in its most recent CRA evaluation. Under the law of the state of Washington, Sound Community Bank has a similar obligation to meet the credit needs of the communities it serves, and is subject to examination by the WDFI for this purpose, including assignment of a rating. An unsatisfactory rating may be the basis for denial of certain applications by the WDFI.

**Bank Secrecy Act / Anti-Money Laundering Laws.** Sound Community Bank is subject to the Bank Secrecy Act and other anti-money laundering laws and regulations, including the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001. These laws and regulations require Sound Community Bank to implement policies, procedures, and controls to detect, prevent, and report money laundering and terrorist financing and to verify the identity of their customers. Violations of these requirements can result in substantial civil and criminal sanctions. In addition, provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act require the federal financial institution regulatory agencies to consider the effectiveness of a financial institution's anti-money laundering activities when reviewing mergers and acquisitions.

**Federal Home Loan Bank System.** Sound Community Bank is a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines, one of the 11 regional Federal Home Loan Banks in the Federal Home Loan Bank System. The Federal Home Loan Bank System provides a central credit facility for member institutions. As a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines, Sound Community Bank is required to hold shares of capital stock in that Federal Home Loan Bank. At December 31, 2015, Sound Community Bank had \$2.2 million in Federal Home Loan Bank stock, which was in compliance with this requirement. Sound Community Bank received \$13,000 in dividends from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines for the year ended December 31, 2015.

The Federal Home Loan Banks have continued to contribute to low- and moderately-priced housing programs through direct loans or interest subsidies on advances targeted for community investment and low- and moderate-income housing projects. These contributions have affected adversely the level of Federal Home Loan Bank dividends paid and could continue to do so in the future. These contributions could also have an adverse effect on the value of Federal Home Loan Bank stock in the future. A reduction in value of Sound Community Bank's Federal Home Loan Bank stock may result in a corresponding reduction in its capital.

### **Regulation of Sound Financial Bancorp**

**General.** Sound Financial Bancorp, as the sole shareholder of Sound Community Bank, is a bank holding company registered with the Federal Reserve. Bank holding companies are subject to comprehensive regulation by the Federal Reserve under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder. This regulation and oversight is generally intended to ensure that Sound Financial Bancorp limits its activities to those allowed by law and that it operates in a safe and sound manner without endangering the financial health of Sound Community Bank.

As a bank holding company, Sound Financial Bancorp is required to file quarterly and annual reports with the Federal Reserve and any additional information required by the Federal Reserve and is subject to regular examinations by the Federal Reserve and to examination by the WDFI. The Federal Reserve also has extensive enforcement authority over bank holding companies, including the ability to assess civil money penalties, to issue

cease and desist or removal orders and to require that a holding company divest subsidiaries (including its bank subsidiaries). In general, enforcement actions may be initiated for violations of law and regulations and unsafe or unsound practices.

A merger or acquisition of Sound Financial Bancorp, or an acquisition of control of Sound Financial Bancorp, is generally subject to approval by the Federal Reserve and WDFI. In general, control for this purpose means 25% of voting stock, but such approval can be required in other circumstances, including but not limited to an acquisition of as low as 5% of voting stock.

The Dodd-Frank Act requires a bank holding company to serve as a source of financial strength to its subsidiary banks, with the ability to provide financial assistance to a subsidiary bank in financial distress. Regulations to implement this provision are required, but to date, none have been promulgated.

**Permissible Activities.** Under the Bank Holding Company Act, the Federal Reserve may approve the ownership of shares by a bank holding company in any company the activities of which the Federal Reserve has determined to be so closely related to the business of banking or managing or controlling banks as to be a proper incident thereto. These activities generally include, among others, operating a savings institution, mortgage company, finance company, credit card company or factoring company; performing certain data processing operations; providing certain investment and financial advice; underwriting and acting as an insurance agent for certain types of credit-related insurance; leasing property on a full-payout, non-operating basis; selling money orders, travelers' checks and U.S. Savings Bonds; real estate and personal property appraising; providing tax planning and preparation services; and, subject to certain limitations, providing securities brokerage services for customers. The Bank Holding Company Act prohibits a bank holding company, with certain exceptions, from acquiring ownership or control of more than 5% of the voting shares of any company that is not a bank or bank holding company and from engaging in activities other than those of banking, managing or controlling banks, or providing services for its subsidiaries. A bank holding company that meets certain supervisory and financial standards and elects to be designed as a financial holding company may also engage in certain securities, insurance and merchant banking activities and other activities determined to be financial in nature or incidental to financial activities.

The Federal Reserve must approve an application of a bank holding company to acquire control of, or acquire all or substantially all of the assets of, a bank, and may approve an acquisition located in a state other than the holding company's home state, without regard to whether the transaction is prohibited by the laws of any state, but may not approve the acquisition of a bank that has not been in existence for the minimum time period, not exceeding five years, specified by the law of the host state, or an application where the applicant controls or would control more than 10% of the insured deposits in the United States or 30% or more of the deposits in the target bank's home state or in any state in which the target bank maintains a branch. Federal law does not affect the authority of states to limit the percentage of total insured deposits in the state that may be held or controlled by a bank holding company to the extent such limitation does not discriminate against out-of-state banks or bank holding companies. Individual states may also waive the 30% state-wide concentration limit contained in the federal law.

**Capital Requirements for Sound Financial Bancorp.** Effective January 1, 2015, Sound Financial Bancorp is subject to the capital rules described under the caption "Capital Rules" above. The Federal Reserve expects a holding company's subsidiary banks to be well capitalized under the prompt corrective action regulations. In addition, a bank holding company must serve as a source of financial strength for its depository institution subsidiaries.

**Federal Securities Law.** The stock of Sound Financial Bancorp is registered with the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Sound Financial Bancorp is subject to the information, proxy solicitation, insider trading restrictions and other requirements of the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Sound Financial Bancorp stock held by persons who are affiliates of Sound Financial Bancorp may not be resold without registration unless sold in accordance with certain resale restrictions. For this purpose, affiliates are generally considered to be officers, directors and principal shareholders. If Sound Financial Bancorp meets specified current public information requirements, each affiliate of Sound Financial Bancorp will be able to sell in the public market, without registration, a limited number of shares in any three-month period.

The SEC has adopted regulations and policies under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 that apply to Sound Financial Bancorp as a registered company under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The stated goals of these requirements are to increase corporate responsibility, provide for enhanced penalties for accounting and auditing improprieties at publicly traded companies and to protect investors by improving the accuracy and reliability of corporate disclosures pursuant to the securities laws. The SEC and Sarbanes-Oxley-related regulations and policies include very specific additional disclosure requirements and corporate governance rules.

### **Limitations on Dividends and Stock Repurchases**

**Sound Financial Bancorp.** Sound Financial Bancorp's ability to declare and pay dividends is subject to the Federal Reserve's limits, including the capital conservation buffer requirement, and Maryland law, and may depend on its ability to receive dividends from Sound Community Bank.

A policy of the Federal Reserve limits the payment of a cash dividend by a bank holding company if the holding company's net income for the past year is not sufficient to cover both the cash dividend and a rate of earnings retention that is consistent with capital needs, asset quality and overall financial condition. A bank holding company that does not meet any applicable capital standard would not be able to pay any cash dividends under this policy. A bank holding company subject to the Small Bank Holding Company Policy Statement, such as Sound Financial Bancorp, is expected not to pay dividends unless its debt-to-equity ratio is less than 1:1 and it meets certain additional criteria. The Federal Reserve also has indicated that it is inappropriate for a company experiencing serious financial problems to borrow funds to pay dividends.

Except for a company that meets the well-capitalized standard for bank holding companies, is well managed, and is not subject to any unresolved supervisory issues, a bank holding company is required to give the Federal Reserve prior written notice of any purchase or redemption of its outstanding equity securities if the gross consideration for the purchase or redemption, when combined with the net consideration paid for all such purchases or redemptions during the preceding 12 months, is equal to 10% or more of the company's consolidated net worth. The Federal Reserve may disapprove such a purchase or redemption if it determines that the proposal would constitute an unsafe or unsound practice or would violate any law, regulation or regulatory order, condition, or written agreement with the Federal Reserve. Regardless of its asset size, a bank holding company is considered well-capitalized if on a consolidated basis it has a total risk-based capital ratio of at least 10.0% and a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of 6.0% or more, and is not subject to an agreement, order, or directive to maintain a specific level for any capital measure.

Under Maryland corporate law, Sound Financial Bancorp generally may not pay dividends if after that payment it would not be able to pay its liabilities as they become due in the usual course of business, or its total assets would be less than the sum of its total liabilities.

**Sound Community Bank.** The amount of dividends payable by Sound Community Bank to Sound Financial Bancorp depends upon Sound Community Bank's earnings and capital position, and is limited by federal and state laws, regulations and policies, including the new capital conservation buffer requirement. Sound Community Bank may not declare or pay a cash dividend on its capital stock if the payment would cause its net worth to be reduced below the amount required for its liquidation account. Dividends on Sound Community Bank's capital stock may not be paid in an aggregate amount greater than the aggregate retained earnings of Sound Community Bank without the approval of the WDFI.

The amount of dividends actually paid during any one period will be strongly affected by Sound Community Bank's policy of maintaining a strong capital position. Federal law further provides that without prior approval no insured depository institution may pay a cash dividend if it would cause the institution to be less than adequately capitalized as defined in the prompt corrective action regulations. Moreover, the FDIC has the general authority to limit the dividends paid by insured banks if such payments are deemed to constitute an unsafe and unsound practice. In addition, dividends may not be declared or paid if Sound Community Bank is in default in payment of any assessment due the FDIC.

## **Federal Taxation**

**General.** We are subject to federal income taxation in the same general manner as other corporations, with some exceptions discussed below. The following discussion of federal taxation is intended only to summarize certain pertinent federal income tax matters and is not a comprehensive description of the tax rules applicable to Sound Financial Bancorp or Sound Community Bank. Our federal income tax returns have never been audited by the Internal Revenue Service.

We had no unrecognized tax benefits at December 31, 2015 and at December 31, 2014.

**Method of Accounting.** For federal income tax purposes, we currently report our income and expenses on the accrual method of accounting and use a fiscal year ending on December 31 for filing our federal income tax return.

**Minimum Tax.** The Internal Revenue Code imposes an alternative minimum tax at a rate of 20% on a base of regular taxable income plus certain items of tax preference and adjustment, called alternative minimum taxable income. Net operating losses can offset no more than 90% of alternative minimum taxable income. The alternative minimum tax is payable to the extent that the taxpayer's alternative minimum tax is in excess of the taxpayer's regular tax. Certain payments of alternative minimum tax may be used as credits against regular tax liabilities in future years. We have not been subject to the alternative minimum tax in prior years, nor do we have any such amounts available as credits for carryover.

**Corporate Dividends-Received Deduction.** Sound Financial Bancorp has elected to file a consolidated return with Sound Community Bank. Therefore any dividends Sound Financial Bancorp receives from Sound Community Bank will not be included as income to Sound Financial Bancorp.

## **State Taxation**

We are subject to a business and occupation tax imposed under Washington law at the rate of 1.5% of gross receipts. Interest received on loans secured by mortgages or deeds of trust on residential properties and certain investment securities are exempt from this tax.

## **Employees**

At December 31, 2015, we had a total of 98 full-time employees and 13 part-time employees. Our employees are not represented by any collective bargaining group. Management considers its employee relations to be good.

## **Executive Officers of Sound Financial Bancorp and Sound Community Bank**

Officers are elected annually to serve for a one year term. There are no arrangements or understandings between the officers and any other person pursuant to which he or she was or is to be selected as an officer.

**Laura Lee Stewart.** Ms. Stewart, age 66, is currently President and Chief Executive Officer of Sound Community Bank and Sound Financial Bancorp. Prior to joining Sound Community Bank as its President in 1989, when it was a credit union, Ms. Stewart was Senior Vice President/Retail Banking at Great Western Bank. Ms. Stewart was selected as an inaugural member of the FDIC Community Bank Advisory Board and completed her term in 2011. In 2011, Ms. Stewart was appointed to the inaugural Consumer Financial Protection Bureau board and completed her term in 2013. She also served as Chair of the ABA Government Relations Council and is the past Chair of the Washington Bankers Association. In 2011 and again in 2015, The American Banker honored her as one of the top 25 Women to Watch in banking. Ms. Stewart also is a member of the National Arthritis Foundation's board of directors as well as serving as the Chair of the board of directors of Woodland Park Zoo. Her many years of service in all areas of the financial institution operations and duties as President and Chief Executive Officer of Sound Community Bank bring a special knowledge of the financial, economic and regulatory challenges we face and she is well suited to educating the Board on these matters.

**Matthew P. Deines.** Mr. Deines, age 42, has served as Chief Financial Officer of Sound Community Bank since 2002 and was appointed Executive Vice President in January 2005. Mr. Deines has also served as Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President of Sound Financial Bancorp (and its predecessor company) since its incorporation in 2008. Mr. Deines currently is responsible for management of our accounting, financial reporting, operations and information technology functions and is chair of Sound Community Bank's Asset-Liability Management Committee. Prior to joining Sound Community Bank, Mr. Deines was an Audit Supervisor with

McGladrey and Pullen, LLP and received his Washington CPA certificate in 2000. Mr. Deines received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Loyola Marymount University. He received a Master of Business Administration Degree from the University of Washington in June 2010.

***Elliott Pierce.*** Mr. Pierce, age 59, was appointed Senior Vice President and Chief Credit Officer of Sound Community Bank in April 2015 and was appointed Executive Vice President in January 2016. Mr. Pierce is responsible for management of the Bank's Lending and Credit Administration functions, and is a member of the Bank's Loan Committee. Prior to joining Sound Community Bank, Mr. Pierce was a Senior Vice President and Credit Administrator with Union Bank N.A. Mr. Pierce received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Washington and his Master of Business Administration from Seattle Pacific University. Mr. Pierce is also a graduate of the Pacific Coast Banking School.

***Christina Gehrke.*** Ms. Gehrke, age 51, was appointed Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of Sound Community Bank in October 2015. Her responsibilities include, among other things, overseeing project management, vendor management, human resources, facilities management and marketing functions at the Bank. Ms. Gehrke previously served as Chief Accounting and Administrative Officer of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle (the "FHLB") where she was employed for 17 years. Ms. Gehrke's responsibilities at the FHLB included overseeing the accurate and timely reporting of SEC periodic reports, the preparation of consolidated financial statements, SEC reporting and analysis, compliance with SOX policies and procedures, data management as well as facilities management.

***Kelli Nielsen.*** Ms. Nielsen, age 44, is Senior Vice President of Retail Banking. Ms. Nielsen is responsible for Business Development. Ms. Nielsen joined the Sound Community Bank in August 2012. Prior to joining the Bank, Ms. Nielsen was Vice President of Relationship Strategies at Opus Bank (formerly Cascade Bank). She joined Cascade Bank in 2002 as Vice President and Sales and Service Manager for Retail Banking. Kelli has over 24 years of banking experience and has served 14 years on the WBA (Washington Bankers Association) Education Committee and holds three certificates from the Ritz Carlton Leadership Training Center. She is the 2014 - 2016 Chair of the WBA Retail Leadership Committee and a 2014 - 2016 Task Force Committee Member at the American Bankers Association Stonier School of Banking.

#### **Internet Website**

We maintain a website, [www.soundcb.com](http://www.soundcb.com). Information pertaining to us, including SEC filings, can be found by clicking the link on our site called "Investor Relations." This Annual Report on Form 10-K and our other reports, proxy statements and other information filed with the SEC are available on that website within the Investor Relations webpage by clicking the link called "SEC Filings." The information contained on our website is not included as a part of, or incorporated by reference into, this Annual Report on Form 10-K. For more information regarding access to these filings on our website, please contact our Corporate Secretary, Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc., 2005 5th Avenue, Suite 200, Seattle, Washington, 98121 or by calling (206) 448-0884.

#### **Item 1A. Risk Factors**

Not required; we are a smaller reporting company.

#### **Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments**

Not applicable.

#### **Item 2. Properties**

Five of our seven offices are leased. The operating leases contain renewal options and require us to pay property taxes and operating expenses on the properties. Our total rental expense for each of the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 was \$877,000 and \$873,000, respectively. The aggregate net book value of our land, buildings, leasehold improvements, furniture and equipment was \$5.3 million at December 31, 2015. See also Note 7 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. In the opinion of management, the facilities are adequate and suitable for our current needs. We may open additional banking offices to better serve current customers and to attract new customers in subsequent years.



The following table sets forth certain information concerning our main office, our branch offices and our loan production office at December 31, 2015:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Year opened</u>	<u>Owned or leased</u>	<u>Lease expiration date</u>
<b>Main office:</b>			
2005 5th Avenue Seattle, WA 98121	1993	Leased	2017 <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>Future Main office:</b>			
Third and Battery Seattle, WA 98121	2017 (est)	Leased	2029 (est)
<b>Branch offices:</b>			
<i>Cedar Plaza Branch</i> 22807 44th Avenue West Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043	2004	Leased	2025 <sup>(2)</sup>
<i>Tacoma Branch</i> 2941 S. 38th Street Tacoma, WA 98409	2009	Leased	2019 <sup>(5)</sup>
<i>Port Ludlow Branch</i> 9500 Oak Bay Road, Ste A. Port Ludlow, WA 98365	2014	Owned	
<i>Sequim Branch</i> 645 W. Washington Street Sequim, WA 98382	1997	Owned	
<i>Port Angeles Branch</i> 110 N. Alder Street Port Angeles, WA 98682	2010	Leased	2028 <sup>(3)</sup>
<b>Loan Production Office:</b>			
<i>Madison Park Loan Office</i> 3101 E. Madison Street Seattle, WA 98112	2013	Leased	2019 <sup>(4)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup> Lease contains no renewal option.

<sup>(2)</sup> Lease provides for one five-year renewal.

<sup>(3)</sup> Lease provides for two ten-year renewals.

<sup>(4)</sup> Lease provides for three three-year renewals.

<sup>(5)</sup> Lease provides for two five-year renewals.

We maintain depositor and borrower customer files on an online basis, utilizing a telecommunications network, portions of which are leased. Management has a disaster recovery plan in place with respect to the data processing system, as well as our operations as a whole.

### **Item 3. Legal Proceedings**

From time to time we are involved as plaintiff or defendant in various legal actions arising in the normal course of business. We do not anticipate incurring any material legal fees or other liability as a result of such litigation.

### **Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures**

Not applicable.

## PART II

### Item 5. Market for Registrant’s Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

The common stock of Sound Financial Bancorp, which began trading on August 23, 2012, is traded on The NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol “SFBC.” The table below shows the high and low closing prices and quarterly dividends for our common stock for the periods indicated.

	<u>Stock Price</u>		<u>Dividends Per Share</u>
	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	
<b><u>2015 Quarters</u></b>			
First Quarter (ended 3/31/2015) .....	\$19.80	\$18.00	\$0.05
Second Quarter (ended 6/30/2015) .....	\$22.40	\$18.82	\$0.06
Third Quarter (ended 9/30/2015).....	\$21.00	\$18.50	\$0.06
Fourth Quarter (ended 12/31/2015).....	\$22.65	\$20.05	\$0.06
	<u>Stock Price</u>		<u>Dividends Per Share</u>
	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	
<b><u>2014 Quarters</u></b>			
First Quarter (ended 3/31/2014) .....	\$17.58	\$16.55	\$0.05
Second Quarter (ended 6/30/2014) .....	\$17.51	\$16.55	\$0.05
Third Quarter (ended 9/30/2014).....	\$18.75	\$17.09	\$0.05
Fourth Quarter (ended 12/31/2014).....	\$18.93	\$17.48	\$0.05

At December 31, 2015, there were 2,469,688 shares outstanding and the closing price of our common stock on that date was \$22.64. On that date, we had approximately 260 shareholders of record.

Our cash dividend payout policy is reviewed continually by management and the Board of Directors. Any dividends declared and paid in the future would depend upon a number of factors, including capital requirements, our financial condition and results of operations, tax considerations, statutory and regulatory limitations, and general economic conditions. No assurances can be given that any dividends will be paid or that, if paid, will not be reduced or eliminated in future periods. Our future payment of dividends may depend, in part, upon receipt of dividends from Sound Community Bank, which are restricted by federal regulations.

Information regarding our equity compensation plan is included in Item 12 of this Form 10-K.

#### **Stock Repurchases**

There were no stock repurchases by the Company during the quarter ended December 31, 2015.

**Item 6. Selected Financial Data**

**SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL AND OTHER DATA**

The following table sets forth certain information concerning the Company’s consolidated financial position and results of operations at and for the dates indicated and have been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements. The information below is qualified in its entirety by the detailed information included elsewhere herein and should be read along with Item 7., “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and Item 8., “Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.” (In thousands)

	<u>At December 31,</u>		
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<b>Selected Financial Condition Data:</b>			
Total assets . . . . .	\$540,760	\$495,187	\$442,611
Total loans, net. . . . .	454,833	425,973	386,749
Loans held-for-sale . . . . .	2,091	810	130
Available for sale securities, at fair value. . . . .	6,696	11,524	15,421
Bank-owned life insurance, net. . . . .	11,746	11,408	11,068
Other real estate owned and repossessed assets, net . . . . .	769	323	1,178
Federal Home Loan Bank stock, at cost. . . . .	2,212	2,224	2,314
Total deposits . . . . .	440,024	407,809	348,339
Borrowings. . . . .	40,435	30,578	43,221
Stockholders’ equity . . . . .	54,520	50,644	46,504
	<b>For the years ended December 31,</b>		
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<b>Selected Operations Data:</b>			
Total interest income . . . . .	\$22,453	\$21,356	\$19,626
Total interest expense . . . . .	<u>2,752</u>	<u>2,423</u>	<u>2,312</u>
Net interest income . . . . .	19,701	18,933	17,314
Provision for loan losses . . . . .	<u>400</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>1,350</u>
Net interest income after provision for loan losses . . . . .	<u>19,301</u>	<u>18,133</u>	<u>15,964</u>
Service charges and fee income . . . . .	2,605	2,571	2,270
Gain on sale of loans. . . . .	1,301	624	967
Mortgage servicing income . . . . .	840	509	457
Loss on Sale of Securities . . . . .	(31)	—	(30)
Fair value adjustment on mortgage servicing rights . . . . .	210	328	900
Earnings on cash surrender value of BOLI . . . . .	<u>338</u>	<u>340</u>	<u>348</u>
Total noninterest income . . . . .	<u>5,263</u>	<u>4,372</u>	<u>4,912</u>
Salaries and benefits . . . . .	9,223	8,278	7,206
Operations expense . . . . .	3,995	4,045	3,950
Occupancy expense . . . . .	1,493	1,359	1,316
Net losses on OREO and repossessed assets . . . . .	311	208	1,036
Other noninterest expense . . . . .	<u>2,463</u>	<u>2,037</u>	<u>1,613</u>
Total noninterest expense . . . . .	<u>17,485</u>	<u>15,927</u>	<u>15,121</u>
Income before provision for income taxes . . . . .	<u>7,079</u>	<u>6,578</u>	<u>5,755</u>
Provision for income taxes . . . . .	<u>2,289</u>	<u>2,338</u>	<u>1,815</u>
Net income . . . . .	<u>\$ 4,790</u>	<u>\$ 4,240</u>	<u>\$ 3,940</u>

**For the years ended December 31,**

	2015	2014	2013
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**Selected Financial Ratios and Other Data:***Performance ratios:*

Return on assets (ratio of net income to average total assets) . . . . .	0.95%	0.93%	0.96%
Return on equity (ratio of net income to average equity) . . . . .	8.93	8.76	8.68
Dividend payout ratio . . . . .	11.98	11.89	9.85

*Interest rate spread information:*

Average during period . . . . .	4.13	4.45	4.44
End of period . . . . .	4.17	4.33	4.06
Net interest margin <sup>(1)</sup> . . . . .	4.17	4.49	4.55
Noninterest income to total net revenue <sup>(2)</sup> . . . . .	21.08	18.76	22.10
Noninterest expense to average total assets . . . . .	3.47	3.48	3.68
Average interest-earning assets to average interest-bearing liabilities . . . . .	106.82	117.53	116.97
Efficiency ratio <sup>(3)</sup> . . . . .	68.71	66.97	63.29

*Asset quality ratios:*

Nonperforming assets to total assets at end of period . . . . .	0.54	0.84	0.70
Nonperforming loans to total loans . . . . .	0.47	0.89	0.49
Allowance for loan losses to nonperforming loans . . . . .	217.65	114.19	217.44
Allowance for loan losses to total loans . . . . .	1.01	1.02	1.07
Net charge-offs to average loans outstanding . . . . .	0.03	0.14	0.40

*Capital ratios:*

Equity to total assets at end of period . . . . .	10.08	10.24	10.51
Average equity to average assets . . . . .	10.66	10.57	11.04

*Other data:*

Number of full service offices . . . . .	6	6	5
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<sup>(1)</sup> Net interest income divided by average interest earning assets.

<sup>(2)</sup> Noninterest income divided by the sum of noninterest income and net interest income.

<sup>(3)</sup> Noninterest expense, excluding other real estate owned and repossessed property expense, as a percentage of net interest income and total noninterest income, excluding net securities transactions.

**Item 7.****MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

This discussion and analysis reviews our consolidated financial statements and other relevant statistical data and is intended to enhance your understanding of our financial condition and results of operations. The information in this section has been derived from the Consolidated Financial Statements and footnotes thereto that appear in Item 8 of this Form 10-K. The information contained in this section should be read in conjunction with these Consolidated Financial Statements and footnotes and the business and financial information provided in this Form 10-K.

**Overview**

Our principal business consists of attracting retail deposits from the general public and investing those funds, along with borrowed funds, in loans secured by first and second mortgages on one- to four-family residences (including home equity loans and lines of credit), commercial and multifamily, consumer and commercial business loans and construction and land loans. We offer a wide variety of secured and unsecured consumer loan products, including manufactured home loans, floating home loans, automobile loans, boat loans and recreational vehicle loans. We intend to continue emphasizing our residential mortgage, commercial and multifamily and commercial business lending, while continuing to originate home equity and consumer loans. As part of our business, we focus on residential mortgage loan originations, most of which we sell to Fannie Mae. We sell

many of these loans with servicing retained to maintain the direct customer relationship and promote our emphasis on strong customer service. We originated \$112.3 million, \$82.3 million and \$118.8 million of one- to four-family residential mortgage loans during the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. During these same periods, we sold \$72.6 million, \$52.7 million and \$108.9 million, respectively, of one- to four-family residential mortgage loans.

Our operating revenues are derived principally from earnings on interest earning assets, service charges and fees, and gains on the sale of loans. Our primary sources of funds are deposits, Federal Home Loan Bank (“FHLB”) advances, and payments received on loans and securities. We offer a variety of deposit accounts that provide a wide range of interest rates and terms, generally including savings, money markets, NOW accounts, term certificates and demand accounts.

Our noninterest expenses consist primarily of salaries, incentive pay, commissions, and employee benefits, expenses for occupancy, marketing, professional fees, data processing, FDIC deposit insurance premiums and regulatory expenses. Salaries and benefits consist primarily of the salaries and wages paid to our employees, payroll taxes, directors’ fees, expenses for retirement, share-based compensation and other employee benefits. Occupancy expenses, which are the fixed and variable costs of buildings and equipment, consist primarily of lease payments, property taxes, depreciation charges, maintenance and the cost of utilities.

Our strategic plan targets consumers, small and medium size businesses, and professionals in our market area for loans and deposits. In pursuit of these goals and managing the size of our loan portfolio, we focus on including a significant amount of commercial business and commercial and multifamily loans in our portfolio. A significant portion of these commercial and multifamily and business loans have adjustable rates, higher yields or shorter terms and higher credit risk than traditional fixed-rate mortgages. Our commercial loan portfolio (commercial and multifamily and commercial business loans) increased to \$194.6 million or 42.2% of our loan portfolio at December 31, 2015, from \$188.4 million or 43.6% of our loan portfolio at December 31, 2014, and \$171.2 million or 43.7% of our loan portfolio at December 31, 2013. In addition to higher balances in commercial lending, we also benefit from additional lending opportunities in our construction and land development portfolio. Our construction and land development portfolio increased to \$57.0 million or 12.4% of our loan portfolio at December 31, 2015, from \$46.3 million or 10.7% of our loan portfolio as of December 31, 2014 and \$44.3 million or 11.3% as of December 31, 2013. Additional commercial and multifamily, and construction and land loans have improved our net interest income and helped further diversify our loan portfolio mix.

Our provision for loan losses expense was significantly lower in 2015 and 2014 than during the three previous years and reflects decreased levels of delinquencies, classified loans and net charge-offs.

### **Recent Accounting Standards**

For a discussion of recent accounting standards, please see Note 2 - Accounting Pronouncements Recently Issued or Adopted in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 8 of this Form 10-K.

### **Critical Accounting Policies**

Certain of our accounting policies are important to an understanding of our financial condition, since they require management to make difficult, complex or subjective judgments, which may relate to matters that are inherently uncertain. Estimates associated with these policies are susceptible to material changes as a result of changes in facts and circumstances. Facts and circumstances that could affect these judgments include, but are not limited to, changes in interest rates, changes in the performance of the economy and changes in the financial condition of borrowers. Management believes that its critical accounting policies include determining the allowance for loan losses, accounting for other-than-temporary impairment of securities, accounting for mortgage servicing rights, accounting for other real estate owned, and accounting for deferred income taxes. For additional information on our accounting policies see “Note 1 - Organization and Significant Accounting Principles” in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 8 of this Form 10-K.

**Allowance for Loan Loss.** The allowance for loan losses is the amount estimated by management as necessary to cover losses inherent in the loan portfolio as of the balance sheet date. The allowance is established through the provision for loan losses, which is charged to income. Determining the amount of the allowance for loan losses necessarily involves a high degree of subjectivity and requires us to make various assumptions and

judgments about the collectability of our loan portfolio, including the creditworthiness of our borrowers and the value of the real estate and other assets serving as collateral for the repayment of many of our loans. Among the material estimates required to establish the allowance are: loss exposure at default; the amount and timing of future cash flows on impacted loans; value of collateral; and determination of historical and current loss factors to be applied to the various elements of the portfolio. All of these estimates are susceptible to significant change. Management reviews the level of the allowance at least quarterly and establishes the provision for loan losses based upon an evaluation of the portfolio, past loss experience, current economic conditions and other factors related to the collectability of the loan portfolio. To strengthen our loan review and classification process, we engage an independent consultant to review our classified loans and a significant sample of recently originated non-classified loans on a regular basis. We also enhanced our credit administration policies and procedures to improve our maintenance of updated financial data on commercial borrowers. While we believe the estimates and assumptions used in our determination of the adequacy of the allowance are reasonable, there can be no assurance that such estimates and assumptions will not be proven incorrect in the future, or that the actual amount of future provisions will not exceed the amount of past provisions or that any increased provisions that may be required will not adversely impact our financial condition and results of operations. In addition, the determination of the amount of our allowance for loan losses is subject to review by bank regulators as part of the routine examination process, which may result in the adjustment of reserves based upon their judgment of information available to them at the time of their examination.

**Other-than-temporary impairment of securities.** Management reviews investment securities on an ongoing basis for the presence of other-than-temporary impairment (“OTTI”), taking into consideration current market conditions; fair value in relationship to cost; extent and nature of the change in fair value; issuer rating changes and trends; whether management intends to sell a security or if it is likely that we will be required to sell the security before recovery of the amortized cost basis of the investment, which may be upon maturity; and other factors. For debt securities, if management intends to sell the security or it is likely that we will be required to sell the security before recovering our cost basis, the entire impairment loss would be recognized in earnings as an OTTI. If management does not intend to sell the security and it is not more likely than not that we will be required to sell the security, but management does not expect to recover the entire amortized cost basis of the security, only the portion of the impairment loss representing credit losses would be recognized in earnings. The credit loss on a security is measured as the difference between the amortized cost basis and the present value of the cash flows expected to be collected. Projected cash flows are discounted by the original or current effective interest rate depending on the nature of the security being measured for potential OTTI. The remaining impairment related to all other factors, *i.e.*, the difference between the present value of the cash flows expected to be collected and fair value, is recognized as a charge to other comprehensive income (loss). Impairment losses related to all other factors are presented as separate components within accumulated other comprehensive income (loss).

**Mortgage Servicing Rights.** We record mortgage servicing rights on loans sold to Fannie Mae with servicing retained as well as for acquired servicing rights. We stratify our capitalized mortgage servicing rights based on the type, term and interest rates of the underlying loans. Mortgage servicing rights are carried at fair value. The value is determined through a discounted cash flow analysis, which uses interest rates, prepayment speeds and delinquency rate assumptions as inputs. All of these assumptions require a significant degree of management judgment. If our assumptions prove to be incorrect, the value of our mortgage servicing rights could be negatively impacted. We use a third party to assist us in the preparation of the analysis of the market value each quarter.

**Other Real Estate Owned.** Other real estate owned (“OREO”) represents real estate that we have taken control of in partial or full satisfaction of significantly delinquent loans. At the time of foreclosure, OREO is recorded at the fair value less costs to sell, which becomes the property’s new basis. Any write-downs based on the asset’s fair value at the date of acquisition are charged to the allowance for loan and lease losses. After foreclosure, management periodically performs valuations such that the real estate is carried at the lower of its new cost basis or fair value, net of estimated costs to sell. Subsequent valuation adjustments are recognized within net (loss) gain on OREO. Revenue and expenses from operations and subsequent adjustments to the carrying amount of the property are included in other non-interest expense in the consolidated statements of income. In some instances,

we may make loans to facilitate the sales of OREO. Management reviews all sales for which it is the lending institution for compliance with sales treatment under provisions established by ASC Topic 360, "Accounting for Sales of Real Estate". Any gains related to sales of OREO are deferred until the buyer has a sufficient initial and continuing investment in the property.

**Income Taxes.** Income taxes are reflected in our financial statements to show the tax effects of the operations and transactions reported in the financial statements and consist of taxes currently payable plus deferred taxes. ASC Topic 740, "Accounting for Income Taxes," requires the asset and liability approach for financial accounting and reporting for deferred income taxes. Deferred tax assets and liabilities result from differences between the financial statement carrying amounts and the tax bases of assets and liabilities. They are reflected at currently enacted income tax rates applicable to the period in which the deferred tax assets or liabilities are expected to be realized or settled and are determined using the assets and liability method of accounting. The deferred income provision represents the difference between net deferred tax asset/liability at the beginning and end of the reported period. In formulating our deferred tax asset, we are required to estimate our income and taxes in the jurisdiction in which we operate. This process involves estimating our actual current tax exposure for the reported period together with assessing temporary differences resulting from differing treatment of items, such as depreciation and the provision for loan losses, for tax and financial reporting purposes. Valuation allowances are established to reduce the net carrying amount of deferred tax assets if it is determined to be more likely than not all or some portion of the potential deferred tax asset will not be realized.

### **Business and Operating Strategies and Goals**

Our goal is to deliver returns to shareholders by increasing higher-yielding assets (including commercial and multifamily and commercial business loans), increasing core deposit balances, reducing expenses, managing problem assets and exploring expansion opportunities. We seek to achieve these results by focusing on the following objectives:

**Focusing on Asset Quality.** Our goal is to maintain or improve upon our level of nonperforming assets by managing credit risk on the current loan portfolio and new originations. We are focused on actively monitoring and managing all segments of our loan portfolio in order to proactively identify and mitigate risk. We continue to devote significant efforts and resources to reduce our problem assets. Nonperforming assets decreased to \$2.9 million at December 31, 2014, compared to \$4.2 million at December 31, 2014 and decreased from \$3.1 million at December 31, 2013.

**Improving Earnings by Expanding Product Offerings.** We intend to prudently maintain the percentage of our assets consisting of higher-yielding commercial real estate and commercial business loans, which offer higher risk-adjusted returns, shorter maturities and more sensitivity to interest rate fluctuations than one-to four- family mortgage loans while maintaining our focus on residential lending. We also intend to selectively add additional products to further diversify revenue sources and to capture more of each customer's banking relationship by cross selling loan and deposit products and additional services to our customers. We intend to further build relationships with small businesses through new and existing product offerings including merchant services, remote deposit capture, online and mobile cash management, and online tools for wires, ACH and bill payment. With our long experience and expertise in residential lending we believe we can be effective in capturing the opportunities of these market changes in residential lending. We continue to develop correspondent relationships to sell some mortgage loans servicing-released.

**Emphasizing lower cost core deposits to manage the funding costs of our loan growth.** Our strategic focus is to emphasize total relationship banking with our customers to internally fund our loan growth. We are also focused on reducing wholesale funding sources, including FHLB advances, through the continued growth of core customer deposits. We believe that a continued focus on customer relationships will help to increase the level of core deposits and locally-based retail certificates of deposit. We intend to increase demand deposits by growing retail and business banking relationships. New technology and services are generally reviewed for business development and cost saving opportunities. We continue to experience growth in customer use of our online and mobile banking services, which allows customers to conduct a full range of services on a real-time basis, including balance inquiries, transfers and electronic bill paying while providing our customers greater flexibility and convenience in conducting their banking. In addition to our retail branches, we maintain state of the art technology-based products, such as business cash management, business remote deposit products and an online personal financial management and consumer remote deposit product. Total deposits increased to \$440.0 million

at December 31, 2015, from \$407.8 million at December 31, 2014, and \$348.3 million at December 31, 2013. At December 31, 2015, core deposits, which we define as our non-time deposit accounts and time deposit accounts less than \$250,000, increased \$22.7 million to \$377.3 million while FHLB advances increased \$9.9 million to \$40.4 million from December 31, 2014.

**Maintaining Our Customer Service Focus.** Exceptional service, local involvement (including volunteering and contributing to the communities where we are located) and timely decision-making are integral parts of our business strategy. We emphasize to our employees the importance of delivering exemplary customer service and seeking opportunities to build further relationships with our customers to enhance our market position and add profitable growth opportunities. The goal is to compete with other financial service providers by relying on the strength of our customer service and relationship banking approach. We believe that one of our strengths is that our employees are also significant shareholders through our employee stock ownership (“ESOP”) and 401(k) plans. We also offer incentives that are designed to reward employees for achieving high quality growth.

**Expanding our presence within our existing and contiguous market areas and by capturing business opportunities resulting from changes in the competitive environment.** We believe that opportunities currently exist within our market area to grow our franchise. We anticipate organic growth as the local economy and loan demand strengthens, through our marketing efforts and as a result of the opportunities being created as a result of the consolidation of financial institutions that is occurring in our market area. In addition, by delivering high quality, customer-focused products and services, we expect to attract additional borrowers and depositors and thus increase our market share and revenue generation. We opened a loan production office in Seattle in March 2013 and acquired three branches in August 2014. Following completion of the transaction, we closed our Sequim branch location and consolidated it into the acquired Sequim branch location and closed the acquired branch office located in Port Angeles and consolidated those operations into the Bank’s existing Port Angeles branch. We continue to be disciplined as it pertains to future expansion, acquisitions and de novo branching focusing on the markets in Western Washington, which we know and understand.

#### **Comparison of Financial Condition at December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014**

**General.** Total assets increased by \$45.6 million, or 9.2%, to \$540.8 million at December 31, 2015 from \$495.2 million at December 31, 2014. This increase was primarily the result of a \$28.9 million, or 6.8%, increase in our net loan portfolio, a \$19.0 million, or 64.8%, increase in cash and cash equivalents, an increase in OREO and repossessed assets of \$446,000 and a \$401,000 increase in other assets partially offset by a \$220,000, decrease in premises and equipment. Asset growth was funded by a \$32.2 million, or 7.9%, increase in deposits and a \$9.9 million increase in borrowings.

**Cash and Securities.** We increased our on-balance sheet liquidity in 2015 in order to manage liquidity and interest rate risk. Cash, cash equivalents and our available-for-sale securities increased by \$14.1 million, or 34.6%, to \$55.0 million at December 31, 2015. Cash and cash equivalents increased by \$19.0 million, or 63.8%, to \$48.3 million at December 31, 2015. Available-for-sale securities, which consist primarily of agency mortgage-backed securities, decreased by \$4.8 million, or 41.9%, to \$6.7 million at December 31, 2015 from \$11.5 million at December 31, 2014 as a result of pay downs.

At December 31, 2015, our securities portfolio consisted of 12 agency mortgage-backed securities, one non-agency mortgage-backed securities and five municipal securities with a fair value of \$6.7 million. At December 31, 2014, our securities portfolio consisted of 15 agency mortgage-backed securities, five non-agency mortgage-backed securities and five municipal bonds with a fair value of \$11.5 million.

During the year ended December 31, 2015, we recognized no non-cash OTTI charges on our investment securities. Our one non-agency mortgage-backed security had an unrealized loss but management determined the decline in value was not related to specific credit deterioration. The unrealized loss was caused by changes in interest rates and market illiquidity causing a decline in the fair value subsequent to the purchase. The contractual terms of this security does not permit the issuer to settle the security at a price less than par. We do not intend to sell this security and it is more likely than not that we will not be required to sell this security before anticipated recovery of the remaining amortized cost basis.



**Loans.** Our total loan portfolio, excluding loans held-for-sale, increased \$29.1 million, or 6.8%, to \$459.5 million at December 31, 2015 from \$430.3 million at December 31, 2014. Loans held-for-sale increased to \$2.1 million at December 31, 2015 from \$810,000 at December 31, 2014, reflecting primarily the timing of transactions in late 2015, as compared to late 2014.

The following table reflects the changes in the types of loans in our portfolio at the end of 2015, as compared to the end of 2014 (dollars in thousands):

	<u>December 31,</u>		<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>		
One-to-four-family . . . . .	141,125	\$133,031	\$ 8,094	6.08%
Home equity . . . . .	31,573	34,675	(3,102)	(8.95)
Commercial and multifamily . . . . .	175,312	168,952	6,360	3.76
Construction and land . . . . .	57,043	46,279	10,764	23.26
Manufactured homes . . . . .	13,798	12,539	1,259	10.16
Other consumer . . . . .	23,030	16,875	6,155	36.47
Commercial business . . . . .	19,295	19,525	(230)	(1.18)
Total loans . . . . .	<u>\$461,176</u>	<u>\$431,876</u>	<u>\$29,300</u>	<u>6.78%</u>

The most significant change in our loan portfolio was an increase in one- to four- family mortgage loans which was primarily a result of increases in higher yielding jumbo mortgage and non-conforming one- to four- family mortgage loans. Commercial and multifamily loans increased primarily as a result of continued efforts to expand and diversify our lending portfolio. Other consumer loans increased primarily as a result of expansion of our floating home loan portfolio. Manufactured home loans increased as a result of increased demand for these types of loans by well-qualified borrowers. The loan portfolio remains well-diversified with commercial and multifamily real estate loans accounting for 38.0% of the portfolio, one-to-four family real estate loans 30.6% of the portfolio and home equity, manufactured and other consumer loans 14.9% of the portfolio. Construction and land loans account for 12.4% of the portfolio and commercial business loans account for the remaining 4.2% of the portfolio. At December 31, 2014, commercial and multifamily real estate loans accounted for 39.1% of the portfolio, , one-to-four family real estate loans accounted for 30.8% of the portfolio and home equity, manufactured and other consumer loans 14.8% of the portfolio, construction and land loans 10.7% of the portfolio and commercial business loans accounted for the remaining 4.5% of the portfolio.

**Mortgage Servicing Rights.** At December 31, 2015 and 2014, we had \$3.2 million in mortgage servicing rights recorded at fair value. We record mortgage servicing rights on loans sold to Fannie Mae with servicing retained and upon acquisition of a servicing portfolio. We stratify our capitalized mortgage servicing rights based on the type, term and interest rates of the underlying loans. Mortgage servicing rights are carried at fair value. If the fair value of our mortgage servicing rights fluctuates significantly, our financial results could be materially impacted.

**Nonperforming Assets.** At December 31, 2015, our nonperforming assets totaled \$2.9 million, or 0.5% of total assets, compared to \$4.2 million, or 0.84% of total assets at December 31, 2014.

The table below sets forth the amounts and categories of nonperforming assets in our loan portfolio at the dates indicated (dollars in thousands):

	<u>Nonperforming Assets at December 31,</u>			
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Nonaccrual loans . . . . .	\$1,042	\$1,464	\$ 64	4.37%
Accruing loans 90 days or more delinquent . . . . .	117	114	3	2.63
Nonperforming TDRs . . . . .	971	2,264	(1,779)	(78.58)
OREO and repossessed assets . . . . .	769	323	446	138.08
Total . . . . .	<u>\$2,899</u>	<u>\$4,165</u>	<u>\$(1,266)</u>	<u>(30.40)%</u>

Nonperforming loans to total loans decreased to \$2.1 million, or 0.5%, of total loans at December 31, 2015 from \$3.8 million, or 0.9%, at December 31, 2014. Nonperforming one- to four- family real estate loans increased \$128,000 to \$1.6 million at December 31, 2015 from \$1.5 million at December 31, 2014.

OREO and repossessed assets increased 138.1% to \$769,000 at December 31, 2015, primarily due to the reclassification of the Port Angeles property from Bank premises to OREO. During 2015, we repossessed three personal residences and five manufactured homes. We sold four personal residences and seven manufactured homes at an aggregate loss of \$201,000. Our largest OREO at December 31, 2015, consisted of a \$600,000 former bank branch property, a \$124,000 loan secured by a land in Mason County, Washington, and a \$35,000 loan secured by a personal residence in Clallam County.

**Allowance for Loan Losses.** The allowance for loan losses is maintained to cover losses that are probable and can be estimated on the date of evaluation in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. It is our best estimate of probable incurred credit losses in our loan portfolio.

The following table reflects the adjustments in our allowance during 2015 and 2014 (dollars in thousands):

	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Balance at beginning of period . . . . .	\$ 4,387	\$ 4,177
Charge-offs . . . . .	(210)	(743)
Recoveries . . . . .	<u>59</u>	<u>153</u>
Net charge-offs . . . . .	<u>151</u>	<u>590</u>
Provisions charged to operations . . . . .	<u>400</u>	<u>800</u>
Balance at end of period . . . . .	<u>\$ 4,636</u>	<u>\$ 4,387</u>
Ratio of net charge-offs during the period to average loans outstanding during the period . . . . .	0.03%	0.14%
Allowance as a percentage of nonperforming loans . . . . .	217.65%	114.19%
Allowance as a percentage of total loans (end of period) . . . . .	1.01%	1.02%

Specific loan loss reserves increased \$515,000, while general loan loss reserves decreased \$266,000 at December 31, 2015, compared to the prior year end. The increase in specific loan loss reserves was primarily due to a change in valuation methods on a commercial real estate loan from cash flow to collateral value resulting in a lower valuation. The decrease in general loan loss reserves was due to the improved credit quality of the loan portfolio. Net charge-offs for 2015 were \$151,000, or 0.03% of average loans, compared to \$590,000, or 0.14% of average loans for 2014. The decrease in net charge-offs was primarily due to the improved economic conditions in our market area and continued efforts in credit administration and collections. As of December 31, 2015, the allowance for loan losses as a percentage of total loans and nonperforming loans was 1.01% and 217.65%, respectively, compared to 1.02% and 114.19%, respectively, at December 31, 2014.

**Deposits.** Total deposits increased by \$32.2 million, or 7.9%, to \$444.0 million at December 31, 2015 from \$407.8 million at December 31, 2014. Interest-bearing demand accounts increased \$24.3 million, or 23.6%, and noninterest-bearing demand accounts increased \$6.3 million, or 15.1% and savings accounts increased \$5.6 million, or 16.9%. These increases were partially offset by a \$1.2 million, or 2.2%, decrease in money market accounts and a \$3.1 million, or 1.8% decrease in certificates. The increase in interest-bearing demand accounts was primarily a result of emphasis on our rewards checking product as well as a competitively priced interest-bearing demand account. The increase in noninterest-bearing demand accounts was primarily a result of our continued emphasis on attracting relatively low-cost core deposit accounts from small businesses. The decrease in certificates was due in part to low rates on these types of deposits. The decrease in money market accounts was primarily the result of customers placing these funds in higher yielding interest-bearing demand accounts. Escrow accounts increased by \$226,000, or 8.8%, as a result of higher balances in our custodial accounts for our loan servicing portfolio. At December 31, 2015, brokered deposits were \$4.6 million compared to \$5.0 million at December 31, 2014.

A summary of deposit accounts with the corresponding weighted average cost of funds is presented below (dollars in thousands):

	As of December 31, 2015		As of December 31, 2014	
	Amount	Wtd. Avg. Rate	Amount	Wtd. Avg. Rate
Noninterest-bearing demand . . . . .	\$ 48,067	0.00%	\$ 41,773	0.00%
Interest-bearing demand . . . . .	127,392	0.42	103,048	0.43
Savings . . . . .	38,833	0.18	33,233	0.16
Money market . . . . .	54,046	0.16	55,236	0.27
Certificates . . . . .	168,880	1.22	171,939	1.03
Escrow . . . . .	2,806	0.00	2,580	0.00
Total . . . . .	<u>\$440,024</u>	<u>0.63%</u>	<u>\$407,809</u>	<u>0.60%</u>

**Borrowings.** FHLB advances increased \$9.8 million, or 32.2%, to \$40.4 million at December 31, 2015, with a weighted-average cost of 0.39%, from \$30.6 million at December 31, 2014, with a weighted-average cost of 0.38%. This increase in borrowings was a result of the growth in our loan portfolio. We rely on FHLB advances to fund interest-earning assets when deposits alone cannot fully fund interest-earning asset growth. This reliance on borrowings, rather than deposits, may increase our overall cost of funds.

**Stockholders' Equity.** Total stockholders' equity increased \$3.9 million, or 7.7%, to \$54.5 million at December 31, 2015. This primarily reflects net income of \$4.8 million and ESOP share allocations of \$457,000, partially offset by \$1.3 million in stock repurchases and cash dividends of \$574,000.

**Average Balances, Net Interest Income, Yields Earned and Rates Paid**

The following table presents for the periods indicated the total dollar amount of interest income from average interest-earning assets and the resultant yields, as well as the interest expense on average interest-bearing liabilities, expressed both in dollars and rates. Income and yields on tax-exempt obligations have not been computed on a tax equivalent basis. All average balances are daily average balances. Nonaccruing loans have been included in the table as loans carrying a zero yield for the period they have been on non-accrual (dollars in thousands).

	December 31,								
	2015			2014			2013		
	Average Outstanding Balance	Interest Earned/Paid	Yield/Rate	Average Outstanding Balance	Interest Earned/Paid	Yield/Rate	Average Outstanding Balance	Interest Earned/Paid	Yield/Rate
<b>Interest-earning assets:</b>									
Loans receivable <sup>(1)</sup> . . . . .	\$437,425	\$22,233	5.08%	\$408,283	\$21,143	5.18%	\$358,029	\$19,329	5.40%
Investments and interest bearing accounts . . . . .	34,601	220	0.64	13,792	213	1.54	22,902	297	1.30
Total interest-earning assets <sup>(1)</sup> . . . . .	<u>472,026</u>	<u>22,453</u>	4.76	<u>422,075</u>	<u>21,356</u>	5.06	<u>380,931</u>	<u>19,626</u>	5.15
<b>Interest-bearing liabilities:</b>									
Savings and money market accounts . . . . .	90,639	150	0.17	85,192	201	0.24	99,799	253	0.25
Demand and NOW accounts . . . . .	160,583	478	0.30	125,312	378	0.30	44,009	162	0.37
Certificate accounts . . . . .	166,030	2,018	1.22	163,527	1,690	1.03	148,154	1,681	1.13
Borrowings . . . . .	24,626	106	0.43	26,318	154	0.59	33,697	216	0.64
Total interest-bearing liabilities . . . . .	<u>441,878</u>	<u>2,752</u>	0.62	<u>400,349</u>	<u>2,423</u>	0.61	<u>325,659</u>	<u>2,312</u>	0.71
Net interest income . . . . .		<u>\$19,701</u>			<u>\$18,933</u>			<u>\$17,314</u>	
Net interest rate spread . . . . .			<u>4.13%</u>			<u>4.45%</u>			<u>4.44%</u>
Net earning assets . . . . .	<u>\$ 30,148</u>			<u>\$ 21,872</u>			<u>\$ 55,272</u>		
Net interest margin . . . . .			<u>4.17%</u>			<u>4.49%</u>			<u>4.55%</u>
Average interest-earning assets to average interest-bearing liabilities . . . . .		<u>106.82%</u>			<u>105.47%</u>			<u>116.97%</u>	

<sup>(1)</sup> Calculated net of deferred loan fees, loan discounts and loans in process.

## Rate/Volume Analysis

The following schedule presents the dollar amount of changes in interest income and interest expense for major components of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities. It distinguishes between the changes related to outstanding balances and that due to the changes in interest rates. For each category of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, information is provided on changes attributable to (i) changes in volume (i.e., changes in volume multiplied by old rate) and (ii) changes in rate (i.e., changes in rate multiplied by old volume). For purposes of this table, changes attributable to both rate and volume, which cannot be segregated, have been allocated proportionately to the change due to volume and the change due to rate (dollars in thousands).

	Year ended December 31, 2015 vs. 2014			Year ended December 31, 2014 vs. 2013		
	Increase (decrease) due to		Total Increase (decrease)	Increase (decrease) due to		Total Increase (decrease)
	Volume	Rate		Volume	Rate	
<b>Interest-earning assets:</b>						
Loans receivable . . . . .	1,509	\$(419)	\$1,090	\$2,713	\$(899)	\$1,814
Investments and interest bearing accounts . . . .	321	(314)	7	(118)	34	(84)
Total interest-earning assets . . . . .	1,830	(733)	1,097	2,595	(865)	1,730
<b>Interest-bearing liabilities:</b>						
Savings and Money Market accounts . . . . .	13	(64)	(51)	(37)	(15)	(52)
Demand and NOW accounts . . . . .	106	(6)	100	299	(83)	216
Certificate accounts . . . . .	26	302	328	174	(165)	9
Borrowings . . . . .	(10)	(38)	(48)	(47)	(16)	(63)
Total interest-bearing liabilities . . . . .	\$ 135	\$ 194	\$ 329	\$ 389	\$(279)	\$ 110
Change in net interest income . . . . .			\$ 768			\$1,620

## Comparison of Results of Operation for the Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2014

**General.** Net income increased \$550,000 to \$4.8 million, or \$1.86 per diluted common share for the year ended December 31, 2015, from \$4.2 million, or \$1.63 per diluted common share for the year ended December 31, 2014. The primary reasons for the improvement were increases in net interest income and noninterest income and a decrease in the provision for loan losses, partially offset by higher noninterest expense.

**Interest Income.** Interest income increased by \$1.1 million, or 5.1%, to \$22.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2015, from \$21.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. The increase in interest income for the year primarily reflected the increase in the average balance of interest-earning assets, in particular our average balance of loans receivable which outpaced the decline in the weighted average yield on our interest-earning assets during the year ended December 31, 2015 as compared to the prior year.

Our weighted average yield on interest-earning assets was 4.76% for the year ended December 31, 2015, compared to 5.06% for the year ended December 31, 2014. The weighted average yield on loans decreased, to 5.08% for the year ended December 31, 2015 from 5.18% for the year ended December 31, 2014. The average balance of gross loans receivable increased \$29.1 million, or 7.1%, for the year ended December 31, 2015 as compared to the prior year. The weighted average yield on available for sale securities was 0.64% for the year ended December 31, 2015 compared to 1.54% for the year ended December 31, 2014. The average balance of available for sale securities and interest bearing accounts increased \$20.8 million, or 150.9%, for the year ended December 31, 2014 as compared to the prior year.

**Interest Expense.** Interest expense increased \$329,000, or 13.6%, to \$2.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2015, from \$2.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. This increase reflects primarily overall higher balances of deposits partially offset by a decrease in the average balance of FHLB advances and a lower weighted average cost of interest-bearing deposits during the year. Our weighted average cost of interest-bearing liabilities was 0.62% for the year ended December 31, 2015, compared to 0.61% for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Interest paid on deposits increased \$377,000, or 16.6%, to \$2.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2015, from \$2.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. This increase resulted from a \$43.2 million increase in the average balances of deposits, which was partially offset by a lower weighted average cost of deposits during the year. The primary reason for the increase was the additional expense recognized in 2015 compared to 2014, for the amortization of the premium paid for the deposits acquired in the branch transaction in August 2014. We experienced a two basis point increase in the average rate paid on deposits during the year ended December 31, 2015 compared to 2014.

Interest expense on borrowings decreased \$48,000, or 31.2%, to \$106,000 for the year ended December 31, 2015 from \$154,000 for the year ended December 31, 2014. The decrease was a result of a 15 basis point decrease in our cost of borrowings to 0.43% for the year ended December 31, 2015 from 0.58% for the year ended December 31, 2014 and a \$1.6 million decrease in the average balance of borrowings outstanding during the year.

**Net Interest Income.** Net interest income increased \$768,000, or 4.1%, to \$19.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2015, from \$19.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. The increase primarily resulted from increased interest income due to higher average loan balances and lower average balances and cost of borrowings. This was partially offset by higher average balances of interest-bearing deposits during 2015 as compared to 2014. In addition, our average yield on loans receivable decreased during the year ended December 31, 2015 as compared to the prior year as new loan originations and re-pricing adjustable rate loans reflect the continued low rate environment. Our net interest margin was 4.17% for the year ended December 31, 2015, compared to 4.49% for the year ended December 31, 2014.

**Provision for Loan Losses.** We establish our allowance for loan losses through provisions for loan losses, which are charged to earnings, at a level required to reflect management's best estimate of the probable incurred credit losses in the loan portfolio. In evaluating the level of the allowance for loan losses, management considers historical loss experience, the types of loans and the amount of loans in the loan portfolio, adverse situations that may affect borrowers' ability to repay, estimated value of any underlying collateral, peer group data, prevailing economic conditions, and current factors. Large groups of smaller balance homogeneous loans, such as one-to-four-family, commercial and multifamily, home equity and consumer loans, are evaluated in the aggregate using historical loss factors adjusted for current economic conditions and other relevant data. Loans for which management has concerns about the borrowers' ability to repay, are evaluated individually, and specific loss allocations are provided for these loans when necessary.

A provision of \$400,000 was made during the year ended December 31, 2015, compared to a provision of \$800,000 during the year ended December 31, 2014. The reduced provision primarily reflects improvements in our credit metrics partially offset by higher average loan balances and changes in the composition of our loan portfolio.

For the year ended December 31, 2015, the annualized percentage of net charge-offs to average loans decreased 11 basis points to 0.03% from 0.14% for the year ended December 31, 2014. Nonperforming loans to total loans decreased to 0.47% at December 31, 2015 from 0.89% at December 31, 2014. See "- Comparison of Financial Condition at December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 – Delinquencies and Nonperforming Assets" for more information on nonperforming loans in 2015.

**Noninterest Income.** Noninterest income increased \$891,000, or 20.4%, to \$5.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2015, as compared to \$4.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2014 as reflected below (dollars in thousands):

	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>		<u>Amount</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>Change</u>
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>		
Service charges and fee income . . . . .	\$2,605	\$2,571	\$ 34	1.3%
Earnings on cash surrender value of bank owned life insurance . . . . .	338	340	(2)	(0.6)
Mortgage servicing income . . . . .	840	509	331	65.0
Fair value adjustment on mortgage servicing rights . . . . .	210	328	(118)	(36.0)
Gain (Loss) on Sale of Securities . . . . .	(31)	—	(31)	
Net gain on sale of loans . . . . .	<u>1,301</u>	<u>624</u>	<u>677</u>	<u>108.5</u>
Total noninterest income . . . . .	<u>\$5,263</u>	<u>\$4,372</u>	<u>\$ 891</u>	<u>20.4%</u>

The increase in service charges and fee income was primarily the result of increased deposit service fees and higher loan fees. Mortgage servicing income increased due to the increase in volume of loans being serviced by the Bank. The decrease in the fair value adjustment on mortgage servicing rights was primarily a result of the duration on the underlying loans being projected to shorten due to the increased refinance activity. The increase in gain on sale of loans was primarily reflective of higher volumes and average premiums on loans sold.

**Noninterest Expense.** Noninterest expense increased \$1.6 million, or 9.8%, to \$17.5 million during 2015 compared to \$15.9 million during 2014, as reflected below (dollars in thousands):

	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>		<u>Amount</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>Change</u>
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>		
Salaries and benefits . . . . .	\$ 9,223	\$ 8,278	\$ 945	11.4%
Operations . . . . .	3,995	4,045	(50)	(1.2)
Regulatory assessments . . . . .	746	267	479	179.4
Occupancy . . . . .	1,493	1,359	134	9.9
Data processing . . . . .	1,717	1,770	(53)	(3.0)
Losses and expenses on OREO and repossessed assets . . .	<u>311</u>	<u>208</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>49.5</u>
Total noninterest expense . . . . .	<u>\$17,485</u>	<u>\$15,927</u>	<u>\$1,558</u>	<u>9.8%</u>

Salaries and benefits expense increased during 2015 primarily due to a net increase of three full time equivalent employees, and an increase in incentive compensation and medical expense. Regulatory assessments increased in part due to the fee structure utilized by the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions, for providing services to the Bank compared to the former regulatory agency that provided those services. Occupancy expenses increased due to the operation of an additional branch for the year compared to only five months in 2014. Losses and expenses on OREO and repossessed assets increased \$103,000 due to write-downs on OREO properties.

**Income Tax Expense.** For the year ended December 31, 2015, we had income tax expense of \$2.3 million on our pre-tax income as compared to \$2.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. The effective tax rates for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 were 32.8% and 35.5%, respectively.

## Liquidity

Liquidity management is both a daily and longer-term function of management. Excess liquidity is generally invested in short-term investments, such as overnight deposits and federal funds. On a longer term basis, we maintain a strategy of investing in various lending products and investment securities, including mortgage-backed securities. We use our sources of funds primarily to meet ongoing commitments, pay maturing deposits, fund deposit withdrawals and fund loan commitments.

We maintain cash and investments that qualify as liquid assets to maintain adequate liquidity to ensure safe and sound operation and meet demands for customer funds (particularly withdrawals of deposits). At December 31, 2015, we had \$55.0 million in cash and investment securities available for sale and \$2.1 million in loans held-for-sale. We can also obtain funds from borrowings, primarily FHLB advances. At December 31, 2015, we

had the ability to borrow an additional \$86.1 million in FHLB advances, subject to certain collateral requirements. We have access to additional borrowings of \$25.9 million through the Federal Reserve's Discount Window, subject to certain collateral requirements, \$10.0 million through an unsecured lines of credit with The Bankers Bank (TIB), \$2.0 million through an unsecured line of credit at Pacific Coast Banker's Bank and up to \$9.0 million through a Fed Funds Sweep and Line Agreement established with Zions Bank.

We are required to have adequate cash and investments that qualify as liquid assets in order to maintain sufficient liquidity to ensure safe and sound operations. Liquidity may increase or decrease depending upon the availability of funds and comparative yields on investments in relation to the return on loans. Historically, we have maintained liquid assets above levels believed to be adequate to meet the requirements of normal operations, including potential deposit outflows. Cash flow projections are regularly reviewed and updated to assure that adequate liquidity is maintained.

Liquidity management involves the matching of cash flow requirements of customers, who may be either depositors desiring to withdraw funds or borrowers needing assurance that sufficient funds will be available to meet their credit needs and our ability to manage those requirements. We strive to maintain an adequate liquidity position by managing the balances and maturities of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities so that the balance we have in short-term investments at any given time will adequately cover any reasonably anticipated, immediate need for funds. Additionally, we maintain relationships with correspondent banks, which could provide funds on short-term notice if needed. Our liquidity, represented by cash and cash-equivalents, is a product of our operating, investing and financing activities.

As disclosed in our Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, cash and cash equivalents increased \$19.0 million to \$48.3 million as of December 31, 2015, from \$29.3 million as of December 31, 2014. Net cash provided by operating activities was \$3.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2015. Net cash of \$25.6 million was used in investing activities during the year ended December 31, 2015 and consisted principally of loan originations, net of principal repayments and purchases of premises and equipment. There was \$40.9 million of cash provided by financing activities during the year ended December 31, 2015 and primarily consisted of a \$32.2 million net increase in deposits and a \$9.9 million increase in net FHLB advances.

Sound Financial Bancorp is a separate legal entity from Sound Community Bank and must provide for its own liquidity. In addition to its own operating expenses (many of which are paid to Sound Community Bank), Sound Financial Bancorp is responsible for paying any dividends declared to its shareholders, and interest and principal on outstanding debt. Sound Financial Bancorp's primary source of funds is dividends from Sound Community Bank, which are subject to regulatory limits. At December 31, 2015, Sound Financial Bancorp, on an unconsolidated basis, had \$451,000 in cash, noninterest-bearing deposits and liquid investments generally available for its cash needs.

Our liquidity, represented by cash and cash equivalents and investment securities, is a product of our operating, investing and financing activities. Our primary sources of funds are deposits, amortization, prepayments and maturities of outstanding loans and mortgage-backed securities, maturities of investment securities and other short-term investments and funds provided from operations. While scheduled payments from the amortization of loans and mortgage-backed securities and maturing investment securities and short-term investments are relatively predictable sources of funds, deposit flows and loan prepayments are greatly influenced by general interest rates, which provide liquidity to meet lending requirements. We also generate cash through borrowings. We utilize FHLB advances to leverage our capital base and provide funds for our lending and investment activities, and to enhance our interest rate risk management.

We use our sources of funds primarily to meet ongoing commitments, pay maturing deposits and fund withdrawals, and to fund loan commitments. At December 31, 2015, the approved outstanding loan commitments, including unused lines and letters of credit, amounted to \$59.1 million. Certificates of deposit scheduled to mature in one year or less at December 31, 2015, totaled \$100.8 million. It is management's policy to manage deposit rates that are competitive with other local financial institutions. Based on this management strategy, we believe that a majority of maturing deposits will remain with us. See also the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, included in Item 8, "financial Statements and Supplementary Data," of this Form 10-K, for further information.

## Off-Balance Sheet Activities

In the normal course of operations, we engage in a variety of financial transactions that are not recorded in our financial statements. These transactions involve varying degrees of off-balance sheet credit, interest rate and liquidity risks. These transactions are used primarily to manage customers' requests for funding and take the form of loan commitments and lines of credit. For the year ended December 31, 2015, we engaged in no off-balance sheet transactions likely to have a material effect on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

A summary of our off-balance sheet loan commitments at December 31, 2015, is as follows (in thousands):

<b>Off-balance sheet loan commitments:</b>	
Residential mortgage commitments . . . . .	\$ 6,037
- Undisbursed portion of loans closed . . . . .	32,951
Unused lines of credit . . . . .	19,925
Irrevocable letters of credit . . . . .	<u>185</u>
Total loan commitments . . . . .	<u>\$59,098</u>

## Capital

Sound Community Bank is subject to minimum capital requirements imposed by regulations of the FDIC. Based on its capital levels at December 31, 2015, Sound Community Bank exceeded these requirements as of that date. Consistent with our goals to operate a sound and profitable organization, our policy is for Sound Community Bank to maintain a "well-capitalized" status under the regulatory capital categories of the FDIC. Based on capital levels at December 31, 2015, Sound Community Bank was considered to be well-capitalized. Management monitors the capital levels to provide for current and future business opportunities and to maintain Sound Community Bank's "well-capitalized" status. See "Business - How We Are Regulated -- Regulation of Sound Community Bank — Capital Rules" in Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-K for revised capital rules that Sound Community Bank became subject to as of January 1, 2015.

The following table shows the capital ratios of Sound Community Bank at December 31, 2015 (dollars in thousands):

	<u>Actual</u>		<u>Minimum Capital Requirements</u>		<u>Minimum Required to Be Well-Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Action Provisions</u>	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Ratio</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Ratio</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Tier 1 Capital to total adjusted assets <sup>(1)</sup> . . . . .	\$53,041	10.19%	\$20,812	≥ 4.0%	\$26,015	≥ 5.0%
Common Equity Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio <sup>(1)</sup> . . .	\$53,041	11.70%	\$20,401	≥ 4.5%	\$29,467	≥ 6.5%
Tier 1 Capital to risk-weighted assets <sup>(2)</sup> . . . . .	\$53,041	11.70%	\$27,201	≥ 6.0%	\$36,268	≥ 8.0%
Total Capital to risk-weighted assets <sup>(2)</sup> . . . . .	\$57,677	12.74%	\$36,268	≥ 8.0%	\$45,335	≥ 10.0%

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on total adjusted assets of \$520,307 at December 31, 2015.

<sup>(2)</sup> Based on risk-weighted assets of \$453,345 at December 31, 2015.



## Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

### Asset/Liability Management

***Our Risk When Interest Rates Change.*** The rates of interest we earn on assets and pay on liabilities generally are established contractually for a period of time. Market rates change over time. Like other financial institutions, our results of operations are impacted by changes in interest rates and the interest rate sensitivity of our assets and liabilities. The risk associated with changes in interest rates and our ability to adapt to these changes is known as interest rate risk and is our most significant market risk.

***How We Measure Our Risk of Interest Rate Changes.*** As part of efforts to manage our exposure to changes in interest rates and comply with applicable regulations, we monitor our interest rate risk. In doing so, we analyze and manage assets and liabilities based on their interest rates and payment streams, timing of maturities, re-pricing opportunities, and sensitivity to actual or potential changes in market interest rates.

We are subject to interest rate risk to the extent that our interest-bearing liabilities, primarily deposits and FHLB advances, re-price more rapidly or at different rates than our interest-earning assets. In order to minimize the potential for adverse effects of material prolonged increases or decreases in interest rates on our results of operations, we have adopted an asset and liability management policy. Our board of directors sets the asset and liability policy, which is implemented by the asset/liability committee.

The purpose of the asset/liability committee is to communicate, coordinate, and control asset/liability management consistent with our business plan and board-approved policies. The committee establishes and monitors the volume and mix of assets and funding sources, taking into account relative costs and spreads, interest rate sensitivity and liquidity needs. The objectives are to manage assets and funding sources to produce results that are consistent with liquidity, capital adequacy, growth, risk and profitability goals.

The committee generally meets monthly to, among other things, protect capital through earnings stability over the interest rate cycle; maintain our well-capitalized status; and provide a reasonable return on investment. The committee recommends appropriate strategy changes based on this review. The committee is responsible for reviewing and reporting the effects of the policy implementations and strategies to the board of directors at least quarterly. Senior managers oversee the process on a daily basis.

A key element of our asset/liability management plan is to protect net earnings by managing the maturity or re-pricing mismatch between our interest-earning assets and our rate-sensitive liabilities. We seek to reduce exposure to earnings by extending funding maturities through the use of FHLB advances, through the use of adjustable rate loans and through the sale of certain fixed rate loans in the secondary market.

As part of our efforts to monitor and manage interest rate risk, we maintain our own interest rate risk model and utilize software and resources provided by a third party. The model contains several assumptions that are based upon a combination of proprietary and market data that reflect historical results and current market conditions. These assumptions relate to interest rates, prepayments, deposit decay rates and the market value of certain assets under the various interest rate scenarios. The model's capital at risk measure, also known as the Economic Value of Equity "EVE", evaluates the change in the projected EVE over a two-year period given an immediate increase or decrease in interest rates. It considers both the absolute dollar change in EVE and also the percentage change in EVE. Management and the board of directors review these measurements on a quarterly basis to determine whether our interest rate exposure is within the limits established by the board of directors.

Our asset/liability management strategy dictates acceptable limits on the amounts of change in given changes in interest rates. For interest rate increases of 100, 200, 300 and 400 basis points, our policy dictates that our EVE percentage change should not decrease greater than 20%, 30%, 40% and 50%, respectively and that our EVE ratio not fall below 9%, 8%, 6% and 5%, respectively. As illustrated in the table below, we were in compliance with this aspect of our asset/liability management policy at December 31, 2015.

The table presented below, as of December 31, 2015 (the latest available information), is an internal analysis of our interest rate risk as measured by changes in EVE for instantaneous and sustained parallel shifts in the yield curve, in 100 basis point increments, up 400 basis points and down 100 basis points. No rates in the model are allowed to go below zero as any further decline in rates is impossible given the Federal Funds Rate of 0.50%.

As illustrated in the table below (dollars in thousands), our EVE would be negatively impacted by an increase or decrease in interest rates. Our EVE is impacted as a result of deposit accounts re-pricing more rapidly than loans and securities due to the fixed rate nature of a large portion of our loan and security portfolios. As interest rates rise, the market value of our fixed rate assets decline due to both rate increases and slowing prepayments.

December 31, 2015				
Change in Interest Rates in Basis Points	Economic Value of Equity			EVE Ratio %
	\$ Amount	\$ Change	% Change	
+400bp	\$54,447	\$(16,057)	(22.8)%	11.70%
+300bp	58,085	(12,418)	(17.6)	12.17
+200bp	61,733	(8,769)	(12.4)	12.62
+100bp	66,911	(3,592)	(5.09)	13.30
0bp	70,503	—	0.0	13.62
-100bp	67,804	(2,699)	(3.82)	12.76

In addition to monitoring selected measures of EVE, management also monitors effects on net interest income resulting from increases or decrease in rates. This process is used in conjunction with EVE measures to identify excessive interest rate risk. In managing our assets/liability mix, depending on the relationship between long and short term interest rates, market conditions and consumer preference, we may place somewhat greater emphasis on maximizing its net interest margin than on strictly matching the interest rate sensitivity of its assets and liabilities. Management also believes that the increased net income which may result from an acceptable mismatch in the actual maturity or re-pricing of its asset and liability portfolios can, during periods of declining or stable interest rates, provide sufficient returns to justify the increased exposure to sudden and unexpected increases in interest rates which may result from such a mismatch. Management believes that our level of interest rate risk is acceptable under this approach.

In evaluating our exposure to interest rate movements, certain shortcomings inherent in the method of analysis presented in the foregoing table must be considered. For example, although certain assets and liabilities may have similar maturities or re-pricing periods, they may react in different degrees to changes in market interest rates. Also, the interest rates on certain types of assets and liabilities may fluctuate in advance of changes in market interest rates, while interest rates on other types may lag behind changes in interest rates. Additionally, certain assets, such as adjustable rate mortgages, have features which restrict changes in interest rates on a short-term basis and over the life of the asset. Further, in the event of a significant change in interest rates, prepayment and early withdrawal levels would likely deviate significantly from those assumed above. Finally, the ability of many borrowers to service their debt may decrease in the event of an interest rate increase. We consider all of these factors in monitoring our exposure to interest rate risk.

**Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data**

**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Board of Directors  
Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. and Subsidiary (the Company) as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the years then ended. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall consolidated financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. and Subsidiary as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ Moss Adams LLP

Everett, Washington  
March 30, 2016

**SOUND FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY**  
**Consolidated Balance Sheets**

*(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)*

	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents . . . . .	\$ 48,264	\$ 29,289
Available-for-sale securities, at fair value . . . . .	6,696	11,524
Loans held-for-sale . . . . .	2,091	810
Loans . . . . .	459,469	430,360
Allowance for loan losses . . . . .	(4,636)	(4,387)
Total loans, net. . . . .	454,833	425,973
Accrued interest receivable . . . . .	1,608	1,497
Bank-owned life insurance, net. . . . .	11,746	11,408
Other real estate owned (“OREO”) and repossessed assets, net . . . . .	769	323
Mortgage servicing rights, at fair value . . . . .	3,249	3,028
Federal Home Loan Bank (“FHLB”) stock, at cost . . . . .	2,212	2,224
Premises and equipment, net. . . . .	5,335	5,555
Other assets . . . . .	3,957	3,556
Total assets . . . . .	<b>\$540,760</b>	<b>\$495,187</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Deposits . . . . .		
Interest-bearing. . . . .	389,151	363,456
Noninterest-bearing demand . . . . .	50,873	44,353
Total deposits . . . . .	440,024	407,809
Borrowings. . . . .	40,435	30,578
Accrued interest payable . . . . .	72	76
Other liabilities. . . . .	5,140	5,606
Advance payments from borrowers for taxes and insurance. . . . .	569	474
Total liabilities . . . . .	486,240	444,543
<b>COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (NOTE 18)</b>		
<b>STOCKHOLDERS’ EQUITY</b>		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 1,000,000 shares authorized, none issued or outstanding . . . . .	—	—
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 40,000,000 shares authorized, 2,469,206 and 2,515,664 issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. . . . .	25	25
Additional paid-in capital . . . . .	23,002	23,552
Unearned shares - Employee Stock Ownership Plan (“ESOP”). . . . .	(911)	(1,140)
Retained earnings. . . . .	32,240	28,024
Accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax . . . . .	164	183
Total stockholders’ equity . . . . .	54,520	50,644
Total liabilities and stockholders’ equity . . . . .	<b>\$540,760</b>	<b>\$495,187</b>

*See notes to consolidated financial statements*

**SOUND FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY**  
**Consolidated Statements of Income**  
*(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)*

	<b>Years Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>INTEREST INCOME</b>		
Loans, including fees .....	\$ 22,233	21,143
Interest and dividends on investments, cash and cash equivalents .....	220	213
Total interest income .....	22,453	21,356
<b>INTEREST EXPENSE</b>		
Deposits .....	2,646	2,269
Borrowings .....	106	154
Total interest expense .....	2,752	2,423
Net interest income .....	19,701	18,933
<b>PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES</b> .....	400	800
Net interest income after provision for loan losses .....	19,301	18,133
<b>NONINTEREST INCOME</b>		
Service charges and fee income .....	2,605	2,571
Earnings on cash surrender value of bank-owned life insurance .....	338	340
Mortgage servicing income .....	840	509
Fair value adjustment on mortgage servicing rights .....	210	328
Loss on sale of securities .....	(31)	—
Net gain on sale of loans .....	1,301	624
Total noninterest income .....	5,263	4,372
<b>NONINTEREST EXPENSE</b>		
Salaries and benefits .....	9,223	8,278
Operations .....	3,995	4,045
Regulatory assessments .....	746	267
Occupancy .....	1,493	1,359
Data processing .....	1,717	1,770
Net loss and expenses on OREO and repossessed assets .....	311	208
Total noninterest expense .....	17,485	15,927
Income before provision for income taxes .....	7,079	6,578
Provision for income taxes .....	2,289	2,338
Net income .....	\$ 4,790	\$ 4,240
<b>Earnings per common share:</b>		
Basic .....	\$ 1.92	\$ 1.69
Diluted .....	\$ 1.86	\$ 1.63
<b>Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:</b>		
Basic .....	2,491,683	2,513,069
Diluted .....	2,579,575	2,602,146

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**SOUND FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY**  
**Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income**  
*(In thousands)*

	<b>Years Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Net income . . . . .	\$4,790	\$4,240
Available for sale securities:		
Reclassification adjustment loss on sale of securities, net of taxes of \$11, and \$0, respectively . . . . .	20	—
Unrealized (losses) gains arising during the year, net of taxes of \$(13) and \$233, respectively . . . . .	(39)	452
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax . . . . .	(19)	452
Comprehensive income . . . . .	\$4,771	\$4,692

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**SOUND FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY**  
**Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity**  
*(In thousands, except number of shares)*

	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>Additional Paid-in Capital</u>	<u>Unearned ESOP Shares</u>	<u>Retained Earnings</u>	<u>Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), net of tax</u>	<u>Total Stockholders' Equity</u>
Balances at December 31, 2013 . . .	2,510,810	\$25	\$23,829	\$(1,369)	\$24,288	\$(269)	\$46,504
Net income . . . . .					4,240		4,240
Other comprehensive income, net of tax . . . . .						452	452
Share-based compensation . . . . .			333				333
Restricted stock awards . . . . .	45,565						—
Cash dividends on common stock (\$0.20 per share) . . . . .					(504)		(504)
Common stock repurchased . . . . .	(53,340)		(904)				(904)
Stock options exercised . . . . .	21,610		81				81
Excess tax benefits of stock compensation . . . . .			39				39
Restricted shares forfeited . . . . .	(8,981)						—
Allocation of ESOP shares . . . . .			174	229			403
Balances at December 31, 2014 . . .	<u>2,515,664</u>	<u>\$25</u>	<u>\$23,552</u>	<u>\$(1,140)</u>	<u>\$28,024</u>	<u>\$ 183</u>	<u>\$50,644</u>

	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>Additional Paid-in Capital</u>	<u>Unearned ESOP Shares</u>	<u>Retained Earnings</u>	<u>Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), net of tax</u>	<u>Total Stockholders' Equity</u>
Balances at December 31, 2014 . . .	2,515,664	\$25	\$23,552	\$(1,140)	\$28,024	\$183	\$50,644
Net income . . . . .					4,790		4,790
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax . . . . .						(19)	(19)
Share-based compensation . . . . .			418				418
Restricted stock awards . . . . .	10,208						—
Cash dividends on common stock (\$0.23 per share) . . . . .					(574)		(574)
Common stock repurchased . . . . .	(63,371)		(1,261)				(1,261)
Restricted shares forfeited . . . . .	(482)						—
Stock options exercised . . . . .	7,187		65				65
Allocation of ESOP shares . . . . .			228	229			457
Balances at December 31, 2015 . . .	<u>2,469,206</u>	<u>\$25</u>	<u>\$23,002</u>	<u>\$ (911)</u>	<u>\$32,240</u>	<u>\$164</u>	<u>\$54,520</u>

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**SOUND FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY**  
**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**  
*(In thousands)*

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net income . . . . .	\$ 4,790	\$ 4,240
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash from operating activities:		
Accretion of net premium on investments . . . . .	102	404
Loss on sale of securities . . . . .	31	—
Provision for loan losses . . . . .	400	800
Depreciation and amortization . . . . .	620	555
Compensation expense related to stock options and restricted stock . . . . .	418	333
Fair value adjustment on mortgage servicing rights . . . . .	(210)	(328)
Additions to mortgage servicing rights . . . . .	(679)	(505)
Amortization of mortgage servicing rights . . . . .	668	789
Increase in cash surrender value of bank-owned life insurance . . . . .	(338)	(340)
Deferred income tax . . . . .	(359)	(137)
Gain on sale of loans . . . . .	(1,301)	(624)
Proceeds from sale of loans . . . . .	73,951	50,406
Originations of loans held-for-sale . . . . .	(73,931)	(50,462)
Loss on sale of other real estate owned and repossessed assets . . . . .	201	28
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accrued interest receivable . . . . .	(111)	(131)
Other assets . . . . .	(31)	278
Accrued interest payable . . . . .	(4)	(6)
Other liabilities . . . . .	(466)	1,503
Net cash from operating activities . . . . .	<u>3,751</u>	<u>6,803</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Proceeds from principal payments, maturities and sales of available for sale securities . . . . .	4,665	4,177
FHLB stock redeemed . . . . .	12	90
Net increase in loans . . . . .	(29,931)	(40,632)
Improvements to OREO and other repossessed assets . . . . .	—	(12)
Proceeds from sale of OREO and other repossessed assets . . . . .	736	1,447
Purchases of premises and equipment, net . . . . .	(1,112)	(3,972)
Net cash used by investing activities . . . . .	<u>(25,630)</u>	<u>(38,902)</u>

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**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Continued)**

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net increase in deposits . . . . .	32,215	59,470
Proceeds from borrowings . . . . .	107,000	174,100
Repayment of borrowings . . . . .	(97,143)	(186,743)
Net change in advances from borrowers for taxes and insurance . . . . .	95	112
ESOP shares released . . . . .	457	403
Excess tax benefits of stock compensation . . . . .	—	39
Common stock option redemptions . . . . .	65	81
Repurchase of common stock . . . . .	(1,261)	(904)
Dividends paid . . . . .	(574)	(504)
Net cash from financing activities . . . . .	40,854	46,054
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents . . . . .	18,975	13,955
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year . . . . .	29,289	15,334
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year . . . . .	\$ 48,264	\$ 29,289
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION</b>		
Cash paid for income taxes . . . . .	\$ 2,860	\$ 1,975
Interest paid on deposits and borrowings . . . . .	\$ 2,756	\$ 2,429
Noncash net transfer from premises and equipment to OREO and repossessed assets . . . . .	\$ 712	—
Noncash net transfer from loans to OREO and repossessed assets . . . . .	\$ 671	\$ 608
The following summarized the non-cash activities related to the acquisition:		
Fair value of assets acquired . . . . .	\$ —	\$ 4,904
Fair value of liabilities assumed . . . . .	\$ —	\$ (21,602)
Net fair value of liabilities . . . . .	\$ —	\$ (16,698)

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**Note 1 - Organization and significant accounting policies**

Sound Financial Bancorp, a Maryland corporation (“Sound Financial Bancorp” or the “Company”), is a bank holding company for its wholly owned subsidiary, Sound Community Bank (the “Bank”). Substantially all of Sound Financial Bancorp’s business is conducted through Sound Community Bank, a Washington state-chartered commercial bank. As a Washington commercial bank, the Bank’s regulators are the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions (“WDFI”) and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”). The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (“Federal Reserve”) is the primary federal regulator for Sound Financial Bancorp.

**Subsequent events** – The Company has evaluated subsequent events for potential recognition and disclosure.

**Basis of Presentation and Use of Estimates** – The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Material estimates that are particularly susceptible to significant change in the near term relate to the determination of the allowance for loan losses, the fair value of mortgage servicing rights, valuations of impaired loans and OREO, and the realization of deferred taxes.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Sound Financial Bancorp and its wholly-owned subsidiary Sound Community Bank. All significant intercompany balances and transactions between Sound Financial Bancorp and its subsidiary have been eliminated in consolidation.

**Cash and cash equivalents** – For purposes of reporting cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and in banks and interest-bearing deposits. All have maturities of three months or less and may exceed federally insured limits.

**Investment securities** – Investment securities are classified into one of three categories: (1) held-to-maturity, (2) available-for-sale (AFS), or (3) trading. The Company had no held-to-maturity or trading securities at December 31, 2015 or 2014. AFS securities consist of debt securities that the Company has the intent and ability to hold for an indefinite period, but not necessarily to maturity. Such securities may be sold to implement the Company’s asset/liability management strategies and/or in response to changes in interest rates and similar factors. AFS securities are reported at fair value. Dividend and interest income are recognized when earned.

Unrealized gains and losses, net of the related deferred tax effect, are reported as a net amount in the Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss). Realized gains and losses on AFS securities, determined using the specific identification method, are included in earnings. Amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts are recognized as adjustments to interest income using the interest method over the period to maturity.

The Company reviews investment securities on an ongoing basis for the presence of other-than-temporary impairment (“OTTI”) or permanent impairment, taking into consideration current market conditions, fair value in relation to cost, extent and nature of the change in fair value, issuer rating changes and trends, whether the Company intend to sell a security or if it is likely that the Company will be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis of the investment, which may be maturity, and other factors. For debt securities, if the Company intends to sell the security or it is likely that it will be required to sell the security before recovering its cost basis, the entire impairment loss would be recognized in earnings as an OTTI. If the Company does not intend to sell the security and it is not likely that we will be required to sell the security but we do not expect to recover the entire amortized cost basis of the security, only the portion of the impairment loss representing credit losses would be recognized in earnings. The credit loss on a security is measured as the difference between the amortized cost basis and the present value of the cash flows expected to be collected. Projected cash flows are discounted by the original or current effective interest rate depending on the nature of the security being measured for potential OTTI.

The remaining impairment related to all other factors, the difference between the present value of the cash flows expected to be collected and the fair value, is recognized as a charge to other comprehensive income (“OCI”). The Company does not intend to sell these securities and it is more likely than not that it will not be required to

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sell the securities before anticipated recovery of the remaining amortized cost basis. The Company closely monitors its investment securities for changes in credit risk. The current market environment significantly limits the Company's ability to mitigate its exposure to valuation changes in these securities by selling them. Accordingly, if market conditions deteriorate further and the Company determines its holdings of these or other investment securities are OTTI, its future earnings, stockholders' equity, regulatory capital and continuing operations could be materially adversely affected.

**Loans held-for-sale** – To mitigate interest rate sensitivity, from time to time, certain fixed rate mortgage loans are identified as held-for-sale in the secondary market. Accordingly, such loans are classified as held-for-sale in the consolidated balance sheets and are carried at the lower of cost or estimated fair market value in the aggregate. Net unrealized losses, if any, are recognized through a valuation allowance by charges to income. Mortgage loans held-for-sale are generally sold with the mortgage servicing rights retained by the Company. Gains or losses on sales of loans are recognized based on the difference between the selling price and the carrying value of the related loans sold based on the specific identification method.

**Loans** – The Company grants mortgage, commercial, and consumer loans to clients. A substantial portion of the loan portfolio is represented by loans secured by real estate located throughout the Puget Sound region and in Clallam County of Washington State. The ability of the Company's debtors to honor their contracts is dependent upon employment, real estate and general economic conditions in these areas.

Loans that management has the intent and ability to hold for the foreseeable future or until maturity or pay-off generally are reported at their outstanding unpaid principal balances adjusted for any charge-offs, the allowance for loan losses, and any deferred fees or costs on origination of loans. Interest income is accrued on the unpaid principal balance. Loan origination fees, net of certain direct origination costs, are deferred and recognized as an adjustment of the related loan yield using the interest method over the contractual life of the loan for term loans or the straight-line method for open ended loans.

The accrual of interest is discontinued at the time the loan is three months past due or if, in management's opinion, the borrower may be unable to meet payment of obligations as they become due, as well as when required by regulatory provisions. Loans are typically charged off no later than 120 days past due, unless secured by collateral. Past due status is based on contractual terms of the loan. In all cases, loans are placed on nonaccrual or charged off at an earlier date if collection of principal or interest is considered doubtful.

All interest accrued but not collected for loans that are placed on nonaccrual or charged off is reversed against interest income. The interest on these loans is accounted for on the cash-basis or cost-recovery method, until qualifying for return to accrual. Loans are returned to accrual status when all of the principal and interest amounts contractually due are brought current, future payments are reasonably assured and payments have been received for twelve consecutive months.

A loan is considered impaired when it is probable that the Company will be unable to collect all amounts (principal and interest) due according to the contractual terms of the original loan agreement. When a loan has been identified as being impaired, the amount of the impairment is measured by using discounted cash flows, except when, as a practical expedient, the current fair value of the collateral, reduced by costs to sell, is used. When the measurement of the impaired loan is less than the recorded investment in the loan (including accrued interest), impairment is recognized by charging off the impaired portion or creating or adjusting a specific allocation of the allowance for loan losses.

A loan is classified as a troubled debt restructuring ("TDR") when certain concessions have been made to the contractual terms, such as reductions of interest rates or deferrals of interest or principal payments due to the borrower's deteriorated financial condition. All TDRs are reported and accounted for as impaired loans.

**Allowance for loan losses** - The allowance for loan losses is a reserve established through a provision for loan losses charged to expense and represents management's best estimate of probable losses incurred within the existing loan portfolio as of the balance sheet date. The level of the allowance reflects management's view of trends in loan loss activity, current loan portfolio quality and present economic, political and regulatory conditions. Portions of the allowance may be allocated for specific loans; however, the allowance is available for any loan that is charged off. The allowance is increased by provisions charged to earnings and by recoveries of

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amounts previously charged off, and is reduced by charge-offs on loans (or portions thereof) deemed to be uncollectible. Loan charge-offs are recognized when management believes the collectability of the principal balance outstanding is unlikely. Full or partial charge-offs on collateral dependent impaired loans are generally recognized when the collateral is deemed to be insufficient to support the carrying value of the loan.

The allowance for loan losses is maintained at a level sufficient to provide for probable credit losses based upon evaluating known and inherent risks in the loan portfolio. The allowance is provided based upon management's continuing analysis of the pertinent factors underlying the quality of the loan portfolio. These factors include changes in the size and composition of the loan portfolio, delinquency levels, actual loan loss experience, current economic conditions, and detailed analysis of individual loans for which full collectability may not be assured. The detailed analysis includes techniques to estimate the fair value of loan collateral and the existence of potential alternative sources of repayment. The allowance consists of specific, general, and unallocated components. The specific component relates to loans that are classified as doubtful, substandard, or special mention.

The Company considers installment loans to be pools of smaller balance, homogenous loans that are collectively evaluated for impairment, unless such loans are subject to a TDR agreement.

For such loans that are also classified as impaired, an allowance is established when the discounted cash flows (or collateral value or observable market price) of the impaired loan are lower than the carrying value of that loan. The general component covers non-classified loans and is based upon historical loss experience adjusted for qualitative factors.

An unallocated component is maintained to cover uncertainties that could affect management's estimate of probable losses. The unallocated component of the allowance reflects the margin of imprecision inherent in the underlying assumptions used in the methodologies for estimating specific and general losses in the portfolio.

The appropriateness of the allowance for loan losses is estimated based upon those factors and trends identified by management at the time consolidated financial statements are prepared. When available information confirms that specific loans or portions thereof are uncollectible, identified amounts are charged against the allowance for loan losses.

The existence of some or all of the following criteria will generally confirm that a loss has been incurred: the loan is significantly delinquent and the borrower has not demonstrated the ability or intent to bring the loan current; the Company has no recourse to the borrower, or if it does, the borrower has insufficient assets to pay the debt; the estimated fair value of the loan collateral is significantly below the current loan balance, and there is little or no near-term prospect for improvement.

The ultimate recovery of all loans is susceptible to future market factors beyond the Company's control. These factors may result in losses or recoveries differing significantly from those provided in the consolidated financial statements. In addition, regulatory agencies, as an integral part of their examination process, periodically review the Company's allowance for loan losses, and may require the Company to make additions to the allowance based on their judgment about information available to them at the time of their examinations.

**Transfers of financial assets** – Transfers of an entire financial asset are accounted for as sales when control over the assets has been surrendered. Control over transferred assets is deemed to be surrendered when: (1) a group of financial assets or a participating interest in an entire financial asset has been isolated from the Company, (2) the transferee obtains the right (free of conditions that constrain it from taking advantage of that right) to pledge or exchange the transferred assets, and (3) the Company does not maintain effective control over the transferred assets through an agreement to repurchase them before their maturity.

**Mortgage servicing rights ("MSR")** – Mortgage servicing rights represent the value associated with servicing residential mortgage loans, when the mortgage loans have been sold into the secondary market and the related servicing has been retained by the Company. The value is determined through a discounted cash flow analysis, which uses interest rates, prepayment speeds and delinquency rate assumptions as inputs. All of these assumptions require a significant degree of management judgment. The Company measures its mortgage servicing assets at fair value and reports changes in fair value through earnings under the caption mortgage banking revenue in the period in which the change occurs.

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**Premises and equipment** – Premises, leasehold improvements and furniture and equipment are carried at cost, less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Furniture and equipment are depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which range from 1 to 10 years. The cost of leasehold improvements is amortized using the straight-line method over the terms of the related leases. The cost of premises is amortized using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the building, up to 39 years. Management reviews premises, leasehold improvements and furniture and equipment for impairment on an annual basis.

**Bank-owned life insurance, net** — The carrying amount of bank owned life insurance approximates its fair value, and is estimated using the cash surrender value, net of any surrender charges.

**Federal Home Loan Bank stock** – The Company is a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines (“FHLB”). FHLB stock represents the Company’s investment in the FHLB and is carried at par value, which reasonably approximates its fair value. As a member of the FHLB, the Company is required to maintain a minimum level of investment in FHLB stock based on specific percentages of its outstanding mortgages, total assets, or FHLB advances. At December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Company’s minimum required investment in FHLB stock was \$2.2 million and \$1.3 million, respectively. Typically the Company may request redemption at par value of any stock in excess of the minimum required investment. Stock redemptions are at the discretion of the FHLB.

**Other real estate owned and repossessed assets** – OREO and repossessed assets represent real estate and other assets which the Company has taken control of in partial or full satisfaction of loans. At the time of foreclosure, OREO and repossessed assets are recorded at fair value less estimated costs to sell, which becomes the new basis. Any write-downs based on the asset’s fair value at the date of acquisition are charged to the allowance for loan and lease losses. After foreclosure, management periodically performs valuations such that the property is carried at the lower of its new cost basis or fair value, net of estimated costs to sell. Revenue and expenses from operations and subsequent adjustments to the carrying amount of the property are included in other noninterest expense in the consolidated statements of income.

In some instances, the Company may make loans to facilitate the sales of OREO. Management reviews all sales for which it is the lending institution. Any gains related to sales of other real estate owned may be deferred until the buyer has a sufficient investment in the property.

**Income Taxes** – Income taxes are accounted for using the asset and liability method. Under this method a deferred tax asset or liability is determined based on the enacted tax rates which will be in effect when the differences between the financial statement carrying amounts and tax basis of existing assets and liabilities are expected to be reported in the Company’s income tax returns. The effect on deferred taxes of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. Valuation allowances are established to reduce the net carrying amount of deferred tax assets if it is determined to be more likely than not, that all or some portion of the potential deferred tax asset will not be realized.

**Segment reporting** – The Company operates in one segment and makes management decisions based on consolidated results. The Company’s operations are solely in the financial services industry and include providing to its customers traditional banking and other financial services.

**Off-balance-sheet credit-related financial instruments** – In the normal course of operations, the Company engages in a variety of financial transactions that are not recorded in our financial statements. These transactions involve varying degrees of off-balance sheet credit, interest rate and liquidity risks. These transactions are used primarily to manage customers’ requests for funding and take the form of loan commitments, letters of credit and lines of credit. Such financial instruments are recorded when they are funded.

**Advertising costs** – The Company expenses advertising costs as they are incurred. Advertising expenses were \$150,000 and \$135,000, respectively, for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014.

**Comprehensive income** – Accounting principles generally require that recognized revenue, expenses, gains, and losses be included in net income. Certain changes in assets and liabilities, such as unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale investments, are reported as a separate component of the equity section of the balance sheet, net of tax. Such items, along with net income, are components of comprehensive income.

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**Intangible assets** – At December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Company had \$485,000 and \$615,000, respectively, of identifiable intangible assets included in other assets as a result of the acquisition of deposits from other institutions. This asset is amortized using the straight-line method over a period of 9.5 years and has a remaining weighted average life of 3.2 years. Management reviews intangible assets for impairment on an annual basis. No impairment losses have been recognized in the periods presented.

**Employee stock ownership plan** – The Company sponsors a leveraged ESOP. As shares are committed to be released, compensation expense is recorded equal to the market price of the shares, and the shares become outstanding for purposes of earnings per share calculations. Cash dividends on allocated shares (those credited to ESOP participants' accounts) are recorded as a reduction of stockholders' equity and distributed directly to participants' accounts. Cash dividends on unallocated shares (those held by the ESOP not yet credited to participants' accounts) are used to pay administrative expenses and debt service requirements of the ESOP. See Note 13 – Employee Benefits for further information. At December 31, 2015, there were 88,243 unallocated shares in the plan. Shares released on December 31, 2015 totaled 21,443 and will be credited to plan participants' accounts in 2016.

Unearned ESOP shares are shown as a reduction of stockholders' equity. When the shares are released, unearned common shares held by the ESOP are reduced by the cost of the ESOP shares released and the differential between the fair value and the cost is charged to additional paid in capital. The loan receivable from the ESOP to the Company is not reported as an asset nor is the debt of the ESOP reported as a liability on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Condition.

**Earnings Per Common Share** – Earnings per share ("EPS") is computed using the two-class method. Basic EPS is computed by dividing net income allocated to common shares by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period, excluding any participating securities. Participating securities include unvested restricted shares. Unvested restricted shares are considered participating securities because holders of these securities receive non-forfeitable dividends at the same rate as the holders of the Company's common stock. Diluted EPS is computed by dividing net income allocated to common shares adjusted for reallocation of undistributed earnings of unvested restricted shares by the weighted average number of common shares determined for the basic EPS plus the dilutive effect of common stock equivalents using the treasury stock method based on the average market price for the period. Some stock options are anti-dilutive and therefore are not included in the calculation of diluted EPS.

**Fair value** – Fair value is the price that would be received when an asset is sold or a liability is transferred in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

Fair values of the Company's financial instruments are based on the fair value hierarchy which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs, typically market data obtained from third parties, and minimize the use of unobservable inputs, which reflects its estimates for market assumptions, when measuring fair value.

Three levels of valuation inputs are ranked in accordance with the prescribed fair value hierarchy as follows:

**Level 1:** Quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

**Level 2:** Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active.

**Level 3:** Assets or liabilities whose significant value drivers are unobservable.

In determining the appropriate levels, the Company performs a detailed analysis of the assets and liabilities that are subject to fair value measurements. In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value of an asset or liability may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. The level within which the fair value measurement is categorized is based on the lowest level unobservable input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. Therefore, an item may be classified in Level 3 even though there may be some significant inputs that are readily observable.

**Share-Based Compensation** – The Company measures the cost of employee services received in exchange for an award of equity instruments based on the grant date fair value of the award. These costs are recognized on a straight-line basis over the vesting period during which an employee is required to provide services in exchange

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for the award, also known as the requisite service period. The Company uses the Black-Scholes option pricing model to estimate the fair value of stock options granted. When determining the estimated fair value of stock options granted, the Company utilizes various assumptions regarding the expected volatility of the stock price, estimated forfeitures using historical data on employee terminations, the risk-free interest rate for periods within the contractual life of the stock option, and the expected dividend yield that the Company expects over the expected life of the options granted. Reductions in compensation expense associated with forfeited options are estimated at the date of grant, and this estimated forfeiture rate is adjusted monthly based on actual forfeiture experience. The Company measures the fair value of the restricted stock using the closing market price of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. The Company expenses the grant date fair value of the Company's stock options and restricted stock with a corresponding increase in equity.

**Reclassifications** – Certain amounts reported in prior years' consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current presentation. The results of the reclassifications are not considered material and have no effect on previously reported net income, earnings per share or stockholders' equity.

**Note 2 – Accounting Pronouncements Recently Issued or Adopted**

In June 2015, FASB issued ASU No. 2015-10, Technical Corrections and Improvements. On November 10, 2010 FASB added a standing project that will facilitate the FASB Accounting Standards Codification ('Codification') updates for technical corrections, clarifications, and improvements. These amendments are referred to as Technical Corrections and Improvements. Maintenance updates include non-substantive corrections to the Codification, such as editorial corrections, various link-related changes, and changes to source fragment information. This update contains amendments that will affect a wide variety of Topics in the Codification. The amendments in this ASU will apply to all reporting entities within the scope of the affected accounting guidance and generally fall into one of four categories: amendments related to differences between original guidance and the Codification, guidance clarification and reference corrections, simplification, and minor improvements. In summary, the amendments in this ASU represent changes to clarify the Codification, correct unintended application of guidance, or make minor improvements to the Codification that are not expected to have a significant effect on current accounting practice. Transition guidance varies based on the amendments in this ASU. The amendments in this ASU that require transition guidance are effective for fiscal years and interim reporting periods after December 15, 2015. Early adoption is permitted including adoption in an interim period. All other amendments are effective upon the issuance of this ASU. ASU 2015-10 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In July 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-14, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, deferring the effective date of the new revenue standard by one year. The standard also allows entities to choose to adopt the standard as of the original effective date. The FASB decided, based on its outreach to various stakeholders and the forthcoming amendments to the new revenue standard, that a deferral is necessary to provide adequate time to effectively implement the new revenue standard.

In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-15, Interest—Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30), Presentation and Subsequent Measurement of Debt Issuance Costs Associated with Line-of-Credit Arrangements. The ASU provides guidance not previously included in ASU 2015-03 regarding debt issuance related to line-of-credit arrangements. The amendment allows an entity to present debt issuance costs as an asset and subsequently amortize the deferred debt issuance costs over the term of the line-of-credit arrangement, regardless if there are any outstanding borrowings on the line-of-credit arrangement. The amendment is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015. This ASU is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In September 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-16, Business Combinations (Topic 805). The ASU simplifies the accounting for measurement period adjustments. The amendments require that an acquirer recognize adjustments to provisional amounts that are identified during the measurement period in the reporting period when the adjustment amounts are determined. The acquirer is required to record in the same period's financial statements the effect on earnings from changes in depreciation, amortization, or other income effects resulting from the change to provisional amounts, calculated as if the accounting had been completed at the acquisition date. The acquirer must present separately on the income statement, or disclose in the notes, the amount recorded

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in current-period earnings that would have been recorded in previous reporting periods if the provisional amount had been recognized at the acquisition date. For public business entities, the amendments are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015, including interim periods within those fiscal years. This ASU is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In January 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-01, Financial Instruments - Overall (Subtopic 825-10), Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities. The new guidance is intended to improve the recognition and measurement of financial instruments. This ASU requires equity investments (except those accounted for under the equity method of accounting, or those that result in consolidation of the investee) to be measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in net income. In addition, the amendment requires public business entities to use the exit price notion when measuring the fair value of financial instruments for disclosure purposes and requires separate presentation of financial assets and financial liabilities by measurement category and form of financial asset (i.e., securities or loans and receivables) on the balance sheet or the accompanying notes to the financial statements. This ASU also eliminates the requirement for public business entities to disclose the method(s) and significant assumptions used to estimate the fair value that is required to be disclosed for financial instruments measured at amortized cost on the balance sheet. The amendment also requires a reporting organization to present separately in other comprehensive income the portion of the total change in the fair value of a liability resulting from a change in the instrument specific credit risk (also referred to as "own credit") when the organization has elected to measure the liability at fair value in accordance with the fair value option for financial instruments. ASU No. 2016-01 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted for certain provisions. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this ASU on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In February 2016, FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842). ASU No. 2016-02 requires lessees to recognize on the balance sheet the assets and liabilities arising from operating leases. A lessee should recognize a liability to make lease payments and a right-of-use asset representing its right to use the underlying asset for the lease term. A lessee should include payments to be made in an optional period only if the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise an option to extend the lease or not to exercise an option to terminate the lease. For a finance lease, interest payments should be recognized separately from amortization of the right-of-use asset in the statement of comprehensive income. For operating leases, the lease cost should be allocated over the lease term on a generally straight-line basis. The amendments in ASU 2016-02 are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Early application of the amendments in the ASU is permitted. The adoption of ASU 2016-02 is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

**Note 3 – Restricted Cash**

Federal Reserve Board regulations require that the Company maintain certain minimum reserve balances either as cash on hand or on deposit with the Federal Reserve Bank, based on a percentage of deposits. The reserve balances were \$4.6 million and \$3.3 at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.



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**Note 4 – Investments**

The amortized cost and fair value of AFS securities and the corresponding amounts of gross unrealized gains and losses at December 31, 2015 and 2014 were as follows (in thousands):

	<u>Amortized Cost</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Gains</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Losses</u>	<u>Estimated Fair Value</u>
<b>December 31, 2015</b>				
Municipal bonds . . . . .	\$ 1,912	\$184	\$ —	\$ 2,096
Agency mortgage-backed securities . . . . .	4,088	102	(18)	4,172
Non-agency mortgage-backed securities . . . . .	449	—	(21)	428
Total . . . . .	<u>\$ 6,449</u>	<u>\$286</u>	<u>\$(39)</u>	<u>\$ 6,696</u>
<b>December 31, 2014</b>				
Municipal bonds . . . . .	\$ 1,911	\$172	\$ —	\$ 2,083
Agency mortgage-backed securities . . . . .	7,024	110	(38)	7,096
Non-agency mortgage-backed securities . . . . .	2,312	83	(50)	2,345
Total . . . . .	<u>\$11,247</u>	<u>\$365</u>	<u>\$(88)</u>	<u>\$11,524</u>

The amortized cost and fair value of mortgage-backed securities by contractual maturity, at December 31, 2015, are shown below (in thousands). Expected maturities of mortgage-backed securities may differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties.

	<b>December 31, 2015</b>	
	<u>Amortized Cost</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Due in less than one year . . . . .	\$ 94	\$ 95
Due in one to five years . . . . .	2,605	2,707
Due after five to ten years . . . . .	1,649	1,649
Due after ten years . . . . .	2,101	2,245
Total . . . . .	<u>\$6,449</u>	<u>\$6,696</u>

There were no pledged securities at December 31, 2015. There were no sales of AFS securities for the years ended December 31, 2015 or 2014.

The following table summarizes at December 31, 2015 and 2014 the aggregate fair value and gross unrealized loss by length of time those investments have been continuously in an unrealized loss position (in thousands):

	<b>December 31, 2015</b>					
	<u>Less Than 12 Months</u>		<u>12 Months or Longer</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unrealized Loss</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unrealized Loss</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unrealized Loss</u>
Agency mortgage-backed securities . . . . .	\$—	\$—	\$1,370	\$(18)	\$1,370	\$(18)
Non-agency mortgage-backed securities . . . . .	—	—	428	(21)	428	(21)
Total . . . . .	<u>\$—</u>	<u>\$—</u>	<u>\$1,798</u>	<u>\$(39)</u>	<u>\$1,798</u>	<u>\$(39)</u>

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	December 31, 2014					
	Less Than 12 Months		12 Months or Longer		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss
Agency mortgage-backed securities . . . . .	\$627	\$ (6)	\$2,216	\$(32)	\$2,843	\$(38)
Non-agency mortgage-backed securities . . . . .	—	—	507	(50)	507	(50)
Total . . . . .	<u>\$627</u>	<u>\$ (6)</u>	<u>\$2,723</u>	<u>\$(82)</u>	<u>\$3,350</u>	<u>\$(88)</u>

The following table presents at December 31, 2015 and 2014 the cumulative roll forward of credit losses recognized in earnings relating to the Company's non-U.S. agency mortgage backed securities (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2015	2014
Estimated credit losses, beginning balance . . . . .	\$ 450	\$450
Additions for credit losses not previously recognized . . . . .	—	—
Reduction for increases in cash flows . . . . .	—	—
Removal of credit losses due to securities sold . . . . .	(450)	—
Estimated credit losses, ending balance . . . . .	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$450</u>

At December 31, 2015, the securities portfolio consisted of 12 agency mortgage-backed securities, one non-agency mortgage-backed security and five municipal securities with a fair value of \$6.7 million. At December 31, 2014, the securities portfolio consisted of 15 agency mortgage-backed securities, five non-agency mortgage-backed securities and five municipal bonds with a fair value of \$11.5 million. At December 31, 2015, one of the 12 agency mortgage-backed securities were in an unrealized loss position compared to three of the 15 agency mortgage-backed securities at December 31, 2014. All of the agency mortgage-backed securities in an unrealized loss position at December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 were issued or guaranteed by U.S. governmental agencies. The unrealized losses were caused by changes in market interest rates or the widening of market spreads subsequent to the initial purchase of these securities, and not related to the underlying credit of the issuers or the underlying collateral. It is expected that these securities will not be settled at a price less than the amortized cost of each investment. Because the decline in fair value is attributable to changes in interest rates or widening market spreads and not credit quality, and because the Company does not intend to sell the securities in this class and it is not likely that it will be required to sell these securities before recovery of their amortized cost basis, which may include holding each security until contractual maturity, the unrealized losses on these investments are not considered an OTTI.

As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, one non-agency mortgage-backed security was in an unrealized loss position. The unrealized loss was caused by changes in interest rates and market illiquidity causing a decline in the fair value subsequent to the purchase. The contractual terms of this security do not permit the issuer to settle the security at a price less than par. While management does not intend to sell the non-agency mortgage-backed security, and it is unlikely that the Company will be required to sell this security before recovery of its amortized cost basis, management's impairment evaluation indicates that this security possesses quantitative factors that suggest an OTTI. These factors include, but are not limited to: the length of time and extent of the fair value declines, ratings agency down grades, the potential for an increased level of actual defaults, and the extension in duration of the securities. Based upon the results of the evaluation of the quantitative and qualitative factors, no non-agency mortgage-backed security reflected OTTI during the year ended December 31, 2015.

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**Note 5 – Loans**

The composition of the loan portfolio, excluding loans held-for-sale, at December 31, 2015 and 2014 is as follows (in thousands):

	<u>At December 31,</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b>Real estate loans:</b>		
One- to four-family .....	\$141,125	\$133,031
Home equity .....	31,573	34,675
Commercial and multifamily .....	175,312	168,952
Construction and land .....	<u>57,043</u>	<u>46,279</u>
Total real estate loans .....	<u>405,053</u>	<u>382,937</u>
<b>Consumer loans:</b>		
Manufactured homes .....	13,798	12,539
Other consumer .....	<u>23,030</u>	<u>16,875</u>
Total consumer loans .....	36,828	29,414
<b>Commercial business loans</b>		
	<u>19,295</u>	<u>19,525</u>
Total loans .....	461,176	431,876
Deferred fees .....	<u>(1,707)</u>	<u>(1,516)</u>
Total loans, gross .....	459,469	430,360
Allowance for loan losses .....	<u>(4,636)</u>	<u>(4,387)</u>
Total loans, net .....	<u>\$454,833</u>	<u>\$425,973</u>

The following table presents the balance in the allowance for loan losses and the unpaid principal balance in loans, net of partial charge-offs by portfolio segment and based on impairment method as of December 31, 2015 (in thousands):

	<u>One-to- four family</u>	<u>Home equity</u>	<u>Commercial and multifamily</u>	<u>Construction and land</u>	<u>Manufactured homes</u>	<u>Other consumer</u>	<u>Commercial business</u>	<u>Unallocated</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Allowance for loan losses:</b>									
Individually evaluated for impairment . . .	\$ 647	\$ 110	\$ 36	\$ 18	\$ 63	\$ —	\$ 8	\$ —	\$ 882
Collectively evaluated for impairment . . .	<u>1,192</u>	<u>497</u>	<u>885</u>	<u>364</u>	<u>238</u>	<u>188</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>241</u>	<u>3,754</u>
Ending balance . .	<u>\$ 1,839</u>	<u>\$ 607</u>	<u>\$ 921</u>	<u>\$ 382</u>	<u>\$ 301</u>	<u>\$ 188</u>	<u>\$ 157</u>	<u>\$241</u>	<u>\$ 4,636</u>
<b>Loans receivable:</b>									
Individually evaluated for impairment . . .	\$ 5,779	\$ 904	\$ 1,966	\$ 91	\$ 361	\$ 5	\$ 114	\$ —	\$ 9,220
Collectively evaluated for impairment . . .	<u>135,346</u>	<u>30,669</u>	<u>173,346</u>	<u>56,952</u>	<u>13,437</u>	<u>23,025</u>	<u>19,181</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>451,956</u>
Ending balance . .	<u>\$141,125</u>	<u>\$31,573</u>	<u>\$175,312</u>	<u>\$57,043</u>	<u>\$13,798</u>	<u>\$23,030</u>	<u>\$19,295</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$461,176</u>

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The following table presents the balance in the allowance for loan losses and the unpaid principal balance in loans, net of partial charge-offs by portfolio segment and based on impairment method as of December 31, 2014 (in thousands):

	<u>One-to-four family</u>	<u>Home equity</u>	<u>Commercial and multifamily</u>	<u>Construction and land</u>	<u>Manufactured homes</u>	<u>Other consumer</u>	<u>Commercial business</u>	<u>Unallocated</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Allowance for loan losses:</b>									
Individually evaluated for impairment . . .	\$ 258	\$ 28	\$ 8	\$ 14	\$ 41	\$ 18	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 367
Collectively evaluated for impairment . . .	<u>1,184</u>	<u>573</u>	<u>1,236</u>	<u>385</u>	<u>152</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>233</u>	<u>4,020</u>
Ending balance . . .	<u>\$ 1,442</u>	<u>\$ 601</u>	<u>\$ 1,244</u>	<u>\$ 399</u>	<u>\$ 193</u>	<u>\$ 167</u>	<u>\$ 108</u>	<u>\$233</u>	<u>\$ 4,387</u>
<b>Loans receivable:</b>									
Individually evaluated for impairment . . .	\$ 4,186	\$ 1,247	\$ 2,956	\$ 180	\$ 404	\$ 51	\$ 124	\$ —	\$ 9,148
Collectively evaluated for impairment . . .	<u>128,845</u>	<u>33,428</u>	<u>165,996</u>	<u>46,099</u>	<u>12,135</u>	<u>16,824</u>	<u>19,401</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>422,728</u>
Ending balance . . .	<u>\$133,031</u>	<u>\$34,675</u>	<u>\$168,952</u>	<u>\$46,279</u>	<u>\$12,539</u>	<u>\$16,875</u>	<u>\$19,525</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$431,876</u>

The following table summarizes the activity in loan losses for the year ended December 31, 2015 (in thousands):

	<u>Beginning Allowance</u>	<u>Charge-offs</u>	<u>Recoveries</u>	<u>Provision</u>	<u>Ending Allowance</u>
One-to-four family . . . . .	\$1,442	\$ (21)	\$—	\$ 418	\$1,839
Home equity . . . . .	601	(35)	36	5	607
Commercial and multifamily . . . . .	1,244	—	—	(323)	921
Construction and land . . . . .	399	(40)	—	23	382
Manufactured homes . . . . .	193	(37)	8	137	301
Other consumer . . . . .	167	(77)	15	83	188
Commercial business . . . . .	108	—	—	49	157
Unallocated . . . . .	<u>233</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>241</u>
	<u>\$4,387</u>	<u>\$(210)</u>	<u>\$59</u>	<u>\$ 400</u>	<u>\$4,636</u>

The following table summarizes the activity in loan losses for the year ended December 31, 2014 (in thousands):

	<u>Beginning Allowance</u>	<u>Charge-offs</u>	<u>Recoveries</u>	<u>Provision</u>	<u>Ending Allowance</u>
One-to-four family . . . . .	\$1,915	\$(127)	\$ 64	\$(410)	\$1,442
Home equity . . . . .	781	(295)	52	63	601
Commercial and multifamily . . . . .	300	(47)	2	989	1,244
Construction and land . . . . .	318	—	—	81	399
Manufactured homes . . . . .	209	(197)	14	167	193
Other consumer . . . . .	109	(77)	21	114	167
Commercial business . . . . .	102	—	—	6	108
Unallocated . . . . .	<u>443</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(210)</u>	<u>233</u>
	<u>\$4,177</u>	<u>\$(743)</u>	<u>\$153</u>	<u>\$ 800</u>	<u>\$4,387</u>

*Credit Quality Indicators.* Federal regulations provide for the classification of lower quality loans and other assets, such as debt and equity securities, as substandard, doubtful or loss. An asset is considered substandard if

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it is inadequately protected by the current net worth and pay capacity of the borrower or of any collateral pledged. Substandard assets include those characterized by the distinct possibility that the Company will sustain some loss if the deficiencies are not corrected. Assets classified as doubtful have all the weaknesses of currently existing facts, conditions and values. Assets classified as loss are those considered uncollectible and of such little value that their continuance as assets without establishment of a specific loss reserve is not warranted.

When the Company classifies problem loans as either substandard or doubtful, it may establish a specific allowance in an amount it deems prudent to address the risk specifically (if the loan is impaired) or it may allow the loss to be addressed in the general allowance (if the loan is not impaired). General allowances represent loss reserves which have been established to recognize the inherent risk associated with lending activities, but which, unlike specific allowances, have not been specifically allocated to particular problem assets. When the Company classifies problem loans as a loss, it charges off such assets in the period in which they are deemed uncollectible. Assets that do not currently expose the Company to sufficient risk to warrant classification as substandard or doubtful but possess identified weaknesses are classified as either watch or special mention assets. The Company's determination as the classification of its assets and the amount of its valuation allowances is subject to review by the FDIC, which can order the establishment of additional loss allowances. Pass rated loans are loans that are not otherwise classified or criticized.

The following table represents the internally assigned grades as of December 31, 2015 by type of loan (in thousands):

	<u>One-to-four family</u>	<u>Home equity</u>	<u>Commercial and multifamily</u>	<u>Construction and land</u>	<u>Manufactured homes</u>	<u>Other consumer</u>	<u>Commercial business</u>	<u>Total</u>
Grade:								
Pass . . . . .	\$136,879	\$30,310	\$169,072	\$55,984	\$13,621	\$22,967	\$18,449	\$447,282
Watch . . . . .	1,015	609	4,810	1,059	96	58	846	8,493
Special Mention . .	1,409	—	1,430	—	33	—	—	2,872
Substandard. . . . .	1,822	654	—	—	48	5	—	2,529
Doubtful . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Loss . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total . . . . .	<u>\$141,125</u>	<u>\$31,573</u>	<u>\$175,312</u>	<u>\$57,043</u>	<u>\$13,798</u>	<u>\$23,030</u>	<u>\$19,295</u>	<u>\$461,176</u>

The following table represents the internally assigned grades as of December 31, 2014 by type of loan (in thousands):

	<u>One-to-four family</u>	<u>Home equity</u>	<u>Commercial and multifamily</u>	<u>Construction and land</u>	<u>Manufactured homes</u>	<u>Other consumer</u>	<u>Commercial business</u>	<u>Total</u>
Grade:								
Pass . . . . .	\$120,152	\$30,785	\$163,573	\$45,427	\$11,427	\$16,587	\$18,919	\$406,870
Watch . . . . .	11,793	3,322	3,740	852	1,038	240	606	21,591
Special Mention . .	—	—	—	—	24	—	—	24
Substandard. . . . .	1,086	568	1,639	—	50	48	—	3,391
Doubtful . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Loss . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total . . . . .	<u>\$133,031</u>	<u>\$34,675</u>	<u>\$168,952</u>	<u>\$46,279</u>	<u>\$12,539</u>	<u>\$16,875</u>	<u>\$19,525</u>	<u>\$431,876</u>

*Nonaccrual and Past Due Loans.* Loans are considered past due if the required principal and interest payments have not been received as of the date such payments were due. Loans are automatically placed on nonaccrual once the loan is three months past due or if, in management's opinion, the borrower may be unable to meet payment of obligations as they become due, as well as when required by regulatory provisions.

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The following table presents the recorded investment in nonaccrual loans as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 by type of loan (in thousands):

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
One- to four- family .....	\$1,157	\$1,092
Home equity .....	344	258
Construction and land .....	—	81
Manufactured homes .....	27	6
Other consumer .....	—	27
Total .....	<u>\$1,528</u>	<u>\$1,464</u>

The following table represents the aging of the recorded investment in past due loans as of December 31, 2015 by type of loan (in thousands):

	<u>30-59 Days Past Due</u>	<u>60-89 Days Past Due</u>	<u>Greater Than 90 Days Past Due</u>	<u>Recorded Investment &gt; 90 Days and Accruing</u>	<u>Total Past Due</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Total Loans</u>
One-to-four family .....	\$2,453	\$265	\$ 881	\$117	\$3,716	\$137,409	\$141,125
Home equity .....	352	60	296	—	708	30,865	31,573
Commercial and multifamily .....	203	—	—	—	203	175,109	175,312
Construction and land . . .	65	—	—	—	65	56,978	57,043
Manufactured homes . . . .	103	27	—	—	130	13,668	13,798
Other consumer .....	17	26	—	—	43	22,987	23,030
Commercial business . . . .	154	8	—	—	162	19,133	19,295
Total .....	<u>\$3,347</u>	<u>\$386</u>	<u>\$1,177</u>	<u>\$117</u>	<u>\$5,027</u>	<u>\$456,149</u>	<u>\$461,176</u>

The following table represents the aging of the recorded investment in past due loans as of December 31, 2014 by type of loan (in thousands):

	<u>30-59 Days Past Due</u>	<u>60-89 Days Past Due</u>	<u>Greater Than 90 Days Past Due</u>	<u>Recorded Investment &gt; 90 Days and Accruing</u>	<u>Total Past Due</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Total Loans</u>
One-to-four family .....	\$1,300	\$167	\$ 720	\$ —	\$2,187	\$130,844	\$133,031
Home equity .....	585	109	203	—	897	33,778	34,675
Commercial and multifamily .....	—	—	—	—	—	168,952	168,952
Construction and land . . .	—	—	81	—	81	46,198	46,279
Manufactured homes . . . .	197	42	27	114	380	12,159	12,539
Other consumer .....	23	7	—	—	30	16,845	16,875
Commercial business . . . .	430	—	—	—	430	19,095	19,525
Total .....	<u>\$2,535</u>	<u>\$325</u>	<u>\$1,031</u>	<u>\$114</u>	<u>\$4,005</u>	<u>\$427,871</u>	<u>\$431,876</u>

*Nonperforming Loans.* Loans are considered nonperforming when they are placed on nonaccrual and/or when they are considered to be nonperforming TDRs and/or when they are 90 days or greater past due and still accruing interest. Nonperforming TDRs include TDRs that do not have sufficient payment history (typically greater than six months) to be considered performing or TDRs that have become 31 or more days past due.

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The following table represents the credit risk profile based on payment activity as of December 31, 2015 by type of loan (in thousands):

	<u>One- to four- family</u>	<u>Home equity</u>	<u>Commercial and multifamily</u>	<u>Construction and land</u>	<u>Manufactured homes</u>	<u>Other consumer</u>	<u>Commercial business</u>	<u>Total</u>
Performing . . . . .	\$139,484	\$31,146	\$175,312	\$57,043	\$13,736	\$23,030	\$19,295	\$454,137
Nonperforming . . . . .	<u>1,640</u>	<u>428</u>	—	—	<u>62</u>	—	—	<u>2,130</u>
Total . . . . .	<u>\$141,125</u>	<u>\$31,573</u>	<u>\$175,312</u>	<u>\$57,043</u>	<u>\$13,798</u>	<u>\$23,030</u>	<u>\$19,295</u>	<u>\$461,176</u>

The following table represents the credit risk profile based on payment activity as of December 31, 2014 by type of loan (in thousands):

	<u>One- to four- family</u>	<u>Home equity</u>	<u>Commercial and multifamily</u>	<u>Construction and land</u>	<u>Manufactured homes</u>	<u>Other consumer</u>	<u>Commercial business</u>	<u>Total</u>
Performing . . . . .	\$131,519	\$34,289	\$167,313	\$46,198	\$12,344	\$16,846	\$19,525	\$428,034
Nonperforming . . . . .	<u>1,512</u>	<u>386</u>	<u>1,639</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>195</u>	<u>29</u>	—	<u>3,842</u>
Total . . . . .	<u>\$133,031</u>	<u>\$34,675</u>	<u>\$168,952</u>	<u>\$46,279</u>	<u>\$12,539</u>	<u>\$16,875</u>	<u>\$19,525</u>	<u>\$431,876</u>

*Impaired Loans.* A loan is considered impaired when the Company has determined that it may be unable to collect payments of principal or interest when due under the terms of the loan. In the process of identifying loans as impaired, the Company takes into consideration factors which include payment history and status, collateral value, financial condition of the borrower, and the probability of collecting scheduled payments in the future. Minor payment delays and insignificant payment shortfalls typically do not result in a loan being classified as impaired. The significance of payment delays and shortfalls is considered on a case by case basis, after taking into consideration the totality of circumstances surrounding the loans and the borrowers, including payment history and amounts of any payment shortfall, length and reason for delay, and likelihood of return to stable performance. Impairment is measured on a loan by loan basis for all loans in the portfolio. All TDRs are also classified as impaired loans and are included in the loans individually evaluated for impairment in the calculation of the allowance for loan losses.

The following table presents loans individually evaluated for impairment as of December 31, 2015 by type of loan (in thousands):

	<u>Recorded Investment</u>	<u>Unpaid Principal Balance</u>	<u>Related Allowance</u>	<u>Average Recorded Investment</u>	<u>Interest Income Recognized</u>
<b>With no related allowance recorded:</b>					
One- to four- family . . . . .	\$ 499	\$ 615	\$—	\$1,390	\$ 23
Home equity . . . . .	162	162	—	341	7
Commercial and multifamily . . . . .	1,430	1,430	—	1,051	80
Construction and land . . . . .	—	—	—	40	—
Manufactured homes . . . . .	—	—	—	52	—
Other consumer . . . . .	—	—	—	28	—
Commercial business . . . . .	—	—	—	<u>61</u>	<u>—</u>
Total . . . . .	<u>2,091</u>	<u>2,207</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>2,963</u>	<u>110</u>

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	<u>Recorded Investment</u>	<u>Unpaid Principal Balance</u>	<u>Related Allowance</u>	<u>Average Recorded Investment</u>	<u>Interest Income Recognized</u>
<b>With an allowance recorded:</b>					
One- to four- family .....	5,280	5,396	647	3,686	246
Home equity .....	742	832	110	748	30
Commercial and multifamily .....	536	536	36	1,357	10
Construction and land .....	91	91	18	106	5
Manufactured homes .....	361	366	63	332	29
Other consumer .....	5	5	—	11	1
Commercial business .....	<u>114</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>6</u>
Total .....	<u>7,129</u>	<u>7,340</u>	<u>882</u>	<u>6,308</u>	<u>327</u>
<b>Totals:</b>					
One- to four- family .....	5,779	6,011	647	5,076	269
Home equity .....	904	994	110	1,089	37
Commercial and multifamily .....	1,966	1,966	36	2,408	90
Construction and land .....	91	91	18	146	5
Manufactured homes .....	361	366	63	384	29
Other consumer .....	5	5	—	39	1
Commercial business .....	<u>114</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>6</u>
Total .....	<u>\$9,220</u>	<u>\$9,547</u>	<u>\$882</u>	<u>\$9,271</u>	<u>\$437</u>

The following table presents loans individually evaluated for impairment as of December 31, 2014 by type of loan (in thousands):

	<u>Recorded Investment</u>	<u>Unpaid Principal Balance</u>	<u>Related Allowance</u>	<u>Average Recorded Investment</u>	<u>Interest Income Recognized</u>
<b>With no related allowance recorded:</b>					
One- to four- family .....	\$2,096	\$2,340	\$ —	\$1,314	\$ 83
Home equity .....	494	555	—	370	17
Commercial and multifamily .....	1,492	1,542	—	1,743	74
Construction and land .....	100	100	—	61	1
Manufactured homes .....	87	94	—	93	7
Other consumer .....	21	21	—	19	3
Commercial business .....	<u>124</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>230</u>	<u>6</u>
Total .....	<u>4,414</u>	<u>4,776</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>3,830</u>	<u>191</u>
<b>With an allowance recorded:</b>					
One- to four- family .....	2,090	2,090	258	3,082	93
Home equity .....	753	847	28	1,053	30
Commercial and multifamily .....	1,464	1,464	8	1,592	72
Construction and land .....	80	80	14	134	4
Manufactured homes .....	317	317	41	433	24
Other consumer .....	30	30	18	23	2
Commercial business .....	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>—</u>
Total .....	<u>4,734</u>	<u>4,828</u>	<u>367</u>	<u>6,400</u>	<u>225</u>



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	<u>Recorded Investment</u>	<u>Unpaid Principal Balance</u>	<u>Related Allowance</u>	<u>Average Recorded Investment</u>	<u>Interest Income Recognized</u>
<b>Totals:</b>					
One- to four- family .....	4,186	4,430	258	4,396	176
Home equity .....	1,247	1,402	28	1,423	47
Commercial and multifamily .....	2,956	3,006	8	3,335	146
Construction and land .....	180	180	14	195	5
Manufactured homes .....	404	411	41	526	31
Other consumer .....	51	51	18	42	5
Commercial business .....	<u>124</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>313</u>	<u>6</u>
Total .....	<u>\$9,148</u>	<u>\$9,604</u>	<u>\$367</u>	<u>\$10,230</u>	<u>\$416</u>

Forgone interest on nonaccrual loans was \$104,000 and \$78,000 at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. There were no commitments to lend additional funds to borrowers whose loans were classified as nonaccrual, TDR or impaired at December 31, 2015 and 2014.

*Troubled debt restructurings.* Loans classified as TDRs totaled \$6.0 million and \$7.7 million at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. A TDR is a loan to a borrower that is experiencing financial difficulty that has been modified from its original terms and conditions in such a way that the Company is granting the borrower a concession of some kind. The Company has granted a variety of concessions to borrowers in the form of loan modifications. The modifications granted can generally be described in the following categories:

Rate Modification: A modification in which the interest rate is changed.

Term Modification: A modification in which the maturity date, timing of payments, or frequency of payments is changed.

Payment Modification: A modification in which the dollar amount of the payment is changed. Interest only modifications in which a loan is converted to interest only payments for a period of time are included in this category.

Combination Modification: Any other type of modification, including the use of multiple categories above.

The following table presents new TDRs by type of modification that occurred during the year ended December 31, 2015 (dollars in thousands):

	<u>Twelve months ended December 31, 2015</u>					
	<u>Number of Contracts</u>	<u>Rate Modifications</u>	<u>Term Modifications</u>	<u>Payment Modifications</u>	<u>Combination Modifications</u>	<u>Total Modifications</u>
Commercial and multifamily .....	<u>1</u>	<u>\$—</u>	<u>\$—</u>	<u>\$—</u>	<u>\$368</u>	<u>\$368</u>
Total .....	<u>1</u>	<u>\$—</u>	<u>\$—</u>	<u>\$—</u>	<u>\$368</u>	<u>\$368</u>

The following table presents new TDRs by type of modification that occurred during the year ended December 31, 2014 (dollars in thousands):

	<u>Twelve months ended December 31, 2014</u>					
	<u>Number of Contracts</u>	<u>Rate Modifications</u>	<u>Term Modifications</u>	<u>Payment Modifications</u>	<u>Combination Modifications</u>	<u>Total Modifications</u>
One- to four- family .....	2	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$ 407	\$ 407
Home equity .....	2	—	—	—	74	74
Commercial and multifamily .....	<u>1</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,464</u>	<u>1,464</u>
Total .....	<u>5</u>	<u>\$—</u>	<u>\$—</u>	<u>\$—</u>	<u>\$1,945</u>	<u>\$1,945</u>

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There were no post-modification changes for the unpaid principal balance in loans, net of partial charge-offs, that were recorded as a result of the TDRs for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014.

The following table represents loans modified as TDRs for which there was a payment default within the first 12 months of modification during the twelve months ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 (in thousands):

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
One- to four- family .....	\$—	\$174
Home equity .....	—	—
Total .....	<u>\$—</u>	<u>\$174</u>

For the preceding table, a loan was considered in default when a payment was 31 days past due. None of the defaults reached 90 days past due at December 31, 2015 or 2014.

At December 31, 2015, six TDRs for \$533,000 were on nonaccrual and none were 60-89 days past due. At December 31, 2014, one TDR for \$55,000 was on nonaccrual but current on payments and two TDRs totaling \$276,000 were 60-89 days past due.

The Company had no commitments to extend additional credit to borrowers owing receivables whose terms have been modified in TDRs. All TDRs are also classified as impaired loans and are included in the loans individually evaluated for impairment in the calculation of the allowance for loan losses.

In the ordinary course of business, the Company makes loans to its directors and officers. Certain loans to directors, officers, and employees are offered at discounted rates as compared to other customers as permitted by federal regulations. Employees, officers, and directors are eligible for mortgage loans with an adjustable rate that resets annually to 1% over the rolling cost of funds. Employees and officers are eligible for consumer loans that are 1% below the market loan rate at the time of origination. Director and officer loans are summarized as follows (in thousands):

	<u>December 31,</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Balance, beginning of period .....	\$4,675	\$5,214
Advances .....	69	49
New / (retired) loans, net .....	174	(381)
Repayments .....	(826)	(207)
Balance, end of period .....	<u>\$4,093</u>	<u>\$4,675</u>

At December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, loans totaling \$7.8 million and \$15.5 million represent real estate secured loans that had current loan-to-value ratios above supervisory guidelines.

**Note 6 – Mortgage Servicing Rights**

The unpaid principal balances of loans serviced for Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA) at December 31, 2015 and 2014, totaled approximately \$360.4 million and \$357.8 million, respectively, and are not included in the Company's consolidated financial statements. The Company also services loans for other financial institutions. The unpaid principal balances of loans serviced for other financial institutions at December 31, 2015 and 2014, totaled approximately \$9.4 million and \$14.2 million, respectively, and was not included in the Company's financial statements.

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A summary of the change in the balance of mortgage servicing assets at December 31, 2015 and 2014 is as follows (in thousands):

	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Beginning balance, at fair value . . . . .	\$3,028	\$2,984
Servicing rights that result from transfers of financial assets . . . . .	679	505
Changes in fair value:		
Due to changes in model inputs or assumptions <sup>(1)</sup> . . . . .	210	328
Other <sup>(2)</sup> . . . . .	<u>(668)</u>	<u>(789)</u>
Ending balance, at fair value. . . . .	<u>\$3,249</u>	<u>\$3,028</u>

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents changes in discount rates and prepayment speed assumptions, which are primarily affected by changes in interest rates.

<sup>(2)</sup> Represents changes due to collection or realization of expected cash flows over time.

The key economic assumptions used in determining the fair value of mortgage servicing rights were as follows:

	<u>At December 31,</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Prepayment speed (PSA) . . . . .	178 %	216 %
Weighted-average life (years) . . . . .	6.7	5.9
Yield to maturity discount rate . . . . .	10.0%	10.0%

The amount of contractually specified servicing, late and ancillary fees earned, recorded in mortgage servicing income on the Consolidated Statements of Income was \$840,000 and \$509,000, for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

**Note 7 – Premises and Equipment**

Premises and equipment at December 31, 2015 and 2014 are summarized as follows (in thousands):

	<u>At December 31,</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Land . . . . .	\$ 653	\$ 653
Buildings and improvements . . . . .	4,739	5,390
Furniture and equipment . . . . .	<u>2,752</u>	<u>1,702</u>
Less: Accumulated depreciation and amortization . . . . .	<u>(2,809)</u>	<u>(2,190)</u>
Premises and equipment, net. . . . .	<u>\$ 5,335</u>	<u>\$ 5,555</u>

Depreciation and amortization expense was \$620,000 and \$555,000, for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

The Company leases office space in several buildings. Generally, operating leases contain renewal options and provisions requiring the Company to pay property taxes and operating expenses over base period amounts. All rental payments are dependent only upon the lapse of time.

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Minimum rental payments under non-cancelable operating leases with initial or remaining terms of one year or more are as follows (in thousands):

Year ending December 31,	Amount
2016	\$ 1,101
2017	1,270
2018	933
2019	903
2020	858
Thereafter	<u>6,981</u>
	<u>\$12,046</u>

The total rental expense for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 for all facilities leased under operating leases was approximately \$877,000 and \$873,000, respectively.

**Note 8 – Other Real Estate Owned and Repossessed Assets**

The following table presents activity related to OREO and other repossessed assets for the periods shown (in thousands):

	Year ended December 31,	
	2015	2014
Beginning balance . . . . .	\$ 323	\$ 1,178
Additions to OREO and repossessed assets . . . . .	1,383	608
Capitalized improvements . . . . .	—	12
Pay downs/Sales . . . . .	(736)	(1,447)
Write-downs/Losses . . . . .	<u>(201)</u>	<u>(28)</u>
	<u>\$ 769</u>	<u>\$ 323</u>

**Note 9 – Deposits**

A summary of deposit accounts with the corresponding weighted average cost of funds at December 31, 2015 and 2014 are presented below (dollars in thousands):

	As of December 31, 2015		As of December 31, 2014	
	Deposit Balance	Wtd Avg Rate	Deposit Balance	Wtd Avg Rate
Noninterest-bearing demand . . . . .	\$ 48,067	0.00%	\$ 41,773	0.00%
Interest-bearing demand . . . . .	127,392	0.42	103,048	0.43
Savings . . . . .	38,833	0.18	33,233	0.16
Money market . . . . .	54,046	0.16	55,236	0.27
Certificates . . . . .	168,880	1.22	171,939	1.03
Escrow <sup>(1)</sup> . . . . .	<u>2,806</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,580</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total . . . . .	<u>\$440,024</u>	<u>0.63%</u>	<u>\$407,809</u>	<u>0.60%</u>

<sup>(1)</sup> Escrow balances shown in noninterest-bearing deposits on the consolidated balance sheets

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Scheduled maturities of time deposits at December 31, 2015 are as follows (in thousands):

Year Ending December 31,	Amount
2016	\$100,780
2017	50,127
2018	11,687
2019	2,236
Thereafter	4,050
	<u>\$168,880</u>

Savings, demand, and money market accounts have no contractual maturity. Certificates of deposit have maturities of five years or less.

The aggregate amount of time deposits in denominations of \$250,000 or more at December 31, 2015 and 2014 was approximately \$63.3 million and \$54.5 million, respectively. Deposits in excess of \$250,000 are not federally insured. There were \$4.7 million and \$5.0 million of brokered deposits at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Deposits from related parties held by the Company were \$3.0 million and \$2.2 million at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

**Note 10 – Borrowings**

The Company utilizes a loan agreement with the FHLB of Des Moines. The terms of the agreement call for a blanket pledge of a portion of the Company’s mortgage, commercial and multifamily portfolio based on the outstanding balance. At December 31, 2015 and 2014, the amount available to borrow under this credit facility was \$174.0 million and \$133.3 million, respectively. At December 31, 2015, the credit facility was collateralized as follows: one- to four- family mortgage loans with a market value of \$101.0 million, commercial and multifamily mortgage loans with a market value of \$130.6 million and home equity loans with a market value of \$8.0 million. The Company had outstanding borrowings under this arrangement of \$40.4 million and \$30.6 million at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Additionally, the Company had outstanding letters of credit from the FHLB with a notional amount of \$47.5 million and 42.5 million at December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively, to secure public deposits. The net remaining amount available as of December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, was \$86.1 million and \$60.3 million, respectively.

Contractual principal repayments at the balance sheet date noted below of outstanding borrowings at December 31, 2015 are as follows (dollars in thousands):

Year Ending December 31,	Amount
2016	\$40,143
2017	292
Total	<u>\$40,435</u>

The maximum amount outstanding from the FHLB under term advances at month end during 2015 was \$45.0 million and during 2014 was \$47.0 million. The average balance outstanding during 2015 was \$24.6 million and during 2014 was \$26.4 million. The weighted average interest rate on the borrowings was 0.43% in 2015 and 0.58% in 2014.

The Company participates in the Federal Reserve Bank (“FRB”) Borrower-in-Custody program, which gives the Company access to the discount window. The terms of the program call for a pledge of specific assets. The Company had unused borrowing capacity of \$25.9 million and \$21.8 million and no outstanding borrowings under this program at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

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The Company has access to an unsecured line of credit from the Pacific Coast Banker's Bank. The line has a two-year term maturing on June 30, 2016 and is renewable biannually. As of December 31, 2015, the amount available under this line of credit was \$2.0 million. There was no balance on this line of credit as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

The Company has access to a Fed Funds line of credit from Zions Bank under a Fed Funds Sweep and Line Agreement established September 26, 2014. The agreement allows access to a Fed Funds Line of up to \$9.0 million and requires the Company to maintain cash balances with Zions Bank of \$250,000. The agreement has no maturity date. There was no balance on this line of credit as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

The Company has access to an unsecured line of credit from The Independent Bank (TIB). As of December 31, 2015, the amount available under this line of credit was \$10.0 million. There was no balance on this line of credit as of December 31, 2015.

**Note 11 – Fair Value Measurements**

The following tables presents information about the level in the fair value hierarchy for the Company's financial instruments as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 (in thousands):

	<u>December 31, 2015</u>		<u>Fair Value Measurements Using:</u>		
	<u>Carrying Value</u>	<u>Estimated Fair Value</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
<b>FINANCIAL ASSETS:</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents . . . . .	\$ 48,264	\$ 48,264	\$48,264	\$ —	\$ —
Available for sale securities . . . . .	6,696	6,696	—	6,268	428
Loans held-for-sale . . . . .	2,091	2,091	—	2,091	—
Loans, net . . . . .	454,833	454,854	—	—	454,854
Accrued interest receivable . . . . .	1,608	1,608	1,608	—	—
Mortgage servicing rights . . . . .	3,249	3,249	—	—	3,249
FHLB Stock . . . . .	2,212	2,212	—	—	2,212
<b>FINANCIAL LIABILITIES:</b>					
Non-maturity deposits . . . . .	271,639	271,639	—	271,639	—
Time deposits . . . . .	168,881	168,091	—	168,091	—
Borrowings . . . . .	40,435	40,421	—	40,421	—
Accrued interest payable . . . . .	72	72	—	72	—
	<u>December 31, 2014</u>		<u>Fair Value Measurements Using:</u>		
	<u>Carrying Value</u>	<u>Estimated Fair Value</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
<b>FINANCIAL ASSETS:</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents . . . . .	\$ 29,289	\$ 29,289	\$29,289	\$ —	\$ —
Available for sale securities . . . . .	11,524	11,524	—	9,179	2,345
Loans held-for-sale . . . . .	810	828	—	828	—
Loans, net . . . . .	425,973	423,714	—	—	423,714
Accrued interest receivable . . . . .	1,497	1,497	1,497	—	—
Mortgage servicing rights . . . . .	3,028	3,028	—	—	3,028
FHLB Stock . . . . .	2,224	2,224	—	—	2,224
<b>FINANCIAL LIABILITIES:</b>					
Non-maturity deposits . . . . .	235,870	235,870	—	235,870	—
Time deposits . . . . .	171,939	172,334	—	172,334	—
Borrowings . . . . .	30,578	30,534	—	30,534	—
Accrued interest payable . . . . .	76	76	—	76	—

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The following tables present the balance of assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 (in thousands):

<u>Description</u>	<u>Fair Value at December 31, 2015</u>			
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Municipal bonds . . . . .	\$2,096	\$—	\$2,096	\$ —
Agency mortgage-backed securities . . . . .	4,172	—	4,172	—
Non-agency mortgage-backed securities . . . . .	428	—	—	428
Mortgage servicing rights . . . . .	3,249	—	—	3,249

<u>Description</u>	<u>Fair Value at December 31, 2014</u>			
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Municipal bonds . . . . .	\$2,083	\$—	\$2,083	\$ —
Agency mortgage-backed securities . . . . .	7,096	—	7,096	—
Non-agency mortgage-backed securities . . . . .	2,345	—	—	2,345
Mortgage servicing rights . . . . .	3,028	—	—	3,028

For the year ended December 31, 2015 there were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 nor between Level 2 and Level 3.

The following table provides a description of the valuation technique, unobservable input, and qualitative information about the unobservable inputs for the Company's assets and liabilities classified as Level 3 and measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2015:

<u>Financial Instrument</u>	<u>Valuation Technique</u>	<u>Unobservable Input(s)</u>	<u>Range (Weighted Average)</u>
Mortgage Servicing Rights	Discounted cash flow	Prepayment speed assumption	105-369% (178%)
		Discount rate	8%-12% (10%)
Non-agency mortgage-backed securities	Discounted cash flow	Discount rate	7%-9% (8%)

The following table provides a description of the valuation technique, unobservable input, and qualitative information about the unobservable inputs for the Company's assets and liabilities classified as Level 3 and measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2014:

<u>Financial Instrument</u>	<u>Valuation Technique</u>	<u>Unobservable Input(s)</u>	<u>Range (Weighted Average)</u>
Mortgage Servicing Rights	Discounted cash flow	Prepayment speed assumption	95-462% (216%)
		Discount rate	8-12% (10%)
Non-agency mortgage-backed securities	Discounted cash flow	Discount rate	7%-9% (8%)

Generally, any significant increases in the constant prepayment rate and discount rate utilized in the fair value measurement of the mortgage servicing rights will result in a negative fair value adjustment (and decrease in the fair value measurement). Conversely, a decrease in the constant prepayment rate and discount rate will result in a positive fair value adjustment (and increase in the fair value measurement). An increase in the weighted average life assumptions will result in a decrease in the constant prepayment rate and conversely, a decrease in the weighted average life will result in an increase of the constant prepayment rate.

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The following table provides a reconciliation of assets and liabilities (excluding mortgage servicing rights) measured at fair value using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) on a recurring basis during the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 (in thousands):

	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Beginning balance, at fair value . . . . .	\$ 2,345	\$2,419
OTTI impairment losses . . . . .	—	—
Sales and principal payments . . . . .	(2,375)	(374)
Change in unrealized loss . . . . .	30	300
Ending balance, at fair value. . . . .	<u>\$ 428</u>	<u>\$2,345</u>

Mortgage servicing rights are measured at fair value using significant unobservable input (Level 3) on a recurring basis and a reconciliation of this asset can be found in Note 7 – Mortgage Servicing Rights.

The following table presents the balance of assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis and the total losses resulting from these fair value adjustments (in thousands):

<u>Description</u>	<u>Fair Value at December 31, 2015</u>			
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
OREO and repossessed assets . . . . .	\$ 769	\$—	\$—	\$ 769
Impaired loans. . . . .	9,220	—	—	9,220

<u>Description</u>	<u>Fair Value at December 31, 2014</u>			
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
OREO and repossessed assets . . . . .	\$ 323	\$—	\$—	\$ 323
Impaired loans. . . . .	9,148	—	—	9,148

There were no liabilities carried at fair value, measured on a recurring or nonrecurring basis, at December 31, 2015 or December 31, 2014.

The following table provides a description of the valuation technique, observable input, and qualitative information about the unobservable inputs for the Company’s assets and liabilities classified as Level 3 and measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis at December 31, 2015:

<u>Financial Instrument</u>	<u>Valuation Technique(s)</u>	<u>Unobservable Input(s)</u>	<u>Range (Weighted Average)</u>
OREO	Market approach	Adjusted for difference between comparable sales	0-57% (7%)
Impaired loans	Market approach	Adjusted for difference between comparable sales	0-100% (7%)

The following table provides a description of the valuation technique, observable input, and qualitative information about the unobservable inputs for the Company’s assets and liabilities classified as Level 3 and measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis at December 31, 2014:

<u>Financial Instrument</u>	<u>Valuation Technique(s)</u>	<u>Unobservable Input(s)</u>	<u>Range (Weighted Average)</u>
OREO	Market approach	Adjusted for difference between comparable sales	0-44% (12%)
Impaired loans	Market approach	Adjusted for difference between comparable sales	0-100% (7%)



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A description of the valuation methodologies used for impaired loans and OREO is as follows:

**Impaired Loans** – The fair value of collateral dependent loans is based on the current appraised value of the collateral or internally developed models utilizing a calculation of expected discounted cash flows which contain management’s assumptions.

**OREO and Repossessed Assets** – The fair value of OREO and repossessed assets is based on the current appraised value of the collateral or internally developed models utilizing a calculation of expected discounted cash flows which contain management’s assumptions.

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of financial instruments:

**Cash and cash equivalents, accrued interest receivable and payable** – The estimated fair value is equal to the carrying amount.

**AFS Securities** – AFS securities are recorded at fair value based on quoted market prices, if available. If quoted market prices are not available, management utilizes third-party pricing services or broker quotations from dealers in the specific instruments. Level 2 securities include those traded on an active exchange, as well as U.S. government and its agencies securities. Level 3 securities include private label mortgage-backed securities.

**Loans Held-for-Sale** – Residential mortgage loans held-for-sale are recorded at the lower of cost or fair value. The fair value of fixed-rate residential loans is based on whole loan forward prices obtained from government sponsored enterprises. At December 31, 2015 and 2014, loans held-for-sale were carried at cost as no impairment was required.

**Loans** – The estimated fair value for all fixed rate loans is determined by discounting the estimated cash flows using the current rate at which similar loans would be made to borrowers with similar credit ratings and maturities. The estimated fair value for variable rate loans is the carrying amount. The fair value for all loans also takes into account projected loan losses as a part of the estimate.

**Mortgage Servicing Rights** – The fair value of mortgage servicing rights is determined through a discounted cash flow analysis, which uses interest rates, prepayment speeds, discount rates, and delinquency rate assumptions as inputs.

**FHLB stock** – The estimated fair value is equal to the par value of the stock, which approximates fair value.

**Bank-owned Life Insurance** – The estimated fair value is equal to the cash surrender value of policies, net of surrender charges.

**Deposits** – The estimated fair value of deposit accounts (savings, demand deposit, and money market accounts) is the carrying amount. The fair values of fixed-maturity time certificates of deposit are estimated by discounting the estimated cash flows using the current rate at which similar certificates would be issued.

**Borrowings** – The fair value of borrowings are estimated using discounted cash flow analyses, based on the Company’s current incremental borrowing rates for similar types of borrowing arrangements.

**Off-balance-sheet financial instruments** – The fair value for the Company’s off-balance-sheet loan commitments are estimated based on fees charged to others to enter into similar agreements taking into account the remaining terms of the agreements and credit standing of the Company’s customers. The estimated fair value of these commitments is not significant.

The Company assumes interest rate risk (the risk that general interest rate levels will change) as a result of its normal operations. As a result, the fair values of the Company’s financial instruments will change when interest rate levels change, which may be favorable or unfavorable to it. Management attempts to match maturities of assets and liabilities to the extent necessary or possible to minimize interest rate risk. However, borrowers with fixed-rate obligations are less likely to prepay in a rising rate environment and more likely to prepay in a falling rate environment. Conversely, depositors who are receiving fixed rates are more likely to withdraw funds before maturity in a rising rate environment and less likely to do so in a falling rate environment. Management monitors rates and maturities of assets and liabilities and attempts to minimize interest rate risk by establishing early

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withdrawal penalties for certificates of deposit, creating interest rate floors for certain variable rate loans, adjusting terms of new loans and deposits, by borrowing at fixed rates for fixed terms and investing in securities with terms that mitigate the Company's overall interest rate risk.

**Note 12 – Earnings Per Share**

Basic earnings per common share is computed by dividing net income (which has been adjusted for distributed and undistributed earnings to participating securities) by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding for the period, reduced for average unallocated ESOP shares and average unvested restricted stock awards. Unvested share-based awards that contain non-forfeitable rights to dividends or dividend equivalents (whether paid or unpaid) are participating securities and shall be included in the computation of earnings per share pursuant to the two-class method described in ASC 260-10-45-60B. Diluted earnings per common share reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock (such as stock awards and options) were exercised or converted to common stock, or resulted in the issuance of common stock that then shared in the Company's earnings. Diluted earnings per common share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding for the period increased for the dilutive effect of unexercised stock options and unvested restricted stock awards. The dilutive effect of the unexercised stock options and unvested restricted stock awards is calculated under the treasury stock method utilizing the average market value of the Company's stock for the period. Therefore, under the two-class method, the difference in EPS is not significant for these participating securities.

Earnings per share are summarized in the following table (all figures in thousands except earnings per share):

	<b>Years Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Net income . . . . .	\$4,790	\$4,240
Weighted average number of shares outstanding, basic . . . . .	<u>2,492</u>	<u>2,513</u>
Effect of potentially dilutive common shares <sup>(1)</sup> . . . . .	88	89
Weighted average number of shares outstanding, diluted . . . . .	<u>2,579</u>	<u>2,602</u>
Earnings per share, basic . . . . .	<u>\$ 1.92</u>	<u>\$ 1.69</u>
Earnings per share, diluted . . . . .	<u>\$ 1.86</u>	<u>\$ 1.63</u>

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents the effect of the assumed exercise of warrants, assumed exercise of stock options, vesting of non-participating restricted shares, and vesting of restricted stock units, based on the treasury stock method.

There were no anti-dilutive securities at December 31, 2015 or 2014.

**Note 13 – Employee Benefits**

The Company has a 401(k) pension plan that allows employees to defer a portion of their salary into the 401(k) plan. The Company matches a portion of employees' salary deferrals. Pension costs are accrued and funded on a current basis. The Company contributed \$135,000 and \$112,000 to the plan for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

The Company also offers a deferred compensation plan for designated senior managers, which provides benefits payable at age 65. Under certain circumstances, benefits are payable to designated beneficiaries. Contributions to the plan are discretionary, and monies set aside to fund the plan are currently held in certificate of deposit accounts at the Company and at December 31, 2015 and 2014 approximated \$102,000 and \$101,000, respectively. The Company made no contributions to the plan for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014.

*Supplemental Executive Retirement Plans.*

The Company maintains two supplemental executive retirement plans for the benefit of Ms. Stewart, which are intended to be unfunded, non-contributory defined benefit plans maintained primarily to provide her with supplemental retirement income. The first supplemental executive retirement plan ("SERP 1") was effective as

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of August 2007. The second supplemental executive retirement plan (“SERP 2”) was effective as of December 30, 2011, at which time the benefits under SERP 1 were frozen. At that time, the Company also entered into a Confidentiality, Non-Competition, and Non-Solicitation Agreement with Ms. Stewart, which is discussed below.

Under the terms of SERP 1, as amended, Ms. Stewart is entitled to receive \$53,320 per year for life commencing on the first day of the month following her separation from service (as defined in SERP 1) for any reason from Sound Community Bank. No payments will be made under SERP 1 in the event of Ms. Stewart’s death and any payments that have commenced will cease upon death. In the event Ms. Stewart is involuntarily terminated in connection with a change in control (as defined in SERP 1), she will be entitled to receive the annual benefit described in the first sentence of this paragraph commencing upon such termination (subject to any applicable cutback for payments after a change in control as required by Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code).

Under the terms of SERP 2, as amended, upon Ms. Stewart’s termination of employment with Sound Community Bank for any reason other than death, she will be entitled to receive additional retirement benefits of \$78,030 per year for life commencing on the first day of the month following the later of age 70 or her separation from service (as defined in SERP 2) from Sound Community Bank. In the event of Ms. Stewart’s death, her beneficiary will be entitled to a single lump sum payment within 90 days thereafter in an amount equal to the account value as of the death benefit valuation date, or approximately \$978,000 at December 31, 2015. If a change in control occurs (as defined in SERP 2), Ms. Stewart will receive her full retirement benefit under SERP 2 commencing upon the first day of the month following her separation from service from Sound Community Bank.

*Confidentiality, Non-Competition, and Non-Solicitation Agreement.*

Effective December 30, 2011, Sound Community Bank entered into a Confidentiality, Non-competition, and Non-solicitation Agreement (the “Non-compete Agreement”) with Ms. Stewart. The Non-compete Agreement commences upon Ms. Stewart’s termination of employment with us and expires upon the earlier of (a) 36 months from the date of Ms. Stewart’s separation from service (as defined in the Non-compete Agreement”) or (b) the date she begins receiving retirement benefits under the SERP 2, which time frame is referred to as the “Restricted Period.” In consideration of Ms. Stewart’s non-competition and non-solicitation obligations under the Non-compete Agreement Ms. Stewart will be entitled to receive a bi-monthly payment, in an amount equal to \$3,541.67, which amount shall be paid in equal bi-monthly payments during the Restricted Period beginning on the fifth day of the month following her separation from service with Sound Community Bank, except if her termination of employment occurs for good reason (as defined in the Non-compete Agreement). In the event Ms. Stewart employment terminates for good reason, she will be entitled to receive an amount equal to 150 percent of her then-base salary plus the average of her past three years short term bonus pay, or approximately \$649,000 at December 31, 2015, payable in 12 monthly installments beginning on the first day of the month following her termination. If Ms. Stewart terminates her employment with us for good reason within 24 months following a change in control (as defined in the Non-compete Agreement), Ms. Stewart will be entitled to receive the amount described in the preceding sentence, but payable in a lump sum. Ms. Stewart’s benefits under the Non-compete Agreement are forfeited if she breaches the terms of the agreement. No payments will be made under the agreement if Ms. Stewart’s employment ceases on account of her disability or death (and payments that have commenced will cease upon death), or if she is otherwise ineligible to work in the financial product or services industry.

*Stock Options and Restricted Stock*

The Company currently has two existing Equity Incentive Plans, a 2008 Equity Incentive Plan (the “2008 Plan”) and a 2013 Equity Incentive Plan (the “2013 Plan”), and together with the 2008 Plan, (the “Plans”), both of which were approved by shareholders. The Plans permit the grant of restricted stock, restricted stock units, stock options, and stock appreciation rights. Under the 2008 Plan, 126,287 shares of common stock were approved for awards for stock options and stock appreciation rights and 50,514 shares of common stock were approved for awards for restricted stock and restricted stock units. Under the 2013 Plan, 141,750 shares of common stock were approved for awards for stock options and stock appreciation rights and 56,700 shares of common stock were approved for awards for restricted stock and restricted stock units.

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As of December 31, 2015, on an adjusted basis, awards for stock options totaling 226,885 shares and awards for restricted stock totaling 96,090 shares of Company common stock have been granted, net of any forfeitures, to participants in the Plan. During the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, share-based compensation expense totaled \$418,000 and \$333,000, respectively.

*Stock Option Awards*

All of the stock option awards granted under the Plans to date provide for the recipient's award to vest in 20 percent annual increments commencing one year from the grant date. All of the options granted are exercisable for a period of 10 years from the date of grant, subject to vesting. 2015 grants vested 33.33% immediately with two-year vesting.

The following is a summary of the Company's stock option plan awards during the period ended December 31, 2015:

	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Weighted-Average Exercise Price</u>	<u>Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Term In Years</u>	<u>Aggregate Intrinsic Value</u>
Outstanding at the beginning of the year . . . . .	152,018	\$13.30	7.21	\$ 858,902
Granted . . . . .	40,782	18.36		
Exercised . . . . .	(7,187)	9.13		
Forfeited . . . . .	(1,205)	16.80		
Expired . . . . .	—	—		
Outstanding at December 31, 2015 . . . . .	<u>184,407</u>	<u>\$14.56</u>	<u>6.97</u>	<u>\$1,490,009</u>
Exercisable . . . . .	<u>83,375</u>	<u>\$12.20</u>	<u>5.51</u>	<u>\$ 870,435</u>
Expected to vest, assuming a 0% forfeiture rate over the vesting term . . . . .	<u>184,407</u>	<u>\$14.56</u>	<u>6.97</u>	<u>\$1,490,009</u>

As of December 31, 2015, there was \$579,000 of total unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested stock options granted under the Plan. The cost is expected to be recognized over the remaining weighted-average vesting period of 1.45 years.

The fair value of each option grant is estimated as of the grant date using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The fair value of options granted in 2015 was determined using the following weighted-average assumptions as of the grant date.

Annual dividend yield . . . . .	1.20%
Expected volatility . . . . .	24.80%
Risk-free interest rate . . . . .	1.35%
Expected term . . . . .	5.0 Years
Weighted-average grant date fair value per option granted . . . . .	\$3.83

*Restricted Stock Awards*

The fair value of the restricted stock awards is equal to the fair value of the Company's stock at the date of grant. Compensation expense is recognized over the vesting period that the awards are based. The restricted stock awards granted under the 2008 Plan to date provide for vesting in 20 percent annual increments commencing one year from the grant date. The restricted stock awards granted under the 2013 Plan to date vested 33.33% of a recipient's award immediately with the full compensation expense associated with those shares recognized in the first quarter of 2015. The balance of an individual's award under the 2013 Plan vests in two equal annual installments commencing one year from the grant date with the remaining compensation expense recognized over the two year vesting period of the remaining awards.

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The following is a summary of the Company's non-vested restricted stock awards for the year ended December 31, 2015:

<u>Non-vested Shares</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Weighted-Average Grant-Date Fair Value Per Share</u>	<u>Aggregate Intrinsic Value Per Share</u>
Non-vested at January 1, 2015 . . . . .	33,243	\$15.60	
Granted . . . . .	10,208	18.36	
Vested . . . . .	(11,416)	16.03	
Forfeited . . . . .	(482)	16.80	
Expired . . . . .	—	—	—
Non-vested at December 31, 2015 . . . . .	<u>31,533</u>	<u>\$16.32</u>	<u>\$6.32</u>
Expected to vest assuming a 0% forfeiture rate over the vesting term . . .	<u>31,533</u>	<u>\$16.32</u>	<u>\$6.32</u>

As of December 31, 2015, there was \$505,000 of unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested restricted stock granted under the Plan. The cost is expected to be recognized over the weighted-average vesting period of 1.48 years. The total fair value of shares vested for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 was \$211,000 and \$227,000, respectively.

*Employee Stock Ownership Plan*

In January 2008, the ESOP borrowed \$1.2 million from the Company to purchase common stock of the Company. In August 2012, in conjunction with the Company's conversion to a full stock company from the mutual holding company structure, the ESOP borrowed an additional \$1.1 million from the Company to purchase common stock of the Company. Both loans are being repaid principally by the Bank through contributions to the ESOP over a period of ten years. The interest rate on the loans is fixed at 4.0% and 2.25%, per annum, respectively. As of December 31, 2015, the remaining balances of the ESOP loans were \$270,000 and \$701,000, respectively.

Neither the loan balances nor the related interest expense are reflected on the condensed consolidated financial statements.

At December 31, 2015, the ESOP was committed to release 21,443 shares of the Company's common stock to participants and held 88,243 unallocated shares remaining to be released in future years. The fair value of the 193,670 restricted shares held by the ESOP trust was \$4.4 million at December 31, 2015. ESOP compensation expense included in salaries and benefits was \$448,000 and \$388,000 for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

**Note 14 – Acquisition of Columbia State Bank Branches**

On August 25, 2014, the Bank completed its acquisition of three branches of Columbia State Bank ("Columbia"), located at 602 E. Front St., Port Angeles, WA 98362, 645 W. Washington St., Sequim, WA 98382, and 9500 Oak Bay Rd., Port Ludlow, WA 98365. These branch acquisitions were completed under a Purchase and Assumption Agreement between the Company and Columbia. In this transaction, the Company purchased loans, certain personal property and records at the former Columbia branches and the buildings and real estate at each location. These assets were acquired in exchange for the Bank's assumption of the deposits at the three branches, as well as the payment of a deposit premium of 2.35%.

Following completion of the transaction, the Bank closed its Sequim branch location and consolidated it into the acquired Columbia Sequim branch location and closed the acquired Columbia branch office located in Port Angeles and consolidated those operations into the Bank's existing Port Angeles branch.

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The acquisition was accounted for under the acquisition method of accounting in accordance with ASC Topic 805, Business Combinations. The assets acquired and liabilities assumed were recorded at fair value. Goodwill of approximately \$7,000 resulted from the acquisition and is included in other assets in the consolidated balance sheet. The amount of goodwill is equal to the amount by which the fair value of liabilities assumed exceeded the fair value of assets purchased.

There was no change to the provision for loan losses as a result of the branch acquisitions. Non-interest income included additional estimated income related to service charges on deposit accounts. Non-interest expense included additional estimated costs related to compensation, operations, occupancy and data processing.

The revenue and earnings since the acquisition date (August 25, 2014) included in the consolidated financial statements as of and for the period ended December 31, 2015, are not considered significant.

**Note 15 – Income Taxes**

The provision for income taxes at December 31, 2015 and 2014 was as follows (in thousands):

	<u>At December 31,</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Current .....	\$2,648	\$2,475
Deferred .....	<u>(359)</u>	<u>(137)</u>
Total tax expense .....	<u>\$2,289</u>	<u>\$2,338</u>

A reconciliation of the provision for income taxes for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 with amounts determined by applying the statutory U.S. federal income tax rate to income before income taxes is as follows (dollars in thousands):

	<u>Years Ended December 31,</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Provision at statutory rate .....	\$2,407	\$2,237
Tax-exempt income .....	(63)	(154)
Other .....	<u>(55)</u>	<u>183</u>
	<u>2,289</u>	<u>2,338</u>
Federal Tax Rate .....	34.0%	34.0%
Tax exempt rate .....	(0.9)	(2.3)
Other .....	<u>(0.8)</u>	<u>3.8</u>
Effective tax rate .....	<u>32.3%</u>	<u>35.5%</u>

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The following table reflects the temporary differences that gave rise to the components of the Company's deferred tax assets at December 31, 2015 and 2014 (in thousands):

	<u>At December 31,</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Deferred tax assets		
Deferred compensation and supplemental retirement. . . . .	\$ 437	\$ 397
Other, net . . . . .	164	166
Nonaccrual interest . . . . .	—	8
Equity based compensation . . . . .	90	57
Allowance for loan losses . . . . .	<u>641</u>	<u>385</u>
Total deferred tax assets . . . . .	1,332	1,013
Deferred tax liabilities		
Prepaid expenses . . . . .	(79)	(66)
FHLB stock dividends . . . . .	(142)	(142)
Unrealized gain on securities . . . . .	(84)	(94)
Depreciation . . . . .	(112)	(83)
Intangible assets . . . . .	(3)	(2)
Mortgage servicing rights . . . . .	(55)	—
Deferred loan costs . . . . .	<u>(322)</u>	<u>(460)</u>
Total deferred tax liabilities . . . . .	<u>(797)</u>	<u>(847)</u>
Net deferred tax asset . . . . .	<u>\$ 535</u>	<u>\$ 166</u>

As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Company had no unrecognized tax benefits. The Company recognizes interest accrued and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in "Provision for income taxes" in the Consolidated Statements of Income. During the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Company recognized no interest and penalties.

The Company or its subsidiary files an income tax return in the U.S. federal jurisdiction, and various states. With few exceptions, the Company is no longer subject to U.S. federal or state/local income tax examinations by tax authorities for years before 2011.

**Note 16 – Minimum Regulatory Capital Requirements**

The Bank is subject to minimum capital requirements imposed by regulations of the FDIC. Effective January 1, 2015 (with some changes transitioned into full effectiveness over two to four years), the Bank became subject to new minimum capital adequacy adopted by the FDIC, which creates a new required ratio for common equity Tier 1 ("CET1") capital, increases the leverage and Tier 1 capital ratios, changes the risk-weightings of certain assets for purposes of the risk-based capital ratios, creates an additional capital conservation buffer over the required capital ratios and changes what qualifies as capital for purposes of meeting these various capital requirements. Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory and possibly additional discretionary actions by bank regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material effect on the Company's financial statements. The Bank is also required to maintain additional levels of CET1 over the minimum risk-based capital levels before it may pay dividends, repurchase shares or pay discretionary bonuses.

The new minimum requirements are a ratio of CET1 to total risk-weighted assets ("CET1 risk-based ratio") of 4.5%, a Tier 1 capital ratio of 6.0%, a total capital ratio of 8.0%, and a leverage ratio of 4.0%.

In addition to the capital requirements, there are a number of changes in what constitutes regulatory capital, subject to a certain transition periods. These changes include the phasing-out of certain instruments as qualifying capital. The Bank does not have any of these instruments. Mortgage servicing and deferred tax assets over designated percentages of CET1 are to be deducted from capital, subject to a transition period ending December 31, 2017. CET1 consists of Tier 1 capital less all capital components that are not considered common equity. In addition, Tier 1 capital includes accumulated other comprehensive income, which includes all unrealized gains

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and losses on available for sale debt and equity securities, subject to a transition period end December 31, 2017. Because of the Bank's asset size, it is not considered an "advanced approaches banking organization" and has elected to permanently opt-out of the inclusion of unrealized gains and losses on available for sale debt and equity securities in our capital calculations.

The new requirements also include changes in the risk-weighting of assets to better reflect credit risk and other risk exposure. These include a 150% risk weight (up from 100%) for certain high volatility commercial real estate acquisition, development and construction loans and for non-residential mortgage loans that are 90 days past due or otherwise in nonaccrual status; a 20% (up from 0%) credit conversion factor for the unused portion of a commitment with an original maturity of one year or less that is not unconditionally cancellable (currently set at 0%); and a 250% risk weight (up from 100%) for mortgage servicing and deferred tax assets that are not deducted from capital.

In addition to the minimum CET1, Tier 1 and total capital ratios, the Bank will be required to maintain a capital conservation buffer consisting of additional CET1 capital equal to 2.5% of risk-weighted assets above the required minimum levels in order to avoid limitations on paying dividends, engaging in share repurchases, and paying discretionary bonuses based on percentages of eligible retained income that could be utilized for such actions. This new capital conservation buffer requirement is to be phased in beginning in January 2016 at 0.625% of risk-weighted assets and increasing each year until fully implemented in January 2019.

Under the new standards, in order to be considered well-capitalized, the Bank must have to have a CET1 risk-based ratio of 6.5% (new), a Tier 1 risk-based ratio of 8% (increased from 6%), a total risk-based capital ratio of 10% (unchanged) and a leverage ratio of 5% (unchanged).

Based on its capital levels at December 31, 2015, the Bank exceeded these requirements as of that date. Consistent with the Company's goals to operate a sound and profitable organization, its policy is for the Bank to maintain a "well-capitalized" status under the regulatory capital categories of the FDIC. Based on capital levels at December 31, 2015, the Bank was considered to be well-capitalized under applicable regulatory requirements. Management monitors the capital levels to provide for current and future business opportunities and to maintain the Bank's "well-capitalized" status.

Quantitative measures established by regulation to ensure capital adequacy require the Bank to maintain minimum amounts and ratios (set forth in the following table) of total and Tier 1 capital (as defined in the regulations) to risk-weighted assets (as defined in the regulations) and Tier 1 capital to average assets (as defined in the regulations).



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The Bank's actual capital amounts (in thousands) and ratios as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 are presented in the following table:

	<u>Actual</u>		<u>Minimum Capital Requirements</u>		<u>Minimum Required to Be Well-Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Action Provisions</u>	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Ratio</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Ratio</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
<b>As of December 31, 2015</b>						
Tier 1 Capital to total adjusted assets <sup>(1)</sup> . . . . .	\$53,041	10.19%	\$20,812	≥ 4.0%	\$26,015	≥ 5.0%
Common Equity Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio <sup>(1)</sup> . . .	\$53,041	11.70%	\$20,401	≥ 4.5%	\$29,467	≥ 6.5%
Tier 1 Capital to risk-weighted assets <sup>(2)</sup> . . . . .	\$53,041	11.70%	\$27,201	≥ 6.0%	\$36,268	≥ 8.0%
Total Capital to risk-weighted assets <sup>(2)</sup> . . . . .	\$57,677	12.74%	\$36,268	≥ 8.0%	\$45,335	≥ 10.0%
<b>As of December 31, 2014</b>						
Tier 1 Capital to total adjusted assets <sup>(3)</sup> . . . . .	\$48,343	10.19%	\$18,973	≥ 4.0%	\$23,716	≥ 5.0%
Tier 1 Capital to risk-weighted assets <sup>(4)</sup> . . . . .	\$48,343	12.44%	\$15,540	≥ 4.0%	\$23,310	≥ 6.0%
Total Capital to risk-weighted assets <sup>(4)</sup> . . . . .	\$52,730	13.57%	\$31,080	≥ 8.0%	\$38,850	≥ 10.0%

(1) Based on total adjusted assets of \$520,307 at December 31, 2015.

(2) Based on risk-weighted assets of \$453,345 at December 31, 2015.

(3) Based on total adjusted assets of \$474,313 at December 31, 2014.

(4) Based on risk-weighted assets of \$388,498 at December 31, 2014.

For a bank holding company with less than \$1.0 billion in assets, the capital guidelines apply on a bank only basis and the Federal Reserve expects the holding company's subsidiary banks to be well capitalized under the prompt corrective action regulations. If Sound Financial Bancorp was subject to regulatory guidelines for bank holding companies with \$1.0 billion or more in assets, at December 31, 2015 Sound Financial Bancorp would have exceeded all regulatory capital requirements. The estimated regulatory capital ratios calculated for Sound Financial Bancorp as of December 31, 2015 were 10.38% for Tier 1 leverage-based capital, 11.91% for both Common Equity Tier 1 risk-based capital, Tier 1 Capital to risk-based assets and 12.93% for total risk-based capital.

**Note 17 – Concentrations of Credit Risk**

Most of the Company's business activity is with customers located in the state of Washington. A substantial portion of the loan portfolio is represented by real estate loans throughout western Washington. The ability of the Company's debtors to honor their contracts is dependent upon the real estate and general economic conditions in the area. Loans to one borrower are generally limited by federal banking regulations to 15% of the Company's unimpaired capital and surplus.

**Note 18 – Commitments and Contingencies**

The Company is a party to financial instruments with off-balance-sheet risk in the normal course of business to meet the financing needs of its customers. These financial instruments generally represent a commitment to extend credit in the form of loans. The instruments involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit and interest rate risk in excess of the amount recognized in the consolidated balance sheets.

The Company's exposure to credit loss, in the event of nonperformance by the other party to the financial instrument for commitments to extend credit, is represented by the contractual notional amount of those instruments. The Company uses the same credit policies in making commitments as it does for on-balance-sheet instruments.

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Commitments to extend credit are agreements to lend to a customer as long as there is no violation of any condition established by the contract. Commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses and may require payment of a fee. Because many of the commitments are expected to expire without being drawn upon, the total commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. The Company evaluates each customer's creditworthiness on a case-by-case basis. The amount of collateral obtained, if it is deemed necessary by the Company, is based on management's credit evaluation of the customer.

Financial instruments whose contract amount represents credit risk were as follow (in thousands):

	At December 31,	
	2015	2014
Commitments to make loans . . . . .	\$ 6,037	\$ 5,615
Undisbursed portion of loans closed . . . . .	32,951	37,337
Unused lines of credit . . . . .	19,925	30,615
Irrevocable letters of credit . . . . .	185	65
Total loan commitments . . . . .	<u>\$59,098</u>	<u>\$73,632</u>

At December 31, 2015, fixed rate loan commitments totaled \$6.0 million and had a weighted average interest rate of 4.0%. At December 31, 2014, fixed rate loan commitments totaled \$5.6 million and had a weighted average interest rate of 3.8%.

Commitments for credit may expire without being drawn upon. Therefore, the total commitment amount does not necessarily represent future cash requirements of the Company. These commitments are not reflected in the financial statements.

At December 31, 2015, the Company had letters of credit issued by the FHLB of Des Moines with a notional amount of \$47.5 million in order to secure Washington State Public Funds.

In the ordinary course of business, the Company sells loans without recourse that may have to be subsequently repurchased due to defects that occurred during the origination of the loan. The defects are categorized as documentation errors, underwriting errors, early payment defaults, and fraud. When a loan sold to an investor without recourse fails to perform, the investor will typically review the loan file to determine whether defects in the origination process occurred. If a defect is identified, the Company may be required to either repurchase the loan or indemnify the investor for losses sustained. If there are no defects, the Company has no commitment to repurchase the loan. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the maximum amount of these guarantees totaled \$360.4 million and \$357.8 million, respectively. These amounts represent the unpaid principal balances of the Company's loans serviced for others' portfolios. There were no loans repurchased during the year ended December 31, 2015. There were three loans totaling \$453,000 repurchased during the year ended December 31, 2014.

The Company pays certain medical, dental, prescription, and vision claims for its employees, on a self-insured basis. The Company has purchased stop-loss insurance to cover claims that exceed stated limits and has recorded estimated reserves for the ultimate costs for both reported claims and claims incurred but not reported, which are not considered significant at December 31, 2015 and 2014.

At various times, the Company may be the defendant in various legal proceedings arising in connection with its business. It is the opinion of management that the financial position and the results of operations of the Company will not be materially adversely affected by the outcome of these legal proceedings and that adequate provision has been made in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

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**Note 19 – Parent Company Financial Information**

The Balance Sheets, Statements of Income, and Statements of Cash Flows for Sound Financial Bancorp (Parent Only) are presented below (dollars in thousands):

<u>Balance sheets</u>	<u>December 31,</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents . . . . .	\$ 451	\$ 413
Investment in Sound Community Bank . . . . .	53,483	49,443
Other assets . . . . .	586	788
Total assets . . . . .	<u>\$54,520</u>	<u>\$50,644</u>
<b>Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity</b>		
Other liabilities . . . . .	—	—
Total liabilities . . . . .	—	—
Stockholders' equity . . . . .	54,520	50,644
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity . . . . .	<u>\$54,520</u>	<u>\$50,644</u>
 <b>Statements of Income</b>		
	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Interest income . . . . .	\$ —	\$ —
Dividend from subsidiary . . . . .	1,200	—
Other expenses . . . . .	(244)	(169)
Loss before income tax benefit and equity in undistributed net income of subsidiary . . . . .	956	(169)
Income tax benefit . . . . .	83	46
Equity in undistributed earnings of subsidiary . . . . .	3,751	4,363
Net income . . . . .	<u>\$4,790</u>	<u>\$4,240</u>
 <b>Statements of Cash Flows</b>		
	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>	
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Net income . . . . .	\$ 4,790	\$ 4,240
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities Other, net . . . . .	312	(81)
Change in undistributed equity of subsidiary . . . . .	(3,751)	(4,363)
Net cash used by operating activities . . . . .	1,351	(204)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Net change in ESOP loan receivable . . . . .	457	403
Net cash provided by investing activities . . . . .	457	403
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Dividends paid . . . . .	(574)	(504)
excess tax benefit of stock compensation . . . . .	—	39
Common stock exercised . . . . .	65	81
Common stock repurchased . . . . .	(1,261)	(904)
Net cash used by financing activities . . . . .	(1,770)	(1,288)
Net increase (decrease) in cash . . . . .	38	(1,089)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year . . . . .	413	1,502
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year . . . . .	<u>\$ 451</u>	<u>\$ 413</u>

### PART III

#### **Item 9. Changes In and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure**

None.

#### **Item 9A. Controls and Procedures**

##### **(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

An evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”)) as of December 31, 2015, was carried out under the supervision and with the participation of the our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and several other members of our senior management team within the 90-day period preceding the filing of this annual report. Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of December 31, 2015, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective in ensuring that the information required to be disclosed by us in the reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act is (i) accumulated and communicated to our management (including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer) in a timely manner, and (ii) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC’s rules and forms.

We intend to continually review and evaluate the design and effectiveness of the Company’s disclosure controls and procedures and to improve the Company’s controls and procedures over time and to correct any deficiencies that we may discover in the future. The goal is to ensure that senior management has timely access to all material financial and non-financial information concerning the Company’s business. While we believe the present design of the disclosure controls and procedures is effective to achieve its goal, future events affecting its business may cause the Company to modify its disclosure controls and procedures.

The Company does not expect that its disclosure controls and procedures will prevent all error and all fraud. A control procedure, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control procedure are met. Because of the inherent limitations in all control procedures, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Company have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by management override of the control. The design of any control procedure also is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions; over time, controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate. Because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control procedure, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

##### **(b) Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

#### **MANAGEMENT’S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING**

The management of Sound Financial Bancorp is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f). The Company’s internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance to the Company’s management and board of directors regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of the financial statements for external purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Company’s internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the Company’s assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal controls over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. All internal control systems, no matter how well designed, have inherent limitations, including the possibility of human error and the circumvention of overriding controls. Accordingly, even effective internal control over financial reporting can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Our management assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015. In making this assessment, it used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in Internal Control-Integrated Framework (2013). Based on our assessment, we concluded that, as of December 31, 2015, the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective based on those criteria.

### **(c) Changes in Internal Controls over Financial Reporting**

There were no changes in our internal controls over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) that occurred during the quarter ended December 31, 2015, that have materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

### **Item 9B. Other Information**

None.

### **Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance**

#### **Directors**

Information concerning the Company's directors is incorporated herein by reference from the Company's definitive proxy statement for its Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held in May 2016, a copy of which will be filed with the SEC not later than 120 days after the close of the fiscal year.

#### **Executive Officers**

Information concerning the executive officers of the Company and the Bank is contained under the heading "Executive Officers" under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### **Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership and Reporting Compliance**

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, requires our directors and executive officers, and persons who own more than 10% of Sound Financial Bancorp's common stock to report to the SEC their initial ownership of Sound Financial Bancorp's common stock and any subsequent changes in that ownership. Specific due dates for these reports have been established by the SEC, and Sound Financial Bancorp is required to disclose in its proxy statement any late filings or failures to file. To our knowledge, based solely on a review of the copies of reports furnished to us and written representations relative to the filing of certain forms, all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to our executive officers, directors and greater than 10% beneficial owners were met for transactions in our common stock during 2015.

#### **Code of Ethics**

We have adopted a code of ethics that applies to our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer, and person performing similar functions, and to all of our other employees and our directors. You may obtain a copy of the code of ethics free of charge by writing to the Corporate Secretary of Sound Financial Bancorp, 2005 5th Avenue, Suite 200, Seattle, Washington, 98121 or by calling (206) 448-0884. In addition, the code of ethics is available on our website at [www.soundcb.com](http://www.soundcb.com) under "Investor Relations – Governance."

#### **Corporate Governance**

***Nominating Procedures.*** There have been no material changes to the procedures by which shareholders may recommend nominees to our Board of Directors since last disclosed to shareholders.

**Audit Committee and Audit Committee Financial Expert.** Sound Financial Bancorp has an Audit Committee that is appointed by the Board of Directors to provide assistance to the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibility relating to the integrity of our consolidated financial statements and the financial reporting processes, the systems of internal accounting and financial controls, compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, the annual independent audit of our consolidated financial statements, the independent auditors' qualifications and independence, the performance of our internal audit function and independent auditors and any other areas of potential financial risk to Sound Financial Bancorp specified by its Board of Directors. The Audit Committee also is responsible for the appointment, retention and oversight of our independent auditors, including pre-approval of all audit and non-audit services to be performed by the independent auditors. During 2015, the Audit Committee was comprised of Directors Jones (chair), Carney, Cook and Haddad, each of whom is "independent" as that term is defined for audit committee members in the Nasdaq Rules. The Board of Directors has determined that Director Jones is an "audit committee financial expert" as defined in Item 407(e) of Regulation S-K of the Securities and Exchange Commission and that all of the Audit Committee members meet the financial literacy requirements under the Nasdaq listing standards. Additional information concerning the Audit Committee is incorporated herein by reference from the Company's definitive proxy statement for its Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held in May 2016 (except for information contained under the heading "Report of the Audit Committee"), a copy of which will be filed with the SEC not later than 120 days after the close of the fiscal year.

**Item 11. Executive Compensation**

Information concerning executive compensation is incorporated herein by reference from the Company's definitive proxy statement for its Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held in May 2016 (except for information contained under the heading "Report of the Audit Committee"), a copy of which will be filed with the SEC not later than 120 days after the close of the fiscal year.

**Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters**

Information concerning security ownership of certain beneficial owners and management is incorporated herein by reference from the Company's definitive proxy statement for its Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held in May 2016, a copy of which will be filed with the SEC not later than 120 days after the close of the fiscal year.

The Company is not aware of any arrangements, including any pledge by any person of securities of the Company, the operation of which may at a subsequent date result in a change in control of Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc.

**Equity Compensation Plan Information.** The following table sets forth information as of December 31, 2015 with respect to compensation plans under which shares of common stock were issued.

<u>Plan Category</u>	<u>Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights</u>	<u>Weighted average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights</u>	<u>Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plan</u>
Equity Incentive Plan approved by security holders .....	184,407	\$14.56	52,276 <sup>(1)</sup>
Equity Incentive Plan not approved by security holders .....	—	—	—

<sup>(1)</sup> Consists of stock options and stock appreciation rights covering up to 41,152 shares of common stock and restricted stock and restricted stock units covering up to 11,124 shares of common stock.

**Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence**

Information concerning certain relationships and related transactions, our independent directors and our audit and nominating committee charters is incorporated herein by reference from the Company's definitive proxy

statement for its Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held in May 2016, a copy of which will be filed with the SEC not later than 120 days after the close of the fiscal year.

**Item 14. Principal Accounting Fees and Services**

Information concerning principal accountant fees and services is incorporated herein by reference from the Company's definitive proxy statement for its Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held in May 2016 (except for information contained under the heading "Report of the Audit Committee") a copy of which will be filed with the SEC not later than 120 days after the close of the fiscal year.

**PART IV**

**Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules**

**(a)(1) List of Financial Statements**

The following are contained in Item 8:

- Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
- Consolidated Balance Sheets at December 31, 2015 and 2014
- Consolidated Statements of Income for the Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2014
- Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2014
- Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity for the Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2014
- Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2014
- Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

**(a)(2) List of Financial Statement Schedules:**

All financial statement schedules have been omitted as the information is not required under the related instructions or is not applicable.

**(a)(3) List of Exhibits:**

See Exhibit Index following signature page.

**(b) Exhibits -** See Exhibit Index following signature page.

**(c) Financial Statements Schedules -** None

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc.

Date: March 30, 2016

By: /s/ Laura Lee Stewart

Laura Lee Stewart, President and Chief Executive Officer  
(Duly Authorized Representative)

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

We, the undersigned officers and directors of Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc., hereby severally and individually constitute and appoint Laura Lee Stewart and Matthew P. Deines, and each of them, the true and lawful attorneys and agents of each of us to execute in the name, place and stead of each of us (individually and in any capacity stated below) any and all amendments to this Annual Report on Form 10-K and all instruments necessary or advisable in connection therewith and to file the same with the Securities and Exchange Commission, each of said attorneys and agents to have the power to act with or without the others and to have full power and authority to do and perform in the name and on behalf of each of the undersigned every act whatsoever necessary or advisable to be done in the premises as fully and to all intents and purposes as any of the undersigned might or could do in person, and we hereby ratify and confirm our signatures as they may be signed by our said attorneys and agents or each of them to any and all such amendments and instruments.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

/s/ Laura Lee Stewart

Laura Lee Stewart, President and Director  
(Principal Executive Officer)  
Date: March 30, 2016

/s/ Tyler K. Myers

Tyler K. Myers, Chairman of the Board  
Date: March 30, 2016

/s/ David S. Haddad, Jr.

David S. Haddad, Jr., Director  
Date: March 30, 2016

/s/ Robert F. Carney

Robert F. Carney, Director  
Date: March 30, 2016

/s/ Debra Jones

Debra Jones, Director  
Date: March 30, 2016

/s/ Rogelio Riojas

Rogelio Riojas, Director  
Date: March 30, 2016

/s/ James E. Sweeney

James E. Sweeney, Director  
Date: March 30, 2016

/s/ Kathleen B. Cook

Kathleen B. Cook, Director  
Date: March 30, 2016

/s/ Matthew P. Deines

Matthew P. Deines, Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)  
Date: March 30, 2016



## EXHIBIT INDEX

### Exhibits:

- 2.0 Plan of Conversion and Reorganization (incorporated herein by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 30, 2012 (File No. 000-52889))
- 3.1 Articles of Incorporation of Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed with the SEC on March 27, 2012 (File No. 333-180385))
- 3.2 Bylaws of Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 3, 2015 (File No. 001-35633))
- 4.0 Form of Common Stock Certificate of Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed with the SEC on March 27, 2012 (File No. 333-180385))
- 10.1 Employment Agreement by and between Sound Community Bank and Laura Lee Stewart (incorporated herein by reference to the Registration Statement on Form SB-2 filed with the SEC on September 20, 2007 (File No. 333-146196))
- 10.2 Amended and Restated Supplemental Executive Retirement Agreement by and between Sound Community Bank and Laura Lee Stewart (incorporated herein by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 27, 2015 (File No. 001-35633))
- 10.3 Amended and Restated Long Term Compensation Agreement by and between Sound Community Bank and Laura Lee Stewart (incorporated herein by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 27, 2015 (File No. 001-35633))
- 10.4 Amended and Restated Confidentiality, Non-Competition and Non-Solicitation Agreement by and between Sound Community Bank and Laura Lee Stewart (incorporated herein by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 27, 2015 (File No. 001-35633))
- 10.5 2008 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 30, 2009 (File No. 000-52889))
- 10.6 Forms of Incentive Stock Option Agreement, Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement and Restricted Stock Agreements under the 2008 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 29, 2009 (File No. 000-52889))
- 10.7 Summary of Annual Bonus Plan (incorporated herein by reference to the Registration Statement on Form SB-2 filed with the SEC on September 20, 2007 (File No. 333-146196))
- 10.8 2013 Equity Incentive Plan (included as Exhibit 10.13 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 and incorporated herein by reference (File No. 001-35633))
- 10.9 Form of Incentive Stock Option Agreement, Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement and Restricted Stock Agreement under the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan (included as Exhibit 10.14 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 and incorporated herein by reference (File No. 001-35633))
- 10.10 Change of Control Agreement dated October 30, 2013, by and among Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc., Sound Community Bank and Matthew P. Deines (incorporated herein by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 1, 2013 (File No. 001-35633))
- 11 Statement re computation of per share earnings (See Note 13 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained in Item 8, Part II of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.)
- 21 Subsidiaries of Registrant (incorporated herein by reference to the Registration Statement on Form SB-2 filed with the SEC on September 20, 2007 (File No. 333-146196))
- 23 Consent of Moss Adams LLP
- 24 Power of Attorney (set forth on signature page)
- 31.1 Rule 13(a)-14(a) Certification (Chief Executive Officer)
- 31.2 Rule 13(a)-14(a) Certification (Chief Financial Officer)
- 32 Section 1350 Certification

**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statements Form S-8 (Nos. 333-184223 and 333-192345) of our report dated March 30, 2016, relating to the consolidated financial statements of Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. and Subsidiary appearing in this Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2015.

/s/ Moss Adams LLP

Everett, Washington

March 30, 2016

## CERTIFICATION

I, Laura Lee Stewart, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting, which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: March 30, 2016

By: /s/ Laura Lee Stewart

Laura Lee Stewart  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

## CERTIFICATION

I, Matthew P. Deines, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting, which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: March 30, 2016

By: /s/ Matthew P. Deines

Matthew P. Deines  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

**SECTION 1350 CERTIFICATION**

Each of the undersigned hereby certifies in his or her capacity as an officer of Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. (the "Registrant") that the Annual Report of the Registrant on Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2015 fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that the information contained in such report fairly presents, in all material respects, the consolidated financial condition of the Registrant at the end of such period and the results of operations of the Registrant for such period.

Date: March 30, 2016

By: /s/ Laura Lee Stewart  
Laura Lee Stewart  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: March 30, 2016

By: /s/ Matthew P. Deines  
Matthew P. Deines  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer



**SOUND FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC**  
**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Independent Auditors**

Moss Adams LLP  
2707 Colby Avenue  
Everett, WA 98201

**Special Counsel**

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Washington, D.C. 20007

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Shareholders should direct inquiries concerning their stock, change of name, address or ownership, report lost certificates or consolidate accounts to our transfer agent at 877-830-4936 or write:

Broadridge Corporate Issuer Solutions, Inc.  
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