

Banking System Fragility and Resolution Costs

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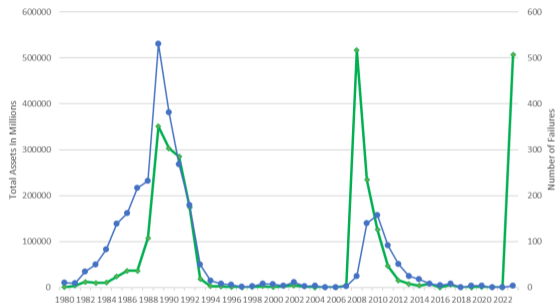
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 - Resulting deficit (-\$20.9 billion) covered by:
 - (i) borrowing from the U.S. Treasury
 - (ii) increasing assessment rates
 - Generates **distortions** & affects lending when the system is in turmoil

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- ③ Counterfactuals suggest that eliminating size or health restrictions could lower these costs
 - During crises resolution costs can spiral as the set of unconstrained bidders shrinks

Institutional Background

FDIC Resolution Process

- Primary resolution method: **Purchase & Assumption** transaction
 - Troubled institution (physical assets, investment portfolios, customer deposit accounts) auctioned off to *large* and *healthy* banks
- Procedure:
 - 1 Bank's regulator informs the FDIC of pending failure
 - 2 Can close a bank that is
 - Critically undercapitalized
 - Assets less than obligations to creditors
 - 3 FDIC determines liquidation value of bank
 - 4 Establishes *eligible bidder* list based on participation constraints
 - 5 A subset sign NDA to learn the basic info, get access to virtual data room (*potential bidders*)
 - 6 A subset of the potential bidders become *actual bidders* by performing costly due diligence/merger valuation and submitting P&A bids
 - 7 FDIC selects least-cost bid or liquidates

FDIC Participation Constraints

- FDIC participation constraints:
 - Size restrictions:
 - Assets at least twice as large as those of failing bank
 - Health restrictions, require satisfactory:
 - Tier 1 leverage capital ratio
 - CAMELS ratings
 - Compliance rating
 - Bank holding company composite rating
 - Community Reinvestment Act rating
 - Anti-money laundering record

Key features of the auction process

- 1 Bidding is multidimensional
 - Cash (continuous)
 - Four discrete components (loss share, partial bank, nonconforming, value appreciation instrument): 16 possible *packages*
- 2 FDIC's mandate is to resolve the failing institution at the *lowest cost*
- 3 Algorithm for calculating the least-cost bid is proprietary
 - Uncertain (from bidders' perspectives) auction-specific scoring rule
- 4 Banks permitted to submit multiple bids in the same auction

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- **2017-2023 Sample:** 20 auctions
 - Characteristics of failed banks (SOD, Call Reports)
 - Resolution costs to FDIC for 20 auctions
- **Monetary tightening / CRE Samples:** 185 + 62 auctions
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- Approach:
 - GFC-era data: estimate a multi-stage entry and bidding model
 - 2017-2023 data: validate model's ability to forecast actual resolution costs
 - Contemporary data: forecast resolution costs of hypothetical failure wave
 - *At-risk* banks: e.g., Problem-bank list or banks at risk during a modern crisis
 - *Bidder-eligible* banks: criteria – (i) financial health, (ii) size relative to failed bank

Stage 1: Post-Failure Bank Merger Valuations – Conditional on Entry

- **Structurally estimate the underlying preferences of banks for failed institutions and different components**
 - Model of merger valuations based on Allen et al. 2023
 - Generalize existing empirical auction methods:
 - Setup similar to *pay-as-bid package auction*
 - Bids can be on any subset of packages
 - Extend combinatorial auction techniques - Cantillon & Pesendorfer (2007)
 - C&P extend Guerre, Perrigne and Vuong (2000) FOC approach to the case of package bidding for dissimilar objects
 - We extend further to deal with uncertainty over scoring rule

Stage 1: Empirical Strategy (GPV)

- Classic techniques pioneered by Guerre, Perrigne, and Vuong (*Econometrica*, 2000)
- GPV setting: Single-object first price auction with N symmetric bidders, valuations v_i
- Bidder i 's (reduced-form) problem:

$$\max_{b_i} \pi_i(v_i, b_i) = [v_i - b_i]G(b_i)$$

where

$$G(b_i) = \text{Prob}(\max_{\ell \neq i} b_\ell \leq b_i) = \text{Prob}(b_i \text{ is the winning bid})$$

- Which yields the following expression for valuations in terms of observables:

$$v_i = b_i + \frac{G(b_i)}{g(b_i)}$$

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- This approach is more complicated in our setting:
 - Multiple first order conditions (one for each package):
 - Hold with equality for packages bid on
 - Inequalities otherwise
 - Construction of G (prob. of winning) more complicated
 - Unknown set of asymmetric competitors
 - Unknown scoring rule
 - Multiple bidding – own bid is in G
 - But simpler combinatorial setting than C&P:
 - Only one winner possible

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- Package-Specific Valuations depend on component switches:

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$$d_k^s = \mathbf{1} [\text{switch } s \text{ on in } k^{\text{th}} \text{ package}], \quad k = 1, \dots, 16$$

$\mathbf{D}_k \boldsymbol{\lambda}$ accounts for switch complementarity

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- FOC (GPV inversion), for each k :

$$v_{ijk} = b_{ijk} + \frac{G(b_{ijk} | L_{ij}, \mathbf{b}_{ij}^{-k}, \mathbf{X}_j) + \sum_{k' \in L_{ij}, k' \neq k} (v_{ijk'} - b_{ijk'}) \frac{\partial G(b_{ijk'} | L_{ij}, \mathbf{b}_{ij}^{-k}, \mathbf{X}_j)}{\partial b_{ijk}}}{g(b_{ijk} | L_{ij}, \mathbf{b}_{ij}^{-k}, \mathbf{X}_j)}$$

(For packages not bid on: Similar but inequality)

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- ⑤ So, **with $\boldsymbol{\alpha}, \boldsymbol{\beta}$ we know merger valuations as functions of $\mathbf{X}_{ij} = \mathbf{Z}_j \otimes \mathbf{W}_{ij}$,**
 - (i.e., balance-sheet info. for failed banks and bidders)

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 - Requires costly due diligence/merger valuation analysis to learn
 - Inputs by accountants, lawyers, finance experts, consultants, executives, etc...
- Idiosyncratic entry cost $\eta_i \sim H_\eta(\eta|\mathbf{Z}_j)$
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- ② *At least one of the following is true:*
 - (i) *EITHER $\max \{Supp(\eta)\} < \max \{Supp(S_{ij})\}$*
 - Maximal entry costs are lower than maximal merger surplus.
 - (ii) *OR $\lim_{\bar{N} \rightarrow 1} p(y_\ell, \bar{N}) = 1$ for each $l = 1, \dots, L$*
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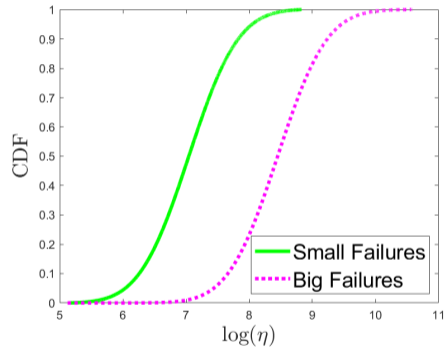
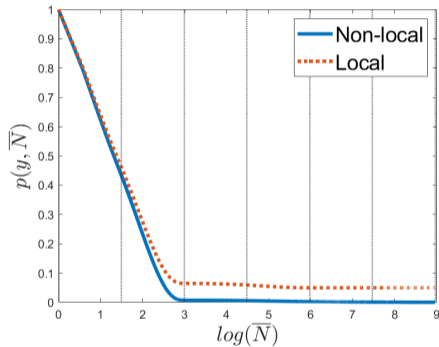
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- ① Expected surplus s_{ij} is known from STAGE 1 estimation.
- ② Model implies that entry probabilities, given \bar{N} , y_ℓ , and s can be characterized as

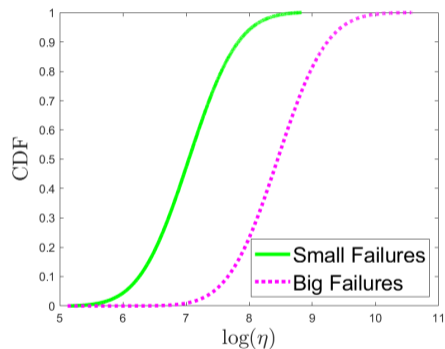
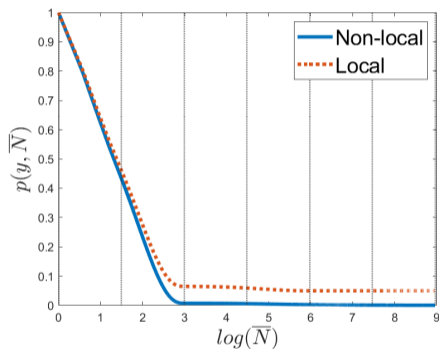
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- *The left-hand side is raw data; right-hand side is model.*
- ③ Estimation is Maximum Likelihood

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- Median Entry Costs:
 - \$1.1M / \$4.6 conditional on entry (for small / large failures)

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 - (i) Simulate entry decisions
 - This implies distribution of actual bidders $\pi(N|\mathbf{Z}_{ij})$
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Empirical Implementation: Simulation of Contemporary Banking Crises

- 1 Determine set of contemporary *at-risk banks*
 - This implies a pool of \mathbf{Z}_j 's (most likely failure candidates)
- 2 For each at-risk bank j , determine set of contemporary *bidder-eligible banks*
 - This gives \overline{N}_j and a pool of eligible \mathbf{W}_{ij} 's
- 3 Then, for each at-risk bank j , use model estimates (*from GFC-era data*) to repeatedly:
 - (i) Simulate entry decisions
 - This implies distribution of actual bidders $\pi(N|\mathbf{Z}_{ij})$
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- 4 Average resolution costs across simulations ◀ Assumptions

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- Compare to naive OLS predictions: $\hat{c}_{ijk} = \mathbf{X}_{ij}\gamma$ (γ estimated on GFC data)
 - Average loss 25.85%
 - Correlation of -0.01, not significant

Our method captures changes in costs resulting from strategic bidding behavior as the set of participants and macroeconomic conditions shift over time

- Naive approach can't account for changes in participation in 2017-2023

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Identifying at-risk banks using Jiang et al (2023) approach

- For each US bank calculate its *Insured Deposit Coverage ratio*:

$$\text{IDC ratio} = \frac{\text{Marked-to-market Assets} - \text{Uninsured Deposits} - \text{Insured Deposits}}{\text{Insured Deposits}}$$

- Market values of assets estimated using data on traded indexes in real estate, US Treasuries
 - By the first quarter of 2023, the rate increase resulted in 9% decline in marked-to-market value of the median bank's assets
- A bank is classified as *at-risk* if its IDC ratio would be negative in the event 50% of its uninsured deposits ran.
 - 185 such banks [◀ Bidder Sum Stats](#)

Expected Auction Outcomes

	Mean	StDev
Costs (\$Millions)	378.7	1935.7
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- Takeaways:
 - Average resolution cost: \$379 million (vs. \$135 million per failure during GFC)
 - Total cost for resolving 185 at-risk banks: \$70 billion (plus \$35 billion for four 2023 failures)
 - Approaches the \$128 billion in the Deposit Insurance Fund

Expanding the bidder pool

- Elevated cost driven by difficulty finding banks able to participate and willing to submit bids $>$ FDIC's liquidation value
 - Only 1.54 bidders on average
- Investigate impact of size & health constraints on resolution costs
 - Size: allow bidders to offer on banks of any size
 - Health: allow even unhealthy banks to participate (not a policy CF!)
- Investigate bidder options:
 - How would resolution costs change if FDIC allowed LS or PB bidding?

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Costs (\$ millions)		
Current rules	378.7	1935.7
Relaxing solvency & size	232.3	1369.0
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Relaxing size	255.0	1469.6
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Relaxing solvency & size	14.38	3.39
Relaxing solvency	17.19	2.61
Relaxing size	15.53	3.06
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- Takeaways:

- Relaxing Both: ↑ nbr bidders to 2.60, ↓ costs to \$232M/bank
- Relaxing solvency: ↑ nbr bidders to 1.79, ↑ costs to \$398M/bank
- Relaxing size: ↑ nbr bidders to 2.22, ↓ costs to \$255M/bank

How Do Constraints Impact Purchasers?

Table: Impact on Average Auction Winner Traits

	Size (\$B)	Same-Zip (%)	T1
Current rules	109.01	15.88	10.39
Relaxing solvency & size	49.99	17.72	10.89
Relaxing Solvency	106.3	18.34	9.91
Relaxing Size	48.6	12.80	11.83

- Takeaways:

- Relaxing Both: ↑ capitalization and local overlap, ↓ size
- Relaxing size: ↓ size, ↓ local network overlap
- Relaxing solvency: ↑ local overlap, small ↓ size
- SVB: size constraint removed, cost \$16.2B ~ actual \$20B

Imposing bans on purchases by local banks

	Mean	StDev
Costs (\$ millions)		
Whole bank	379	1935.7
Banning Local Sales	410.1	1983.3
Costs (%FBA)		
Whole bank	18.41	2.29
Banning Local Sales	19.80	2.26

Impact on Winner Traits			
	Size (\$B)	Same-Zip (%)	T1
Whole Bank	109.01	15.88	10.39
Banning Local Sales	29.22	0	10.63

CRE crisis

	Mean	StDev
Costs (\$ millions)		
Whole bank	319.83	1636.2
Relaxing solvency & size	194.13	1188.2
Relaxing solvency	341.59	2042.1
Relaxing size	263.46	1708.1
Costs (%FBA)		
Whole bank	18.30	2.14
Relaxing solvency & size	14.12	3.30
Relaxing solvency	17.08	2.43
Relaxing size	15.29	3.00

Impact on Average Winners Traits

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Whole Bank	108.08	16.6	10.35
Relaxing solvency & size	49.6	17.98	10.90
Relaxing Size	105.2	13.36	11.82
Relaxing Solvency	49.9	18.78	9.89

Conclusion

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- We develop a framework to estimate the costs to the FDIC of resolving *at-risk* banks
 - Superior to regression model out of sample: captures changes in buyer health
 - 2023 Crisis: The cost of resolving these banks would be over \$105 billion
 - Approaches the \$128 billion in the FDIC's deposit insurance fund!
 - Our CFs suggest that eliminating size or health restrictions could lower these costs
 - During crises resolution costs can spiral as the set of unconstrained bidders shrinks
- Tool allows the FDIC to estimate costs in real-time, understand the impact of macroeconomic conditions, & evaluate costs of participation constraints,

Additional Slides

Least-cost resolution example

Cost = transactions equity + asset discount - deposit premium + expenses

- Deposits: \$1 million
- Loans outstanding \$500,000; book value only \$250,000
- Cash on hand: \$500,000
- total assets = loan outstanding + cash = \$750,000
- Transaction equity = $750,000 - 1,000,000 = (\$250,000)$
- Bid: asset discount of \$120,000, deposit premium of \$100,000

Transfer from FDIC to winning bank = $\$250,000 + \$120,000 - \$100,000 + \text{expenses}$.

FDIC Bid Summaries

Bid Summary

Legacy Bank, Scottsdale, AZ

Closing Date: January 7, 2011

Bidder	Type of Transaction	Deposit Premium/ (Discount) %	Asset Premium/ (Discount) \$(000) / %	SF Loss Share Tranche 1	SF Loss Share Tranche 2	SF Loss Share Tranche 3	Commercial Loss Share Tranche 1	Commercial Loss Share Tranche 2	Commercial Loss Share Tranche 3	Value Appreciation Instrument	Conforming Bid	Linked
Winning bid and bidder: Enterprise Bank & Trust, Clayton, Missouri	Nonconforming all deposit whole bank with loss share (1)	1.00%	\$ (9995)	80%	80%	NA	80%	80%	NA	Yes	No	N/A
Cover - Commerce Bank of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona	All deposit whole bank with loss share	0.25%	\$ (21975)	75%	75%	N/A	75%	75%	N/A	No	Yes	N/A
Other bid	All deposit whole bank with loss share	1.00%	\$ (9525)	80%	80%	N/A	80%	80%	N/A	No	Yes	N/A
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Other bid	All deposit whole bank with loss share	0.00%	\$ (22000)	80%	80%	N/A	80%	80%	N/A	No	Yes	N/A
Other bid	Nonconforming Whole Bank P&A (2)	0.00%	\$ (41679)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No	N/A

(1) Deemed nonconforming due to cap placed on Value Appreciation Instrument

(2) Deemed nonconforming since bid excluded all OREO.

Other Bidder Names:

Commerce Bank of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona
Enterprise Bank & Trust, Clayton, Missouri
SouthWest Bank, Odessa, Texas
Wedbush Bank, Los Angeles, California

Summary Statistics

Variable	Mean	Validation Sample		Contemporary At-Risk Sample				
		GFC-Era 10-90 Interval	Mean	10-90 Interval	Monetary 10-90 Interval	Mean	Interval	CRE-Crisis 10-90 Interval
#Failed/At-Risk Banks	322	–	20	–	185	–	62	
Tot. Assets (\$M)	827	[64, 1348]	26743	[39, 154480]	1811	[53,1953]	750	[78,1895]
Tot. Depos. (\$M)	702	[60, 1262]	23139	[34, 136450]	1673	[50,1710]	685	[73,1658]
Ins. Depos. (\$M)	630	[55, 1207]	3359	[31, 9179]	1533	[43, 1353]	571	[66,1431]
Core Depos. (%)	77	[56, 95]	88	[61, 100]	94	[85, 100]	92	[83,100]
CRE (%)	25	[10.43, 43.31]	13	[1, 32]	9	[0,20]	15	[5,28]
C&I (%)	8.00	[1.52, 17.37]	12	[1, 26]	4	[0,8]	4	[4,9]
CNSMR (%)	1.52	[0.10, 3.71]	2	[0, 6]	3	[0,6]	2	[1,5]
SFR (%)	18.41	[3.71, 35.71]	22	[3, 49]	32	[6,62]	23	[10,46]
ARE (%)	59.90	[44.87, 74.27]	64	[36, 93]	81	[60,98]	83	[65,97]
ROA	-6.81	[-12.90, -1.72]	-2.3	[-7.3, 1.5]	0.7	[0.2,1.3]	0.9	[0.45,1.69]
Tier 1 Ratio	1.17	[-1.79, 3.58]	5	[1, 9]	9	[2,13]	9	[7,12]
NA (%)	10.97	[4.35, 19.44]	5.7	[0, 14]	0.32	[0,0.77]	0.21	[0,0.6]

Model assumptions

- Bidders have IPV for absorbing the failed bank's depositors, liabilities, and assets into their own businesses
 - Heterogeneous synergies between bidder and failed-bank assets and depositor base
 - Limited resale opportunities
 - Ex-ante symmetry of information about ex-post value
- Independence Across Auctions
 - No learning
 - No complementarities
 - No dynamic capacity constraints

Estimation/Identification Overview

Step 1: Estimate G (prob. of winning)

(i) Recover Distribution of least-cost scoring rule

$$c_{ijk} = b_{ijk} + \epsilon_j d_{ijk}^{LS} (\%LS) + \kappa_j d_{ijk}^{NC} + \nu_j d_{ijk}^{PB} (\%PB) + \psi_j d_{ijk}^{VAI} + \delta_{ij} + u_j$$

- Estimation: Auction-specific scoring rule weights $(\epsilon_j, \kappa_j, \nu_j, \psi_j)$ assumed normally distributed
- Identification: Observe cost equation for the winning bid; Inequality for all losing bids

(ii) Construct weighted bootstrap sample of offers from bidders in similar auctions to determine probability a given bid wins (Hortacsu & McAdams, 2010)

Estimation/Identification Overview

- **Step 2:** Backing out private values
 - GPV-type inversion to get package-specific \hat{v}_{ijk}
 - Specify component-specific valuation as a function of observed traits of bidder & failed bank:
 $v_{ij}^s = \mathbf{X}_{ij}\beta^s$, $s = LS, NC, PB, VAI$
 - Use panel structure from multiple bids to estimate FE model

$$\hat{v}_{ijk} = \bar{v}_{ij} + \mathbf{X}_{ij}\beta\mathbf{d}_k + \xi_{ijk}, \quad i = 1, \dots, N_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, J$$

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- 4 Either way, can use $\frac{Pr(\mathcal{E}=1|\bar{N}, s, y)}{H_\eta(s)} = p(y, \bar{N})$ to trace out consideration probabilities. □

Key Assumption

Valuation process is the same for modern-era banks and GFC-era banks:

- Bidder/Failed Bank traits interact to determine values in the same way

Key drivers of baseline values: Assets, Deposits, Insured Deposits, ROA (Allen et al., 2023)

- 1 Deposit franchise valuations similar across periods
 - Customers' elasticities of deposits wrt rates haven't increased (Schnabl, 2023)
 - Deposit Betas similar to last crisis (Kang-Landsberg et al, 2023)
- 2 Loan portfolio valuations similar over time
 - Balance-sheet complementarities (Granja et al., 2017) being stable over time
- 3 Pricing models stable
 - Condition on a wealth of observable balance-sheet characteristics

Bidding Banks

Variable	Constrained		Unconstrained		Local Ban	
	Mean	10-90 Interval	Mean	10-90 Interval	Mean	10-90 Interval
Tot. Assets (\$B)	134	[0.3, 1219]	46.9	[0.08, 9.78]	28.8	[0.3,199.2]
Tot. Deposits (\$B)	94	[0.3, 840]	39.6	[0.07, 8.37]	21.1	[0.2,172.7]
Uninsured Deposits (%)	35.68	[14, 63]	28.8	[10.4, 50.8]	32.6	[13.6, 54.1]
CRE (%)	17.0	[1.8, 31.0]	13	[1, 32]	18.5	[4.3,34.9]
C&I (%)	10.5	[8.2, 21.9]	8.3	[1.5, 16.4]	8.8	[1.5,18.3]
CNSMR (%)	5.4	[0.0, 11.7]	3	[0, 7.1]	3.6	[0.0,8.4]
SFR (%)	12.8	[2.1, 25.3]	17	[3, 34]	15.3	[4.8,27.5]
NA (%)	0.29	[0.0, 0.6]	0.3	[0, 0.9]	0.34	[0,0.82]
ROA	1.25	[0.58, 1.84]	1.08	[0.37, 1.8]	1.14	[0.4,1.8]
Tier 1 Ratio	10.14	[7.62, 13.13]	11.0	[7.6, 14.2]	10.7	[8.1,14.1]
Leverage	10.43	[7.84, 13.45]	11.1	[7.8, 14.4]	10.9	[8.3,14.6]
IDC Ratio	7.84	[7.62, 13.16]	21.8	[-0.1, 19.7]	17	[0.0,30.9]
Losses	8.02	[3.52, 12.48]	10.6	[4.8, 17.0]	9	[4.7,12.7]
Insolvent	0	[0, 0]	0.35	[0, 1]	0	[0,0]