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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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FORM 10-Q

(Mark One) x QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT **OF 1934** For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2011 or o TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE **ACT OF 1934** For the transition period from __ Commission File Number: 1-5273-1 **Sterling Bancorp**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

12-2565216 **New York** (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (I.R.S. Employer Identification)

650 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

10019-6108 (Zip Code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

212-757-3300

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark 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.

x Yes o No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (17 CFR § 232.405) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

x Yes o No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large Accelerated Filer o
Non-Accelerated Filer o
Smaller Reporting Company o
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

o Yes x No

As of July 31, 2011 there were 30,924,832 shares of common stock, \$1.00 par value, outstanding.

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STERLING BANCORP AND SUBSIDIARIES

Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited)

(dollars in thousands, except per share data)

	June 30, 2011	De	ecember 31, 2010
ASSETS			
Cash and due from banks	\$ 39,906	\$	26,824
Interest-bearing deposits with other banks	102,889		40,503
Securities available for sale (at estimated fair value; pledged: \$74,196 in 2011 and \$95,311 in 2010)	409,041		390,080
Securities held to maturity (pledged: \$286,089 in 2011 and \$212,606 in 2010) (estimated fair	407,041		370,000
value: \$480,729 in 2011 and \$400,453 in 2010)	470,642		399,235
Total investment securities	879,683		789,315
Tour investment securities	077,005		705,515
Loans held for sale	25,154		32,049
Loans held in portfolio, net of unearned discounts	1,364,209		1,314,234
Less allowance for loan losses	18,535		18,238
Loans, net	1,345,674		1,295,996
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Federal Reserve and Federal Home Loan Bank stock, at cost	8,744		9,365
Goodwill	22,901		22,901
Premises and equipment, net	22,384		15,909
Other real estate	2,004		182
Accrued interest receivable	9,399		8,280
Cash surrender value of life insurance policies	52,510		51,512
Other assets	70,836		67,621
	\$ 2,582,084	\$	2,360,457
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY			
Deposits			
Noninterest-bearing demand deposits	\$ 602,240	\$	570,290
Savings, NOW and money market deposits	636,203		562,207
Time deposits	762,351		615,267
Total deposits	2,000,794		1,747,764
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase - customers	29,236		23,016
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase - dealers	5,000		5,000
Federal funds purchased			15,000
Commercial paper	15,427		14,388
Short-term borrowings - other	23,865		3,490
Advances - FHLB	128,456		144,173
Long-term borrowings - subordinated debentures	25,774		25,774
Total borrowings	227,758		230,841
A coursed interest neverble	974		1 214
Accrued interest payable			1,314 91,543
Due to factored clients Accrued expenses and other liabilities	70,615 62,687		66,253
Total liabilities	2,362,828		2,137,715
Total habilities	2,302,626		2,137,713
Shareholders equity			
Preferred stock, Series A, \$5 par value; \$1,000 liquidation value. Authorized 644,389 shares;			
issued -0- and 42,000 shares, respectively			40,602
Common stock, \$1 par value. Authorized 50,000,000 shares; issued 35,225,110 and 31,138,545			.,
shares, respectively	35,225		31,139
Warrants to purchase common stock	,		2,615
Capital surplus	270,621		236,437
Retained earnings	11,379		11,392
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(11,389)		(12,887)
Common shares in treasury at cost, 4,300,278 and 4,297,782 shares, respectively	(86,580)		(86,556)
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Total shareholders equity	219,256	222,742
	\$ 2,582,084	\$ 2,360,457

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

STERLING BANCORP AND SUBSIDIARIES

Consolidated Statements of Income (Unaudited)

(dollars in thousands, except per share data)

		Three Mo	nths l			Six Months Ended June 30,		
		2011	c 30,	2010		2011	16 30,	2010
INTEREST INCOME								
Loans	\$	17,779	\$	17,121	\$	34,655	\$	33,632
Investment securities								
Available for sale		2,684		3,377		5,107		6,330
Held to maturity		3,482		3,890		6,879		8,302
FRB and FHLB stock		143		63		166		184
Deposits with other banks		22		24		57		43
Total interest income		24,110		24,475		46,864		48,491
INTEREST EXPENSE								
Deposits								
Savings, NOW and money market		700		825		1,400		1,790
Time		1,382		1,637		2,742		3,312
Short-term borrowings		87		102		165		189
Advances - FHLB		500		849		1,164		1,720
Long-term borrowings - subordinated debentures		524		524		1,047		1,047
Total interest expense		3,193		3,937		6,518		8,058
Net interest income		20,917		20,538		40,346		40,433
Provision for loan losses		3,000		5,500		6,000		11,500
Net interest income after provision for loan losses		17,917		15,038		34,346		28,933
NONINTEREST INCOME								
Accounts receivable management/factoring commissions								
and other fees		6,099		5,946		11,467		11,073
Mortgage banking income		1,600		1,496		3,775		3,173
Service charges on deposit accounts		1,432		1,548		2,803		3,021
Securities gains		380		746		1,109		2,248
Other income		1,357		1,625		3,156		2,948
Total noninterest income		10,868		11,361		22,310		22,463
NONINTEREST EXPENSE								
Salaries and employee benefits		14,465		13,661		28,725		26,823
Occupancy and equipment expenses, net		3,515		3,052		6,788		5,592
Deposit insurance		897		770		1,830		1,524
Professional fees		889		1,020		1,707		2,373
Other expenses		3,680		3,636		6,849		7,163
Total noninterest expenses		23,446		22,139		45,899		43,475
Income before income taxes		5,339		4,260		10,757		7,921
Provision for income taxes		1,394		1,278		2,869		2,376
Net income		3,945		2 002		7 000		5,545
Net income Dividends on preferred shares and accretion		3,945		2,982 644		7,888 833		1,280
Accelerated accretion from redemption of preferred		189		044		833		1,280
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shares	ø	1,241	\$	2 229	Φ	1,241 5,814	\$	1265
Net income available to common shareholders	\$	2,515	Þ	2,338	\$	5,814	Þ	4,265
Average number of common shares outstanding								
Basic		30,414,947		25,752,172		28,883,154		22,479,292
Diluted		30,414,947		25,752,172		28,883,154		22,484,177

Net income available to common shareholders, per				
average common share				
Basic	\$ 0.08 \$	0.09 \$	0.20 \$	0.19
Diluted	0.08	0.09	0.20	0.19
Dividends per common share	0.09	0.09	0.18	0.18
See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.				

STERLING BANCORP AND SUBSIDIARIES Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Unaudited)

(dollars in thousands)

	Three Months Ended June 30,					Six Months Ended June 30,			
	2011			2010		2011		2010	
Net income	\$	3,945	\$	2,982	\$	7,888	\$	5,545	
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:									
Unrealized gains on securities available for sale and other									
investments arising during the year		929		946		1,308		2,160	
Reclassification adjustment for gains included in net income		(208)		(408)		(606)		(1,228)	
Reclassification adjustment for amortization of:									
Prior service cost		8		9		17		18	
Net actuarial losses		390		424		779		837	
Other comprehensive income		1,119		971		1,498		1,787	
Comprehensive income	\$	5,064	\$	3,953	\$	9,386	\$	7,332	
See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.						•			

STERLING BANCORP AND SUBSIDIARIES

Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders Equity (Unaudited)

(dollars in thousands)

		Six Mont June		ed
		2011		2010
Preferred Stock				
Balance at January 1,	\$	40,602	\$	40,113
Discount accretion		157		230
Redemption		(42,000)		
Accelerated accretion	ď	1,241	ф	40.242
Balance at June 30,	\$		\$	40,343
Common Stock				
Balance at January 1,	\$	31,139	\$	22,227
Common shares issued		4,025		8,625
Restricted shares issued		61		84
Common shares issued under stock incentive plan	ф.	25.225	ф	203
Balance at June 30,	\$	35,225	\$	31,139
Warrants to Purchase Common Stock				
Balance at January 1,	\$	2,615	\$	2,615
Repurchase of warrants		(2,615)		
Balance at June 30,	\$		\$	2,615
Capital Surplus				
Balance at January 1,	\$	236,437	\$	178,734
Common shares issued		32,429		56,256
Restricted shares issued		(61)		(84)
Repurchase of warrants		1,670		
Common shares issued under stock incentive plan and related tax benefits				1,274
Stock option compensation and restricted stock expense		146		118
Balance at June 30,	\$	270,621	\$	236,298
Retained Earnings				
Balance at January 1,	\$	11,392	\$	15,828
Net income		7,888		5,545
Cash dividends paid - preferred shares		(945)		(1,050)
Cash dividends paid - common shares		(5,558)		(4,045)
Discount accretion on series A preferred stock		(157)		(230)
Accelerated accretion - preferred shares		(1,241)		
Balance at June 30,	\$	11,379	\$	16,048
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss				
Balance at January 1,	\$	(12,887)	\$	(12,399)
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		1,498		1,787
Balance at June 30,	\$	(11,389)	\$	(10,612)
Treasury Stock				
Balance at January 1,	\$	(86,556)	\$	(85,168)
Surrender of shares issued under stock incentive plan		(24)		(1,388)
Balance at June 30,	\$	(86,580)	\$	(86,556)
Total Shareholders Equity				
Balance at January 1,	\$	222,742	\$	161,950
Net changes during the period		(3,486)		67,325
Balance at June 30,	\$	219,256	\$	229,275
See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.		•		•

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited) (dollars in thousands)

Six Months Ended June 30, 2011 2010 **Operating Activities** \$ 7,888 \$ 5,545 Net Income Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities: 6,000 11,500 **Provision for loan losses** Depreciation and amortization of premises and equipment 1,497 1.171 Securities gains (1,109)(2,248)Income from life insurance policies, net (216)(357)Deferred income tax benefit (498)(1,266)Proceeds from sale of loans 188,026 199,807 Gains on sales of loans, net (3,787)(3,184)Originations of loans held for sale (178,286)(204,690)Amortization of premiums on securities 2,379 4,686 Accretion of discounts on securities (219)(350)Increase in accrued interest receivable (1,119)(1,109)(Decrease) Increase in accrued interest payable (340)331 Decrease in due to factored clients (20,928)(4,483)(Decrease) Increase in accrued expenses and other liabilities (2,132)4,421 (Increase) Decrease in other assets (3,538)50 Gain on other real estate owned **(5)** (28)Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities (4,080)7,489 **Investing Activities** Purchase of premises and equipment (7,972)(5,964)Net (increase) decrease in interest-bearing deposits with other banks 24,530 (62.386)Net increase in loans held in portfolio (52,151)(31,161)Net increase in short-term factored receivables (4,488)(20,726)Decrease in other real estate 728 86 32,908 Proceeds from prepayments, redemptions or maturities of securities - held to maturity 27,866 Purchases of securities - held to maturity (49,591)(159,305)Proceeds from calls of securities - held to maturity 60,000 66,880 Proceeds from prepayments, redemptions or maturities of securities - available for sale 143,251 113,116 Purchases of securities - available for sale (305,318)(510,083)Proceeds from calls/sales of securities - available for sale 140,005 266,800 Proceeds from redemptions or maturities of securities - FHLB & FRB stock 831 945 Purchases of securities - FHLB & FRB stock (210)(960)Net cash used in investing activities (219,791)(112,578)**Financing Activities** Net increase (decrease) in noninterest-bearing demand deposits 31,950 (21,095)Net increase (decrease) in savings, NOW and money market deposits (65,314)73,996 Net increase in time deposits 147,084 147,216 Net decrease in Federal funds purchased (15,000)(31,000)39,916 Net increase in securities sold under agreements to repurchase 6,220 Net increase (decrease) in commercial paper and other short-term borrowings (11,966)21,414 **Decrease in long-term borrowings** (15,717)(5,118)Proceeds from exercise of stock options 263 36,454 64,882 Proceeds from issuance of common stock Cash dividends paid on preferred stock (945)(1.050)Cash dividends paid on common stock (5,558)(4,045)Net repayment redemption of preferred stock and common stock warrants (42,945)112,689 Net cash provided by financing activities 236,953

Net increase in cash and due from banks

7,600

13,082

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Cash and due from banks - beginning of period	26,824	24,911
Cash and due from banks - end of period	\$ 39,906	\$ 32,511
Supplemental disclosures:		
Interest paid	\$ 6,858	\$ 7,727
Income taxes paid	3,458	3,129
Loans held for sale transferred to portfolio	942	904
Loans transferred to other real estate	1,903	76
See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.	·	

STERLING BANCORP AND SUBSIDIARIES Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Operations. Sterling Bancorp (the parent company) is a financial holding company, pursuant to an election made under the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999. Throughout the notes, the term the Company refers to Sterling Bancorp and its subsidiaries and the term the bank refers to Sterling National Bank and its subsidiaries. The Company provides a full range of financial products and services, including business and consumer loans, commercial and residential mortgage lending and brokerage, mortgage warehouse lending, asset-based financing, factoring/accounts receivable management services, trade financing, equipment financing and deposit services. The Company has operations principally in New York and conducts business throughout the United States.

The Company s financial statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (U.S. GAAP) which principally consist of the Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification (FASB Codification). FASB Codification Topic 105: *Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* establishes the FASB codification as the source of authoritative accounting principles recognized by the FASB to be applied by nongovernmental entities in the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Rules and interpretive releases of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under authority of federal securities laws are also sources of authoritative guidance for SEC registrants. All guidance contained in the FASB Codification carries an equal level of authority. All non-grandfathered, non-SEC accounting literature not included in the FASB Codification is superseded and deemed non-authoritative.

Basis of Presentation. The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Sterling Bancorp and its subsidiaries, principally the bank, after elimination of intercompany transactions. The consolidated financial statements as of and for the interim periods ended June 30, 2011 and 2010 are unaudited; however, in the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring accruals, necessary for a fair presentation of such periods have been made. Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior year s consolidated financial statements to conform to the current presentation. Throughout the notes, dollar amounts presented in tables are in thousands, except per share data. The interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company s annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010 (the 2010 Form 10-K).

Use of Estimates. The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP requires management to make assumptions and estimates which impact the amounts reported in those statements and are, by their nature, subject to change in the future as additional information becomes available or as circumstances vary. Actual results could differ from management s current estimates as a result of changing conditions and future events. The current economic environment has increased the degree of uncertainty inherent in these significant estimates. Several accounting estimates are particularly critical and are susceptible to significant near-term change, including the allowance for loan losses and asset impairment judgments, such as other-than-temporary declines in the value of securities and the accounting for income taxes. The judgments used by management in applying these critical accounting policies may be affected by a further and prolonged deterioration in the economic environment, which may result in changes to future financial results. For example, subsequent evaluations of the loan portfolio, in light of the factors then prevailing, may result in significant changes in the allowance for loan losses in future periods, and the inability to collect outstanding principal may result in increased loan losses. The Company evaluates subsequent events through the date that the financial statements are issued.

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Note 2. Investment Securities

The following tables present information regarding securities available for sale:

June 30, 2011	F	Gross Amortized Unrealized Cost Gains		1	Gross Unrealized Losses		Fair Value	
Obligations of U.S. government corporations and government sponsored enterprises								
Residential mortgage-backed securities								
CMOs (Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation)	\$	44,720	\$	281	\$	2.7	\$	44,974
CMOs (Government National Mortgage Association)	Ψ	6,470	Ψ	26	Ψ	27	Ψ	6.496
Federal National Mortgage Association		10,815		117				10.932
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation		40		2		1		41
Government National Mortgage Association		104		1		-		105
Total residential mortgage-backed securities		62,149		427		28		62,548
Agency notes								
Federal National Mortgage Association		15,091		27				15,118
Federal Home Loan Bank		10,000		14				10,014
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation		19,982		46				20,028
Total obligations of U.S. government corporations and								
government sponsored enterprises		107,222		514		28		107,708
Obligations of state and political institutions-New York Bank								
Oualified		25,124		759		2		25,881
Single-issuer, trust preferred securities		22,543		163		380		22,326
Corporate debt securities		248,983		96		943		248,136
Other securities		5,039		1		50		4,990
Total	\$	408,911	\$	1,533	\$	1,403	\$	409,041
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December 31, 2010	Gross Amortized Unrealized Cost Gains		τ	Gross Unrealized Losses		Fair Value	
Obligations of U.S. government corporations and government sponsored enterprises							
Residential mortgage-backed securities							
CMOs (Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation)	\$	36,026	\$ 64	\$	372	\$	35,718
CMOs (Government National Mortgage Association)		7,218	72				7,290
Federal National Mortgage Association		8,750	84		13		8,821
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation		44	2		1		45
Government National Mortgage Association		110			1		109
Total residential mortgage-backed securities		52,148	222		387		51,983
Agency notes							
Federal National Mortgage Association		30,087	77				30,164
Federal Home Loan Bank		10,000			59		9,941
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation		49,964	132		110		49,986
Federal Farm Credit Bank		10,000	31				10,031
Total obligations of U.S. government corporations and							
government sponsored enterprises		152,199	462		556		152,105
Obligations of state and political institutions-New York Bank							
Qualified		39,967	780		703		40,044
Single-issuer, trust preferred securities		3,879	79		25		3,933
Corporate debt securities		189,091	278		311		189,058
Other securities		5,039	1		100		4,940
Total	\$	390,175	\$ 1,600	\$	1,695	\$	390,080
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The following tables present information regarding securities held to maturity:

June 30, 2011	(Carrying Value	Gross Unrealized Gains		zed Unrealized		Fair Value
Obligations of U.S. government corporations and government sponsored enterprises							
Residential mortgage-backed securities							
CMOs (Federal National Mortgage Association)	\$	5,417	\$	310	\$		\$ 5,727
CMOs (Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation)		8,704		480			9,184
Federal National Mortgage Association		58,250		4,011		1	62,260
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation		30,028		1,850			31,878
Government National Mortgage Association		4,514		597			5,111
Total residential mortgage-backed securities		106,913		7,248		1	114,160
Agency notes							
Federal National Mortgage Association		139,942		246		493	139,695
Federal Home Loan Bank		44,978		68			45,046
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation		47,484		60		107	47,437
Total obligations of U.S. government corporations and							
government sponsored enterprises		339,317		7,622		601	346,338
Obligations of state and political institutions-New York							
Bank Qualified		131,325		3,297		231	134,391
Total	\$	470,642	\$	10,919	\$	832	\$ 480,729
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December 31, 2010	,	Carrying Value	Gross Unrealized Gains		realized Unrealized		Fair Value
Obligations of U.S. government corporations and							
government sponsored enterprises							
Residential mortgage-backed securities							
CMOs (Federal National Mortgage Association)	\$	7,504	\$	349	\$		\$ 7,853
CMOs (Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation)		11,704		572			12,276
Federal National Mortgage Association		70,001		4,292			74,293
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation		40,583		1,931			42,514
Government National Mortgage Association		4,943		605			5,548
Total residential mortgage-backed securities		134,735		7,749			142,484
Agency notes							
Federal National Mortgage Association		84,969		5		1,405	83,569
Federal Home Loan Bank		14,991				222	14,769
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation		42,493		4		608	41,889
Federal Farm Credit Bank		5,078				42	5,036
Total obligations of U.S. government corporations and							
government sponsored enterprises		282,266		7,758		2,277	287,747
Obligations of state and political institutions-New York							
Bank Qualified		116,969		118		4,381	112,706
Total	\$	399,235	\$	7,876	\$	6,658	\$ 400,453
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STERLING BANCORP AND SUBSIDIARIES Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

The following tables present information regarding securities available for sale with temporary unrealized losses for the periods indicated:

		12 Months		s or Longer	Total			
1 20 2011	Fair	Unrealized	Fair	Unrealized	Fair	Unrealized		
June 30, 2011	Value	Losses	Value	Losses	Value	Losses		
Obligations of U.S. government corporations								
and government sponsored enterprises								
Residential mortgage-backed securities								
CMOs (Federal Home Loan Mortgage	¢ 0.701	Ф 27	\$	ф	¢ 0.701	Ф 27		
Corporation)	\$ 9,781	\$ 27	\$	\$	\$ 9,781	\$ 27		
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation	23	1			23	1		
Total obligations of U.S. government								
corporations and government sponsored	0.004	20			0.004	20		
enterprises	9,804	28			9,804	28		
Obligations of state and political								
institutions-New York Bank Qualified	629	2			629	2		
Single-issuer, trust preferred securities	11.939	379	501	1	12,440	380		
Corporate debt securities	191,694	943	301	1	191,694	943		
Other securities	4,950	50			4,950	50		
Total	\$ 219,016	\$ 1,402	\$ 501	\$ 1	\$ 219,517	\$ 1,403		
Total	\$ 219,010	\$ 1,402	\$ 501	5 1	\$ 219,317	\$ 1,403		
December 31, 2010								
Obligations of U.S. government corporations								
and government sponsored enterprises								
Residential mortgage-backed securities								
CMOs (Federal Home Loan Mortgage								
Corporation)	\$ 30,494	\$ 372	\$	\$	\$ 30,494	\$ 372		
Federal National Mortgage Association	7,269	13			7,269	13		
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation	28	1			28	1		
Government National Mortgage Association	110	1			110	1		
Total residential mortgage-backed securities	37,901	387			37,901	387		
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Agency notes								
Federal Home Loan Bank	9,941	59			9,941	59		
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation	9,875	110			9,875	110		
Total obligations of U.S. government								
corporations and government sponsored								
enterprises	57,717	556			57,717	556		
Obligations of state and political								
institutions-New York Bank Qualified	18,716	703			18,716	703		
Single-issuer, trust preferred securities			2,111	25	2,111	25		
Corporate debt securities	92,392	311			92,392	311		
Other securities	4,900	100			4,900	100		
Total	\$ 173,725	\$ 1,670	\$ 2,111	\$ 25	\$ 175,836	\$ 1,695		
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The following tables present information regarding securities held to maturity with temporary unrealized losses for the periods indicated:

	Less Than 12 Months				12 Month	onger		Total				
T 20 2011		Fair		realized		Fair Unrealiz					_	realized
June 30, 2011 Obligations of U.S. government		Value	L	osses		Value	L	osses		Value	1	osses
corporations and government sponsored												
enterprises												
Residential mortgage-backed securities												
Federal National Mortgage Association	\$	533	\$	1	\$		\$		\$	533	\$	1
Total residential mortgage-backed securities	Ψ	533	Ψ	1	Ψ		Ψ		Ψ	533	Ψ	1
Agency notes		333		1						333		1
Federal National Mortgage Association		64,490		493						64,490		493
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation		17,391		107						17,391		107
rederal Home Loan Wortgage Corporation		17,371		107						17,371		107
Total obligations of U.S. government												
corporations and government sponsored												
enterprises		82,414		601						82,414		601
Obligations of state and political										,		
institutions-New York Bank Qualified		13,018		163		3,039		68		16,057		231
Total	\$	95,432	\$	764	\$	3,039	\$	68	\$	98,471	\$	832
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December 31, 2010												
Obligations of U.S. government												
corporations and government sponsored												
enterprises												
Agency notes												
Federal National Mortgage Association	\$	78,564	\$	1,405	\$		\$		\$	78,564	\$	1,405
Federal Home Loan Bank	Ψ	14,769	Ψ	222	Ψ		Ψ		Ψ	14,769	Ψ	222
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation		36,890		608						36,890		608
Federal Farm Credit Bank		5,036		42						5,036		42
Total obligations of U.S. government		2,020								2,020		
corporations and government sponsored												
enterprises		135,259		2,277						135,259		2,277
Obligations of state and political		,=0,		_, _ ,,						,		_,_,,
institutions-New York Bank Qualified		94,309		4.103		2,277		278		96,586		4.381
Total	\$	229,568	\$	6,380	\$	2,277	\$	278	\$	231,845	\$	6,658
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The following table presents information regarding single-issuer, trust preferred securities at June 30, 2011:

Issuer	TARP Recipient	Credit Rating		nortized Cost	Fair Value	-	ealized /(Loss)
Sterling Bancorp Trust I, 8.375%, due 3/31/2032	Yes *	NA	\$	981	\$ 1.049	\$	68
NPB Capital Trust II, 7.85%, due 9/30/2032	Yes *	NA	Ψ	126	126	Ψ	00
BAC Capital Trust II, 7.00%, due 2/01/2032	Yes *	BB+		300	302		2
Citigroup Capital VII, 7.125%, due 7/31/2031	Yes *	BB+		1,507	1,511		4
Citigroup Capital VIII, 6.95%, due 9/15/2031	Yes *	BB+		246	250		4
Citigroup Capital IX, 6.00%, due 2/14/2033	Yes *	BB+		2,400	2,337		(63)
Citigroup Capital X, 6.10%, due 9/30/2033	Yes *	BB+		243	234		(9)
Fleet Capital Trust VIII, 7.20%, due 3/15/2032,	No	BB+		502	501		(1)
owned by Bank of America Corporation	Yes *						
First Tennessee Capital II, 6.30% due 4/15/2034	Yes *	B+		497	482		(15)
Goldman Sachs Capital I, 6.345%, due 2/15/2034	Yes *	BBB-		5,936	5,674		(262)
HSBC Finance Corp., 6.875%, due 1/30/2033,	No	A		741	760		19
owned by HSBC Group, PLC	No						
Keycorp Capital II, 6.875%, due 3/17/2029	Yes *	BB		93	91		(2)
Keycorp Capital V, 5.875%, due 7/30/2033	Yes *	BB		238	246		8
Keycorp Capital VII, 5.70%, due 6/15/2035	Yes *	BB		954	947		(7)
Morgan Stanley Capital Trust III, 6.25%, due 3/01/2033	Yes *	BB+		939	978		39
JP Morgan Chase Capital XI, 5.875%, due 6/15/2033	Yes *	BBB+		1,523	1,525		2
JP Morgan Chase Capital XV, 5.875%, due 3/15/2035	Yes *	BBB+		2,195	2,174		(21)
JP Morgan Chase Capital XVII, 5.85%, due 8/01/2035	Yes *	BBB+		1,195	1,205		10
PNC Capital Trust D, 6.125% due 12/15/2033	Yes *	BBB		424	427		3
USB Capital VII, 5.875% due 8/15/2035	Yes *	BBB+		108	108		
VNB Capital Trust I, 7.75%, due 12/15/2031	Yes *	BBB-		22	22		
Wells Fargo Capital Trust VII, 5.85% due 5/01/2033	Yes *	A-		375	377		2
Wells Fargo Capital IX, 5.625% due 4/08/2034	Yes *	A-		998	1,000		2
			\$	22,543	\$ 22,326	\$	(217)

 $[\]ast$ TARP obligation was repaid prior to June 30, 2011.

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The Company invests principally in obligations of U.S. government corporations and government sponsored enterprises and other investment-grade securities. The fair value of these investments fluctuates based on several factors, including credit quality and general interest rate changes. The Company determined that it is not more likely than not that the Company would be required to sell before anticipated recovery.

At June 30, 2011, approximately \$131.8 million, representing approximately 15.0%, of the Company sheld to maturity and available for sale securities are comprised of securities issued by financial service companies/banks including single-issuer trust preferred securities (23 issuers), corporate debt (22 issuers) and equity securities (5 issuers). These investments may pose a higher risk of future impairment charges as a result of possible further deterioration of the U.S. economy. The Company would be required to recognize impairment charges on these securities if they suffer a decline in value that is considered other-than-temporary. Numerous factors, including lack of liquidity for re-sales of certain investment securities, absence of reliable pricing information for investment securities, adverse changes in business climate, adverse actions by regulators or unanticipated changes in the competitive environment could have a negative effect on the Company s investment portfolio and may result in other than temporary impairment on certain investment securities in future periods.

At June 30, 2011, the Company held 1 security position of single-issuer, trust preferred securities issued by financial institutions, in the available for sale portfolio, that was in an unrealized loss position for more than 12 months and is paying in accordance with their terms and has no deferrals of interest or other deferrals. In addition, management analyzes the performance of the issuers on a periodic basis, including a review of the issuers most recent bank regulatory reports and other public regulatory disclosures, to assess credit risk and the probability of impairment of the contractual cash flows of the applicable securities. Based upon management s second quarter review, all of the issuers have maintained performance levels adequate to support the contractual cash flows of the securities.

At June 30, 2011, the Company held 11 issues of obligations of state and political institutions, in the held to maturity portfolio, that were in an unrealized loss position for more than 12 months. All of these securities were rated A at issuance and carry private insurance which guarantees principal and interest payments. Management has concluded that the unrealized losses are due to changes in market interest rates and/or changes in securities markets which resulted from temporary illiquidity and/or uncertainty in those markets. Further, management has made an evaluation that it has the intent to hold these securities until maturity and it is not more likely than not that the Company would be required to sell before anticipated recovery. As a result, the unrealized losses are deemed to be temporary.

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The following tables present information regarding securities available for sale and securities held to maturity at June 30, 2011, based on contractual maturity. Expected maturities will differ from contractual maturities because issuers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties.

Available for sale	A	mortized Cost	Fair Value
Obligations of U.S. government corporations and government sponsored enterprises			
Residential mortgage-backed securities			
CMOs (Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation)	\$	44,720	\$ 44,974
CMOs (Government National Mortgage Association)		6,470	6,496
Federal National Mortgage Association		10,815	10,932
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation		40	41
Government National Mortgage Association		104	105
Total residential mortgage-backed securities		62,149	62,548
Agency notes			
Federal National Mortgage Association			
Due after 1 year but within 5 years		4,992	5,007
Due after 5 years but within 10 years		10,099	10,111
Federal Home Loan Bank			
Due after 5 years but within 10 years		10,000	10,014
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation			
Due after 5 years but within 10 years		19,982	20,028
Total obligations of U.S. government corporations and government sponsored enterprises		107,222	107,708
Obligations of state and political institutions			
- New York Bank Qualified			
Due within 1 year		1,779	1,798
Due after 1 year but within 5 years		1,754	1,825
Due after 5 years but within 10 years		3,939	4,132
Due after 10 years		17,652	18,126
Total obligations of state and political institutions-New York Bank Qualified		25,124	25,881
Single-issuer, trust preferred securities Due after 10 years		22,543	22,326
Corporate debt securities			
Due within 6 months		98,870	98,729
Due after 6 months but within 1 year		45,829	45,717
Due after 1 year but within 2 years		60,086	59,827
Due after 2 years but within 5 years		44,198	43,863
Total corporate debt securities		248,983	248,136
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Other securities		5,039	4,990
Total	\$	408,911	\$ 409,041
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Held to maturity	(Carrying Value	Fair Value
Obligations of U.S. government corporations and government sponsored enterprises			
Residential mortgage-backed securities			
CMOs (Federal National Mortgage Association)	\$	5,417	\$ 5,727
CMOs (Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation)		8,704	9,184
Federal National Mortgage Association		58,250	62,260
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation		30,028	31,878
Government National Mortgage Association		4,514	5,111
Total residential mortgage-backed securities		106,913	114,160
Agency notes			
Federal National Mortgage Association			
Due after 1 year but within 5 years		44,998	45,167
Due after 5 years but within 10 years		79,949	79,631
Due after 10 years		14,995	14,897
Federal Home Loan Bank			
Due after 1 year but within 5 years		14,993	15,013
Due after 5 years but within 10 years		29,985	30,033
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation			
Due after 1 year but within 5 years		24,996	25,036
Due after 5 years but within 10 years		22,488	22,401
Total obligations of U.S. government corporations and government sponsored enterprises		339,317	346,338
Obligations of state and political institutions			
- New York Bank Qualified			
Due after 5 years but within 10 years		1,728	1,809
Due after 10 years		129,597	132,582
Total obligations of state and political institutions-New York Bank Qualified		131,325	134,391
Total	\$	470,642	\$ 480,729
Information regarding sales/calls of available for sale securities is as follows:			

	Three Mor		nded			nths Ended ne 30,		
	2011 2010				2011	2010		
<u>Sales</u>								
Proceeds	\$ 26,176	\$	41,544	\$	82,074	\$	99,804	
Gross gains	348		980		1,105		2,479	
Gross losses								
<u>Calls</u>								
Proceeds	25,242		101,971		57,931		166,996	
Gross gains	25		13		73		14	
Gross losses			284				285	

Information regarding calls of held to maturity securities is as follows:

	Three Mor June	nded		ded		
	2011	2010		2011		2010
<u>Calls</u>						
Proceeds	\$ 55,000	\$ 12,500	\$	60,000	\$	66,880
Gross gains	7	37		7		40
Gross losses				76		

There were no sales or transfers of held to maturity securities during the six-month periods ended June 30, 2011 or June 30, 2010.

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Note 3. Loans and allowance for loan losses

The major components of domestic loans held for sale and loans held in portfolio are as follows:

	June 30, 2011	De	ecember 31, 2010
Loans held for sale, net of valuation reserve (\$-0- at June			
30, 2011 and \$113 at December 31, 2010)			
Real estate residential mortgage	\$ 25,154	\$	32,049
Loans held in portfolio, net of unearned discounts			
Commercial and industrial	644,425		620,136
Equipment financing receivables	160,514		161,054
Factored receivables	166,451		162,070
Real estate residential mortgage	146,191		127,695
Real estate commercial mortgage	99,021		96,991
Real estate construction and land development	22,895		25,624
Loans to individuals	10,957		11,370
Loans to depository institutions	3,086		15,425
Loans to nondepository financial institutions	129,513		112,882
Loans held in portfolio, gross	1,383,053		1,333,247
Less unearned discounts	18,844		19,013
Loans held in portfolio, net of unearned discounts	1,364,209		1,314,234
•	\$ 1,389,363	\$	1,346,283

At June 30, 2011, the bank had qualified loans, at carrying value of approximately \$505.4 million, available to secure borrowings from the FHLB and the FRB. There were no loans pledged at June 30, 2011.

Loan Origination/Risk Management

The Company has lending policies and procedures in place that are designed to maximize loan income within an acceptable level of risk. Management reviews and approves these policies and procedures on a regular basis. A reporting system supplements the review process by providing management with frequent reports related to loan production, loan quality, concentrations of credit, loan delinquencies and non-performing and potential problem loans. Diversification in the loan portfolio is a means of managing risk associated with fluctuations in economic conditions.

The Company maintains an independent loan review process that reviews and validates the credit risk program on a periodic basis. Results of these reviews are presented to management. The loan review process complements and reinforces the risk identification and assessment decisions made by lenders.

Commercial and Loans to Nondepository Financial Institutions

Sterling provides a full range of loans to small and medium-sized businesses with the objective of establishing longer-term relationships. Loans generally range in size up to \$20 million, tailored to meet customers long- and short-term needs, and include secured and unsecured lines of credit and business installment loans.

Loans generally are collateralized by accounts receivable, inventory and other assets. Sterling also provides back-office services, i.e., processing payroll, generating customer invoices, credit collection assistance and related payroll services. The repayment of commercial loans is generally dependent on the creditworthiness and cash flow of borrowers and guarantors, which may be negatively impacted by adverse economic conditions. While these loans are secured, collateral type, marketability, coverage, valuation and monitoring is not as uniform as in other portfolio classes and recovery from liquidation of such collateral may be subject to greater variability.

Factoring

Factoring provides a financing service that combines working capital financing, credit risk protection, and accounts receivable management for companies in a variety of industries. This business may be conducted on a recourse or non-recourse basis, depending upon the needs of the client.

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In general, Sterling records a receivable for the amount of accounts receivables due from customers of its clients and records a liability for the funds due to the client. Under advance factoring arrangements, clients can draw an advance as accounts receivables are sold/assigned to Sterling. With advance factoring, Sterling normally has recourse against the client if the customer fails to pay. Under collection factoring arrangements, clients sell Sterling their accounts receivables and Sterling provides credit protection to the client guaranteeing the collection of the amount due and back office support. Collection factoring is generally under a nonrecourse basis where the principal source of payment for Sterling is through the collection of the receivable from our client s customer whose credit has been approved by Sterling following a rigorous review process. Also, with collection factoring, Sterling has credit default insurance with a nationally recognized insurance company to provide it with protection against customer default.

Commercial Real Estate

Sterling offers a range of commercial real estate lending including financing on commercial buildings, retail properties and mixed use properties. Loans are predicated on the cash flow of the property, the value of the property determined by an independent appraisal and the strength of personal guarantees if any. Loans are made at fixed or floating rates. Floating rate loans are based on the prime rate. Fixed rate loans are tied to Treasury or FHLB benchmarks and other indices.

Commercial real estate loans are subject to underwriting standards and processes similar to commercial and industrial loans, in addition to those of real estate loans. These loans are viewed primarily as cash flow loans and secondarily as loans secured by real estate. Commercial real estate lending typically involves higher loan principal amounts and the repayment of these loans is generally dependent on the successful operation of the property securing the loan or the business conducted on the property securing the loan. Commercial real estate loans may be more adversely affected by conditions in the real estate markets or in the general economy. The properties securing the Company s real estate portfolio are diverse in terms of type and geographic location. This diversity helps reduce the Company s exposure to adverse economic events that affect any single market or industry. Management monitors and evaluates commercial real estate loans based on collateral, geographic and risk grade criteria.

With respect to loans to developers and builders that are secured by non-owner occupied properties that the Company may originate from time to time, the Company generally requires the borrower to have had an existing relationship with the Company and have a record of success. Construction loans are underwritten utilizing feasibility studies, independent appraisal reviews, sensitivity analysis of absorption and lease rates and financial analysis of the developers and property owners. Construction loans are generally based upon estimates of costs and value associated with funds, with repayment substantially dependent on the success of the ultimate project. Sources of repayment for these types of loans may be pre-committed permanent loans from approved long-term lenders, sales of developed property or an interim loan commitment from the Company until permanent financing is obtained. These loans are closely monitored by on-site inspections and are considered to have higher risks than other real estate loans due to their ultimate repayment being sensitive to timely completion of the project, interest rate changes, government regulation of real property, general economic conditions and the availability of long-term financing.

Equipment Financing

Sterling engages in direct and indirect lease financing. Direct lease financing is when requests for financing originate with an end user seeking to finance equipment for up to 60 months. Indirect lease finance arises through relationships with equipment financing brokers. In both cases, credit approval is based upon on a full underwriting process that involves the submission of financial and other information, including the applicant s historical performance, cash flow projections and value of equipment, and for customers who are not public entities, Sterling generally obtains the personal guarantees of the principals of the entities.

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Residential Mortgage

Residential mortgage loans, principally on single-family residences, are made primarily for re-sale into the secondary market. Offering both fixed and adjustable rate residential mortgage loan products, mortgages are focused on conforming credit, government insured FHA and other high-quality loan products. Jumbo loans are also originated for sale into the secondary market, or brokered to third-party providers.

The ability of borrowers to service debt in the residential mortgage loan portfolios is generally subject to personal income which may be impacted by general economic conditions, such as increased unemployment levels. These loans are predominantly collateralized by first and second liens on single family properties. If a borrower cannot maintain the loan, the Company s ability to recover against the collateral in sufficient amount and in a timely manner may be significantly influenced by market, legal and regulatory conditions.

Concentrations of Credit

There are no industry concentrations (exceeding 10% of loans, gross) of loans held in portfolio. Approximately 69.5% of loans are to borrowers located in the New York metropolitan area. A further deterioration in economic conditions within the region, including a decline in real estate values, higher unemployment and other factors which could adversely impact small and mid-sized businesses, could have a significant adverse impact on the quality of the Company s loan portfolio. In addition, a decline in real estate values and higher unemployment within the mid-Atlantic region and North Carolina could adversely impact the Company s residential real estate loan portfolio.

Approximately 21.1% or \$13.2 million and 19.1% or \$12.0 million of the Company s net interest income and noninterest income are related to real estate lending for the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Real estate prices in the U.S. market decreased during 2010 and have continued to decrease in 2011. Continuing declines in real estate values could necessitate charge-offs in our mortgage loan portfolio that may impact our operating results. In addition, a sustained period of declining real estate values combined with the continued turbulence in the financial and credit markets would continue to limit our mortgage-related revenues.

As of June 30, 2011, approximately 66.9% of the Company s loan portfolio consisted of commercial and industrial, factored receivables, construction and commercial real estate loans. Because the Company s loan portfolio contains a number of commercial and industrial, construction and commercial real estate loans with relatively large balances, the deterioration of one or a few of these loans could cause a significant increase in non-performing loans.

Related Party Loans

Loans are made to officers or directors (including their immediate families) of the Company or for the benefit of corporations in which they have a beneficial interest subject to applicable regulations. There were no outstanding balances on such loans in excess of \$60 thousand to any individual or entity at June 30, 2011 or 2010.

Nonperforming Loans

Nonaccrual loans are those on which the accrual of interest has ceased. Loans, including loans that are individually identified as being impaired under FASB Codification Topic 310: *Receivables*, are generally placed on nonaccrual status immediately if, in the opinion of management, principal or interest is not likely to be paid in accordance with the terms of the loan agreement, or when principal or interest is past due 90 days or more and collateral, if any, is insufficient to cover principal and interest.

Interest accrued but not collected at the date a loan is placed on nonaccrual status is reversed against interest income. Interest income is recognized on nonaccrual loans only to the extent received in cash. Where there is doubt regarding the ultimate collectibility of the loan principal, cash receipts, whether designated as principal or interest, are thereafter applied to reduce the carrying value of the loan. Loans are restored to accrual status when interest and principal payments are brought current and future payments are reasonably assured.

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The following table sets forth the amount of nonaccrual loans of the Company as of the dates indicated:

		De	ecember
	me 30, 2011		31, 2010
Commercial & industrial	\$ 890	\$	1,014
Equipment financing receivables	412		892
Factored receivables			
Real estate residential mortgage	1,313		1,614
Real estate commercial mortgage	3,124		3,124
Real estate construction and land development			
Loans to individuals			
Total nonaccrual loans	\$ 5,739	\$	6,644

The following table provides information regarding the past due status of loans held in portfolio:

	D	30 59 avs Past		60 89 ays Past		90 & ver Past	т.	otal Past				90 8	EMO & Over d Still
June 30, 2011	D	ays rast Due	Da	Due	-	Due	10	Due	Current	T	otal Loans		ruing
Commercial and industrial	\$	16,184	\$	3,731	\$	892	\$	20,807	\$ 620,986	\$	641,793	\$	2
Equipment financing receivables		947		528		412		1,887	142,590		144,477		
Factored receivables		1,357		371		247		1,975	164,301		166,276		247
Real estate residential mortgage portfolio		2,810		1,286		1,313		5,409	140,782		146,191		
Real estate commercial mortgage						3,124		3,124	95,897		99,021		
Real estate construction and land													
development		551						551	22,344		22,895		
Loans to individuals		6						6	10,951		10,957		
Loans to depository institutions									3,086		3,086		
Loans to nondepository financial													
institutions									129,513		129,513		
Total loans, net of unearned discount	\$	21,855	\$	5,916	\$	5,988	\$	33,759	\$ 1,330,450	\$	1,364,209	\$	249
December 31, 2010													
Commercial and industrial	\$	16,899	\$	4,693	\$	1,015	\$	22,607	\$ 595,616	\$	618,223	\$	1
Equipment financing receivables		1,399		579		958		2,936	141,299		144,235		66
Factored receivables		3,321		662		247		4,230	157,559		161,789		247
Real estate residential mortgage portfolio		3,297		2,515		1,614		7,426	120,269		127,695		
Real estate commercial mortgage		9,626				3,124		12,750	84,241		96,991		
Real estate construction and land													
development									25,624		25,624		
Loans to individuals		52						52	11,318		11,370		
Loans to depository institutions									15,425		15,425		
Loans to nondepository financial													
institutions									112,882		112,882		
Total loans, net of unearned discount	\$	34,594	\$	8,449	\$	6,958	\$	50,001	\$ 1,264,233	\$	1,314,234	\$	314
Impaired Loans													

Management considers a loan to be impaired when, based on current information and events, it is determined that the Company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the loan contract, including scheduled interest payments. Determination of impairment is treated the same across all classes of loans on a loan-by-loan basis. When management identifies a loan as impaired, the impairment is measured based on the present value of expected future cash flows, discounted at the loan s effective interest rate, except when the sole remaining source of repayment of the loan is the operation or liquidation of the collateral. In these cases management uses the current fair value of the collateral, less selling costs when foreclosure is probable, instead of discounted cash flows.

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If management determines that the value of the impaired loan is less than the recorded investment in the loan (net of previous charge-offs, deferred loan fees or costs and unamortized premium or discount), impairment is recognized through an allowance estimate or a charge-off to the allowance.

When the ultimate collectibility of the total principal of an impaired loan is in doubt and the loan is on nonaccrual status, all payments are applied to principal, under the cost recovery method. When the ultimate collectibility of the total principal of an impaired loan is not in doubt and the loan is on nonaccrual status, contractual interest is credited to interest income when received, under the cash basis method. Impaired loans, or portions thereof, are charged off when deemed uncollectible.

The following tables include the recorded investment and unpaid principal balances for impaired financing receivables with the associated allowance amount, if applicable.

June 30, 2011	Inve	ecorded stment in npaired Loans	Bala: With	Principal Balance With No Allowance		Unpaid Principal Balance With Related Allowance Allowance		R Invo Ir	ecorded estment in mpaired Loans	In Reco	terest come ognized npaired oans	
Commercial and industrial	\$	2,948	\$		\$	5,063	\$	521	\$	2,459	\$	40
Equipment financing receivables		226				226		20		277		6
Factored receivables												
Real estate residential mortgage		4,539				4,625		1,142		4,725		153
Real estate commercial mortgage		3,124				3,124		1,113		3,124		
Real estate construction and land												
development												
Loans to individuals												
Loans to depository institutions												
Loans to nondepository financial												
institutions												
Total	\$	10,837	\$		\$	13,038	\$	2,796	\$	10,585	\$	199
D 1 21 2010												
December 31, 2010	Φ	2.226	Ф	504	Ф	4.042	Ф	(05	ф	1 500		
Commercial and industrial	\$	2,236	\$	584	\$	4,243	\$	605	\$	1,598		
Equipment financing receivables Factored receivables		414				414		33		1,095		
		4,904				4,990		1,104		3,681		
Real estate residential mortgage Real estate commercial mortgage		3,124				3,124		1,104		1,725		
Real estate construction and land		3,124				3,124		1,100		1,723		
development												
Loans to individuals												
Loans to depository institutions												
Loans to depository financial												
institutions												
Total	\$	10,678	\$	584	\$	12,771	\$	2,842	\$	8,099		
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The average recorded investment and interest income recognized on impaired loans for the three months ended June 30, 2011 amounted to \$10.5 million and \$123 thousand, respectively.

The Company had troubled debt restructured loans (TDRs) totalling \$6.3 million as of June 30, 2011. TDRs of \$4.8 million were included in impaired loans, of which \$0.6 million are in nonaccrual status. The remaining TDRs are in accrual status since they are performing in accordance with the restructured terms. There are no commitments to lend additional funds on these loans.

Credit Quality Indicators

As part of the ongoing monitoring of the credit quality of the Company s loan portfolio, management tracks certain credit quality indicators including trends related to (i) the risk grade of loans, (ii) the level of classified loans, (iii) charge-offs, (iv) nonperforming loans and (v) the

general economic conditions in the New York metropolitan area.

The Company categorizes loans into risk categories based on relevant information about the ability of borrowers to service their debt, such as: current financial information, historical payment experience, credit documentation, public information, and current economic trends, among other factors. The Company has a process for analyzing non-homogeneous loans, such as commercial and industrial and commercial real estate loans, individually by grading the loans based on credit risk. This analysis occurs at varying times based on the type of loan as well as the loan balance and occurs at least once every 18 months for those loans greater than \$500,000.

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For homogeneous loan pools, such as residential mortgages, leases and consumer loans, the Company uses payment status to identify the credit risk in these loan portfolios. Payment status is reviewed on a daily basis by the Company s personnel and on a monthly basis with respect to determining the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses. The payment status of these homogeneous pools at June 30, 2011 is included in the aging of the recorded investment of past due loans table above. In addition, the total nonperforming portion of these homogeneous loan pools at March 31, 2011 is presented in the recorded investment in nonaccrual loans table above.

The Company utilizes a risk grading matrix to assign a risk grade to each of its commercial loans. Loans under \$100,000 are not risk rated. Loans are graded on a scale of 1 to 9. A description of the general characteristics of the 9 risk grades is as follows:

Risk Rating 1 & 2/High Quality/Minimal Risk These loans are well secured by liquid or high quality, diversified, and readily marketable securities within the bank s defined margin requirements including cash surrender value of life insurance, or loans to strong privately held obligors secured by real estate with satisfactory loan to value, and support guarantors. They could include loans to publicly traded entities with strong credit ratings (A-1 or better) with Moody s or Standard & Poor s.

Risk Rating 3 & 4/Very Good/Good Quality These loans can be either unsecured or secured (with monthly monitoring of Accounts Receivable and/or Inventory) to adequately or moderately capitalized privately held obligors with satisfactory sales, revenue, earnings trends, cash flow, and leverage. These secured loans may be monitored in the Asset Based Lending or the Factoring Department to include control of cash receipts and defined formula advances. These categories could include loans to publicly traded entities with credit ratings of A-3 or lower by Moody s or Standard & Poor s.

Risk Rating 5/Watch List These loans are to companies with uneven financial performance containing exceptions to loan policy without mitigating factors. These loans may exist when the obligors experience temporary credit and/or structural deficiencies. Such credits have not been criticized by Loan Review. Close supervision is warranted to avoid further deterioration.

Risk Rating 6/Special Mention (OCC Definition) Other Assets Especially Mentioned (OAEM) are loans that are currently protected but are potentially weak. Special Mention ratings have potential weaknesses which may, if not checked or corrected, weaken the asset or inadequately protect the bank s credit position at some future date. Such assets constitute an undue and unwarranted credit risk but not to the point of justifying a classification of substandard. The credit risk may be relatively minor yet constitute an unwarranted risk in light of the circumstances surrounding a specific asset.

Risk Rating 7/Substandard (OCC Definition) These loans are inadequately protected by the current sound worth and paying capacity of the obligor or of the collateral pledged, if any. Assets so classified must have a well-defined weakness that jeopardizes the liquidation of the debt. They are characterized by the distinct possibility that the Bank will sustain some loss if the deficiencies are not corrected. Loss potential, while existing in the aggregate amount of substandard assets, does not have to exist in individual assets classified as substandard.

Risk Rating 8/Doubtful (OCC Definition) These loans have all the weakness inherent in one classified as substandard with the added characteristics that the weakness makes collection or liquidation in full, on the basis of currently existing facts, conditions, and values, highly questionable and improbable. The possibility of loss is extremely high, but because of certain important and reasonably specific pending factors which may work to the advantage and strengthening of the asset, its classification as an estimated loss is deferred until its more exact status may be determined. Pending factors include proposed merger, acquisition, or liquidating procedures, capital injection, perfecting liens or additional collateral and refinancing plans.

Risk Rating 9/Loss (OCC Definition) These loans are classified as Loss and charged off because they are determined to be uncollectible and unbankable assets. This classification does not mean that the asset has absolutely no recovery or salvage value, but rather it is not practical or desirable to defer writing off this basically worthless asset even though partial recovery may be effected in the future. The bank should not be allowed to attempt long-term recoveries while the asset remains booked. Losses should be taken in the period in which they are determined to be uncollectible.

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The following table presents weighted average risk grades and classified loans by class of commercial loan. Classified loans include loans in Risk Grades 6, 7 and 8.

	June 3 Weighted	0, 2011		Decembe Weighted	r 31, 2	2010
	Average Risk Grade		nssified Loans	Average Risk Grade	_	lassified Loans
Commercial and industrial	3.35	\$	6,017	3.32	\$	3,450
Factored receivables	2.76			2.76		
Real estate commercial mortgage	3.56		9,693	3.36		3,124
Real estate construction and land development	2.49		8,516	4.55		5,249
Loans to depository institutions	3.00			3.00		
Loans to nondepository financial institutions	3.10		103	3.06		
Total	3.29	\$	24,329	3.24	\$	11,823

Allowance for Loan Losses

The allowance reflects management s best estimate of probable losses within the existing loan portfolio and of the risk inherent in various components of the loan portfolio. The allowance, in the judgment of management, is necessary to reserve for estimated loan losses and risk inherent in the loan portfolio. Additions to the allowance for loan losses are made by charges to the provision for loan losses. Credit exposures deemed to be uncollectible are charged against the allowance for loan losses. Recoveries of previously charged-off amounts are credited to the allowance for loan losses.

The Company s allowance for loan loss methodology is based on guidance provided by the Interagency Policy Statement on the Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses issued by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve system, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the National Credit Union Administration and the Office of Thrift Supervision in December 2006 and includes an allowance allocation calculated in accordance with U.S. GAAP guidance in FASB Codification Topic 310: *Receivables* and allowance allocations calculated in accordance with FASB Codification Topic 450: *Contingencies*. Accordingly, the methodology is based on historical loss experience by type of credit and internal risk grade, specific homogeneous risk pools and specific loss allocations, with adjustments for current events and conditions.

The level of the allowance for loan losses relies on a consistent process that requires multiple layers of management review and judgment and of industry concentrations, specific credit risks, loan loss experience, current loan portfolio quality, present economic, political and regulatory conditions and unidentified losses inherent in the current loan portfolio. Portions of the allowance may be allocated to specific credits; however, the entire allowance is available for any credit that, in management s judgment, should be charged off. While management utilizes its best judgment and information available, the ultimate adequacy of the allowance is dependent upon a variety of factors beyond the Company s control, including, among other things, the performance of the Company s loan portfolio, the economy, changes in interest rates and the view of the regulatory authorities toward loan classifications.

The Company s allowance for loan losses includes (1) specific valuation allowances for impaired loans evaluated in accordance with FASB Codification Topic 310: *Receivables*; (2) formulaic allowances based on historical loss experience by loan category, adjusted, as necessary, to reflect the impact of current conditions; and (3) unallocated general valuation allowances determined in accordance with FASB Codification Topic 450: *Contingencies* based on general economic conditions and other qualitative risk factors both internal and external to the Company.

The allowance established for losses on specific loans is based on a regular analysis and evaluation of problem loans. Loans are classified based on an internal credit risk grading process that evaluates, among other things: (i) the obligor s ability to repay; (ii) the underlying collateral, if any; and (iii) the economic environment and industry in which the borrower operates. This analysis is performed at the relationship manager level for all loans. When a loan has a calculated grade of 6 or higher, an analysis is performed to determine whether the loan is impaired and, if impaired, the need to specifically allocate a portion of the allowance for loan losses to the loan. Specific valuation allowances are determined by analyzing the borrower s ability to repay amounts owed, collateral deficiencies, the relative risk grade of the loan and economic conditions affecting the borrower s industry, among other things.

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Historical valuation allowances are calculated based on the historical loss experience of specific types of loans and the internal risk grade of such loans at the time they were charged-off. The Company calculates historical loss ratios for pools of similar loans with similar characteristics based on the portion of actual charge-offs experienced to the total population of loans in the pool. The historical loss ratios are periodically updated based on actual charge-off experience. A historical valuation allowance is established for each pool of similar loans based upon the product of the historical loss ratio and the total dollar amount of the loans in the pool. During 2010, the Company revised its historical loss ratio calculation to reflect a five year history from a ten year history to reflect the current loss experience.

The Company s pool of similar loans includes similarly risk-graded groups of commercial and industrial loans, commercial real estate loans, residential real estate loans and consumer and other loans.

General valuation allowances are based on general economic conditions and other qualitative risk factors both internal and external to the Company. In general, such valuation allowances are determined by evaluating, among other things:

Estimated future losses in all significant loans

Existence and effect of any concentrations of credit

Existence and effect of any geographic concentration

Other external factors such as competition, legal matters or regulation that may affect risk

Effect of criticized and classified loans

Effects from risk arising with international lending

Effectiveness of internal problem loan identification and risk ratings

Trends in portfolio volume, maturity and compositions of loans within segments

Volumes and trends in delinquencies and nonaccrual loans

Changes in the quality of lending policies and procedures

Changes in local and national economic conditions

Experience, ability and depth of lending staff

Changes in value of underlying collateral

Management evaluates the degree of risk that each one of these components has on the quality of the loan portfolio on a quarterly basis. Each component is determined based on degree of risk. The results are then input into a general allocation matrix to determine an appropriate general valuation allowance.

Included in the general valuation allowances are allocations for groups of similar loans with risk characteristics that exceed certain concentration limits established by management. Concentration risk limits have been established, among other things, for certain industry concentrations, large and highly leveraged credit relationships that exceed specified risk grades, and loans originated with policy exceptions that exceed specified risk grades.

Loans are generally charged-off at the earlier of when it is determined that collection efforts are no longer productive or when they have been identified as losses by management, internal loan review and/or bank examiners. Furthermore, equipment financing receivables and revolving credit lines to small businesses are charged-off at the earlier of when payments are 120 days past due or when it is determined that collection efforts are no longer productive.

Factors considered in determining whether collection efforts are no longer productive include any amounts currently being collected, the status of discussions or negotiations with the lessee/borrower, the principal and/or guarantors, the cost of continuing efforts to collect, the status of any foreclosure or other legal actions, the value of the collateral, and any other pertinent factors.

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The following table presents the activity in the allowance for loan losses by portfolio segment:

Three Months Ended June 30, 2011	Begiı	lance, nning of eriod	narge- offs ^[1]		(Recov	reries)	Cl	Net narge- ffs ^[1]		fo	ovision r Loan osses]	alance, End of Period
Commercial and industrial	\$	7,479	\$ 719		\$	(10)	\$	709		\$	737	\$	7,507
Equipment financing receivables		3,055	2,329			(773)		1,556			1,835		3,334
Factored receivables		1,340	36			(11)		25			45		1,360
Real estate residential mortgage													
(portfolio)		2,596	215	[1]				215	[1]		411		2,792
Real estate commercial mortgage		2,285									41		2,326
Real estate construction and land													
development		286									(5)		281
Loans to individuals		116									(12)		104
Loans to depository institutions		77									(68)		9
Loans to nondepository finanical													
institutions		664									48		712
Unallocated		142									(32)		110
Total	\$	18,040	\$ 3,299	[1]	\$	(794)	\$	2,505	[1]	\$	3,000	\$	18,535

Six Months Ended June 30, 2011	Bala Beginr Per	ning of	arge- ffs ^[1]		(Rec	eoveries)	Cl	Net narge- ffs ^[1]		for	vision Loan osses]	alance, End of Period
Commercial and industrial	\$	7,454	\$ 888		\$	(30)	\$	858		\$	911	\$	7,507
Equipment financing receivables		3,423	6,105			(1,696)		4,409			4,320		3,334
Factored receivables		1,424	168			(32)		136			72		1,360
Real estate residential mortgage													
(portfolio)		2,497	463	[1]		(163)		300	[1]		595		2,792
Real estate commercial mortgage		2,275									51		2,326
Real estate construction and land													
development		310									(29)		281
Loans to individuals		119									(15)		104
Loans to depository institutions		46									(37)		9
Loans to nondepository finanical													
institutions		564									148		712
Unallocated		126									(16)		110
Total	\$	18,238	\$ 7,624	[1]	\$	(1,921)	\$	5,703	[1]	\$	6,000	\$	18,535

^[1] Includes losses on transfers to OREO

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The following table presents the activity in the allowance for loan losses:

		ee Months Ended e 30, 2010		nths Ended 30, 2010
Allowance for loan losses:				
Balance at beginning of period	\$	19,963	\$	19,872
Charge-offs:				
Commercial and industrial		1,073		1,923
Equipment financing receivables		4,065		9,048
Factored receivables		88		239
Real estate residential mortgage		33		98
Real estate commercial mortgage				129
Real estate construction and land development				
Loans to individuals		42		63
Total charge-offs		5,301		11,500
Recoveries:				
Commercial and industrial		5		220
Equipment financing receivables		178		283
Factored receivables		167		176
Real estate residential mortgage				
Real estate commercial mortgage				
Real estate construction and land development				
Loans to individuals				
Total recoveries		350		679
Subtract:				
Net charge-offs		4,951		10,821
Provision for loan losses		5,500		11,500
Less loss on transfers to other real estate owned				39
Balance at end of period	\$	20,512	\$	20,512
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The following table presents the balance in the allowance for loan losses and the recorded investment in loans by portfolio segment and based on impairment method as of June 30, 2011:

		Loans E	valu	e Balance At ated for Imp		Loan Balances Evaluated for Impairment						
	Indiv	idually	C	ollectively	Total	Ind	ividually	ly Collectively			Total	
Commercial and industrial	\$	521	\$	6,986	\$ 7,507	\$	2,948	\$	638,845	\$	641,793	
Equipment financing receivables		20		3,314	3,334		226		144,251		144,477	
Factored receivables				1,360	1,360				166,276		166,276	
Real estate residential mortgage (portfolio)		1,142		1,650	2,792		4,539		141,652		146,191	
Real estate commercial mortgage		1,113		1,213	2,326		3,124		95,897		99,021	
Real estate construction and land development				281	281				22,895		22,895	
Loans to individuals				104	104				10,957		10,957	
Loans to depository institutions				9	9				3,086		3,086	
Loans to nondepository financial institutions				712	712				129,513		129,513	
Unallocated				110	110							
Total	\$	2,796	\$	15,739	\$ 18,535	\$	10,837	\$	1,353,372	\$	1,364,209	
				28								

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Note 4. Federal Home Loan Bank Advances

During the 2011 first quarter, the bank restructured a portion of its Federal Home Loan Bank fixed rate advances by repaying \$100 million of existing borrowings and replacing them with \$100 million of lower cost, floating rate advances. This transaction resulted in \$4.2 million in prepayment penalties that were deferred and will be recognized in interest expense as an adjustment to the cost of these borrowings in future periods. The existing borrowings were a combination of fixed rate and amortizing advances with an average cost of 2.58% and an average duration of 3.2 years. The new borrowings are all floating-rate advances with an average cost of 1.58%, including the deferred adjustment, with an average duration of three months. The relevant accounting treatment for this transaction was an interpretation of the guidance provided in ASC 470-50. This transaction was executed as an earnings and interest rate risk strategy, resulting in lower FHLB advance costs and a reduction of average duration.

Note 5. Preferred Stock

On April 27, 2011, the parent company paid \$42.4 million to the U.S. Treasury for the repurchase in full of the Treasury s investment in 42,000 shares of the parent company s Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Shares, Series A, liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share (the Preferred Shares), issued under the provisions of the TARP Capital Purchase Program. As a result of this action, the Preferred Shares were redeemed in full, eliminating an annual dividend of \$2.1 million. In this connection, in determining net income available to common shareholders, the Company recognized in the second quarter a \$1.2 million charge for accelerated accretion which represents the difference between the carrying value and the liquidation value for the repurchased Preferred Shares.

On May 18, 2011, the parent company completed the repurchase of a warrant held by the U.S. Treasury. The ten-year warrant was issued on December 23, 2008 as part of the parent company s participation in the U.S. Treasury s TARP Capital Purchase Program, and entitled the U.S. Treasury to purchase 516,817 common shares of the parent company at an exercise price of \$12.19 per share. The parent company paid approximately \$0.95 million to the U.S. Treasury to repurchase the warrant. The parent company s repurchase of the warrant concluded its participation in the TARP Capital Purchase Program.

Note 6. Common Shares and Stock Incentive Plan

On March 9, 2011, the Company completed an underwritten public offering of 4.025 million common shares at an offering price of \$9.60 per share, which resulted in net proceeds of \$36.5 million after underwriting discounts and expenses.

On March 24, 2011, the Board of Directors, upon recommendation by the Compensation and Corporate Governance Committees, granted a total of 20,000 shares of restricted stock to the eight non-management directors (director restricted shares) and 41,565 restricted shares to the Chairman, President and five Executive Vice Presidents (officer restricted shares). The director restricted shares will vest 25% annually over four years beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date. The officer restricted shares vest 50% on the second anniversary of the grant date and 25% on each of the third and fourth anniversaries of the grant date and had been limited by the 2008 agreement between the Company and the U.S. Treasury until the Preferred Shares were redeemed on April 27, 2011. The director restricted shares and the officer restricted shares were issued at \$9.71 per share, the closing price on the date of the grant. The agreements for both the director restricted shares and the officer restricted shares have additional provisions regarding transferability and accelerated vesting of the shares and the continuation of performing substantial services for the Company.

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Note 7. Other noninterest income and expenses

The following tables set forth the significant components of other noninterest income and other noninterest expenses:

	Three Moi Jun	nths E	nded	Six Months Ended June 30,			
	2011		2010	2011		2010	
OTHER NONINTEREST INCOME							
Trade finance income	\$ 540	\$	501	\$ 1,128	\$	993	
Other customer related fees	241		193	421		367	
Trust fees			82	53		166	
Income from life insurance policies	297		296	572		560	
Gain on other real estate owned	5		15	5		28	
Other income	274		538	977		834	
Total other noninterest income	\$ 1,357	\$	1,625	\$ 3,156	\$	2,948	
OTHER NONINTEREST EXPENSES							
Advertising and marketing	\$ 873	\$	678	\$ 1,298	\$	1,684	
Communications	474		562	884		910	
Other expenses	2,333		2,396	4,667		4,569	
Total other noninterest expenses	\$ 3,680	\$	3,636	\$ 6,849	\$	7,163	
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Note 8. Employee Benefit Plans

The following table sets forth the components of net periodic benefit cost for the Company s noncontributory defined benefit pension plan and unfunded supplemental retirement plan.

	Three Mon	ths E	anded		Six Months Ended June 30,				
	June	e 30 ,							
	2011	011			2011		2010		
Service Cost	\$ 544	\$	573	\$	1,089	\$	1,138		
Interest Cost	895		959		1,790		1,897		
Expected return on plan assets	(771)		(789)		(1,543)		(1,578)		
Amortization of prior service cost	16		16		32		33		
Recognized actuarial loss	700		775		1,400		1,531		
Net periodic benefit cost	\$ 1,384	\$	1,534	\$	2,768	\$	3,021		

The Company expects to contribute approximately \$2.0 million to the defined benefit pension plan in 2011.

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Note 9. Income Taxes

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has completed its examination of the Company s federal tax returns for the years 2002 through 2004 and has issued a report disallowing certain bad debt deductions arising from the worthlessness of loans made to customers. The Company, assisted by outside counsel, has prepared a written protest which vigorously challenges all of the IRS findings and the Company will exercise its right to a conference with the Appeals Office of the IRS to discuss the issues and arguments raised in the Company s protest. The Company and its outside counsel believe that the bad debt deductions were proper and that the position of the IRS is unsupportable as a matter of fact and law.

Note 10. Segment Reporting

The Company provides a broad range of financial products and services, including commercial loans, asset-based financing, mortgage warehouse lending, factoring and accounts receivable management services, trade financing, equipment leasing, commercial and residential mortgage lending and brokerage, and corporate and consumer deposit services. The Company s primary source of earnings is net interest income, which represents the difference between interest earned on interest-earning assets and the interest incurred on interest-bearing liabilities. The Company s 2011 year-to-date average interest-earning assets were 58.4% loans (corporate lending was 74.5% and real estate lending was 22.2% of total loans, respectively) and 41.2% investment securities and money market investments. There are no industry concentrations exceeding 10% of loans, gross, in the corporate lending segment. Approximately 69.5% of loans are to borrowers located in the New York metropolitan area. In order to comply with the segment reporting guidance under U.S. GAAP, the Company has determined that it has three reportable operating segments: corporate lending, real estate lending and company-wide treasury.

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The following tables provide certain information regarding the Company s operating segments:

	Corporate Lending	Real Estate Lending (in thous		mpany-wide Treasury	Totals
Three Months Ended June 30, 2011					
Net interest income	\$ 10,486	\$ 4,725	\$	5,479	\$ 20,690
Noninterest income	8,262	1,607		947	10,816
Depreciation and amortization	193	24		1	218
Segment income before income taxes	7,083	3,445		6,163	16,691
Segment assets	936,489	456,656		1,127,697	2,520,842
Three Months Ended June 30, 2010					
Net interest income	\$ 10,655	\$ 4,322	\$	5,342	\$ 20,319
Noninterest income	8,715	1,748		772	11,235
Depreciation and amortization	180	30		1	211
Segment income before income taxes	7,715	3,598		6,946	18,259
Segment assets	874,372	408,070		957,612	2,240,054
Six Months Ended June 30, 2011					
Net interest income	\$ 20,111	\$ 9,412	\$	10,374	\$ 39,897
Noninterest income	15,895	3,790		2,477	22,162
Depreciation and amortization	392	48		2	442
Segment income before income taxes	12,604	7,419		12,332	32,355
Segment assets	936,489	456,656		1,127,697	2,520,842
Six Months Ended June 30, 2010					
Net interest income	\$ 18,850	\$ 8,540	\$	12,606	\$ 39,996
Noninterest income	15,654	3,450		3,110	22,214
Depreciation and amortization	354	58		2	414
Segment income before income taxes	14,042	7,019		14,979	36,040
Segment assets	874,372	408,070		957,612	2,240,054

The following table sets forth reconciliations of net interest income, noninterest income, income before taxes, and assets of reportable operating segments to the Company s consolidated total:

	Three Mor June	nded	Six Months Ended June 30,				
	2011	2010		2011		2010	
		(in thou	ısands	s)			
Net interest income:							
Total for reportable operating segments	\$ 20,690	\$ 20,319	\$	39,897	\$	39,996	
Other [1]	227	219		449		437	
Consolidated net interest income	\$ 20,917	\$ 20,538	\$	40,346	\$	40,433	
Noninterest income:							
Total for reportable operating segments	\$ 10,816	\$ 11,235	\$	22,162	\$	22,214	
Other [1]	52	126		148		249	
Consolidated noninterest income	\$ 10,868	\$ 11,361	\$	22,310	\$	22,463	
Income before taxes:							
Total for reportable operating segments	\$ 16,691	\$ 18,259	\$	32,355	\$	36,040	
Other [1]	(11,352)	(13,999)		(21,598)		(28,119)	
Consolidated income before income taxes	\$ 5,339	\$ 4,260	\$	10,757	\$	7,921	

Assets:				
Total for reportable operating segments	\$ 2,520,842	\$ 2,240,054	\$ 2,520,842	\$ 2,240,054
Other [1]	61,242	44,254	61,242	44,254
Consolidated assets	\$ 2,582,084	\$ 2,284,308	\$ 2,582,084	\$ 2,284,308

[1] Represents operations not considered to be a reportable segment and/or general operating expenses of the Company.

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Note 11. Other Comprehensive Income

Information related to the components of other comprehensive income included in accumulated other comprehensive loss is as follows with related tax effects:

		Three Mor June 2011		Ended 2010		Six Months Ended June 30, 2011 2010			
		2011		2010		2011		2010	
Other Comprehensive Income									
Unrealized holding gains on securities, arising during the period:									
Before tax	\$	1,702	\$	1,731	\$	2,395	\$	3,954	
Tax effect		(773)		(785)		(1,087)		(1,794)	
Net of tax		929		946		1,308		2,160	
Reclassification adjustment for securities gains included in net income	:								
Before tax		(380)		(746)		(1,109)		(2,248)	
Tax effect		172 338				503		1,020	
Net of tax		(208)		(408)		(606)		(1,228)	
Reclassification adjustment for amortization of prior service cost:									
Before tax		16		16		32		33	
Tax effect		(8)		(7)		(15)		(15)	
Net of tax		8		9		17		18	
Reclassification adjustment for amortization of net actuarial losses:		712		77.5		1 405		1.501	
Before tax		713		775		1,425		1,531	
Tax effect		(323)		(351)		(646)		(694)	
Net of tax		390		424		779		837	
Other community in the second	ď	1 110	¢	071	¢	1 400	¢	1 707	
Other comprehensive income	\$	1,119	\$	971	\$	1,498	\$	1,787	
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Note 12. Fair Value Measurements

The fair value of an asset or liability is the price that would be received to sell that asset or paid to transfer that liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. A fair value measurement assumes that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability occurs in the principal market for the asset or liability or, in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market for the asset or liability. The price in the principal (or most advantageous) market used to measure the fair value of the asset or liability shall not be adjusted for transaction costs. An orderly transaction is a transaction that assumes exposure to the market for a period prior to the measurement date to allow for marketing activities that are usual and customary for transactions involving such assets and liabilities; it is not a forced transaction. Market participants are buyers and sellers in the principal market that are independent, knowledgeable, able to transact and willing to transact.

FASB Codification Topic 820: Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures establishes a hierarchy for valuation inputs that gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs. The fair values hierarchy is as follows:

Level 1 Inputs - Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date. Examples of financial instruments generally included in this level are U.S. Treasury securities, equity and trust preferred securities that trade in active markets and listed derivative instruments.

Level 2 Inputs - Inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. These might include 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, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability (such as interest rates, volatilities, prepayment speeds, credit risks, etc.) or inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by market data by correlation or other means. Examples of financial instruments generally included in this level are corporate debt, mortgage-backed certificates issued by U.S. government corporations and government sponsored enterprises, equity securities that trade in less active markets and certain derivative instruments.

Level 3 Inputs - Unobservable inputs for determining the fair values of assets or liabilities that reflect an entity s own judgments about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the assets or liabilities. Examples of financial instruments generally included in this level are private equities, certain loans held for sale and other alternative investments.

Fair value of securities is based upon quoted market prices, where available (level 1 inputs). If such quoted market prices are not available, fair value is based upon market prices determined by an outside, independent entity that primarily uses as inputs, observable market-based parameters (level 2 inputs). Fair value of loans held for sale is based upon internally developed models that primarily use as inputs, observable market-based parameters. Valuation adjustments may be made to ensure that financial instruments are recorded at fair value. These adjustments may include amounts to reflect counterparty credit quality, the Company's creditworthiness, among other things, as well as unobservable parameters (level 3 inputs). Any such valuation adjustments are applied consistently over time. The Company valuation methodologies may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. While management believes the Company's valuation methodologies are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different estimate of fair value at the reporting date.

Securities available for sale and other investments. Securities classified as available for sale and other investments (included in Other assets on the Consolidated Balance Sheet) are generally reported at fair value utilizing Level 1 and Level 2 inputs. Investments in fixed income securities, exclusive of preferred stock and mortgage-backed securities, are valued based on evaluations provided by Interactive Data Corporation (IDC), a leading global provider of market data information. IDC evaluations represent an exit price or their opinion as to what a buyer would pay for a security, typically in an institutional round lot position in a current sale. IDC seeks to utilize market data and observations in its evaluation service, and gives priority to observable benchmark yields and reported trades. IDC utilizes evaluated pricing techniques that vary by asset class and incorporate available market information; because many fixed income securities do not trade on a daily basis, IDC applies available information through processes such as benchmark curves, benchmarking of similar securities, sector groupings and matrix pricing. Model processes such as option-adjusted spread models are used to value securities that have prepayment features. Substantially all securities available for sale evaluated in this manner are deemed to be Level 2 valuations.

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For mortgage-backed securities issued by U.S. government corporations and government sponsored enterprises, management considers dealer indicative bids in the valuation process. Indicative bids are estimates of value and do not necessarily represent the price at which the dealer would be willing to transact. Such bids are compared to IDC evaluated prices for reasonableness as well as consistency with observable market conditions. All mortgage-backed securities are deemed to be valued based on Level 2 inputs.

Publicly traded common and preferred stocks are valued by reference to the market closing price (last trade) on the measurement date (Level 1 inputs). In the unlikely event that no trade occurred on the measurement date, reference would be made to an indicative bid or the last trade most proximate to the measurement date (Level 2 inputs).

The following table summarizes financial assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis, segregated by the level of the valuation inputs within the fair value hierarchy utilized to measure fair value. There were no financial liabilities measured at fair value. There have been no transfers between level 1 and level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

		evel 1		vel 2	Level 3	То	
June 30, 2011	In	puts	Inp	outs	Inputs	Fa	ir Value
Securities available for sale:							
Obligations of U.S. government corporations and government							
sponsored enterprises	ф		Ф	60.540	Ф	Ф	60.540
Mortgage-backed securities	\$		\$	62,548	\$	\$	62,548
Agency notes				45,160			45,160
Total obligations of U.S. government corporations and government				107.700			107.700
sponsored enterprises				107,708			107,708
Obligations of state and political institutions - New York Bank				25.001			25.001
Qualified		22.226		25,881			25,881
Single-issuer, trust preferred securities		22,326					22,326
Corporate debt securities		4.000		248,136			248,136
Equity and other securities		4,990			_		4,990
Total marketable securities	\$	27,316	\$	381,725	\$	\$	409,041
Other investments	\$	10,914	\$	9,519	\$	\$	20,433
December 31, 2010							
Securities available for sale:							
Obligations of U.S. government corporations and government							
sponsored enterprises							
Mortgage-backed securities	\$		\$	51,983	\$	\$	51,983
Agency notes				100,122			100,122
Total obligations of U.S. government corporations and government							
sponsored enterprises				152,105			152,105
Obligations of state and political institutions - New York Bank							
Qualified				40,044			40,044
Single-issuer, trust preferred securities		3,933					3,933
Corporate debt securities				189,058			189,058
Equity and other securities		4,940					4,940
Total marketable securities	\$	8,873	\$	381,207	\$	\$	390,080
Other investments	\$	11,838	\$	6,760	\$	\$	18,598
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Certain financial assets, such as collateral-dependent impaired loans are measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis; that is, the instruments are not measured at fair value on an ongoing basis but are subject to fair value adjustments in certain circumstances (for example, when there is evidence of impairment). The following table summarizes the period end fair value of financial assets, based on significant unobservable (Level 3) inputs, measured on a non-recurring basis:

	=	ine 30, 2011	D	December 31, 2010			
Impaired loans	\$	3,311	\$	3,368			
Other real estate owned, net		2.004		182			

Impaired loans. The fair value of impaired loans with specific allocations of the allowance for loan losses is based on recent real estate appraisals. These appraisals may utilize a single valuation approach or a combination of approaches including comparable sales and the income approach. Adjustments are routinely made in the appraisal process by the appraisers to adjust for differences between the comparable sales and income data available. Such adjustments are usually significant and typically result in a Level 3 classification of the inputs for determining fair value.

Other real estate owned. Nonrecurring adjustments to certain residential real estate properties classified as other real estate owned (OREO) are measured at the lower of carrying amount or fair value, less costs to sell. Fair values are generally based on third-party appraisals of the property, resulting in a Level 3 classification. In cases where the carrying amount exceeds the fair value, less costs to sell, an impairment loss is recognized.

Impaired loans at fair value had a recorded investment of \$4.5 million, net of a specific allocation of the allowance for loan losses of \$1.2 million, at June 30, 2011. Two of the impaired loans are commercial real estate loans and one is a commercial and industrial loan. The fair value of these loans is estimated using Level 3 inputs. For the first six months of 2011, the Company recognized no charge-offs in the allowance related to impaired loans.

Other real estate owned (comprised of foreclosed assets), which is measured at the lower of carrying or fair value less costs to sell, had a net carrying amount of \$2.0 million at June 30, 2011. Certain of these assets, upon initial recognition, were re-measured and reported at fair value through a charge-off to the allowance for loan losses based upon the fair value of the foreclosed asset. The fair value of a foreclosed asset, upon initial recognition, is estimated using Level 2 inputs based on observable market data or Level 3 inputs based on customized discount criteria. For the six months ended June 30, 2011, the Company recognized \$5 thousand of charge-offs in connection with the measurement and initial recognition of foreclosed assets; for the year ended December 31, 2010, the Company recognized \$538 thousand. Other than foreclosed assets measured at fair value upon initial recognition, two properties were remeasured at fair value during the year ended December 31, 2010, resulting in a \$233 thousand charge to noninterest expense.

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For those financial instruments that are not recorded at fair value in the Consolidated Balance Sheets, but are measured at fair value for disclosure purposes, management follows the same fair value measurement principles and guidance as for instruments recorded at fair value.

Much of the information used to arrive at fair value is highly subjective and judgmental in nature and therefore the results may not be precise. The subjective factors include, among other things, estimated cash flows, risk characteristics, credit quality, interest rates and other market factors, all of which are subject to change. With the exception of investment securities and certain long-term debt, the Company s financial instruments are not readily marketable and market prices do not exist. Since negotiated prices for the instruments that are not readily marketable depend greatly on the motivation of the buyer and seller, the amounts that will actually be realized or paid per settlement or maturity of these instruments could be significantly different.

In particular, fair value estimates are made at a point in time, based on relevant market data as well as the best information available about the financial instrument. Illiquid credit markets have resulted in inactive markets for certain of the Company s financial instruments. As a result, there is no or limited observable market data for these assets and liabilities. Fair value estimates for financial instruments for which no or limited observable market data is available are based on our judgments regarding current economic conditions, liquidity discounts, currency, credit, and interest rate risks, loss experience and other factors, all of which are Level 3 inputs as discussed above. These estimates involve significant judgments and uncertainties and cannot be substantiated by comparison to quoted prices in active markets and cannot be determined with precision. As a result, such calculated fair value estimates may not be realizable in a current sale or immediate settlement of the instrument. In addition, there are inherent uncertainties in any fair value measurement technique, and changes in the underlying assumptions used in the fair value measurement technique, including discount rates, liquidity risks, and estimates of future cash flows, could significantly affect these fair value estimates.

A description of the methods, factors and significant assumptions utilized in estimating the fair values for significant categories of financial instruments follows:

Financial Instruments with Carrying Amounts Equal to Fair Value

The carrying amounts for cash and due from banks, interest-bearing deposits with other banks, customers liability under acceptances, accrued interest receivable, Federal funds purchased, securities sold under agreements to repurchase, commercial paper, other short-term borrowings, acceptances outstanding, and accrued interest payable, as a result of their short-term nature, are considered to approximate fair value.

Investment Securities

The methods, factors and significant assumptions used to estimate fair values of all securities are described more fully beginning on page 34.

Loans, Net

The fair value of loans, net which reprice within 90 days reflecting changes in the base rate approximate their carrying amount. For other loans held in portfolio, the fair value is calculated based on discounted cash flow analyses, using interest rates currently being offered for loans with similar terms to borrowers of similar credit quality and for similar maturities. These calculations have been adjusted for credit risk based on the Company's historical credit loss experience.

The fair value for secured nonaccrual loans is the value of the underlying collateral which is sufficient to repay each loan. For other nonaccrual loans, the fair value represents book value less a credit risk adjustment based on the Company s historical credit loss experience.

Deposits

FASB Codification Topic 825: *Financial Instruments* requires that the fair value of demand, savings, NOW (negotiable order of withdrawal) and certain money market deposits be equal to their carrying amount. The Company believes that the fair value of these deposits, including the value of deposit relationships, is greater than that prescribed by FASB Codification Topic 825. For other types of deposits with fixed maturities, fair value has been estimated based upon interest rates currently being offered on deposits with similar characteristics and maturities.

Advances FHLB and Long-Term Borrowings

For advances FHLB and long-term borrowings, the fair value is calculated based on discounted cash flow analyses, using interest rates currently being quoted for debt with similar characteristics and maturities.

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Commitments to Extend Credit, Standby Letters of Credit and Financial Guarantees

The fees received for the issuance of commitments to extend credit, standby letters of credit, and financial guarantees, are considered to approximate fair value. Due to the uncertainty involved in attempting to assess the likelihood and timing of a commitment being drawn upon, coupled with lack of an established market and the wide diversity of fee structures, the Company does not believe it is meaningful to provide an estimate of fair value that differs from the amount of consideration received.

The following is a summary of the carrying amounts and fair values of the Company s financial assets and liabilities:

		June 3	1	December 31, 2010				
		Carrying Amount		Fair Value		Carrying Amount		Fair Value
FINANCIAL ASSETS								
Cash and due from banks	\$	39,906	\$	39,906	\$	26,824	\$	26,824
Interest-bearing deposits with other banks		102,889		102,889		40,503		40,503
Investment securities		879,683		889,770		789,315		790,533
Loans, net		1,370,828		1,378,429		1,328,045		1,332,673
Accrued interest receivable		9,399		9,399		8,280		8,280
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES								
Demand, NOW, savings and money market deposits		1,238,443		1,238,443		1,132,497		1,132,497
Time deposits		762,351		764,319		615,267		617,096
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase		34,236		34,236		28,016		28,016
Federal funds purchased						15,000		15,000
Commercial paper		15,427		15,427		14,388		14,388
Other short-term borrowings		23,865		23,865		3,490		3,490
Accrued interest payable		974		974		1,314		1,314
Advances-FHLB and long-term borrowings		154,230		155,749		169,947		173,110
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Note 13. New Accounting Standards

Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2010-06, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures (Topic 820) - Improving Disclosures About Fair Value Measurements. ASU 2010-06 requires expanded disclosures related to fair value measurements including (i) the amounts of significant transfers of assets or liabilities between Levels 1 and 2 of the fair value hierarchy and the reasons for the transfers, (ii) the reasons for transfers of assets or liabilities in or out of Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy, with significant transfers disclosed separately, (iii) the policy for determining when transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy are recognized and (iv) for recurring fair value measurements of assets and liabilities in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy, a gross presentation of information about purchased, sales, issuances and settlements. ASU 2010-06 further clarifies that (i) fair value measurement disclosures should be provided for each class and liabilities (rather major category), which would generally be a subject of assets or liabilities within a line in statement of financial position and (ii) companies should provide disclosures about the valuation techniques and inputs used to measure fair value for both recurring and nonrecurring fair value measurements for each class of assets and liabilities included in Levels 2 and 3 of the fair value hierarchy. The disclosures related to the gross presentation of purchased, sales, issuances and settlements of assets and liabilities included in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy were required for the Company beginning January 1, 2011. The effect of adopting this new guidance did not have a material impact on the Company s financial statements.

ASU No. 2010-20, Receivables (Topic 310) - Disclosures about the Credit Quality of Financing Receivables and the Allowance for Credit Losses. ASU 2010-20 requires entities to provide disclosures designed to facilitate financial statement users—evaluation of (i) the nature of credit risk inherent in the entity—s portfolio of financing receivables, (ii) how that risk is analyzed and assessed in arriving at the allowance for credit losses and (iii) the changes and reasons for those changes in the allowance for credit losses. Disclosures must be disaggregated by portfolio segment, the level at which an entity develops and documents a systematic method for determining its allowance for credit losses, and class of financing receivables, which is generally a disaggregation of portfolio segment. The required disclosures include, among other things, a roll-forward of the allowance for credit losses as well as information about modified, impaired, nonaccrual and past due loans and credit quality indicators. This guidance became effective for the Company s financial statements as of December 31, 2010, as it relates to disclosures required as of the end of a reporting period. Disclosures that relate to activity during a reporting period were required for the Company s financial statements that include periods beginning on or after January 1, 2011. The effect of adopting this new guidance did not have a material impact on the Company s financial statements.

ASU No. 2010-28, Intangibles-Goodwill and Other (Topic 350) - When to Perform Step 2 of the Goodwill Impairment Test for Reporting Units with Zero or Negative Carrying Amounts (a consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force). ASU 2010-28 modifies Step 1 of the goodwill impairment test for reporting units with zero or negative carrying amounts. For those reporting units, an entity is required to perform Step 2 of the goodwill impairment test if it is more likely than not that a goodwill impairment exists. In determining whether it is more likely than not that goodwill impairment exists, an entity should consider whether there are any adverse qualitative factors indicating that an impairment may exist. The qualitative factors are consistent with the existing guidance which requires that goodwill of a reporting unit be tested for impairment between annual tests if an event occurs or circumstances change that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying amount. The provisions of this guidance were effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2011. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company s financial statements.

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ASU No. 2010-29, Business Combinations (Topic 805) Disclosure of Supplementary Pro Forma Information for Business Combinations (a consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force). ASU 2010-29 specifies that if a public entity presents comparative financial statements, the entity should disclose revenue and earnings of the combined entity as though the business combination(s) that occurred during the current year had occurred as of the beginning of the comparable prior annual reporting period only. This guidance also expands the forma disclosures to include a description of the nature and amount of material, nonrecurring pro forma adjustments directly attributed to the business combination included in the reported pro forma revenue and earnings. The provisions of this guidance will be effective prospectively for business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2010. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

ASU No. 2011-02, Receivables (Topic 310) A Creditor s Determination of Whether a Restructuring Is a Troubled Debt Restructuring. ASU 2011-02 clarifies which loan modifications constitute troubled debt restructurings and is intended to assist creditors in determining whether a modification of the terms of a receivable meets the criteria to be considered a troubled debt restructuring, both for purposes of recording an impairment loss and for disclosure of troubled debt restructurings. In evaluating whether a restructuring constitutes a troubled debt restructuring, a creditor must separately conclude, under the guidance clarified by ASU 2011-02, that both of the following exist: (a) the restructuring constitutes a concession; and (b) the debtor is experiencing financial difficulties. ASU 2011-02 will be effective for the Company on July 1, 2011, and applies retrospectively to restructurings occurring on or after January 1, 2011. Given the recency of this pronouncement, the Company is continuing to evaluate the impact of adoption of this ASU.

ASU No. 2011-03, Transfers and Servicing (Topic 860) Reconsideration of Effective Control for Repurchase Agreements. ASU 2011-03 is intended to improve financial reporting of repurchase agreements and other agreements that both entitle and obligate a transferor to repurchase or redeem financial assets before their maturity. ASU 2011-03 removes from the assessment of effective control (i) the criterion requiring the transferor to have the ability to repurchase or redeem the financial assets on substantially the agreed terms, even in the event of default by the transferee, and (ii) the collateral maintenance guidance related to that criterion. ASU 2011-03 will be effective for the Company on January 1, 2012 and is not expected to have a significant impact on the Company s financial statements.

ASU No. 2011-04, Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820) Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurements and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRSs. ASU 2011-04 amends Topic 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures, to converge the fair value measurement guidance in U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and International Financial Reporting Standards. ASU 2011-04 clarifies the application of existing fair value measurement requirements, changes certain principles in Topic 820 and requires additional fair value disclosures. ASU 2011-04 is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011, and is not expected to have a significant impact on the Company s financial statements.

ASU No. 2011-05, Comprehensive Income (Topic 220) Presentation of Comprehensive Income. ASU 2011-05 amends Topic 220, Comprehensive Income, to require that all nonowner changes in stockholders equity be presented in either a single continuous statement of comprehensive income or in two separate but consecutive statements. Additionally, ASU 2011-05 requires entities to present, on the face of the financial statements, reclassification adjustments for items that are reclassified from other comprehensive income to net income in the statement or statements where the components of other comprehensive income are presented. The option to present components of other comprehensive income as part of the statement of changes in stockholders equity was eliminated. ASU 2011-05 is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011, and is not expected to have a significant impact on the Company s financial statements.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following commentary presents management s discussion and analysis of the financial condition and results of operations of Sterling Bancorp (the parent company), a financial holding company under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended by the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999, and its subsidiaries, principally Sterling National Bank. Throughout this discussion and analysis, the term the Company refers to Sterling Bancorp and its subsidiaries and the term the bank refers to Sterling National Bank and its subsidiaries. This discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and supplemental data contained elsewhere in this quarterly report and the Company s annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010 (the 2010 Form 10-K). Certain reclassifications have been made to prior years financial data to conform to current financial statement presentations. Throughout management s discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations, dollar amounts in tables are presented in thousands, except per share data.

OVERVIEW

The Company provides a broad range of financial products and services, including business and consumer loans, commercial and residential mortgage lending and brokerage, mortgage warehouse lending, asset-based financing, factoring/accounts receivable management services, deposit services, trade financing, equipment financing, and deposit services. The Company has operations principally in New York and conducts business throughout the United States. The general state of the U.S. economy and, in particular, economic and market conditions in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut (the New York metropolitan area) have a significant impact on loan demand, the ability of borrowers to repay these loans and the value of any collateral securing these loans and may also affect deposit levels. Accordingly, future general economic conditions are a key uncertainty that management expects will materially affect the Company s results of operations.

For the six months ended June 30, 2011, the bank s average earning assets represented approximately 99.0% of the Company s average earning assets. Loans represented 58.3% and investment securities represented 39.2% of the bank s average earning assets for the first six months of 2011.

The Company s primary source of earnings is net interest income, and its principal market risk exposure is interest rate risk. The Company is not able to predict market interest rate fluctuations, and its asset-liability management strategy may not prevent interest rate changes from having a material adverse effect on the Company s results of operations and financial condition.

Although management endeavors to minimize the credit risk inherent in the Company s loan portfolio, it must necessarily make various assumptions and judgments about the collectibility of the loan portfolio based on its experience and evaluation of economic conditions. If such assumptions or judgments prove to be incorrect, the current allowance for loan losses may not be sufficient to cover loan losses and additions to the allowance may be necessary, which would have a negative impact on net income.

There is intense competition in all areas in which the Company conducts its business. The Company competes with banks and other financial institutions, including savings and loan associations, savings banks, finance companies and credit unions. Many of these competitors have substantially greater resources and lending limits and provide a wider array of banking services. To a limited extent, the Company also competes with other providers of financial services, such as money market mutual funds, brokerage firms, consumer finance companies and insurance companies. Competition is based on a number of factors, including prices, interest rates, service, availability of products and geographic location.

The Company regularly evaluates acquisition opportunities and conducts due diligence activities in connection with possible acquisitions. As a result, acquisition discussions, and in some cases negotiations, regularly take place and future acquisitions could occur.

Recent economic conditions during 2011, such as the continuing decrease in real estate values in the principal markets the Company serves and illiquid credit markets, have reduced demands for corporate and real estate lending. If these trends continue, the Company would expect its income from corporate and real estate lending to decrease from the current levels in the near term. In addition, due to the geographic concentration of the Company s loan portfolio in the New York metropolitan area, representing approximately 69.5% of total loans at June 30, 2011, an adverse change in market conditions in that geographic area could result in a decrease in our income from corporate and real estate lending. A significant prolonged decrease in income from our lending segments, if realized, may have a severe adverse impact on the operations of the Company.

INCOME STATEMENT ANALYSIS

Net interest income, which represents the difference between interest earned on interest-earning assets and interest incurred on interest-bearing liabilities, is the Company's primary source of earnings. Net interest income can be affected by changes in market interest rates as well as the level and composition of assets, liabilities and shareholders' equity. Net interest spread is the difference between the average rate earned, on a tax-equivalent basis, on interest-earning assets and the average rate paid on interest-bearing liabilities. The net yield on interest-earning assets (net interest margin) is calculated by dividing tax-equivalent net interest income by average interest-earning assets. Generally, the net interest margin will exceed the net interest spread because a portion of interest-earning assets are funded by various noninterest-bearing sources, principally noninterest-bearing deposits and shareholders' equity. The increases (decreases) in the components of interest income and interest expense, expressed in terms of fluctuation in average volume and rate, are provided in the Rate/Volume Analysis shown beginning on page 57. Information as to the components of interest income and interest expense and average rates is provided in the Average Balance Sheets shown beginning on page 55.

Comparison of the Three Months Ended June 30, 2011 and 2010

The Company reported net income available to common shareholders for the three months ended June 30, 2011 of \$2.5 million, representing \$0.08 per share calculated on a diluted basis, compared to \$2.3 million, or \$0.09 per share calculated on a diluted basis, for the second quarter of 2010. The increase in net income available to common shareholders was primarily due to a \$2.5 million decrease in the provision for loan losses and a \$0.4 million increase in net interest income, partially offset by a \$0.5 million decrease in noninterest income, a \$1.3 million increase in noninterest expenses and a \$0.8 million increase in dividend and accretion on the preferred shares, resulting from the repurchase in the second quarter of all of the preferred shares and the warrant issued under the TARP Capital Purchase Program.

Net Interest Income

Net interest income, on a tax-equivalent basis, was \$21.8 million for the second quarter of 2011 compared to \$21.1 million for the corresponding 2010 period. Net interest income benefitted from higher average loan and investment securities balances and lower cost of funding. Those benefits were partially offset by the impact of lower yields on loans and investment securities and higher interest-bearing deposits balances. The net interest margin, on a tax-equivalent basis, was 3.85% for the second quarter of 2011 compared to 4.12% for the corresponding 2010 period. The net interest margin was impacted by the mix of earning assets and funding, including the higher level of noninterest-bearing demand deposits.

Total interest income, on a tax-equivalent basis, aggregated \$25.0 million for the second quarter of 2011, down \$0.1 million from the corresponding 2010 period as the benefit of higher average balances was more than offset by lower yields. Total interest earning assets increased to \$2.276 billion for the second quarter of 2011 compared to \$2.089 billion in the prior year period. The tax-equivalent yield on interest-earning assets was 4.43% for the second quarter of 2011 compared to 4.91% for the corresponding 2010 period.

Interest earned on the loan portfolio increased to \$17.8 million for the second quarter of 2011 from \$17.1 million in the prior year period. Average loan balances amounted to \$1,324.2 million for the second quarter of 2011, an increase of \$104.0 million from an average of \$1,220.2 million in the prior year period. The increase in average loans, primarily due to the Company s business development activities, accounted for a \$1.7 million increase in interest earned on loans. The yield on the loan portfolio decreased to 5.50% for the second quarter of 2011 from 5.87% for the corresponding 2010 period, which was primarily attribuable to the mix of average outstanding balances among the components of the loan portfolio.

Interest earned on the securities portfolio, on a tax-equivalent basis, decreased to \$7.0 million for the second quarter of 2011 from \$7.9 million in the corresponding 2010 period. Average outstandings increased to \$904.0 million (39.7% of average earning assets) for the second quarter of 2011 from \$836.3 million (40.0% of average earning assets) in the second quarter of 2010. The average yield on investment securities decreased to 3.10% for the second quarter of 2011 from 3.76% in the corresponding 2010 period. The increase in balances and the decrease in yields reflect the impact of the Company s asset/liability management strategy designed to shorten the average life of the portfolio to position the Company for rising interest rates in future periods while taking advantage of the current uptick in long-term rates. The short-term part of the strategy was implemented through the sale of available for sale securities, principally mortgage-backed securities and selected obligations of states and political subdivisions, with longer-term average lives offset by the purchase of short-term corporate debt and obligations of U.S. government corporations and government sponsored enterprises. The long-term part of the strategy was implemented through the purchase of obligations of state and political subdivisions with maturities of approximately 15 years.

Total interest expense decreased by \$0.7 million for the second quarter of 2011 from \$3.9 million for the corresponding 2010 period, primarily due to the impact of lower rates paid for interest-bearing deposits and borrowings, partially offset by the impact of higher interest-bearing deposits.

Interest expense on deposits decreased to \$2.1 million for the second quarter of 2011 from \$2.5 million for the corresponding 2010 period, due to decreases in the cost of those funds, partially offset by the impact of higher balances. The average rate paid on interest-bearing deposits was 0.64%, which was 22 basis points lower than the prior year period. The decrease in average cost of deposits reflects the impact of deposit pricing strategies and the Company s purchase of certificates of deposit from the Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service (CDARS) and various listing services which provided certificate of deposit balances at lower rates. Average interest-bearing deposits were \$1,297.3 million for the second quarter of 2011 compared to \$1,151.7 million for the prior year period, reflecting the impact of the Company s business development activities as well as funds received from CDARS and various listing services.

Interest expense on borrowings decreased to \$1.1 million for the second quarter of 2011 from \$1.5 million for the corresponding 2010 period, primarily due to lower cost of those funds, partially offset by the impact of the changes in mix. Average borrowings decreased to \$248.5 million for the second quarter of 2011 from \$266.5 million in the prior year period, reflecting a lesser reliance by the Company on wholesale borrowed funds. During the 2011 first quarter, the bank restructured a portion of its Federal Home Loan Bank fixed rate advances by repaying \$100 million of existing borrowings and replacing them with \$100 million of lower cost, floating rate advances. This transaction resulted in \$4.2 million in prepayment penalties that were deferred and will be recognized in interest expense as an adjustment to the cost of these borrowings in future periods. The existing borrowings were a combination of fixed rate and amortizing advances with an average cost of 2.58% and an average duration of 3.2 years. The new borrowings are all floating-rate advances with an average cost of 1.58%, including the deferred adjustment, with an average duration of three months. The relevant accounting treatment for this transaction was provided by ASC 470-50. This transaction was executed as an earnings and interest rate risk strategy, resulting in lower FHLB advance costs and a reduction of average duration. The blended cost of borrowings decreased by 42 bps to 1.80% from 2.22%.

Provision for Loan Losses

Based on management s continuing evaluation of the loan portfolio (discussed under Asset Quality on page 48), the provision for loan losses for the second quarter of 2011 was \$3.0 million, compared to \$5.5 million for the prior year period. Factors affecting the lower provision for the second quarter of 2011 included current economic conditions during the quarter and a lower level of net charge-offs and lower nonaccrual loan balances.

The level of the allowance reflects changes in the size of the portfolio or in any of its components as well as management s continuing evaluation of industry concentrations, specific credit risks, loan loss experience, current loan portfolio quality, economic, political and regulatory conditions. Portions of the allowance may be allocated for specific credits; however, the entire allowance is available for any credit that, in management s judgment, should be charged off. While management utilizes its best judgment and information available, the ultimate adequacy of the allowance is dependent upon a variety of factors beyond the Company s control, including the performance of the Company s loan portfolio, the economy, changes in interest rates and the view of the regulatory authorities toward loan classifications.

As of June 30, 2011, the allowance for loan losses increased \$0.3 million from \$18.2 million at December 31, 2010, primarily due to an increase in the level of special mention and substandard loans partially offset by a lower level of nonaccrual loans, primarily in the equipment finance portfolio.

Noninterest Income

Noninterest income decreased to \$10.9 million for the second quarter of 2011 from \$11.4 million in the corresponding 2010 period. The decrease principally resulted from lower securities gains. Mortgage banking income increased due to slightly greater volume of loans sold at higher yields and a change in the mix of products being sold. Securities gains declined and reflected a modification of the asset liability management program commenced in 2009 that was designed to reduce the average life of the investment securities portfolio which was replaced by the strategy that was described under Net Interest Income on page 42. The Company sold approximately \$25.8 million of securities with a weighted average life of about 6.3 years. Reinvestment of the proceeds will be in obligations of state and political subdivisions and U.S. government agencies with maturities of approximately 15 years and 5 years, respectively, and in short-term corporate securities.

Noninterest Expense

Noninterest expenses were \$23.4 million for the second quarter of 2011 compared to \$22.1 million for the prior year period. The increase was principally due to higher personnel and occupancy costs, reflecting the Company s continued investment in the franchise.

Comparison of the Six Months Ended June 30, 2011 and 2010

The Company reported net income available to common shareholders for the six months ended June 30, 2011 of \$5.8 million, representing \$0.20 per share calculated on a diluted basis, compared to \$4.3 million, or \$0.19 per share calculated on a diluted basis, for the prior year period. The increase in net income available to common shareholders was primarily due to a \$5.5 million decrease in the provision for loan losses, partially offset by a \$2.4 million increase in noninterest expenses, a \$0.5 million increase in the provision for income taxes and a \$0.8 increase in dividends and accretion on the preferred shares, the result of the repurchase in the second quarter of all of the preferred shares and the warrant issued under the TARP Capital Purchase Program.

Net Interest Income

Net interest income, on a tax-equivalent basis, was \$42.0 million for the first six months of 2011 compared to \$41.5 million for the corresponding 2010 period. Net interest income benefitted from higher average loan and investment securities balances and lower cost of funding. Those benefits were partially offset by the impact of lower yields on loans and investment securities and higher interest-bearing deposits balances. The net interest margin, on a tax-equivalent basis, was 3.88% for the first six months of 2011 compared to 4.27% for the corresponding 2010 period. The net interest margin was impacted by the mix of earning assets and funding, including the higher level of noninterest-bearing demand deposits.

Total interest income, on a tax-equivalent basis, aggregated \$48.6 million for the first six months of 2011 down \$1.0 million from the corresponding 2010 period as the benefit of higher average balances was more than offset by lower yields. Total interest-earning assets increased to \$2,209 million for the first six months of 2011 compared to \$1,998 million in the prior year period. The tax-equivalent yield on interest-earning assets was 4.49% for the first six months of 2011 compared to 5.12% for the corresponding 2010 period.

Interest earned on the loan portfolio increased to \$34.7 million for the first six months of 2011 from \$33.6 million in the prior year period. Average loan balances amounted to \$1,289.5 million for the first six months of 2011, an increase of \$99.7 million from an average of \$1,189.8 million in the prior year period. The increase in average loans, primarily due to the Company s business development activities, accounted for a \$3.1 million increase in interest earned on loans. The yield on the loan portfolio decreased to 5.60% for the first six months of 2011 from 5.98% for the corresponding 2010 period, which was primarily attribuable to the mix of average outstanding balances among the components of the loan portfolio.

Interest earned on the securities portfolio, on a tax-equivalent basis, decreased to \$13.7 million for the first six months of 2011 from \$15.7 million in the corresponding 2010 period. Average outstandings increased to \$864.1 million (39.1% of average earning assets) for the first six months of 2011 from \$766.6 million (38.4% of average earning assets) in the first six months of 2010. The average yield on investment securities decreased to 3.17% for the first six months of 2011 from 4.10% in the 2010 period. The increase in balances and the decrease in yields reflect the impact of the Company s asset/liability management strategy designed to shorten the average life of the portfolio to position the Company for rising interest rates in future periods while taking advantage of the current uptick in long-term rates. The short-term part of the strategy was implemented through the sale of available for sale securities, principally mortgage-backed securities and selected obligations of states and political subdivisions, with longer term average lives offset by the purchase of short-term corporate debt and obligations of U.S. government corporations and government sponsored enterprises. The long-term part of the strategy was implemented through the purchase of obligations of state and political subdivisions with maturities of approximately 15 years.

Total interest expense decreased by \$1.5 million for the first six months of 2011 from \$8.1 million for the corresponding 2010 period, primarily due to the impact of lower rates paid for interest-bearing deposits and borrowings partially offset by the impact of higher interest-bearing deposits.

Interest expense on deposits decreased to \$4.1 million for the first six months of 2011 from \$5.1 million for the 2010 period, due to decreases in the cost of those funds, partially offset by the impact of higher balances. The average rate paid on interest-bearing deposits was 0.67%, which was 27 basis points lower than the prior year period. The decrease in average cost of deposits reflects the impact of deposit pricing strategies and the Company s purchase of certificates of deposit from CDARS and various listing services which provided certificate of deposit balances at lower rates. Average interest-bearing deposits were \$1,239.7 million for the first six months of 2011 compared to \$1,098.8 million for the prior year period, reflecting the impact of the Company s business development activities as well as the purchase of funds received from CDARS and various listing services.

Interest expense on borrowings decreased to \$2.4 million for the first six months of 2011 from \$3.0 million for the corresponding 2010 period, primarily due to lower cost of those funds partially offset by the impact of the changes in mix. Average borrowings decreased to \$241.4 million for the first six months of 2011 from \$258.7 million in the prior year period, reflecting a lesser reliance by the Company on wholesale borrowed funds. During the 2011 first quarter, the bank restructured a portion of its Federal Home Loan Bank fixed rate advances by repaying \$100 million of existing borrowings and replacing them with \$100 million of lower cost, floating rate advances. This transaction resulted in \$4.2 million in prepayment penalties that were deferred and will be recognized in interest expense as an adjustment to the cost of these borrowings in future periods. The existing borrowings were a combination of fixed rate and amortizing advances with an average cost of 2.58% and an average duration of 3.2 years. The new borrowings are all floating-rate advances with an average cost of 1.58%, including the deferred adjustment, with an average duration of three months. The relevant accounting treatment for this transaction was provided by ASC 470-50. This transaction was executed as an earnings and interest rate risk strategy, resulting in lower FHLB advance costs and a reduction of average duration. The blended cost of borrowings decreased by 32 bps to 1.98% from 2.30%.

Provision for Loan Losses

Based on management s continuing evaluation of the loan portfolio (discussed under Asset Quality beginning on page 48), the provision for loan losses for the first six months of 2011 was \$6.0 million, compared to \$11.5 million for the prior year period. Factors affecting the lower provision for the first six months of 2011 included stable economic conditions during the quarter and a lower level of net charge-offs.

The level of the allowance reflects changes in the size of the portfolio or in any of its components as well as management s continuing evaluation of industry concentrations, specific credit risks, loan loss experience, current loan portfolio quality, economic, political and regulatory conditions. Portions of the allowance may be allocated for specific credits; however, the entire allowance is available for any credit that, in management s judgment, should be charged off. While management utilizes its best judgment and information available, the ultimate adequacy of the allowance is dependent upon a variety of factors beyond the Company s control, including the performance of the Company s loan portfolio, the economy, changes in interest rates and the view of the regulatory authorities toward loan classifications.

During 2011, the allowance for loan losses increased \$0.3 million from \$18.2 million at December 31, 2010 primarily due to an increase in the level of special mention and substandard loans partially offset by a lower level of nonaccrual loans, primarily in the equipment finance portfolio.

Noninterest Income

Noninterest income decreased to \$22.3 million for the first six months of 2011 from \$22.5 million in the corresponding 2010 period. The decrease principally resulted from lower securities gains and deposit service charges partially offset by increased mortgage banking income and accounts receivable management/factoring commissions and other fees. Securities gains declined and reflected a modification of the asset liability management program commenced in 2009 that was designed to reduce the average life of the investment securities portfolio which was replaced by the strategy that was described under Net Interest Income on page 44. The Company sold approximately \$81 million of securities with a weighted average life of about 3.4 years. Reinvestment of the proceeds will be in obligations of state and political subdivisions and U.S. government agencies with maturities of approximately 18 years and 5 years, respectively, and in short-term corporate securities. Commissions and other fees earned from accounts receivable management and factoring services were higher primarily due to the impact of increased volumes at our factoring unit and billings by clients providing temporary staffing also contributed to the improved level of fee income. Mortgage banking increased due to slightly greater volume of loans sold at higher yields and a change in the mix of products being sold.

Noninterest Expenses

Noninterest expenses were \$45.9 million for the first six months of 2011 compared to \$43.5 million for the prior year period. The increase was principally due to higher personnel and occupancy costs reflecting the Company s continued investment in the franchise. Partially offsetting those increases were reductions in professional fees and advertising and marketing costs.

Provision for Income Taxes

The provision for income taxes for the first six months of 2011 increased to \$2.9 million, reflecting an effective tax rate of 26.7%, compared with \$2.4 million in the corresponding 2010 period reflecting an effective tax rate of 30.0%. The increase was primarily due to the higher level of pre-tax income in the 2011 period. The decrease in the effective tax rate was primarily related to the higher proportions of tax-exempt income achieved in 2011 compared to the corresponding 2010 period, partially offset by the impact of a higher level of pre-tax income.

BALANCE SHEET ANALYSIS

Securities

At June 30, 2011, the Company s portfolio of securities totaled \$879.7 million, of which obligations of U.S. government corporations and government sponsored enterprises amounted to \$447.0 million, which is approximately 50.8% of the total. The Company has the intent and ability to hold to maturity securities classified as held to maturity, at which time it will receive full value for these securities. These securities are carried at cost, adjusted for amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts. The gross unrealized gains and losses on held to maturity securities were \$10.9 million and \$0.8 million, respectively. Securities classified as available for sale may be sold in the future, prior to maturity. These securities are carried at fair value. Net aggregate unrealized gains or losses on these securities are included, net of taxes, as a component of shareholders—equity. Given the generally high credit quality of the portfolio, management expects to realize all of its investments upon market recovery or the maturity of such instruments, and thus believes that any impairment in value is interest rate-related and therefore temporary. Available for sale securities included gross unrealized gains of \$1.5 million and gross unrealized losses of \$1.4 million. As of June 30, 2011, management does not have the intent to sell any of the securities classified as available for sale in the table on page 9 and management believes that it is more likely than not that the Company will not have to sell any such securities before a recovery of cost.

In connection with an asset-liability management program described under Net Interest Income on page 42, the Company sold approximately \$81 million of securities with a weighted average life of about 3.4 years. Reinvestment of the proceeds will be in obligations of state and political subdivisions and U.S. government agencies with maturities of approximately 18 years and 5 years, respectively, and in short-term corporate securities.

The following table presents information regarding the average life and yields of certain available for sale (AFS) and held to maturity (HTM) securities:

June 30, 2011	Weighted Ave	8	Weighted Average Yield		
	AFS	HTM	AFS	HTM	
Residential mortgage-backed securities	5.0 Years	3.8 Years	2.85%	4.45%	
Agency notes (with original call dates ranging between 3 and					
36 months)	0.1 Years	3.8 Years	2.04%	1.64%	
Corporate debt securities	1.0 Years		1.91%	%	
Obligations of state and political subdivisions New York					
Bank Qualified	6.4 Years	8.0 Years	5.67% [1]	5.86% [1]	
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[1] tax equivalent					
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The following table sets forth the composition of the Company s investment securities by type, with related values:

	June 30, 2011			December 31, 2010		
	1	Balances	% of Total	Balances	% of Total	
Obligations of U.S. government corporations and government sponsored enterprises			2000	24441205	2000	
Residential mortgage-backed securities						
CMOs (Federal National Mortgage Association)	\$	5,417	0.62%	\$ 7,504	0.95%	
CMOs (Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation)		53,678	6.10	47,422	6.01	
CMOs (Government National Mortgage Association)		6,496	0.74	7,290	0.92	
Federal National Mortgage Association		69,182	7.86	78,822	9.98	
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation		30,069	3.42	40,628	5.15	
Government National Mortgage Association		4,619	0.52	5,052	0.64	
Total residential mortgage-backed securities		169,461	19.26	186,718	23.65	
Agency notes						
Federal National Mortgage Association		155,060	17.63	115,133	14.59	
Federal Home Loan Bank		54,992	6.25	24,932	3.16	
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation		67,512	7.67	92,479	11.72	
Federal Farm Credit Bank				15,109	1.91	
Total obligations of U.S. government corporations and government sponsored						
enterprises		447,025	50.81	434,371	55.03	
Obligations of state and political institutions-New York Bank Qualified		157,206	17.87	157,013	19.89	
Single-issuer, trust preferred securities		22,326	2.54	3,933	0.50	
Corporate debt securities		248,136	28.21	189,058	23.95	
Other securities		4,990	0.57	4,940	0.63	
Total	\$	879,683	100.00%	\$ 789,315	100.00%	
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Loan Portfolio

A management objective is to maintain the quality of the loan portfolio. The Company seeks to achieve this objective by maintaining rigorous underwriting standards coupled with regular evaluation of the creditworthiness of, and the designation of lending limits for, each borrower. The portfolio strategies include seeking industry and loan size diversification in order to minimize credit exposure and originating loans in markets with which the Company is familiar.

The Company s commercial and industrial loan and factored receivables portfolios represent approximately 58.2% of all loans. Loans in this category are typically made to small- and medium-sized businesses and range between \$250 thousand and \$15 million. The Company s real estate mortgage portfolio, which represents approximately 19.5% of all loans, is comprised of mortgages secured by real property located principally in the states of New York, New Jersey, Virginia and North Carolina. The Company s leasing portfolio, which consists of finance leases for various types of business equipment, represents approximately 10.4% of all loans. Sources of repayment are the borrower s operating profits, cash flows and liquidation of pledged collateral. Based on underwriting standards, loans may be secured in whole or in part by collateral such as liquid assets, accounts receivable, equipment, inventory and real property. The collateral securing any loan or lease may depend on the type of loan or lease and may vary in value based on market conditions.

The following table sets forth the composition of the Company s loans held for sale and loans held in portfolio:

June 30,							
2011				2010			
		% of			% of		
Balances		Total	Balances		Total		
\$	641,793	46.19%	\$	577,530	45.18%		
	144,477	10.40		167,545	13.11		
	166,276	11.97		160,653	12.57		
	146,191	10.52		129,237	10.11		
	25,154	1.81		41,053	3.21		
	99,021	7.13		100,065	7.83		
	22,895	1.65		23,722	1.85		
	10,957	0.79		12,546	0.98		
	3,086	0.22		5,257	0.41		
	129,513	9.32		60,715	4.75		
\$	1,389,363	100.00%	\$ 1	1,278,323	100.00%		
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Asset Quality

Intrinsic to the lending process is the possibility of loss. In times of economic slowdown, the risk of loss inherent in the Company s portfolio of loans may increase. While management endeavors to minimize this risk, it recognizes that loan losses will occur and that the amount of these losses will fluctuate depending on the risk characteristics of the loan portfolio which in turn depend on current and future economic conditions, the financial condition of borrowers, the realization of collateral and the credit management process.

While economic conditions continued to improve during the first six months of 2011, the pace of the recovery slowed in the latter months of the period. In addition, the improvement has not been consistent across sectors of the economy or all regions of the country. Nonaccrual loans decreased by \$0.9 million at June 30, 2011 compared to December 31, 2010 (primarily reflecting a \$0.1 million decrease in nonaccrual commercial and industrial loans and a \$0.5 million decrease in equipment financing receivables and a \$0.3 million decrease in residential mortgage loans), and net charge-offs for the first six months of 2011 were \$5.7 million, compared to \$10.8 million for the corresponding 2010 period reflecting lower net charge-offs of \$0.8 million in commercial and industrial loans and \$4.4 million in equipment financing receivables. Nevertheless, a worsening of existing economic conditions will likely result in levels of charge-offs and nonaccrual loans that will be higher than those in prior periods.

The following table sets forth the amount of non-performing assets (nonaccrual loans and other real estate owned). Also shown are loans that are past due more than 90 days and are still accruing because they are both well secured or guaranteed by financially responsible third parties and are in the process of collection.

	June 30,				
	2011		2010		
Gross loans	\$ 1,408,208	\$	1,301,255		
Nonaccrual loans					
Commercial and industrial	\$ 889	\$	4,108		
Lease financing receivables	412		10,337		
Factored receivables					
Real estate-residential mortgage	1,313		1,670		
Real estate-commercial mortgage	3,125		2,379		
Real estate-construction and land development					
Loans to individuals			194		
Total nonaccrual loans	5,739		18,688		
Other real estate owned	2,004		761		
Total non-performing assets	\$ 7,743	\$	19,449		
	2.10				
Loans past due 90 days or more and still accruing	\$ 249	\$	2,223		

At June 30, 2011, commercial and industrial nonaccruals represented 0.14% of commercial and industrial loans. There were 3 loans made to small business borrowers located in New York State with balances ranging between approximately \$102 thousand and \$498 thousand.

At June 30, 2011, lease financing nonaccruals represented 0.29% of lease financing receivables. The lessees of the equipment are located in 10 states. There were 13 leases ranging between approximately \$2 thousand and \$139 thousand, 12 of which were under \$100 thousand. The value of the underlying collateral related to lease financing nonaccruals varies depending on the type and condition of equipment. While most leases are written on a recourse basis, with personal guarantees of the principals, the current value of the collateral is often less than the lease financing balance. Collection efforts include repossession and/or sale of leased equipment, payment discussions with the lessee, the principal and/or guarantors, and obtaining judgments against the lessee, the principal and/or guarantors. The balance is charged off when it is determined that collection efforts are no longer productive. Factors considered in determining whether collection efforts are no longer productive include any amounts currently being collected, the status of discussions or negotiations with the lessee, the principal and/or guarantors, the cost of continuing efforts to collect, the status of any foreclosure or other legal actions, the value of the collateral, and any other pertinent factors.

At June 30, 2011, residential real estate nonaccruals represented 0.90% of residential real estate loans held in portfolio. There were 10 loans ranging between approximately \$5 thousand and \$300 thousand secured by properties located in 5 states.

At June 30, 2011 commercial real estate nonaccruals represented 3.16% of commercial mortgage real estate loans. There were 2 loans for \$745 thousand and \$2.4 million, respectively, secured by properties located in New York State.

At June 30, 2011, other real estate owned consisted of 6 properties with values of approximately \$100 thousand to \$590 thousand located in 3 states.

The allowance for loan losses is a reserve established through a provision for loan losses charged to expense, which represents management s best estimate of probable losses that have been incurred within the existing portfolio of loans. The allowance, in the judgement of management, is necessary to reserve for estimated loan losses and risks inherent in the loan portfolio. The Company s allowance for loan losses methodology includes allowance allocations calculated in accordance with FASB Codification Topic 310, Receivables and allowance allocations calculated in accordance with FASB Codification Topic 450, Contingencies. Accordingly, the methodology is based on historical experience by type of credit and internal risk grade, specific homogenous pools and specific loss allocations, with adjustments for current events and conditions. The Company s process for the appropriate level of the allowance for loan losses is designed to account for credit deterioration as it occurs. The provision for loan losses reflects loan quality trends, including the levels of trends related to nonaccrual loans, past due loans, potential problem loans, classified and criticized loans and net charge-offs or recoveries, among other factors. The provision for loan losses also reflects the totality of actions taken on all loans for a particular period. In other words, the amount of the provision reflects not only the necessary increases in the allowance for loan losses related to newly identified criticized loans, but it also reflects actions taken related to other loans including, among other things, any necessary increases or decreases in required allowance for specific loans or loan pools. See Note 3-Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses in the accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this report for further details regarding the methodology for estimating the appropriate level of the allowance for loan losses.

At June 30, 2011, the ratio of the allowance to loans held in portfolio, net unearned discounts, was 1.36% and the allowance was \$18.5 million. Loans 90 days past due and still accruing amounted to \$249 thousand. At such date, the Company s nonaccrual loans amounted to \$5.7 million; \$4.5 million of such loans were judged to be impaired within the scope of FASB Codification Topic 310, Receivables, and had a valuation allowance totalling \$1.4 million, which is included within the overall allowance for loan losses. Based on the foregoing, as well as management s judgement as to the current risks inherent in loans held in portfolio, the Company s allowance for loan losses was deemed adequate to absorb all probable losses on specifically known and other credit risks associated with the portfolio as of June 30, 2011. Net losses within loans held in portfolio are not statistically predictable and changes in conditions in the next twelve months could result in future provisions for loan losses different from the provision taken in the first six months of 2011. Potential problem loans, which are loans that are currently performing under present loan repayment terms but where known information about possible credit problems of borrowers causes management to have serious doubts as to the ability of the borrowers to continue to comply with the present repayment terms, aggregated \$-0- at June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to the Company s loan loss experience:

		Three Months Ended June 30,				Six Mont June		
		2011		2010		2011	2010	
Average loans held in portfolio, net of unearned discounts, during period	\$	1,301,005	\$	1,194,574	\$	1,264,853	\$ 1,163,587	
Allowance for loan losses:								
Balance at beginning of period	\$	18,040	\$	19,963	\$	18,238	\$ 19,872	
Charge-offs:								
Commercial and industrial		719		1,073		888	1,923	
Lease financing receivables		2,329		4,065		6,105	9,048	
Factored receivables		36		88		168	239	
Real estate - residential mortgage		210		33		458	98	
Real estate - commercial mortgage							129	
Real estate - construction and land development								
Loans to individuals				42			63	
Total charge-offs		3,294		5,301		7,619	11,500	
Recoveries:								
Commercial and industrial		10		5		30	220	
Lease financing receivables		773		178		1,696	283	
Factored receivables		11		167		32	176	
Real estate - residential mortgage						163		
Real estate - commercial mortgage								
Real estate - construction and land development								
Loans to individuals								
Total recoveries		794		350		1,921	679	
Subtract:								
Net charge-offs		2,500		4,951		5,698	10,821	
Provision for loan losses		3,000		5,500		6,000	11,500	
Less losses on transfers to other real estate owned		5				5	39	
Balance at end of period	\$	18,535	\$	20,512	\$	18,535	\$ 20,512	
Ratio of annualized net charge-offs to average loans held in portfolio, net of unearned discounts	51	0.77%		1.66%		0.90%	1.86%	
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The following table presents the Company s allocation of the allowance for loan losses. This allocation is based on estimates by management and may vary from period to period based on management s evaluation of the risk characteristics of the loan portfolio. The amount allocated to a particular loan category of the Company s loans held in portfolio may not necessarily be indicative of actual future charge-offs in that loan category.

		June 201	,	Decemb 201	/
	A	mount	portfolio	Amount	portfolio
Domestic					
Commercial and industrial	\$	7,507	47.04%	\$ 7,454	47.04%
Loans to depository institutions		9	0.23	46	1.17
Loans to nondepository financial institutions		712	9.49	564	8.59
Equipment financing receivables		3,334	10.59	3,423	10.97
Factored receivables		1,360	12.19	1,424	12.31
Real estate - residential mortgage		2,792	10.72	2,497	9.72
Real estate - commercial mortgage		2,326	7.26	2,275	7.38
Real estate - construction and land development		281	1.68	310	1.95
Loans to individuals		104	0.80	119	0.87
Unallocated		110		126	
Total	\$	18,535	100.00%	\$ 18,238	100.00%

As of June 30, 2011, the allowance for loan losses increased \$0.3 million from \$18.2 million at December 31, 2010, primarily due to an increase in the allowance allocated to real estate residential mortgage (\$0.3 million) and loans to nondepository financial institutions (\$0.1 million), partially offset by a reduction in the allowance allocated to equipment financing receivables (\$0.1 million). The allowance allocated to real estate residential mortgage increased due to higher loan balances.

Deposits

A significant source of funds for the Company continues to be deposits, consisting of demand (noninterest-bearing), NOW, savings, money market and time deposits (principally, certificates of deposit).

The following table provides certain information with respect to the Company s deposits:

	June 30,							
		2011			2010			
	% of				% of			
		Balances	Total	Balances	Total			
Domestic								
Demand	\$	602,240	30.10%	\$ 525,242	2 32.00%			
NOW		231,711	11.58	181,895	11.08			
Savings		17,340	0.87	18,287	1.12			
Money Market		387,152	19.35	326,518	19.89			
Time deposits		762,351	38.10	589,137	35.89			
Total domestic deposits		2,000,794	100.00	1,641,079	99.98			
Foreign								
Time deposits				395	0.02			
Total deposits	\$	2,000,794	100.00%	\$ 1,641,474	100.00%			

Fluctuations of balances in total or among categories at any date may occur based on the Company s mix of assets and liabilities as well as on customers balance sheet strategies. Historically, however, average balances for deposits have been relatively stable. Information regarding these average balances is presented beginning on page 55.

CAPITAL

The Company and the bank are subject to risk-based capital regulations which quantitatively measure capital against risk-weighted assets, including certain off-balance sheet items. These regulations define the elements of the Tier 1 and Tier 2 components of total capital and establish minimum ratios of 4% for Tier 1 capital and 8% for total capital for capital adequacy purposes. Supplementing these regulations is a leverage requirement. This requirement establishes a minimum leverage ratio (at least 3% or 4%, depending upon an institution s regulatory status) which is calculated by dividing Tier 1 capital by adjusted quarterly average assets (after deducting goodwill). Information regarding the Company s and the bank s risk-based capital is presented on page 59. In addition, the bank is subject to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 (FDICIA) which imposes a number of mandatory supervisory measures. Among other matters, FDICIA established five capital categories, ranging from well capitalized to critically under capitalized. Such classifications are used by regulatory agencies to determine a bank s deposit insurance premium, approval of applications authorizing institutions to increase their asset size or otherwise expand business activities or acquire other institutions. Under FDICIA, a well capitalized bank must maintain minimum leverage, Tier 1 and total capital ratios of 5%, 6% and 10%, respectively. The Federal Reserve Board applies comparable tests for holding companies such as the Company. At June 30, 2011, the Company and the bank exceeded the requirements for well capitalized institutions under the tests pursuant to FDICIA and of the Federal Reserve Board.

The bank regulatory agencies have encouraged banking organizations, including healthy, well-run banking organizations, to operate with capital ratios substantially in excess of the stated ratios required to maintain well capitalized status. This has resulted from, among other things, past and current economic conditions, the global financial crisis and the likelihood, as described in the 2010 Form 10-K, of increased formal capital requirements for banking organizations. In light of the foregoing, the Company and the bank expect that they will maintain capital ratios substantially in excess of the well capitalized ratios.

During the first quarter 2011, we completed an underwritten public offering of 4,025,000 shares of our common shares at an offering price of \$9.60 per share, which resulted in net proceeds of \$36.5 million after underwriting discounts and expenses. The proceeds from the issuance of shares were intended to be used for general corporate purposes, which could include the financing of possible acquisitions of complementary business or assets, including FDIC-assisted transactions, the extension of credit to, or the funding of the investments in, our subsidiaries, or the repurchase of Series A Preferred Shares, separately or together with the warrant for 516,817 common shares held by the U.S. Treasury, subject to the receipt of any required regulatory approval.

On April 27, 2011, after obtaining regulatory approvals, the parent company repurchased from the U.S. Treasury all of the issued and outstanding Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Shares, Series A, for an aggregate purchase price of \$42,420,000, which includes accrued and unpaid dividends. The repurchase was funded with a combination of the proceeds from the March 2011 and March 2010 offerings of common shares.

On May 18, 2011, the parent company completed the repurchase of the warrant to purchase 516,817 common shares of the parent company from the U.S. Treasury. The parent company paid approximately \$0.95 million to the U.S. Treasury to repurchase the warrant. The parent company s repurchase of the warrant concluded its participation in the TARP Capital Purchase Program.

RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

For information regarding recently issued accounting pronouncements and their expected impact on the Company s consolidated financial statements, see Note 13 of the Company s unaudited consolidated financial statements in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements contained or incorporated by reference in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q, including but not limited to, statements concerning future results of operations or financial position, borrowing capacity and future liquidity, future investment results, future credit exposure, future loan losses and plans and objectives for future operations, economic environment and other statements contained herein regarding matters that are not historical facts, are forward-looking statements as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These statements are not historical facts but instead are subject to numerous assumptions, risks and uncertainties, and represent only our belief regarding future events, many of which, by their nature, are inherently uncertain and outside our control. Any forward-looking statements we may make speak only as of the date on which such statements are made. Our actual results and financial position may differ materially from the anticipated results and financial condition indicated in or implied by these forward-looking statements and we make no commitment to update or revise forward-looking statements in order to reflect new information, subsequent events or changes in expectations.

Factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, the following: inflation, interest rates, market and monetary fluctuations; geopolitical developments, including acts of war and terrorism and their impact on economic conditions; the effects of, and changes in, trade, monetary and fiscal policies and laws, including interest rate policies of the Federal Reserve Board and laws and regulations concerning taxes, banking and securities with which the Company must comply; changes, particularly declines, in general economic conditions and in the local economies in which the Company operates; the financial condition of the Company s borrowers; competitive pressures on loan and deposit pricing and demand; changes in technology and their impact on the marketing of new products and services and the acceptance of these products and services by new and existing customers; the willingness of customers to substitute competitors products and services for the Company s products and services; the impact of changes in financial services laws and regulations (including laws concerning taxes, banking, securities and insurance); U.S. and foreign governmental budget deficits (including, with respect to the United States, at federal, state and municipal level) and default by governments on sovereign or other governmental debt; changes in accounting principles, policies and guidelines; the risks and uncertainties described in Risk Factors in the Company s annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010; and other risks and uncertainties detailed from time to time in press releases and other public filings; and the Company s performance in managing the risks involved in any of the foregoing. The foregoing list of important factors is not exclusive, and we will not update any forward-looking statement, whether written or oral, that may be made from time to time.

STERLING BANCORP AND SUBSIDIARIES

Average Balance Sheets [1] Three Months Ended June 30, (Unaudited)

		2011			2010	
	Average	2011	Average	Average		Average
A CODETO	Balance	Interest	Rate	Balance	Interest	Rate
ASSETS Interest bearing denosite with other						
Interest-bearing deposits with other	\$ 39,50	2 \$ 22	0.23%	\$ 24,506	\$ 24	0.41%
banks	\$ 39,50	2 \$ 22	0.25%	\$ 24,500	\$ 24	0.41%
Investment Securities						
Available for sale - taxable	400,71	2 2,418	2.41	472,897	3,169	2.68
Held to maturity - taxable	347.14			252,550	2,987	4.73
Tax-exempt [2]	156,13	,		110,823	1,709	6.17
Total investment securities	903,98			836,270	7,865	3.76
FRB and FHLB stock [2]	8,73			7,808	64	3.28
Loans, net of unearned discounts [3]	1,324,23			1,220,250	17,121	5.87
TOTAL INTEREST-EARNING	1,524,25	1 11,117	3.50	1,220,230	17,121	3.07
ASSETS	2,276,45	9 24,962	4.43%	2,088,834	25,074	4.91%
Cash and due from banks	38,47		7.7 3 /0	36,009	23,074	4. 71 /0
Allowance for loan losses	(19,33			(22,104)		
Goodwill	22,90			22,901		
Other assets	151,17					
				132,579		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,469,68	3		\$ 2,258,219		
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY						
Interest-bearing deposits						
Domestic						
Savings	\$ 17,91	6 3	0.05%	\$ 18,014	3	0.07%
NOW	209,02			203,307	106	0.21
Money market	357,90			337,185	716	0.85
Time	712,43	1 1,382		592,665	1,635	1.11
Foreign	, -	,		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	,	
Time				578	2	1.08
Total interest-bearing deposits	1,297,27	2 2,082	0.64	1,151,749	2,462	0.86
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Borrowings						
Securities sold under agreements to						
repurchase - customers	44,69	1 52	0.47	54,829	65	0.48
Securities sold under agreements to						
repurchase - dealers	5,74	4 17	1.15	4,243	5	0.47
Federal funds purchased	24,97	8 7	0.12	35,545	19	0.21
Commercial paper	14,12	3 10	0.30	13,006	9	0.31
Short-term borrowings - other	4,57	9 1	0.12	8,700	4	0.17
Advances - FHLB	128,57		1.56	124,357	849	2.74
Long-term borrowings - sub debt	25,77	4 524	8.37	25,774	524	8.38
Total borrowings	248,46		1.80	266,454	1,475	2.22
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TOTAL INTEREST-BEARING						
LIABILITIES	1,545,73	8 3,193	0.83%	1,418,203	3,937	1.11%
Noninterest-bearing deposits	553,51	6		466,017		
Total including noninterest-bearing						
demand deposits	2,099,25	4 3,193	0.61%	1,884,220	3,937	0.84%
Other liabilities	140,56	3		146,897		
Total liabilities	2,239,81	7		2,031,117		
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Shareholders equity	229,86			227,102		
	\$ 2,469,68	5		\$ 2,258,219		

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY				
Net interest income/spread	21,769	3.60%	21,137	3.80%
Net yield on interest-earning assets (margin)		3.85%		4.12%
Less: Tax equivalent adjustment	852		599	
Net interest income	\$ 20,917		\$ 20,538	

- [1] The average balances of assets, liabilities and shareholders equity are computed on the basis of daily averages. Average rates are presented on a tax-equivalent basis. Certain reclassifications have been made to amounts for prior periods to conform to the current presentation.
- [2] Interest on tax-exempt securities is presented on a tax-equivalent basis.
- [3] Includes loans held for sale and loans held in portfolio; all loans are domestic. Nonaccrual loans are included in amounts outstanding and income has been included to the extent earned.

STERLING BANCORP AND SUBSIDIARIES

Average Balance Sheets [1] Six Months Ended June 30, (Unaudited)

	2011							2010			
		erage lance		Interest		erage Rate		Average Balance	Interest	Average Rate	
ASSETS											
Interest-bearing deposits with other											
banks	\$	46,010	\$	57		0.25%	\$	33,884	\$ 43	0.3	26%
Investment Securities											
Available for sale - taxable		375,857		4,475		2.38		383,120	5,903		08
Held to maturity - taxable		331,716		4,357		2.63		282,209	6,702		75
Tax-exempt [2]		156,497		4,852		6.20		101,292	3,118		16
Total investment securities		864,070		13,684		3.17		766,621	15,723		10
FRB and FHLB stock [2]		8,938		168		3.76		8,136	186		56
Loans, net of unearned discounts [3]	1,	289,482		34,655		5.60		1,189,844	33,632	5.	98
TOTAL INTEREST-EARNING	2	200 500		40.564		4.40.07		1 000 405	40.504	_	100
ASSETS Cash and due from banks	2,	208,500		48,564		4.49%		1,998,485	49,584	5.	12%
		37,712						35,798			
Allowance for loan losses Goodwill		(19,572) 22,901						(22,131) 22,901			
Other assets		147,708						129,800			
TOTAL ASSETS		397,249					Ф	2,164,853			
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY											
Interest-bearing deposits											
Domestic											
Savings	\$	18,935		5		0.05%	\$	18,233	6		07%
NOW		207,414		173		0.17		226,361	331		29
Money market		350,082		1,222		0.70		330,857	1,453		89
Time		663,281		2,742		0.83		522,754	3,309	1.	28
Foreign										_	
Time	1	220 712		4 1 4 2		0.67		579	5 102		09
Total interest-bearing deposits	1,	239,712		4,142		U.O /		1,098,784	5,102	U. :	94
Borrowings											
Securities sold under agreements to		42 000		100		0.47		52 (90	126	0	10
repurchase - customers Securities sold under agreements to		42,989		100		0.47		52,689	120	U.	48
repurchase - dealers		5,374		33		1.21		2,133	5	0	47
Federal funds purchased		14,961		9		0.12		23,440	23		20
Commercial paper		14,885		22		0.12		14,696	22		31
Short-term borrowings - other		3,590		1		0.08		12,943	13		20
Advances - FHLB		133,868		1,164		1.75		127,004	1,720		73
Long-term borrowings - sub debt		25,774		1,047		8.38		25,774	1,047		38
Total borrowings		241,441		2,376		1.98		258,679	2,956		30
TOTAL INTEREST-BEARING											
LIABILITIES	1,	481,153		6,518		0.89%		1,357,463	8,058	1.	20%
Noninterest-bearing deposits		545,868						467,337			
Total including noninterest-bearing											
demand deposits	2,	027,021		6,518		0.65%		1,824,800	8,058	0.	89%
Other liabilities		139,592						140,723			
Total liabilities		166,613						1,965,523			
Shareholders equity		230,636						199,330			

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY	\$ 2,397,249			\$ 2,164,853		
Net interest income/spread		42,046	3.60%		41,526	3.92%
Net yield on interest-earning assets (margin)			3.88%			4.27%
Less: Tax equivalent adjustment		1,700			1,093	
Net interest income		\$ 40,346		\$	40,433	

- [1] The average balances of assets, liabilities and shareholders equity are computed on the basis of daily averages. Average rates are presented on a tax-equivalent basis. Certain reclassifications have been made to amounts for prior periods to conform to the current presentation.
- [2] Interest on tax-exempt securities is presented on a tax-equivalent basis.
- [3] Includes loans held for sale and loans held in portfolio; all loans are domestic. Nonaccrual loans are included in amounts outstanding and income has been included to the extent earned.

STERLING BANCORP AND SUBSIDIARIES Rate/Volume Analysis [1] (Unaudited)

Increase/(Decrease)
Three Months Ended
June 30, 2011 to June 30, 2010

	V	olume	Rate	Net [2]
INTEREST INCOME				
Interest-bearing deposits with other banks	\$	12	\$ (14)	\$ (2)
Investment Securities				
Available for sale - taxable		(452)	(299)	(751)
Held to maturity - taxable		881	(1,698)	(817)
Tax-exempt [2]		705	14	719
Total investment securities		1,134	(1,983)	(849)
FRB and FHLB stock		9	72	81
Loans, net of unearned discounts [3]		1,673	(1,015)	658
TOTAL INTEREST INCOME	\$	2,828	\$ (2,940)	\$ (112)
INTEREST EXPENSE				
Interest-bearing deposits				
Domestic				
Savings	\$		\$	\$
NOW		2	(6)	(4)
Money market		41	(162)	(121)
Time		292	(545)	(253)
Foreign				
Time		(2)		(2)
Total interest-bearing deposits		333	(713)	(380)
Borrowings				
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase - customers		(12)	(1)	(13)
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase - dealers		3	9	12
Federal funds purchased		(5)	(7)	(12)
Commercial paper		1		1
Short-term borrowings - other		(2)	(1)	(3)
Advances - FHLB		28	(377)	(349)
Long-term borrowings - sub debt				
Total borrowings		13	(377)	(364)
TOTAL INTEREST EXPENSE	\$	346	\$ (1,090)	\$ (744)
NET INTEREST INCOME	\$	2,482	\$ (1,850)	\$ 632

^[1] This table is presented on a tax-equivalent basis.

^[2] Changes in interest income and interest expense due to a combination of both volume and rate have been allocated to the change due to volume and the change due to rate in proportion to the relationship of the change due solely to each. The change in interest expense for foreign time deposits has been allocated entirely to the volume variance.

^[3] Includes loans held for sale and loans held in portfolio; all loans are domestic. Nonaccrual loans are included in amounts outstanding and income has been included to the extent earned.

STERLING BANCORP AND SUBSIDIARIES Rate/Volume Analysis [1] (Unaudited)

Increase/(Decrease) Six Months Ended June 30, 2011 to June 30, 2010

	•	Volume	Rate	Net [2]
INTEREST INCOME				
Interest-bearing deposits with other banks	\$	16	\$ (2)	\$ 14
Investment Securities				
Available for sale - taxable		(110)	(1,318)	(1,428)
Held to maturity - taxable		1,013	(3,358)	(2,345)
Tax-exempt [2]		1,714	20	1,734
Total investment securities		2,617	(4,656)	(2,039)
FRB and FHLB stock		17	(35)	(18)
Loans, net of unearned discounts [3]		3,131	(2,108)	1,023
TOTAL INTEREST INCOME	\$	5,781	\$ (6,801)	\$ (1,020)
INTEREST EXPENSE				
Interest-bearing deposits				
Domestic				
Savings	\$		\$ (1)	\$ (1)
NOW		(26)	(132)	(158)
Money market		84	(315)	(231)
Time		766	(1,333)	(567)
Foreign				
Time		(3)		(3)
Total interest-bearing deposits		821	(1,781)	(960)
Borrowings				
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase - customers		(23)	(3)	(26)
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase - dealers		14	14	28
Federal funds purchased		(7)	(7)	(14)
Commercial paper				
Short-term borrowings - other		(6)	(6)	(12)
Advances - FHLB		89	(645)	(556)
Long-term borrowings - sub debt				
Total borrowings		67	(647)	(580)
TOTAL INTEREST EXPENSE	\$	888	\$ (2,428)	\$ (1,540)
NET INTEREST INCOME	\$	4,893	\$ (4,373)	\$ 520

^[1] This table is presented on a tax-equivalent basis.

^[2] Changes in interest income and interest expense due to a combination of both volume and rate have been allocated to the change due to volume and the change due to rate in proportion to the relationship of the change due solely to each. The change in interest expense for foreign time deposits has been allocated entirely to the volume variance.

^[3] Includes loans held for sale and loans held in portfolio; all loans are domestic. Nonaccrual loans are included in amounts outstanding and income has been included to the extent earned.

STERLING BANCORP AND SUBSIDIARIES Regulatory Capital and Ratios

Ratios and Minimums

	Actual		For Capital Adequacy Minimum			To Be Well Capitalized		
As of June 30, 2011	Actual	Ratio		Amount	Ratio		Amount	Ratio
Total Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets):								
The Company	\$ 250,480	13.36%	\$	149,998	8.00%	\$	187,498	10.00%
The bank	221,147	12.05		146,761	8.00		183,451	10.00
Tier 1 Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets):								
The Company	231,681	12.36		74,999	4.00		112,499	6.00
The bank	202,348	11.03		73,380	4.00		110,071	6.00
Tier 1 Leverage Capital (to Average Assets):								
The Company	231,681	9.47		97,871	4.00		122,339	5.00
The bank	202,348	8.34		97,023	4.00		121,279	5.00
As of December 31, 2010								
Total Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets):								
The Company	\$ 255,022	14.68%	\$	138,982	8.00%	\$	173,728	10.00%
The bank	211,737	12.32		137,516	8.00		171,895	10.00
Tier 1 Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets):								
The Company	236,477	13.61		69,491	4.00		104,237	6.00
The bank	193,192	11.24		68,758	4.00		103,137	6.00
Tier 1 Leverage Capital (to Average Assets):								
The Company	236,477	10.15		93,152	4.00		116,440	5.00
The bank	193,192	8.39		92,070	4.00		115,087	5.00
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ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

ASSET/LIABILITY MANAGEMENT

The Company s primary earnings source is its net interest income; therefore, the Company devotes significant time and has invested in resources to assist in the management of interest rate risk and asset quality. The Company s net interest income is affected by changes in market interest rates, and by the level and composition of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities. The Company s objectives in its asset/liability management are to utilize its capital effectively, to provide adequate liquidity and to enhance net interest income, without taking undue risks or subjecting the Company unduly to interest rate fluctuations. For the three months ended in June 30, 2011, the Company did not hold any instrument entered into for trading purposes.

The Company takes a coordinated approach to the management of its liquidity, capital and interest rate risk. This risk management process is governed by policies and limits established by senior management which are reviewed and approved by the Asset/Liability Committee. This committee, which is comprised of members of senior management, meets to review, among other things, economic conditions, interest rates, yield curve, cash flow projections, expected customer actions, liquidity levels, capital ratios and repricing characteristics of assets, liabilities and financial instruments.

Market Risk

Market risk is the risk of loss in a financial instrument arising from adverse changes in market indices such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates and equity prices. The Company s principal market risk exposure is interest rate risk, with no material impact on earnings from changes in foreign exchange rates or equity prices.

Interest rate risk is the exposure to changes in market interest rates. Interest rate sensitivity is the relationship between market interest rates and net interest income due to the repricing characteristics of assets and liabilities. The Company monitors the interest rate sensitivity of its balance sheet positions by examining its near-term sensitivity and its longer-term gap position. In its management of interest rate risk, the Company utilizes several financial and statistical tools, including traditional gap analysis and sophisticated income simulation models.

A traditional gap analysis is prepared based on the maturity and repricing characteristics of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities for selected time bands. The mismatch between repricings or maturities within a time band is commonly referred to as the gap for that period. A positive gap (asset sensitive) where interest rate-sensitive assets exceed interest rate-sensitive liabilities generally will result in the net interest margin increasing in a rising rate environment and decreasing in a falling rate environment. A negative gap (liability sensitive) will generally have the opposite result on the net interest margin. However, the traditional gap analysis does not assess the relative sensitivity of assets and liabilities to changes in interest rates and other factors that could have an impact on interest rate sensitivity or net interest income. The Company utilizes the gap analysis to complement its income simulations modeling, primarily focusing on the longer-term structure of the balance sheet.

The Company s balance sheet structure is primarily short-term in nature with a substantial portion of assets and liabilities repricing or maturing within one year. The Company s gap analysis at June 30, 2011, presented on page 63, indicates that net interest income would increase during periods of rising interest rates and decrease during periods of falling interest rates, but, as mentioned above, gap analysis may not be an accurate predictor of net interest income.

As part of its interest rate risk strategy, the Company may use financial instrument derivatives to hedge the interest rate sensitivity of assets. The Company has written policy guidelines, approved by the Board of Directors, governing the use of financial instruments, including approved counterparties, risk limits and appropriate internal control procedures. The credit risk of derivatives arises principally from the potential for a counterparty to fail to meet its obligation to settle a contract on a timely basis.

As of June 30, 2011, the Company was not a party to any financial instrument derivative agreement.

The Company utilizes income simulation models to complement its traditional gap analysis. While the Asset/Liability Committee routinely monitors simulated net interest income sensitivity over a rolling two-year horizon, it also utilizes additional tools to monitor potential longer-term interest rate risk. The income simulation models measure the Company's net interest income volatility or sensitivity to interest rate changes utilizing statistical techniques that allow the Company to consider various factors which impact net interest income. These factors include actual maturities, estimated cash flows, repricing characteristics, deposits growth/retention and, most importantly, the relative sensitivity of the Company's assets and liabilities to changes in market interest rates. This relative sensitivity is important to consider as the Company's core deposit base has not been subject to the same degree of interest rate sensitivity as its assets. The core deposit costs are internally managed and tend to exhibit less sensitivity to changes in interest rates than the Company's adjustable rate assets whose yields are based on external indices and generally change in concert with market interest rates.

The Company s interest rate sensitivity is determined by identifying the probable impact of changes in market interest rates on the yields on the Company s assets and the rates that would be paid on its liabilities. This modeling technique involves a degree of estimation based on certain assumptions that management believes to be reasonable. Utilizing this process, management projects the impact of changes in interest rates on net interest margin. The Company has established certain policy limits for the potential volatility of its net interest margin assuming certain levels of changes in market interest rates with the objective of maintaining a stable net interest margin under various probable rate scenarios. Management generally has maintained a risk position well within the policy limits. As of December 31, 2010, the model indicated the impact of a 100 and 200 basis point parallel and pro rata rise in rates over 12 months would approximate a 3.4% (\$3.7 million) and a 6.8% (\$7.2 million) increase in net interest income, respectively, while the impact of a 25 basis point decline in rates over the same period would approximate a 0.9% (\$1.0 million) decline from an unchanged rate environment. The likelihood of a decrease in interest rates beyond 25 basis points as of December 31, 2010 was considered to be remote given then-current interest rate levels. As of June 30, 2011, the model indicated the impact of a 100 and 200 basis point parallel and pro rata rise in rates over 12 months would approximate a 2.1% (\$2.4 million) and a 4.6% (\$5.2 million) increase in net interest income, respectively, while the impact of a 25 basis point decline in rates over the same period would approximate a 0.7% (\$0.8 million) decline from an unchanged rate environment. The likelihood of a decrease in interest rates beyond 25 basis points as of June 30, 2011 was considered to be remote given then-current interest rate levels.

The preceding sensitivity analysis does not represent a Company forecast and should not be relied upon as being indicative of expected operating results. These hypothetical estimates are based upon numerous assumptions, including: the nature and timing of interest rate levels including yield curve shape, prepayments on loans and securities, deposit decay rates, pricing decisions on loans and deposits, reinvestment/replacement of asset and liability cash flows and others. While assumptions are developed based upon current economic and local market conditions, the Company cannot provide any assurances as to the predictive nature of these assumptions, including how customers preferences or competitor influences might change.

Also, as market conditions vary from those assumed in the sensitivity analysis, actual results will also differ due to: prepayment/refinancing levels likely deviating from those assumed, the varying impact of interest rate change caps or floors on adjustable rate assets, the potential effect of changing debt service levels on customers with adjustable rate loans, depositor early withdrawals and product preference changes and other variables. Furthermore, the sensitivity analysis does not reflect actions that the Asset/Liability Committee might take in responding to or anticipating changes in interest rates.

The shape of the yield curve can cause downward pressure on net interest income. In general, if and to the extent that the yield curve is flatter (i.e., the differences between interest rates for different maturities are relatively smaller) than previously anticipated, then the yield on the Company s interest-earning assets and its cash flows will tend to be lower. Management believes that a relatively flat yield curve could continue to adversely affect the Company s results in 2011.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity is the ability to meet cash needs arising from changes in various categories of assets and liabilities. Liquidity is constantly monitored and managed at both the parent company and the bank levels. Liquid assets consist of cash and due from banks, interest-bearing deposits in banks and Federal funds sold and securities available for sale. Primary funding sources include core deposits, capital markets funds and other money market sources. Core deposits include domestic noninterest-bearing and interest-bearing retail deposits, which historically have been relatively stable. The parent company and the bank believe that they have significant unused borrowing capacity. Contingency plans exist which we believe could be implemented on a timely basis to mitigate the impact of any dramatic change in market conditions.

The parent company depends for its cash requirements on funds maintained or generated by its subsidiaries, principally the bank. Such sources have been adequate to meet the parent company s cash requirements throughout its history.

Various legal restrictions limit the extent to which the bank can supply funds to the parent company and its nonbank subsidiaries. All national banks are limited in the payment of dividends without the approval of the Comptroller of the Currency to an amount not to exceed the net profits (as defined) for the year to date combined with its retained net profits for the preceding two calendar years.

At June 30, 2011, the parent company s short-term debt, consisting principally of commercial paper used to finance ongoing current business activities, was approximately \$16.4 million. The parent company had cash, interest-bearing deposits with banks and other current assets aggregating \$58.4 million. The parent company also has back-up credit lines with banks of \$19.0 million. Since 1979, the parent company has had no need to use the available back-up lines of credit.

The following table sets forth information regarding the Company s obligations and commitments to make future payments under contract as of June 30, 2011:

	Payments Due by Period									
Contractual obligations (1)		Total	ess than 1 Year	1-3 Years			-5 Years	After 5 Years		
Long-Term Debt	\$	154,230	\$	16,454	\$	12,002	\$	100,000	\$	25,774
Operating Leases		47,248		4,479		9,197		8,978		24,594
Total Contractual Cash Obligations	\$	201,478	\$	20,933	\$	21,199	\$	108,978	\$	50,368
(1) Based on contractual maturity dates										

The following table sets forth information regarding the Company s obligations under other commercial commitments as of June 30, 2011:

	Amount of Commitment Expiration per Period								
Other Commercial Commitments		Total Amount ommitted	L	ess Than 1 Year	1	-3 Years	4-5 Years	After	5 Years
Residential Loans	\$	47,331	\$	47,331	\$		\$	\$	
Commercial Loans		17,258		9,460		7,798			
Total Loans		64,589		56,791		7,798			
Standby Letters of Credit		27,821		23,204		4,617			
Other Commercial Commitments		89,275		88,373					902
Total Commercial Commitments	\$	181,685	\$	168,368	\$	12,415	\$	\$	902
INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON OUR WEB SITE									

Our Internet address is www.sterlingbancorp.com and the investor relations section of our web site is located at www.sterlingbancorp.com/ir/investor.cfm. We make available free of charge, on or through the investor relations section of our web site, annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Also posted on our web site, and available in print upon request of any shareholder to our Investor Relations Department, are the charters for our Board of Directors Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, our Corporate Governance Guidelines, our Method for Interested Persons to Communicate with Non-Management Directors, our Excessive or Luxury Expenditures Policy and a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics governing our directors, officers and employees. Within the time period required by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the New York Stock Exchange, we will post on our web site any amendment to the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and any waiver applicable to our senior financial officers, as defined in the Code, or our executive officers or directors. In addition, information concerning purchases and sales of our equity securities by our executive officers and directors is posted on our web site.

The contents of our web site are not incorporated by reference into this quarterly report on Form 10-Q.

STERLING BANCORP AND SUBSIDIARIES Interest Rate Sensitivity

To mitigate the vulnerability of earnings to changes in interest rates, the Company manages the repricing characteristics of assets and liabilities in an attempt to control net interest rate sensitivity. Management attempts to confine significant rate sensitivity gaps predominantly to repricing intervals of a year or less so that adjustments can be made quickly. Assets and liabilities with predetermined repricing dates are classified based on the earliest repricing period. Based on the interest rate sensitivity analysis shown below, the Company s net interest income would increase during periods of rising interest rates and decrease during periods of falling interest rates.

		More than	More than	Repricing Date More than			
	3 Months	3 Months	1 Year to	5 Years to	Over	Nonrate	
	or Less	to 1 Year	5 Years	10 Years	10 Years	Sensitive	Total
ASSETS							
Interest-bearing deposits with							
other banks	\$ 102,889	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 102,889
Investment securities	103,170	195,236	269,640	25,739	285,898		879,683
Commercial and industrial loans	510,278	42,374	88,575	3,198		(2,632)	641,793
Lease financing receivables	550	11,711	78,320	69,933		(16,037)	144,477
Factored receivables	166,451		·	·		(175)	166,276
Real estate-residential mortgage	19,557	33,928	27,825	30,099	59,936	ì	171,345
Real estate-commercial	,	,	,	,	,		,
mortgage	28,735	17,236	39,796	13,254			99,021
Real estate-construction and	-,	,					, .
land development	5,129	4,000	9,066	4,700			22,895
Loans to individuals	7,603	2,236	1,118	1,700			10,957
Loans to nondepository financial	7,000	2,200	1,110				20,527
institutions	104,641	1,064	23,742		66		129,513
Loans to depository institutions	3,086	1,004	23,142		00		3,086
Noninterest-earning assets &	3,000						3,000
allowance for loan losses						210,149	210,149
Total Assets	1,052,089	307,785	538,082	146,923	345,900	191,305	2,582,084
Total Assets	1,032,009	307,763	330,002	140,923	343,700	171,303	2,302,004
LIABILITIES AND							
SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY							
Interest-bearing deposits							
Savings [1]			17,340				17,340
NOW [1]			231,711				231,711
Money market [1]	267,745		119,407				387,152
Time	,	440 270					
	265,276	448,378	48,697				762,351
Securities sold under agreement	20.226						20.226
to repurchase - customers	29,236						29,236
Securities sold under agreement		5 000					7 000
to repurchase - dealers		5,000					5,000
Federal funds purchased	45.005	100					4 = 40=
Commercial paper	15,327	100					15,427
Short-term borrowings - other	23,865	4 = 000	44.4				23,865
Advances - FHLB	100,000	15,000	13,456				128,456
Long-term borrowings -							
subordinated debentures					25,774		25,774
Noninterest-bearing liabilities &							
shareholders equity						955,772	955,772
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Total Liabilities and	F04 440	470.450	420 (44		25.55.4	055 553	2 502 004
Shareholders Equity	701,449	468,478	430,611		25,774	955,772	2,582,084
Not Interest Date Committee							
Net Interest Rate Sensitivity	d 250 < 40	d (1(0 (02)	d 105 454	6 147 022	ф 220 12 <i>с</i>	6 (5 (4.45 5)	ф
Gap	\$ 350,640	\$ (160,693)	\$ 107,471	\$ 146,923	\$ 320,126	\$ (764,467)	\$
Cumulative Gap June 30, 2011	\$ 350,640	\$ 189,947	\$ 297,418	\$ 444,341	\$ 764,467	¢	¢
Cumulauve Gap June 30, 2011	ъ 330,040	\$ 109,94/	Þ 291,418	Þ 444,341	\$ 704,407	\$	\$

Cumulative Gap June 30, 2010

[2]	\$ 171,543	\$ 390,089	\$ 373,577	\$ 427,820	\$ 737,070	\$ \$
Cumulative Gap December 31,						
2010 [2]	\$ 377,384	\$ 308,139	\$ 289,256	\$ 468,057	\$ 786,799	\$ \$

- [1] Historically, balances in non-maturity deposit accounts have remained relatively stable despite changes in levels of interest rates. Balances are shown in repricing periods based on management s historical repricing practices and run-off experience.
- [2] Certain reclassifications have been made to conform to the current presentation.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

The Company s management, with the participation of the Company s principal executive and principal financial officers, evaluated the Company s disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report on Form 10-Q. Based on this evaluation, the Company s management, including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, concluded that, as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report, the Company s disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and forms.

No change in the Company s internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) occurred during the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2011 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company s internal control over financial reporting.

PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

Under its share repurchase program, the Company buys back common shares from time to time. The Company did not repurchase any of its common shares during the second quarter of 2011. At June 30, 2011, the maximum number of shares that may yet be purchased under the share repurchase program was 870,963.

The Board of Directors initially authorized the repurchase of common shares in 1997 and since then has approved increases in the number of common shares that the Company is authorized to repurchase. The latest increase was announced on August 16, 2007, when the Board of Directors increased the Company s authority to repurchase common shares by an additional 800,000 shares.

Item 6. Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed as part of this report:

- 3. (i) Restated Certificate of Incorporation filed with the State of New York Department of State, on October 28, 2004 (Filed as Exhibit 3(i) to the Registrant s Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).
 - (ii) Certificate of Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation filed with the State of New York Department of State on December 18, 2008 (Filed as Exhibit 3(ii) to the Registrant s Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).
 - (iii) By-Laws as in effect on November 15, 2007 (Filed as Exhibit 3(ii) (A) to the Registrant s Form 8-K dated November 15, 2007 and filed on November 19, 2007 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 11. Statement Re: Computation of Per Share Earnings.
- 31.1 Certification of the CEO pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a).
- 31.2 Certification of the CFO pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a).
- 32.1 Certification of the CEO required by Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the U.S. Code.
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- 101.DEF* XBRL Toxonomy Definition Linkbase.

^{*} As provided in Rule 406T of Regulation S-T, this information is furnished and not filed for purposes of Section 11 and 12 of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements 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.

STERLING BANCORP

(Registrant)

Date: August 9, 2011 /s/ Louis J. Cappelli

Louis J. Cappelli

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Date: August 9, 2011 /s/ John W. Tietjen
John W. Tietjen

Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

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