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**Wisconsin's Banks Report Strong First Quarter Financial Performance**

MADISON, Wis. – Wisconsin's 135 state-chartered banks continue to exhibit strong financial performance through the first quarter of 2021, according to data released today by the [Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions \(DFI\)](#).

State-chartered banks' total assets increased over \$1.8 billion from year-end 2020 and stand at more than \$65.5 billion through March 31, 2021. The extension of the COVID-19 pandemic's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans combined with the low interest rate environment continued to put pressure on the net interest margin, which declined to 3.37% as of March 31, 2021. Loan growth since year-end 2020 was 1.44% with net loans growing over \$627 million.

In the twelve months ending on March 31, 2021:

- The capital ratio remained strong at 10.86% compared to 12.05% in March of 2020;
- The past due ratio declined to 0.97% from pre-pandemic levels when the ratio was 1.52% in March of 2020; and
- Net operating income was nearly \$241 million compared to \$147.5 million in March of 2020. The return on average assets ratio was 1.52% and has increased from 1.08% in March of 2020 in part due to PPP loans and secondary market refinance fee income.

“Wisconsin's state-chartered banks have helped their customers, small businesses, and communities in need throughout the COVID-19 pandemic while continuing to demonstrate sound financial practices through the first quarter of 2021,” said DFI Secretary Kathy Blumenfeld. “Overall, Wisconsin's state-chartered banks are financially stable with a positive outlook and a source of strength for the economy. While the financial indicators are positive, banks must remain diligent and continue to work with their customers to meet their financial needs.”

To learn more, read DFI's [Bank Performance Indicator Report](#) as of March 31, 2021.

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