Kentucky's Credit Unions

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Credit Union Structure

- Member owned, not-for-profit, financial institutions
- Cooperatives/no stockholders
- Volunteer Boards, Supervisory Committees
- Paid Professional Staff
- Capital: Accumulated Retained Earnings
- Fields of Membership: Single Sponsor, Multiple Group, Community
- Dual Chartering System State and Federal

Credit Union History in Kentucky

- Kentucky became the 13th state to enact a state credit union act on March 24, 1922.
- Credit Union pioneers Edward Filene, Roy Bergengren and Dora Maxwell were instrumental in their efforts with the Kentucky General Assembly in the passage of this legislation.

History

- The Kentucky State Act predates the Federal Credit Union Act by 12 years – passed by Congress in 1934.
- The first credit union charter in Kentucky was granted in November 1923, to the Berea Credit Union – it has since merged.
- The second charter was issued to Louisville Federal Credit Union in 1924 – United States Postal Employees – which is still in existence today with \$33 million in assets.

Credit Unions Then and Now

- The number of credit unions in Kentucky (280), and in the nation (> 22,600), peaked in the mid-1970's.
- As of June 2018 there were 64 credit unions in Kentucky. 44 Kentucky credit unions are federally chartered, 20 have state charters.
- Nationwide there are >5400 credit unions.

- State Chartered credit unions in Kentucky are regulated by the Kentucky Department of Financial Institutions.
- Federally Chartered credit unions are regulated by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA).
- All credit union deposits are federally insured up to \$250,000 by the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund (NCUSIF). The National Credit Union Administration is the administrator of this fund.

- The smallest credit union domiciled in Kentucky today is Muhlenberg Community Hospital CU with assets of > \$768,000.
- The largest credit union domiciled in Kentucky today is Fort Knox FCU, with assets of >\$1.5 billion.
- The largest credit union in the world is Navy Federal with ~\$90 billion in assets. They now have two branch offices in Hardin County.

- Asset groups in Kentucky credit unions as of June 2018:
- > < \$5 million: 8</pre>
- \$5 million \$20 million: 20
- \$20 million \$100 million: 22
- \$100 million \$999 million: 11
- > \$1 billion: 3

- Kentucky Assets:
 - \$8.9 million
- Kentucky Members:
 - ~870,000
- Average Net Worth:
 - Kentucky Credit Unions 12.6%
 - National 13.1%
- Average Return on Assets:
 - Kentucky Credit Unions .89%
 - National .42%
- Average Delinquency Ratio:
 - Kentucky Credit Unions .61%
 - National 1.58%

- Credit Unions have historically been cooperative with one another. Credit Union Centers of Kentucky, LLC is a prime example.
- 14 credit unions formed this shared branching organization in 1999. 12 of those still exist today.
- 6 additional credit unions participate in the shared system.
- Members of these 18 credit unions can transact business nationwide with other participating credit unions.